

FARMINGTON NOTES

Paintings on display

A new exhibit of paintings has been hung in the Study Room of the Farmington Branch Library. The art will be displayed this month and next.

The exhibit is by eight artists who make up the Monday night group meeting in the home studio of artist/instructor Alice A. Nichols. Each artist has two paintings on display. They all did a class assignment using a series of masks as inspiration. Their second paintings were personal choices.

"The Monday group is a combination of personalities, individual style directions and experience backgrounds," said Nichols. "The class is more a sharing experience. We are all members of the Farmington Art/let Club and some of us have been friends for more than 25 years.

"We all critique each other and share our points of view while we work. We also have a lot of fun. We call it our therapy session."

Nichols has been teaching workshops at her cabin in Tennessee each fall and spring. A workshop is scheduled for this April.

For more information about the group or the workshops, call Nichols at 474-5137.

Safe sex spots

Film Craft Video of Farmington Hills donated its time, talent and equipment to advance the message of practicing safe sex by using condoms.

Film Craft processed and transferred film for a 30-second "MTV-style" public service announcement that offers facts about condom use. The spot is filmed in black-and-white, except for the brightly colored condoms.

Childcare move

Childtime Childcare, Inc., the nation's fourth largest child care provider, has moved its corporate headquarters from Brighton to Farmington Hills at 38345 W. 10 Mile Road.

The move is a result of the company's growth and expansion plans, company officials said. Childtime currently employs 400 people in Michigan and 2,400 in the United States. During 1992, Childtime's 124 child care centers experienced an 11 percent revenue growth, officials said.

Dedicated

Life support crew works as a team

It's quite a team — advanced life support, police officers and firefighters — and its members work together to save lives in the Farmington area.

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Dedication has paid off for Farmington-area residents because the advanced life support crew, police and firefighters work together as a team.

That hasn't always been the case. Since 1988, the two cities have shared their own advanced life support crew, called a dedicated crew because it only serves the two communities. That allows paramedics Kevin Dunbar and Terri Witzman to work with the same firefighters, police and public safety officers on a regular basis.

"It helps us have close relationships with the firefighters," said Witzman, a Livonia resident. "They know how we handle situations and know what to do."

Dunbar and Witzman work as a crew on a 24-hour shift on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday; another crew works Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with Saturday being a swing day.

The paramedics, both 28, only handle emergency situations, not routine transfers. Witzman, who has worked as a paramedic for the past 10 years, said becoming ALS certified takes more than 1,000 hours of training.

Lifesaving at scene
Pete Baldwin, Farmington Hills



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A 'dedicated' crew: Terri Witzman (right) and Kevin Dunbar show off their emergency unit that is dedicated for use in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

assistant fire chief, said firefighters are trained for emergency medical procedures, but the dedicated ALS crews can perform life-saving procedures at the scene that would once have been left to the hospital emergency room.

"We are basic EMTs (emergency medical technicians)," Baldwin said. "They are paramedics. They can start IVs, put patients on defibrillators (for the heart) and give

medications."

Gary Goss, Farmington's acting director of public safety, said the dedicated crew has made it much easier for his officers. "We're more dependent on CEMS (Community Emergency Medical Systems) than Farmington Hills because our officers work on a first-to-arrive basis," Goss said. "They have a good response time and give us good service. And when you work

with the same crew, you can anticipate what to do. That saves a lot of time."

Craig Glomstead, director of operations for CEMS, said the fully equipped ALS vehicle allows paramedics to keep in touch with physicians and extend the emergency room to the scene.

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