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Twin sisters Donna Lim-Truss (left) of Livonia and Debbie Lim-Groshong of Farmington Hills model some of Debbie's fashions. Donna is in Vanity II, a black satin dress with gold lame insert. Debbie is in Vanity I, an ivory satin gown with copper insert.

Out on a LIM

Donna is ready for a night on the town in Blue Moon, a blue sequin dress with attached chiffon scarf that drapes around the body.

Looking at these photos of the Lim sisters, you may find the following hard to believe.

But somebody once told the twins they just didn't have what it takes to be models.

"A modeling agency told us our look was not in; that Asian-Americans shouldn't even waste their time trying," recalled Debbie Lim-Groshong.

SO LIM-GROSHONG has beaten them at their own game. For the past four years, the 25-year-old Farmington Hills resident has been making — and modeling — her own fashions.

She calls her company the La Shong Designer Wear. The La Shong look ranges from a kicky, peek-a-boo white jumpsuit — a see-through suit designed to be worn over a swimsuit — to business fashions for the working day and slinky nightwear for an evening on the town.

Lim-Groshong designs and sews the outfits herself, drawing on the commercial art talents she learned from her Hong Kong-born grandfather.

Her sister, Donna Lim-Truss of Livonia, co-models her sister's fashions and gives her sister advice on designing the final product.

The sisters, who were born in Michigan but spent their childhood in San Francisco's Chinatown, regularly model their fashions at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Jamie's on 7, 29703 W. Seven Mile at Middlebelt, Livonia.

For more information, call La Shong Designer Wear at 477-7319.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Donna (left) and Debbie are ready for the beach in jumpsuits designed to be worn over swimsuits. Donna's is made of pink mesh, while Debbie's peek-a-boo white jumpsuit has back and leg slits.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

George Baier (left) and Jim (JJ) Johnson take an irreverent look at the Detroit area every weekday morning on WLLZ-FM in Farmington Hills.

JJ & crew laugh their way to top

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

WHILE THE ROCK records are spinning over WLLZ-FM in Farmington Hills, JJ and the Morning Crew bounce back and forth a half dozen ideas on what they'll talk about within the next 60 seconds.

"About the farthest we ever look ahead is turning the script to the next page," said Jim Johnson, the JJ of the crew.

"When we think too far ahead it's always an exercise in frustration. When we've prepared ahead, we stumble. For us it has to be fresh in the head."

The spontaneity between Johnson and the other member of the "crew," George Baier, has been giving Detroit an irreverent look at the world for the past 10 years. It also has made them the longest-running two-man team in Detroit radio history.

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