

Playing the Hills

Theater will serve arts needs

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A new theater for the Farmington Players will also serve for a time as Farmington Hills' cultural arts venue.

"The opportunity for us is we don't have a performing arts facility and we don't have the money to do one. Perhaps we will one day," said Hills City Manager Steve Brock.

In the meantime, the city administration has pledged \$50,000 per year from the recreation millage to use the facility for a range of events and the teen theater program.

The construction site on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads — the same site as the old barn — was sched-

uled to be staked last week in readiness for construction, said Phil Hadley, project manager of the new Players Barn.

"There's a desire to get footings in before serious winter weather hits," he said. "Our hope is to open for the 2002-2003 season."

The Players have long used a converted dairy barn built in the 1930s. "It was not barrier free, there was no capacity to grow or expand. It had limited restroom facilities," Hadley said.

The opportunity to improve the theater came when a developer offered to contribute money to a new facility, if the original barn could be torn down to make way for a senior housing development, Sunrise Assisted Living.

Hadley said the senior complex will share a driveway, parking and utilities with the theater. "It's a good arrangement. They're busy during the day, we're busy at night," he said, adding that the theater offers accessible entertainment to seniors living at the center.

Seating capacity will rise from 173 in the former barn to 240 in the new building.

"We intend to be multi-functional. We'll have a large lobby where meetings and parties can be held," Hadley said.

Hadley said the Farmington Players will also seek financial help from businesses to help pay for the new theater: "We contribute to the culture in Farmington Hills. Our members are local residents. It's an educational outlet, an artistic and creative outlet."

The Farmington Players are currently presenting the British farce "Habeas Corpus" mainly on weekend dates through Dec. 8 at the West Bloomfield Civic Theater, 6000 Orchard Lake Road.

For ticket information call (248) 219-0800.

WEST POINT DEAN'S
Cadet Fritz Schultes, son of Pamela Schultes of Farmington Hills and Frank Schultes of Galesburg, was named to the dean's list the U.S. Military Academy. Schultes graduated from North Farmington High School and will graduate from West Point Academy in 2004.

FOOD SCHOLARS
The Associated Food Dealers of Michigan recently awarded scholarships to two Farmington

COUNTY NEWS

Hills residents. **Ghasaan Killo** is a student at the University of Michigan majoring in computer science and **Vino Louisia** is a student at Wayne State University majoring in business.

AUTUMN PERFORMER
Sarah Luchowski, an Earlham College sophomore and daughter of Timothy and Cynthia Luchowski of Farmington Hills, recently performed in Earlham's Autumn Concert. She is a member of the Percussion

ensemble, which presented "African Welcoming Piece" by Michael Udow and "Djole."

GOLDEN KEY HONOREE
Melanie Grove of Farmington Hills has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society, which is a non-profit, academic honor organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

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sure you'll take care of us," he said.

Donald Lamer, who lives on Pershing, told planning commissioners, "What Lowe's is proposing is leaving us high and dry in the middle."

Lamer said he and several neighbors supported the idea of the entire parcel developed as part of one coordinated plan: "We are opposed to the Lowe's. It's going to be very cumbersome to be surrounded by development. We'd like to see the whole area developed and not a fragmented development."

At the meeting opened, Lowe's attorney Rick Ratner asked that the public hearing scheduled for Thursday be rescheduled, to give designers time to submit a new, more neighbor-friendly develop-

ment. "Those changes have been included as a result of comments of this board," he said.

Planning commissioners Sharon Garms and Phil Harwood said citizens who were on hand to address the subject should be heard. Planning commissioners agreed to postpone the Lowe's presentation, to allow the company an opportunity to present a revamped plan.

"What is Lowe's benefit to the city and its residents?" asked Mike Clannan of Highview Street. "I want to know if there is any aesthetic value. Does it resolve drainage issues in our neighborhood or make it worse with all the pavement? They're

trying to squeeze the maximum square footage on the minimum square foot of property. What kind of life do we have to look forward to?"

Richard Sable of Grand Salwa, which is developing most of the Triangle project, told planning commissioners, "There is a problem with (traffic) circulation, there is a problem with parking. It's going to flow over to the Grand Salwa site."

Richard Levinson, president of the Franklin Knolls homeowner's association, said the earlier Lowe's plan "does not take into consideration the homeowners on Hayden Street. Not to consider them is unconscionable."

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The reason for Raynaud's phenomenon is a hypersensitivity of small arteries in the hand such that in the cold, these arteries will constrict. The result is a sharp decrease in blood to the fingers! That is the cold, these arteries will constrict. The result is a sharp decrease in blood to the fingers! That is the cold, these arteries will constrict. The result is a sharp decrease in blood to the fingers!

The best treatment for Raynaud's phenomenon is to keep the hands warm. For some people it means wearing gloves when taking food out of the refrigerator or freezer. For most individuals with Raynaud's phenomenon, treatment consists of wearing gloves outdoors early in autumn and keeping hands warm until the following spring.

Drugs are available which dilate the digital arteries. However, these medicines have a high rate of side effects such as hypotension, so their use is limited.

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