

Sky's no limit for sisters

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"It's a challenge to make a success out of something like this," Janice said, "especially with the hard times we've been having recently. Flying is a luxury like golf or tennis. Obviously, when people don't have a lot of money to spend, this is one of the first things they're going to cut."

"(the business) has suffered in that respect, but there are a lot of people who want to do this (flying) very badly, and they always seem to find the money to do it."

The flying lessons, which cost from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and take from six

months to a year to complete, have been "picking up more and more," according to Janice.

"It's one of those things people have always had in the back of their minds — someday I want to learn how to fly," Janice said.

That day came a few months ago when Janice earned her private pilot's license. She now can fly light, single-engine aircraft. Marilyn is a student pilot. In keeping with flying tradition, Marilyn's shirt tail hangs on the Renaissance bulletin board with the date and time of her first solo flight marked on it.

"When I first came here, I had the strange feeling that everyone around me was speaking a foreign language," Janice said. "They would sit around and talk flying, and there were a lot of terms I didn't understand. Now I'm one of them."

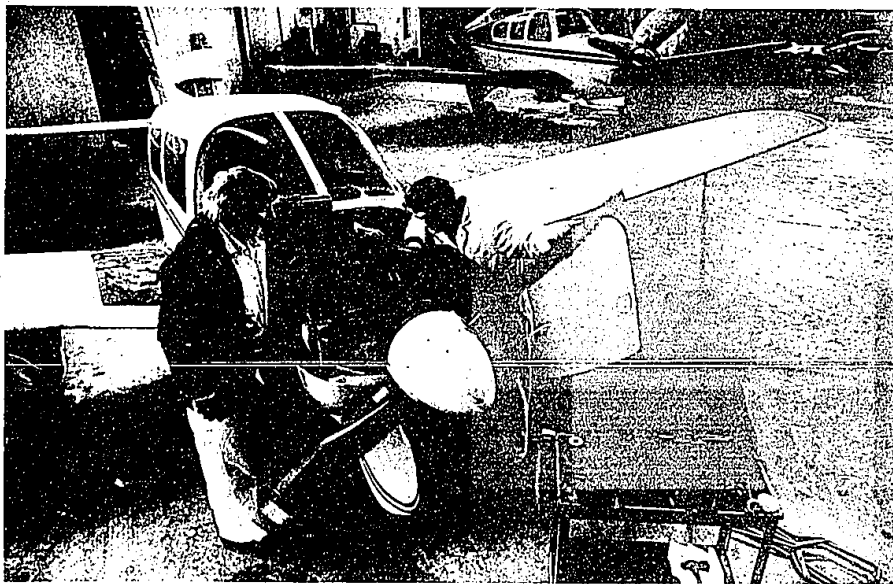
THE MANCUSO brothers have shown little interest in flying or the business, according to their wives. Asked what her husband thought of the venture, Janice said with a laugh, "They say it keeps us off the streets and out of the stores."

But, she added, in a more serious

mood, "I was never really the kind of person who goes to luncheons and the hair dresser. I'd much rather be here."

Being there has been fun, but hectic. "The business is very demanding," Janice said. "We're open from 8 in the morning until sundown. In the summer, that can be 10 o'clock."

But the sisters said they wouldn't trade their jobs at Mettetal for anything. "I've met a lot of nice and very interesting people from all walks of life," Marilyn said. "When they come out here, it's basically a fun atmosphere. They're here because they want to be here."



The large hangar at Mettetal Airport is used by Renaissance Air to store and service aircraft. Victor Zukowski (left) and Derek Sajdak perform maintenance on customers' planes.

RANDY BORST/Staff Photographer



Marilyn Mancuso is studying to get a pilot's license.



Janice Mancuso

"We're not making a million dollars, that's for sure. But business is good, and it's getting better. I'm proud of the services we provide on the field."

— Janice Mancuso

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ARSHALOW SHOHAT of Farmington Hills and Israel received a doctoral degree in instructional technology from Wayne State University.

