

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1993

NEWS

FARMINGTON NOTES

Party for Schaeffer

Friends and family of Judge Margaret Schaeffer are throwing a party in honor of her retirement after 18 years on the bench of the 47th District Court. The party is open to the public and will be at the Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. The cost is \$26 per person. Preregistration is required. Checks should be sent to: Schaeffer retirement party, 33460 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills 48331. For further information, call 626-9722.

What's on menu?

Jeffrey H. Nolte, a Farmington Hills management and planning consultant, will be featured at a workshop entitled "What's On Your Menu — for the Rest of Your Life?" 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Church of Our Savior, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Guided by the question "How do I want to spend the rest of the time allocated to me?" participants will explore options for their future. The workshop is free. For more information or to register, call 626-7606 before Friday, Jan. 29.

Attends conference

Jim Laatsch, a Farmington Hills resident, participated in a National Leadership Orientation Conference sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons in San Diego Jan. 10-13. Topics covered included legislative policy and action, health care reform, Medicare, long-term care, financial planning and age discrimination. "AARP volunteer programs are serving communities all across the country," said Laatsch, a personnel specialist who worked 31 years for Ford Motor Co. and 10 years for Eastern Michigan University. "I am looking forward to putting the information I learned at this conference to work in my volunteer activities."

Ethnic bakery stays in the family

It's a family affair, that bakery in downtown Farmington, and it retains its ethnic flavor under the stewardship of the family that has operated it for the past year.

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What's in a name?

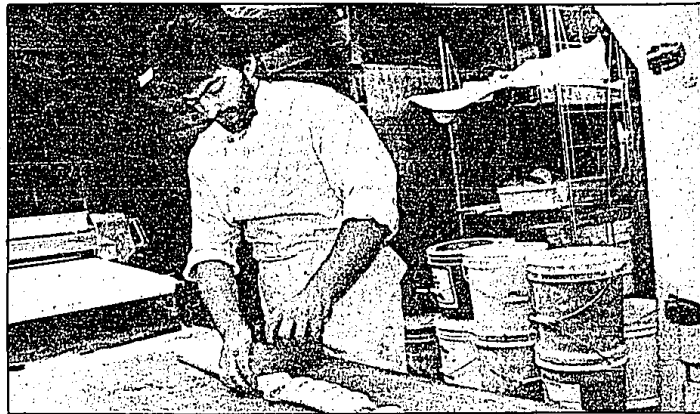
For more than four decades, the Farmington Bakery at 33520 Grand River in Farmington has specialized in homemade Swedish bread and pastry. Through the years, the bakery was operated by Swedish immigrants, by Swedish-Americans, and, finally, other Americans. In February 1992, the bakery was sold to the Mitrikeksi family — Drasko, his wife, Sonja, and his mother, Ljupka — who all are immigrants from the Macedonia region of the former Yugoslavia. Ljupka lives in Redford, but the bakery, in downtown Farmington, is a Mitrikeksi family affair.

Their aim in this new endeavor is to uphold the quality of baked goods Farmington Bakery has been famous for and to introduce baked goods that are indigenous to many European countries.

The breads at the bakery include the French, Italian, Swedish, and American styles, along with an array of coffee cakes, pies, Danish pastries and strudels, and a variety of doughnuts. The tasty desserts offered include baklava, halava, locum and a colorful assortment of cookies.

The most asked-for specialties are wedding cakes and the beautifully decorated Drasko Tortes. The bakery also offers a complete line of delicatessen products, as well as a special

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Thoughtful bakers: Drasko Mitrikeksi, above, with a degree in philosophy, doesn't let his mind wander while baking. At left, Ljupka Mitrikeska of Redford works with her son at Farmington Bakery.

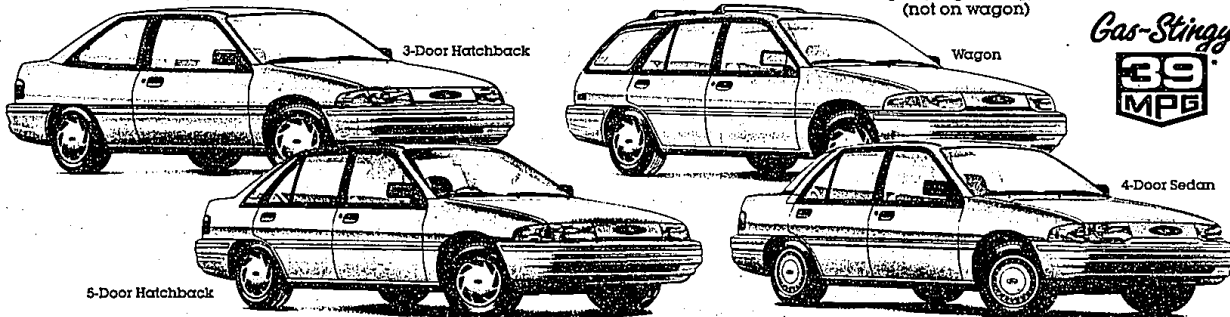
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