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Mike Ferrante

Mike, 14, delivers the Observer in the Old Homestead subdivision. He has been delivering the Observer since May

1983.

The North Farmington High School ninth grader's favorite subjects are German, math and history.

His bobbles are computers, camping and collecting matchbooks. He is a Boy Scout and a member of his school's Forensies Club. Mike was a Forensic finalist and a contest finalist for his tlaw Day essay.

His future plans are in engineering for medicine.

or medicine.

Bookkeeping, public relations and responsibility are some of the skills Mike
feels he has acquired on his paper

route.
Mike is the son of Anthony and Marianne Ferrante. He has two sisters, Linda, 17 and Marcia, 18.

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Myasthenia Gravis will be in focus

The Myasthenia Gravis Association will culminate its Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Week activities by hosting the Eastern-Central Regional Meeting of the MG Foundation Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Ellis

at the BOISTOTH IN It realized Hills.
A highlight of the meeting will be guest speaker Ruth Sampson, a registered nurse.
Sampson has done extensive work with parents of myasthenic children in

with parents of myasthenic children in New Jersey. In 1981, she began a project to find families of myasthenic youths and dis-cuss their experiences with them in or-der to gain an understanding of their particular problems, and ultimately, to provide appropriate educational mate-rials for them.

She has co-authored an article enti-tied "Physical, Emotional, Social and Family Interactions in Childhood Myasthenia Gravis."

SAMPSON IS a member of the National MG Foundation's Nurses Advisory Board, vice president of education for the Foundation's Garden State Chapter and has developed educational programs and materials for myastheries and health professionals who assist MG natients.

the disease.

Oct. 6-12 is Michigan and National
MG Week. Gov. James Blanchard has
issued a proclamation encouraging "all
Michigan citizens to applaud the efforts of the Myasthenia Gravis Association." which provides an extensive support system for myasthenia gravis patients and their families.

For more information, call the Myasthenia Gravis Association, a United Foundation Torch Drive Agency, 342-5939.

Farmington readers' forum

Letters must be signed, orginal copies and include the address and telephone number of the writer. None can be returned. Names will be withheld from publication only for sufficient reason. Letters should be limited to 300 words in most cases. We reserve the right to edit them, Send letters to Readers' Forum, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River Ave., Farmington 48024.

Small business important force

To the editor:
We take a lot of things for granted — running water, the daily newspaper, electricity, the corner drug store — the list is long. We seldom stop to realize however, how much we need or rely on those things we take for granted until we have to without them.

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One of the difficulties in creating public awareness of how important small business is in sustaining local and national economic strength is, in large part, due to the fact that because small businesses consistently and reliably meet our daily needs, we tend to take them for granted and we lose sight of that importance.

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Most of us when for a small business. We buy our house, car, clothes and bousehold appliances from small businesses. When we need the toaster, TV or the children blue repaired, we call on our neighborhood small business. We get our clothest cleaned and our has styled at our favorite local stop. The watch it our son or daughter's graduation is available at the local jeweler's and our audio, video and computer needs are conveniently available "from a store near you" as a favorite advertising phrase goes.

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But what if we had to call or go to Detroit to buy a car? What if we had to go to the plant of one of the major pharmaceutical manufacturers to buy aspirin or the prescription the doctor ordered for our sick child? What if we had to go to Georgia, Washington or Oregon to look at and buy the lumber we need for our home repair John?

Possibly only if these exaggerated examples became realities would we understand the true value of small business. And this in no way demean or denigrates the value and importance of big business without which our economy could not survive. But through TV commercials and other media attention which centers on the ebb and flow of activity in these businesses, many of the "Fortune 190" names are well known to us and occupy our attention when we think about America's business community.

Local small businesses do not enjoy the same me-

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did attention and consequently do not rate high in the public consciousness, but their importance is just as with it our economic well being. Last year, small businesses provided a livelihood for over half our population and jobs for 45 specent of the nation's total, non-farm workforce. That meant jobs for over 45 million Americans. Stated another way, jobs provided by small busi-ness were.

three times greater than all the jobs in state

al government;

• three times greater than all the jobs in state and local governments;

• three times greater than the total number of jobs of the "Fortune 500," and
• 37 times greater than the total number of jobs of the Big Three automobile manufacturers.

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Last year, small businesses also produced 39 percent of our Gross National Forders.

31,400,000,000,000, Put in perspective, that was:

s six times greater than the cost of national defense;

(ive times more than total bealth care costs, including Social Security, Medicare and Medicade).

• 13 times greater than interest on the debt;

• 13 times greater than income security costs, that is, retirement and disability payments and assistance to the aged and disabled.

• 52 times greater than the cost of all of our education programs;

• 1% times greater than the cost of all of our education programs;

• 1% times greater than total expenditures of the 1984 federal budget.

Viewed in this broader perspective of its relative value to the nation, small business can begin to receive the attention it needs and merits to grow, prosper and continue as a bulwark of the nation's economy.

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Article did an injustice

To the editor

I take acception to the article written about the outbreak of bead lice at William Grace School. As a parent of a child attending that school, I'm also very concerned. But our school is not the only one with that particular problem. Your reporter did our school an injustice by writing the article as though William Grace is the only school in Farmington with that problem. A check of other schools in this area, private schools as well as public, should also have been included.

Mary DiPoulo, Farmington Hils

Donating blood to save a life

To the editor:
American Red Cross Blood Services' Southeastern Michigan Region will host two bloodmobiles in the Farmington area this month.
Donating blood is simple, safe and risk-free.
There is no way that a donor can contract any infections disease by giving a pint of blood. A new, sterile needle is used for each donor and then dis-

A blood donation takes only 30 to 45 minutes, is virtually painless and can save up to four lives. Blood can be donated by anyone in good health between the ages of 17 and 55 who weights at least 110 pounds, Red Cross officials say.

Red Cross Bloodmobiles will be in the following

Red Cross Bioodmobiles will be in the rollowing Farmington area locations:

• Thurnday, Sep. 19, Boatfard Hospital, 28050 Farnd River, from 6 am. 10 6 pm. For an appointment, call Breveron 6 am. 10 6 pm. For an appointment, call River 10, and 1

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