

Farmington readers' forum

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Do not forget the Holocaust

To the editor:

June 14th marked the anniversary of the Battle of Bialystok, one of the most tragic events in the history of the Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian people.

On this date in 1941, the Soviet Union began the mass extermination and deportation of innocent men, women and children from the previously independent nations.

During the night of June 13-14, Soviet secret police went from house to house and arrested entire families, herding them into railroad cattle cars bound for Soviet slave labor camps in Siberia.

In Latvia alone, almost 16,000 people disappeared in one night. During the subsequent years, more and more Baltic Citizens nearly 10 percent of Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian population were eliminated.

This year, like every year since 1941, the Baltic nations in the free world are mourning this

holocaust for their departed family members and friends.

They mourn also for the tragic fate of their nations still suffering under the occupation of the Soviet Union, who keep ruling there illegally.

The Baltic survivors of the Detroit Metropolitan area gathered for this commemoration in Lithuanian Cultural Center in Southfield on June 15th.

M. Udenas,
Farmington Hills

Party dubbed huge success

To the editor:

On behalf of the Farmington High School graduation party committee, I would like to give everyone a heartfelt thank you.

The merchants were extremely generous. Those of you who volunteered time, money, gifts and labor were wonderful.

The party was held on June 12 at the high school and was a huge success. The graduates had a great time and it was truly a night to remember.

Once again, thank you Farmington. Without you we couldn't have done it.

Sally Hackman,
Farmington

Hills mayor gives thanks

To the editor:

City of Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkateeb expresses his warmest thanks to persons who volunteered for Rouge Rescue '88 on June 7 at the Farmington Nursing Home property, located on the corner of Tuck and Folsom roads.

The city-sponsored cleanup campaign was a huge success



Together,
there's so much
good we can do.

and everyone's hard work and good spirits were most appreciated, he said.

Alkateeb was joined by Boy

Scouts, residents and city personnel for Rouge Rescue '88.

Joining together for the betterment of the whole community is something we can all be proud of and ridding the Middle Rouge River at our chosen location of some 20 dump truck loads

of debris, logs, underbrush, and a few unnatural items like tires, was certainly a necessary, long overdue endeavor, according to Alkateeb.

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