

### Santa clock

A holiday walk/jog Friday turned into a "shake down" for 4-year-old Brad Howell. Tom Fletcher, a runner from Farmington posing with a Santa hat, holds Brad by the ankles and swings him, pendulum-style, after the boy told him he wasn't Santa Claus. The Second Annual Jingle Bell Walk/ Jog was sponsored by the Farmington Area YMCA. The walk was one mile, and the jog 3.5 miles. Participants were encouraged to dress for the seasonal occasion.

# State test scores jump in C'ville

Clarenceville school officials changed test-giving tactics this year and wound up with a 12-point jump in math test scores for 10th graders who took the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests in Octo

Assessment Frogram was a most ber.
That helty jump is especially significant to the Clarenceville School District, for two reasons.
One, Clarenceville High School 10th graders proved wrong the general belief that MIEAP scross tend to get lower as students get older.
And two, the district wound up with one of the highest math scores for 10th graders in the tri-county area.

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The 12-point jump apparently game about because the 10th graders took the math test first and the reading test second, a reversal of past procedure.

"The math teachers wanted them to take it first because there's a natural high after returning to school and because the kits get test weary," said David Simowski, high school principal. "The math people felt confident the students were ready."

OF THE 18 Oakland County districts that recently reported their MEAP scores, 10th graders in only two districts — Bloomfield Hills and

#### Clarenceville

The district includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills.

scores.

The same held in Wayne County, where only three of 33 reporting districts — Grosse IIe, Northville and Woodhaven — scored higher. Clareneeville beat Livenia Public Schools by five points.

In Macomb County, none of the 21 reporting districts scored higher.

THE 10TH graders' success on the math test might bring a "battle roy-al" next year among math and read-ing teachers as to which test will be given first, said Patricia Vickery, administrative assistant for Instruc-

But Simowski predicted the math tests will be given first again next

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In 1988, 10th graders scored 74 on the math test. In 1989, they scored 86, five points more than that scored by 10th graders in the Livonia School District.

WHILE PLEASED with the 10th graders, administrators are per-plexed by the 10-point plunge the seventh graders took on their math

test.
"It's a real puzzle to us," Vickery
said. "We're now checking against
last year's tests, to see what happened. We did not expect a 10-point

drop."

In 1988, the seventh graders scored 80; in 1989, 70. The 70 score is 15 points lower than what was scored by seventh graders in the Livonia School District.

The fourth graders taking the math test did slightly better than their counterparts last year. Their score in 1988 was 91; in 1989, 94.

AS EXPECTED, fifth, eighth at 11th graders taking the science to did extremely well this year.

Higher scores were expected be-ause the students took a similar MEAP test last year, when they were fourth, seventh and 10th graders.

"All three scores jumped but they should because these are essential skills." Vickery said. "Youngsters should be able to do this. Our goal on this test is 85. We may never reach 85, but we'll continue to try."

In 1988, fourth graders scored 46; In 1989, fifth graders scored 74. In 1988, seventh graders scored 33; in 1989, eighth graders scored 59.

In 1988, 10th graders scored 29; in 1989, 11th graders scored 45. All three 1989 science scores are

FOR THE first time this year, the MEAP reading lest was broken into two major sections, a story section and an informational one.

This new test measures students' ability to analyze and interpret what they've read, rather than just assessing skills such as recognition of root words, prefixes and suffixes, and definitions.

Clarenceville has to wait until mid-January to see how its reading scores stack up against scores earned in the state's other school dis-

Test scores show:

• 40 percent of Clarenceville's fourth graders scored in the highest category, scoring 300 and above on both of the reading sections. Livonia's fourth graders scored 46 percent

• 40 percent of the district's seventh graders scored in this highest category. Livonia's score was 45 percent.

29 percent of the district's 10th graders scored in this highest cate-gory. Livonia's score was 35 percent.

As with Livonia, these figures show a drop in the ability to inter-pret more complex information as the students get older.

## County won't plea bargain rape case

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Oakland County won't allow a pleabragain in the case of the 26-year-old man accused of 49 counts of rape, robbery and burglary according to an Oakland County assistant prosecutor.

John Slevin emphasized that his office never has made the offer of a plea bargain during the legal proceedings and suffer of the property o

Kaluzny said that he would ask for a plea bargain should neurological tests ordered show that Szeman suf-fered no brain damage during a car accident in 1984.

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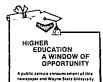
THE TEST RESULTS are expected back in January. A full trial is scheduled to begin on all 49 counts starting on Feb. 16 in Judge Robert Templin's courtroom.
"I've talked to his attorney about this and we're not going to drop even one charge." Stevin sald. "Either there is a trial or he pleads (guilty)."
The February trial date could be postponed, Templin said at last week's bearing, if certain medical information requested was not received by Serman's attorney.
Szeman has spent nearly a year in the Oakhand Gounty Jali awalting the linal decision about a trial. He was arraigned in 46th District Court on the charges in April, standing mute

during the proceeding.

His pretrial examination in Oak-land County Circuit Court began in August but its conclusion was de-layed to allow for the neurological testing and for Templin to decide the admissibility of "DNA fingerprint-ing" as evidence.

Templin decided in October to ad-

mit such "fingerprinting" as evidence in court, which allows investigators to match the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) from biological samples at a crime scene, such ablood, bair, skin or semen, with similar samples from the suspect. The test is 99.9 percent accurate, according to medical experts.





# District names special education chief

The director of a countywide program for autistic students was apprinted principal at Cloverdale
Training Center and supervisor of
Special education programs at several other schools in the Farmington
district.

Robert Tunnell, who has directed

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said. "I think there's a very dedicated staff — that it itself is a tribute to them."

Tunnell will be based at Cloverdale, where he will be the building principal. He will also supervise satellite programs at William Grace Elementary, Warner Middle School

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and Harrison High School. In addi-tion, he will oversee screening for the Child Find program and coordi-nate education services for special nate education serveducation students.

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