

Author-publisher wins coveted award

A Farmington Hills author-publisher, who has been the recipient of five publishing awards, received a Benjamin Franklin award, the most prestigious award in independent publishing, during the American Booksellers Association convention in New York City.

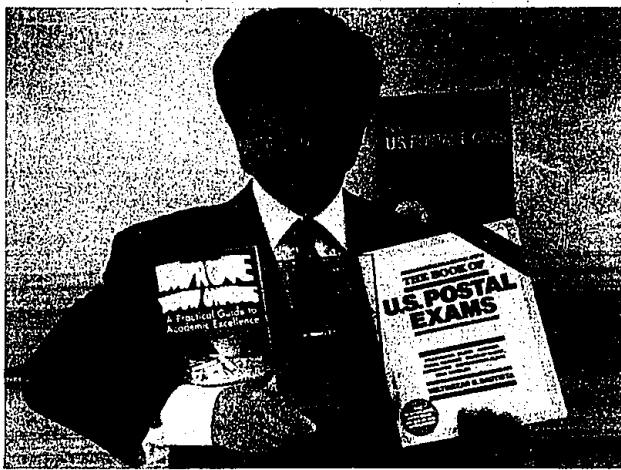
Veltiazar B. Bautista, a Filipino-American, was among book publishers who were honored for excellence in publishing in the Empire Ballroom of New York City's Grand Hyatt Hotel. The winners were from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, from states on the Canadian and Mexican borders and from locations in between. Bautista was the only winner from Michigan.

Sponsored by Publishers Marketing Association, the national organization of 1,500 book, video and audio publishers, the awards are offered in 26 categories and open to all publishers, including major publishers in New York, regardless of size or PMA membership. PMA is the largest organization of independent publishers in the United States.

Bautista's book, "The Book of U.S. Postal Exams," was the winner in the "Most Improved" category. His other book, "Improve Your Grades," was a runner-up in the same category.

"It's really an honor to be receiving this prestigious award. As a finalist, I went to New York with my wife to attend the awards ceremony," without knowing whether my books would win or not. It was really a good feeling to win another award. I enjoy competing with major publishers," Bautista said, in a press statement.

LAST YEAR, Bautista received the "1990 Small Press Publisher of the Year" award for excellence in independent publishing. The award was given by Quality Books Inc.



Veltiazar Bautista has won the Benjamin Franklin award, the most prestigious award given to independent publishers.

the largest distributor of non-fiction books to public and school libraries in the United States and Canada. His book, "The Book of U.S. Postal Exams," is included in Quality Book's all-time best sellers.

Bautista also received four publishing awards from Mid-America Publishers Association, an organization of book publishers in the Midwest. His book, "Improve Your Grades," won in three categories, while his other book, "The Book of

U.S. Postal Exams" got the "Total Sales" honorable mention award. "The Book of U.S. Postal Exams," has already sold about 50,000 copies.

Bautista, who writes and publishes his own books through his publishing company, Bookhaus Publishers, is also the author of "The Book of \$16,000-\$60,000 Post Office Jobs." He is releasing another book, "How to Teach Your Child: A Parent's Guide to Helping Kids Get A's" in the fall of this year.

Bautista's distributor to the trade is Publishers Group West. Prior to coming to America from the Philippines in 1976, Bautista published school reference books for the Philippine Ministry of Education and Culture. He was a former member of the editorial staff of "The Manila Chronicle," a daily newspaper. A full-time author and a publisher, Bautista lives with his wife, the former Geneva Abes, a physician.

Footlights beckon

LOCAL GIRLS MAKE GOOD: You saw her here first, kids . . . the Shirley Temple of the '90s . . . West Bloomfield's Ashley Johnson, now 7, modeling fashions for Loretta Lorian's Children's Shop in fall 1989. You've come a long way, baby, going into a second series as "Chrissy" on the hit TV series "Growing Pains."

But Ashley is not the only success story in the family, said close friends and godparents Chuck and Loretta Lorian. Older sister Haylie Johnson, 11, formerly a student at West Bloomfield's Green School, has just signed a contract with Disney Productions for five years appearing on the Disney Channel daily program "Kids Inc."

