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emphasize local topics. If you've been thinking about penning a column but have been too shy to start typing, this is the time to act. We want to include a variety of voices in the newspaper so we're especially interested in seeing new columnists.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I have two wonderful children, Eddie, age 8, and Jenny, age 5. I'm also the proud owner of a cat named Percy and a chameleon who refuses to eat anything except live crickets. I live in Troy and graduated from Troy High School — the old one.

I graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts in journalism in 1987. During my college years, I was fortunate to have two internships. I worked for the West Bloomfield Eccentric as a news reporter the summer of my sophomore year. I worked as a features reporter for

The Way We Live section of the Detroit Free Press the summer of my junior year.

While my children were young I worked from home as a literary agent — editing book manuscripts for authors across the country. Working as an agent introduced me to people from all walks of life and was a wonderful learning experience for me.

I've also worked as the special sections editor for The Sun News, a daily newspaper in Myrtle Beach, S.C. I've also worked as a copy editor for The Patriot News in Harrisburg, Pa. Though I've enjoyed living near the ocean and then near the mountains, I'm happy to once again be able to call Michigan my home.

As corny as it may sound, sometimes you don't appreciate the place you grew up until you've moved away.

I feel I have a true appreciation

**BIRTHS**

Zachary Lee Smith

Parents are Dana and Roger Smith of Livonia. Grandparents are Terry and Brenda Shelton of Farmington and Charles and Angela Smith of Farmington.

The baby was born at 11:27 p.m.

Zachary Lee Smith was born Feb. 4, 1996 at Oakwood Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds and was 22 1/4 inches long.

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for how important a sense of community can be to one's well-being. I hope you'll find the Farmington community life section continues to reflect a love for this beautiful area and a sincere regard for the people and traditions that make it a wonderful place to live.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of The Farmington Observer's Community Life section. If you are involved in planning a community event, know of someone who would make a great subject for a personality profile or have a guest column you'd like to share, please feel free to call me at 477-5450.

You can also fax story ideas to me at 477-9722 or mail them to The Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River Suite 101, Farmington, MI 48335.

The true purpose of a Community Life section is to reflect the community it represents.

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Victorian women topic at luncheon

Find out what the Victorian woman wore and why at a luncheon Saturday, March 2 at Spicer House in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Jomarie Ashley Soszynski of Ms. Ashley's Costumes in Brighton will be the featured speaker at the Older Women's League celebrates women's history month.

Ashley's presentation, "The Layered Look, Victorian Style" will graphically present an introduction to the Victorian woman through what she wore.

Ashley is a graduate of Madonna University, having earned a bachelor's degree in home economics with a certification in secondary education and a vocational certification in consumer education.

She was appointed to the Novi Historical Commission in 1989 and served as its president for two years. Ashley is a volunteer curator for the Novi Historical Society and affiliated with Preservation Novi, where she serves on the board of directors.

A member of The Costume Society of America, she specializes in the design and construction of period clothing. All fabrics, trims and colors used in her designs are correct to the historical period they represent, whether it be Victorian, Edwardian, Renaissance, American Colonial, Directorate or the roaring Twenties.

The public is cordially invited to attend the noon luncheon. For more information contact Doris Austerberry at 4676-8886.

National Institute of Technology is on the move. In more ways than one!

National Institute of Technology (NIT) has moved to the beautiful landmark building complex Travelers Towers, located in Southfield.

According to Patrick Murphy, NIT-Admission Director, "this move will greatly benefit our students, not only because of the beautiful new facilities and professional office environment, but it is conveniently close to where the major freeways intersect and it is located on a major bus line for ease of access."

With this new centralized location, it will be very convenient for us to hold Job Fairs and to arrange job interviews for students with local employers.

National Institute of Technology teaches Medical Business and Clinical Assistant — a twelve month program, as well as Electronics and Computer Technology, which takes just eighteen months to complete. Both day and evening classes are offered and job placement assistance is

available to all students following graduation.

NIT's objectives are to provide the kinds of training programs that best serve the changing needs of students, business and industry. "We emphasize intensive, specialized programs taught in a small group setting by seasoned professional instructors."

Students wishing to enter or re-enter today's competitive job market leave here with practical, skill-specific training that today's employers require," continued Murphy.

"As of now, we are planning an open house for local government officials, community and business leaders, local employers, high school career counselors and others very soon," says Myra Dembrie, School Director.

"This move should be good for the Southfield community also as we are formulating our plans for growth. We will not only be supplying well-qualified graduates

to the local work force, but as we grow, we will be creating new administrative and teaching positions here on campus."

Formerly owned by National Education Centers, NIT was recently purchased by Corinthian Schools, Inc., a California corporation formed in 1995 to own and operate schools across the country teaching specialized skills that are in high demand.

"Many of the schools in the Corinthian family have been serving their communities for decades and we are very pleased to have National Institute of Technology among them," says Paul St. Pierre, Vice President of Marketing for Corinthian Schools, Inc.

For further information regarding National Institute of Technology, please contact Mr. Patrick Murphy directly at 26555 Evergreen Road, Suite 500, Southfield, (810) 299-9933.

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