

## around Farmington

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Deadline for Around Farmington is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.

**● NICOTINE ANONYMOUS**  
Months of December: Initial foot examinations given for \$1 which will be donated to Farmington Families in Action. Call Dr. Norman Brants at 476-0500 to make an appointment. The office is at 38471 W. 10 Mile Road between Haggerty and Grand River.

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**● POINSETTIA FOR PROGRESS**  
Now through Dec. 25: Poinsettias for Progress, an annual fund-raiser for Arthritis Foundation helps support its mission for supporting research, finding a cure and preventing arthritis. For information, call the foundation at 350-3030.

**● MAYFAIR CO-OP NURSERY**  
Through January: The Mom & Tot class at Mayfair Co-op Nursery, 30450 Farmington Road is accepting applications for the January to April class. Children between the ages of 21 months and 3 years are invited to join a Monday class 12:30-2 p.m. For more information, call Debra Merriam at 626-2332.

**● FREE DIPLOMA**  
Through Jan. 31: Register now for free high school completion classes at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawassee. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 489-3333.

**● G.E.D. PREP CLASSES**  
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**● FARMINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
Wednesday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 22: Historical Museum, 33805 Grand River 1-5 p.m. decorated in all its Victorian finery. Special exhibits of windup tin toys, cap guns, model trains and many dolls. Admission \$1 donation for adults, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

**● FESTIVAL DANCERS**  
Monday, Dec. 16: The Farmington Friends of the Library sponsors a special holiday performance of Peter and the Wolf, under the direction of Harriet Berg, for the whole family. No reservations required at 3737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

**● HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG**  
Monday, Dec. 16: Lakeshire Elementary School hosts a holiday sing-along 7-9 p.m. in Farmington City Park, Shawassee and Power roads. Refreshments will be served by the PTA.

**● HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Tuesday, Dec. 17: The Farmington Friends of the Library are sponsoring a special holiday program for ages 3 and up 7-8 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Magician Jim Carmody will amaze and delight youngsters with his mixture of humor and magic. No reservations required.

**● GLORIA**  
Tuesday, Dec. 17: At 8 p.m. the sounds of GLORIA by Antonio Vivaldi will be performed in concert by the OCC Community Chorus conducted by G. Kevin Dewey in Smith Theatre on Oakland Community Col-

lege's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-496 in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call 471-7700.

**● CAROLS, CRECHES & COOKIES**  
Thursday, Dec. 19: The Chancel and Handbell Choirs of St. John Lutheran Church, 22325 Gilt Road in Farmington Hills invites the public to their annual Christmas Festival of Music at 7:30 p.m. in the church, located between Grand River and Freedom. Admission is free. For more information, call 474-0584.

**● THE GLORY OF THE LORD**  
Friday, Dec. 20: The Farmington Hills Baptist Church Choir located between 12 and 13 Mile Road on Middlebelt Road presents The Glory of the Lord, a musical by Tom Fette. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, and at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. No admission fee.

**● BIRTH OF JESUS**  
Friday, Dec. 20 through Monday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 24: Members of Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile Roads, will portray the Holy Family and shepherds in a life-size creche set-up on the church's front lawn 7-8:30 p.m.

# Apology eases racial tensions

By Ryan Tulak  
staff writer

An anti-Semitic incident at last week's cultural awareness conference for West Bloomfield High School students has been resolved and won't mar the success of future forums, conference supporters say.

The high school has disciplined the student who wrote anti-Semitic graffiti on a bathroom wall at Temple Israel, the site of Thursday's conference. The student and his family apologized to Temple officials soon after the event. And the graffiti has been cleaned off.

Temple's executive director Eva Shapiro said she was satisfied with the apology.

"He right away wanted to apologize for it and felt very bad," she said.

"All children make mistakes and this isn't any different from other mistakes children make... The West Bloomfield schools handled it very well."

West Bloomfield school Superintendent Seymour Gretchko said the student, an underclassman new to

the school district this fall, has been suspended from school for six days, until after the new year.

**HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**  
Gary Faber has talked with the student about the need to respect people from different backgrounds, Gretchko said.

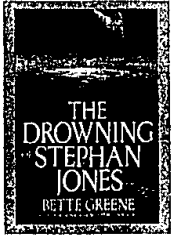
The student will see school counselors after returning to school to ensure "there's not a repetition of that kind of behavior," Gretchko said.

"It was an unfortunate incident," Gretchko said. "In some measure it shows the need to bring youngsters together... so they can work together. That's the function of the conference."

Gretchko said the school has not had problems with racist or anti-Semitic incidents at past Unity Through Understanding Leadership Conferences and that last week's event was successful.

"It was a single isolated incident by a student," he said. "I don't see it as symptomatic of a problem in the school. The young people seemed very positive and upbeat at the conference while I was there."

## Troubled Waters



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**DO ARTHRITIS MEDICINES AFFECT YOUR RESISTANCE TO COLDS?**  
Several different types of arthritis, particularly rheumatoid arthritis, are related to a malfunction of the body's immune system. As a result, medications such as gold salts, methotrexate, and immunosuppressants are used in treatment because these therapies slow the multiplication and activity of lymphocytes, the cells concerned with immune reactions.

In addition another widely used medication in arthritis, cortisone, exerts its effect in part by decreasing the ability of immune cells to react against inflammation.

The question arises if taking these medicines for arthritis hampers your immunity when it battles infections or takes a vaccine. The consideration is of importance in the winter months when colds from viruses are a prime cause of lost work days and when public health workers urge us to take the protection "flu" and pneumonia vaccines offer.

The answer to the question of impaired immunity is "no." The immune system devastating drugs is the amount used to treat arthritis, do not prevent your body from fighting infection and responding to vaccines.

The only exception is cortisone which an individual may need to take in high doses when the necessity to control arthritis overrides the potential hazard of serious infection.

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( ) Juicy Juice (Grape Juice)	\$12.83 case
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( ) Kroger Toasted Oats Cereal	\$16.50 case

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