

'Surfers' stop at TV-12 for news of their community

CABLE CONNECTION



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It's true. You don't have to channel surf too much to find news shows on the networks and cable. But where can you find a program not only concerned with national and state news but local happenings as well? Right here in your own backyard — yes, on INFO TV-12. It's called "Business and Residential News."

On this program, the national news is well synthesized, concise and predictive of future trends in business and investing. The information is on a variety of topics, including mortgage rates and stocks and bonds, catering not only to the business owner but to the average citizen as well. On the state level, you'll hear of business and governmental developments that impact businesses and individuals. For example, recent programs have covered the impact of legislation on pollution control, and new developments in state laws such as stalking, spousal abuse and tax reforms.

Then there's news that impact our communities on a local level like school and community events. The Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Community Band and ElderMed services provided by Botsford Hospital are but a few of the sources used. In fact, if you would like an event publicized, Producer Donnell Zeldman encourages you to send press releases at least a month before the event to her at SVOCC/INFO TV-12, 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills 48335.

In addition to the latest happenings on the national, state and

local levels, host Richard Niemisto, interviews a prominent guest from the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

Get to know attorney, Gene Pyatenko from Vicko, Lane, Payne and Broder. He's a first generation American-born Ukrainian. When Kiev and Detroit became sister cities, he assisted in coordinating this effort.

What does it take to have a successful news show? The answer is a hardworking producer like Donnell Zeldman and a personable host like Richard Niemisto. As producer, Donnell's creative and

organizational talents come in handy. She works long and hard to bring you all the "news you can use."

Rich is, by profession, Inspector of Police for Farmington Hills. He is Commander of the Operations Bureau. This position involves the supervision of areas of patrol, traffic, auxiliary police, handicapped parking enforcement and much, much more. You could say he's on call 24-hours a day.

Remember that old saying, "Give a busy person something to do and it gets done." We consider ourselves fortunate to have Rich

performing this valuable community service. He's been an active participant in community TV since its inception in 1984. He has also played a major role in the planning of our annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

See for yourself. Tune into "Business and Residential News" every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every Thursday at 3 p.m.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET K. SMITH
Mrs. Smith, 89, of Mesa, Arizona died May 24.

Born in Northville, Mrs. Smith was a homemaker. She was a member of Apache Wells Community Church.

Survivors include her sister, Helen I. Halsted of Farmington; nephew, Leo Halsted; niece, Marilyn Bacon.

Services and burial were May 27 at Mt. View Memorial Gardens, Mesa, Arizona. Arrangements were made by Bunker's Garden Chapel, Mesa, Arizona.

HARRIET D. PHARIS
Mrs. Pharis, 72, of Dollar Bay, Michigan, formerly of Farmington Hills, died May 24.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Pharis was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Homer; mother, Olive Leithauer; daughters, Kathy Breakich and Carol Kalbfleisch; sons, Craig

and Ken Borge; step-children, Bruce Pharis and Donna MacDonald; two sisters and two brothers; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 31 in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. Burial was in Acadia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the church.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

GEORGE TSE-CHUNG TSENG
Mr. Tseng, 78, of Farmington Hills died May 24 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in the Peoples Republic of China, Mr. Tseng was a retired medical physician at Providence Hospital and Pontiac General.

Survivors include his sons, Joseph and Peter; daughters, Irene Morse and Nancy Chapman; five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

GEORGE R. HUNT
Mr. Hunt, 84, of Farmington died May 24 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Royal Oak, Mr. Hunt was founder and co-owner of Ace Business Forms in Livonia. He was a member of American Legion, Farmington Elks,

Meadowbrook Country Club, Farmington Senior's Golf League and had a hole-in-one in 1990. He was a World War II Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his sons, George and Dan; sister, Shirley Carter; two grandchildren. Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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