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PLAYERS BENEFIT SHOW
The Farmington Players will host a benefit performance "Of Mice And Men" at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. This opening night fundraiser will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Ticket price includes show and afterglow with refreshments. Call 553-2955.

AUCTION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Farmington Hills will host its second annual auction starting with the silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. The theme is Mardi Gras. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. A live auction will follow dinner. For ticket information call 474-0676.

ADOPTION MEETING

Adoption Associates Inc. will hold an informational meeting for anyone considering adoption from 7-9 p.m. today, Jan. 27, at 25882 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. There is no charge for the meeting. To make a reservation, call 474-0990.

FAITH/FUN/FITNESS

Faith Covenant Church presents Faith's Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through April 13. Participants can enjoy walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee social. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. The church is at 14 Mile and Drake roads. Call 661-9191.

MUSICAL PERFORMS

The Farmington Musicals will perform "To Russia With Love" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile.

WRITING ANALYST

Handwriting Analyst Liz Mills will analyze your handwriting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Borders in Farmington Hills.

CHILD I.D.

AAA Michigan is offering a free child I.D. fingerprinting program from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the Farmington Hills location.

YOUTH COFFEEHOUSE

People ages 16-25 can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of The Basement Coffeehouse from 8 p.m. to midnight every Friday at the Harvest Temple Worship Center, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills.

BINGO

The American Legion Hall in Farmington hosts bingo at 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Non-smoking areas are available. Call 478-9174.

GIVE BLOOD

HILLS BLOOD DRIVE
The Farmington Hills city blood drive will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, Jan. 27, at the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Call 426-4400.

KID STUFF

BAFFLING BILL
Kids can enjoy the magic and comedy of Baffling Bill at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Hills Library or Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the downtown Farmington Library.

BOOK TALK

The Farmington Branch Library will hold a book discussion group for fourth and fifth graders at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the downtown Farmington Library. Call 474-7770 for

book titles and registration information.

YOUTH NIGHT

Farmington First United Methodist Church hosts Logos Youth Night, which includes singing, study, service and supper every Thursday night. The church is at 33112 Grand River, one block east of Farmington Road. Call 474-6573.

HEALTH

HEALTHY COOKING
Healthy cooking demonstrations are available throughout the month at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. The cost is \$6. Call 477-6100 to register.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills will offer tax counseling for seniors throughout the tax season at the following times and locations: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Hills Senior Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile; or noon and 3 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington Library.

DSO CONCERN

A limited number of tickets are available for two outings to the DSO Thursday Morning Coffee Pops series. See Sandy Duncan in "Together" on Feb. 24. On April 13 will be "On the Air" - Music of the Fabulous '40s, a look at classic songs from the '40s as well as radio commercials and news bulletins. Cost is \$28.50 per show. Call 473-1802.

CATCH A FEVER

The Farmington Hills Senior Center presents "Catch a Fever," a program to get poisonous mercury thermometers out of circulation. Bring a "silver"-filled mercury thermometer (no alcohol filled) to this program at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Senior Center and exchange it for a safe, free digital thermometer. Call 473-1862 to register.

THAT'S ITALIAN

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs dinner from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Dinner will be followed by a dance showcase. Tickets are \$5 and must be bought in advance. Call 473-1862.

REP TALK

State Rep. Andrew Raczowski is available to answer questions at 10 a.m. every third Friday of the month at the Farmington Hills Senior Center.

QUILTERS

The Sunshine Quilters meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Costick Activities Center. All are welcome.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the Costick Activities Center.

MEMORIES AND MORE

Share your recollections with Memories and More. This senior group meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Call 473-1830.

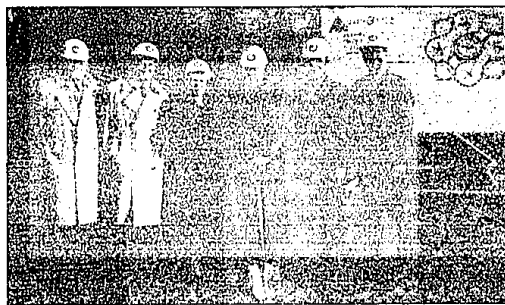
CREATIVE WRITING

An informal creative writing class is offered at 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Senior Center. All are welcome. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live high-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 1 p.m. Fridays at

New construction



Under way: Attending the December groundbreaking of the new Pipefitters Local 636 on Northwestern Highway was Fred Harris, 47th District Court judge; Barry Brichner, Farmington Hills councilman; Nancy Bates, mayor; Jim Lapham, business manager of local 636; Andrew Raczowski, state representative; and Steve Brock, city manager. Originally purchased in 1996, the site - based on the local's demographic and population movement studies - was centrally located for the 3,500 members, as well as more than 100 area mechanical contractors who employ them, said Lapham. Working for nearly two years with the architectural firm of Allen & Laux, Local 636 officials came up with plans for a functional structure of 10,200 square feet. More than half of the trees on the densely wooded site are to be saved, with the remaining trees to be replaced by new ones. Site restoration will involve extensive landscaping to shield neighboring residential properties from the building's parking lot as well as Northwestern Highway. Construction on the new offices is expected to be finished by September, 2000, when the local will move from its current quarters on Meyers Road in Detroit.

the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served at 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.

