

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1993

FARMINGTON
NOTES

At the convention

Rita K. Jones, a Farmington Hills resident and a member of the Andloch Lutheran Church on 13 Mile Road, will be taking part in the 1993 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church convention being held through Sept. 1 in Kansas City.

The assembly will consider studies, social statements and strategies. Statements dealing with racial justice and the environment will come before the assembly.

Name grant honoree

Diane Geach of the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women, is this year's Educational Foundation name grant honoree and has also been elected as incoming branch president for 1993-95.

Geach is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Illinois with a major in education. She has taught high school and adult education Spanish in Chicago, Melvindale and Farmington. Geach and her husband have lived in Farmington Hills nine years.

He's a member

Mark A. Phillips, band director at Farmington Harrison High School, has been elected to membership of the American School Band director's Association at the organization's recent convention.

To be considered for membership, candidates must have completed at least seven years of successful teaching experience, must be recommended by three members, must be voted on and passed by their state membership and must be unanimously approved by members at the convention.

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Lounge lizards

2 Iguanas from Earth dig playing in clubs

■ A couple of strange animals are on the prowl in downtown Farmington these Tuesday nights. The 2 Iguanas from Earth perform at The Grand Cafe in the basement of the Cook Building.

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One has chased a dream from New York to Los Angeles. Her partner has charted a course of life experiences from Farmington to Miami.

Time and direction dictated that their paths would eventually cross. A joint love of music would lead them to sing about it as The 2 Iguanas from Earth.

Just as diverse as the band's name and their experiences, though, are the venues Renae Bernard and Nancy Douglas find themselves in.

The pair has performed their edgy acoustic music before leather-clad hordes in dimly lit, smoky bars sandwiched between thrash metal acts.

They've opened for pop star Eddie Money at Pine Knob, a converted ski slope, and sang the National Anthem Aug. 11 on the diamond at Tiger Stadium.

On Tuesdays, the gem gig has been playing above the din of clattering coffee cups and pinging silverware at The Grand Cafe in Farmington.

"I love to play, and I love to get out there," said Bernard, who is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High and the



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Iguanas at work: The 2 Iguanas from Earth, Nancy Douglas (left) and Renae Bernard, perform at The Grand Cafe in Farmington.

chief songwriter. "Coffeehouses just started popping up, so..."

Added Douglas, a Farmington High graduate, "Farmington's never had a venue for entertainment. Fads and fashions kind of passed through Farmington, but they never stayed."

The 2 Iguanas from Earth are staying for a while, though. The duo's engagement lasts through September at the recently opened coffeehouse.

The relaxed, reflective atmosphere punctuated by the aroma of cappuccino coincides with The 2 Iguanas' own

state of mind.

The return home is a respite from forays for fame and fortune.

Bernard went to New York and Los Angeles on modeling and acting jobs.

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