

## WEDDINGS &amp; ENGAGEMENTS

## Church in Detroit.

The bride is the daughter of Betsy Merriman of Birmingham and Raymond Merriman of Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and is an attorney at W.W. Grainger in Lake Forest, Ill.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Cathy Nolan of Grand Blanc. He is also the son of the late Charles Nolan. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, and is vice president of operations at Terra Nova Trading in Chicago, Ill.

A reception was held at the Detroit Yacht Club. The newlyweds honeymooned in Bermuda, and they are making their home in Chicago, Ill.



FABELLO-PODWOISKI

Mr. and Mrs. Andrea Fabello of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Simon-

ette to Todd Anthony Podwoiski, son of Ann Zaron and Norbert Podwoiski of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of V. Mapa High School in Manila, Philippines and earned a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from St. Paul College in Quezon City, Philippines. She is currently employed as rooms controller at the Livonia Marriott.

The groom is a graduate of Harrison High School and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management. He is employed as a kitchen supervisor at the Livonia Marriott.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette's in Livonia.



REIS-CROSSMYER

Barbra Crossmyer and Brian Reis were married Sept. 25, 1999, at the Fairlane Club in

## Dearborn.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald Crossmyer of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Mercy High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in equine studies from Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., and is currently attending the University of Michigan for a bachelor's degree in communications. She is employed at Mercy High School as the alumnae coordinator.

The groom is a graduate of Embury Riddle Aeronautical College with a bachelor's degree in degree. He is employed as a regional support manager with Pinkerton Security.

## Vocalist to perform Sunday at Nardin Park Church

Nardin Park United Methodist Church presents Erik Chalfant, lyric baritone, in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6.

Chalfant is a dynamic and versatile concert singer, has given recitals in New York City, Boston, Detroit, and his native Chicago. The concert will be preceded by reception in the Church's Fellowship Hall, and the public is invited. There is no charge for this event.

Chalfant's program is entitled "Songs of Night and Day." The classical strains of Chausson, Brahms, Gounod, Ives and

Faure will give way to the tunes of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim, Lerner & Lowe and Rodgers & Hammerstein. Accompanying Chalfant will be Linette Popoff-Parks on piano and Velda Kelly on violin.

Erik holds a master of music degree from Boston University School for the Arts. He has had affiliations with Eastern Nazarene College, Boston University and the Tanglewood Institute Young Artists Vocal Program.

Nardin Park Church is at 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd.

## Borders lists events

Several events are planned in February at Borders Books on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills, activities as varied as a rabbi giving spiritual insights into sports to a creative writing workshop.

## Here's a listing.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Rabbi James Gordon, who masterfully connects the world of sports with the world of Judaism in his book "Play Ball! The Spiritual Insights of a Jewish Sports Fan," will discuss his book, which presents over 20 spiritual messages using celebrities and events from the worlds of baseball, basketball, football, hockey and golf as illustrations. Join in to find out what the professional careers of Michael Jordan and Moses have in common.

■ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Xpiles Forum - Discussion group for the X-Files. For those who need their Mulder and Scully fix on a regular basis.

■ 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Lori Lipinski will sign copies of her book "Common Sense... Is It Really That Common?" This book will get you to think about the decisions you make. You'll learn that if something doesn't make sense, you don't do it.

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You'll see examples of 100 things that are common but don't make any sense. Maybe you'll be able to provide other examples. Whole Foods will provide some food for you to munch on while you think about it.

■ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Jewish Authors Book group will discuss "In Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King Jr. & the Jewish Community." The impressive, surprising and long neglected history of Dr. King's efforts in support of the Jewish community is brought to life. The group will discuss the commitment and relationship between the Jewish and African-American communities as they have struggled together to fight for justice and civil rights in the U.S.

■ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Iris Underwood, a favorite of Borders, returns to conduct one of her patented creative writing workshops. If you've been feeling the need to write down your thoughts, emotions and ideas and yet have trouble putting pen to paper - bring old pen and paper to Iris and let her show you how to begin.

For more information, call Borders at 737-3980.

## Stuff for kids, too

Several events for children are planned at Borders Books in Farmington Hills this month. Here's a partial listing.

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Valentine's Day stories. Come prepared to get warm fuzzy feelings. For ages 4-8.

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Lisa Hunter, Ann Arbor folk musician, presents an Eco-Awareness Campfire program for Borders Explorers filled with sing-along songs and activities.

This program is designed to teach kids environmental awareness and responsibility. This month's topic: Winter wonders... how wild animals survive the harsh winter climate.

3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Brain Quest. Join us for a Brain Quest marathon based on the popular series of quiz packs from Workman Publishing. Test your

knowledge by answering all sorts of questions. There will be balloons and buttons to give away. Top winners will take home their own free Brain Quest pack. For ages 8-10.

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 29. Kids gardening. The kids gardening series is resumed with a craft project. Master Gardener Peggy Malnati will demonstrate how to decorate a terra cotta flower pot. In March, kids will plant seeds in the new pots. Bring a clean, small (no more than 4 inches tall) terra cotta flower pot. For ages 5 and up.

Every Wednesday in February at 10 a.m. is Children's Storytime. Staff will read their favorite stories during this event. For kids from 3-7 years old.

Borders is at 30995 Orchard Lake Road. Call 737-0110.



NOLAN-MERRIMAN

Aimee Merriman and Michael Nolan were married June 25 at Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit

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"I found that if I asked them politely, they would order," Solits explained. "It was sort of easy."

The cost is \$3 a box and the choices include thin mints, Samosas, lemon drops, do-si-dos, tagalongs, trefoils, striped chocolate chip and apple cinnamon.

Every box of cookies a Girl Scout sells brings in a minimum of 45 cents to her troop, according to Chris Keelean, product sales coordinator of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council covering most of Wayne County and southern Oakland County.

Money earned from cookie sales also goes to support the council, as well as Scout camps and programs, Keelean added.

"There's no new cookies this year - not in our council," Keelean said. "Every council deals with the baker on their own."

Each Scout has the option of whether or not to sell cookies, she added.

Selling cookies is a chance for Girl Scouts to learn business skills, according to Kristin Knudson Harris, director of cum-

munications and public relations for Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

"The girls are involved from the beginning to the end of the selling process and decide how to spend the money they earn," Knudson Harris said.

For instance, a group of downriver Brownies last year decided they wanted to go to Disney World.

"Their leader said it would be too expensive," Knudson Harris said. "The girls had to figure out how much it would cost, how much they would have to sell. They worked it out, and the whole troop went to Disney World. Most of the girls sold over 1,000 packages each."

Keelean stressed that the council requires that the Scouts follow strict safety tips. For instance, if they are selling door-to-door, they must go with a buddy or an adult.

Or, you might want to follow Solits' lead by recording a phone message and letting the customers come to you.

## Artists club meets Wednesday

The speaker for the Farmington Artists Club for Wednesday, Feb. 9, is Professor Richard Rubinfeld from Eastern Michi-

gan University. The Farmington Artists Club meets at noon at the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile.



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