

# Irish-Americans plan for parade

There'll be a touch of the Farmington area in the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in Detroit's historic Corktown.

Mike Sullivan, a Farmington Hills resident, is parade chairman of the 33rd annual event, which is actually taking place a week before St. Patrick's Day.

"The Corktown area we march through is the oldest neighborhood in the city," said Sullivan, a development contractor. "It was founded by the Irish 150 years ago. The parade is like a pilgrimage in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland."

The parade, which begins at Third and Michigan and proceeds west to 14th Street, will pay special tribute to the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. Yellow ribbons secured by shamrocks will be worn by parade marchers.

"The theme of the 1991 parade is 'A Downtown Irish-American Family Affair' and features the Calling of the Clans, an open invitation to area families to carry a banner and march with fellow Irish-Americans with the same surnames.

"We're emphasizing the family concept of the parade. We are doing that for continuity's sake so that the

young people will get involved and the parade will go on long after we are gone."

MARTIN FLEMING, a Dearborn resident, will be parade grand marshal. He is a former chairman of the Wayne County Board of Institutions and a World War II combat veteran. "Martin Fleming came here from Ireland in 1929 and has been everything in the Irish community for the last 60 years. He served as president of the Gaelic League and Irish-American Club for 14 terms, was president of the United Irish Societies and ran the parade for 10 years after reviving it in 1959."

Among the attractions for this year's parade will be the award-winning Celtic Pipes and Drums of Birmingham, the Detroit Police Department's clown troupe, costumed members of the O'Hare School of Irish Dancers performing on a float, Laurel and Hardy on an Irish-tinting Cart, the Irish Setter Club of Birmingham, Dearborn's old-fashioned classic trolley, John Egan of Redford Township dressed as St. Patrick, the Grosse Pointe Highlanders Roller Blades, the Modern Temple Highlanders Pipe Band, high school marching bands and family marchers.



The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Birmingham will join the call of the Irish Clans and other acts for the 33rd annual St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 10, on Detroit's Michigan Avenue.

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## Community ed program offers variety of classes

Spring has arrived at the Farmington Community School with classes, lectures and enrichments for all ages.

Brochures listing the classes, descriptions, and fees were sent to residents in the mail the last week of February. Along with many favorites, the reminder brochure includes many new special interest classes.

Following is a sampling of offerings:

- Computer smart — Introduction to the Macintosh along with In-

tro to Microsoft Word are offered at the new Farmington High School media center on Monday evenings. How to Write and Design a Newsletter will again be offered. Saturday morning lectures will include Intro to Microsoft Word, Intro to Microsoft Excel and Intro to Superpaint 2.0.

- Media center — The community ed department continues to keep the Farmington High media center open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Resources include electronic reference sources, computer work stations and reference materials.

- Test preparations — An ACT Prep Workshop will be offered 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 13. The workshop will include practice materials, shortcuts and an overview of each area of the college entrance test.

- Adult education — Daytime classes include many aerobic and exercise classes at both the Communi-

ty School and Fairview Early Childhood Center. Computer, typing and keyboarding are offered, as well as studio art, jewelry making, watercolor, calligraphy, pottery, making a potpourri wreath and others.

- Evening classes — A new Combination Aerobics class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at East Middle School, combining the effects of high impact with the minimal stress of low impact. Another evening session is Computer Aided De-

sign, where students will gain firsthand knowledge of using the computer in the drafting field.

A complete listing of all classes is in the reminder bulletin. If you have not received one, call the Community School at 489-3333. Seniors 60 and over are eligible for one free registration, except in limited enrollment classes noted in the brochure.

The Farmington Community School is at 20415 Shiawassee, at the corner of Tuck.

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