

SYMPOSIUM

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symposium, which was held during Student Managed Academic Resource Time, commonly known as SMART. The hour morning time is typically used for tutoring or to learn a new skill, Barrett said. During the symposium, students selected from 24 breakout sessions. Speakers included Mohammed Alomari who addressed what he called the "12 Years of Siege On Iraq With Talk of New War." Alomari, a Sterling Heights resident, is part of a group called Focus on American & Arab Interests & Relations. The group is devoted to promoting fair policies and better understanding of the issues pertaining to the Arab world. On August 6, 1990, the United Nations imposed a comprehensive ban on trade with Iraq, amounting to "a complete siege on the country," Alomari said. The embargo was enforced by a military land, air and sea blockade. This blockade continues today with land border checkpoints in Jordan, naval interdiction of ships and no-fly zones imposed in the north and south of the country, he said. After the embargo, a 1991 bombing campaign against Iraq destroyed the country's civilian infrastructure of water, sewage and electrical power. Alomari attributes rampant disease in Iraq to the destruction of this infrastructure and lack of spare parts. "Contaminated drinking water and lack of electricity for hospitals are a major cause of the suffering for Iraq's 20 million people today," Alomari said. Depleted uranium shells in the 1991 Gulf war caused an increase in radiation-related cancers and birth defects, he said. "Iraq doesn't have necessarily tools due to the embargo to clean up the contamination." Besides infrastructure, Alomari said more than 100 hospitals and health care centers were destroyed along with more than 4,000 schools, institutes, colleges, universities, factories, telephone exchanges and transmitters. The factories destruction affected the pharmaceutical sector and components and ingredients were banned by the embargo. The country could receive food and medicine only. "Modern society was reduced to suffering," Alomari said. "A society which we could compare to what we have here was transformed to what it was 100-150 years ago." Other sessions available to students were: Israel-Palestine; India-Pakistan; Korea; Saudi Arabia; Arab-Israeli relations; Northern Ireland; Afghanistan; South America; Europe; Japan; Quebec; Africa; Haiti; Balkans; the Muslim-Christian Conflict in Today's Egypt; Judaism; the Veteran's Perspective; Amnesty International; the Gulf War; the Dalai Lama; "Is America Number One?" and international photography.

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OBITUARIES

Services for Dallas Preston Harwood, 76, formerly of Farmington, were held Oct. 7 at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jennifer Saad officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Mr. Harwood was born Nov. 21, 1925 in Bay City and died Oct. 3, 2002 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was the owner of a manufacturer's rep. company and a past commodore of St. Clair Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife, Sallie; daughters, Deborah (Michael) Vauris and Wendy (Warren) Martin; granddaughter, Melissa Rhodes; and sister, Joan Moore. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Services for Irene T. Couveau, 66, of Farmington Hills, were held Oct. 7 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Frederick Klettner officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Mrs. Couveau was born July 22, 1936 in Detroit and died Oct. 3, 2002 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She worked as a cashier at Wrigley's Supermarket and enjoyed crocheting. She is survived by her husband, Frank; sons, Robert (Carole) and James; daughter, Lida Couveau-Morris; sisters, Alice Mis and Patricia (Russell) Robbins; and grandchildren, Christopher, Jacob and Lucene. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2660, North Canton, OH, 44720. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Services for Sidney Garfield Lush Jr., 70, of Farmington Hills, were held Oct. 7 at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Paul Bersche officiating. Burial followed at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Mr. Lush was born Nov. 12, 1925 in Redford and died Oct. 3, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a carpenter for Detroit Edison. He is survived by his ex-wife, Olive; son, Clifford; daughters, Judy (Dean) Crewell, Denise Lush

held Oct. 8 at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Township with the Rev. Dwight Murphy officiating. Mrs. Pepper was born Dec. 18, 1954 in Elyria, Ohio and died Oct. 5, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; son, Ryan; daughters, Jennifer and Katy; mother, Rheyra Rutter; sisters, Susan (James) Divine, Barbara (Brady) Nitchman and Beth Gravelldinger; sister-in-law, Kathy (Sean) O'Connell; mother-in-law, Josephine Pepper; and nieces, nephews and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, James Rutter and father-in-law, Roger Pepper. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Pepper Scholarship Fund at Walled Lake Northern High School. Arrangements made by Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Services for Sarah Ann Pepper, 47, of Commerce Township, were held Oct. 8 at Commerce United Methodist Church in Commerce Township with the Rev. Dwight Murphy officiating. Mrs. Pepper was born Dec. 18, 1954 in Elyria, Ohio and died Oct. 5, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; son, Ryan; daughters, Jennifer and Katy; mother, Rheyra Rutter; sisters, Susan (James) Divine, Barbara (Brady) Nitchman and Beth Gravelldinger; sister-in-law, Kathy (Sean) O'Connell; mother-in-law, Josephine Pepper; and nieces, nephews and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, James Rutter and father-in-law, Roger Pepper. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarah Pepper Scholarship Fund at Walled Lake Northern High School. Arrangements made by Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

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