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## **Residents beef** over ditch width



Just too big for the neighborhood is the way that residents feel about the drainage ditches being installed. Here Ron Antonishak shows the effect the project will have on the front lawns.

### Highway chief talks business

By Diane Gale staff writer Repairing state highways is the first priority of the state Department of Transportation, according to DOT Di-Recitor James Pitz, cording to DOT Di-Building new roads and expanding on the state's transportation system are secondary.

the state's transportation system are it secondary. "We have to identify the most severe \_ deficiencies," he said.

Just about everyone has woken up in the morning, walked to the mirror and discovered, to their horror, a new pim-ple staring brightly back at them.

ple staring brightly back at them. But for some people, like 24 y-gar-old Judy Kumma, life became more than battling a lone pimple. Atter years of repeatedly using antibiotics, special soaps and lotions, Kumma had all but given upon terating her access. "Although there were people with acre worse than mine, nothing really seemed to control it," said the Dear-born Heights resident. "Everytime 1 had anything planned, I wouldn't want to go."

born Heigus resucest. Everywine a had anything planned, I wouldn't want to go." Ruzma's life changed last October when, under the direction of Farming-tion Hills dermatologist Dr. Jon Blum, she began a foor-month treatment with Accutane, a new pill that medical ex-peris asy has revolutionized the treat-ment of severe and often disfiguring cystic acne. In fact, Rurma began tak-ing the drug shorty siter it was put on the market in September 1953. "It was an imracle drug for me," said Rurma, who proudly says she has had only two pipples since completing the Accutane treatment in February. Now Kurma says als "can see what the permit people go through" when they get pervous about the pipple. But to-

By Joanne Maliezewski Tali writer

Residents on Collingham Street in Farmington Hills are relieved that the city is finally paying their dirt road. But they're upset about the draining ditches that go with the package. They argue that ith ditches are more like irrenches at 10 feet wide and 27 inches deep in some places; they look unsightly: they're dangerous for the children who play in the area; and, in some cases, they virtually eliminate front yards.

Chilorets was page in the limitate some case, they virtually eliminate front yards. After all the ditches are dug, some residents will have less than two feet of land in front of their porch. "When I called, the city officials said, You are poor people down there and carit afford anything but ditches." Too Antonishak said. If is circulating a petition on Coll-ingtam calling for the termination of una disching until "suitable alterna-tion disching with the sugheers and residents is planned on y at 4 pm. In the Fire Station on Liberty Street.

THE CITY Contends residents were continuously given the apportunity through public meetings and the apportunity to learn about the specifics of the project before it began. City officials sent letters to all the homeowners who would be affected by the discuss what would be happening. About 80 or 90 residents showed up, city engineer David Call said.

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said. Some of the residents complain that they didn't know that the diches were going in unit the digging began. "It's the city's feeling that we worked on this project for two years, and we wanted to give the residents the best project for the least cost," Call said.

said. The city began digging ditches Sept. 21, as the first step in paying the streets with asphalt. The residents will be charged an av-erage 4884.31 each through their prop-erty assessments for the total costs of asphalting and drainage. The asphalt is expected to last at least 15 years. Call said. Most of the strengt didy' house said. Most of the streets didn't have a drainage system before the ditching be-gan, Call said.

THE CITY received \$400,000 in: Community Development Block Grant funds for a storm drain on Indopend-ence Street in that same subdivision. It serves as a run-off for the water. The newly installed ditches are nec-cessary because the asphalt will be 2

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Peppey gets a kiss form his owner Cheryl Woo-dard. The colorful parrol loves noise and is con-tions, a macrame shop on Plymouth Road.

Peppey pesters passersby

with lots of idle chatter

### By Marle Chestney staff writer

Peppey, a squawky little ball of green feathers with a bright red fore-head, knows a good thing when he sees it.

beck in teathers with a bright red forchead, knows a good thing when he sees it. If he left his perch outside the front door of Wildwood Creations, he'd get a taste of what birds are meant to do - fly, maybe even as high as Jonathon Livingston Seeguil. But, by staying put ail day on the ring outside his owners macrame shop, Peppey, the Mexican-born parroi, gets the things in like that really count - lois of attention and whistles from surprised passersby, slurps of Coen-Cola, shots of beer, Frosted Flakes for burch and some lee cream or candy to top of this days. With a life like that, what bird would want to take a chance in the wild blue yonder?

"HE HAS BEEN spoiled rotten," said Cheryl Woodard, owner of the lit-tle fella who keeps her and Margaret Barsch, co-owner of the shop, compa-

procked. Severe cystic acne, Blum said, means the seburn has built up in the gland, mixes with dead cells and finally ruptures the follicit wall forming an inflamed cyst under the skin. Most peo-ple's skin acars from this type of acne, Blum said.

