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A dance depicting the life of Krishna was done as part of the Farmington Public Schools bilingual department's multicultural program in 1987. The department sponsors such a program each year, involving various cultural groups from the Farmington area.

Schools aiming to serve community's cultural mix

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Cultural diversity in the Farmington area is reflected in the local school district, which continues to enrich its bilingual education program.

During its 10-year history, the Farmington Public Schools program has evolved to service 303 students in 18 different language groups.

"Farmington is located in a region which is expected to experience an increasing influx of bilingual families," assistant superintendent Mary Lou Ankele said in a recent report. "The district must prepare its staff and schools to accommodate this growth."

The district is emphasizing training for classroom teachers, to help them handle bilingual students who use English as a second language and who may have cultural beliefs different from those of a traditional American student.

"A small department such as the Bilingual Department cannot assume responsibility for the diversity of (student) needs," Ankele said. "All teachers must be capable of adjusting... so these children can gain the time needed to learn our language and content."

"I couldn't be more pleased with



the kind of training done this year."

NINTH GRADE language arts and the district's new social studies curriculum will be adapted for next year's bilingual program for returning students, Ankele said.

Bilingual educators in Farmington focus on four cultural and language areas predominant in the Farmington-area community, which include Japanese, Albanian, Arabic and Chaldean.

According to Ankele, there are 20 or more students, in each of these areas, who require bilingual education services.

But services are offered in other languages, including Greek, Korean, Spanish, Indian, Chinese, Hebrew, Armenian, Italian, German, Romanian, French, Portuguese, Russian and Thai.

In the coming school year, the department expects to continue its current offerings, and expand the English as a Second Language, or

ESL, program, Ankele said.

THE CURRENT bilingual program includes:

- testing of students in grades three-12 to determine eligibility for needed services. Younger children are informally identified by parent, teacher and principal.
- bilingual tutoring offered to students at the high school level.
- learning centers to service bilingual students in elementary schools.

- a pilot reading lab at East Middle School opened this year to provide ESL services to students in that building.
- an intensive bilingual program providing students at all levels extra help.

A bilingual planning committee of parents, teachers and administrators was formed this year to discuss concerns about the program, and to assist the district with future services.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

ROBBERY TRY
Two men, one armed with a gun and wearing a hockey mask, tried to rob two employees of Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers, 39177 10 Mile, early Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:
Two employees were at the rear of the restaurant at 1:20 a.m. Friday when a man with a gun yelled, "Hold it!"

One employee ran past the gunman and eluded the grasp of the second robber. He went to a nearby gas station where the attendant called police.

Meanwhile, the other employee ran behind the coolers, scaled a fence and ran to the same gas station.

The suspected getaway car, apparently parked at another gas station in the area, sped away on 10 Mile.

DRIVER HURT
A woman driving along 14 Mile was cut on the face when a large rock fell from a passing truck and bounced off the roadway into her windshield, spraying glass shards, Tuesday afternoon.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:
Deborah Jane Slinka, 25, of Wilcom, was westbound on 14 Mile, near Drake, when an eastbound semitruck with two trailers spilled a baseball-sized rock.

The rock bounced off the road onto her hood, then into her windshield, smashing it, spraying glass shards toward her. She received minor facial cuts.

Damage to her car was estimated at \$500.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
A strange man asked a 10-year-old walking home from school on S. Harwich, near Danvers, where he lived Thursday.

When the boy didn't answer, the man drove off in a silver van with silver stripes. The incident occurred at 5:30 p.m., according to a Farmington Hills police report.

HOME BROKEN INTO
Damage was estimated at \$200 when a model home on Copper Creek Lane was broken into April 26. Nothing was immediately noticed missing.

THEFT REPORTED
A VCR valued at \$325 was reported stolen from a training room at Aida Personnel Services, 32000 Northwestern Highway, April 23-26.

obituaries

LUCILLE DOROTHY LYNN

Mrs. Lynn, 65, of Livonia died April 21 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Cheboygan, Mrs. Lynn was a nurses aide in Dorvin Convalescent Center.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; son, Robert Armstrong; daughters, Marilyn Deardoff, Joan Wellman, Shirley Sargent and Nancy Young; 10 grandchildren.

Services were April 24 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Edward Belczak of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Troy, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

JAMES ROBERTSON

Mr. Robertson, 90, of Manistique, formerly of Farmington, died April 22.

Mr. Robertson was the owner of Robertson Hardware of Detroit and Farmington. He was a member of the Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Manistique and was a life member of the William M. Perrett Masonic Lodge of Plymouth. He was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington where he was an elder and treasurer.

Survivors include his wife, Maod; son, David James; daughters, Nancy Dett and Catherine Dett; sister, Jessie Robertson; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Services and burial was in Manistique.

EVELYN S. McDONALD

Mrs. McDonald, 87, of Farmington Hills died April 25 in St. John Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. McDonald was a retired nurse.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Jane Farnol, Cecelia Childs and Theresa Johnson; brother, Thomas Rutledge; sisters, Elizabeth Seawahl, Margaret Klebbs, Helen Shedd and Mary Walsh; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated April 29 in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Robert Monicello officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Rebeck wins poetry honors

Barbara Rebeck, a Farmington Hills resident and gifted coordinator for Farmington Public Schools, was named one of three "New Voices in Michigan Poetry" by the Poetry Resource Center of Michigan.

Through the program, the PRC hopes to discover new talent as well as give exposure to poets whose work shows substantial promise. The three poets each received \$100 prizes.

Rebeck will read her work at the 18th annual Michigan Poetry Festival May 5-6 at the St. Regis Hotel in Detroit. Her work has appeared in several publications, including the Detroit Free Press.

In 1988 she won the Poet Hunt sponsored each year by Schoolcraft College in Wayne County. Her educational articles have been published in Learning, Gifted Child Today, English Journal and Reader Review.

Rebeck is also state coordinator for the National Teachers of English Promising Writers Program.

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ANALYZING SPONDYLYTIS
Anyklosing spondylitis illustrates how doctors separate joint disorder into over 100 different types.
Most arthritis conditions start in the hands and wrists. In contrast, anyklosing spondylitis starts in the back and neck and then involves the shoulder and hip joints, occasionally the knees, and only rarely the hands and feet.
Spondylitis can involve the eye in inflammation like pink eye. Spondylitis may spread the heart and cause a leak in the aortic valve or a block in the conduction system that controls the heart rate.
The treatment of anyklosing spondylitis is different than for rheumatoid or osteoarthritis. Aspirin is only mildly helpful in anyklosing spondylitis, the newer drugs are untried, and there is no role for methotrexate or gold therapy. In contrast, physical therapy is very important. It can place the back in a position of good function so that if deformity occurs, little impairment results.
It is necessary to differentiate anyklosing spondylitis from other types of arthritis, as its outlook, involvement in the body, and treatment are distinctive. The same holds true for other arthritic conditions and is the reason why they are classified as distinctive entities.

SPRING LEAGUES NOW FORMING
MENS
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - Men's Trio League
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Four Man Fun League
LADIES
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Thursday 7:30 p.m.
MIXED
Thursday 7:30 p.m. - Pinbusters - Any Combination - Guys & Gals
Friday 10:00 a.m. - Retroes.
YOUTH
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - Mixed Family Twosome League
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