

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



MURRAY-WYANT
Kenneth and Linda Murray of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Shawn Wyant, the son of Elizabeth Pearce of Redford. A July 2001 wedding is planned at St. Gerald Church in Farmington to be followed by a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. The couple will honeymoon in the Caribbean and make their home in Farmington.



MANOOOGIAN-ISENBERG
Michele Nicole Isenberg and Michael Dick Manooogian were married on May 20, 2000 at St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Maureen Isenberg of Farmington Hills, and the groom is the son of Shirley Manooogian of Bloomfield Hills and the late Mike Manooog Manooogian. The bride's maid of honor was her sister Jennifer Isenberg and bridesmaids were Stephanie Scheuring and Tanya Proctor. The groom's best man was his

brother Ralph Manooogian. Groomsmen were Craig Baker and Jason Howell. A reception was held at the Northfield Hilton in Troy and the newlyweds spent their honeymoon cruising the Southern Caribbean.

Want to announce a wedding or engagement? Forms are available at the Farmington Observer office, 35411 Grand River, Farmington. Or call 477-5450.

Longacre auction set

An Enchanted Evening is the theme of the 3rd annual Longacre House fundraiser auction scheduled Sunday, April 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A silent and a live auction - including bidding on a night out with prominent eligible bachelors - and tantalizing hors d'oeuvres are planned. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Call the Longacre House at 477-8404 during regular business hours.

Tax help available for seniors at Costick

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

The Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division and the American Association of Retired Persons will present a filing help for seniors at the Costick Activities Center again this year.

Members of AARP with training from the Internal Revenue Service will help seniors file tax

returns free of charge. Help will be available on the following Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dates include Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, and April 3 and 10.

The Costick Center is located at 28600 11 Mile Road, east of

Middlebelt.

Bring 2000 W forms, 1099 forms, interest records, dividends, Social Security received in 2000, record of the amount of real estate taxes or rent paid and to whom last year. A copy of your 1999 tax return would be helpful to tax preparers.

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confide in you. Stop doing all the things that people do, for example, "Are you lying to me?" "Tell me the truth." "You did THAT after I told you a hundred times to stay away from him?" "You were stupid enough to go there? I don't want to hear another word." "WHAT! Somebody offered you drugs?" Again it goes back to really listening. The child says, "You know I was at a party and they were passing around alcohol," and instead of "Ughh!", it's just like, "Passing around alcohol, tell me more. So you felt you were under pressure?"

"Yeah, you know, I didn't want to drink." "You didn't want to, but you felt awkward about it." "Well that's right, because everybody was saying, yeah what's the matter with you? You chicken?" "Oh, so you felt put down. You didn't quite know what to say." "Yeah." "Let's see, what could you say when people are pressuring you to do things that you don't want to do? That's not easy. Let's think about that." In other words no rush, no hurry, no judgment, no criticism, no ridicule. I'm listening. I'm working with you. I'm respecting your process.

Mazlish: It's also about respecting if the child doesn't want to talk about it. When something is very upsetting, to just say, "You may not feel like talking about it now, but honey I'll be upstairs and if you feel like talking, I'm here."

So is it really listening and not overreacting?

Mazlish: Right, it's not overreacting and holding back on being judgmental. "My God, you did that! When the kid is miserable and unhappy or worried or frightened or whatever, for us to be our most mature."

What is the most helpful skill a parent can start with to create harmony in the home?

Faber: Really acknowledging and listening to feelings, that's fundamental. The overall fundamental skill is enjoy your child

and speak to him with respect.

Mazlish: But you know what? There are some kids that you don't enjoy. There are some not as adorable as others. There are some children who are less attractive or in a class full of very bright students, they are C students. I would look for the one thing about the kid that you do admire. Find that positive thing and reflect the child's brightness back. Be able to see

the positive in the child and also help them develop other aspects of their life. If he isn't a brilliant student, he may be interested in art or music or dance or sports, something that he or she can do that helps them to feel good.

Should parents talk differently with their teens than they do with younger children?

Faber: The vocabulary may be different, but the principles are

the same.

Mazlish: People say, "Is it too late with teens?" The answer is truly it is never too late. Is it ever too late to breathe fresh air?

Marilyn Suttle brings skill building workshops like the How to Talk class to corporate and educational settings. Reach her at MsSuttle@aol.com or visit her web site: <http://member.aol.com/MsSuttle>.

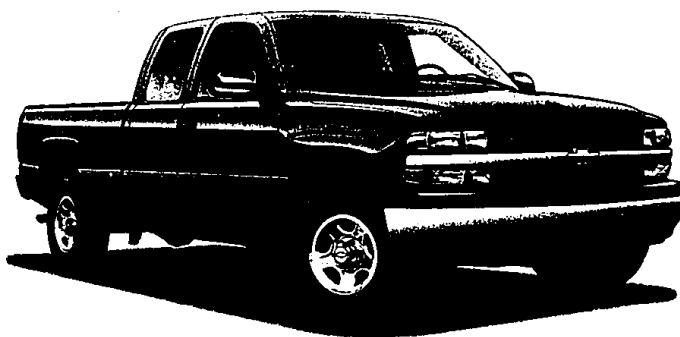
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Bowl for
Alzheimer's

The 12th annual Bowling Bonanza for the Alzheimer's Association will be Saturday, March 3, at Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia.

The morning session begins at 10, and the afternoon session begins at 2. A \$10-per-person registration fee includes three games per bowler, pizza and refreshments. Collect \$50 in pledges to receive an official Bowling Bonanza T-shirt. There will be door prizes and incentive prizes for the top pledge collectors. For registration and more information, call (248) 657-8277.

This year, more than 600 bowlers, including the Farmington Singles, are expected to attend.

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to providing education, training, advocacy, research and support for Alzheimer's victims and their families. The Detroit area chapter serves Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties, with direct services including counseling, in-home and group respite, safe return, telephone help line, support groups and education and training for families and health care professionals.