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happened at our restaurant," Quarker said.

Quarker said.
After they caught him, the woman got out of the truck and screamed at employees to let him go. Another employee Eric Brown helped detain the man.

At one point, the suspect reached out his hand to the woman and said, "Don't go. Don't

Dietzel said the purse snatcher wasn't the most fleet-footed. "He had 60 yards on me," said Diet-

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zel, who ran track and played basketball at Whitmore Prescott

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When he was captured, the
thief began to plead with Dietzel
that his family was poor and his
father was dying.
Police arrested a Sterling
Heights man, 20, and a Livenia
woman, 20, for purse snatching
and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police found two spoons
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and three needles, a spoon and shoelace in the man's front pants pocket.

"As we were bringing him back his pants were coming down," Quarker said to police. "A lady came in a truck and said, 'Let him go; you're trying to rape him.' We told her to call police."

When the employees returned to the restaurant, patrons applauded them. One customer left Dietzel a \$5 tip.

### Meet from

tion, although extra turn lanes will be added at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile and a new cut-through road will connect Orchard Lake and Northwestern south of the proposed construc-tion site.

"Both communities will be working together," Vagnozzi said.

"We hope to have a productive discussion with West Bloomfield board regarding a comprehen-sive vision for the two corners," Farmington Hills assistant city Manager Stove Brock said.

Also under consideration, Brock said, will be the possible widening of Maple Road to help case traffic congestion in the

Hood said the two boards will look at having a consistency of design of buildings along the cor-ridor.

"Personally, I'd like to see some sort of architectural stan-dards," Hood said. Not "cookie cutter," Hood said, "but maybe we can agree on the type of building material.

"This is something that maybe we need to discuss," Hood said.





Talk of the towns

On the air. Jimmy Barrett, right to left, of WXYT shares a laugh with Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Mayor JoAnne McShane and Farmington Observer Editor Dave Varga during last Thursday's 'First Thursday Town Meeting' at Ginopolis on the Grill in Farmington Hills. Guests spent two hours talking about issues in the two towns with hosts Barrett and Varga on WXYTAM-1270.

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pry "Bop It" from the hands of Justin Alkema, 10, an Eagle fifth grader who is rather enamored with the one-person interactive

The rod-like apparatus tells kids to either nudge, twist or, as the name suggests, bop it. Alkema is hooked.

"It's like the way you have to listen in school and you listen to the directions," Alkema said. "It says something like bop it or twist it, except it kind of goes faster and faster."

Brander and Beyer are engaged in an intense inter-galactic game of "Light Wars," which tests dexterity and reflex-es as players try to prevent a steady stream of lights from reaching a red bulb in front of

"I think I'll put this one on my birthday list," Beyer said.

In another corner of the room, two boys whoop it up with a bunch of sponges that connect like Legos or building blocks. The two make rat-tat-tat sounds as they pretend to shoot at one another with their self-made foam machine guns.

"You can't make guns. . that's violence; You can't do that," warned Ashley McCants, 8, a third grader.

A resource room supervisor quickly disarms them by telling the pair they can't make weapons from the sponges. A few minutes later, one of them proudly parades what resembles an antenna-antlered deer made

from the same pieces.

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McCants settles in front of an ear-piercing game of "Hoppin' Boppin' Spaceballs," which sends the diminutive spheres crashing into a gum machine-like plastic covering. She plays away and sings with the noise while another gil points to it to indicate the source of all the racket.

As for the duds in the toy box, kids and supervisors are unanimous. With trepidation, they pull out a graphics game, "Spray FX," that produces a mindnumbing squall when turned on.

"It gives me the creeps," Alke-ma said.

"For even the kids to find it obnoxious, that's pretty bad," said Maureen Nestor, child care

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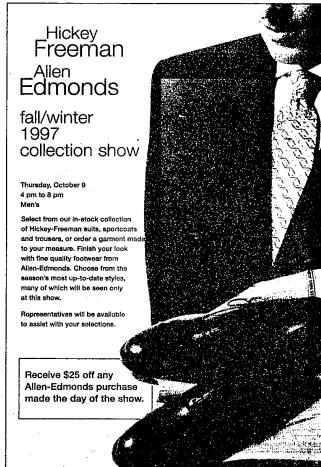


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