

Hepatitis patients called for study conducted at WSU

Wayne State University School of Medicine, in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, has initiated a clinical trial using thymus gland hormones in the treatment of chronic active hepatitis B resulting from infection with the hepatitis B virus.

This clinical trial is of particular importance in that it offers a potential form of therapy for a disease where no current accepted therapy is available. Chronic active hepatitis B is a disease that provokes considerable anxiety since it can progress to cirrhosis of the liver, the formation of liver cancer and, in a number of patients, can result in liver failure and death.

Thymic hormone treatment for chronic active hepatitis B has been evaluated in the People's Republic of China, West Germany and Poland. The results of these various therapeutic trials have been very promising with a significant proportion of the patients demonstrating improvement with thymic hormone treat-

ment.

The clinical trial conducted by Wayne State University will extend for a period of three years, and it is anticipated that 30 individuals with chronic active hepatitis B will be treated.

Preliminary results from the current studies indicate that beneficial effects have been seen in patients with chronic active hepatitis B treated with the thymic hormone. Individuals who have chronic active hepatitis B due to the hepatitis B virus are encouraged to contact their physician for referral to the medical school studies or may directly contact the program directors at Wayne State University.

The principal investigator coordinating these studies is Dr. Milton Mutchnick, Chief of Gastroenterology, Hutzel Hospital, Associate Professor of Medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine. The telephone number is 745-7521. There will be no charge to individuals accepted into the study as costs are covered by a federal grant.

Van Houten-Panetta

Mayor and Mrs. Lyle C. Van Houten of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Anne to Joseph Mark Panetta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Panetta of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School and the University of Michigan where she was affiliated with Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She is employed with Chrysler Motors while working toward her master of business administration degree at Oakland University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Detroit High School and Michigan Technological University where he was affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is employed with Ford Motor Company and working toward his master of business administration degree at the University of Detroit.

A June wedding is planned in



Church of the Divine Child, Dearborn.

Stanifer-Hatton

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanifer of Flat Rock announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ellen, to Andrew Clyde Eric Hatton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hatton of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Flat Rock High School and a student at Saginaw Valley State College, while employed by the college as a secretary. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School, employed as the golf professional and general manager of Bridgeport Country Club.

A June wedding is planned.



around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken by telephone.

NEW YEAR EVE PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party hosted by American Legion Groves-Walker Post and VFW Post 190 opens with open bar at 7 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing in the American Legion Hall, 11775 Grand River. Tickets are \$22.50 each, available from members or at the door.

NEW YEAR'S EVE OVERNIGHT

Wednesday, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Overnight for youngsters 5-13 from 8:30 p.m. Wednesday to 10 a.m. Thursday in Mercy Center, 11 Mile east of Middlebelt. Fee of \$20 per child includes snacks at midnight and breakfast. Registrations taken by calling the center, 475-8010.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Friday, Jan. 2: Evelyn Henry exhibits her work in a one-woman show in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road, through Jan. 31.

GED TESTING

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 5-6: General Education Diploma tests given at 6 p.m. by Clarenceville Adult Education Department. Advance registration is necessary, made by calling the department, 473-6990.

ROMANCE WRITER

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Marianne Williams, co-founder of Detroit Chapter of Romance Writers of America and

a member of Western Writers of America, talks about her writing and publishing experiences at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32732 12 Mile. No charge.

INCOME TAX TIME

Thursday, Jan. 8: "Income Tax Time," program led by CPA Roy Wagers, who answers questions from the audience at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library auditorium, 23500 Liberty. No charge, but reservations are necessary by calling the library, 474-7770.

ARTISTS RECEPTION

Friday, Jan. 9: Reception for the artists opens Michigan Water Color Society Exhibit 7-9 p.m. in Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. No charge. Exhibit remains on display through Jan. 31.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Friday, Jan. 9: "Positive Preschool Parenting," three-session class begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$30. Babysitting is available. Reservations taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

SMOKELESS

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 12-13: Free introduction to The Smokeless System begins at 7:30 p.m. each night in Botsford Hospital's Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Charge for the program is \$155. Inquiries taken by the hospital, 471-6090 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

TENSION RELIEF

Tuesday, Jan. 13: "Head, Neck and Shoulder Tension Relief," taught by Nanice Chayet, a member of American Massage Therapy Association, in one-session workshop at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$4. Reservations taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

club circuit

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-THROY SINGLES meet for a "1987 Bust Out" dance party at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 in the Troy Hilton Inn, Stephenson Highway and Maple roads. Admission is \$3 at the door. The event is open to all singles in all surrounding communities.

DETROIT INDOOR GARDENERS meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

Speaker for the evening is Joe Uzell, a member of Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society. His topic is "Succulents as Houseplants."

Uzell will talk about the care, propagation, pests and diseases of succulents with unusual foliage. He will bring a display of plants from the Judo family, the euphorbia family and caudiciform sub-group. The meeting is open to visitors without charge.

HOBBY GREENHOUSE ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Speaker for the evening is Ernest Bedard. He will talk about insulating a greenhouse, building a humidifying system and using a sulfur vaporizer in the greenhouse, helpful in controlling plant diseases.

Members will also participate in a silent auction and elect officers for the coming year. The meeting is open to guests without charge.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER WOMEN'S CLUB meets for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9 in the center, 24705 Farmington Road. Speaker for the afternoon is Dorothy Lehmkuhl, who will talk about arranging personal, household or office accumulations systematically. Fee for guests is \$7. Reservations must be made on or before Monday, Jan. 5 by calling the center, 477-8404.

FARMINGTON PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK meets at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 for breakfast.

fast in Farmington Community Center.

Three members of the network who are attorneys will talk on "Wills and Probate, Domestic Law and Employment Rights."

Guests are welcome. Fee for non-members is \$6. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 6, by calling the center, 477-8404.

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster. Admission is \$4 at the door.

The group's hotline is 562-3160.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

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Older adults, their families, friends, service providers and the

public may attend and give comments on the needs of the elderly.

Written testimony may be mailed to Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29508 Southfield Road, Southfield, 48075. The testimony should be received on or before Tuesday, Jan. 13.

For information, call Renee Mahler, 569-0333.

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