

# They win with commitment to cable and community



MARY LINDA CALDERONE

Congratulations to SWOCC video production manager Eric Angott, Farmington Hills video production supervisor David Tietmeyer and community TV producer Dobby Lim-Arena.

All three are winners in the 1998 Hometown Video Festival Contest.

The Hometown Video Festival honors and promotes community communications and local cable programs that are first distributed on public, educational and government access. Awards are presented to creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge conventional commercial television formats and move viewers to experience television in a different way. The festival is local cable programming's largest video festival in the nation. In 1998, more than 1,400 entries were received from 311 cities in 34 states.

The "Tim Pope Memorial Play Structure" produced by Eric Angott took first place in the professional documentary-event category. This is a documentary of the building of the huge play structure in Novi's Community

Sports Park in memory of deceased Novi Councilman Tim Pope. This isn't just any play structure ... it's huge! And this isn't just any building project ... it's an entire community coming together to realize a dream. It can be seen on INFO TV-12 and City of Novi Channel 13.

"Nature in the Hills," produced by David Tietmeyer and staff at the Farmington Hills Video Production Division, was a finalist in the professional municipal category. Farmington Hills City Naturalist Joe Dorek takes you on a "Woodland Hills Tour" and tells you everything you want to know about the flora and fauna in Farmington Hills. Show topics include "Backyard Bird Feeding," "Screech Owls," "Bluebirds," "Birds of Prey" and "Composting and Mulching Leaves." Tune into City of Farmington Hills Channel 8 to watch "Nature in the Hills."

"The Show Me Show With Tatiana" produced by Community TV producer Debbie Lim-Arena and her 8-year-old daughter, Tatiana, was a finalist in the non-professional children series category. "The Show Me Show" highlights guests who might be of interest to children. A police officer with his police dog, a band, a fitness instructor, an inline skater and a music teacher are part of Tatiana's impressive guest list. (For more info on the program, check out this Web site

<http://www.angelfire.com/mi/lnah/ongproductions/>)

The show runs on INFO TV-12 at various times.

You may also call the viewer's choice line at (248) 553-7303, Ext. 2251, and request to see any of these programs to run at a time convenient for you.

Tune in and let me know what you think! The TV bug just might bite you and you'll want to sign up for our free TV production workshops which will enable you to go on to produce your own TV shows. The only requirements are that you either reside, are employed, own property, or a business, attend an educational institution or are affiliated with a non-profit organization in the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills or Novi. Call is at (248) 473-7266, Ext. 14, to sign up for the next orientation session at the INFO TV-12 studio on Wednesday, Sept. 2. This workshop is only one night, but you get everything you need to know to take advantage of access.

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The next SWOCC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Farmington Hills City Hall. The next SWOCC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Farmington Hills City Hall. The next CAC meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at SWOCC.

## New store manager appointed

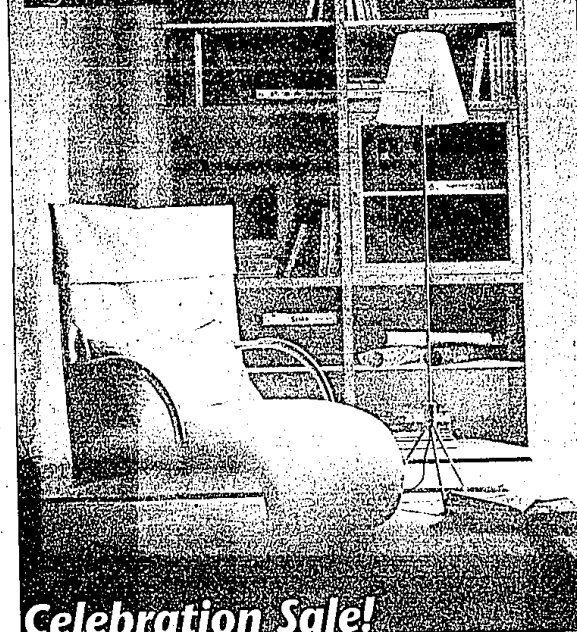
Fran Kozlowski has been appointed store manager of Ben Ton Shoppe in the Downtown Farm-

ington Center.

She was formerly a supervisor in the company's Livonia store. Assisting her as supervisor will be Lynn Trudell, also from the Livonia store.

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## Gas station robbed by gunman

A 21-year-old Clark gas station employee was held at gunpoint while a robber grabbed money from a cash register at 6:23 p.m. July 28.

The man told police that he first noticed the robber sitting at a picnic table on the north side of the station on Orchard Lake while he was on his way to a supply shed located outside the rear of the station. The man had both elbows on the table and was smoking a cigarette.

While it was unclear how much the man stole, it was certain he got away with at least \$75.

The employee said the robber didn't seem suspicious at that time, because it is common for patrons to use the picnic table.

The robber came into the station carrying a white T-shirt, set it on the counter and asked if the employee could make change for a dollar. The employee told police that as he opened the register and began counting out the change the man came around the counter. The employee asked him what he was doing and the robber pulled up his shirt and displayed a silver-colored revolver with dark grips. The employee said the weapon was

concealed in his pants between his stomach and the middle of his waistband.

The robber ordered the employee to give him the money and then continued to reach in and took all of the bills. He left the coin.

The robber was partially out the door when he turned and ordered the employee to lay down on the floor.

The robber was described as a white male, 6 foot tall, with salt and pepper hair and wearing a gray T-shirt with black sunglasses.

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Labor Day Round Up - Annual home show, parade and juried art show. Games, face painting and fun for everyone.

Parade starts at 12 noon, Tuesday, September 1.

Holly Day - a day long holiday celebration with activities for the whole family, Sunday, December 6.

For information call Franklin Village City Hall (248) 626-9666