JAMES ANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson and a student at Northwood Institute, is included in the 1984 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Students are elected based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

LEARN TO scuba dive beneath the ice. Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Farmington YMCA. For more information, call 453-5094 or 553-4020.

PVT. TERRI L. SMART, daughter of Robert and Marilyn Smart of Farmington Hills and a 1978 Farmington High School graduate, has recently completed her basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She was awarded a sharpshooter medal in both rifle and grenade. Terri will continue her schooling at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, at the U.S. Army Intelligence School. She will complete her schooling at Monterey, Calif.

DR. ALAN POST of Farmington has been selected for membership in the American Chiropractic Association. Post is a graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic located in St. Louis and also is a member of the Michigan State Chiropractic Association.

THE FARMINGTON HILLS Parks and Recreation Department announces the opportunity for Farmington area residents to skate during the winter months on outdoor ice rinks. Five sites will be flooded when appropriate weather conditions prevail: Colony Park, Heritage Hills and Lincolnshire subdivisions, Glen Oaks Golf Course and Waldron Park. These outdoor ice rinks will be open daily, weather permitting.

STEVEN R. GARMAN of Farmington Hills was recently named Salesman of the Year by Olympus Corp. of New Hyde Park, N.Y. The award which is given in recognition of superior sales achievement, as well as outstanding service contributions to the company and its customers, was awarded at the company's marketing meeting in Acapulco, Mexico.

PHILIP AND DANIEL ROSS, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Ross, have been selected as members of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) 50th Anniversary Honors Band. The MSBOA Honors Group will perform in Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Friday evening, Jan. 20 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of MSBOA and as part of the 39th Annual Midwestern Conference on school vocal and instrumental music. The concert is free and open to the public. Philip and Daniel's father is a local instrumental music teacher at Power Middle School and is a current member of MSBOA. Philip is a member of the North Farmington High School Symphony Band and Daniel is a member of the Farmington High School Symphony Band.

CHRISTINE CUMMINS, Paula Gervasi, Stacey Kugler and Maureen O'Connor have been named to the dean's list at Northwood Institute. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

FARMINGTON POSTMASTER Kenneth E. Harris reminds all customers that postal regulations regarding delivery of mail on mounted routes require customers to keep the approach to their mailbox cleared of snow. This will permit the carrier to drive up to the mailbox to deposit and to collect mail without leaving his vehicle. The approach to and the exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not be required to back up his vehicle after delivery. Failure to open approaches to boxes promptly after heavy snows may temporarily prevent carriers from making deliveries. Harris said that Postal regulations also require that walks, steps and porches be kept cleared of snow and ice. If you have any questions or an unusual situation, contact the Post Office at 553-3910.

FUND-RAISER to benefit girls sports at Harrison High School will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Chatham Supermarket at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads. On that day Chatham will donate five percent of a participating customer's grocery bill (excluding beer, wine and cigarette purchases) to Harrison High School girls sports. In order to participate, customer must hand cashier a donation card when going through check out. Donation cards may be obtained from a member of any girls sport team or Harrison's office. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be shared equally by all girls sports.

PATRICK G. WHELAN, son of Mr. James Whelan of Farmington Hills, was recently named to the fall quarter dean's list at Radford University, Radford, Va. Patrick is a freshman criminal justice major.

Introducing Estee Lauder's Super Team of make-up experts

You're invited to meet Estee Lauder's Super Team, a trio of highly trained make-up artists who will teach you the latest in color techniques. They'll show you how to use brushstrokes to give yourself a professional looking make-up and a perfect finish how to enhance and correct features. You'll see cheekbones you never knew you had, more noticeable eyes, and a perfect, smooth-as-silk mouth. All accomplished with Estee Lauder's new Color Pavilion. The complete make-up lesson is just \$10, which is redeemable in Estee Lauder cosmetics. Make your appointment with the Super Team, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at these Hudson's stores.

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Oakland, 585-3232. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23 and 24.
Southland, 287-3232. Wed., Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 25, 26, 27.
Fairlane, 593-3232. Mon., Tues. and Wed., Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1.
Lakeside, 247-3232. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3.

