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Performing Arts Theatre launches season with 'Hot-Ice-Cold-Blues'

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Rob Noll formed the Purple Plums when he was in fifth grade. The band members stayed together all through their years in Livonia's Bentley High School. Now Noll returns to the area as the featured guitarist in concert with Albert Collins and The Icebreakers.

"Hot-Ice-Cold-Blues" opens Orchard Ridge Performing Arts Theatre concert series at 8:30 p.m. Saturday bringing what was termed the musicians' "express train power" after the group's performance this year in Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

Noll joined the Icebreakers just prior to its summer European tour, which included the prestigious jazz festival, and continued on with a tour that wound up last week along the western coast of the United States and Canada.

Although he has been playing the guitar for 21 of his 27 years, this summer marked his first out-of-state appearances.

NOLL ESTIMATES he has taught guitar to at least 1,000 students (at one time 80 per week) in the suburbs surrounding his Livonia home, while he was playing in local colleges, festivals, jamborees and night spots with various bands.

Of his teaching he says the most satisfaction he ever got was in tutoring the mentally and physically handicapped, a satisfaction that exceeded seeing many of his students become known guitarists.

Of his music, he has been called "the consummate musician," well versed in every style, though blues was always the favorite.

He has been composing music since he was a child, and for a long while concentrated on the political music of the '60s. He is still composing music with the emphasis now on blues and jazz fusion.

Noll describes his mother, Patty Noll, "as an extremely patient woman who worked hard to pay for my lessons

and put up with a lot of noise while I was rehearsing in the basement."

He describes his experience with Albert Collins and The Icebreakers as his "most satisfying experience."

He describes Collins as "being able to put the most emotion possible into a simple music line."

COLLINS is a high-energy guitarist from Texas who brings a new sound and style pouring from his battered old guitar that has won him a long string of awards and a couple of Grammy nominations.

In his concerts he combines upbeat jazzy instrumental, comedic touches where his guitar answers vocally the calls of fellow performing guitarists, and a strong sense of 35 years worth of what he calls "nasty blues."

Various critics have called him "a blistering baritone of soul with an axe for a razor," "The Houston Twister" and "The Razor Blade."



Rob Noll (at right) joined Albert Collins and The Icebreakers just before the group left on its European tour this summer, which included the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Noll is

well known in the metro suburbs as teacher to numerous young guitarists and for his appearances in jazz festivals throughout the state.

Guitar World proclaimed "When he holds the first long tones of his intro, sustain builds like a wind from December that howls on until March."

Tickets for Hot-Ice-Cold-Blues are \$6. Advance tickets may be purchased at Mike's Guitar Exchange, The Record Outlet, Peralta Music and Oakland Community College Box Office.

Highway 898 at Orchard Lake Road. They will also be available at the door.

The box office is also selling packages in various combinations for Hot-

Ice-Cold-Blues, Bugs Beddow's jazz-pop concert and the production of "See How They Run" which plays with the college's dinner theater.

Braille transcribers search for volunteers willing to aid the blind

Nardin Park Braille Transcribers, one unit of Tri-County Braille Volunteers, begin its fall classes Tuesday, Oct. 4, for those interested in learning Braille and willing to transcribe.

Classes run from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile.

"This is a very fascinating, challenging type of volunteerism," said Dee Josalitis, who is recruiting newcomers for the fall session.

"It is self-rewarding in one respect, but so worth while knowing you are contributing time and expertise to further another's knowledge in various ways."

"All of us are guilty of taking things so for granted," she continued.

"Can you imagine your life without books, magazines, news articles, recipes to read? We take for granted all of those plus a beautiful sunrise or sunset, birds, trees, the sky, the stars."

"For the visually handicapped the key to knowledge is through Braille. Those who volunteer now to learn transcribing will be helping to fill the many requests we receive for Braille materials."

President of the local transcribers group is Frances Hoejter. Josalitis will take calls at 474-3468.

Garden experts head 3-day study

A group of gardening authorities on growing trees, shrubs, fruits and vegetables will head up a Gardening Study Course Wednesday through Friday in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road. The course is sponsored by District 1, Federated

Garden Clubs of Michigan.

The three-day study course is open to all area gardeners whether or not they are affiliated with a member club of the federation.

Hanna Stevens' topic is "Cultivars." Randy Heatley will talk about the

benefits of organic gardening; greenhouses; hydroponic gardening; hot beds and cold frames.

Gregory Patchin will tell the latest techniques of growing trees, shrubs, fruits and vegetables. Joan Corrigat will bring the audience up to date on the

latest techniques of freezing and drying fruits and vegetables.

