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**MONEY PRESENTED**  
When fifth graders at Highmeadow Common Campus in Farmington Hills heard the Detroit Indian Center needed a van to transport

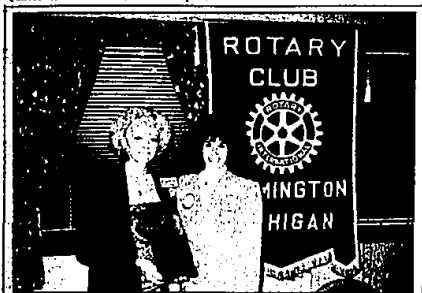
senior Native Americans, the students knew exactly what to do. They held a back sale and raised money. Students presented Alveretta Kalebaba, director of senior services at the center with a check of \$286 at a special assembly Oct. 23. Seniors from the center attended. "We have been researching Native Americans for the last month, so when the children heard about the center's problem, they really wanted to help," said fifth grade teacher Marilyn Greenstein. "The theme of our unit is linking

with the North American community. Our students are learning firsthand that we have the ability to make a difference. We have a purpose." Next, the children will collect hats, mittens and socks for boys and girls on Michigan Indian Reservations. **12 GO OVERSEAS** Twelve students from Harrison High School traveled overseas during the summer months, learning about different cultures and languages, according to information from the school. Traveling through the NACEL program in France were Carrie Waldorf, Matt Sweet, Lisa Geary, and Rebecca Collins.

Kris Malotke and Debby Schultz traveled to Germany through the Friendship Connection program. Several other students traveled overseas on private trips. They include Marcel Lenz, Derek Lenz and Par Larsson who went to Germany, Caroline Chubb who visited Europe and Christine Borowski who went to Scotland. Jessica Tam took a trip to Israel. **BAND HONORED** On Oct. 8, the Farmington Harrison Marching Band participated in the MSBOA District Festival hosted by Southfield Lathrup High School and received a score of one, the best a band can receive. The program consisted of "American Fanfare," "Goodbye Yesterday" and "Jupiter."

The band went on to compete Oct. 12 in the Michigan Band Directors competition. Invitational hosted by Novi High School. In the Flight III category, the band won four trophies for marching, winds, percussion and color guard. With a score of 64.7, the Harrison band won the top honor captain award in Flight III while placing second overall out of 12 schools competing overall. On Oct. 19, the band also participated in the Durand Marching Band Invitational. At this event, the band received two trophies, one in marching and maneuvering and the other in color guard. With a score of 71.6, the band ranked first, once again, in Flight III and second place overall out of 16 bands represented.

This is Harrison's first year of competition under director Mark Phillips. The assisting staff includes: assistant director Scott Orwig, show coordinator Andy James, drill design Matt James, color guard Greg Hagen, color guard instructors Carole McQueen and Linda Lannigan. **CRAFT SHOW** A Harvest and Holiday Craft Show is being sponsored by the Gilt Elementary Playground Committee, to raise money for the school's new playground. It is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. There is no admission. Gilt is between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads, and between Farmington and Halsted roads in Farmington Hills.



## An award winner

Josephine Melekian (left) accepts a Farmington Rotary Vocation Service Award from the Rotary's Judy Schwartz during an Oct. 22 luncheon. Melekian, the grandmother of five, is a registered nurse affiliated with the Southeastern Michigan Hospice in Southfield. She is a member of several charitable organizations and is involved with the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center and the Manogian Manor where she is an exercise instructor. Recently she completed a cable TV show for MetroVision on the quality of drinking water.

## obituaries

### RICHARD LEWIS BYRSON

Mr. Byrson, 62, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 28 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Born in Detroit, Mr. Byrson was a taxi driver. Survivors include his sons, David, Kelly and Mark; daughter, Roberta McGaugh; two brothers and one sister; and seven grandchildren. Services were Oct. 29 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Jerry R. Young of Livonia Church of God officiating.

Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. **HAZEL E. GOVAN** Mrs. Govan, 76, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 28 in Franklin Manor. Born in Detroit, Mrs. Govan was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, John; daughters, Shirley Pagett and Mary Black; four grandchildren. Services were Oct. 29 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Joseph L. Baker of Covenant Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Acadia Park Cemetery, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Covenant Baptist Church or the charity of your choice in memory of Mrs. Govan. **EMMA C. CHAFFEE** Mrs. Chaffee, 72, long time resident of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 24 in Martin Luther Memorial Home, South Lyon. Born in Union Township in Iowa, Mrs. Chaffee was a social worker for the Hawthorn Center for two years and Plymouth-Canton Public Schools from 1971 until her retirement in 1978. She was a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Iowa and received her master of social works degree from Michigan State University. Survivors include her son, Mark; sisters, Elta Frink and Gretchen Casper; brother, George Mueller. Services will be Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in Faith Community United Presbyterian Church of Novi, 44400 16 Mile, Novi. The Rev. Richard J. Henderson will officiate. Arrangements were made by the Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Memorials may be made to Faith Community United Presbyterian Church of Novi.

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