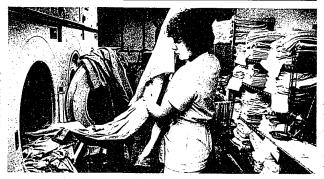


## Future planning

That's what these students are doing by learning skills for future employment. At left is Melina Strzesniak who works at the salad bar as a trainee at the Steak and Ale in Farmington Hills. Right is Beverly Shay who works in the laundry at the Farmington Nursing Home. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



## Thanks, business, for helping kids

By MARY GNIEWEK

It's a cooperative work-school pro-gram unlike others in that it caters to high school students who are learning disabled or have physical or mental

distance or have physical to measure handicaps.

In the ten years since the program's inception in the Farmington Public Schools, dozens of trainable students have found permanent employment in local nursing homes, hotels, restaurants and industrial shops after graduation.

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ing success, school administrators want to honce employers who have provided students with training or jobs this year with an all-out big bash spring banquet. "They've been marvelous," said Rose Galvin, vocational coordinator in the Farmington schools. "Employers have been open and receptive in taking handicapped students."

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GRAHAM LEWIS, special education coordinator for Farmington schools, how students in the district's three high schools, Boys Republic school and residence, and the Farmington Training Center in their attempt to help the youths find jobs before graduation.

"SOMETIMES their only hope of maintaining employment is through

us," Mrs. Galvin said. "We make sure they have a skill. We'll search out a job they can do." Funding needed for job trials is pro-vided by the state Department of Voca-tional Rehabilitation. "It's really stepped up in the past few years from a handful to more than 100 students involved ranging from trainable to educable." Mrs. Galvin said. Currently 99

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Currently 28 students are employed.

Of 33 recent graduates, 19 are employed, five are in training at state institutes, one is in college, another in military service, one serviced by an outside agency and six are unemployed.

GRAHAM LEWIS, special education coordinator for Farmington schools, has watched the program expand from a part-time placement of students in the community to a full blown job referral service.

"Many of the students aren't severely handicapped," Lewis said. "Many are disabled but do well in school. They need work experiences so they can make the transition to the job world."



Deborah Cramer, a Harrison High School student, has found she enjoys working in the Farmington Library as part of the training program wherein businesses in the community cooperate with the

school district in providing training for handicapped children. (Staff photo)

## THE INSIDE \*

LIKE SWALLOWS flying back to Capitaran, spring wings its own way back to Michigan. Angles would like to great the official opening of spring with its own IA salnte to the one season Michigan almost skips every year. By late May, when the humidity sneaks up on us, we'll be wondering, "what happened to spring this year?" IA, through various sources has discovered what happens to spring between opening day and May. It went thatway § . Nevertheless, Angles salutes Michigan's halfhearted attempt at a season between winter and summer; a bouquet of early blooming exclamation marks: """""" (too bad they're not in color.)

THE SAME proud mom, (obviously an Angles fan) reports that the Shriners treated a group of Head Start and special education students from Fairives Elementary School to the Shriner Circus. The students munched on hot dogs while enjoying the show and walked away with halloons, courtesy of the Shriners Angles salutes the Shriners and the students: WOWWWW (And an extra salute to the mother who called 1 h to spread the word and become a Completed Angler. Here's the first 1A Compleat Angler salute: @@@@@@@

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Maggie at the Gathering Place, 474-140 or call the
Oakland Livington Human Service Agency at 624530 and ask for Jim Pooleeono.

FARMINGTON HILLS Parks and Recreation conduct a boating safety clinic from 7 to 10 p.m., April 8 and 15 in the Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee, east of Orchard Lake Road. (It's the former Shiawass Elementary School.)

All persons 12 to 16 years old who want to operate a motorboat powered by six or more horsepower without adult supervision should attend this clinic. The Michigan Boating Safety Certificate will be awarded to persons in this age group upon successful completion of the course. You must attend both classes to receive the certificate. For further information call the Park and Ree department at 474-6115. This course requires pre-registration.

THE AMERICAN Cancer Society and the A&P at 41800 West Ten Mile in Novi will sponsor a donation day at the store on April 16. Five percent of the total purchase of person with Donation Day cards will be donated to the cancer society. For interest person of the control of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society. For interest person of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society. For interest person of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society of the cancer society.

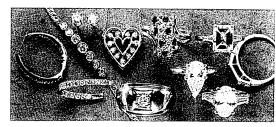
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AN OAKLAND Community College Orchard Ridge campus advertising illustration student, Donna Lynn Bernett won first prize in the state in the National Home Fashion League contest. Ms. Bernett designed linoleum floor covering to resemble a forest floor of matted leaves in tones of resemble a forcet floor of matted leaves in tones of gold, ollve green, crange, beige, brown and gray, She also organized the pattern so it could be repeated in 18" sources on continuous linoleium floor covering with no discernible beginning or entrangent of the covering with no discernible beginning or entrangent of material such as backing, printing surface, acrylle protective cost, etc. She received a plaque and a \$100 check for her design as well as a plaque and a \$100 check for her design as well as a locar of the covering the control of the control of the control of the covering the control of the covering the control of t

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