

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

FUND-RAISER For Clarenceville United Methodist Church 1997 Entertainment Passbooks. Donation: \$40. Contact Jim Robinson at 347-1535 or the church office at 474-3444.

CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE Is registering for its new eight-part series of "Hava Nagila! Let's Be Happy," a Jewish enrichment program for 3 and 4 year olds. The new series will be offered at the synagogue on Thursday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 9. The cost is \$75 per child and space is limited. The theme will be "Kashet Ha'Yvrit" (Hebrew Rainbow) featuring stories, games, and language activities. "Hava Nagila" is open to all interested families regardless of affiliation. Another eight-part series will begin in March. For more information or to register call education director Rita Abramson at 788-0600.

FOOD, CLOTHING DRIVE At Farmington Hills City Hall will be held throughout the holiday season. Food, clothing, personal care items (like toothpaste and tissues) can be dropped off at city hall or the police station during business hours. Especial-

ly needed are food, baby and children's items. These will be distributed by local Salvation Army.

MAID OF ERIN Girls 17 to 23 years old of Irish decent are invited to compete for the Maid of Erin to be held Feb. 22. Winner can win a free trip to Ireland participates at all Irish functions. Information, Bridie Flynn at 313-464-8556.

TRAIN SHOW Hold Jan. 25 and 26 at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Fee \$5 for adults and kids under 12 free with adults.

S.T.E.P. TEEN System Training for Effective Parenting of Teens sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance starting Jan. 9 through March 6, 7-9:30 p.m. in Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street. Cost \$21 single and \$26 a couple. Information, Deborah McAleer, 489-3434.

COWLEY'S OLD VILLAGE INN Friday, Jan. 3 at 9:30 p.m. Odd Enough, Modern Celtic Music.

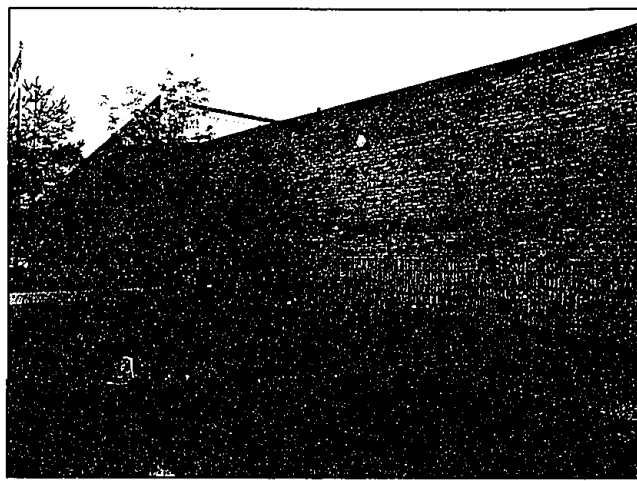
WILLS, TRUSTS And Estate Planning Options lecture held Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7-8 p.m. in Borders Books and Music in Farmington at 3095 Grand Lakes Blvd at 14 Mile sponsored by Quince Moore & Associates, Inc.

FREE IMMUNIZATION Oakland County Health Division offers immunization clinic at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Information, 926-9331.

WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB Of Livonia offers classes for beginners obedience as well as puppy headstart programs. Classes start Jan. 14 and Jan. 15. Information, 476-8650.

DROP-IN DRAWING CLUB Held Jan. 11 and 14 in Orchard Ridge Campus L Building Room 203, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, Leon Schochit, 661-5291.

PIONEER TO SPEAK Jane Elliott, one of America's most celebrated and dynamic



Books Galore: The Farmington branch library resumes normal business hours today, Jan. 2, after a two-week special holiday schedule. Call 474-7770 for more information.

diversity trainers, will speak at Madonna University in Livonia, Friday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. No charge

ACCEPTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications through Monday, March 3, from admitted students for the 1997-98 academic year. Applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling 313-432-5663. Information 432-5737.

