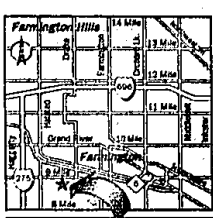


If you live in southwest quadrant...



Southwest Quadrant meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1999 - 7 p.m.
Farmington Hills Fire Station No. 2
35725 Nine Mile

The southwestern quadrant is generally seen as Farmington and Haggerty roads. Fire Station No. 1 is at 35725 Nine Mile Road, west of Drake Road. For information, call the City Manager's Office at 473-9500.

Farmington Hills City Council will meet with residents in the southwest quadrant 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Fire Station No. 1. Among items on the agenda are: information on Census 2000, proposed charter amendments, status of I-276 project and noise abatement measures, explanation of zip code situation, update on proposed oil well drilling, update on Haggerty-Nine Mile land use, and update on Founders Sports Park and parks mileage. A question-and-answer session follows. The meeting is open to the public.

Coffeeshouse eyes young adults

Young adults 16-25 can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of "The Basement" Coffeeshouse from 8 p.m. to midnight starting Friday, Sept. 24 at the Harvest Temple Worship Center in Farmington Hills. Located at 22333 Drake Road, "The Basement" offers fellowship, reasonably priced snacks, coffee and great music.

A hand called True will perform an opening night, followed by Rufus Harris on Oct. 1 and the Brother Jack on Nov. 12.

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COMING BACK, WHEN IS IT TOO SOON?

If you had your car fixed, and the next day your auto spluttered and rode rough, you would not hesitate to bring your auto back to the mechanic who worked on it the previous time.

The same holds for the care of your painful joints. What physicians encounter is that they remove fluid and inject a steroid. Return early will inject more later, and leave you a day or two off.

When the physician asks why you waited, the answer he hears most often is: "I thought I couldn't come back so early."

When I do not obtain the expected result, your physicians want to find out why. If the injected joint, the doctor will check where he positioned the needle. Even the most experienced doctor remembers injections when the medication, if the injected medication did not reach the proper site, then the procedure can be done again.

Another cause for lack of success is that the diagnosis is incorrect or your knee condition is more advanced than the doctor advised. Return early will inject more later, and leave you a day or two off.

Often an x-ray will reveal that you could not repeat any therapy to provide relief.

Finally, on occasion, the inflammation in the joint is too intense, that it takes another injection to reduce the pain and swelling. The other occurs in gout.

In treatment of your arthritis, you should not expect an incomplete result. If the therapy doesn't work, call your doctor. Do not assume your pain is something you must learn to live with.

in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

THE SEQUENCE OF BABY TOOTH LOSS

On the average, the tooth falls begins to take regular visits to children between the ages of 5% and 6%. The most common sequence in which children at this age will lose their primary teeth is that the lower incisors (the two center teeth) fall out first, followed by the upper two or the two teeth on either side of the lower incisors. In addition, the teeth are lost in the following order: first the left, then the right. A delay of more than six months between the loss of one tooth and its corresponding member should prompt an exam by the dentist. Also, if there are no signs that a primary tooth is about to be lost by age seven, x-rays may be in order.

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REACTION

The fact that the Michigan Board of Education is losing a power struggle in Lansing probably contributed to the resignation of Clark Durant, said Bob Maxfield, superintendent of Farmington Public Schools.

Durant Thursday announced his resignation from the state board, effective Friday, despite having four more years to serve. Maxfield said Thursday that "the state board's responsibilities ... and resources have lessened" under Gov. John Engler's administration.

"I think the entire board was feeling disempowered and was not particularly happy that their role was being changed," Maxfield said.

In recent years, the state board has found itself locking horns with Engler on issues such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, schools of choice/vouchers and public education funding.

"Mr. Durant and I agree on the importance of education for all children, but we don't agree on how to go about it," said Priscilla Brouillette, president of the Farmington school board, when asked to respond to the resignation.

"He never seemed to understand how a successful school system such as Farmington can work aggressively to accomplish

educational goals, Brouillette said.

One thing Maxfield said shouldn't be viewed as a factor in the resignation is the infamous state Supreme Court battle over special education funding, the so-called Durant lawsuit.

"The Durant of the Durant suit is Don Durant," Maxfield said. "There's certainly no connection between the two guys."

In his farewell address to citizens and state board members, Clark Durant said the current system "still led to under-capitalized learning, barriers to effective teaching and limited educational options."

Maxfield, who admitted having some philosophical differences on occasion with the state board member, said Durant was a complex but interesting man, one who might have been misunderstood at times.

The veteran superintendent described Durant as a "constructive provocateur" whose views prompted healthy debate on state education issues. But he also noted another side of Durant - that of someone who coaches youth teams and works with kids at Cornerstone Schools in inner-city Detroit.

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Priscilla Brouillette
—School board president

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Durant apparently decided he could make as much of an impact on the future of Michigan's public education system at coffee shop discussions as he could on the state board, which he served on since January 1995.

In his farewell address letter to citizens and members of the state board, Durant cited two main reasons for leaving: a "strong desire to continue and increase my work with Cornerstone (schools)," and his belief that "important fundamental changes are needed to improve the quality of public education for all children - and the forum for those changes is not the state board of education."

"I am resigning from the board because this is not the forum where such rethinking of how education is delivered can take place," Durant said. "But it must be done, and it must begin ... in

conversations with and among the people" in the communities.

Those conversations must take place "in our chambers of commerce, our schools, our board rooms, our philanthropic foundations, our churches, our town halls, our service clubs, our media outlets, our coffee shops and at our kitchen tables."

Durant's resignation was accepted Thursday by Engler. The governor issued the following statement:

"Since his election to the state board of education, Clark has served as a strong advocate to improve education for children in Michigan. His thoughtful and provoking leadership ... will be missed."

"I believe Clark is right - we do need to continue a broad conversation about how best to educate our children. It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I regretfully accept Clark's resignation," Engler said.

Staff writer Richard Pearl contributed to this report.

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