

Couple

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take this nationwide and get some support. Even signers like the idea," James said.

He noted he hopes to gather up to 60,000 signatures - "before we feel legislators will take it seriously."

To sign the petition, go to the couple's Web site: www.marriagebless.com

He already plans to submit the idea to the Hills City Council for proclamation.

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There, James also promotes his book, "101 Ways to Rekindle the Romance, Passion and Commitment in Your Marriage!"

So what's the key to keeping a marriage together?

"Communication is the number one key," James said. "Marriage is about compromise, sacrifice. You have to have the desire and will and determination that says, 'Yes, I will have a happy marriage.'"



Petition drive: Valentina and James Wilson have designed a petition to support marriage. Now all they need is 50,000 signatures.

Hills 'Stars in the Park' presents noted jazz vocalist Kimmie Horne

The Cultural Arts Division of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department is pleased to announce the third "Stars in the Park" free concert series on June 20 will feature Kimmie Horne, the dynamic young jazz vocalist from Detroit.

Horne has appeared with The Temptations, Martha Reeves, Stanley Clark, The Neville Brothers and Aretha Franklin, among others and has become a regular at the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival. Horne has

received standing ovations from audiences throughout the U.S., Japan, England, Jamaica, and Canada and is known for her unique style combining classic jazz, soul, and rhythm and blues.

Stars in Park concerts are presented by the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department. The concerts take place in the natural grassy amphitheater in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, just south of 11 Mile. The concerts begin at

7:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, lawn chairs or blankets and the family.

Other concerts in the series include Jeremy Kittel, the 2000 U.S. Scottish Fiddling Champion on June 27; Paul Ventimiglia, soft jazz, July 11; the Farmington Community Band, July 25; bluegrass and swing by the Raisin Pickers on Aug. 1 and the Farmington Community Chorus on Aug. 8.

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Motorola

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"We built this as a way to serve our automotive customers all under one roof," said Jacqui Dedo, vice president and general manager of the automotive division.

She said employees come from five different buildings the company was leasing in the area.

She said computer processors in vehicles is expected to double every three years.

The automotive division captured \$2.5 billion in sales last year.

"We do electronics for every part of the vehicle," Dedo said.

"We want to be involved locally and be involved in charity events and things like the Dream Cruise," she said.



Test drive: Kim Hurley-Young demonstrates a model containing sensors that measure multiple acceleration rates and yaw.

Three on the ballot in C'ville

Three candidates - incumbent Gary Garrison and challengers Kim Bibik and Evonne Meili - will vie for two, four-year terms on the Clarenceville School Board June 10.

The district has two polling places, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road and Clarenceville Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, both in Livonia. Polls will be open Monday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about voting requirements and precinct boundaries, call the District Office, (248) 473-8900.

Bibik and her husband, David, have four children in Clarenceville Schools. A free-

lance photographer, she considers her primary job being mom to Thad, 12, Jacob, 10, Reba, 8 and Aaron, 6. She is a 1979 Clarenceville graduate.

Garrison, a two-term veteran, works for the City of Livonia and is also a Clarenceville alum. He and his wife Lori have two sons, Steven, a student at Clarenceville High and Mark, a Clarenceville graduate.

Meili co-owns a print shop with her husband, Ross. The couple has two children of their own, Brian, 20 months and Sarah, 3, as well as Ross' children Caitlin, 12 and Nick, 15. She has lived in the district for six years.

Election

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Farmington for 42 years. They raised four children, Terry, Amy, Christopher and Patrick.

Webb, a 23-year resident, is married to Jim, an insurance broker for AON Inc. in Detroit. They have two sons, Jim and Matthew, who both graduated from Farmington Schools.

Inch earned both a bachelor of arts and a masters of science degree from Wayne State University.

Webb holds a bachelor of science degree in political science from Eastern Michigan University where she graduated magna cum laude.

For information about precinct boundaries and the election, call (248) 489-3349.

Cuts could affect local arts events

Arts supporters are encouraging people to contact their legislators to shoot down the idea.

grams.

"A lot of us rely on grants from the state to put on our programs," she said. "We have received a couple small grants from the state that help with the Art on the Grand and several concerts.

"In the past when I worked for a nonprofit cultural arts council, we relied heavily on the state grants. We had an artist in residence in collaboration with Waterford schools where we got a \$90,000 grant."

For the Farmington area, Comoudouras said, the state grants "help us keep our fees reasonable for some of our performers."

"Sometimes you don't have a proper venue where you can present high quality acts, so this helps us sometimes get the extra dollars to help fund it."

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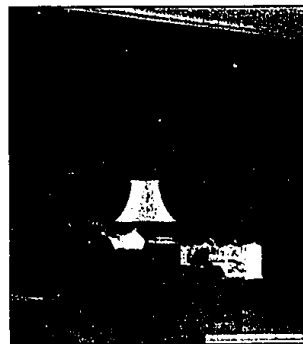
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