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by while they macrame or wait on customers. For the last three years, Peppey has spent his summers sitting on a ring stherpy mouth outside or inside the shop at the last three years. The spends were the spends his ulghts in a cage is a start the spends his ulghts in a cage is the owner. Interest part, Bobby. The spends has owners, larger part, Bobby. The gets follow walk by Woodard said. The loves noise and is content to stary but. He's not real fond of bit seed. If he gets real desperate, be'll east unflower seeds. He loves to be carried and probably says to him-self, why should I fly when I can be carried. Peppe has been known to startle a

carried.<sup>2</sup> subtr 1 my which 1 can be Peppey has been known to startle a few pedestrians, and even divers, at the Stark-Plymouth intersection. They are deep in thought when all of a sudden loud squawks or sory whis-ties fill the air. If they listen closely, they can pick out the words, "Come here," "What're you doing?" "Thank you" or "Pretty bird." If they look

over toward the shop, they'll see Pep-pey cavorting around his ring.

"People don't expect to be sitting at the light and hear a bird screaming at them," Woodard said.

WOODARD GOT both Peppey and Bobby as gifts. Peppey is about five years old now and, with a life expen-tancy of 100, has a long way to go.

Just how spoiled is Peppey? Well, Woodard has to put brown coloring in water to get him to drink it. He's hooked on Coke.

When Peppey tires of his perch out-side the shop, he hops to the ground and saunters back in through the open door. No extraneous flying for this little guy.

He also loves to be noticed and get compliments. If a customer buys some macrame or some jewelry with-out noticing him, that's when he real-ly squawks.

"But he gets real fluffy, fluffs out his feathers, when someone says he is a pretty bird," Woodard said.

ALTHOUGH ACCUTANE is touted as the new wonder drug for severe acne, "this is not for everybody's acne," Blum said. "Accutance is only for the treatment of severe cysiic acne that does not respond to any other form of treatment, including oral antibiot-ics."

that does not respond to any other form of treatment, including oral antibiot-ics." That's because Accutane can cause as much harm as it does good, particu-larly for pregnant women. "If a woman takes Accutane when pregnant, there will be permanent and severe brain and other damage to the baby." Blum said. "That's the side ef-fect I worry about most because we cannot do anything about it." Although only three cases of birth defects have been reported by women wing Accutane, most patients typically suite accutane, most patients typically each field and depending of the lips and thin and, depending of the lips of reaction to the drug, nose birth defects. Paelin more common reactions. "All of these effects are related to dryness," Blum said. But when patients suffer these side effects, he said, that means Accutane is doing eractly what it was meant, to: dryna y of glands and lossening the



cells which line the ducts leading from the skin to oil glands below the skin's

the skin to oll glands below the skin's surface. "It has always been known that oll causes acce." Blum said. "Accutano changes the way your oil glands and ducts are working. And we think it does that permanently." The age-old myths that acne is caused by dirt, chocolats and other foods is untrue, Blum said. Very sim-ply, same can be traced directly to plugged up oil glands, the Beaumont Hospital start footor said. IN FACT, Blum said, "acne is pri-

Inflamee cps small ple's shit scars from this type of acne, But the kind of pimples most people have are not quite as severe although they are caused by the same blocked oil glands. Unlike cystic acne, however, a blackhead or whitehead occurs when the oil gland is plugged. An accumula-tion of bacteria will turn the whitehead or blackhead into the well-known red pimple, Blum added. To combat these mild forms of scoe, dermaologistis usually auggest bolons containing Benzoyl Percuide, either over-the-counter or with a prescription for a stronger does. The over-the-coun-ger action products which do not contain Benzoyl Percuide are worthless in

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fighting pimples, Blum said. Other treatments include antibiotic pills and

marily hereditary." But to a lesser de-gree pinples are also caused by hor-mone abnormalities, oily cosmeties and continual contact like putting your hand on your face. What happens, he said, is that acces starts in what are called the sobaccous glands which secrete oil for the bajr. The glands produce an oily miture called sebum which travels to the skin surface via the bair follicle. Acce oc-curs when the susal route of sebum is blocked. treatments include antibiotic pills and lotions. With the use of these treatments, Blum said, "it takes about three monits to clear but you have to keep doing it until you outgrow acne. Short of Accutane, these are the things that work."

WHEN ALL these treatments have been used and are unable to clear up a patient's acne, Accutane is the next step, providing the acne is severe enough. "It can't be used as a first (treat-ment). It's used after trying all treat-

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day she uses regular soap, shampoo and makeup and says she feels better about herself."



## Fighting acne can be a risky business