

# eXpo 2002 helps businesses connect

The area's premier networking event, eXpo2002, will bring some of the finest businesses in Farmington and Farmington Hills to Vladimir's from 12:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The event allows businesses to exhibit their products and discuss services with as many as 300 to 500 visitors, all of whom are looking to make contacts.

"It's business-oriented for the professional business community," said Chamber of Commerce event director Ara Topouzian.

Organizers decided to hold the eXpo later in the year because the Chamber hosted "Guerrilla Marketing" this spring and didn't want to have two major events back to back, Topouzian said.

"The majority of Chamber and business expos have already been done," he said. "With ours being in October, we've gotten away from everything."

Economic conditions also have businesses already looking ahead to next year. The eXpo will help them make contacts for their future planning or pick up some extra business at the end of the year.

Booth space is almost gone, Topouzian said. Almost all of the people to whom he has talked about sponsoring the event or hosting a booth have agreed to participate.

This year's event has been shortened to just a day; however, Topouzian believes that's enough time for business peo-

ple to connect with one another, particularly if they do more than just sit in a chair at their booth.

"They're there to get a business card. For most of these people, one or two business cards makes it worthwhile to them."

The eXpo kick-off will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Oct. 17, featuring guest speaker Mort Crim, host of the award-winning radio

feature "Second Thoughts," now heard on 1,000 stations nation-wide.

He will speak on the topic, "The One Secret Every Happy and Successful Person Knows."

Admission to the eXpo is free with the purchase of Mort Crim tickets, which are \$10.

Vladimir's is located on Grand River, west of Inkster. For more information about the eXpo 2002, call (248) 474-3440.

## Chamber's October calendar

Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce calendar for October:

■ Morning Connection - 7:45-9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 at EJIH Construction, 30895 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

■ Ambassadors Committee Meeting - 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Chamber office.

■ Benefiting from the Chamber Website - 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Chamber office.

■ Coffee Break Roundtable - 7:45-9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at the Chamber office. \$10 per person. Space limited to 12 participants.

■ Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Chamber office.

■ Vision to Reality: Steps to Starting and Growing a New Business - 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Chamber office. Space limited to 20 participants.

■ Business eXpo 2002 - 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. Mort Crim will be the keynote speaker.

For ticket or booth information call Ara Topouzian at (248) 474-3440.

■ Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting - 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Chamber office.

■ After Hours Business Connection - 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Chili's Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

## POLICE CALLS

### Tires stolen

At the Bob Sellers dealership on Hathaway during Friday night, two cars on the property each had all four tires stolen. There was no list of estimated loss.

### Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-5 and Orchard Lake on Friday evening for an unsafe lane change. The driver, a 27-year-old Wyandotte man, had marijuana in the car.

Around 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, police pulled over a vehicle on Gateway and 12 Mile for a traffic violation. The driver, a 32-year-old Redford man, had marijuana and cocaine in his possession.

### Car stolen

A Washington man staying at the Motel Six on Grand River reported his rented Ford Taurus was stolen during Friday night.

### Stereos stolen

In the 21500 block of Greenhill, two Chrysler vehicles each had a window broken to gain entry Friday night.

In each case, the suspect apparently slipped through the window to avoid opening the door which would have triggered the vehicle's alarm.

The factory installed stereos were stolen on a Jeep Liberty and a Dodge Caravan.

Car damaged

During Saturday night, the owner of a Chevrolet Cavalier parked in the 20800 block of Tuck Road discovered someone scratched a message in the driver's door.

### Work room damaged

Employees at World Stone Tile on Industrial Park reported that someone had entered the building over the weekend through an unlocked garage door. Several hand tools were stolen and the water line was broken to flood the area.

At Medsker Electric over the weekend, someone gained entry by breaking a window. The empty warehouse had graffiti written on walls in marker.

### Drunken driving

Police responded to an injury accident around 1 p.m. Monday on 9 Mile and Hamilton. One of the drivers involved, a 46-year-old Southfield man, had the smell of intoxicants on his breath.

He refused a breath test and blood was drawn to test for drunken driving.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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## Mercy students celebrate with walk

Mercy High School will unite as a school community and kick off Spirit week by wearing their spirit colors this Friday, Sept. 27, for the annual Walkathon fundraiser.

The Walkathon is a healthy and spirited 10k walk around Mercy's campus to raise money for gymnasium improvement and chapel renovations. Prior to the walk, students are busy collecting pledges and donations.

The school goal is \$30,000. For every \$1,000 raised, students will receive a strip of duct tape to stick Mercy's Principal, Carolyn Witte, to the gym wall.

There will be an assembly preceding the Walkathon in which the top go-getters in the school will participate in this unique incentive strategy.

Please contact the Mercy High School Special Events office at (248) 476-8020 ext. 253 for more information.

## KID STUFF

### Pottery for Kids

Kids ages 5-11 can learn how to make pottery in this four week session 4:30-6 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 at Heritage Park. Call (248) 473-1857.

### Halloween Soup

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents Halloween Soup Oct. 5-7. No children under the age of three. For scheduled times and ticket information call (248) 349-8110.

### Baseball Pennant Fun

Come and visit with Paw's, the furry mascot of the Detroit Tigers at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the downtown Farmington Library.

### Junior Gardeners

Kids in grades 3-6 can get hands-on experience in gardening 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 at the downtown Farmington Library.

## NOTICE

### LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CITY OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a General Election will be held in the City of Farmington on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered no later than October 7, 2002. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or local clerk's office.

If you wish to register at your local clerk's office, the location and business hours are as follows:

City of Farmington  
23000 Liberty Street  
Farmington, Michigan 48335  
248-474-5500, Ext. 218 or 225  
Office Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## NOTICE

### LAST DAY TO REGISTER MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002 FOR GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PRECINCTS 1-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002 - LAST DAY 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For the purpose of RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION of the qualified electors in said city BY LAW, Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, October 7, 2002. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or local clerk's office, or register by mail by calling the city clerk's office at 248/473-9581. Persons who are currently registered need not re-register.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN  
City Clerk

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