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### Slither and slide

This Burmese python snake named "Julius Squeezer" is one of numerous mammals, birds and reptiles that came to Clarenceville's Bolstford Elementary recently in a special program presented by the Living Science Foundation of Novi. Second grade student, Charlie Ufford got a hug from the python as it slithered around his neck. Other students got to touch a giant toad from South America, a porcupine from the Amazon and a miniature marsupial called a Potapoo. Clarenceville includes northeast Livonia, northwest Redford, and southeast Farmington Hills.

## inkwell

Inkwell provides information about primary and secondary education issues and students from the Farmington area. Send information to: Inkwell, The Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336. Items will not be taken over the phone.

**2 WINNERS**  
Two Farmington-area private schools recently received grants from the Detroit Edison Foundation for energy-related classroom projects that encourage environmental awareness.

Mercy High School teacher Marie Henderson was awarded a grant for her "Ecology Awareness Challenge" program and the staff at Thomas Beahan Junior High School in Farmington received one for "Operation Beahan" environmental awareness video.

The grants, which average \$250 each, were administered through intermediate school districts in Southeast Michigan. The program encourages teachers to develop creative, original projects that school budgets typically cannot afford.

**TOP STUDENTS**  
Two Harrison High School juniors were recently lauded as "Students of the Month" as part of the school's ongoing program to recognize achievers. Nadine Nichols was selected for the month of January and Ben Pinsky for February.

Nichols was recognized for her intellectual abilities. As a top achiever in most of her classes, she has been described by one teacher as a "true student." The depth of her thought process and her ability to manipulate and integrate ideas has won her the admiration of her teachers and fellow students.

Pinsky is described as "stubbornly determined" to learn and a student with "impeccable" academic credentials.

He also plays with the school's jazz band, is a member of student government, and is an athlete playing with the Hawk basketball team and earning honors as an All League soccer player. Pinsky also works with the community as vice president of INTERACT, a school-based community service group.

**HOPIN' ALONG**  
The 1991 HOP-N-ING at Farmington Community School was held Feb. 5 and Feb. 6 in memory of former teacher Cherie DeHoffe, who passed away suddenly earlier this school year. She provided the impetus for the establishment of this annual event, which raises money for the Easter Seals.

Last year, the school raised more money than any other in Oakland County.

**SCHOLAR SEMIFINALIST**  
Douglas Dullaman, a senior at

North Farmington High School, has been named one of 1,500 semifinalists in the 1991 Presidential Scholars Program. From these, 141 students will be selected as the 1991 Presidential Scholars. The White House will announce their selection in early May.

Semifinalists were selected for their exceptional performance on either the Scholastic Aptitude Tests or the Assessment of the American College Testing Program, plus student essays, self-assessments, a description of activities, school recommendations and transcripts.

**NEW OFFICERS**  
Students from Harrison High and Farmington High schools who are officers of the INTERACT student

service club attended a leadership workshop on Feb. 9 at the University of Windsor, hosted by Rotary International District 636 and the Dresden, Ontario INTERACT Club.

Those attending were Meredith Parish, Ben Pinsky, Michael Nichols and Kendra Brown from Harrison and David Clnard, Heather Morgan, Kristin McConaughay, Joan Muller, Keri Nicholas, Dan Leber, Francine Karim and Teresa Martin from Farmington.

The workshop allowed students to share skills relating to officers' positions they hold within their respective clubs.

**JOURNALISM AWARDS**  
Two Farmington High School student journalists won honors in the

Michigan Press Women's High School Journalism Contest recently. Both are seniors.

In the Columns category, Kara Kertz headed the division with her series of "Editor's Corner," while classmate Bryan Bagdol won second place for his writing.

The Farmington students were part of a group of 22 students from throughout Michigan who won honors in the contest, which was judged Feb. 9 at Michigan State University.

The writings of Kertz and other first-place winners will now be sent to the National Federation of Press Women to vie against winners from other states. Michigan winners will be honored this month during the midwinter meeting of NFPW in Kalamazoo.

# Marian High School

### College Preparatory Catholic School For Young Women



## OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 3, 1991 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Inquiries Welcome: Mary DiTommaso  
644-3070

7225 Lahser Road, Birmingham, MI 48010

### Shabbat story hours slated

Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine of Birmingham Temple will host Shabbat story hour, a special time for parents and young children ages 3-6 to celebrate a cultural and humanistic Shabbat together. The emphasis will focus on ethical values through stories and songs. In addition, the group will share a Shabbat Challah.

This will be a fun way for parents to introduce a Jewish identity

and awareness to children who are not currently enrolled in a Sunday School program? Wine said, "I'm looking forward to each of these sessions."

The Shabbat Story Hour is scheduled 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays, March 9, May 11 and June 1. The Birmingham Temple is at 29411 W. 12 Mile. The program is open to the community. There is no charge.

### Maple syrup fest set to run

The step-by-step process of making maple syrup will be explored at Cranbrook Institute of Science's 18th annual Maple Syrup Festival 1-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, March 2-17.

Visitors can view an illustrative slide show explaining sap collecting and evaporation. They can also join a guided tour of the sugarbush to see first-hand how trees are tapped and learn history about syrup making, a technique handed down by Native Americans.

The last step is in the sugar but where the sap evaporates into syrup. For many, tasting the just-made maple syrup candy is the highlight of the festival.

The festival is included in the regular museum admission price of \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children under 18.

Plantations shows cost an extra \$1. They include "The Winter Sky Tonight" at 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m. for those over age 5 and "Wonderful Rocket" at 12:30 p.m., Saturdays for anyone over age 3.

# WHENEVER THERE'S A MARRIAGE, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT THE NEW COUPLE.

The formation of the new Grace Hospital has caused quite a bit of excitement in the greater Detroit area. Everyone is eager to know about the marriage and what they can expect from the new hospital. We would like to take this opportunity to answer some of the questions that have arisen.

**Q** What hospitals are merging to form the new Grace Hospital?  
**A** The new Grace Hospital will be formed by the merger of the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) and the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

**Q** How will the merger affect the community?  
**A** The merger will result in a more efficient and cost-effective healthcare system for the greater Detroit area. It will allow us to provide a wider range of services and to attract more patients from throughout the region.

**Q** What advantages to the community does Grace membership in the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) offer?  
**A** As a member of the DMC, Grace Hospital will benefit from the resources and expertise of the other hospitals in the system. This will ensure that we have the best possible care for our patients.

**Q** How will the new structure of the hospital affect the quality of care?  
**A** The new structure will allow us to streamline our operations and focus on providing the highest quality of care to our patients. We will invest in new technology and staff to ensure that we are at the forefront of medical care.

**Q** What improvements can I expect at the new Grace Hospital?  
**A** In addition to the new structure, we are investing in new equipment and facilities to improve the patient experience. We will have more comfortable rooms, better food, and more convenient hours of operation.

**Q** How will the merger affect the staff?  
**A** We are committed to our staff and will ensure that they have the resources and support they need to succeed. We will provide training and development opportunities to help them grow in their careers.

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