Tanya Tompa, 16, also of West Bloomfield, recently had an interview with Robin Jones, talent scout for New York's Elite Modeling Agency. Dubbed as a Clady Crawford look-alike in People magazine, the brunette beauty was invited to go to New York for further interviewing with the world's largest modeling agency.

Southfield's Tel-12 Mall was also highlighted in this month's People Extra, along with locals Kristen Zaag and Ivana Milicevic, both 17, who recently signed with Elite. Discovered by Royal Oak talent scout Lisa Splinder, the two teenage head-turners have done extensive local modeling for the Farmington Hills hair emporium Salon Kennice Basham.

Also in the news, actress Sherilyn Fenn, former student of West Bloomfield High, was chosen as one of People magazine's most beautiful people in the world for '91. The 25-year-old of "Twin Peaks" has just completed three films, "Hit Man," "Ruby" and "Desire and Hell at Sunset Motel."

Little known fact . . . Detroit '60s rocker Suzi Quatro is Fenn's aunt.

JDF BIG WHEELS: Arlene Schwartzberg of West Bloomfield is not only working day and night as chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation "Evening of Brilliance," but was involved as board adviser, with husband Harvey, for the first "Next Generation" event.

A second generation of JDF volunteers is born (the twenty-year-olds), following in their parents' footsteps and planning fund-raising activities to help find the cure.



social eyes
Denise Lucas

More than 100 21- to 35-year-olds . . . with a sprinkling as young as 14 and others as youthful as 50 . . . gathered at Centaur's Whirly Ball West in West Bloomfield to play the newest fun competitive sport . . . whirly ball.

Whirly ball is a combination of polo, basketball, hockey and jai-alai played in (let out your aggression) bumper cars. Two teams of five in bumper cars try to throw a ball into a small net to score while opponents do the bump to prevent scoring.

The young professionals' soiree included food donated by various pizza palaces, hot dogs served from a hot dog cart donated by Lon Weinstein of Mat's Deli, sugar-free desserts (sweetened with fruit juice) courtesy of the Fibro Shoppe, beer donated by Power Distributing and wine from Wineworld.

West Bloomie wanna-bees (building a home in WB) Michele and Brian Schabot chaired the bump and grin fund-raiser, working with committee members and drivers Mallory Wayne (daughter of JDF board member Maureen Wayne) and Linda Weinstein (daughter of JDF chapter president Sid Weinstein), all of Southfield; Karen Wilkman and Andrea Shambon of Farmington Hills; and Laura Miller, Keith Starr and Carol Lanyi, and Arlene Kingston, all from West Bloomfield.

An Andy Warhol original created for Carillon Importers Ltd., selected works by Leroy Neiman never seen in these parts before, with an interesting diversion from his identifiable sports theme, Absolute Fashions designed for those unforgettable Absolute ads, and Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra musicians will be on board at each art station where hors d'oeuvres, Absolut, wines and desserts will be served. Sounds like a party.

The summer benefit will toast a successful 91-92 symphony season 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at the Hotel Barometre at Twelve Oaks Mall. Novi. Ticket price is \$47. Call Carla Lamphere at 646-BISO for reservations or further information.

club circuit

FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB begins its 36th year of charitable work, with Mary Anita McHugh as president. The club was established in 1955 to promote the Farmington community through charitable endeavors.

Over the past 35 years monies have been donated to such organizations as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, PocusHOPE, the Haven, the Salvation Army, the Farmington Community Library and The Community Center.

This past season, \$2,000 was given to CATCH and the Haven. Members also sew cancer pads in Orchard Lake Methodist Church.

McHugh's vice presidents are Carol Otter and Barbara Ramsey. Other incoming officers are Charlotte Beardsley, Peggy Stokes, Connie Gardner and Mary Jean Reilly.

The monthly luncheon meetings in Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club will begin again in September with the usual variety of programs. Those interested in club membership can receive information by calling McHugh, 477-6523.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS best their end-of-the-month Single Mingle 8-11 p.m. Friday, July 26, in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. The party is designed for newcomers to meet the members and learn about the offerings of the club. Non-members are asked \$5 at the door.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES meet for a dance party at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27, in Bonnie Brook Country Club, Telegraph Road south of Eight Mile. Admission is \$4 for males; \$2 for females. Dressy attire requested. Budget cash bar.

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