

# club circuit

**STRIKING SINGLES**, a network of bowling leagues for singles will kick off the season with 12 new leagues, scheduled to begin play late in September and early October.

Each of the 12 bowling centers will host a "Get Acquainted Night" for its leagues the last week in September, open to all singles, members and non-members alike. Singles interested in attending are invited to call the group's hotline, 427-1804, to learn the date of the "Get Acquainted Night" in the bowling center nearest their residence.

In addition to bowling, the group offers parties, dances and tournaments.

**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-TROY SINGLES** meet for an "All Singles Clubs" dance party at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Troy Hilton. "Sharp attire" is requested. Admission is available only to those over 21, from all surrounding communities. Entrance fee of \$3 is asked at the door.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**, Farmington Hills

Chapter 2088, meets at 1 p.m. Friday in the downstairs room of Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. The meeting is open to all persons over the age of 55, whether retired or not, at no charge.

Program for the afternoon will be a film, presented by members of the Farmington Hills Police Department, showing how seniors can be protected from con games.

**FARMINGTON HILLS SENIOR ADULT CENTER** will have the cameras ready at 10 a.m. Friday for all seniors wishing to get their picture taken. The picture will be transferred onto a discount card which allows the card holder discounts on both goods and services at cooperating businesses throughout Oakland County.

From 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 10, seniors can get flu shots in the center in Mercy Center complex, on 11 Mile Road, through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt Road.

The month's agenda of regular events and special activities is listed in

The Senior Messenger, the seniors' newsletter, available for pick-up in the center.

**DETROIT STORY LEAGUE** meets at noon Saturday in Southfield Public Library, in Southfield Civic Center on Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Guests are welcome without charge. Guests and members bring a bag lunch, beverage and dessert is served by the hostesses.

Workshop leaders for the day are Violet Altshuler of Farmington Hills; Barbara Schults of Ann Arbor and Alice McCoy of Southfield.

The service organization provides storytellers for groups of adults as well as children. Persons wishing to arrange for a storytelling program are invited to call Roberta Bulough of Livonia, 464-7084.

**FARMINGTON KIWANIS** meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Farmington Elks Lodge, Orchard Lake Road, north of Grand River.

Speaker for the evening is Joel Sa-

guine, station manager for University of Michigan FM radio WUOM, who will be introduced by Garry Latta, Kiwanis International representative.

Guests are welcome to call Lloyd Smith, 474-2431, for a reservation.

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets, for a panel discussion called "Farmington in 2001."

Panel members are Terry Frisco of WXYZ-TV; Bob Deadman, Farmington City manager; and Lee Peel, local historian.

The meeting is open to all interested persons without charge.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 32903 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

## Betz joins agency

A new Farmington Hills resident, C. Randall Betz, has joined Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM).

Betz, a former resident of Medina, Ohio, is manager of data processing for the agency, which is based in Detroit and has programs in 17 Michigan cities in the lower peninsula.

Betz was formerly director of computer services at American Health Care Center in Wadsworth, Ohio.

A graduate of Kent State University, he received his degree in computer science in 1983. At LSSM Betz will be implementing a new in-house computer system which is expected to be in place by January 1986.

## Wayne state's biggest county

There are great differences in Michigan's 83 counties.

Wayne County, being the most populous in the state, has a broader scope of responsibilities. More than 4,500 persons are engaged in the governing of Wayne.

They operate with a budget topping \$253 million. In addition, the Road Commission has a separate budget

exceeding \$150 million. Of the monies collected, 47 percent come from property taxes, 51 percent from non-property tax revenues and 1 percent from state grants.

Well over half of the county's budget dollar is spent on health and welfare. General government accounts for 16 percent, judicial and legal expense 14 percent, and law enforcement and related expenses 20 percent.

## What's the matter with kids today?

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"There's some evidence, for example, that males may not spend more than six minutes a day with their children. Then we wonder why, when a kid gets to be 15 or 16, he has problems. I've got to be willing to invest my own personhood, my vulnerability, my feelings, not just my money, but my time. It doesn't cost that much."

"Sometimes we don't make the investment. If they're having problems, we ship them off, rather than getting really involved ourselves. Personally, I'm going to put my investment in what I can really do something about," said Flatter, adding that parents can do

more about parenting for example, than terrorism.

"Media plays an incredible role, and TV often becomes the parent by default... and there's nobody there to help young people interpret what they're seeing. So they get a patchy — not integrated — identity."

Flatter considers himself a "cognitive behavioral therapist, not analytically oriented in the clinical sense, and not a strict Skinnerian."

His approach involves exploring the client's beliefs and "self-talk," assessing events and desired behavioral changes, exploring alternative ways of changing.

### Space for rent

Applications are being accepted from crafters who wish to show their work in St. Raphael Catholic Church's Craft Fair Sunday, Nov. 3. The church is at Merriman and Ford Road in Garden City. Table fee is \$15 for the day.

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