

around Farmington

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BLOODMOBILE
Monday, June 16: Red Cross Bloodmobile open for donors 1:30-7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. Donor cards available at either of the branch library's reference desk.

THE NEW RIGHT
Monday, June 16: "The New Right,"



retirement memos
Margaret Miller

Retiree finally gets ears pierced

I WONDER how many retirees you find who pick this time of life to acquire a couple of extra holes in the head. Having done so, I've decided it's just as well I waited. I'm finding the care and nurture of pierced ears an ongoing project.

Why on earth, a friend asked, would I get my ears pierced after waiting all these years? She definitely planned to go on with "the old-fashioned kind" of earrings, she said. But she had just taken off her "old-fashioned" clip-ons because they were hurting her ears. And, I told her, that had been my problem. That, and the fact that a great deal of my newspaper work required being on the telephone, and I was always taking one earring off and leaving it to disappear, so I had just stopped wearing them entirely.

"That's a good point for me, too," Joe noted. "The store had some to match your gray pearls, but I didn't get them because you never seem to wear earrings."

THE UPSHOT was that the next day, when I visited a nearby shopping mall, a pretty young lady with huge, dangling earrings pierced my ears and inserted some surgical steel posts with gold-colored balls.

Joe amazed me by noticing the addition as soon as I got home, and I amazed the daughters when I reported my long-delayed act.

None of them mentioned, though, how long it took the ears to get used to the intrusion. Maybe, in my case, it was that I asked if I could continue to swim and I have done so almost daily.

ANYWAY, I also told her about the January Sunday when Joe commented on the way home from church that all the other women at the coffee hour were wearing earrings. Didn't I like them anymore?

I did like them, I said, but there had been these problems. So I had been meaning for years just to have my ears pierced. In fact, all the daughters had holes in their ears, and I had thought of going with each of them to have it done, but something always came up.

But all four had urged me often to have it done. I told their father I thought it was mainly so they'd have something to buy for Christmas and birthdays.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

The New Extremists: Who is Threatening Us? talk by state Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, at 7 p.m. in Congregation Shaary Zedek on Bell, Southfield. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling American Jewish Congress, 357-2766.

SWIM CLUB
Monday, June 16: Clarenceville Swim Club offers morning and afternoon workouts in a local long course pool for collegiate swimmers. Inquiries taken by Paule Anderson, 525-3561.

FRANCOISE BOUCHER
Tuesday, June 17: Ludmila von Taube of Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers Bureau narrates a slide presentation on the life and work of Francoise Boucher, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. The program is given to enhance appreciation of the national exhibit of the artist coming to the DIA in the summer. No charge but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

PIANO VIRTUOSO
Tuesday, June 17: Piano Virtuoso Manachem Pressler accompanied by violinist Lucy Robert in concert at 8 p.m. at Congregation Shaary Zedek. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance by sending self-addressed envelope to the synagogue, 27375 Bell, Southfield 48034.

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT
Tuesday, June 17: "Terms of Endearment" shown at 10 a.m. for Customer Appreciation Day in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia. No charge.

'NIGHT AT THE OPERA'
Wednesday, June 18: "A Night at the Opera" opens classic comedy series at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Madonna College, 1-96 and Levan Road, Livonia. No charge.

THERAPY GET-AWAY
Thursday, June 19: Orientation for "Therapy Get-Away" weekend for marriage enrichment, conducted by Dr. Jude Coter, begins at 7 p.m. in Room A-105, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Three-day weekend workshop runs June 27-29 in rural area near Petoskey. For information, call Coter in Farmington Hills Counseling Services, 661-1654.

'SOUTH PACIFIC'
Thursday through Sunday, June 19-22: "South Pacific" staged by Farmington Community Band, Farmington Musicals and Farmington Community Chorus at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Harrison High School, 12 Mile west of Middlebelt. Reserved seats only at \$4, or \$2 for students and seniors, available by calling Paul Barber, 471-6441.

GARAGE SALE
Thursday, June 19: Garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by Farmington Associates of Michigan Christian College, in the garage at 41555 Tamara, Novi. The address is in the vicinity of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook.

WELCOME WAGON
Thursday, June 19: Welcome Coffee, sponsored by Welcome Wagon Club of Farmington-Farmington Hills introduces newcomers to the two cities to the workings and offerings of the club at 10 a.m. In one of the member's home. Interested people may call Gail Haynes, 626-8655.

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, June 21: Garage Sale, sponsored by Chatham Hills Subdivision Association, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entrance to the subdivision is on Grand River, west of Drake Road.

MIDSUMMER
Sunday, June 22: Midsummer Festival, sponsored by The Swedish Club, begins with breakfast of Swedish pancakes at 10 a.m. in the club at 22399 Ruth Street. Festival continues with entertainment, sale of imports, baked goods, crafts, and dinner served until dusk.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL
Monday-Friday, June 23-27: The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington conducts its vacation church school program each day from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children from preschool through fifth grade will learn Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and prayer. Registration is now available. For more information or to enroll a child, call the church office, 474-6170 or Nancy Cosper Smith, program director, 437-6397.

BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday-Friday, June 23-27: Vacation Bible School for 3-19-year-olds 7-9:30 each day in Farmington Hills Church of Christ, 36500 11 Mile. No charge. Registration information given by calling 477-5033.

DANCEFIT
Monday, June 23: Morning and evening DanceFit classes begin this week in several locations. Registrations taken by calling DanceFit, 553-7362.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
Tuesday, June 24: Medical technology registry review, a review of clinical chemistry, hematology and related topics for the MT and MLT registry applicant will be conducted 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays, June 24-29, in Madonna College, Livonia. Fee is \$95. For more information, call the continuing education office, 591-5188.

AGING COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 24: Farmington Area Commission on Aging meets at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, corner of 11 Mile and Orchard, Lake Road. Open to all interested people.

MIME
Tuesday, June 24: Mime artists Tracy Cook and Sue Valdez perform then give a lesson in mime to the audience at 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. No charge, but registration is requested by calling the library, 474-7770.

TOOTSIE
Tuesday, June 24: "Tootsie" shown for Customer Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. in Livonia Cinema, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road. No charge.

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