

RECREATION CALENDAR

For more information on the following programs contact the City of Farmington Hills Recreation Division at (248) 473-1800.

Euchre Party
Register as an individual or get a partner and enjoy a fun evening of playing euchre on Friday, April 11. The program runs 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage

Park Visitor Center. The cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required and refreshments are served.

Adult Softball, volleyball
The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new adult team registration for men's, women's and co-ed softball and sand volleyball. Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Leagues will play one night a week. For fees and rights of play call (248) 473-1800.

Pizza & Eggs
Kids can have fun making a craft project, eating pizza and then going on an egg hunt by flashlight 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Shilohssee Park. The cost is \$7.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Polaroid Road Rally
Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of fun and adventure 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Each team of 3-6 members will take off in their vehicles to search for wild and crazy predetermined items to photograph. After the photo portion teams will meet back at the Costco Center for pizza and salad. Entire teams should register on the same form. Teams must provide a Polaroid camera and film for at least 15 pictures. The cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

STATION

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Jadan, a West Bloomfield resident. According to Jadan, who bought TV Orient five years ago and built a studio in a building he already owned on Southfield Road near 10 Mile, the news coverage coming out of the Arab-speaking world paints a far different picture of the war than what most Americans are receiving from the likes of CNN and the Fox Network. "There's no question, the coverage over there is very dif-

ferent. You get to see both the Iraqi and American viewpoints. If you watch American media programs—and we're not saying they're not telling the truth—but they're only reporting one side," Jadan said. TV Orient, which airs three hours a day on the Comcast cable network and on Time Warner cable in communities such as Livonia, Redford, and Farmington Hills, has made it a point to bring some of that news to its own viewers. Jadan estimates TV Orient goes out to about three million homes and businesses in Metro Detroit. It airs on Channel 25 in Southfield, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham. TV Orient's target audience are the 300,000 Arab speaking and 150,000 Chaldean Americans living in Southeast Michigan.

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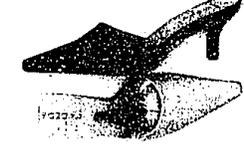
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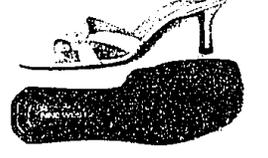
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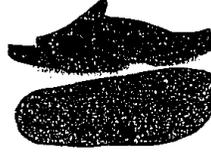
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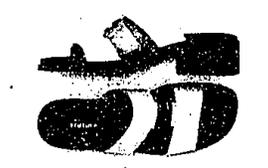
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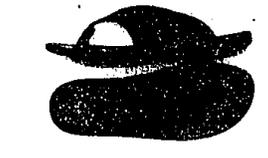
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In addition to covering local Arab and Chaldean events, Jadan and his team of 22 employees have always tried to bring news pertinent to Middle East affairs. Few events have been as big as this war. Although Jadan said he is personally against the war, his staff has tried to stay away from editorializing on the subject. "Our job is to bring the news, and that's what we do. Our job is not to provide commentary," Jadan said. "Like the Iraqi people themselves, most the people in our community are against the war. We can't wait to get rid of Saddam Hussein and his brutal regime. But we are against the war because of the civilian casualties. On American television, they aren't showing the dead bodies. They show them in the Middle East. It is very bad." Suha Kassim, who anchors TV Orient's local news coverage, said the local Arab and Chaldean community has been torn by this war, because of their concern for the Iraqi people, many of whom are relatives or friends, and their love for America. As a result, she said TV Orient's viewership has gone way up since the war began. "They worry so much about the Iraqi people. But their hearts are with the American soldiers. It's very difficult. We know people are watching, because every time we air a program, our phones start ringing off the hook. They are looking for as much information as they can get," said Kassim, who is also TV Orient's programming director. Both Kassim and Natiq Illia, who anchors TV Orient's international news, know the difference between American journalism and Iraqi journalism. Both are from Iraq, and held media jobs in Baghdad before coming to America. And while she feels the American media has been somewhat slanted during the war, Kassim said the Iraqi people seldom hear anything but what Hussein wants them to hear. "Over there government officials tell you 'you can say this or you can't say that.' It is very different than it is here in America. At least here, you have the freedom to tell the truth," she said. Jadan estimates the number of people watching TV Orient has jumped by as much as 30 percent since the war began. It just proves to him that there is an audience out there. In fact, he has been negotiating with Comcast to get TV Orient its own channel, so it can provide 24-hour programming, which would include Arab movies and soap operas. Fred Eaton, a Comcast corporate affairs director, said the cable company recently conducted a telephone survey of current and former customers to find out the level of interest in TV Orient, and to see if 24-hour programming makes sense. "We found the viewership was very strong. There is a great deal of interest in it," he said. "Wally is a very energetic guy. He has invested a lot of time, a lot of energy, and a lot of resources to create very interesting programming." Jadan said the deal with Comcast is nearly complete. His ultimate goal is to go out to the entire nation, which has about 4.5 million Arab and Chaldean citizens. For the time being, though, he will continue to bring the news—all the news—about the war to anyone who is interested in what is really happening in the Middle East.