

Pretty faces

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A Farmington woman who has been a professional model "on and off for more than 20 years between pregnancies" will begin two new classes in the Farmington Community Center's winter term: Pretty Faces and Teen Modeling.

Both classes for Marlene Coffey, 3244 Southfarm, stem from the time she signed up for some sewing lessons at the center.

When students in the class were getting ready for their end-of-the-year fashion show, they turned to Mrs. Coffey for hints on how to walk or how to apply on-stage make-up.

Of this came a couple of workshops in the center called "Pretty Faces" that is now a full-fledged five-week course and "Teen Modeling," set to run for eight sessions.

Her "Pretty Faces" workshop, geared for the over-21 set, drew twice the number of women she expected and ran out of time with a lot of questions left unanswered, a problem she hopes to clear up in the coming sessions.

"I PROMISED personalized help to everybody who came to the workshops but even staying two hours over the allotted time, there were still some I didn't get to. In class we'll have time to go home and practice and come back for critiques, if necessary," she said.

Her philosophy on cosmetics is how to put on make-up without looking like you are made up. She condenses this into her own ABCs: A for accent, B for balance, and C for color.

Accent is accenting one's best facial feature, whatever it is. For balance she uses a full-length mirror to balance facial features with stature. And color concentrates on where, what kind and how much.

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In addition to giving each student individual help in applying cosmetics, she also emphasizes that she does not represent a cosmetics firm and is not going to wind up a class with the hard sell.

Quite the contrary. Speaking from her experience as a one-time employee of the State Department's Food, Drug and Cosmetic Laboratories in Louisiana, she says some cosmetics sold in dime stores and super marts are "as good or better than much higher priced ones." She holds the same view towards cleansing creams and moisturizers.

"It is not the make-up, it is how it is applied," she said. "We'll start from scratch and cover cleansing (no soap—soap is drying), pluck eyebrows where necessary, we'll do some facial exercises and I hope have time for some instructions on wearing wigs."

MRS. COFFEY'S Teen Modeling class was spurred by a conversation with one of her son's girlfriends who was disillusioned after registering into a modeling school.

"It's one of the few things in life that hasn't changed in 20 years," she said. "All of the basics are the same—walking, applying make-up, coordinating wardrobes. I'm not going to be able to cover in eight weeks what a school can in nine months, but I'll give them some solid groundwork for TV or fashion modeling, photography and convention work."

Part of Mrs. Coffey's young friend's disillusionment came because a certifi-

cate doesn't guarantee a job, "and that hasn't changed either," she said. "We will go through the steps of how to get a modeling assignment, and when it's advisable to go through an agency, or on your own."

At this point, the teacher doesn't know how many will sign up for her classes or what ages they will be, so she expects to tailor the instruction to the ages and interests of the students after enrollments are in.

THE STATUESQUE model with a tinge of Southern accent spent most of her professional career in New Orleans and Memphis, which she called "the cotton capital of the world and the most fashion-conscious city anywhere." She does some work for Harvey's Suburban now. "But running downtown to Hudsons or out to Saks in the snow was turning a fun thing into a chore."

She is the mother of four sons: Robert, 19, a student at Oakland Community College; Mark, 17, a student at Farmington High School; Jeff, 13, a student at Power Junior High School; and John (who she calls "my piano player"), 11, a student at Gill Elementary.

Registration for all classes offered in the Farmington Community Center's winter term will be accepted until class loads are full. "Pretty Faces" is set to run on Fridays, beginning Jan. 30, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and "Teen Modeling" will be on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 4, from 4-5:30 p.m.



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Methodist women host panel

About seven years ago representatives from the Detroit Chapter of the Panel of American Women presented one of its first programs at the general meeting of the United Methodist Women of First Farmington Methodist Church. They will return for a new program with new insights, after speaking to more than 200 widely divergent groups, when the club holds its next open meeting beginning with a noon luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the church located at 3312 Grand River.

The panel's purpose is to stimulate positive social attitudes, to encourage positive action, to gain insight into the nature of prejudice, to inform, discuss and update, to create an atmosphere of openness for honest communication, to develop unity rather than uniformity.

