

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

GABRIEL-HAAPAPURO

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel of Port Orange, Florida, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to Matthew Alan Haapapuro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haapapuro of Farmington Hills. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Spruce Creek High School and Daytona Beach Community College. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hurston High School and Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. He is employed as a commercial air pilot.

A December wedding is planned in Central Baptist Church, Daytona Beach.



MAYOTTE-DOYLE

Eileen Louise Doyle and Mark James Mayotte were married Oct. 12 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota by the Rev. Stephen O'Connell. She is the daughter of Jim and Mary Doyle of Minneapolis, Minnesota and he is the son of Jim and Camille Mayotte of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is employed by the American Express Financial Services as a financial advisor.

The groom is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and received his master's at the University of Wisconsin School of Engineering. He is employed by Medtronic, Inc. as a field clinical engineer.

Ann Wagner served as maid of honor with bridesmaids, Wendy Anderson, Karen Doyle, Liz Doyle, Nancy Doyle, Amy Mayotte and Jen Soerens.



Scott Mayotte served as best man with groomsmen, Andy Draminski, Jim Hattori, Mark Lucas, Joe McCarthy, Jim Nikiewicz and Yehudit Shern. The couple received guests at the Hotel Sofitel, Minneapolis, Minnesota before leaving on a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. They are making their home in Tampa, Florida.

HARKINS-SACCA

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harkins of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Eileen Mary, to Dominic Jude Sacca, son of Mrs. Eleanor Sacca of Southfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Siena Heights Catholic College and received her master's from the University of Detroit. She is employed by Southfield Public Schools as a teacher.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne State University and is employed by American Express Financial Advisors as a financial advisor.

A December wedding is planned in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington.



Garden club luncheon planned

Members of the Farmington Garden Club will hold their annual Christmas luncheon at the Longacre House at 24705 Farmington Road, on Monday, Dec. 2.

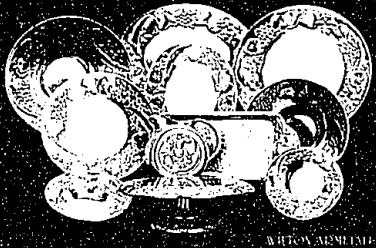
Luncheon will be served at 11:30. Kay Blakeney is hostess/chairman while Marge Erschele, Jessie Lind and Peg Moore assist. After a short business meeting, the program will include renowned floral artist Jerome Rafka from McFarland's Florist-Greenhouses giving a

talk on tips to help create holiday home decor and gift giving ideas for a "Home for the Holidays" spirit.

The horticulture hint for the month is to prune your evergreens and use them for your Christmas decorations in wreaths, swags, window boxes, patio tubs and any other outdoor container. Be sure to treat the greens first for long lasting beauty.

There will be no January meeting.

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According to credit experts, having a number of credit cards can be just as detrimental to the granting of further credit as a history of late payments. Lenders look at it this way: If you have ten credit cards, each with a limit of \$5,000, that means you have the potential to run up \$50,000 in debt virtually any time you choose. That mere possibility makes you a greater risk, from their point of view.

The moral of the story? If you are planning to apply for a home loan in the future, keep only those credit cards you actually need to use and cancel the others.

If there is a move in your future, Randal Goodson, Vice President, The Prudential Great Lakes Realty, is ready to serve you. Call him at 810-539-3445 or drop by his office at

31000 Northwestern Highway Suite 101 Farmington Hills.



Keep holiday expectations realistic

The holidays are a time for families to come home, to get together, to forget past differences and really enjoy the time together. But even under the best of circumstances, holidays can put a strain on any relationship or family.

Relationship experts Lorraine Stefano and Elliot Gold offer the following tips to help make peace on earth a reality.

Have realistic expectations for the holidays. We often think that people will be different. If your family never sings, joyfully, during the rest of the year, don't expect the holiday

season to create perfect harmony.

Your partner's view of the holidays may be different from yours. For you the holidays may be all fun and excitement. But for your partner they could mean gloom and doom. This is a great opportunity to learn about your partner. Talk about holiday events, tree decorating, gift giving before they happen so neither of you are disappointed.

The holidays can bring out both the best and worst in people. It's too easy to see others' faults and flaws during the

holidays. The key is to focus on the positive qualities of those around you.

Begin your own holiday traditions. If the old traditions aren't working, create new experiences for your family. Try new foods for dinner, open presents at a different time or different place, change the guest list. Make the holidays what you want them to be.

Be sure to take care of yourself during the holidays. Don't forget the most important person on your list. Give yourself a gift. Do something special for the holiday season.

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often will reinvest that energy into a fund dedicated to the memory of their child.

Kaye calls it "doing your sadness work."

"Everyone must find an active way to come to terms with something sad. Most of us find ways to manage our sadness. What is interesting to me is when sadness work fails, some get stuck in it and this is the condition we call depression. Feeling more sad with the accompanying feeling of being overwhelmed."

Kaye is aware of the biological theories of depression, which site a chemical imbalance in the brain for depression. Some of the more modern anti-depres-

sive drugs on the market are designed to boost those chemicals, he said.

Another theory touts the neurological structure of the brain, which is intimately involved with the emotional center of a person, as being off balance.

"I'm not sure we'll have all the answers in our lifetime," he said. Kaye favors another theory of depression "more psychological. Some of us are not equipped with ways to get over feelings of loss and disappointment."

He believes this often goes back to childhood, when youngsters weren't allowed to express feelings of sadness or anger.

"When you felt sad, you were

told to smile. When you were angry, you were ignored. You were told to show a good face. This teaches children to stay away from their emotional life. It's like if you grow up in a home where sports aren't emphasized. You stay away from sports."

Trying to ignore blue moods won't work. "You can't just sweep those feelings under the carpet and get busy with other things," Kaye said. "You eventually get tired and the feelings come back at you."

"Try to figure out what's causing depression. Medications can bring relief but get to the root of it."

(The Michigan Psychological Association psychologist's statewide referral service can be reached at 800-270-9070.)

Volunteers

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two days of lemonade sales to the cause. Thirteen year old Danielle Whitmore has become a regular fixture at our fundraisers, appearing as Peter Cottontail and The Great Pumpkin.

Tim Glass, also 13, and his sister, Amanda, 10, have taken on the responsibility of running our concession stands the last several years. Many of the other kids have been very generous with their time, and you can really see them enjoy the spirit of helping.

We are always looking for new members. The group is very informal. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at the Longacre House. We sponsor eight to 10 fund-raisers every year, and several get-togethers for members and their families.

Our events include the Great Pumpkin party, Mom's Second Hand sale, the Arts and Crafts show, Christmas for the Underprivileged, lunch with Peter Cottontail, Kids Day in the Park, and the Baby Beautiful contest. New ideas are always welcome.

Please drop in at a meeting, with or without kids. We are always looking for new members. Call 788-2735.

(Stephanie Olen is president of the Farmington Hills Community Women.)

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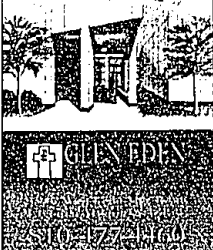
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