

Time to THINK



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Getting shirty: Farmington Public Safety officers and Farmington Hills police recently passed out blue sweatshirts to fifth-graders as part of their THINK (Teaching, Helping, Involving, Noticing Kids) program. At right, Flanders Elementary students Tauben Baessler and Brianne Collins-Mason received their shirts from Farmington Public Safety officer Terry Purves. Above, St. Paul Lutheran School students Brandon Reed (left), Charles Belau, Burnice Simmons and Andrea Gadowski enjoy the shirts they received from Farmington Hills police. Farmington Optimists provided the sweatshirts to Farmington children. Those for Farmington Hills kids were paid for with drug forfeiture money.



OBITUARIES

MARY V. BIFFL
Mrs. Biffel, 91, of Farmington Hills died February 28 in Botaford Continuing Health Care.

Born in Croatia, Mrs. Biffel was a homemaker. She was a member of Croatian Fraternal Union 351.

Survivors include her daughters, Florence Kaston and Irene Giesel; daughter-in-law, Sue Biffel; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were March 1 at the Theyer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Leonard Patsensky officiating. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the scholarship fund in memory of John Biffel, Michigan Tech, Houghton, Michigan or Croatian Humanitarian Fund.

RICHARD P. ROSE
Mr. Rose, 67, of Farmington died February 27 in West Bloomfield Nursing Home.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Rose was an insurance underwriter at CNA. He was an avid golfer and speed walker. He was a Coast Guard veteran.

Survivors include his son, Daniel; daughters, Mary Lou Mackey, Karen Worges, Susan Limbright, Diane Halstead and Lynn Baier; father, Percy; three brothers and three sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated March 2 in St. Alexander Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association, 18850 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075.

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For city council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS
Swimming instruction for beginners to advanced skill levels is offered at Harrison High School. The program meets on Saturdays for eight weeks beginning March 6. Lessons are held from 9-9:50 a.m. for levels 1-2; 10-10:50 a.m. for levels 3-5; and 11-11:50 a.m. for levels 6-10. Fee is \$32 per person and registration is required. Participants must be 38 inches at their chin height.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES
Registration is now being accepted for new adult softball teams. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Teams will play a 14-game schedule except for coed leagues, which play 10 games and playoffs. Fees are \$340 for coed leagues, \$395 for industrial and \$435 for open league.

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION
You can register your child for the spring session of youth soccer through March 19. Leagues are divided into kindergarten-first grade and second-third grades. Children will play a six-game

schedule on Saturdays, beginning April 17, and practice one hour per week. Pre-registration fee of \$20 is required. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program.

ASTRONOMY
This activity will meet at the Southfield School Planetarium for a grand tour of the winter and early spring skies. Mike Best will explain how astronomers find their way, how planets appear, and other topics that relate to the wonders of the night. Program is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 19. A preregistration fee of \$7 per person is required.

DAY CAMPS
Registration is being accepted for the Recreation Division Day Camp for 6- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 12-year-olds and Nature's Way, ages 6-8 and 9-11. All of the day camps will be held at Heritage Park. There are eight one-week sessions scheduled, beginning June 21. For further information, contact the recreation office.

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