AMERICAN LEGION And Auxiliary meets Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m., 31776 Grand River. Information, 474-3451.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

The 17th Festival of Band will be held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi beginning at 11 a.m. Concerts will be performed at regular intervals throughout the day.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WESTERN OAKLAND PARKINSON Support Group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt. Information, 476-3404, 478-0189 or 474-0003.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE Manic-Depressive and Depressive Associates support group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Providence Hospital, 47601

Grand River, Novi. Information, 386-3625.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM An educational/support group for children 4-11 years impacted by the effects of chemical dependency. Held Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Farmington Area Counseling Centers, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. For information, call Ginn Schafer, 477-8767.

CARE MINISTRIES Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (313) 427-LIFE, Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. No charge.

POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings scheduled at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Information, 737-3612.

CRONIN & COLLIS FOUNDATION Self help group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Orchard Lake Office Center, 28230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100-A. Information, Marie, 313-420-4434 or Mindy, 810-851-4938.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT Are you drinking too much? MM is a free self-help group and nine-step program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking and support to change your drinking habits. Not intended for alcoholics. Meets every Tuesday night, 7-8 p.m. in Universalist Church, 23501 Haled Road, Farmington Hills. Information, 313-677-6007.

RATIONAL RECOVERY Self help organization for men and women who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol substance abuse and/or other self-defeating behaviors. They meet Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Harrison School in Garden City and Fridays at 7 p.m. in Garden City Hospital. Information, 476-2657.

A.I.M. Agoraphobics in Motion, a anxiety phoby organization. Because there are many chapters we ask you call 810-547-0400 for a listing.

PROJECT RACHEL Healing the wounds of abortion. Let us help you in a sensitive and confidential 11 week program. All faiths welcome. Information, 1-888-RACHEL5. Sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

CANCER WELLNESS GROUP Meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. in Botsford's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River. Information, 477-6100.

TEEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP Is a 12-week educational support group for teens (12-18), struggling with chemical abuse, family problems, and other life stressors that affect themselves and their loved ones. It is held on Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Farmington Area Counseling Centers, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Information, 473-1290.



THE "GOODS" ON REAL ESTATE

by Randal Goodson THE REALTOR AS A GO-BETWEEN

People who try to sell their own homes begin to appreciate the expertise of professional Realtors as soon as their first offer comes in. They want to sell their home, and they have found prospects who want to buy. But what happens next? When the negotiating process begins, things can get 'sticky'. First, there are personalities involved, and real estate transactions rarely bring out the best in people. The buyers may seem unreasonable if they make an offer that is considerably less than the sellers are willing to accept. At that point the buyers may become offended by the sellers' attitude. When professional Realtors are involved, the process is much less adversarial. The two parties see very little of each other until the rough edges have been smoothed out and there has been a meeting of the minds. Good Realtors know how to keep personalities out of the transaction and to help both sides reach a mutually agreeable compromise.

If you are considering a move, contact Randal Goodson, Vice-President, The Prudential Great Lakes Realty. Call him at 810-626-9100 or stop by his office at 31000 Northway, Suite 101, Farmington Hills.



Poetry contest offers cash prizes

A \$1,000 prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by the International Library of Famous Poets. There is no entry fee and everyone is free to enter. "This is our favorite contest of the year," says poetry editor Dr.

G. Charles Nash, "because it encourages beginners. We want to find the best grassroots poets among those writing in Michigan, and in the Farmington area."

The deadline for entering is Jan. 28. Poems may be written

on any subject, using any style, but keep copies as none can be returned. Winners will be notified by the end of June.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 421 N. Rodeo Dr., suite 16-644, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Auto preview to benefit children's charities

For the past 11 years, the Detroit Institute for Children has been participating in the annual gala celebration hosted by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association on the evening prior to the official opening of the North American International Auto Show.

This year, leaders from both the private and public sector will come together on Friday, Jan. 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Cobo Center in Detroit to celebrate an integral part of this area's economy, and do a good turn for the community.

