Rapt attention



Open house: A Jaws of Life demonstration was a crowd favorite at the Farmington Hills Fire Department's open house kicking off National Fire Prevention Week Sunday at department headquarters on Drake near 13 Mile. In addition to the demonstration of how firefighters use the extrication equipment to get trapped accident victims out of cars, a burning Christmas tree and a stove fire were crowd favorites. "It was a real success," said Lt. Mike Garr. "We'll be doing it again next

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smoke detector. That's Garr's cue to talk about real amoke detectors and how to make sure they work. When Garr talks about changing the betteries in home smoke detectors when changing the clock, Tinker and cadget take him literally, and switch the clocks, not the time, from Enstern Daylight to Eastern Standard.

There is no shortage of slap-stick, with St. Clair as Gadget, running into opening doors while driving home important fire safe-ty information.

"Quick, what's the number for 9-1-1?" Gadget says. These kids are veteran theater-

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titled "Freedom, Our Most Free-All Farmington-area bigh school sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to enter. The local Optimist clubs will select three winners. The first place entry will automatically ad-vance to the district competition where it will be judged against

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goers, at least for this performance. They say "stop, drop and roll" in unison when asked what to do if their clothes catch lire. Even so, they like the performance, even though they've seen it before.

"Yeah, I think it's better then last year," says Justin, a second-grader. "I like it when Tinker comes out and gets him with the fire extinguisher."

St. Clair and Strickfaden will take their act to Ann Arbor to see if that department wants to try

"We ad lib a lot," said Strick-faden, who doubles as a full-time firefighter in Ann Arbor and a

Optimist club sponsors essay contest

paid-on-call volunteer at Hills Station 4. "I'm hoping this is something we can do in Ann Arbor."

They have had plenty of miscues, missed lines and other problems. Sometimes the audience actaches on, but often the clowns just keep going.
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The department puts a lot of stock in the shows. In fact, the clowns will perform 39 times in 22 exhools before more than 7,700 children and teachers this year.

"I think this generation will have a lot better understanding of fire safety than we had," Garr asid.

submitted by Dec. 1. For more in-formation, contact Sharon Hain, Hearts & Roses Inc., 33238 W. 12 Mile Road, or phone 553-7699.

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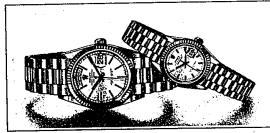
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