



Dance with Harbinger

The Harbinger Dance Company will be offering non-credit dance courses at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College from March 29 to May 28. Contemporary dance, tum-

bling, gymnastics, jazz, tap and ballet will be included. A fee will be charged. For registration information, call 477-7014.

Debbie Boone charms fans

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head on my shoulders, and maybe I've made decisions different than some others in this field."

PUTTING IT another way, she said, her lifestyle may be straight, but it's not because she's naive or innocent in the ways of the world.

Her fans, and there were legions who showed up Thursday afternoon at the mall, like Debbie Boone just they way she is.

Linda Marderian, who lives in a group home for the retarded in Inkster, came all the way from Detroit to see Boone because she's her idol ever since the song "You Light Up My Life" came out.

Linda sings that song with such feeling before every class," said Marge Gibson, Linda's instructor at a Weight Watcher class.

Despite public-address announcements that said Debbie Boone didn't

have time to pose for pictures, Linda charmed her way into getting a snapshot with the star.

Another rule was broken for Gerrie Book of Farmington Hills, owner of the Cookie Factory in the mall. She got a personalized autograph for her son Michael after presenting Boone with a cookie that had the "Seven Brides" design on it.

"We put anything on a cookie," Cook said.

In line for a second time, Mercy High School journalism students Erin Lacey and Kathy Byrne, both 11th-graders, finally summoned up enough courage to get a photograph of Boone that they hope to run in the school newspaper.

THEY WEREN'T sure if they were true fans of Debbie Boone but both said they were excited about seeing an upcoming performance of "Seven Brides."

Boone's understated outfit of grey culottes, scarf and blue-striped leg

warmers over grey boots was overshadowed by the white princess outfit worn by young Heather Bucek of Garden City.

Heather had a fake jewel crown on her head and a sash over the gown proclaiming her "Tiny Miss Broadway of 1981."

Heather didn't run away and join the theater after receiving the autograph. In fact she even had a hard time remembering what song Debbie Boone made famous despite prodding from her aunt, Ann Bucek.

The person who seemed happiest about meeting Boone was Wilma Baskin of West Bloomfield, who won the right to eat lunch with Debbie Boone when her name was picked as contest winner in a promotion sponsored by the mall.

She was easy to spot. She was the one three feet off the ground and glowing. Somebody special had just lit up her life.

New legal bar founded

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ence? It's all paid for by the taxpayers."

ON A TYPICAL day in circuit court, Ingle said, a computer assigns between 10 and 100 cases to a judge. Attorneys and potential witnesses must be on hand or nearby.

"No way can a judge hear all those cases," Ingle says.

The trend toward mediation and out-of-court settlements disturbs the 60-

year-old Ingle, a Northville resident.

"Another five to 10 years and we'll probably just feed information into a computer and you won't even need judges anymore," Ingle said half-jokingly.

Despite the lengthy delays in disposing cases, attorneys often come to trial unprepared, Ingle said. He hopes the local bar association may foster communication and cooperation between lawyers who act as adversaries.

"Inside the courtroom, you fight like the devil for your client and you can go

to lunch with the opposing attorney and there's no problem between you," Ingle says. "When lunch is over you go back in the courtroom and fight like the devil for your client again."

"I don't know any attorney who lets it carry over into his private life. You don't have to be enemies to be on opposing sides."

Educational seminars and social activities for the association have been scheduled. Judge Michael Hand of the 47th District Court was guest speaker before the group last month.

Spelling bee winner knows her 'diphthong'

Students from five parochial junior high schools competed last Wednesday in a spelling bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Francis Council No. 4401 in Farmington Hills that was decided by the word "diphthong."

In phonetics a diphthong is a sound that starts as one vowel and moves to another vowel or semi-vowel sound within the same syllable. A good example is the "oy" sound in boy.

Student Kathy Kelley of St. Michael junior high in Livonia knew that diphthong, even though it is often pronounced with a silent "h" is spelled with one after the "p." She is the only contestant among 40 students from five Roman Catholic schools in the area who spelled the word correctly.

First runner-up was Julie DeWard of Beahan Junior High, at Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Farmington. In third

place was Alisa Anderson, a student at St. Benedict in Highland Park and in fourth place was Joan McDonald.

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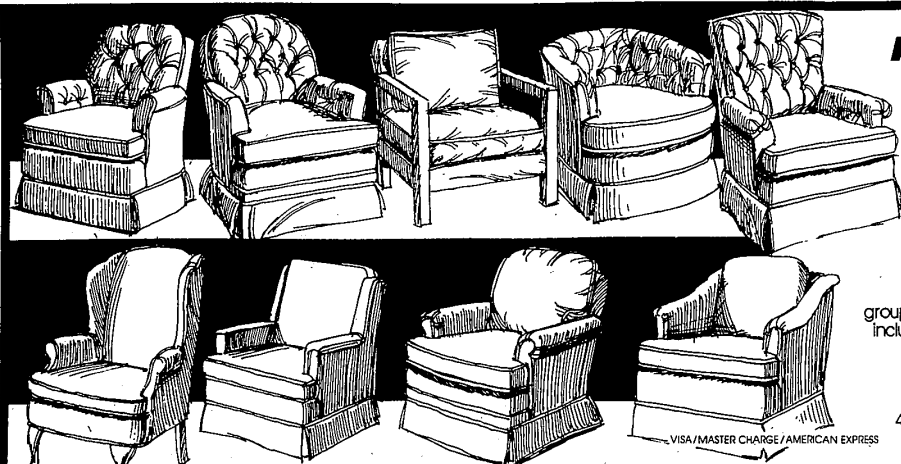
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