

Santa's arrival marks start of yule season

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Kids, this shopping holiday is for you.

Santa's arrival — by helicopter — at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in downtown Farmington heralds in both new and old activities.

Santa Claus will be landing at the east end of the downtown center on Grand River.

Events include a children's treasure hunt with "kids only" shopping.

Christmas, Hanukkah and other events reflecting the community's cultural diversity are also on the agenda.

"We wanted to make this a cultural event," said promoter Howard Gelman. "It's nice to learn what other cultures do."

Maureen Schiffman & Coco, a Farmington-area puppeteer, will present a Hanukkah cele-

bration in story and song at 11:30 a.m. under the tent.

"Dickens Carolers" lead traditional carols as they stroll about town from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

"They'll be stopping people on street corners, grabbing people and getting people involved," Gelman said.

As in the past, the Farmington Civic Theater will offer free movie presentations at 11:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. "All I Want for Christmas," rated G, is this year's selection.

A holiday trolley will run from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the Village Mall area on the east end of downtown to the Warner home on the west. Twelve trolley stops will be set up so participants can park and ride. Look for the trolley stop signs.

Enjoy free refreshments from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. while visiting with Santa under the tent.

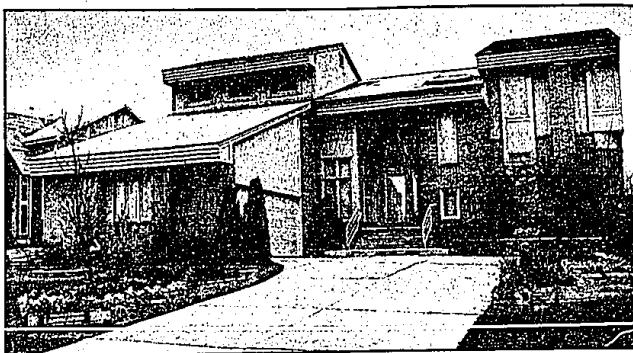
Create a holiday decoration at the downtown Farmington Community Library. Parents can receive children's book holiday gift-giving suggestions.

Visit the Farmington Historical Museum courtesy of Books Around and Focal Point Studio who are picking up the admission tab.

Participating merchants will provide special shopping areas for kids, with gifts available for under \$10.

Christmas and Hanukkah gift wrapping is also available under the tent. There will be a nominal fee for this service. Proceeds will benefit the Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills.

Two banners over the streets will announce Santa's arrival are planned.



House of interest: Federal agents seized three cars and other property from this \$500,000 house on Hickory Road in the Copper Creek subdivision of Farmington Hills.

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like Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe. But they'll deal drugs in Detroit."

And to some, the initial shock of having a neighbor accused of being a major drug dealer gave way to the realization that money can be made on both sides of the street.

"I don't know if money necessarily dictates values," said one woman who takes her morning walk right by Adams' house.

But ATF agents had been investigating Adams for several months before he moved into his new surroundings, Federal said. She said the investigation is ongoing and that drugs, money and property seized from the house will be used as evidence in the case.

Even if Adams is found not guilty of the charges, he could have trouble getting back his property, including the two

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Mercedes Benz automobiles, a 1992 Jeep and the Hickory Road house, she said.

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Dwyer said police agencies have been cooperating in investigations, arrests and prosecutions of drug dealers in recent years, which has put a dent in the drug trade.

"We have gone to task force concepts, like N.E.T. (Narcotics Enforcement Team), to work together," he said. "There was a time, years ago, when there was no cooperation."

But as police agencies have become more sophisticated in how they deal with illegal drug trafficking, so have their adversaries.

"The major drug dealers 10 years ago were flashier, spending more money than they do now," Dwyer said. "But now they're low key. Some of these drug dealers have luxury cars, but they blend in."

Hospital opens a new pavilion

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills officially opened its new two-story West Pavilion on Sept. 29. The facility, connected to the main hospital at four levels, is phase one of the hospital's \$30 million expansion and renovation project which began in spring of 1991.

The first floor of the West Pavilion was the first area to become operational. It now houses the Ambulatory Surgery Center, a pre-op and recovery area and the Volunteer Services Center.

Once construction is complete, the first floor will have room for 20 pre-op/post-op units for use by endoscopy and ambulatory services. The floor features a spa-

cius waiting room, a larger clinical area, wide hallways, and peach-colored walls for a warmer atmosphere.

"The West Pavilion enhances and expands our current range of services," said Peg Rehmer, vice president for planning, marketing and development.

One of Botsford Hospital's completely new services will be a second-stage recovery area housing four to six units. It will be adjacent to the pre-op and recovery area.

"Second stage recovery will enhance our program by allowing family members to stay with the patient," said Jane Partogian, a registered nurse and ambulatory

surgery center manager.

The remainder of the West Pavilion is due to be completed in spring 1993. The second floor will house Cardiology Services, the Michigan Sinus Institute/ENT Specialists and a suite for three conference rooms. The third floor will have physician office space for lease and one large conference room.

The West Pavilion was designed by the architectural firm Gunn Levine Associates Inc. and built by Barton Malow Construction Services.

Botsford General Hospital is a 336-bed osteopathic teaching facility serving Farmington Hills and its surrounding communities.

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