Proceeds from this \$176 a ticket black tie affair benefit ten local children's charities. During the past 10 years, more than \$8 million has been raised to benefit agencies like the Detroit Institute for Children, a United Way agency which provides medical and rehabilitative care to children with disabilities. This year's charity preview is expected to raise more than \$2 million for DIC and the other charities.

In 1996, DIC received nearly \$320,000 from charity preview proceeds to help provide care in more than 30 specialty programs and services to more than 4,000

special needs children and their families from all over Michigan. Tickets for charity preview are still available by calling 313-832-1100, ext. 205. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted for ticket purchases.

Attendees can select the charity they would like to receive the proceeds from their ticket purchase. In addition to the Detroit Institute for Children, other charities include the Bent Child and Family Services; Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan; Boys Hope Detroit; Children's Center; Children's Homes of Judson Center; Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League; Detroit Police Athletic League (PAL); Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan; and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Mystery from page B1

at the store for book signings. More author appearances are planned in February.

Although not a common sign of the times, the mystery bookstore theme is not a new idea.

"It's been in other parts of the country for 10 years," Tiernan said.

In Michigan, there's Aunt Agatha's in Ann Arbor and Deadly Passion in Kalamazoo.

"Eight of the current books on the bestseller list fall into this genre of mystery and suspense or horror," said Peaslee. "There's certainly a market for it."

Customers have come from as far away as Monroe and Port Huron. Businessmen rooming at the nearby Holiday Inn have been a mainstay.

"I have one businessman from Tennessee who calls now requesting tapes and books for his trips here," Tiernan said.

Books recorded on tape is growing in popularity among a new customer base: those who travel for their work, particularly trucker drivers, she noted.

"We have a lot of truckers

who enjoy mysteries on tape. They trade them."

The store hosts the Mystery Mavens book club which meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss a particular book. Other extras include a seasonal newsletter and a twice a year mystery road rally, created by road rally expert Tiernan.

Hardcover books always sell for 20 percent off the list price. Special sales offer 10 percent off paperbacks on a regular schedule.

The store will special order books that are not mystery related.

"Our special orders arrive in about five days, unlike the large bookstore chains that take much longer," Jeff Peaslee said.

A bargain corner offers books at 30 percent or more discount. And there's a \$1 a book bin.

Murder, Mystery & Mayhem, at 15167 Grand River, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 to 7, and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Call 471-7210 for more information.

Prostate from page B1

ing if cancer of the prostate is present. One such method is by an ultrasound test and another is a PSA prostate specific antigen test. The latter being the newest and most widely used test for prostate cancer. It is a blood test.

However, prostate cancer is one thing, BPE and BPH are something else, although the symptoms may be the same. But this article is not about prostate cancer; it's about BPH and BPE and what a man can do about it if he thinks he has one or the other.

Of course, the obvious is to see your doctor and tell him or her of your problem. There have been a couple of new drugs for reducing the size of the benign enlarged prostate in the last couple of years. But not so widely touted are a couple of drugs that do not shrink the prostate but have been proven to work even better to reduce the symptoms of BPH and BPE. The most widely prescribed drug for this condition is hytrin (terazosin HCT).

Hytrin was originally tested and produced to lower blood

pressure. But a couple of years ago doctors patients who were taking hytrin for blood pressure and had BPE or BPH reported dramatic reductions and relief of those symptoms.

Now hytrin is prescribed for both high blood pressure, BPE and BPH, since the latter two have the same symptoms. Hytrin relaxes the muscles around the prostate and often produces the desired effects of reducing the urinary symptoms.

Now, another sister drug to hytrin which is chemically similar and is said to produce the same effects as hytrin, is beginning to gain acceptance. It has the generic name doxazosin mesylate. The latter is about 25 percent less costly than hytrin. The official medical protocol for treating BPE and BPH is "watchful waiting." This means taking any medicine the doctors prescribe and going back for regular checkups. For those who may read this and are already on hytrin, you may try asking your doctor about doxazosin mesylate. (Kenneth Kemp is a Farmington Hills resident.)

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