

Miss Michigan United

Scholarships are added to beauty pageant's list of prizes

THIS YEAR'S PRIZES are "the best ever" said Cynthia Guenther, executive director of Miss Michigan United Beauty Pageant.

"We're going to be giving scholarships for the first time, \$5,000 to be split between the winner and the first three runners-up," Guenther said. "I was able to connect up with the Milton Shoong Foundation and that was important to me because so many of the contenders want to go on to school."

"Our next winner will have use of a McLaren — a \$25,000 car — from Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. Sabra Travel in Southfield is giving a trip to the Bahamas. She'll be doing Elias Brothers (Big Boy) next commercial. Couture Boutique (in Farmington Hills) is giving her a gown. She'll get a Norwegian blue fox from Penny's and a \$1,600 scholarship from John Robert Powers. Former sponsors are still with us and we've got a

lot of new ones."

Darlene Plewa, Miss Michigan United for 1986, will turn over her crown to the new title holder at 24 in Premier Center.

Plewa was spokesperson for, and appeared in Fitness USA Health Spa advertisements throughout the year. She appears in Big Boy TV commercials that begin in mid-April.

THERE IS NO talent competition in the Miss Michigan United Pageant.

"Getting these girls seen, getting them recognition to begin careers in modeling and media work is what this pageant is all about. Many, many of them get their start through the auto shows," Guenther said.

One of the prizes that has consistently been given since the pageant's inception is an automatic addition to the list in the auto shows for the 25 finalists.

"Last year I arranged for the top 25 auditions, but they needed more. I was able to get 35 of the top contenders some very good jobs for very decent wages. You don't have to be the winner in order to win. I have a long list of success stories," Guenther said.

To qualify for the pageant a contestant must be 17 years of age before Dec. 31, 1987 and be no older than 29 on Dec. 31, 1987. She must never have been married and be a resident of Michigan, or officially registered at a Michigan school or university.

Contestants are judged on a personal interview, their figure, charm, poise, personality, intelligence and photogenic potential.

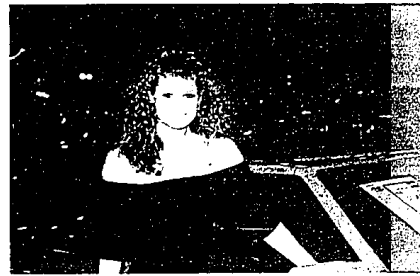
There are more prizes to be won through a drawing for the first 25 girls whose applications are received: a trip to Atlantic City; a portfolio of photographs to be used

as a modeling composite; a video tape of the beauty pageant. The last few pageants have been taped for showing on several cable networks.

ENTRY FORMS are available by calling Miss Michigan United Beauty Pageant headquarters, 851-7468. Deadline for entry is June 10, which allows time for all contestants to have their pictures in the pageant program.

The week before the pageant is what Guenther calls "party week." All contestants will be invited to three or four parties in various parts of the metro area where they can meet one another and the judges informally. The parties are open to the contestant's parents, girlfriends and boyfriends.

The first official preliminary judging will take place June 22 in Grosse Pointe, in Farmington Hills, followed by one of the pre-pageant parties.



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Applicants sought to train for careers in home health care

Health Care Professionals Ltd., with the assistance of nearly 400 Detroit-area religious leaders, has launched a campaign to attract new applicants to the agency and provide career placement to local people.

"HCP is looking for people with the maturity, honesty and caring nature for a career in home health care," said Adeline Laforet. "I felt that persons with those qualities could most likely be found through our local churches."

HCP mailed letters to 398 religious leaders in the tri-county area asking for assistance in locating parishioners who might be interested in home health care careers. The letters listed a variety of health care opportunities available in southeast Michigan, including positions as companions, sitters, mother's helpers, senior sisters and home nurse assistants. The letters, signed by Laforet, asked the religious leaders to refer interested people to HCP for interviews.

Within days of the mailing, HCP began receiving calls from several of the leaders in response to the agency's letters.

"WE'VE HEARD from people who are very anxious to assist us," said Laforet. "Religious leaders have unique ties to their communities. We feel they will be able to help us target people in their parishes who have the interest and caring nature for a career with our agency."

Laforet said that HCP will consider every application it receives from people age 18 or older who have a telephone and reliable transportation. HCP accepts responsibility for prescreening, pretesting, interviewing, orienting, bonding and insuring new employees. Additional training is available at no cost for employees who wish to become certified home health aides.

Health Care Professionals was founded in 1975 by Laforet. The agency provides staffing and private duty services to health care facilities and home health care to patients in the southeastern Michigan community. The agency has headquarters at 17000 Eight Mile, Southfield 48074. The telephone number is 423-6500.

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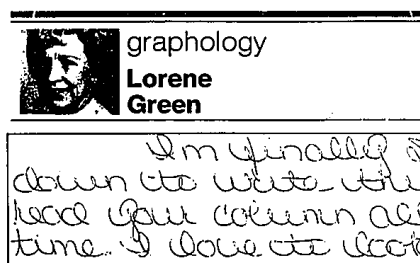
A certain naivete and dependency is revealed in the exaggerated roundness of your letters. And while you are probably open-minded and receptive to the views of others, you may not always use discernment.

You have a strong need to make a good impression and to win approval and recognition. You also enjoy attention and admiration. And you seem overly concerned with self and your daily activities.

A tendency to make issues of trivial things also seems apparent. And you may have difficulty delaying pleasures.

Some contradiction, however, exists because of your need for privacy and your controlled behavior.

FORMATIVE YEARS were spent in an environment where the female



influence was strong. Very early you learned to control your emotions and feelings. Outwardly you present a picture of poise and calm.

You rather enjoy having your own way. But you can also be flexible and yielding, preferring compromise to argument. And where home and family are concerned you can be protective of self and possessive of

your loved ones.

With some of the finer things of life you are comfortable. Art, music and reading are areas of interest of possibly aptitude.

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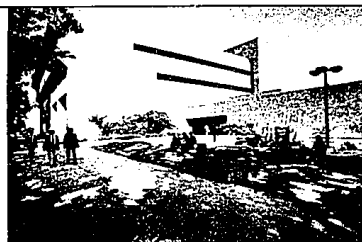
Haven calls volunteers

Haven, Oakland County's only domestic violence shelter, asks for volunteers who will be trained to aid in any of a number of areas where volunteers are needed.

The agency deals with the issues of adult and child sexual assault and domestic violence. It provides counseling, advocacy, a 24-hour crisis line, and temporary shelter to those needing the assistance.

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