

'The King and I' at Farmington High

Musical planned: Stage lovers Sara Fluter (playing Tuptim) and Donald Phillips (Lun Tha) are discovered by Juliet Peters (Lady Thiang) during a rehearsal of "The King and I" to be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, at the school. Call 489-3456 for ticket information.

Student applications accepted for Farmington Musicales event

Applications are available for students in grades 7-12 who plan to compete in Farmington Musicales Awards for Musical Excellence. This annual competition offers cash awards to further music education.

The competition is open to students who attend Farmington-area public or private schools, to children of a Farmington Musicales member and to those whose primary residence is in a Farmington or Farmington Hills, but who attend school elsewhere.

Applications have been distributed to the music departments in all Farmington-area middle schools and high schools. They may also be obtained by calling Jan Smith, 626-3856. The

applications must be completed and returned, postmarked by midnight, Monday, Feb. 5.

This year the competition will be Saturday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Categories will be: piano, string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments divided into three grade levels: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. The vocal category will be divided into two grade levels: 9-10 and 11-12. Cash awards will be given to each grade division.

In addition, the Strey-McCallum Memorial Piano Award, a single award given to the student who is judged to be the "most outstanding pianist" regardless of grade level, will be awarded.

First and second place winners will perform their winning compositions in a recital at Nardin Park United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 10. Awards will be presented at this time and the Strey-McCallum Piano Award will be announced.

The recital is open to all those in the Farmington community who have an interest in the music education of young people. The Farmington Musicales is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs. Meetings and programs are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Road. For more information, call Jan Smith at 626-3856.

Zoning change clears way for Hills' 'upscale eatery'

By BILL COUTANT
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The Farmington Hills City Council paved the way for a new upscale restaurant with initial approval of a zoning change at the Jan. 15 regular meeting.

Arie Leibovitz, of Air-El Enterprises Inc., made his second proposal for a restaurant at the site of a former bank building on Grand River next to the Bill Knapp's restaurant.

An earlier proposal by Leibovitz, for Novi Partners Limited Partnership, was rejected by the council. Council members approved the zoning change, but emphasized that the restaurant proposal will still face scrutiny over a site plan and other considerations.

"The planning commission decided it was reasonable to change the master plan for this use," said Claude Contes, the city's planning consultant.

Leibovitz said Farmington Hills, a city of 80,000 people, only has two existing upscale restaurants.

"There are very few things that could be done with the building, other than build a restaurant," Leibovitz said.

Councilman Jon Grant, who had voted against the change initially, said he liked finding a "compatible" use for the property with the surrounding area that preserved the building.

Councilwoman Vicki Barnett cited support for the project from residents and businesses in the area. And Councilwoman Massie Kurzeja saw a restaurant as a good use of the property.

"I don't believe there will be a domino effect," she said. "Mr. Leibovitz is spending up to \$400,000 on this. Farmington Hills has office buildings at this time sitting empty."

But Councilmembers Cheryl Oliverio and Terry Sever voted against the proposal.

Oliverio said although she thought the property would make a fine restaurant but the zoning change would add more "spot zoning" to the community.

"In the city's redevelopment stage, we have to resist the desire to change land use because of a particular use," Sever said.

"This is just the beginning of what we're probably going to see in the future. There are not too

many requests for up zoning because that raises taxes."

In other action, the council: ■ Agreed to have a public hearing in March on enforcing the city's Dumpster Enclosure Ordinance.

■ Heard a presentation of the city's road and highway construction projects for the coming year. Those projects include the 13 Mile Road and Middlebelt intersection that will cost the city \$259,000 out of the total \$1,133,000; the widening of Eight Mile from Farmington to Halsted to 5 lanes that will cost the city \$257,000, 6 percent of the total cost; the Haggerty Road Connector, with the remaining costs paid by the federal government and Novi; the M-5 and Grand River interchange, with the federal government picking up \$1.4 million; and the North-western Highway widening from 12 Mile to south of 14 Mile with Farmington Hills and Southfield splitting \$376,000 of the local share (2.5 percent) of the \$12 million project.

■ Reviewed a report on the feasibility of a city-wide traffic study and what it should encompass.

Young entrepreneur's host meeting

The newly founded Detroit Chapter of the YEO will be hosting a kick off meeting on Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, at Walsh College in Troy from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Additionally, Leadership Oakland, The Young Presidents Organization (YPO), Walsh College and Franklin Bank will be co-sponsoring this event.

The Young Entrepreneurs' Organization (YEO) is an international group of top young entrepreneurs dedicated to supporting each other in achieving personal as well as business goals. YEO focuses on providing members access to some of the best resources in the world. Understanding the unique demands of running a business, YEO fosters leadership development skills where members not only solve problems, but share triumphs.

