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Beautification: The future of the Farmington Beautification Commission will be studied by the city council at 7 p.m., prior to the regular 8 p.m. meet-ing. At the latter, the council will present a proclamation honoring Detroit on its 300th birthday and approve a sixyear capital improvement plan.

MONDAY

Hills Council: Officials will consider two controversial issues at their meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in Chambers at City Hall. On their agenda is consideration of a Special Assessment District for dust control, as well as the Planned Unit Development proposed in the 14 Mile/Orchard Lake/Northwestern area.

WEDNESDAY

It's a kick: Members of the Detroit Rockers soccer team will have lunch and play ball with William Grace Elementary School students from 11 a.m. to

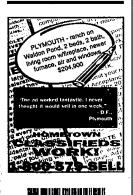
THURSDAY

Hills Planning: Members will consider two proposals for site condos, as well as the 2001-2007 Capital Improvement Plan at their 7:30 p.m. meeting.

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Surprise!

Mayor stunned by Romney award

Flate winter

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Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy
Bates prides herself on knowingmost of what's happening in her city,
but on Thuraday night, she got a
very large, very welcome surprise.

For weeks, members -d. the Farmington Hills/Farmington Commission
on Children, Youth and Families
managed to conceal the fact that
Bates had been selected as their Goverror George W. Romney Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Farmington Community Library Director Bev
Papia made the presentation.

"Nancy Bates and her work mirrors those attributes esteemed by the
late George Romney," Papia said.

"How fitting to honor her with the
George Romney Award for Volunteer
of the Year."

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two met in 1993, after ■ 'Nancy Bates the city completed a teak force study on the community. The study found organizations, white active and busy, were tired, and force study for commission on tired. Wanting to find a way to recruit more volunteers, she thought of fonnecy. and her work mirrors those

Romney.
"Someone in Lansing gave me his

chance. He answered the phone himselff."
Over the years, the two met a number of times, and Bates still carries with her the wisdom he shared about volunteerism.

"He walked the walk and he talked the talk," she said.

Lynne Romney Keenan and her husband, Loren, of Bloomfield Township have been attending the volunteer recognition for the last five years. Lynne said they have long been aware of the emphasis on volunteerism in the two communities.

The Keenans' 30-year-old son attended special education programs at the Farmington Training Center, through Visions Unlimited and was active with Special Olympics. Loren is familiar with the community the said of th

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Feldman won't seek third term

One of the three remaining Farmington school board members who hired Bob Maxfield to lead the district into the future will not seek another term. another term.

Bobbie Feldman, toward
the end of Tuesday's meeting, announced her

school board election. Voters will go to the pells on Monday, June 11, to choose two board members and – probably – decide whether to approve a five-year millage renewal question.

The challenges of an "exciting new career" as a social worker in Livingston County, along with family responsibilities, were the main reasons Feldman decided to step down from the board after her second four-year term expires June 30.

Feldman, who earned a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University in April 2000, recently accepted a position with Livingston County's 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Council. She will work with low-income families and help

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Section 8 lines

■ Boundary lines have been drawn that will send some children to different schools, but officials have done what they can to cushion the blow.

By TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER tsmith@oc.homecomm.net

For some families who live in a portion of Farmington Hills known on the city map as Section 8, breaking uptheir part of the world was like breaking their hearts. For others, it was the only way to ensure their kids' would go to classes much closer to home instead of four miles away at Wood Creek Elementary School.

Farmington Board of Education members Tuesday voted to redistrict Section 8, a square mile located between 12-13 Mile roads west of Drake Road, but tacked on some extras to the original recommendation that are expected to take out wome of the sting.

that are expected to take out some of the sting. Students may still go to Wood Creek if they want, rather than to either For-est or Hillside elementaries – the two school attendance areas now sharing Section 8, which since 1990 have fun-ncled youngsters east on 12 Mile Road

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Rolling with the raves

BY JONI HUBRED STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jerry Cattelnee, a resident at Botsford Hospital, has a message for local parents who think club and "rave" are the same that the same drugs are the same that the same that the same are the same that the same

ask your-self 'Can it happen here?'" he said at a Call to Action

Action presents from a Bell Besta tion Tuesday night. Tean tell picked up brochures you it is about club drugs at happen ing here.

A relatively new phenomenon, the "rave" scene is a part of life for a small, but growing segment of local youth who pack into cars and drive to remote

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Steppingstone auction will benefit from celeb items By The Sume Start Warran promise on Saturday, April 28. Two of Elizabeth Scheatzle's favorite things - Steppingstone, a private Farmington Hills school for gifted children, and wintage baseball - are teaming up to help make the school's eighth annual auction even better than hoped for the school's eighth annual auction seven better than hoped for the school's eighth annual auction seven better than hoped for the school's eighth annual auction Saturday, April 7.

decision to not run in the upcoming

gets underway at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

Through base-ball, the Steppingstone school board president almost stumbled onto the opportunity to meet actor Billy Cryslad, who last summer used the old ball-park as his stage for the filming of the HBO feature movie 61°, scheduled to



On the ball: Steppingstone's Elizabeth Scheatzle and Phil McCann display an autographed baseball from Billy Crystal.