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ARTS

Powerful women: The newest exhibit at the University of Michigan Museum of Art - *Women Who Ruled: Queens, Goddesses, Amazons 1500-1650* - documents the struggle of women to attain respect in areas normally reserved for men. /B1

In concert: Temple Israel will host a concert version of Olympia Dukakis' one-woman show about an 80-year-old Jewish woman who survived the Holocaust March 21. /B1

AT HOME

Atmosphere: Step into Hal Brenner's immaculate condo and enter a world of Native American decor sprinkled with upscale Southwestern accents. /C1

HOMETOWN LIFE

Going to the dogs: Cobo Hall will be going to the dogs when the Detroit Kennel Club holds its annual benched dog show this weekend. /C5

Historic: While not yet 50 years old, two modern-style homes designed by William Kessler are in local historic districts because they meet the Secretary on Interior Standards for historic buildings since they were designed by an award-winning architect. /C5

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Oooh... teacher... I know! Kindergarten teacher Rita Adams gets a big response when she asks a question about frogs and tadpoles.

Farmington teachers honored

Adams is district, county teacher of the year

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Beechview Elementary Principal Norma Jean Sass' description of kindergarten teacher Rita Jean Adams seems to encapsulate a school-wide sentiment very simply.

"Everybody loves Rita - the staff, the parents and the students," Sass

said. "You can't help it. She's one of those people who lives what she believes."

Adams is the Elementary Teacher of the Year for both the Farmington Public School District and Oakland County.

Called a quiet leader, she was feted before the March 5 Farmington school board meeting and will be honored at

a reception at Oakland Schools May 1.

"She's an incredible lady, a wonderful person and an outstanding teacher," Sass said. "She values everyone so highly. She just does such a nice job with the kids. Before the board meeting, the staff organized a dinner at Farmington Manor. We had a room to

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Doughty knows how to bring out students' best

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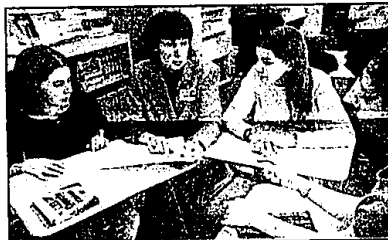
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Claudia Doughty knows how to bring out the strengths of her students.

For instance, who best to tell the story of Japan than a Japanese student who's been in this country for a short time?

With the help of 13-year-old Sayuri Shimizu's Japanese-to-English translator, which is the size of a palm-pilot, both Doughty and Sayuri lent authenticity to the classroom lesson on Japanese traditions. "She wrote to me one day, 'Are you going to teach about Japan? I would love to learn about Japan,'" Doughty said.



Lesson plan: Teacher Claudia Doughty (center) works with students Jill Fleck, Emily Maki and Samantha Warsh.

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Holmes helps lure, retain businesses in the Hills

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Chuck Holmes' new job to entice businesses to locate in Farmington Hills and keep them happy as they grow.

The Northville resident, who has a long history of working in business retention and development, is the city's

new economic development specialist.

He worked for many years in the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., dealing in both public and private developments and worked in the private manufacturing industry as a manager for six years. In his sixth week on the job in the Hills, Holmes is becoming familiar with the area.

"I'm glad to be back in economic

development," he said from his office at city hall this week. "I'm learning about the different companies here."

He said Farmington Hills is a good community with a solid business base. Because the city has 35 percent of its real estate based in commercial development, the tax burden is eased on the remaining 65 percent of residential properties.

"I'm quite pleased to be in a community that has a positive environment in business and residential here."

"I've had a chance to meet with more businesses," he said.

Since much of the Hills is developed, it will also be Holmes' job to deal with business retention, which means keeping present companies happy about

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Husband charged in assault

A Westland man has been charged with assault after attacking a local photographer who had paid his wife to pose for 'sensual' photos.

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A Westland man faces an exam at 8:30 a.m. March 16 in 47th District Court before Judge Thomas McDonnell on charges of assault with a weapon and breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony at a Farmington photo studio.

Matthew Martin Carpenter, 31, was arraigned March 9 before Magistrate Jim Brady. A plea of not guilty was entered for him. Brady set a personal bond of \$1,000, which Carpenter posted, according to police.

If convicted, he faces four years in jail on the assault charge and 10 years in jail for the breaking and entering charge.

According to a police report, at about 4:10 p.m. March 7 a man broke into the Dynamic Image Photo Studio located at 31505 Grand River, which is on the second floor of the Winery Building.

The owner, 63, said he was attacked by a man who broke into his office, damaging the door jamb and molding. The man was allegedly upset about the owner shooting a consensual bondage video of his wife March 6.

The woman told police she came to the studio, with her husband's permission, after she heard about a photographer who would pay \$250 to film a sensual images video.

She agreed to be bound, spanked and struck in the breasts and buttocks with a paddle, police said.

When police arrived, the owner said that an irate husband struck him with an 8mm camcorder. Police said the victim was blood-covered and had severe lacerations on his head and face. His clothing was covered in blood.

Lights and tripods were tipped over and scattered in the studio. There were blood splatters on wall photos, the police report said.

The suspect fled the scene before police arrived. He was arrested by Westland police at his home.



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A chorus line: The Clarenceville High cast of "Anything Goes" is hard at work preparing for the show's opening on March 21.

CHS presents 'Anything Goes'

Clarenceville High School drama students are busy preparing for opening night of "Anything Goes," their spring production. The musical, written by Cole Porter, will run March 21-23, with performances each night at 7:30 p.m. In this revival of the 1934 musical, the S.S. American, sailing from New York to England, carries an unusual group of passengers, including

two long lost lovers who attempt to reunite, while a gangster tries to escape the long arm of the law. While there is some reserved seating, tickets will be available on performance nights. Pre-sale tickets, purchased at the school, are \$5; at the door, they are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children.



Exit, stage left: Troy Nelson directs the cast of "Anything Goes" at Clarenceville High School.