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# Kids plan teen center at arena

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Middle and high school students in the area have put together a plan to refurbish the upstairs area of the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Todd Lipa, Youth and Family Services program director for Farmington Hills, said pending Hills council approval, work could start in mid-August.

The second-story area currently serves as an after-school hangout for local teens.

Lipa said students told him

they would like to use the rooms on weekends and as a place to simply hang out.

Lipa said the 3,000-square-foot main room that overlooks the ice rink, and an adjoining room at 1,000 square feet, will be redone.

"We need to redo the drywall, paint the floor, fix the floor space, put in new lighting maybe have an open mike for the kids on the weekends," he said of middle and high school students.

Some of the regular attending students drafted a design of what they would like to see the rooms become, Lipa said, and

the main goal is to make the area fun, friendly and comfortable.

Lipa said he is looking for volunteers who might like to help with the project.

Spearheading the renovation is a \$23,000 donation from the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation and a \$10,000 grant from CVS, the director said.

"A lot of sweat equity will be put in by the kids and parents," Lipa said.

He said anyone wishing to help donate time or materials is

encouraged to call him at (248) 473-1841.

Any construction companies willing to offer materials at cost would also be a big help, he said.

"Over the next six to eight weeks, we'll sit with the kids and people at Ice Arena and come up with a plan," Lipa said.

"It's a good community project and it's good for the kids to be a part of it to make their space more friendly."

"Our hats are off to John Anbut and the EDC," he added.

## Bonior receives great response in Westland

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Congressman David Bonior's run for Michigan governor brought him to Westland Tuesday, where he spoke to a packed room at the Beehive on Wayne Road.

I've been in government awhile," said the Macomb County Democrat, who faces Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and former governor James Blanchard in the Aug. 6 Democratic primary.

His message was a big hit with the audience, which included Bill Kesslak of Farmington Hills, one of a number of union supporters. He's a member of the International Union of Painters and

### ■ 'He supports the working person.'

**Bill Kesslak**  
—Farmington Hills  
union supporter

Allied Trades and came out because he supports Bonior.

"He supports the working person," said Kesslak, who is concerned about the livelihood of working people.

The Detroit native told the audience of about 125 that his parents taught him those who work hard deserve a decent wage, good health care and pensions.

There's been no federal action on senior prescriptions, he said, adding he would buy drugs in bulk and feed them down to hospitals. The U.S. government does that for veterans, he said.

"With 10 million people, we'll get it at a bigger rate."

Bonior drew a strong response when he decried dumping of Canadian garbage in Michigan. Clean water, air and land are vital, he said.

"We should have the best roads in the world and we don't," said Bonior.

He said the state mental health system is a disaster and, in response to a question, vowed to use tobacco settlement money for health care, including mental health.

Bonior said schools need more teachers and other resources, along with after-school programs and bond construction.

Proposal A has narrowed the school funding gap a bit, he said, but some districts need more. Bonior said he supports an enhancement millage limited to 1 mill.

"It would be for all districts," said Bonior, who's concerned about the impact of school taxes on seniors on fixed incomes.

Bonior said his campaign is going well and polls are encouraging. "We feel very good about it." His wife has been in the Upper Peninsula campaigning this week.

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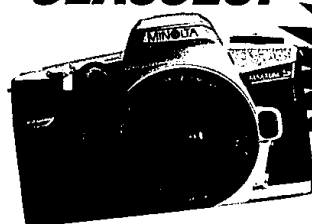
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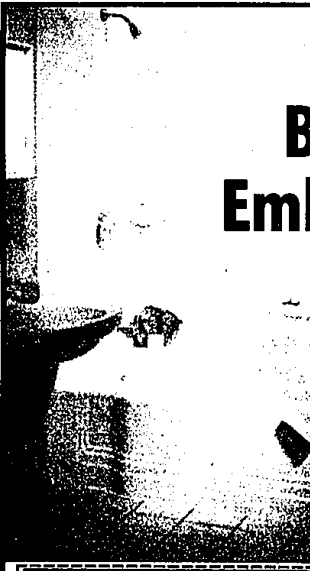
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