Concert prompts complaints Bank again seeks

range as a measure. Although con-sidered by the city's planning com-mission last year, that decibel level was not adopted and is not an offi-cial limit or listed in any city ordi-

cial limit or listed in any city ordinance.

An ordinance under consideration
by the city uses a limit of 55 decibels
at nighttime and 65 decibels during
the daytime as maximums in reaidential areas — and residents are
using that in making their complaints. City officials say they are
usure when that will be considered,
and say the entire city — not just the
Community Center — will be taken
into account when it is discussed.

City attorney John Donohue said
be has asked that all complaints
about the Community Center be directed to his office for review. He
has also asked that police write no
tickets unless they have heard the
decibel levels themselves and could
tentify to that.

decibel levels tremserves and con-testify to that.
"If we make a decision there's been an ordinance violation, we will issue a complaint and warrant," he said, "We will carefully review it for

said. "We will carefully review it for prosecution."

As of last week, Donohue said had not yet seen the police report and so could not comment on the specific complaint.

MEANWHILE, SHORTT has farfied a letter to Deputy Police Chief Mirl Spencer regarding the complaint, relievating his request that the center be charged with distributing the peace. "What would your reaction be if your next door neighbor cailed in a jazz group, set up amplifiers in his back yard, invited in adcens screaming, yelling, whating fans and proceeded to rattle your cardiums for two hours?" he asked.

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on at the Community Center," he said. "I am not in favor of putting an



Sue Bensette (above, lett) of Dearborn came to Wednesday's Community Center concert with Edith Robinette of Westland, mother of band member Chuck Robinette. Playing bass in the Chuck Robinette Trio was Paul Keller (below) of Ypsilanti. The trio played Wednesday night at the Community Center Amphilheatre.

ordinance on the books to deal with one problem we have. I look at this ordinance as totally separate." Grant said he boped to attend one of the August Community Center concerts and also take decibel read-ings around the city with a meter be-fore considering any change to the

The Community Center faced a one-year ban of speakers and microphones in November of 1989, after the first summer of concerts prompted the first round of complaints by residents. Complaints have continued since that time.

Community Center officials have been upset because the city ap-proved construction of the \$60,000 amphitheater on the grounds, which they said was meant to enhance summer entertainment for the com-munity

munity.

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Marks said the center will contin-ue to try and make the outdoor con-certs work, despite the adversity. "We're going to try — it will be extremely hard to build up the pa-tronage again," he said. "We're going to continue trying to do the things we do there. Whatever's good for the community, I will fight for."



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to help homeless

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"You could probably house somebody there year-round, truly," planning commission chairwoman Joanne Smith said, referring to the amenities of the facility.

BEFORE THE no more than 30 homeless people are bused to a site— such as the bank— they are screened by SOS staff for drunkeness, drug use and any other problems that may not be appropriate for the program. Homeless clients are provided dinner, sleeping quarters, breakfast and a bag lunch at each site for sevendays. Security guards would be on

for seven days.

Security guards would be on hand—as they were last year—as well as employees, the majority of whom would remain through dinner. After dinner, no traffic is expected because only four or five employees would remain with program participants through the night, Symula-Nahlikian said.

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Program participants would be transported from the Royal Oak famported from the Royal Oak famported from the Royal Oak famported from the Bank, A the bank, participants would be escorted to the rear where they would stay, Employees would also carry walkie-nahites, Symula-Nahikian said.
Though critics of the program have called it a "temporary fix," it's a fix that works, the attorney said.

"The guests we helped were very appreciative. It did help those people," she said. "Something needs to be done and we're doing something."
The planning commission's rec-

ommendation Thursday on the temporary use request is an advi-sory vote. It is the ZBA that makes the final decision on whether the bank in an office district can be temporarily used to house the homeless, which is a residential

use.

I year, however, the ZBA is where bank employees met opposition. Some residents in the nearby Forestbrook-Pebblebrook subdivision, just north of the bank, opposed the bank's temporary use rougest. Some residents were concerned about traffic, safety and giving homeless people something that won't belp improve their lives.

BUT OTHERS have supported the program and said that it can't just be churches and other charitable organizations that take in the

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GEORGE THOMAS

Mr. Thomas, 84, of Farmington died Aug. 6 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Hancock, Mich., Mr. Thomas was an inspector for Chrysler Corp. He was an Army vet-eran serving with the 20th Airborne. Survivors include his wife, Eileen; sister, Gladys Harris.

Services were Aug. 9 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ELLEN (PEGGY) LEHTO

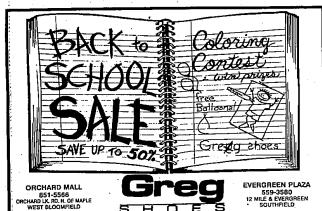
Mrs. Lehto, 81, of Livonia died

Aug. 5 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Southfield.
Born in Rudyard, Mich., Mrs. Lettowas a retired secretary.
Survivors include her son, Alan; sister, Irene Koponen of Farmington; brother, Wayne Mayry; three grandchildren.
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on, trouer, way, on any, or many, or grandchildren. Services were Aug, 9 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southlield, with the Rev. Roland Troke officialing. Burial was in Gien Eden Cemetery. Livonia.

Livonia. The Church Church, 23475 Labser Road, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.





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