Our guest speakers will include Verne Harnish and Jim Alexander. Verne serves as an international speaker and co-creator and presenter of Career-Track's Implementing Total Quality Management program. He is also a certified presenter and developer for Tom Peter's Liberation Management program. Jim is author of the new book, "The Knowledge Based Organization." Jim will explain

how to manage transition.

YEO was founded in 1987 by Verne Harnish and has grown to over 800 members representing over \$7 billion in sales and 16,000 employees world wide. The original YEO board included Julie Brice (I Can't Believe It's Yogurt), Jimmy Calano (Career-Track) and Neil Balter (California Closest Company) to name a few. In 1990 Ray Hickok, the founder of the Young Presidents Organization was appointed honorary founder of YEO and Peter Thomas, founder of Century 21 Real Estate in Canada was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, openings and other key business news with Farmington-area connections. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residency and employment and a photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335. The Observer's fax number is (810) 477-9722.

THE FOURMOBILE GROUP

of Farmington Hills has announced the promotion of Kathryn (Katie) Welch to the position of systems trainer in their Information Systems Department. Also joining the company as corporate controller is Joan Frohlich.

Welch had been site manager for the Fourmobile Group since 1981 and now will devote her attention to developing software programs for the company, create training programs and implementing those programs to Fourmobile's site and corporate teams. Frohlich was formerly employed by Kirchner Hutten Perlin, P.C. and has extensive experience in auditing government-assisted communities. The certified public accountant will be responsible for financial reporting for the Fourmobile Group.

THE MICHIGAN PSYCHOANALYTIC Center of Farmington Hills has opened its new office at 32841 Middlebelt Road. There will be five organizations housed in the center.

DANIEL M. LUTZ has been named senior associate of Ludwig and Karas, Inc., of Farmington Hills. Ludwig and Karas is a commercial real estate and development firm. Lutz has been with the compa-

ny for five years and will continue to specialize in retail sales and leasing.

VERNICE DAVIS ANTHONY, of Farmington Hills has received the 1995 Wayne State University Distinguished Alumni Award. Davis Anthony is senior vice president of Urban and Community Health for St. John Health Systems.

The Alumni Award is given by the university for distinguished service or accomplishment in any field of human endeavor, for singular contributions to the cultural or spiritual life of a community, or for outstanding personal service rendered to the university over a period of years.

Anthony was recently appointed to the WSU Board of Governors. She has a long history of being on the forefront of public health. Anthony has served as the director of the Michigan Department of Public Health.

MERCY HEALTH SERVICES of Farmington Hills has announced the appointment of Steven Shlivinsky, APR, as associate vice president of corporate communications. He will be responsible for developing communication strategies and practices, including media relations, public relations and internal communications.

FORMER FARMINGTON HILLS resident Lisa Dawson has been promoted to area manager at Manpower Inc., of Howell. Dawson will be customizing Manpower's services to meet the staffing needs of area companies in addition to implementing the company's quality initiative ISO 9000 locally. Dawson has been with Manpower for six years. She is an active member of the Brighton and Howell Chamber of Commerce as well as the Human Resource Association of the greater Detroit region. Dawson now lives in Highland Town-

ship with her husband and son.

MICHAEL THOMAS

of Farmington was named engineering supervisor of Etamic Corporation in Plymouth. Thomas will oversee Etamic's Engineering Department with responsibilities for design of pneumatic and electronic gaging machines and systems. He has more than 25 years experience in mechanical engineering, machine design and manufacturing within the pneumatic and electronic gaging industry. Thomas, a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology, had been senior mechanical designer for Gehring Corporation prior to joining Etamic.

MARC A. BOROVY, D.P.M.

of Farmington Hills has been named chairman of several external relations committees of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA). Dr. Borovy was named the Medicare representative of the MPMA and chairman of MPMA's Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Contact Advisory Committee, BCBSM Liaison Committee, and the Unionall Business Committee. He has offices in Oak Park and Novi and is chief of Podiatric Surgery at Providence Hospital. He is also affiliated with Sinai and Hutzell Hospitals.

NTH CONSULTANTS, LTD., an engineering firm, has promoted Kevin B. Hoppe, P.E. of Farmington Hills to vice president. Hoppe has held various technical and management positions, including project engineer and project manager, since he joined NTH in 1983.

KATHRYN BILLS

of Farmington Hills has been named administrative assistant at R.E. Launs, Inc., a Southfield-based advertising, public relations and marketing agency.

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