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cracker" with The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra Dec. 2-3 at West Bloomfield High School.
Additional information may be obtained by calling 661-4349.

Drive for blood

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21220 Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads, Farmington. First-time donors are welcome.

Orchestra benefit

A benefit for The Farmington Area Philharmonic, formerly Group du Jour, will be held 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Big Boy restaurant on Farmington Road north of Eight Mile.
The benefit will feature community leaders as "celebrity servers." U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, Farmington Mayor Arnie Campbell, Farmington Hills Mayor Joanne Smith, State Rep. Jan Dolan and Observer Editor Tom Baer will serve customers that night.
All tips and 10 percent of the proceeds taken in during that period will be donated to The Farmington Area Philharmonic.

It's a grand opening

The grand opening of the Farmington Area YMCA's Y-Tots infant toddler child-care center, located in the Farmington Hills Activities Center, will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28.
The public can tour the facility and meet the staff, including Director Mary Beth Hetrick, during those hours. The Activities Center is on 11 Mile Road between Inkater and Middlebelt. Visitors are asked to use Gate 4 and follow the signs.
For more information, call 653-4020.

On the air in Howell

Gregory Mech of Farmington Hills is an on-the-air personality on radio station WHMI (93.5 on the FM dial) in Howell.
Mech, who previously worked as a producer at WLLZ-FM and as an intern at WCSX-FM, is a 1992 graduate of Catholic Central High School.

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next general primary (August 1996).
That is the problem, Sowerby said.

"If people elect Aldo mayor, they will also be getting a second office holder (Vagnozzi's replacement) that they did not get to vote for," Sowerby said. "That is what's critical. And people I've talked to didn't understand that."
Because Vagnozzi is a sitting council member who appears regularly on local access cable because of city meetings and functions, Sowerby said he must overcome that advantage through campaigning. That may mean raising more money than Vagnozzi does.

"I don't have that advantage," Sowerby said.
The attorney, who does volunteer legal counseling with Hills senior citizens, said he does not

The only area of agreement seems to be on the number of joint public forums.

believe developers have contributed to his campaign, but sees the issue as a red herring.
"He (Vagnozzi) has gotten money from unions and PACs (political action committees)," Sowerby said. "I think it is something that does not even need to be said that you don't take campaign money from people who have business with the city."
Vagnozzi, who said he expects to raise from \$8,000 to \$12,000 during the campaign, wants to keep the election spending at a reasonable level.
Sowerby, who has the endorsements of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and County Commissioners Donn Wolf and

David Moffit, said he thinks he can raise more money, and will have to, to beat the better-known Vagnozzi.
"I've complied and will comply with all the election laws, but I think it serves no purpose to make extra reports," he said.
Vagnozzi said he wants to make sure there is not even an appearance of a conflict of interest and cited times when he has abstained from voting on issues involving the AFL-CIO, or other unions, or other interests that might appear to influence his vote.
"I once abstained on a vote on something involving MCI because my daughter works for ATT in Columbus (Ohio)," Vagnozzi said.

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