

### INKWELL

**HOPE SCHOLAR**  
 Mercy High graduate Tiffany Amos has been awarded a half-tuition Jessie Slaton Scholarship at the University of Detroit. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Amos.

The scholarship is a memorial to Judge Slaton, a 1951 graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. The scholarship is awarded to African Americans who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance.

**HOPE SCHOLAR**  
 Farmington High's Sarah Escott has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Hope College in Holland, Mich. She is the daughter of John and Elaine Escott of Farmington Hills. The Presidential Scholars this year have an average of grade-point average of 3.99, an average ACT composite score of 30, and an average SAT combined score of 1337. The \$5,000 tuition scholarship is renewable through the senior year.

**BY JENNIFER PLACINTO STAFF WRITER**

The Harrison High School marching band may have won the 1996 state championship in their division, but their most recent fund raising effort stinks.

Harrison's Band & Orchestra Boosters are hoping to raise over \$30,000 by selling 5,360 plots of land, but donors can't use these parcels. In fact, if contributors want to see any cash back from their \$5 per plot investment,

they best hope Nelly lays a large one on their one square-yard parcel.

Operation Cow Plop will be selling raffle plots at this week's Farmington Founders' Festival July 10-12. But the actual droppings won't plop until November when one heifer is expected to leave a lasting reminder of her presence in many visitors' noses and one to three pocketbooks of winners of \$250 to \$1,000.

"We wanted to do something different and this is something we had heard about," said Nancy Hurley, a Farmington Hills resident and public relations coordinator of the group.

"This is how it works:

- Buy a plot for \$5 and help support the band and orchestra in national and international competitions and festivals, clinics, added rehearsals, scholarships, equipment and more. Plots are being sold in front of Farmer Jack grocery store, located at Farmington Road and Grand River Avenue. Deeds will also be sold by band parents up until the November event.
- Take your deed to Soccer Field Number One at Founders Sports Park east entrance, off of

8 Mile Road between Newburgh and Farmington roads, between 2 and 5 p.m. Nov. 9 and watch the cow do her duty.

If the cow plops once, the winner will receive a \$1,000 prize. If she plops twice, the holder of the second parcel will receive \$500 and if she plops three times, the third place winner will be awarded \$250.

If the feces lands on the line of two or more plots, the matter in each area will be counted as separate plops with the largest plop being awarded the largest prize. Prizes will not be split and no deed wins more than one prize. A maximum of three prizes will be awarded.

A computer program will randomly assign deed numbers, and while you must be over 18 years of age to purchase a ticket, anyone can win.

Judging the cow pies will be Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnoni, Police Chief William Dwyer, Fire Chief Richard Marinucci, Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director, and 47th District Judge Maria E. Parker.

"It's really hilarious," Hurley said. "If a splatlette is under 3

inches, it doesn't count."

If the cow is modest or "cow-stipated," a drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. Donors don't have to be present to win.

Twenty percent of the funds raised will be placed into student travel accounts for competitions and festivals, according to Leah Berger, chairperson of the event.

"It's a way for kids to have money for travel ... and help support the overall program," Harrison band and orchestra director Mark Phillips said.

Money will also support music clinics, visits from professionals who critique their work, which cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually, Phillips said. Another \$1,200 to \$1,300 is also provided in student music scholarships each year.

"These funds are needed to keep these programs well and alive," said Berger, a Farmington Hills resident.

"We're hoping we'll be able to bring in a lot of extra money to buy ponchos," Phillips added. Rain ponchos for 160 marching band members are needed at a cost of \$7,000.

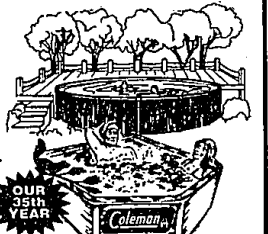
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