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Twenty-Five Cents

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TUNE in to ABC's 20/20 newsmagazine in about six weeks, and you'll see a Farmington Hills connection.

Randy Sher, owner of nine-year-old Strategies, a Hills-based multimarket conference held annually in cities around the country, including Detroit, to enhance the quality of work life for women, will be among these interviewed. those interviewed.

She'll appear on a segment about the 50th anniversary of Dale Carnegie's book, "How To Win Friends and Influence

People.

She's one of the success stories of Ralph Nichols' Southfield-based Dale Carnogie course, considered one of the nation's most successful Dale Carnogie franchises.

"The producers wanted a real good understanding of the course and wanted to talk to people who've taken it," Sher sald.

"In my case, everything goes back to the course, which I took three years ago. It teaches you to take risks, to evaluate problems, to stop worrying, to think positively and how to not be afraid."

Newsmagazine (liming took place Oct. 23 at the Berkshire Hotel, Southfield.

MIXING it up.
Farmington/Farmington
Hills Chamber of Commerce
will host a business after-hours
mixer at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov.
18, at the Holiday Inn of
Farmington Hills, 38123 10
Mile.

It'll provide a chance for businesses to find new customers or new suppliers. Members of the Novi and Livonia chambers will be

Booth space will cost \$25 for local chamber members, \$50 for non-members. General attendance will cost \$5 per person. The cash bar will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres. For reservations, call the chamber: 474-3440.

IN the news.
A picture and story about
Farmington-area senior adults
helping make and repair
costumes and props for the
1986 Thanksgiving Day Parade
in downtown Detroit appeared
on the back page of the
November issue of The Mature
American.

That's an Oakland County information and service magazine designed for the elderly.

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The senior adults are members of Santo's Seniors, a volunteer service group sponsored by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Adult Program, the Area Agency on Aging I-B, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Thanksgiving Day Parade Committee.

FOOTNOTES: One year FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Challenger Jonathan Grant outpolled fourth-place Farmington Hills City Council victor Terry Sever in the precincts, but Grant's support wasn't enough to keep Sever from a six-vote victory in absentee ballots.

Crackdown on liquor continues

By Joanno Mallszowski staff writer

In the second erackdown on liquor law violations this year, Farmington Hills police have ticketed 75 percent of the city's liquor-licensed business-

Of 67 licensed businesses - res-

ing the department's recent five-day "Operation Liquor Enforcement 1." Five of the six businesses eited in June during an earlier 10-day task force operation were again eited for the same alleged violations in this second beefed-up undercover program.

"it's probably very shocking that that many locations have been cited," Police Chief William Dwyer said. "But the message is loud and

clear now — that the department and the community just won't toler-ate selling to minors. If these people maintain their current posture, they are going to lose their licenses."

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The undercover operation was conducted from 4 p.m. to midnight Oct. 17, 24, 30 and 31, as well as Nov. 4. Complaints from the community as well as high school students in Farmington Public Schools prompted it.

Particularly because it's the time of year for prep football games and accompanying parties and dances, the undercover operation targeted Friday evenings — the night with the highest incidence of liquor law violations, Dwyer said.

"THE DEPARTMENT has also carned from students in the school learned from students in the school district that 75 percent of the high

that 75 percent of the high school students in our community consume alcoholic beverages on the weekends.

- Chief William Dwyer

Little Caesar breaks ground

By Joanne Mallazowski stall writer

With a solemn blessing and a champagne toast, Marian and Mike littch — founders of Little Caesar Enterprises — broke ground for the international corporation's new Farmington Hills headquarters.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted Thursday before 500 onlookers — city and school officials, players on the likth-owned Detroit Red Wings, friends, state officials and little family members — on 39 acres at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Drake roads.

The North Farmington Raiders high school band provided the music, while a representative for state Sen, sith a proclamation on behalf of the state Senate.

The ceremonies were the official start on the \$13-million, 125,000-square-food first phase of the planned world headquarters that has been in the planning for more than a year.

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"This is a great day in the history of Little Caesars," Mike Illich sad following the groundbreaking. "It's really a tremendous thrill. I want it the headquarters) to be more than a building. I want it to stand for what the people (who have worked to make Little Caesars the largest carryout pizza chalin) have done over the years."

Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alka-

e years. Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alka-Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alka-teeb welcomed the new headquar-ters and, with representatives from both the Oakland County Road Com-mission and Michigan Department of Transportation in the audience, seized the moment to again ask for the widening of the 12 Mile Road thoroughtage.

thoroughfare.
"I would like to renew my com-mitment and promise that 12 Mile Road has to be widened," Alkateeb told the Ilitches.

BEFORE THE ceremonies, Mike Illitch said that while he is concerned about traffic congestion along the office corridor, plans for a new 1-696 interchange near Drake Road in Farmington Hills will be a blessing.



Doug McQueen (center) helps North Farmington marching band members Joe Fee (left) and Alison Balash tune up be-

RANDY BORST/staff photographe fore a joint performance with the Harrison High School band Nov. 1.

Moving along

Band director eyeing less-hectic pace

By Loraine McClish staff writer

The spectacular half-time show by the North Farmington and Farmington Harrison high school bands Nov. I was the last hurah for Doug McQueen. North Farmington's McQueen. North Farmington's McQueen North Farmington's has climbed up the step ladder to direct his musicians on the field for 17 seasons. And after 17 October 17a Bays. McQueen picked up his baton for his last "Thank You Concert" Friday night.
McQueen initiated the first Morth Farmington booster club, made up of parents willing to work to give the school's marching musicians a financial boost — a concept

later Introduced at Farmington and Farmington Harrison high schools.

From this came Tag Days, where musiclans asked for donations from passersby in area shopping centers and, in turn, awardiage sentitling the bearer to free admission to the "Thank You Concert." Again, the concept was picked up by the other two high schools. Tag Days and their accompanying concerts are now a fall tradition in the two cities.

"A marching band director's ca-

reer span is short-lived." McQueen said. "I think mine was about double the average of any of my counterparts in the entire county.

"My colleagues (who teach band instruments) in the elementary and middle schools have sent me some very talented students. Now, I'm going to reverse the procedure. I'll be motivating the youngsters to enjoy and play good music in five elementary schools to send on to the middle and high schools."

McQUEEN WILL take on the po-sition left by Bob Zimmerman, who retires this month. McQueen will teach brass instrument music at five district elementary schools. McQueen's position will be filled, "I'm sure, by someone who is on

our same philosophical wave tength," Le sald. "Someone who fits in with the same spirit of cooperation our department has always maintained, id on ot know of another school district whose music department personnel coordinates together as well as ours.

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"Our bands have never been in competition with one another, which is why any two of us can give combined ball-lime shows with some of the sophisticated charting (the marching band's nomenclature for choreography) that we do."

"We share a collective goal of bringing good music," he said of the three schools' marching band

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Upgrading

Help sought to improve fields

Although a portion of a parks tax approved by Farmington Hills vaters last June is carranked for school fields used for city-run youth recreation, the city is aking Farmington Public Schools for financial help. Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director, and Dennis Flizgerald, chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, met with Farmington school board

members Nov. 4 to present a preliminary plan for improving 21 school-lowed baseball diamonds and several soccer fields.
"We wanted to get the issue of economic support in front of you," Fitzgerald told trustees.
Potter said he would like to move forward with the work and "try to initiate it during the present construction season. We want to try to get most of the work accomplished and touch it up next spring. We are sensitive about . . . disrupting stu-

dents.
"The intent is to try and improve
the facilities for neighborhood
groups and youth groups," he added,
"There is a need for a lot of understanding and close cooperation with
the schools and eity."
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