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Jaycees info

The farmington Area Jaycees will host an informa-tion night at 7:30 pm. Wednesday, April 2, at down-town farmington Starbucks and a Real Estate Seminar 4 5 pm. Saturday, March 29, at the farmington Hills Library.



12 Mile near Orchard Lake Road. The seminar will be taught by a licensed Realto ho will explain the steps of For information, call Stephanie Bessen, (248) 708-0665, or visit www.fajc.org. 🐵 Artists sought

The deadline for nomina-tions for the 28th annua) Artist-in-Residence and Distinguished Service to the Arts awards is next Monday.

March 24. A nomination packet can be obtained at the local city halls, libraries, William Costick Activities Center and Millers Artist Supplies or at www.homepage.mac.com/ liskalilm/AIR. Call (248) 473

lightim/Allt, Call (748) 473-1856 or e-mail Ishalim/Emac cont Er farmiquer Area Atts Commission, Artist In-Residence Committee William M. Cosick Activities Center, Cuitural Arts Division, 28600 It Mile, Farmiqolon Hills, Jul 4336. Hills, MI 48336.

BA FHS craft show

FB FHS craft show Artists and crafters are wanted to participate in Farmington High Schools 'Home for the Holdays' 14th annual Arts & Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 26 Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 26 Craft Show Saturday, Nov. 26 Craft Show A 30 pm. and Nilb be 30 am to 430 pm. and Nilb Ps. Parmington High School Football Backers, a nonprolit group. To sign up. call (248) Ar8 3016 or (248) 478 3915.

🖼 Seminar

Pa Schillidi Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with bost the Maximum Impact Simulcast "Leadership a Becoming a Champion of Change" from 9 am to 4 pm. Thursday, March 28 March 28

This interfer aspaces and the property of the point members, who approved the pilot program 6-1. "Toure not listening to what Iaspay-ers are saying," parent Nicholas Waldecker said. "You might have to "right size" the schools ... consider lay-ing off some teachers. A district committee recommended opening the doors to out-of-district students on a limited basis, filling about 20 kindergarten-through-thind grade slots at William Grace and Planders elementary schools. While officials believe collecting the up to \$8,000 that would accompany each

a m to 4 pm. Housday, March 28 The program features Dr. John C. Maxwell, Ren. Blanchard and Joe Gröbs Costis SS2 per person. Prince of Peace is at 28000 New Market Road, at 12 Mile and Farmington roads behind Farmer Jack Call (248) 553– 3180 for tickets Seminal host (Maxwell is the author of The 21 irrefutable Laws of Leadership: and The 17 indisputable Laws of Team work." Ribinchard is she author of The 2002 NEL coach, is the 2002 Winston Cup Champion



Schools have plans to cope with disaster

Novi salon moves into Hills location – Local news, A3 Farmington Hills BAAGH

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Hills

Farmington Public Schools have crisis plans in place in both the district and in collaboration with public safety agencies in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Superintendent Bob Maxfield delayed preparing a letter sent home to parents until President George Bush delivered his

Give peace a chance

Parents voice

concerns on

enrollment

BY JONI HUBRED STAFF WRITER

out-of-district

Despite efforts by Farmington school officials to explain their pari-tion, parents who oppose out-of-dis-trict open enrollment remained unconvinced Tuesday night. The issues, they said, hadn't been thoroughly aired. Parents also expressed concerns that ranged from a rampaging rumor mill to a lack of trust between taxpayrs and school board members, who approved the pilot program 6-1.

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speech Monday night. "I am writing to assure you that our first priority of our staff is to protect the well-being of each and every one of our stu-dents," Machedu wrote. "The district will immediately institute building lock down protocols in the event of a Code Red (highest hert status) during school hours, he told parents. urging them to stay tuned to Channel 10 for updates.

BY JONI HUBRED STALL WRITER

BY PAUL R. PACE STALL WEITER

There was a river flowing near Martin Salata's home over the weckend. That would be fine if it was supposed to be there, but it's not, said the Farmington Hills weident

resident. He and neighbors north of his home on Power Road near 11 Mile are upset about water flowing into their yards.

"We ask your cooperation in not calling the school, as this ties up phone lines during an emergency. Maxfield worker. It also noted parents always have he right to pick up a child from school unless conditions pose a danger for anyone being out-doors.

doors. "Dependent upon the serious-ness of an incident, access to school might be restricted for a period of time beyond our con-

trol," he said. Elementary students took home the letters; middle and high school parents were noti-fied via mail. Information is also posted on the district's Web site: wavefurmington kit minewww.farmington.k12.mi.us (under the heading, "New on

site") Maxfield also plans to do a show on the topic for TV 10. "We want to reassure the com-munity at large of the unified response that we have been working on," said Estralee Michaelson, director of Safe Schools and Student Services. "We've had lots of phone calls." Kim Heath, president of the district-wide PTA Council, is recording questions forwarded by parents so she can get them answers. answers. "People are concerned because

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Remember Noah

THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Ballroom dancing taken to

sensational heights.

Burning

Arts, Bl 10

Area's emergency, school personnel prepare as war with Irag looms 3/20

BY SUE BUCK

The Farmington Public Safety Department is pre-pared and continues to train for emergencies with its own members and in cooperation with other agen-

eles. But because of the sensitive nature of the informa-tion, Director Gary Goss asked that specifics not be

tion, Director Gay Guss asked on apecines us of reported. "Some strategies shouldn't be public at this june-ture," Goss said. "On the other hand, I believe three's a need for the public to have confidence." Since Sept. 11, 2001, preparedness has been part of Goss' daily business as the city's emergency.

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FPS faces \$3.2M budget deficit in 2003-04

the following school year. Board members got their first look at the numbers durfirst look at the numbers dur-ing a Finance Committee meeting held Tuesday, prior to their regalar meeting at the Lewis B. Schulmann Adulinistrative Building in Farmington. Business Office Director Mary Reynolds said administrators have already trimuned \$500,000 from this

"So we can't just reduce these budgets by the same amount next year? asked Board member Frank Reid. "Right," Reynolds answrred. Reynolds said the proposed 2003-2004 'roll up' budget includes step salary increases, ward.

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Diane Konopka, Judy Mariette and her daughter Annalee Morrison were among the early St. Patrick's Day revelers at Cowley's.



vision.

Power properties



Gov. Jennifer Granholm may have stemmed the flood of red ink, but Farmington school officials still face a multi-million dollar deficit in 2003-2004. What's worse, next year's \$2.3 million problem is expected to more than double **River runs through**

They're blaming it on the start of a housing development on a bill north of their houses. Salats's neighbor, Gai Salley, took videotape of the flowling were the warm weckend, which caused snow to mell rapidly. With the rainy spring season approaching, she's wortied how much more run-off will flow from the Oakland Hills subdi-vision.

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an anticipated 30 percent like in Insurance costs and at least 5 percent in added attlly costs. It includes no increase in the retirement contribution percentage (currently 12.99 percent of payroll) or straight percentage alary increases. Assuming a flat contribu-tion from the state through

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