Each panel is composed of a black, a Catholic, a Jew, and a white Protestant, with a moderator.

Sharon Marks, the newly appointed coordinator of the panel says, "While the panel's aim to eliminate prejudice and discrimination has not changed over the years, its techniques have."

We used to discuss discrimination, racism and prejudice in our prepared talks, then ask questions. Now we get members of the audience to talk to each other. Panel members all become facilitators. We use to think we could save the world. Now we are more realistic and we're glad just to get people talking to each other."

Reservations for the afternoon affair are necessary and may be made by calling the church office 474673.

Community Calendar

- JEWISH AMERICAN THEATER**
- Monday, Jan. 12: "Jewish Creativity in the American Theater" leads off the Monday night series of Jewish contributions to the arts with Evelyn Orbach, sponsored by the adult education commission of Adat Shalom Synagogue, in the synagogue, Middle Belt and Thirteen Mile, Farmington, at 8:15 p.m. No charge. Open to the public.
- REGISTRATION**
- Monday, Jan. 12: Registration continues for all class offerings by John Wesley College's off-campus center for continuing education, 27000 Farmington Rd. Brochures available through Nancy Bates, in the center.
- OPEN HOUSE**
- Tuesday, Jan. 13: Weight Watchers hold open house for all meetings in January, held regularly every Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Center, for guests, without charge.
- 4-H REGISTRATION**
- Tuesday, Jan. 13: Denim Dudes 4-H Club registration for members and leaders taken all day by Karen Kelly, 474-8432, for invitation to orientation-night meeting. Open to boys and girls 9-18 years old, and limited only if not enough leaders apply.
- ARTIST CLUB**
- Wednesday, Jan. 14: Farmington Artist Club hosts Charles McCoe with a demonstration of oils in an open meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Library, 3277 Twelve Mile. Donation asked of guests at the door.
- FILM FARE**
- Thursday, Jan. 15: Three films shown for pre-schoolers only in Farmington Community Library, 3277 Twelve Mile, at 10 a.m. Participants
- are asked to bring a purple crayon. Registration is not necessary. No charge.
- RIOT OF MOVIES**
- Saturday, Jan. 17: "Riot of Movies" shown for school-age children only in Farmington Community Library, 32500 Liberty, at 2 p.m. Registration is not necessary. No charge.
- PUSS 'N' BOOTS**
- Saturday, Jan. 17: "Puss 'N' Boots" staged by Southfield Repertory Theater in Madonna College Activities Center, Schoolcraft and Leray, Livonia, 10 a.m. Admission asked at the door.
- SATURDAY SKI BUS**
- Saturday, Jan. 17: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 8:30 a.m. for Mt. Brighton every Saturday through Feb. 23 when skiing conditions are favorable. Reservations and details available through the center.
- NORTHERN LIGHTS**
- Sunday, Jan. 18: "Northern Lights" from Seattle, Sweden, stop at North West Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 38111 Ten Mile, for morning worship service, at 11 a.m., on the group's first U.S. tour of singing and speaking engagements.
- ADOLESCENCE SERIES**
- Wednesday, Jan. 21: Norbert Birnbaum, from Oakland County Child and Adolescent Clinic, continues Farmington Area PTA series in an effort to prevent delinquency by helping parents understand the various aspects of adolescence, in Ten Mile Elementary School, 32700 Ten Mile, 8 p.m. No charge.
- ROUND RIVER ADVENTURES**
- Thursday, Jan. 21: Round River Adventures representatives will talk

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Nursery opens
enrollment

Family Life Co-op Nursery has reopened enrollment for the January-to-June session. It is located in Southfield's North Congregational Church, Lahser and 14000 expressway, and has sessions four times a week for children from ages 3-5. Parents who assist on nursery morning are guided by a professional teacher.

Concentration is on personality development and adjustment to social situations.

Members come from the entire South Oakland area, and make car-pool arrangements.

Membership inquiries will be taken by Cheryl Krul, 557-4872.

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