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PLAYERS SHOW
The Farmington Players present "Of Mice and Men" throughout the month of February, at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. 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 474-0675.

PRESCHOOL NIGHT
Parents in search of a preschool for their child can attend preschool night at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Farmington Hills Library. Call Sally at 474-7770.

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 located at 14 Mile and Drake roads. Call 661-9191.

MUSICAL PERFORMS
The Farmington Musicals will perform "Lil' Abner" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills Library.

CHILD I.D.
AAU 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.

SWING
The American Legion Hall in Farmington hosts bingo at 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Non-smoking areas are available. Call 478-9174.

KID STUFF

BAFFLING BILL
Kids can enjoy the magic and comedy of Baffling Bill at 7 p.m. 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 located 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 Botaford's Health Development Network in Novi. The cost is \$6. Call 477-6100 to register.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

TAX HELP

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, 28800 W. 11 Mile; or noon and 3 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington Library.

DSO CONCERT

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 1940s as well as radio commercials and news bulletins. Cost is \$28.50 per show. Call 473-1862.

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 Raczkowski 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 Catick 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 Catick 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 big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Catick 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
DISABILITY BENEFITS
Learn how to obtain Social Security disability benefits at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Botaford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, Classroom 2 East A (directly above the emer-

Of Mice and Men



Depression Era: Farmington Players Jim Snideman (left), Gene Connolly, John Boufford, Kathleen Warner, and Thomas Adams (background) rehearse John Steinbeck's riveting story in *Of Mice and Men* at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call 553-2955.

gency room). This lecture is free.

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.

UNICYCLING

A class for beginning unicycle riders will be held 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 Etcetera, and, for adults, ballroom dance, country line dance, belly dance, digital photography, drawing, kung fu, photography with Monte Nagler, yoga, self defense, sign language, business, watercolor, and Web page production. Call 477-8404 for additional information.

BOTSFORD CLASSES

Botaford 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 for more information.

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. Call 851-9909.

SINGLE MINGLE

Metropolitan Single Professionals host single mingle dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. some Fridays in February. 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 FSP co-ed bowling league. The league plays at 5:45 p.m. every other Sunday at Drakshire 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 for Jewish Singles 50 and over will host a pizza party and dance at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Temple Israel, 6725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 non-members. Call 683-8272 or 353-7261.

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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

FARM 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.

NORTH 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 Lurie at 553-2368.

HILL & DALE

Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Farmington Hills Library. A speaker from English Gardens will discuss do-it-yourself landscaping. Call Barb at 626-2233.

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 information on the early settlement of

Novi history and types of records also used to write her book about the early history of this area.

OWL

Farmington OWL will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at the Farmington Branch Library in downtown Farmington. The guest speaker will be Jim McGuire, director of planning and advocacy for the Area Agency on Aging 1B in Southfield. Call 474-3094.

FAARP

The Farmington Area Association of Retired School Personnel will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Farmington Hills Beef House. Guest Speaker will be Sharon Tomaszewski, public health nurse for the Oakland County Southfield office. Representative Andrew Raczkowski will also be visiting. Call 471-7477.

BUSINESS BOOKS

Borders Business Book Group will meet 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Borders in Farmington Hills. The book being discussed will be "Making Peace With Money" by Jerrold Mundis. Call 737-0110.

AGLOW

Aglow International, Farmington Chapter, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the Farmington Hills Library. Guest speakers will be the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Wallace, co-pastors of Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

BNI

Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The NW Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

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.

KIWANIS 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 Windbaggers/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

PET THERAPY

Doctor Paws Pet Assisted Therapy is a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Therapy Dogs Inc., that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children's centers, etc., on a volunteer basis. If you have a dog that gets along well with other dogs and people and you would like to volunteer one hour or more a month visiting patients, call Dr. Paws at 858-7488.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT

MM is a free self-help group and nine-step program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking and support to change your drinking habits. Not intended for alcoholics. Meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month

at Universalist Church, 26301 Halsted in Farmington Hills. Meetings are anonymous, with no fees. Call 788-8040.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE

The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association of Metropolitan Detroit provides education and support for people with depression and related illnesses and also for family and friends. Meetings are held 2-3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Providence Medical Center at 30055 Northwestern Highway. Call 542-0430.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The city of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division offers an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members 1-3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 473-1822.

DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare divorce recovery support group meets 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Forest Park Baptist Church in Farmington Hills. Child care will be provided. Call 347-6675.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a confidential 11-week program for women who have had an abortion. Members of all faiths are welcome. Call (888) Rachel5. Sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

PEER SUPPORT

The peer support group is a 12-week educational program for people ages 12-18 struggling with chemical abuse, family problems, and other stress issues that affect them and their loved ones. It takes place 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call 473-1290.

DIABETES SUPPORT

An educational support group at Botaford Hospital's Health Development Network offers day and evening classes. Call 477-6100.

PROSTATE CANCER

The prostate cancer educational support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Botaford Hospital in Farmington Hills. This support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer. Call 477-6100.

PARENTING

Pathways to Parenting, sponsored by Botaford 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 (313) 882-0489 for information.

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.

The Farmington Observer, without charge, welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335, or by fax to 248-477-9722. Items will appear at least once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.: