



Ranee Chou (foreground), an O.E. Dunckel sixth grader, performs a native Chinese dance.



A troupe of Mexican performers, parents and students, stage a flamenco dance.



Ljuka Juncal, a bilingual staff instructor, plays a string guitar as Albanian students performed on stage.

## Melting pot

### Extravaganza salutes ethnicity

Staff photos by Randy Borst

**I**T'S THE highlight of the year for Farmington Public Schools' bilingual department.

About 100 preschool to senior high students representing 17 different cultures took part in the ninth annual ethnic extravaganza Tuesday night at East Middle School.

Nearly 500 students, parents, school district officials and guests attended the affair, which featured ethnic dancing and dishes.

"The purpose is to bring the parents of the different cultures under one roof and have them meet each other and share in each other's culture," said Harounne Alameddine, bilingual department director.

Such events aren't something they experienced in their native countries so parents

are "very supportive of what we're doing," Alameddine said.

The extravaganza was co-sponsored by the bilingual department and its parent advisory council. "It was a team effort, a true community effort," Alameddine said.

Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Albanian, Korean, Spanish, Arabic-Chaldean and Greek students performed native dances during the hourlong entertainment in the gym.

Afterward, ethnic dishes donated and prepared by parents were served up at an eth-

nic dinner. Southfield Manor, a private cultural club, donated roast whole lamb and rice. McDonald's Restaurant and Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers, both at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, donated hamburgers and salad, respectively. Hong Kong Restaurant donated egg rolls.

In Farmington schools, 63 languages are spoken. About 400 students representing 17 languages are served through the bilingual department.

## Man who fell at Falls died from head injury

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died of a skull fracture and internal bleeding. He had been underwater since his April 22 fall.

"The head injury was consistent with the fall," Luce County medical examiner James Terrian said. "The death appeared to be due to the fall, not drowning. There was no sign of foul play.

"This appeared to be a tragic accident."

WHILE REINKE was visiting the Tahquamenon State Park with schoolmates on an informal outing, he climbed a fence near the crest of the Upper Falls, the closest viewing point, then slipped over a rocky cliff into the Tahquamenon River 50 feet below. The accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. There are signs in the area

warning visitors not to go beyond the protective fence, park officials said.

Divers from the Luce County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police troopers searched the area extensively during the past few weeks, without success.

"The area in which he came up was the area that was impossible to search," Undersheriff Jago said.

Police continued to search the shoreline, even after abandoning diving efforts, he added. A recovery dog had traced the young man to the area directly under the falls, where currents are too dangerous for diving.

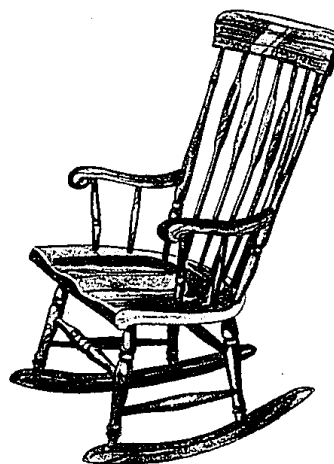
Reinke was a sophomore at Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie, majoring in natural resources technology. Friends remembered him as a "great guy." One said, "he had a lot of friends." He loved the

outdoors, and enjoyed living near the wilderness in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

ABOUT 300 people attended a May 2 memorial service for Reinke at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Each friend received a pine seedling to plant in memory of the 1986 North Farmington High School graduate, who loved nature.

Funeral arrangements were not complete Friday, although funeral director Kevin McCabe of the McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills said he understood there would be a private committal service.

Reinke is survived by his parents, Jim and Carol Reinke of Farmington Hills, and one brother, Benjamin.



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### on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington City Council**  
Farmington City Hall  
Council chamber  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, May 16

On tonight's agenda, the city council will consider:  
• a parking agreement with commercial property owner Richard Bliznik, who requests permission to put an addition on his downtown building and donate money to the city for future, additional parking.

• cost participation on the Orchard Lake improvement project.

• a tripartite road program agreement with Oakland County.

• approval of a budget for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, and

• purchase of computer work stations for city hall.

Also on the agenda is a report from city manager Robert Deadman, explaining cost projections for Farmington's portion of cleaning up the Rouge River, as noted in recent news reports.

An report on plans to place a gazebo on city property near the Village Commons is also scheduled for tonight.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
Council Chamber  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m. Monday, May 16

The following public hearings are scheduled:  
• Cost hearing for paving Drake Road, between 11 and 13 Mile.

• Cluster site plan for the west side of Halsted, north of 12 Mile.  
• Introduction of rezoning request for RA-1 to OS-1 at 27685 Halsted.

• Introduction of rezoning request for RP-2 to RC-2 at 30700 Haggerty.

• Introduction of rezoning request for B-1 to OS-1 at 37586 12 Mile.

• Consideration of an earth land filling operation for Independence Hills Homeowners Association.

• Vacation of a portion of Burbank Avenue.

• Vacation of an alley between Haynes and Cora, north of Grand River.

The council also will consider creating a committee to study the need of a senior citizen activity center with Farmington as well as a weed cutting contract for 1988.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Lewis Schallman Administrative Center  
Board room  
32580 Salawassace

Tuesday, May 17

6:45 p.m. — Truth in Taxation Hearing

7:15 p.m. — Budget Hearing

7:30 p.m. — regular meeting

The board will meet in closed session to discuss contract negotiations at 6 p.m.

Both hearings will follow-up last week's budget presentation, giving the public an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

During the regular meeting, trustees will: hear presentations on the art curriculum, discuss a proposed bond issue, consider hiring a principal for Highmeadow School, consider ratification of a contract for the Farmington Association of School Administrators, consider language arts curriculum/texts, and hear a Health Study Committee report.