## obituaries

### ANNA GEE

Mrs. Gee, 75, of Southfield, formerly of Farmington, died Sept. 26 in Metro-politan West Hospital, Westland.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Gee was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, George and John; brothers, Michael and Joseph Phillips; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Assist Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Drogowski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation. ney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Clarc of Assis Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Drogowski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

GEORGE W. LANGLOIS

Mr. Langlois, 82, of Farmington died Sept. 27 in Greenbriar Nursing Home,

Mrs. Diack, 77, of Redford Township, formerly of Farmington, dled Sept. 27 in Presbyterian Village.

Mrs. Diack was a homemaker. -Survivors include her daughter, Nan-cy Asma; sister, Lucille Kimbal; one grandchild.

Services were Oct. 2 in Presbyterian Mrs. Di Cleco, 81, of Farmington Village with the Rev. David W. Sherwin died Sept. 29.

officiating. Cremation was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Arrange-ments were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials may be made to the Pres-byterian Village or the charity of your choice.

## TERESA DI CICCO

Born in Italy, Mrs. Di Cicco was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Tony, sons, Ralph and Joseph; daughters, Lucy Vance and Betty Di Cicco; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Burlal was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

# Franklin Plaza gets new life with a facelift

The Franklin Plaza, best known recently for the fallure of a series of restaurants — including the trendy and
once very popular Realthy Jones — is
once ugain enjoying good times.

"When we got involved (last year),
quite frankly, the concept was to moderrize the whole center. Bring it up to
date, remerchandise it and bring in a
better mix of tenants, 'said William
Lakritz, partner in the Southfield firm
of Lakritz, wheen and Co, a minority
partner in the center and its leasing
agent.

gent.
"Before, we felt there were too many "Before, we felt there were too many restaurants, which overshadowed the center. We needed a better mix of reallers. There are two restaurants now, the Plaza Deli and Seros, which is enough for that size center."

The center is \$4,000 square feet.

AS PART OF that better mix, Lakritz recently leased space to Donlevys
Back Room, a nationwide chain of 40
stores specializing in discount upper
line wamen's wear; Waldenbooks, a division of K mart and along with B. Daion on of the two biggest book retailers in the nation; and Cadillac Luggage, a 35-year-old Detroit firm that is
opening list first suburban outlet.

Donlevys opened Sept. 20, and the store is enjoying excellent business so far, visiting manager Lee Fisher said. The chain already operates stores in Flint and Lansing. Store officials decided the best place to open the first Detroit-area location was in Southfield.

"We've purposely kept some vacant rather than just take anyone. We want before planned for this area, she added.

WALDENBOOKS HOPES to open within a month for the holiday shoping season. Negoliations, Lakritz said.

Ron Paler of Farmington Hills has been accepted as a member of the 1884 on accepted as a member of the 1884 of the work of the work

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Lakritz and Weber have been involved as leasing agents or minor partners in about 30 shopping centers in the metropolitan area, including the Southfield Piazo on Southfield Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads and the Orchard Place Shopping Center at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile roads.

Ron Paler of Farmington Hills has been accepted as a member of the 1984 Marching Band at the University of Notre Dame.

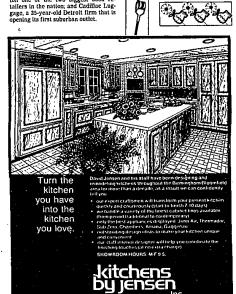
Pater played the saxophone in the Catholic Central High School Band. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Pater.



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Southfield Plaza, in particular, has been a success story for them. Recently resembling more a ghost town than a shopping center, it is now fully leased, with its lot full of cars and its stores and the stores.





# CHESS & CHECKERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2:30 to 8:30 pm SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2:30 to 8:30 pm SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Here's your chance to play the experts in a game of chess or checkers.

Charles Bolter, President of the Chess and Checker Foundation of Michigan, and other experts will be on hand to play persons either individually or

Saturday, October 6, is a special Day of Champions when the following champs will be here to challenge

David Wolfram - 1983 State Champion David volifam - 1995 state Champion Laura Lee Romeo - Women's State Co-Champion Carl Albrect - State Champion, Straight Checkers Rev. Bill Langley - Pool Checker Champion Paul Dupuis - Chess Champion, plays blindfolded

The games will be played cafe style in The Restaurants on Main Street in Tel-Twelve Mall.

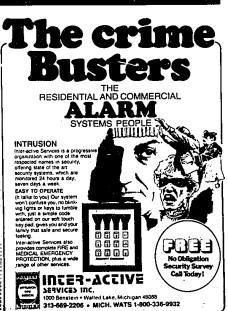
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