A teaching tour of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens led by Allan Bornstein is included in the fee.

Registration information is given by Elaine Gunderson, 553-8223.

Church of the Nazarene welcomes new pastor

Dr. Richard Parrott, a speaker with a record in church growth, is the new senior pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Farmington Hills.

Parrott left a pastorate in Oregon to accept the position of leadership at First Church which is located on Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile.

Parrott has spoken at laymen's retreats, business seminars, college campuses, public school assemblies, and at church conventions.

Parrott was a pastor in Corvallis, Ore., where un-

der his direction the Church of the Nazarene grew from a membership of 70 to 275 in six years with worship attendance increasing from 80 to 400.

During his tenure at Corvallis, giving tripled, 10 acres were purchased for a new church and a parsonage was built, both debt free, and double worship services were instituted.

BEFORE THAT he served as pastor in the small rural community of Iatan, Mo. In less than

three years the membership of that church grew from 20 to 75.

Parrott graduated magna cum laude in 1974 with a degree in psychology and religion from Eastern Nazarene College. In 1975 he earned a masters degree in psychology from the University of Missouri in Kansas City; a master of divinity degree from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1979; and this year completed a doctorate in education from Oregon State University, also magna cum laude.

First Church's new sen-

Practical government

Our Constitution has provided the American people with a more enduring and practical government and a greater degree of prosperity than any other people have ever had, according to the Quakerstown Chapter, the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Quakerstown Chapter urges you to celebrate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, by studying the basic principles of the Constitution of the United States.

Study your Constitution

Constitution Week commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States. It is the oldest constitution still in active use in the world today and is the basic document of the United States Government. Quakerstown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution urge all Americans to be worthy of its protection.

Constitution serves as well as protects

The Constitution of the United States protects as well as serves; it is proof that the United States of America can and will function under any circumstances. Quakerstown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution invite you to study the American Constitution, understand its meaning and realize why the United States of America is the best nation in the world.

Bill Bonds is speaker for center's fall benefit

The annual fall luncheon and fashion show staged by volunteers of Farmington Community Center begins with cocktails Wednesday, Sept. 21, in Vladimir. Tickets are \$14 and are now on sale in the center, 24705 Farmington Road. Reservations must be made prior to Friday.

Bill Bonds, anchorman for Channel 7's 5 and 11 p.m. newscasts, will be the guest speaker. Bonds has won many honors for his editorials and recently accepted a local Emmy Award for a commentary on child abuse.

Bonds joined WXYZ-TV, the ABC-owned station in Detroit, in 1963 and has anchored for ABC news in Los Angeles and New York, as well as anchoring the network's national weekend newscasts in New York.

The fashion show will be narrated by Rachel Oliver, manager of Fashion Cents in Mulwood Square. Theme of the fashion show is "A Clothes Encounter." Sally Klein is chairwoman of the event. Many of the models are volunteers for the center.



Bill Bonds

Adult volunteers called for Camp Fire expansion

As school bells ring, Camp Fire Detroit Area Council will launch its fall recruitment drive of youth members, both girls and boys.

"But this year the focus is a little different," says Detroit Area Council executive director, Jack Pugh. "Our recruitment will expand to include the kindergarten level. This new level in 'Camp Fire' is called 'Sparkies.' As with all levels of Camp Fire, 'Sparkies' include girls and boys. It consists of four sessions that run eight weeks each and explores four topic areas: creative arts,

cooking, dramatic play and outdoors." More than 70 conferences are being held across the U.S. to introduce the "Sparkies" program to both staff and volunteers.

In the Detroit area Camp Fire hopes to increase the number of adult volunteers to maintain quality programs and services for its youth members as well as address the needs of the community.

Adults and youth interested in joining Camp Fire may call 833-2670 for details.

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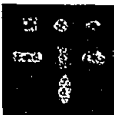
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Left: Hamdan Oriental rug, 16' x 8', also Suzuk, Shirvan, Kerman, Tabriz, and Kerman hand made Oriental rugs in sizes ranging from mat to room size.

Below: Antique, Dutch, mahogany, bombe desk, L. 4'5", also, matching chair.



Above: Fine estate jewelry: a fine selection including two diamond rings of over 5 ct. each, pearl necklaces, 18 kt. gold Patek Philippe Minute Repeater, and more.

Right: Gustav Suckley rocker, stamped signature, ca. 1900-4.



Right: Edmund H. Osthaus (German-American 1854-1928) oil on canvas, 18" x 21".

Below: Joe Scheuerle (American 1874-1949) watercolor on paper, 15" x 20".



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