

City to dedicate Rouge project sign

The Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, in conjunction with the city of Farmington Hills and the Rouge River Project, will dedicate a new waterway sign on Farmington Road south of 13 Mile at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10.

City, county and state officials will be on hand to dedicate "Minnow Pond Creek," the new name of the waterway that is part of the Rouge River Watershed. The new waterway sign is part of a regional effort to

rename these creeks, ponds and streams, which were previously referred to as "drains."

The Rouge River Watershed flows through 48 communities in southeast Michigan, including Farmington Hills, and includes all the land area and waterways that drain into the Rouge River.

Commission. "By identifying them, we hope to create a sense of ownership and commitment within our community to keep these waterways clean and healthy."

The signs have been placed on major roads throughout the city where Rouge River tributaries cross. The signs feature the words "Rouge River, Ours to Protect" along with the name of the waterway. Funding for the signs was made possible through a federal grant.

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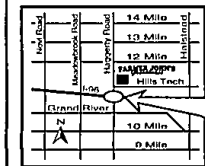
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The Producers: Greg Amadori and Chris Rowland are writing, directing, acting, producing and videotaping their own comedy cable show.

Spice of life

Partners produce variety show

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It's not quite *Saturday Night Live* yet, but two public access producers have developed a show that delivers variety.

Chris Rowland, of Farmington Hills, and Greg Amadori, of Novi, are the executive, independent producers of *Access Variety* on INFO Channel 12. They have dubbed their partnership "No Budget Films," a new concept in independent filmmaking.

Behind their sincere filmmaking efforts are two wild, crazy and fun-loving guys. "We're the first people in a long time to produce anything

like this," Rowland said.

It's a departure from more conservative and religious public access shows.

"They represent a new breed of access users who are incredibly motivated and have a lot of passion," said Jason Alan Wentuck, head of programming for INFO TV 12. "They go out and have fun."

The humor takes off in different settings with characters, like an overexcited sports announcer and a hippie on a golf course.

"I've seen the future of golf, and I don't like it," quips a deadpan character in response to one golf course feature.

Sit-down segments from the

first show were filmed in front of Rowland's fireplace and include Rowland's pink pig slippers, which he calls a good luck charm.

Their production work is a switch from their full-time, noisy and on-their-feet jobs at metaldyn, an auto supplier located in Farmington Hills.

As news of their extracurricular activities spread, co-workers also became involved. Their plant manager liked it so much he wants them to film a spot on ethnic diversity at the plant as well as employee appreciation programs, they said.

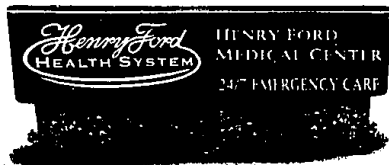
"We both switched to midnights from afternoons to

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