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Dubb was interviewed along with Berkley's dance teacher, Barbara Fink, owner of Barbara's School of Dance in West Bloomfield. "Extra" producers had Dubb and Fink look at a preview of "Showgirls" while they were being filmed.

"They had us look at the trailer so they could get a reaction from us," Dubb said. "We were pretty contemporary ladies."

North Farmington's TV 10 office has received calls as well.

"We've been through this," Sue Cobb said. "She went to school here and we know her, but..."

Berkley didn't take part in any productions handled by Sue or her husband, Dean. However, the

Cobb do remember Berkley when she was a freshman at North and recall meeting her on a flight coming back from California.

Berkley, who left North Farmington High in her sophomore year in 1988, went to Hollywood after she landed a spot on the TV show "Saved by the Bell." Sue Cobb got her photograph for her two daughters.

"I remember one of the first times where we saw her in the hallway," Sue Cobb said. "She was there chatting with a bunch of girls... and we both did a double take and said, 'She's beautiful!'"

Berkley has been featured in Details magazine, Premiere and

**"When I was being filmed, I was told by them ('Extra' crew) that she wanted to know how people would react in Farmington. It's a controversial film."**

**Barbara Dubb**  
North teacher



**Scene setter: Director Paul Verhoeven discusses a scene with star Elizabeth Berkley.**

other national publications. She also reportedly did a provocative lap dance on "Late Night with David Letterman" and was interviewed on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" Friday.

A spokeswoman at Solomon Friedman Advertising said local media outlets have been trying to land interviews with the rising star, who some have called the

next Sharon Stone.

Berkley reportedly is refusing interviews with local newspapers — although a long feature story on her appeared in a recent edi-

tion of The Jewish News.

Some wonder if the reflection cast on Farmington Hills is limelight or notoriety.

"I don't think it has any reflection on Farmington Hills or North Farmington," Dubb said. "I don't know if they succeed because of us or in spite of us... it's irrelevant."

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**WHAT IS RHEUMATISM?**

Rheumatism is an old fashioned name. Its origins go back to the time of Chaucer's England in the 1300's. Having rheumatism then meant that you ached in your bones and muscles. In the last 700 years the meaning has not changed. In fact, today's doctors, that you have rheumatism, leaves them needing more information. The advance of knowledge and the technical and expensive tests available, requires that a physician knows more about your condition before ordering tests or starting medication.

This trend will only increase because of new ways to image joints such as CT scanning and Magnetic Resonance. These advances allow a greater understanding of joint conditions, but their cost requires the physician to know in detail what changes he expects to find.

The field that was once rheumatism has branched into 60 types of arthritis, 50 or more distinct muscle conditions and over a dozen bone diseases.

The state's rheumatologists still call themselves the Michigan Rheumatism Society. The group keeps its ancient origins and calls to mind that despite technology the care of patients requires the time honored virtues of care and concern.

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The latest reports on the effectiveness of breast cancer therapies should remove much of the doubt that may surround treatments of the disease. According to a long-term study by Italian researchers, 25% of women who had mastectomies alone and 34% who had mastectomies plus follow-up drug treatment (chemotherapy) were alive 20 years after diagnosis of breast cancer that had spread to lymph nodes. In addition, U.S. researchers reported that at least 75% of early breast cancer patients survived 10 years, whether they had mastectomies or had lumpectomies (removal of the cancerous lump) plus follow-up treatments with radiation. These results should give confidence to women who have had to choose between traditional therapies and those which were once viewed as experimental.

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