

# Recreation News

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding our programs, contact us at 474-6115.

**MEADOWBROOK HALL AND BORDINE'S BETTER BLOOMS** — Join us on Tuesday, May 11, for lunch, served in the main dining room of Meadowbrook Hall and afterward enjoy a guided tour of the 100-room Tudor mansion and the Dodge greenhouse and grounds. On the way home, we will stop at Bordine's Nursery and Greenhouse in Rochester. The cost of this trip is \$14.50, which includes round-trip transportation, luncheon and guided tour. Registration deadline is April 16.

**SENIOR ADULT SPRING BOUTIQUE** — The Gathering Place will host its annual spring boutique on Thursday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mercy Center. This will give all an opportunity to view the various crafts of those involved with the Farmington Hills senior adult center. Join us for a pleasant afternoon.

**BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER** — Registrations now are being accepted at the Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation office for the spring session of youth soccer. All boys and girls in the kindergarten through fifth grades are eligible to join this recreational soccer activity. The fields have been modified to accommodate the K-1, 2-3 and 4-5 age divisions, and the zone concept is a very popular one. All games will be played on Saturdays beginning April 24; practices will begin mid-April. The registration fee is \$10 per participant. We will accept registrations through Friday, March 26.

**BOATING SAFETY CLINIC** — Farmington Hills, along with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Natural Resources, will host its annual boating safety clinic on two consecutive Wednesdays, April 21 and April 22. You must attend both sessions, to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Preregistration is mandatory at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office. Fee is \$3.

**DANCEFIT** — The Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a spring session of DanceFit at the Shawasssee Recreation Center, 38415 Shawasssee. DanceFit is a cardiovascular fitness program that combines the basic elements of a good fitness workout with the fun of dancing



## Marching in force

Everyone's mmas started with an O at this year's St. Patrick's Day parade — including this contingent from St. Fabian Roman Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, which turned out for the annual event.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

# Keego overcomes adversity and opens with G film

**By Judith Berne**  
staff writer

Theater manager Michael Kapusniak was ordered Monday to vacate Keego Theater premises for non-payment of \$85,400 allegedly owed to owner Lawrence Schlusell.

The eviction notice, which requests payment by Friday or face possible court action, was mailed to both the theater and his home, Kapusniak said. Kapusniak, a longtime employee of

the Schlusell family, and his wife, Eugenia, were fired last week by Schlusell when Kapusniak announced he was reinstating family movies at the theater. Located on Orchard Lake Road in Keego Harbor, the theater previously featured adult films as the Keego Cinema and Love Boutique.

Kapusniak said he wasn't certain what the \$85,400 represented. He speculated it could be for debts incurred by the theater or lease payments, although

he never made any lease payments in the past.

Schlusell handled all the bills using a stamp with Kapusniak's name, Kapusniak said.

Schlusell, a West Bloomfield resident, consistently has maintained the distinction that he owns the theater, leasing it to a company which showed adult films.

"THE WHOLE corporation is a farce," Kapusniak said Monday. "He can't fire me because he would have to take my name off his corporation. He is the sole owner. He has always paid the bills."

Kapusniak managed the Mel Theater, an adult theater in Melvindale owned by the Schlusell family, before taking on the Keego post. His wife replaced him as Mel manager.

When Schlusell purchased the Keego in late 1980, he leased it to the Keego Theater Co., a Delaware corporation, in which Kapusniak was the listed head.

General films were shown, as theater attorneys fought and won the federal court battle to bring adult films to the small city, which has a population of 3,000 on 800 acres.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a city ordinance outlawing adult theaters on the basis that it denied First Amendment rights.

Adult films were shown three nights a week at first. In early November, the theater changed over to all adult films.

**THE KEEGO Theater** resumed showing general films Friday, reportedly playing to 300 movie-goers over the weekend. Offerings are "Venom," rated R and "Dragonslayer," rated PG.

"With no advertisement, I'd say it was pretty good," Mrs. Kapusniak said following the weekend tabulation. "That's more than we'd get for a whole month of porno."

But she was less enthusiastic after Monday night's tiny audience of six persons.

"If we didn't accomplish anything

else, he'll have a hard time bringing the porno back," she said.

Kapusniak reported receiving \$450 per week and "the best Blue Cross you can buy" as theater manager. Now, if he is allowed to operate the theater, he said he is fully dependent on the receipts to earn a living and meet his lease obligations.

Optimistically, he purchased a new popcorn machine Monday.

"If it goes in our favor, which we hope it will, we'll let the kids in for free," he promised, and reduce the \$2 price to 50 cents for senior citizens.

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