

Tagging Along with roaming musicians

There will be music in the air when 13 high school musicians take to the streets Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in the annual Farmington area celebration of Tag Day.

Jamming at 131 sites will be top notch musicians from each high school's band. Their 15 hours of music will be made in an effort to raise money to help support the music department's needs that are left uncovered by the schools' budgets.

In return for a donation, supporters

will receive a tag which allows them free admission to a concert at the high school of their choice.

Tagging Together is the brainchild of three proud pupae, Jerry Jacoby, Farmington High School Band Director, Douglas MacQueen, North Farmington Band Director and Paul Barber, Harrison Band Director. Their three year old event has raised money for music while helping to pull the three high school together, according to supporters.

Paul named PR counsel

Charles R. Paul of Farmington Hills was appointed public relations counsel for the Sandy Corporation, a man-

power development and training company.



Farmington Hills new police chief John Nichols looks on while City Mgr. George Majors formally introduces him at a press conference. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Nichols takes the helm

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the former chief say the turmoil was the reason he left. "I've never myself cited 'personal reason,'" for his hasty departure.

NICHOLS, a 58-year-old crew-cut police veteran, expressed eagerness at taking over command.

"I like to run my own ship," he said.

Nichols served as police commissioner in Detroit during the early 1970s but was fired by then Mayor Roman Gribbs when he refused to resign his post after declaring himself a candidate for mayor. He wound up losing that race to Mayor Coleman Young.

Nichols was later hired as Oakland County Under-Sheriff by another former Detroit commissioner, county Sheriff Johannes Spreen. Having served in that position for three years, Nichols says he is coming to the Hills department with an open mind and without preconceived notions.

"I'm like an old soldier and believe prior reconnaissance is necessary. I'm

not going to superimpose," he said.

Having served with much larger law enforcement units, Nichols said he sees few problems in adjusting to a smaller department.

"The size of the department doesn't have anything to do with professionalism," he said.

Nichols promised to be a visible chief. He vowed to be accessible to both police officers and residents.

Nichols was a controversial commissioner in Detroit. On one hand, he gained fame as the cohost of a question-and-answer show called "Buzz the Fuzz" on WJLB, a popular black radio station.

On the other hand, he polarized large segments of the city over his handling of the department's STRESS unit, an anti-robbery decoy squad whose members became involved in over a dozen fatal shooting incidents. Nearly all the STRESS victims were black.

A Cass Lake resident, Nichols says he will be moving to Farmington Hills.



It's that Dirty Dozen or Torrid Thirteen again. Whatever name the group goes under, the players retain their own identity. That's Shel McDaniel, North Farmington (left, standing), Brian Cheatham, Farmington, Bruce Landay, Harrison, Sue Rieder, North Farmington, Dave Demko, North Farmington, Jeff Hildebrand, North

Farmington, Dave Otto, Farmington, Jay Oswalt, Harrison, and Shane Tacker, Farmington. Sitting on the curb are: Doug Williams, Farmington (left), Marlene Walck, Harrison, and Julie Markovch, Harrison.

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