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A son, Lyman, lived in Detroit; Gaston, who died last April at 94, was a daughter of Lyman and granddaughter of Elliott and Eva Sprague. She had lived at the Drake Road home since 1898.

Sprague's death in 1933 was due to complications from a broken collar bone, occasioned when a newly purchased horse he was leading out of the barn wheeled in fright and threw him to the

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ground. At the time of his death at age 86 he was the oldest living member of the Farmington Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Farmington Universalist Church. He and his wife are buried in West Farmington Cemetery, a state historic site.



On display: Two 19th century portraits of Farmington Township pioneers Elliott S. Sprague and his wife, Eva-line Heath Sprague, are on display in the lower level of the Farmington Library in downtown Farmington.

## Physicians to discuss prostate cancer

Dr. Philip Lafata, chief of general surgery, and lecturer Dr. Ali Rahmani, senior urological surgeon of the Horizon Surgery Center and St. Mary Hospital, will be the speakers at a health education program on prostate cancer 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3.

Lafata will introduce Rahmani. The lecture, at the Horizon Surgery Center, on Haggerty south of Eight Mile, will include a slide presentation as well as a question-and-answer session.

A packet of information will be available to members of the audi-

ence, courtesy of the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the National Cancer Institute. Light refreshments will be served.

In the United States, prostate cancer is the leading malignancy in men, and the number two cause of cancer deaths. Current estimates are that a 50-year-old American male has a 40 percent chance of developing microscopic prostate cancer during his lifetime, a 10 percent chance of being diagnosed with the disease and a 2-3 percent chance of dying of prostate cancer.

Data from the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics shows an alarming increase in the incidence of the disease since 1980. The number of prostate cancers diagnosed increased 8-10 percent annually the past few years.

Why the rate may be due in part to aging of the population (prostate cancer occurs with a greater frequency in elderly men), to improved diagnostic procedures that discover tumors that may otherwise have been undetected in the past, or to increased awareness

and health-seeking behavior of men.

Research is being done, with an emphasis on oncogenes and genetic predispositions as well as more efficient methods of diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

The Horizon Surgery Center is at 1990 Haggerty, south of Eight Mile, Suite 100, Livonia. There is no charge for the seminar, but seating is limited, so call 462-1888 for reservations or more information.

## Botsford to offer free screenings at Health-O-Rama

Several health screening opportunities, from medication counseling to blood analysis, will be served up March 2-4 by Botsford General Hospital at Project Health-O-Rama at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Botsford, in Farmington Hills, joins the Blue Care Network, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, WXYZ-TV, and the United Health Organization in presenting Health-O-Rama, now in its 15th year.

Health care professionals will offer colorectal screening, a blood panel and prostate screening among the 20 displays of important health information and screenings in the midway of the Livonia Mall.

Also included will be body-fat analysis; hearing screening and sinus information; information on diabetes; speech, voice and language therapy; information on heart health and foot care.

Health-O-Rama includes special information for women, children and older adults. Most of the screenings are free. There are charges for the prostate screening, colorectal screening and a 22-test blood panel profile.

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health," said Sally Randall, a registered nurse and the wellness program coordinator with Health Development Network, a department of Botsford General Hospital.

"Education is an important part of Health-O-Rama. Hopefully we will reach some people who don't have a relationship with a physician and need the screenings offered in Health-O-Rama."

The focus of Health-O-Rama is on prevention and early detection. People who attend who currently don't have a regular physician will be urged to contact one, and physician referrals will be available. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all three days.

## 'Evening of Hope' benefits hospital

More than 1,000 people are expected to fill Burton Manor in Livonia when Leukemia Research, Life, Inc. (LRL) holds its 13th annual "Evening of Hope" dinner-dance Saturday, March 5.

The largest annual fund-raising event for the group, proceeds, expected to top \$60,000, will benefit

LRL, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of childhood cancers through research at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

The dinner-dance will feature a dinner buffet, including a salad, fruit and dessert table, an after-dinner auction and dancing to the

music of the Take Five Band. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Ray and Lucie Shepard of the Detroit Red Wings and Jim Fitzgerald, Detroit Free Press columnist, are honorary chairmen of the dinner-dance. Rich Mayk of WDIV-TV Channel 4 and Colleen

Bureau of WKQI-FM are the master and mistress of ceremonies.

Tickets to the event are \$50 per person. Benefactor tickets are priced at \$75 per person. They are available by calling the development office at Children's Hospital at 745-5373.

Since its inception in 1981, LRL has raised more than \$1.2 million for childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital, a private, nonprofit 260-bed pediatric hospital organized in 1888.

Children's Hospital is a member of the Detroit Medical Center, the academic health center of Wayne State University.

## Seminar to provide information on stages of Alzheimer's disease

The Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills will host the seminar "Caring for a Loving One with Alzheimer's Disease" 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3.

It will be presented by Barbara Jablonski, director of social services and Alzheimer's disease support group leader at Botsford Continuing Health Center.

The lecture will include information on the four stages of Al-

zheimer's disease, dealing with difficult behavior, types of medication, community resources and the types of care services available. A question-and-answer session will follow.

There will be a \$3 charge for each program and registration is required. The Community Center is located at 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information or to register, call 477-8404.

## Rampal, Monroe will showcase DSO council celebrity luncheon

"Dialogues and Duets" is the theme of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council's 1994 Celebrity Luncheon on Friday, March 4, at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

The noon program preceding the 1 p.m. luncheon will feature Jean Pierre Rampal, the world's most-acclaimed flutist, and Ervin Monroe, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's principal flutist. The men will talk about music and play a few duets.

Rampal is coming to Detroit to

solo with the DSO. "I performed a concerto with him with the orchestra in 1991," Monroe said. At the Celebrity Luncheon, they plan to give some of their musical background and then open the program for questions.

"I might have to clarify some of the questions for him," Monroe said of Franco's Rampal. He added with a laugh, "I'm probably there to get him comfortable." Although the program is not primarily a performance, "He and I will probably play some duets," Mon-

roe said.

Celebrity Luncheon tickets at \$35 Friend, \$90 Donor, \$150 Patron, \$250 Benefactor and \$500 Co-Host may be ordered by calling the Volunteer Council office at 962-1000, Ext. 285, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Rampal and Monroe will attend a gala Patron-Benefactor party Wednesday, March 2, at the home of Volunteer Council president Marjorie and Saul Saulson in Franklin. For more information call 962-1000, Ext. 285.

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