



Pack of Lies

Lead players in rehearsal for Farmington Players production of "Pack of Lies" are Michael Margarin (left), Alicia Bownart, Ralph Rosati and Jan Salisbury. The story, based on a true incident, follows a family as they are swept into a cold-war whirlpool of deceit

and betrayal and then forced to choose between friendship and loyalty to their country. The show runs weekends from April 21 through May 13 in the Players Barn. Tickets are \$8. Reservations can be made by calling the box office, 538-1870.

Flirting can take singles back to romantic future

By Shirlee Rose Iden
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Roses are red and violets blue, but unlocking the secrets of charisma may do the most for you.

"The question is: what is it, who has it and where can you get some?" "Charisma is a kind of positive aura a person exudes who feels good about himself or herself," said one romantic gentleman who blushed and demurred when asked his name. "It attracts people and makes them want to be part of the group around the charismatic one."

Charisma is "the gift of God's grace," a dictionary listing said. Many people agree that Gloria Steinem, John Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe and Martin Luther King had charisma to spare.

As it is beyond price, you don't acquire it, but sweat to develop it. More about that later.

KEEPING A finger on the pulse of romance, singles on the lookout are seeking relationships that may be exhilarating but also safe.

In terms of the dating game, AIDS is making people re-focus and take a new, hard look at relationships.

"All of a sudden, with the reality of AIDS, first base becomes foul territory," said Bill DeLano, self-named "inglesologist."

"Singles have to have a strategy these days. They must pose some vital questions which indicate values and what's of importance like family, job, community service or whatever."

"It's essentially a matter of establishing trust." DeLano, 29, a native of Grand Rapids, is now living in North Carolina with his wife of four years. He has established his own aura of trust with singles as a speaker, consultant and founder of a professional network of consultants.

The game plan he offers to singles is a plan of action for marketing themselves in the singles world.

ANOTHER "SINGLESOLOGIST," Richard Geryan, has modeled his InterActions Dating Service after an executive search firm.

Operating in Southfield and now West Bloomfield, the service has a 25-year record of effectiveness in introducing singles looking for a friend and maybe more.

"The issues and concerns single people have are changing in the 1980s," Geryan said.

"People are choosing to reach for meaningful relationships, yet remain single and many have time restraints as never before concerning their social lives. Mobility has added a new dimension and AIDS has altered perspectives."

FROM HIS perspective, people today are getting married faster and more frequently, Geryan said.

"Monogamy is in and we're seeing much more of it," he said.

The new first family is large and lots of family values are being presented, he said.

"It isn't exactly that George Bush is good, it's the family perception that's notable."

SINGLES WHO'D rather switch than fight are finding that after years of silence, the sexes are talking again, Geryan said.

Loud discos have gone the way of the Edsel. Today's club spots are intimate supper clubs where the strategy is to move around to get into the good conversation groups.

"Talking is fun — and safe," Geryan said.

Conversation has become a viable marketing tool in an AID-ridden world, where the sex first/talk later method of courting could be lethal.

During the 1960s, flirting was "out," thought to be dishonest. Women didn't have to rush into marriage for the sake of sex; they had the pill. Flirting and presex talk fizzled to a minimum.

THERE IS a distinct return to the courting process recently, said DeLano, who has been in the communications business for seven years.

"There's a new interest in courtship over conquest and to conversation," he said. "Flirting is natural to every little child. As we grow up, we get deprogrammed from some of these natural responses."

For DeLano, the biggest variable in the past 20 years has been the two-income family that finds women "more flexible, complete and excellent," he said.

Improved leadership is topic for seminar

The management seminar "Improved Leadership — Personal Preferences and Styles" will be given at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27 in The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills. David E. Call, assistant city manager of Farmington Hills and experienced management consultant, will present the seminar.

"Improved Leadership — Personal Preferences and Styles" will emphasize organizational and individual potential development. It is designed for business professionals seeking self and organizational improvement techniques.

Utilizing the Meyers-Briggs personal preference instrument, the personal style survey instrument and group participation, the seminar will help to identify work behavioral styles, to create a motivational environment conducive to success and to identify and minimize potential conflicts with others. It will also address several other topics linking behavior to productivity. Call has conducted several seminars for the Michigan Municipal League, the Oakland County Road Commission and the cities of Farmington Hills, Troy and Southfield.

A second seminar presented by Call, "Effective Styles of Leadership" will be offered at the Community Center Wednesday, May 24.

To register for "Improved Leadership" or "Effective Styles of Leadership," call 477-4804. Enrollment fee is \$75 per person for each seminar and includes a \$10 non-refundable registration fee and all seminar materials.

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