Fear of phoning? Call Gene

By PATRICK TOUHEY
Ever get the mad itch to blow off
your boss? Or tell that little cutey you
met last week that she's the girl of

met last week that she's the girl of your dreams?
Probably there's only one thing stop-ping you—lack of nerve.
But take heart. There is hope for the voiceless oppressed and the spineless coward.
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voiceless oppressed and the spineless coward. In this case it comes in the form of In this case it comes in the form of one Gene Rodriguez who will deliver those messages that you can't or won't bring yourself to say. Rodriguez, a 26-year-old Plymouth resident, is operating a phone messenger service out of his apartment, but only on the side, you understand. His real job is that of a land salesman. The message service "is just a hastle I do on the side. "It ty to keep a couple things going," he said. "You know how it is—a couple bucks here and a couple bucks there."

RODRIGUEZ JUST started his phone message service last Sunday. Since then he's had four calls. "I figure it's just a slack time of the year," he explained. "I probably should have waited until the fall to get the thing in operation." What kind of messages has he been asked to deliver?

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"Well, one guy wants me to tell a girl that he loves her. And some owners were to see the comman wants me to call her landlord to complain about the bathroom jumbing in her apartment."
This is not the first Line Rodriguez these specimented this income with the message plemented this income with the season of the complaint of the compla

ings."
Rodriguez charges \$3 a minute for each message, with the exception of the first one—that's free.

"I'M LOOKING FOR a repeat business," he explained. "If you've got one thing to say to somebody that you can't say yourself there must be 100 things you can't say yourself there must be 100 things you can't say you feels he is particularly suited to his go-between role by virtue of his eloquence and background.
"I was a counselor for a while and

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The increases were approved by the

Smoke was in their eyes

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Tuition, fee set to rise

for Oakland students



I've been a salesman. I have an understanding of how people feel and what some of their emotions can be.

Besides, I don't really have a stake in the outcome. I'm just an impartial party in the message. People don't have any trouble putting what they want to say in words to me because I'm not the object of the message. Rodriguez also believes that he is offering people who use his service something of therapeutic value.

"If people bottle up their feelings were a long period of time, it can support the service of the period of time, it can be compared to the continuous control of the control of the

university's board of trustees last

The rate for non-resident students remains unchanged at \$63.50 a credit hour.

"I use the letter as my authorization to make the call, and the tape records the message and the response." In case you find yourself in need of a surgaget voice, you can reach Rodrischer. We have the surgage to the



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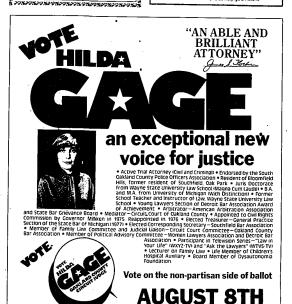


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