

Best gift for mom: A mammogram screening

Wondering what to get Mom for Mother's Day this year? The Michigan Peer Review Organization has an idea that's different yet appropriate, and it may help her lead a healthier life.

Put a note in her Mother's Day card promising that you will take care of the co-payment for

her to get a mammogram. The federal government covers annual mammograms for women over 40 who are enrolled in Medicare; all that is owed by the patient is the 20% co-payment, usually around \$15-\$25.

MPRO encourages mothers and grandmothers to get annual

mammograms. Not only is breast cancer the second leading cause of cancer deaths for women in the United States, but the risk of getting breast cancer also increases with age. By age 40, a woman's chances of getting breast cancer are one out of 217; by age 50, one out of 60; by age 60, one out of 24; by age 70, one

out of 14; and by age 80, one out of 10. Research also shows that older women do not recognize that advancing age is the strongest risk factor for breast cancer, even stronger than family history.

In Michigan, provisional data indicate that in 1997-1998, only 63% of female Medicare benefi-

ciaries age 65 and older (not enrolled in an HMO) had a mammogram. Although this is higher than the national average of 46%, MPRO is striving to significantly improve this rate as a part of the Health Care Financing Administration's National Breast Cancer Project.

A mammogram is the best

method available to detect breast cancer early, and it can reduce mortality by 20% to 40% for women aged 50 years and older. Helping mothers and grandmothers get mammograms is one of the best ways to say that we love them and want them to stay healthy.

U-M conference helps aphasia sufferers speak out, cope

The University of Michigan Communicative Disorders Clinic and the National Aphasia Association present "SPEAKING OUT - 2000!" June 1-4 at the

Marriott Conference Center in Ypsilanti. This bi-annual conference offers views and expertise on management, programs and coping strategies from profes-

sionals and people with aphasia. Joseph Chaikin, noted stage actor and stroke survivor, will highlight the conference with his dramatic keynote performance Friday evening June 2.

Aphasia is a speech or communication disorder resulting from stroke or injury. It is estimated that one million Americans live with this condition. SPEAKING OUT - 2000! will address issues

relevant to survivors and their families, as well as professionals. Topics presented during the conference include: learning how to be an advocate; a consumer's guide to computer hardware and software; functional neuro-imaging (recovery patterns, music and art therapy); and the latest in aphasia therapy. In addition, there will be several select panel discussions.

The conference provides activities and information through keynote presentations, break-out sessions, exhibits, and a resource and video library. In addition, computer demonstrations afford hands-on exposure to state-of-the-art hardware and software, as well as peripherals for rehabilitation.

Participants may select to attend special events occurring throughout the four days of the conference. Thursday night opens with a reception offering a preview of activities. On Friday night, "An Evening of Talent" features people with aphasia who excel in the performing arts.

Sculptures, painting and poetry by people with aphasia will be on display throughout the conference.

Exercise physiologists from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago will conduct exercise classes on Friday and Saturday for attendees and their families. The conference culminates with Sunday's roster of recreational activities and outings: golf, therapeutic horseback riding, adapted fishing, origami and consultations with a professional makeup artist.

Space is limited. Call (734) 764-8440 or visit www.umich.edu/~comdis

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. C-687-2000**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 35, ZONING SECTION 35-206, CELLULAR TOWERS AND ANTENNA, TO REVISE SETBACK AND SCREENING OF REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CELLULAR TOWER AND ANTENNA FACILITIES.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Section 35-206, Cellular Towers and Antenna, subsections (a)(3) and (a)(5) only are hereby amended to read as follows:

(a)

(3) The base of the tower and any other structures connected therewith shall provide the minimum setback required by the district, provided, however, the minimum front yard setback shall be not less than twenty-five (25) feet.

(5) If located adjacent to a single-family zoning district, the setback from the district boundary line shall be not less than twenty-five (25) feet and the base of the tower and equipment building used in connection therewith shall be screened from view by evergreen trees which shall be planted in such a manner as to become screening within a four (4) year period. If located on the same site as other buildings or structures or vegetation which will screen the view effectively, the Planning Commission may alter or waive this requirement.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Street No. 205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0567 to register.

CAREGIVING STRESS
Alterra, Clara Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile, will present a discussion on "Stress Management: Emotions of Caregiving," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations (248) 428-7055.

THUR, JUNE 15
IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37695 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines your child needs except chicken pox. Don't forget to bring immunization records. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

THUR, JULY 20
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MON, SEPT. 11
THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

Salute that special graduate in your own special way!

ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2000

Say Congratulations to your special graduate in your hometown newspaper for just \$20. Select a picture of your graduate when he or she was a little person, or a send a current picture by Monday, May 15, 2000. Indicate whether you'd like your message to appear in The Observer or Eccentric! newspapers.

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Hey Kevin, You finally made it! and we couldn't be prouder. The world awaits your talent and sunny disposition.

Love, Mom, Dad, Aunt Sarah and Pogo.

Actual size of your message

Julie, Who says beauty and brains don't come in the same body. You're living proof they're all wrong! Congratulations to our beautiful honor student!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Andy

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID**

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for PAVING PROJECTS AT VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiloh, Farmington, MI 48150. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 11, 2000 for recommendation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bids may be obtained by calling Paul Hain, Purchasing (248) 488-3544. Any questions should be referred to Mr. Cliff Seiber of Seiber, Keast & Assoc., at (248) 473-7850.

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REFERRALS & CONSULTATIONS

When your care requires more than your physician can offer, he will ask you to see another doctor. Your physician requests a consultation if he has concerns about the diagnosis or treatment.

In other instances, your physician sends a referral. In this case the physician you are to see can perform a procedure or undertake a treatment beyond the capabilities of your own doctor. In rheumatology, the most common referral is to an orthopedic surgeon for a knee or hip replacement because medical therapy will no longer suffice.

These decisions by your doctor are often complicated matters. For example, you may present with numbness in your hand. If the underlying cause is a pinched nerve, then consultation will be with a neurologist. If the problem comes from poor blood supply, seeing a vascular surgeon is in order.

The point is that your physician must know enough about your problem, even if uncertain about it, to make a referral or consultation to the proper specialist.

Next, your doctor must decide who is the appropriate person for you to see. There are many orthopedics, a number of neurologists, and more than one vascular surgeon. Your doctor must fit your requirements to the specialist, your location to that doctor's office, match your insurance plan to what the specialist will accept while coordinating the referral to the insurance plan's network of participating physicians.

Finally, your doctor must provide you with information to bring to the other physician so that the appointment can go forward without interruption or misunderstanding.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET STUDY SESSION
(Summary)**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 in Council Chambers, 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Hartsock.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Duah, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met to review the proposed 2000-2001 budget. Council reviewed trends in major revenue sources; proposed operating and capital expenditures and considered the tax levy and fee levels necessary to support the proposed budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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