

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570.

AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Tickets for amusement parks can be bought at discount rates at the recreation office. Savings on tickets to Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Water Park, King's Island, Sea World and Greenfield Village are offered.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL ROAD RACE

During the festivities of the Founders Festival, a four-mile run will be held on Saturday, July 15, starting and finishing at Shilohsee Park. The route will be through various areas and terrain of the city of Farmington. The race starts at 9 a.m. with check in at 8:15 a.m. There will be divisions for men and women for 17 and under, 40 and over, and open. Fee is \$10 per person, \$12 after July 11. Fee includes race T-shirt. Pre-register at the recreation office.

STARS IN THE PARK

Bring your lawn chair or blankets and listen to the sounds of the Birmingham Straw Hat Band Thursday, June 29, at Heritage Park. Concert begins at 8 p.m. and there is no charge.

KIDS DAY

From noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, kids of all ages are invited to participate in the festivities of Kids Day. The event will be held at Shilohsee Park, which is at Power and Shilohsee roads. Some of the activities to take

place are: Moonwalk, rides, face painting, police and fire displays, clowns, magic shows, games and more.

SUMMER FUN CENTERS

Join in the fun with children ages 6-12 at various drop-in fun centers throughout the Farmington area. Children will participate in games, sports activities, arts and special events. Centers are open Monday through Friday, through

Aug. 4. Sites and times are as follows: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pioneer Park, Farmington Road, north of 13 Mile; Alto Town Park, Waldron and Independence roads, 9 a.m. to noon Beechview Elementary School, 26840 Westmeath; Wooddale Elementary School, 34276 Oak Forest; and Flanders Elementary School, 32600 Flanders. 12:30-3 p.m. Longacre Elementary School, 34850 Arundel, Kenbrook Elementary School, 32130 Bonnet Hill, and Eagle Elementary School, 29410 14 Mile.

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Just ask P. Mark Accettura, Farmington Hills attorney and adjunct law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He produces "Law Talk."

"To function in our complex society today, it sure helps to be legally literate," Accettura said. "The goal of 'Law Talk' is to explain the law in simple, easy to understand language. Special guests include local attorneys, judges, politicians as well as members of the academic world."

"The beauty of community TV is the privilege of having an entire hour to explore topics in depth, as well as the time to really get to know the guest. The results can be very interesting," Accettura said.

For example on a recent show featuring State Sen. David Honigman, Accettura asked Honigman what made him choose a career in politics. You might be surprised to know that Honigman, a Republican, was greatly influenced by a famous Democrat.

In a recent interview with Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, the discussion turned to Michigan's drug trafficking law which mandates life sentences for individuals found in possession of more than 650 grams of certain controlled substances such as cocaine or heroin. Since this new law doesn't require that the state prove the individual is trafficking the drugs found in his possession, Accettura pointed out the individual could say it was solely for his own personal use. Thompson's quick comeback was an analogy of this "being like pulling a guy over who's driving a beer truck and having him claim that all the beer he was hauling was for his own personal consumption."

When "Law Talk" featured U.S. Congressman Joseph Knollenberg, Accettura was struck by the similarities between the congressman and President Abraham Lincoln. Both come from large families, both were born and raised in Central Illinois and both are Republicans.

Such insight and candor as these shows offer are typical of the entire series. The shows broaden our knowledge of the law, and at the same time we find out what really makes these political celebs tick.

Do you have legal questions you would like to see covered on upcoming shows? Accettura welcomes suggestions. You may contact him at 810-489-1444. Tune into "Law Talk" on INFO TV-12 every Thursday at 4 p.m. and every other Wednesday at 9 p.m.

P.S. So don't be a couch potato and just watch TV. Take it a step further and make it like Accettura has. Call Don Little at 553-7303, ext. 252, for information on how to sign up for TV production workshops this fall.

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

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