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Wustum community art show focuses on portraits

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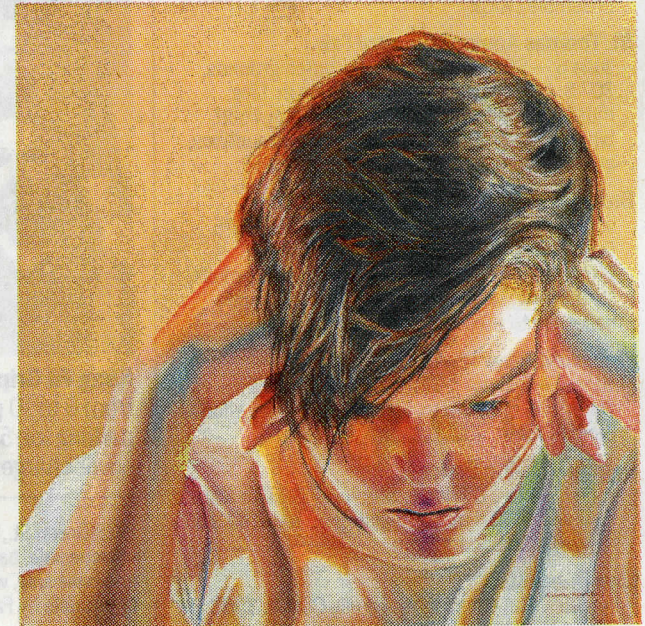
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"About Face" features work created by area families and art students on view side-by-side with well-known regional artists who teach or work at the museums. The exhibition of 119 pieces by 119 artists includes a wide range of media that reflects the stunning variety of different workshops and classes taught at Wustum Museum, a campus of the Racine Art Museum.

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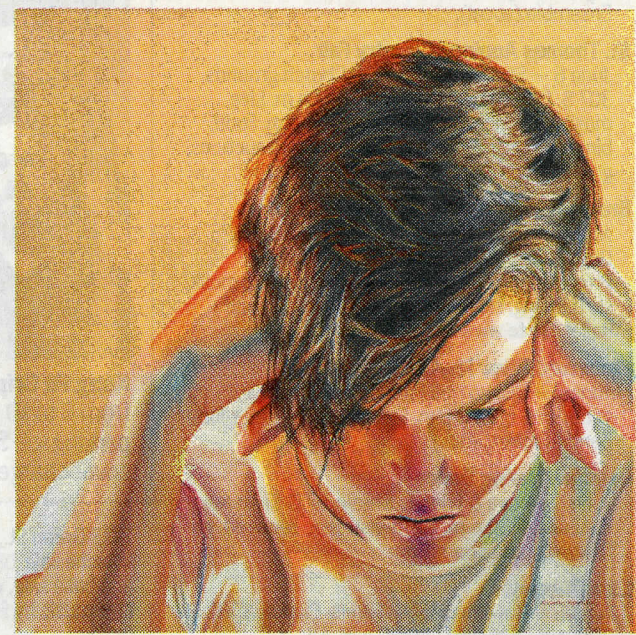
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Wustum Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. There is no admission fee. Go to www.ramart.org.



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