Senior paintings

Scene on the Gulf: This painting by Gertrude Pritz is one of 16 canvasses on display in the downtown Farmington Library through the end of June. The paintings are the works of seniors in the Wednesday afternoon class that meets at the Senior Activities Center in the Costick building in Farmington Hills.

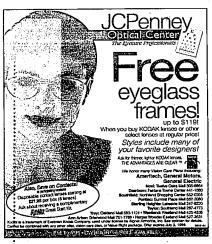
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Contestants: The count-down is on with 10 con-tenders for Miss Farm ington/Oakland County. At right, back row: Francesca Romeo, Sarah Burkett, Stephanie Wat-son and Leslie Reinbold. Scated Eric Cogswell, reigning queen, Pamela Walk, Madonna Emond, and Leilani Thorn Not pictured are contestants Victoria Anderson, Victoria Anderson, Melissa Howard and Michelle Miller. The Miss Farmington l'Oak-land County pageant is slated Wednesday, July 7, at Vladimir's Banquet Castes in Farmington

Center in Farmington Hills. The pageant is the official kickoff event to the annual Farmington Founders Festival which runs through the week-end in downtown Farmington.

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to enter Central Michigan University in the fall. Her platform is Studeuts Against Druak Driving (SADD). Her sponsor is Hearts and Roses Borist.

Mellesse Howard of Novi is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is currently student teaching. Molisse's platform is Literacy. Her sponsor is Dorin's Collectibles in the Craftique Mall in Farmington. Her talent is cardiac kick.

Victoria Andorson, 19, of Farmington Hills is a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, majoring in auclear physics. She graduated number one in her class from North Farmington High. Her sponsor is the Massonic Temple. She will play harp for the talent competition. She's a synchronized swimmer and member of the rowing team. Her platforn is asthma.

Leslic Roinbold, 20, is a junior at Michigan State University. Originally from Saginany, she now lives in Farming-

ton. Her sponsor is Executive Printing. Her platform is eating disorders.

Francesca Romeo, 21, of Farmington Hills is a graduate of the Detroit College of Business. She will be dancing in the talent competition. Her platform is America Today: A Nation of Nations. She is sponsored by the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Stephante Watson, 21, of West Bloomfield, is sponsored by Focal Point Studio. A senior at Lawrence Tech University, she will be dancing in the talent competition. Her platform is Tree of Life - Roots. She traced her family genealegy recently and made some interesting discoveries.

and made some increasing accoveries.
Leilant Thorn, 18, of Waterford, is a student at Waterford Mott High School. Her sponsor is Contemporary Awards. She will dance for the talent competition. Leilani dances with the Detroit Shock dance team. Her

platform is Positive Peer Influence.

"We have five returning contestants and five new sponsors," said Ginny Morris, pageant

testants and five new spensors, said Ginny Morris, pageant organizer.

The feativities will get under way at 7 p.m. July 7 at Vladimir's, on Grand River near Inkster. Tickets are \$10 in advance, available at the Farmington Chamber of Commerco office, or \$12 at the door.

"There have been a lot of changes this year," said Morris.

"The show will open with a parade of nations and each contestant will have a pageant buddy, someone under age 5.

"Ten Marina color guard members will encort the contestants for the evening gown portion of the program. We also have a few surprises on hand."

The Farmington Chamber of Commerce office is at 33000 Thomas, suite 101. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Chat room from page B1

been through. My bed was surrounded by the most important
people in my life and what a
comfart it was to see their faces.
They explained to me what I had
gone through and what the doctor had to do. I was so relieved
that it was all behind me now.
I'd have to say, the hardest
thing I had to deal with after the
surgery was not being able to
perform at my normal energy
ievel. I was prepared to just
jump right back into my normal
routine which included full-time
work, part-time school and a
very active social life but my
body wouldn't allow it. I's the
first time in my life that I wasn't
able to call the shots. I had to be
patient and let my body heal.

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my body and wasn't quite sure how to deal with that. Would it fail? Would my body accept this new addition? Are there limits to my activity? These are all normal questions and the doctoring my life like I always had.

I don't think my family and friends will ever know just how much their support meant to mo. It's because of them that I was able to make it through such a difficult challenge. Love and compassion are better healers than any drag. And thanks to the expertise of the surgeon "All'a well that eads well," and I can write this just a few short months later with only a scar to remind me of my battle.

Katie McManus is the editorial receptionist for the Farmington Observer

N Sync from page B1

superhero's logo on a gold chain.
Sample tyrics: 'N Sync's lyrics are
generic love songs: 'It's tearin' up
my heart when I'm with you/When
we are opart I feel it too/And no
matter what I do I feel the
pain/with or without you.'
Jorden Knight, on the other hand, is
a bit risque for 'N Sync fans: 'You

know I got to give it to you/Can't deny/Wa'll do it right.* Five is all about fun with non-specific party lyrics: "Siam dunk the funk/put it up/when you got that feeling." Appropriate age: Because of Knight, 18 and older. Hoar for yourself: www. peeps. com ('N Sync, Jordan Knight and Five).

98 Degrees from page B1

ing millennium mural, the "Drencher Adventure" theater, a virtual movie experience, the Big Helpmobile and the Reebok Wall of

Helpmobile and the needon from on Pine Knob's melin stage.

Score brownie points: Drew Lachey of 38 Degrees is rarely without a baseball hat, Like 'N Sync, the Backstreet Boys and Britney

Spears, Tommy Hilfiger is 98 Degrees' designer of choice. The group has a holiday album coming out in October, "98 Degrees ... This Christmas," Monica's last name is

Arnold. Sample lyrics: The words to Moni-Sample lyfics: The words to Moni-cas "The First Night," are some-what questionable: "I wanne get down/but not the first hight." The group 98 Degrees, however, prides itself on innocuous, vague lyfics: "I've made up my mind/There is no turning back/Sho's been good to me/And she deserves better than mo."

Appropriate age: Nickelodeon says it is a Grated festivol. All ages. Hear for yourself: www. peeps. com (Monica), or www. 98degrees. com

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Boys from B1

mistake/ Tell me why/ I never want to hear you say/ I want it that way. Even if the tyrics were somewhat suggestive, younger fans at the shows will never know – the screaming drowns out most of the performance. Appropriate age: If hip thrusts and booty shaking ore OK with you, then all ages.

then all ages. Hear for yourself: www. backstreet-

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