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## ON THE MARQUEE



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## Little goblins gather for Halloween parade

**T**hank you for sharing information about your favorite haunts. If you're event is not included in today's article, be sure to fax or drop off the information as soon as possible so we can include you in next week's Let's Go!

If you live near Forest Elementary School in Farmington Hills, 34545 Old Timber Road, try to stay home 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31 to see the parade. It will begin in front of the school and continue east down Old Timber Road to Gloucester Circle south to Mayfair Road west to High Valley Road north back to Old Timber and returns to the school.

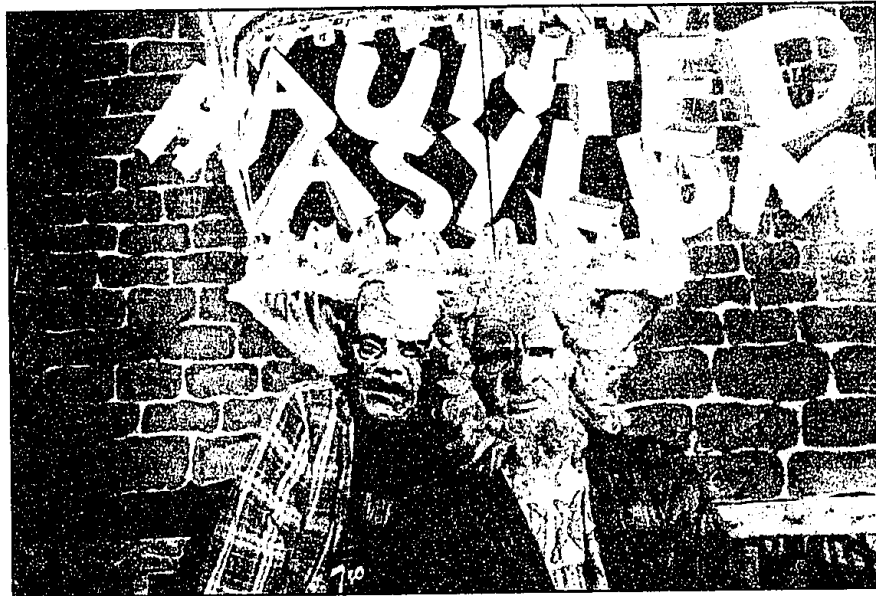
Led by members of the North Farmington High School Marching Band, the parade will feature creatively costumed students, staff and parents. A special thank-you to A. Soree Hantler of the Forest PTA for sharing this information with our readers.

Besides football, another Ann Arbor tradition is the Halloween Concert by the University Symphony and Philharmonia Orchestras on Oct. 30. Due to popular demand there will be two concerts this year — 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University.

Tickets are \$6 (main floor and first balcony) and \$4 (second balcony). All ticket proceeds support the School of Music's undergraduate scholarship fund. For information, call (313) 764-0583.

Welcome Christa Grix who was hired as the new executive director of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra by the Plymouth Symphony Society. She has over 20 years of experience as a professional musician and leader of her own chamber ensembles. A resident of Plymouth, Christa works throughout Michigan as a professional free-lance harpist. She is a member of Volunteer Lawyers for

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**Frightening:** Redford Jaycees John Burhop and Jeff Smith mask their true identities in front of the haunted house.

## SCARY HAUNTS FRIGHTFULLY FUN

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Things that go bump in the night become even more intimidating as the evening air chills, the corn stalks dry, and vibrant orange pumpkins glow.

In October, a surprising number of habitats — from houses to theaters to forests to barns, and even an old winery — become haunted. And oh, how we love to be scared, safely scared that is. Some bizarre sense of curiosity draws some of us into the darkness that lies within. A darkness filled with leering, snarling, growling creatures that are the brainchild of some very active imaginations.

Fortunately, these creatures are brought to life by otherwise kindly and benevolent folks who live relatively normal lives by day.

"We have people who go out the door and go right back in line," said Don McDuron referring to the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees Haunted House. McDuron is a firefighter for Plymouth

Township, a member of the Plymouth/Canton Jaycees and district director for the Michigan Jaycees.

A lot of work goes into constructing the mazes and creepy alcoves that wind through the vacant buildings and outside spaces. It takes about 10 to 20 minutes to traverse through most of the haunts. Perhaps only five minutes if you're sufficiently frightened.

But, beware, even those who build the structures can't always get through them quickly. "It got to the point where our own people were getting lost in the house," McDuron confessed. "I built it and I couldn't get through it in a hurry. I got turned around."

Getting slightly turned around would be a distinct possibility at the Haunted Winery in Farmington. The family operated business is in a 114-year-old building on Grand River. Dad, John White, and his four sons — Jeff, Dave,

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**T**he night's so dark, feet fade from sight. The creaks and moans stir up a fright. The clacking bones, the ghoulish eyes, the crisp air's filled with ghostly spies. You creep along as if in dream when ears are pierced by a banshee's scream! You want to run, but have no fear. It's all good fun. It's Halloween!

By Diane Hanson

## Now showing

**Dining** Local restaurants prepare hearty German fare for Oktoberfest celebrations.

**Theater** Check out Entertaining Choices for information about shows playing at community theaters in your neighborhood.

**Movies** See John Monaghan's review of "Pulp Fiction," starring John Travolta, which opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

**Travel** Plan a weekend getaway to a bed-and-breakfast inn.

**Music** Meet a duo that has two hit bands on their hands — Delerium and Front Line Assembly.

## Looking ahead

Certain opens on Schoolcraft College's fall dinner theater. Local performers appear in Michigan Opera Theatre's "Madame Butterfly." Find out what's happening this fall at Walt Disney World.



**Prisoner:** Mike Wieser is a "prisoner" to his music.



**Just jostling:** Susanne Authement plays along with the band.



**Phantom:** Tammy King plays the clarinet in disguise.

## FARMINGTON BAND PRESENTS 'SPOOKTACULAR'

It's not everyday you see Frankenstein playing the trombone, but you will 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, when the Farmington Community Band takes to the stage at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi (12 Mile at Novi Road) to present their ninth annual Spooktacular. "We've been doing a Halloween concert for 10 years," said band director/President Paul Burton. "This is our eighth year at the mall."

Band members perform in costume in the center court of the mall. "It's well attended," said Burton about the fall concert. "There's a wide variety of costumes. I always get a kick out of it. I never know what costume will show up. They have to be creative with masks as they and display their instruments."

Dale Goss, a math/science teacher at Farmington School in

Farmington is the MC. Students might not recognize him — he'll be dressed like Dracula. Concertgoers will be treated to a program of seasonal delights, and festive music. An example of what is to come is "The Parade of Tall Ships," featuring musicians dressed up like pirates. "The band continues its 25th season 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, with a holiday concert at Harrison High

School on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Band rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays in the Harrison High School Band Room. New members are welcome. For more information, call 476-5014 or 456-3412. Also, at Twelve Oaks Mall for Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31.

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