Artist to speak at The Community House

Burnett is a professional portrait artist, having painted such well-known figures as Mayor Dennis Archer, Margaret Thatcher, Mrs. John Engler, Betty Ford, Rose Parks and Indira Gandhi.

Burnett founded the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for Women in 1969, and has been involved in the political arena beginning as a secretary for a Ways and Means Committee in 1976.

She has co-convened a Michigan Women's Task

Patricia Hill Burnett will speak at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6, at The Community House.

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Senate in Michigan, in 1992.

Burnett resides in Bloomfield Hills with her husband, Robert Siler.

Tickets for the talk are \$15. Call the program department between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to register.

The Community House, at 380 South Bates Street in downtown Birmingham, is a non-profit organization established in 1923.



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Medicare now pays for osteoporosis screening

Q. I have heard that Medicare will mow pay for Mammograms. Will they also pay for that new bone test for esteoporesis?

A. As of September 1, 1998, Medicare will pay for

1998, Medicare will pay for yearly Mammo-grams, pap smears, and pelvic and breast examinations. Medicare, beginning July 1, 1998 along would pay for bone mass measurement which is the screening test for estepoprosis.

In addition Medicare now pays for colon cancer screening, diabetes glucose monitoring and flu and pneumococcal pneumonia shots.

Q. My wife and I are considering buying a reverse mortgage. We have heard good and bad things about this type of mortgage. We would appreciate it if you could answer a few questions. It would be good to get the information from someone like you who is not trying to sell us on the idea. We would like to know who owns

our house if we have a reverse mortgage, how much money will we receive and will we have to pay income tax on the money we get?

A. If you take out a reverse mortgage you still own your home through the duration of the loan. If you and your spouse should die and the loan is still good, then your estate owns the house.

How much money you will get depends on the value of your home and your age. Rule of thumb is that the more you house is worth and the older you are the more money you may receive.

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You will not have to pay income tax on the money your receive. The payments are not considered taxable income.
Before you take out a reverse mortage it would be best if you talked with your lawyer or accountant. Also make cortain that you are dealing with a reputable mortgage company.

It is important that older adults take inventory of their medications, the dosages and it they are in fact helping or not. Too many times everyone tends to keep old medicines around way past their expiration date or forget to tell their dectors exactly what kind of medications they

nre taking and how often they are taking them. This can be very dangerous. Some people have adverse drug reactions that hinder their health rather than help them. Often certain combinations of medicines can be dangerous. Everyone should be aware of the dangers of mixing drugs or even taking an overdoss of drugs. If your medicines make you feel worse, call your bedienes make you feel worse, call your bedienes make and when to take your medicines, call your pharmacist or doctor. Never take more or less medicine than your ductor prescribes. Also take your medicines at the recommended times. If you have several doctors be certain to tell each exactly what you are taking. It is important for your health for then to know what over the counter drugs you may be taking as well.

On aging columnist Rence

On aging columnist Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to

State Commission on the Aging.
To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call (313)953-2047, mailbox 1869.
Send your questions to her at The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 46009.

Beaumont holds program on infertility

One in every six or seven American couples has difficulty conceiving a child. When the cause for infertillity is physical, more than half of these couples can be successfully helped with medical or surgical techniques. If you are experiencing fertility problems, you can learn about in vitro fertilization at a free informational meeting hosted by Beaumont's Center for Fertility and Reproductive Endocrinology. The meeting will take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the

who have been through the IVF program will discuss the stresses associated with infertility and

Financial aspects of IVF will

also be covered.

Beaumont's in vitro fertilization program has been in existence since 1983.

According to annual figures released by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Beaumont's IVF pregnancy success rate exceeds the national average.

Brochures are available at area First of America Bank and Harmony House sites.
Call the American Cancer Society at (2481537-5383 for more information, The Southeastern Michigan Resource Centre is at 29305 Southfield Road, Suite 110, in Southfield.

Society event helps make strides in fight against breast cancer The American Cancer Society is bringing Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a walk-ing event to fight breast cancer, to Belle Isle Park on Saturday, Oct. 17.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bridge Suit collection View the fall 1998 Bridge Suit View the fall 1998 Bridge Suit collection, featuring Herbert Grossman, from 10 am. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy, in Galleria on 3. Zegna Trunk Show
Through Saturday, Oct. 3, view the new stock and special order collection for men, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, The Maule Store on 1.

Man's Store on 1.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Fantasia Trunk Show
The is-it-real or is-i-faux jew-elry from the DeSerio brothers' design team will be shown during a trunk show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 8, at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, designer jewelry on 1.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8 Stephen Dweck personal appear-

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Meet the jewelry artist whose unique work has been featured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and see his one-of-a-kind pieces during a trunk show at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, noon to 4 p.m., designer jewelry on 1. Lagos trunk show
Acquire modern-day heir-loome, such as this self-taught jeweler's coveted watches, during a trunk show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, designer jewelry on 1. Dauid Yuman
See the designer's new Bucketshow, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, along with other notable styles, during a trunk show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, designer jewelry on 1.

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