Mickey Mouse fan keeps upbeat attitude

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Mickey Mouse im't the only character with
whom Lynch is infaturated. She's just as crany
about Teddy Bears and dolls. At home — she's
probably going to more with her bushes,
John, to Farmington Hills soon — she has an
entire room devoted to her collection of some
250 bears and 100 dolls.

"THAT'S MY getaway from stress," said the former Ford Motor Corp. employee.
Lynch left Ford and an impending promotion after 13% years to begin her travel agency. With all the changes in the auto industry, we really felt that maybe it would be beneficial for one of us to look into another venture."
Travel was something that was always a part of Lynch's life. A travel agency was the most natural venture for Lynch who with her husband did a lot of research before boying into the Uniglobe franchise, which is geared to small and medium-sized businesses. And she's power been happier.

Shean and the shear she recalls how it all came about. A year before getting involved with Uniglobe, Lynch and a group of friends

met with a palm reader.

"When it came to my turn she said she saw a tremendous amount of travel in my life," Lynch said. "It's tronic. A year later I got involved with Unigoloe as the first start up agency in Michigan."

Early in her career she worked for the vice president of Pan American Airlines in New York City. She's from Brooklyn, Flatbush to be exact.

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When she married her first hushand, they moved to California where she raised her soos. She arrived in Detroit when her hushand was transferred with Ford Motor. Lynch credits her first hushand, who died, with teaching her not to be alraid of people, which teaching her not to be alraid of people, which is a real role in my life giving me a lot of confidence. I'm not taking away anything from my current hushand. I've had two wooderful marriages. I've been very fortunate."

FORTUNATE IS a word common in Lynch's vocabulary and description of her life.

She grew up an only child adopted by Italian immigrants, whom she said encouraged her

gently. She recalls her fear of coming home from third grade with a "D" in math. When she showed her report card to her parents, they didn't yell. They weren't disappointed. "My parents helped me. They said, there isn't anything you can't do that you can't work toward doing." Lynch said. She finally got an A in math.

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It was her late father who introduced he love of Teddy Bears. "He was a wooderful, sweet man who to me will always be Santa Claux, a smile, an arm around me, a loving father."

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Her 85-year-old mom who is still living life to its fullest in Florida, thought Lynch would grow up to be a ventriloquist became she always talked to her Teddy Bear, which became "ber lifetime friend."

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When Lynch decided to try a new venture,
Ford Motor was bringing in outside companies
to help change management style — one she
wholeheartedly embraced.

"What the companies were hrought in to
teach, I thought was a normal way of doing
business. You have to believe in the people
who work for you. Give them responsibility

THOUGH ARMED with a marketing degree, Lynch's first job with Pan American wasn't as an executive. She was a secretary. "Things have changed for women in later years. But that's OK. When I decide to do a job, I give it my all, it doesn't matter what it is. That's just the way I work. You've got to work hard. No one gives you anything on a silver platter,"

In fact, because she believes every business person owes it to themselves and their community to know what's happening, she started attending chamber of commerce meetings. Later she got a call from theo-president Jon Grant, who told her there was a vacancy on the board of directors.

"Your name has come up," Grant told Lynch. "Most of the board members thought you were already a board member."

But that's not where she stops, She's a direc-or on the board of the Oakland County Easter eals Society.

Latch key program set at Y

Farmington YMCA's latch key program — Prime Time — fo-cuses on drug awareness during its Friday, Oct. 25, after-school

its Friday, Oct. 25, after-school program.
Starting after the Farmington district's half-day of school, the session features film strips, tapes and a discussion about avoiding drugs. Participants will stencil Frime Time's anti-drug logo. "Say Yes to Life," on painters' hats donated by Aco Hardware and on T-shirts. The program is part of the observance of national Drug Awareness Month.
Earlier in the month, kindergarten students participated in a similar program.



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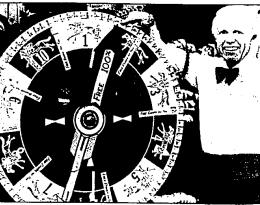
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