Teacher was big fan of kids

Betty Ellen Johnston, born in Farmington 60 years ago and for a long while "teacher to every little girl growing up in Farmington who wanted to dance." died Sunday afternoon in Sinai Hospital of Detroit after a massive heart attack.
The quote comes from Dilane Holsess, now a co-

Signs draw spotlight

In considering two sign variance requests, Farmington City Council voted March 17 to table one application and deny the second.

Ray Lucas, 22290 Farmington Road, requested a sign variance for a proposed 18-quare-foot, four-foot-high sign to replace the existing, rotting pole sign. The building is owned by John Anhut of Farmington Hills.

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The request was discussed and tabled, according to Farmington City Clerk Josephine Bushey.

Mike Nikolowski, 2330 Farmington Road, owner of Mike's Cleaners and Tailors, asked that he be allowed to place a 1-by-2-foot sign advertising shirt service in front of his business for three months. Nikolowski also requested the council assign specific parking spaces for his business.

"Prior to the current sign ordinance, the downtown district and other commercial districts were filled with real estate-type and A-frame sign," according to an administrative report to the council "Council elected — by ordinance — to problikt this type sign. To grant the variance as requested would be a major departure from council's previous position.

Both the sign variance and parking designation requests were denied by the council.

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lumnist for The Detroit News, one of the many "lit-tle girls" who took after-school and Saturday les-sons in the Betty Johnston Dance Studio from the dancer, whose teaching career spanned 39 years. Johnston knew she wanted to be a dance teacher after her own first lesson in Farmington, and was proud that some students who started their lessons with her at age 3 stayed with her through high school.

She taught tap, jazz and ballet in her studies on Grand River for 22 years and owned and operated another studie in Birmingham. She turned the business over to her son, Eric, when the studie in Farmington was moved to Farmington Road and she announced her semi-retirement in 1984.

As part of her semi-retirement, she served as contertainment director, with Eric Johnston, for the Farmington Founders Festival in 1984 and 1985.

Johnston was an active member and past president of Nada Musical Association of Dance Teachers, and a member of St. Martin Episcopal Church in Detroit.

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ing. She was married to William Jonation Sr., who didd in 1978. She is survived by two sons, Eric and William, and one brother, Robert Goetz.
Eric Johnston returned to teach in his hometown and carry on in his mother's tradition after a successful career as a world-class ballet dancer with the National Ballet of Meetics and the London Bal-

the National Bailet of meace and at the left Theater.
William Johnston is an English and speech teacher for Milford Public Schools.
Services were held Wednesday in St. Martin Episcopal Church. The Rev. Robert Miller officialed. Burlal was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.



Betty Johnston and her son Eric in 1984, in their then-ne studio on Farmington Road.

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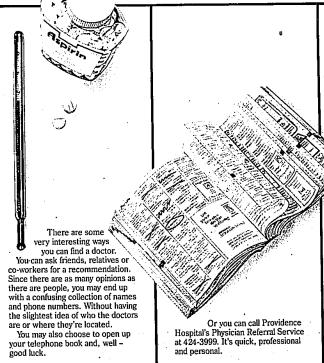
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