

Voights report on BPAA

International Bowl Expo 2001 has just completed its busy week at Las Vegas.

It is that time of the bowling year for the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) to hold its annual convention, coinciding with a huge trade show and a full slate of seminars on all phases of the bowling industry.

The purpose of it all is actually aimed at making all phases of bowling better. Mark and Diane Voight of Farmington Hills were among the show's attendees were among the show's attendees and also participated in the meetings.

"This year's Expo was much bigger than in the past," Mark Voight said. "More so because of the huge influx of foreign countries participating from the Far East to Australia, most of Europe and also Russia."

"Bowling is on the increase, not only worldwide, but even in the U.S. where there had been a decline in league participation. There is much more emphasis on youth bowlers and greater interest in high schools and college programs."

Jim Zebahazy, executive director of YABA announced an increase in participation for the first time in years.

As for the voting activity in the BPAA convention, the issues

were mostly routine and the legislative process went smoothly. There were many good, constructive and informative seminars at the Expo, with Mark taking in the one on customer services, sponsorships, and developing effective inspection programs.

Diane attended seminars on party packages and creating visual displays. One of the changes they brought back to their lanes is the "Sack Program," which means that the shoe rentals will include a new pair of athletic socks, which the customers take home with them.

It is aimed at the perception that rental shoes are not viewed by the public as hardly sanitary.

The youth program in those Voight-owned centers will focus on the new Disney bowling ball programs.

The standard youth program with a regular kids ball will run \$6.95 per week. The "Mickey" ball will be at a cost of \$8.50 per week and for those who want the ultimate ball, The Brunswick "Vis-A-Ball" youth program will cost \$10.95 per week as each participant receives one of these sensational new balls with the vivid ball graphics of Mickey or Minnie, Pluto and others.

The balls (\$149 retail) incorporate a new level of graphics technology to bring these characters almost to life in the form of a bowling ball.

The programs will start up this fall season at all local community bowling centers, including Super Bowl (Canton), Merri Bowl (Livonia), Plum Hollow (Southfield), Troy Lanes, Oxford

Lanes (Dearborn Heights), Skore Lanes (Taylor), Century Bowl (Waterford) and Classic Lanes (Troy).

The trade show also presented attendees with a very special guest.

Actor Michael Ian Black, who portrays Stuckey Bowler manager Phil Stubbs on NBC's hit show "Ed," was on hand for an autograph session in the BPAA booth.

Next year's Expo 2002 will take place in New Orleans.

"Observant bowlers can be proud of all of the wonderful and talented players in our community."

Over the years you have been able to read all about them and their exploits out on the lanes.

The name Tim Saunders of Redford has appeared in these pages quite often, as he is one of the really good league bowlers. Now he has out-done himself, with back-to-back 300 games in the Woodland Summer Trio League last week at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

As the format in a trio league is based on a two-game set, then changing opponents for another two-setter, he rolled the perfect 600 score in the first set.

The second set was only ordinary, as the change of lanes, the long time delay, the excitement of the moment and maybe a couple of bar beverages intervened between sets.

The two perfects brought Tim's total up to thirteen 300 games.

This league bowls at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

South Farmington Softball Champs



Softball winners: The Devil Rays won the South Farmington Girls B Division softball championship. The team members are (bottom row, left to right) Nicole Fusco, Elizabeth Slatin, Amanda Skiver and Agnes Becks; (middle row) Kelly Burgess, Jessica Wummel, Brittney Webster, Katie Green and Page Saari; (back row) head coach Dan Webster and assistant coaches Bob Green and Tim Fusco. Not pictured are Sophia Krutkay, Lindsay Marwain and Kelly Patrick.

Lady Crusader soccer is Zathey's

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Mark Zathey has been at the beginning a couple of times at Madonna University. Now he gets to start at the top.

Zathey, a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill, was quickly elevated to become the head coach of Madonna's nationally-ranked women's soccer team Monday, the same day it became official that Rick Larson, the Lady Crusaders' head coach during the first three seasons of the program, resigned to become an assistant coach at Oakland University.

Zathey takes command of a program that figures to be one of the best in the NAIA this fall. Madonna posted a 19-3-2 record last year, winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and reaching the NAIA Semifinals before losing 3-0 to Simon Fraser.

Not a single player from that team was lost to graduation. But now the coach has been.

Larson's credentials are impressive, to say the least.

He built Madonna into a national title contender in just three years, going 38-21-4 in that span; twice he was the WHAC and NAIA Region VIII coach of the year.

Larson also coached Madison Heights Bishop Foley's girls team to a 23-1-1 record this past season, guiding the Ventures to their fifth state title in his seven years at the helm.

His ties to the regional Olympic Development Program and Nick O'Shea, the former Churchill and Schoolcraft College coach, led Larson to Oakland University, where O'Shea now coaches.

Michelle Brach, a Livonia Stevenson grad who was serving as O'Shea's assistant, was forced to resign due to a family commitment.

O'Shea got permission to talk with Larson, who had been considered a candidate to succeed Jim Kimble as Stevenson's girls coach, and from there things moved quickly. Larson accepted the full-time assistant coaching position at OU, an NCAA Division I program, resigned at both Foley and Madonna.

Larson was out of town earlier this week and was unavailable for comment.

Zathey was the only one truly considered to take over at Madonna. "It's been kind of a whirlwind," he admitted.

Zathey's background is solid, although he has no previous head coaching experience above the club level.

A keeper at Churchill, Zathey

enrolled at Madonna and joined the men's team in its first year of existence, playing for Pete Alexander.

