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mittes within the next two weeks. Also a captain in the Army Reserves, the decision depends in part on whether he gets called up for service. If he gets called for service for a year or more, a senate run would not be possible. Shorter service would still make a campaign a possibility.

Since no one else has come forward to challenge for the senate seat, it appears Raczkowski has the field to himself. But taking on Levin won't be easy.

Asked what it would take for the representative to defeat Levin, Steve Mitchell, CEO of the polling firm Mitchell and Associates, suggested a "guerrilla" campaign. He recommended Raczkowski launch a bus tour, visiting as much of the state as he can over the next year.

"It has to be a real grassroots effort," he said.

Raczkowski said that "absolutely" is what he plans for his campaign effort.

Other Republicans argue Levin is susceptible to a challenge, claiming he is "out of touch" with mainstream Michigan.

Raczkowski said he is supportive of Levin's actions in the wake of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 in New York and Washington. In fact, he said he believes it is inappropriate to be campaigning "until we have cleaned up the mess."



Rep. Andrew Raczkowski

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been flat since Sept. 11. "The music that's selling is the patriotic music, we can't keep it in stock," she said.

The group Lit did a Farmington in-store autograph signing Sept. 19, and fans brought in \$468 in donations for the Red Cross. Benn said record retailers are looking forward to the release of Whitney Houston singing the national anthem at the Super Bowl a few years back, and a soundtrack recording of the celebrity-filled relief benefit TV special aired live Sept. 21.

Investments

Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett, a financial planner with LPL Financial

Services, said, "The American economy is very strong, although this hasn't been confidence boosting."

While the stock market has taken a tumble, Barnett focuses more on long-term financial planning. Asked if customers are lining up to switch funds, she said, "There has been no need to do a reallocation. This is the best place to be even in bad times."

"There has been some damage dealt to any recovery in the short term; in my opinion, what we're seeing right now is a lot of fear. If they're in good investments, even if it is going down in terms of today's market conditions, they will come back," she said. "We're talking about great

companies, the economy is very resilient, it always comes back much stronger. There are exciting technological developments. Productivity is still increasing."

Sandy Kusza of Aloha Tanning in Farmington said business fell off sharply the week of the terrorist attack. "They said they would feel guilty doing something so frivolous as tanning when there was something so serious going on," she said.

She said business by last week had returned to normal, usually a slow period in the tanning business.

Kusza said she suspects that for now, people are holding back on spending. "I think it's a wait and see thing," she said.



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Rebound hopes: Bob Sellers' Sam Slaughter thinks that showroom traffic is coming back.

RECREATION NEWS

The following is a list of recreational activities offered through the city of Farmington Hills. For information about any of these events, call (248) 473-1800:

HAUNTED MIKE STATIONS

The Recreation Division is looking for individuals or groups that would be interested in cre-

ating a station for the annual Halloween Haunted Mike. The event will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27 at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. Interested parties should contact Cathy at 473-1802 A.S.A.P.

PARKEY'S HALLOWEEN

Parkey's Halloween Program is full of fun for kids. Kids ages 6-10 can attend Parkey's Pumpkin Carve from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 and kids ages 3-5 can attend Parkey's Pumpkin Painting from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The cost is \$10 per child.

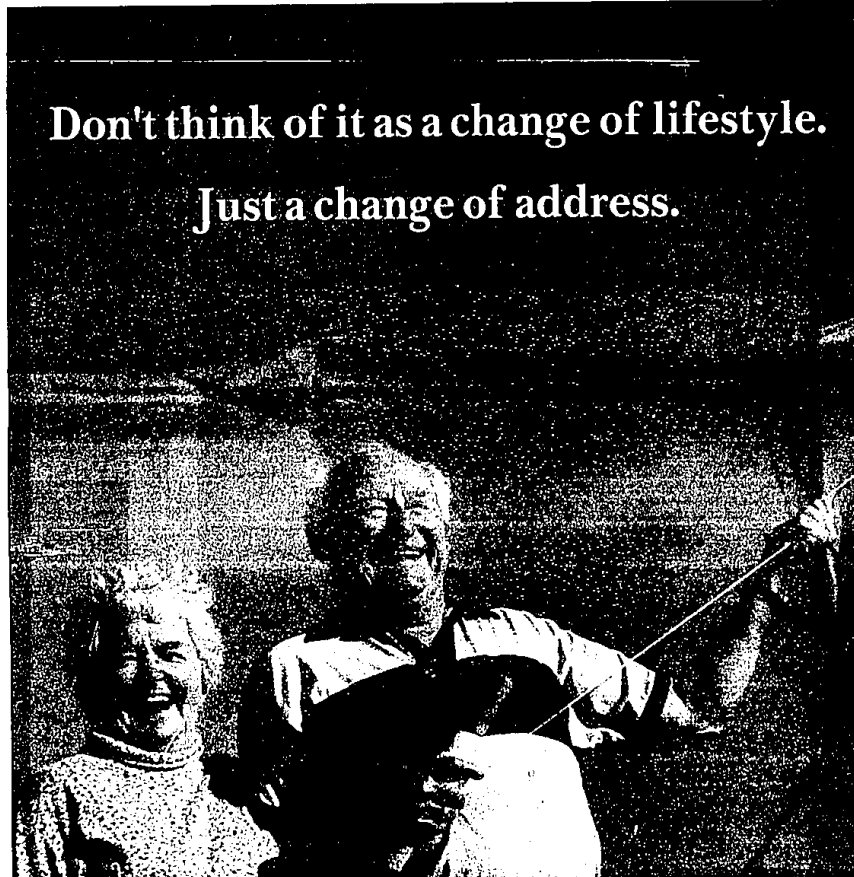
HALLOWEEN COOKIES

Michelle Bommaritowill show how to prepare the dough, make royal icing, piping techniques and creating eye catching designs 8:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Cookery Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$40 and includes all materials.

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