

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1993

FARMINGTON
NOTES

A family reunion

Attention all past and present employees of the Farmington Hills Crowley's Department Store at 12 Mile and Farmington roads.

A "family reunion" picnic for Crowley employees and the general public is planned for 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the City Park on Shilohwasse in Farmington.

Entertainment will include music by "Four Star Sound" and "Karoke," plus the songs of J.J. Lock. Todd Stowell, a representative from World Cup Soccer Michigan Host Committee, also will be on hand.

Amber Arbuckle, the reigning Miss Michigan International, and Julie Dugan, the current Miss Farmington, have been invited.

Any past employee of the Farmington Hills Crowley's store who wishes to attend should call the store at 553-3800 or Ginny Morris at 471-9042.

Parenting sessions

Two six-week sessions of parenting classes, offered through Delta Programming and the Farmington Schools, will be offered beginning Sept. 27 and Nov. 15 in Room 3 of the Ten Mile School, 32789 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington. The classes, six in each session, seek to increase understanding of the social and emotional needs of youngsters and their families. Practical "take home" skills will be emphasized.

Cost for a Farmington-area resident is \$30 per couple. For non-residents, cost is \$45 for per single and \$50 per couple. Discussion leaders will be Jerry Kaplan and Janey Serlin, counseling specialists.

For more information or to register, call Delta at 489-3399.

Named sales manager

Michael D. Isabella has been named national sales manager of radio station WLLZ-FM, located in Farmington Hills. The promotion coincides with Isabella's 10th anniversary at the station, 98.7 on the FM dial. He joined the station in 1983 as promotion director and promoted to marketing director five years later.

Isabella is credited with the creation of "WLLZ for Meals," one of the Detroit area's most successful food drives.

Double the fun

Parents of multiples rise to the challenge

Parents of twins and triplets don't get much rest, but they seem to take to the challenge, say some who belong to Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples.

BY ARLENE FUNKE
SPECIAL WRITER

Double trouble? No, doubly blessed. That's the attitude of many parents who are raising multiples — twins, triplets and more — and apparently are loving every minute of the challenge.

"I always hate it when people say 'double trouble,'" said Farmington Hills resident Carol Palaian, 37, president of Livonia-based Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples, a support group for approximately 125 moms of twins and triplets. "I feel doubly blessed."

Palaian and her husband, Steven, have twin daughters, Maria and Angela, 6, and a 9-year-old daughter, Lisa.

It's no wonder Gayle McGinty is so exhausted these days.

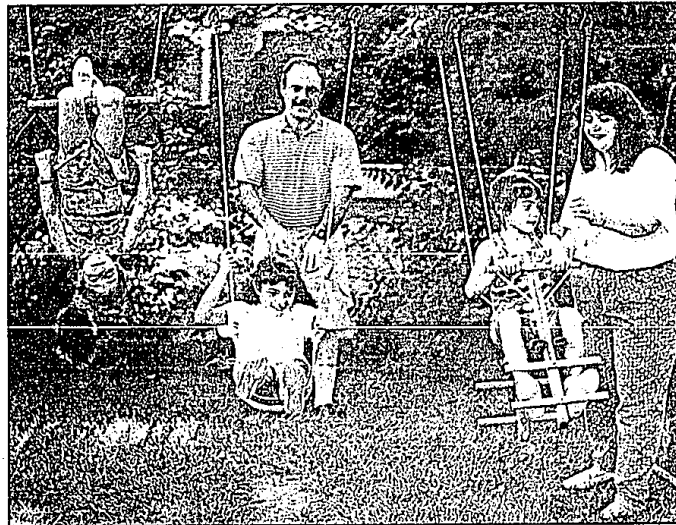
McGinty and her husband, Sean, of Garden City, are parents of triplets, born last December.

"You don't get much rest," said McGinty, 32, a registered nurse. "You are going to do 24 hours of baby."

But the exhaustion is forgotten when McGinty sees her tots, Shannon, Julie and Ryan — "carry on" by laughing and grabbing one another's hair.

Having two or more children exactly the same age brings both challenge and reward.

They draw mobs. Multiples tend to draw mobs of



Doubly good: Carol Palaian, 37, and husband Steven enjoy playtime with twin daughters, Maria (left) and Angela (second from right), 6, and a 9-year-old daughter, Lisa.

depleted, inquisitive people. Multiples are often treated like a "package," without distinction.

And, of course, the costs of raising multiples can be stiff. On the other hand, they usually become lifelong friends. When a couple finds out they are going to have twins, they often feel overwhelmed, Palaian said.

The multiples group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center Branch of the Livonia Public Library. Members come from all over metro Detroit.

A few years ago, the group had two dozen members and met in people's homes. Today, the organization has

at least six members with triplets.

Palaian attributes the growth to the increased use of fertility drugs for women who have difficulty conceiving or carrying to term. In addition, some women are having babies later in life, which sometimes results in multiple births.

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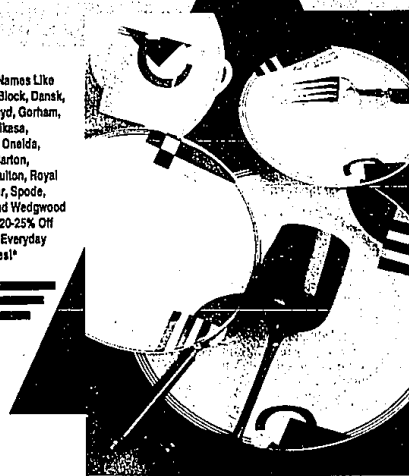
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