As a player, he helped build the men's team into a WHAC championship-caliber squad, serving as team captain in his junior and senior years. He was an assistant coach for the men's team the last three years, helping build the women's program during the first two years.

"I'm excited," he said. "It's a big challenge. I know these girls pretty well. I know they work hard. I know they're committed to the program."

Certainly it will be a different kind of challenge for Zathey, who helped build both Madonna programs from the ground up. Now he steps into an ideal situation, with all the pieces for a run at a national championship in place.

"I'll have to adjust to me and I'll have to adjust to them," he said. "There are going to be obstacles and challenges along the way. I feel confident I can handle it."

"With (Jenny) Barker, (Kelly) Delaney, (Melissa) Jacobs and (Jamie) Scott, this team is very close-knit. They want to finish the job and win the national title."

Zathey, who is currently working on his Master's Degree at Wayne State, feels he has been in the right place at the right time throughout his career.

"I've been really fortunate to be around good coaches," he said, referring in particular to Paul Tinnion and Hall at EMU as well as Alexander and Larson at Madonna.

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(Brighton), "two of the best marking backs we've ever had," Dimitriou said.

Joining them will be Salem's Andrew Rea (Salem) and four newcomers who figure to contribute heavily.

Ken Douglas (Livonia Franklin) and Ryan Sullivan (Dearborn Crestwood) are similar in size and style: Both are about 5-foot-10, 190 pounds, both are "tough going after people."

And both, according to Dimitriou, "are looking good inside."

They will be joined by Zoran Golic, from Yugoslavia. "He's not as big, but he's quicker and more experienced," Dimitriou said. "All three will play."

Another who will help is Ryan Mallord (Dearborn), who figures to play both midfield and marking back.

The midfield was in pretty good shape with the return of Shawn Presnell (Redford Thurston) and Kevin Callender (Novi). Aiding that area will be

Worth Sampson (Crestwood), who "could play anywhere — he's very quick, very agile," and Tony Ventura (Dearborn Fordson), who earned a spot on the team with an impressive tryout.

Now the forward line, Dan Lipon (Stevenson) is a "pure forward," according to Dimitriou, while Tim Moxie (Thurston) will have to get into better shape to earn a spot in the rotation.

That's because of newcomers like Mike Thomas (Stevenson), who is "very impressive, very quick, very promising"; Kyle Langsteth (Grayling), who scored more than 100 goals in his prep career; Jonathan Hernandez, a "solid, strong kid with intelligent with the ball"; and, like Langsteth, is a natural soccer player; and Mark DeSana (Trenton), a player who received all-state recognition.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: JULY 19, 2001

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall

31565 Eleven Mile Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

ITEM: Cluster Condominium Site Plan 62-5-2001

The following item has been requested to be on the Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 7:30 P.M. for Tentative Approval of Preliminary Plan.

NAME: Darcroft Hills

NO. OF LOTS: 28

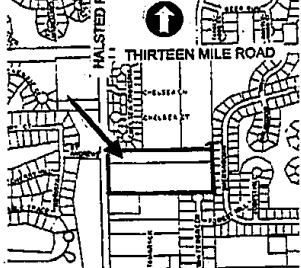
LOCATION: East side of Halsted Road, South of Thirteen Mile Road

Sidewalk #23-08-100-005 and 006

ACREAGE: 16 Acres

ZONING DISTRICT: RA-1, Single-Family Residential District

PROPOSER: Kevin Christensen for Ivanhoe-Huntley Company



Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the plan request. The plan may be reviewed at the Planning Office of the City of Farmington Hills on any business day between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALSA A. COUNTAGAN, Director

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:10 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2001 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Assistant City Manager Richards, Assistant Director Smith. Agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of June 18, 2001 were approved as submitted.

Minutes of other Boards were received and filed.

Council designated Mayor Hartsock as the City's official representative at the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League in September 2001, and designated Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell as alternate.

Council denied request for a fence variance at 33921 Moore.

Council approved purchase of In-Car Video Systems for the Public Safety Department.

Council approved the repair and resurfacing of the Downtown Center Parking Lot Driveway/Approach.

Council approved payment of Construction Estimate No. 1 (Final) to Kelcie Corporation and approved change order No. 1, both for the Farmington Road Rehabilitation project.

Council adopted a resolution in support of a charitable gaming license application submitted by Mr. David Williams on behalf of "Make a Difference, Inc."

There were no public comments.

There were no Council comments.

Assistant City Manager Richards provided an update on the Farmington Road construction.

Assistant City Manager Richards informed Council that the Harvest Temple Church reserved the Civic Theatre for the afternoon of July 4th to present "Salute to Veterans", a non-religious, live performance.

Council approved the monthly payments report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next thirty (30) days for the following products and/or services:

Realtor Services
Handguns & Related Equipment
Wireless Communications Products
Computer Hardware & Software Products and Services

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS STUDY SESSION (Summary)

A special study session of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, July 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Assistant City Manager Richards. Council met to continue review of the functioning of the Governor Warner Mansion Committee. Discussions included appropriate operating procedures and Council participation on the Committee. Council concurred, having achieved its original objectives for participation on the Committee, to discontinue Council representation on the Committee as of July 3, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

TYPE OF BID

a. Notice is hereby given that Clarenceville School District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of telephone equipment (including voice mail system).

RECEIPT OF BIDS

a. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on July 16, 2001 at the Clarenceville School District Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48162. At this time and place all bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. All bids should be marked, "telephone equipment bid."

BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

a. The specifications can be obtained at the Clarenceville Schools Community Education Office, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48162, or by contacting, Director of Technology (248) 473-5931.

Clarenceville School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time, or preference, to waive any formalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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