

around Farmington

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TOGIF COCKTAILS
Friday, Jan. 30: TOGIF (Thank God It's Friday) Cocktail Party launches Singles Group for the Young Professionals, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Open to singles 25-35 years of age. Reservations, at \$5 each, are necessary, made by calling the center, 477-8104.

HERBAL WREATH
Friday, Jan. 30: Carol Caccowacki serves her own herb tea while participants create their own herbal wreath for year-round or seasonal

decoration, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

MYSTICAL MYSTERY
Friday through Sunday, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1: "Mystical Mystery," weekend for guests to play super sleuths in Bolsoford Inn solving an original mystery with mysticism, "The Pine Tree Riot." Package price includes lodging, meals, and reception with prizes. Reservations are necessary by calling the inn, 474-4600.

OCTETTE BRIDGE
Friday, Jan. 30: "The Octette Bridge Club" staged by Farmington Players at 9 p.m. in the Players Barn on 12 Mile, between Farmington Road and Orchard Lake Road. Also Feb. 1, 5-7, 12-14. The box office number is 626-5081.

TAX-AIDE

Friday and Tuesday, Jan. 30 and Feb. 3: Help in preparing 1986 income tax forms for people over 60 years of age available from tax aides from noon to 3 p.m. every Friday in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty, and from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, in Mercy Center complex, through Gate 4 on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. Free assistance given by Retired Persons Tax-Aide program continues until April 14.

FESTIVAL OF BANDS
Saturday, Jan. 31: "Festival of Bands," with community bands from Farmington, Birmingham, Lansing, Plymouth, Novi, South Oakland and Schoolcraft College from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in 12 Oaks Mall, Novi. Master of ceremonies is Carl Grapentine of WFMT-Chicago.

WALL PAPERING AND PAINTING
Saturday, Jan. 31: "Wall Papering and Painting Clinics," tricks of the trade taught in two-session class beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$12. Reservations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, Feb. 1: Open House from 2-5 p.m. launches Farmington Community Center Week, with tours of the building, entertainment, refreshments, and exhibit by Farmington Artists Club members. The center is at 24705 Farmington Road. No charge.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sunday, Feb. 1: Spaghetti dinner served from 4-7 p.m. in St. Francis Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middlebelt. Fund-raiser sponsored by The Defenders of the Unborn. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for those under five years, at the door.

SOFT SCULPTURE
Monday, Feb. 2: "Soft Sculpture Designing," introduction to the art by Carolyn Hall, author and lecturer in soft sculpture who shows a display of 28 animals than can be created, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$5. Reservations taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

GED TESTING
Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 2-3: GED (General Educational Development) tests given at 6 p.m. by Clarenceville Adult Education Department. Advance registration is

necessary by calling the department, 473-8900.

WOMEN AND SOCIAL SECURITY
Monday, Feb. 2: "A Women's Guide to Social Security," talk by Melissa Turner of Pontiac office, Social Security Administration, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge. Program sponsored by Farmington Chapter, Older Women's League.

READY TO GRADUATE
Monday, Feb. 2: "Financial Planning" continues Getting Ready to Graduate series at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library; 3:37/12 Mile. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

MOTHERHOOD
Tuesday, Feb. 3: "Motherhood Without Resentment," three-session class led by Marie Buesching, begins at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$9 for each session. Reservations are taken by calling the center, 477-8404. Baby-sitting will be available for \$2 for each of the two-hour programs.

EXPLORING SPACE
Tuesday, Feb. 3: "Exploring Space," program presented by members of Living Science Foundation using STARLAB, a mini-planetarium, at 8:30 p.m. for third to fifth graders, and at 4:30 p.m. for those from sixth grade through adult, in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$3. Reservations are necessary, by calling the center, 477-8404.

INVESTMENTS
Tuesday, Feb. 3: "Determining

Your Investment Objectives," talk by Martin Gleszkowicz of Shearson Lehman Brothers, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 4737/12 Mile. No charge but registration is requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

BEAHAN OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, Feb. 3: Open House from 7-8:30 p.m. in Thomas P. Beahan Junior High School, 23871 Power. Guests are invited to meet the staff and tour the Catholic, co-ed school for seventh and eighth graders.

MODEL RAILROADING
Wednesday, Feb. 4: "Model Railroading," program for hobbyists led by Robert Brinkman, member of Southern Oakland County Model Railroad Club, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$2. Registration taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

DIABETES
Wednesday, Feb. 4: "Diabetes Management," six-session class, begins at 7 p.m. in Bolsoford Hospital's Education Center, 34850 Grand River. Fee is \$25. Reservations taken by calling the hospital's Health Development Network, 471-8090.

VOLUNTEER GUILD
Wednesday, Feb. 4: People interested in volunteering for Farmington Community Center may attend the center's Volunteer Guild winter meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the center, 24705 Farmington Road.

INCOME TAX KNOW-HOW
Wednesday, Feb. 4: "Income Tax Know-How," two-session class begins at 7 p.m. in Room 113,

Clarenceville High School, 20210 Middlebelt. Fee is \$9. Registration taken by calling Clarenceville Community Education, 478-8900.

BOOK FAIR
Wednesday, Feb. 4: Book Fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Maria Montessori Center, 31500 13 Mile. Fair opens items from The Children's Bookshop, Marmel and Discovery Toys. No admission charge. Baby-sitting and refreshments provided.

AMERICA SINGING
Wednesday, Feb. 4: "I Hear America Singing," an all-vocal concert performed by members of Farmington Musicals at 12:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Admission is a \$1.50 at the door. Baby-sitting is available.

JELLO FUN
Thursday, Feb. 5: Youngsters from 3-6 years are asked to wear washable clothes to "Finger Jello Fun," from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$2. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

FASHION SHOW
Thursday, Feb. 5: Fashions from Laura Ashley Shop in 12 Oaks Mall shown from 3-5 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are \$2, made in the center on Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

VALENTINE CARDS
Thursday, Feb. 5: Children are invited to create Valentine's card-making party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Jacobson Children's Store, 275 N. Woodward, Birmingham. No charge.



Hearts and Flowers

Carolyn Arlon will show how to combine silk flowers, lace, ribbon and statice to create a wall hanging in a one-session workshop called "Hearts and Flowers" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 at the Farmington Community Center. The instructor, owner and operator of Carolyn's Creations, decorated one of the rooms in Fairlane for the Christmas season. Fee for the workshop is \$5. Pre-paid reservations are necessary, and can be made at the center, at 24705 Farmington Road.

Women and Social Security is topic for OWL program

Melissa Turner, who works in the Pontiac office, Social Security Administration, is the guest speaker for Farmington OWL (Older Women's League) at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. Turner's topic is "A Woman's Guide to Social Security," which she takes from a booklet recently published by the administration. She suggests women bring their questions regarding Social Security to ask during the meeting. Turner will give an overview of benefits available to women, but em-

phasize in what areas women are particularly vulnerable under the law. Social Security and its inequality to women, as it stands now, is a priority declared by National OWL for study and change in 1987. The national organization aims to institute Social Security Earning Sharing, so both parties in the household can benefit, and to make improvements in Supplemental Security Income. SSI is generally lower as the "program of last resort" for the aged and disabled who are poor. About 2 million people in the U.S.

over the age of 65 receive SSI and 75 percent are women. SSI payments are about \$325 a month, which is under the poverty line. Turner is a graduate of University of Michigan-Deerborn, employed with the Social Security Administration since 1978. A part of her job concerns the administrator's Retirement and Survivors Insurance program. Programs sponsored by Farmington Chapter OWL are open to the public free. Membership information is given by Virginia Nicolli, 474-3094.

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