

OBITUARIES

ROGAN RICHMAN
Rogan Richman, 43, died Jan. 30 at Wolverine Lake.
Mr. Richman worked in sales for Mathew-Hargrave Chevrolet and enjoyed fishing, jogging and biking.
He is survived by mother, Stella Richman; father, Eddie Richman; brother, Phillip (Debbie); sister, Marsha; and niece, Beth and Sara.
Funeral services were held Feb. 2 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating.
FREDERICK EFFINGER
Frederick Effinger, 86, died Jan. 30 in Beverly Hills.
Mr. Effinger worked at Burroughs Corporation for 20 years and was a member of Redford Lutheran Church.
He is survived by daughters, Carol (William) Buckley of Texas and Marie (Gary) Schubert of Beverly Hills; grandchildren, Kathryn Buckley-Stephenson, Billy and James Buckley and Eric and Allison Schubert; and nephew, Donald Effinger.
Funeral services were held Feb. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Richard Zelle officiating.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Redford Lutheran Church, 22159 Grand River Ave., Detroit 48219.

Producer hooks prize for fishing program

CABLE CONNECTION



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

a trip to Palermo, Sicily, for the July, 1998 Awards Ceremony.
And how did it all come about? It all started when he entered a documentary, which premiered right here, on INFO TV-12 in

Congratulations!
That's Italian for congratulations!
The message goes to cable access Producer Dr. Philip Singer. He's going to have to brush up on his Italian because he just won the Piro Prize and

the international awards competition, Premio Piro. This is a juried event designed specifically to judge ethno-historical documentaries in film or video.

The documentary is entitled "63 Fishermen, 22 Days - The Last Massacre" (in Italian, that's 63 Tonnaroti, 22 Giorni - L'Ultima Tonnaroti). The subject was of interest to Dr. Singer because besides being an avid producer on INFO TV-12, he is an Oakland University Professor of Health Behavior Sciences and Anthropology.

Dr. Singer was in good company on the island of Favignana, off Sicily, as he recorded historic moments side-by-side with National Geographic, The Discovery Channel, Italian and Japanese TV. They videotaped a technique for capturing the giant blue fin tuna that goes back at least 2,000 years.

When Dr. Singer video taped the process in 1996, this was the last time it would take place. The traditional method has given way to giant factory ships from Japan and other countries utilizing modern technology to catch the blue fin tuna.

It was Dr. Singer's intent from an anthropological viewpoint to capture on tape the dramatic

hooking of the fish in the "chamber of death" along with the intense and meticulous daily preparation by the fisherman to accomplish the goal. National Geographic, The Discovery Channel, Italian and Japanese TV were concerned only with the final 24 minutes of the catch.

During the 22 days of preparation described in this nine part series, Dr. Singer shot 40 hours of video alone! All of the other channels had crews ranging from five to eight people. With the help of Production Specialist Todd Whitman and Farmington Hills Video Supervisor David Tietmeyer, this has been edited down to seven hours and 15 minutes. It runs on INFO TV-12 in five parts. The Sicilian Regional Government has acquired this version for its ethno-historical archives.

Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi translated the video from Italian to English, with assistance from University of Michigan Italian Language Professor Heidi Benson.

The Mayor is an Italian-American who speaks the language fluently. In fact, during World War II, Mayor Vagnozzi served as an Italian Interpreter for Prisoners of War.

Mayor Vagnozzi says, "We're proud of Dr. Singer winning this international award. It was an honor for me to be involved with this project. Oftentimes, we perceive Community Access TV as being bordered by our neighborhood boundaries. This is a fine example of how to make your voice heard halfway around the world."

Check your TV listing for dates and times of "63 Fishermen, 22 Days - The Last Massacre" or request it by calling (248) 553-7303, extension 251.

In addition to watching the show, how about taking Dr. Singer's lead and become involved in community TV yourself? We're sure you've got a message that you'd like to get out! Call our office at (248) 473-7266 today and sign up for an orientation workshop at no cost. The only requirements are that you reside, are employed, own property or a business, attend an educational institution or are affiliated with an organization in Farmington, Farmington Hills or Novi. See you on TV!

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southeastern Oakland Cable Commission.

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D.C.-bound

Farmington High School student Monique Luss is headed to Washington, D.C., where she will become a Senate page.

Monique was selected following a rigorous application/interview process. On the down side, she had to step down from her position as president of the Student Round Table.

"I'll be a glorified gofer," Monique said to the Farmington Board of Education recently. "I'll

be carrying bills from Senator to Senator."

Future cities

Hillel Day School and Steppingstone School, both located in Farmington Hills, were among the Detroit area schools competing in the regionals of the 1998 National Engineers Week Future City Competition.

Students built three-dimensional models of "tomorrow's city," having first analyzed typical urban problems of today.

NOTABLES

VP named

Dr. Arthur Nimmo of Farmington, was elected to the office of Vice President of the American College of Prosthodontists.

He is professor and chairman of the Department of Prosthodontics and Director of Implant Dentistry at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

He also maintains a part-time practice limited to prosthodontics in Farmington Hills.



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