BRIDGE AND PINOCCHLE

The Farmington Senior Drop-in bridge and pinocchle club meets Mondays at the Farmington Masonic Temple. Call William at 474-4308.

CLASSES

PARENTING
Farmington Public Schools DELTA gifted department will sponsor a five-week session of parenting classes from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 21 through March 27. The classes will help to increase understanding of the social and emotional needs of highly able students and their families. To register, call 489-3399.

CREDIT DEBT

Spencer Robert Rosner will discuss ways to get out of credit card debt, getting lower interest on credit cards, debt consolidation and more. This free seminar will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32727 W. 12 Mile. Call 553-0300.

UNICYCLING

A class for beginning unicyclers will be Saturday mornings at the Salvation Army Center in Farmington Hills. All ages are

invited; some unicycles available. For more information, call Tom or Carol Brichford at 661-0334.

LONGACRE CLASSES

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is taking registration for classes including youth classes: chess, drawing, Kelly Kirby piano, Magic of Self Esteem; and, for adults, ballroom dance, country line dance, belly dance, digital photography, drawing, kung fu, photography with Marie Nagler, yoga, self defense, sign language, business, watercolor, and Web page production. Call 477-8404.

BOTSFORD CLASSES

Botsford Health Care Continuum offers a variety of health-related classes, including carpal tunnel syndrome, basic first aid, meditation and stress management. Call 477-6100 or 471-8020.

BUILDERS' CLASSES

Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 489-3333.

SINGLES

SKI TRIP

Farmington Single Professionals will host a downhill cross country ski trip, Feb. 18 through 21 in Sault

Ste. Marie, Canada. A pre-trip meeting will begin at 12:30 Saturday, Jan. 29, at the downtown Farmington Library. Call 851-9909.

SINGLE MINGLE

Metropolitan Single Professionals host single mingle dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. some Fridays in January. For dates, prices and locations, call 851-9909.

CARDS & DINNER

Join the Farmington Single Professionals for cards and dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Monday at Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

WALLYBALL

Farmington Single Professionals play wallyball starting at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Racquetball Farmington. The cost is \$5. Call 851-9909.

BOWLING SUBS

Bowling subs are needed for The ESP co-ed bowling league. The league plays at 5:45 p.m. every other Sunday at Drnkshire Lanes in Farmington.

AFTER WORK PARTIES

Farmington Single Professionals host "Fun and Fine Dining" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at various restaurants throughout the Detroit area. For weekly updates on locations, call 851-9909.

TEMPLE SINGLES

The Singles Extension Group of Temple Israel & Jewish Shul 50 and over will host a pizza party and

dance at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 non-members. Call 683-8272 or 353-7261.

PARK WALK

Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville take a walk in the park at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

YOUNG SINGLES

Young Singles Outreach (ages 17-29) meets 7-11 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1410.

CLUBS

FABR GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon, Monday, Feb. 7, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Artist Caroline Dumphy will discuss her visits to the gardens of Giverny and Claude Monet.

MONTH GARDEN

The North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Farmington Hills Library. The meeting will be followed by a slide show of "Antique Gardens" and a lecture by Scott Kunst. His topic will cover "Old House Gardens." Call Lutie at 553-2368.

GENEALOGICAL

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Farmington Library in downtown Farmington. Barbara Louie will present background on the early settlement of Novi history and types of records she used to write her book about the early history of this area.

BNI

Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The NW Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

LIONS

The Farmington Area Lions Club holds a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Blakeney's Ranch House in Farmington Hills. The Lions Club works with and for visually handicapped people. Prospective members are welcome. Call 471-4361 or 476-6257.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion Hall at 31775 Grand River. Call 474-9680 or 442-9796.

KIWAIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARENTING

Pathways to Parenting, sponsored by Botsford Hospital, is a monthly support group that meets 12:30-2 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Holy Cross

Episcopal Church in Novi. New mothers can share concerns and obtain information and network with peers. Call 477-6100.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills. Call (813) 882-0489.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is a support group dedicated to providing information to those seeking to lose and control their weight. TOPS meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:15-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills.

OVEREATERS

Learn how to take steps to permanently change your relationship with food in a comfortable, supportive atmosphere at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Sessions are scheduled on a weekly basis. The cost is \$10 per session. Call 477-6100.

OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder is a self-help group for youths and their families that meets 7-9 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills. Call Greg at (313) 458-3293.

FREE COUNSELING

Free counseling services to all community members is available from Eastern Michigan University graduate counseling students in partnership with Farmington schools. Counseling appointments are available 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Call 469-3447 for an appointment.

TORISUS SUPPORT

Do you have ringing or buzzing noises in your ears that won't stop? If so, you can join the free tinnitus support group. It meets 7-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital in the Ziegler building, Classroom C. Call Jack at 352-1640.

PREGNANT TEENS

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County offers support to pregnant teens with the teen-parent program. The goal of the program is to offer moral and emotional support to pregnant and parenting teens. For more information, call Sharon Longhago at 333-3700, ext. 122.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

The Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt. Call 476-3404, 478-0189 or 474-0003.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

An educational/ support group for children ages 4-11 affected by chemical dependency meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call Gina Schaefer at 477-6767.

LIFE CARE REHABILITATION

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (734) 427-LIFE from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through

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