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today's hot line

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Name Game

What are they going to call the new junior high in Farmington? A lot of suggestions have been put forth, and they expect more. For a resume, turn to:

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Not A Home

There are some kinds of problems in a neighborhood you can clean up on a Saturday afternoon. Some take a little longer. For the story of one that is particularly slow in going away, turn to:

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Drama In Church

Several Observerland congregations are trying it in various forms this week. Check our Church Section for places you can see chance drama or even opera.

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'Sweet Charity'

Dance hall hostesses are a highlight of the musical "Sweet Charity," and there are some very good looking ones in the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild's production. We have a picture of three and information about where to get tickets for next weekend's performances.

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Ballet Students

Several Observerland ballet students will be on stage Sunday, Dec. 10, when the Severo Ballet Company presents its Christmas favorite, "The Nutcracker." It's time to get your tickets and check the list of names.

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What do you plan to give that certain person on your Christmas gift list who has everything? Or the one who is very particular in his tastes? This week we take a look at the unusual gift. Some are on the market. Some are not. You decide which are which, but don't call us when you can't find a Nineteen-Ought-Two Hot Air Balloon.

Grant Reduces Local Cost For Fledgling YES Program

Farmington's Youth Employment Services program, a joint venture of the city, township and school board, received a federal grant that cut the local contributions nearly in half, according to John Anhut, president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce.

Anhut revealed the pleasant surprise to the township board recently, indicating an \$11,369 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity covering the director's salary cut the township's share from \$5,000 to \$2,631.

The city's share, \$2,375, will be cut to \$1,263, and the school's cash contribution, \$3,000, will drop to \$1,566, as a result of the grant.

"But this is only for this year; next year we will be back for more," Anhut said. The YES program, launched this summer after

several years of planning, is getting off to a good start.

Backers of the program appeared at several functions this week, including a presentation to the Farmington Kiwanis Club Tuesday, and a report to the chamber on Thursday.

Director Claire Orsians and Earl Baumunk, liaison with the school, painted a picture of successful community effort at a special Kiwanis meeting. Baumunk briefly outlined the history of the project, from the time a group of community leaders, including ex-chamber director Gerald Harrison, Baumunk and ex-supervisor Earl Teeple, conceived the project and began studying the need.

The office is now located in Cloverdale School, where they are now placing an average of 23 persons a week.

Mrs. Orsians outlined the success of the program in numbers to the Kiwanians.

In the first four months of the program, 362 applicants have found jobs through the service, out of 633 referrals. About 70 of these have been regular, full time jobs.

'Mittens' Boxes Are Out

The Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary's "Mittens for Moppets" collection boxes are now located in six local banks.

The auxiliary is asking the community to donate mittens, hats and scarves to be used for the Goodfellow Christmas baskets.

Location of the boxes are: the National Bank on Alta Loma, 11 Mile and Middle Belt, and 12 Mile and Farmington; Metropolitan Bank, 32203 Grand River; Manufacturers Bank on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile; First Federal Savings of Detroit on Farmington and Slocum.

THE PROGRAM had trouble getting funding to get started, particularly from the township board, but Baumunk said, "The publicity about our troubles was the best thing that could have happened," and contributed to making the agency well known in the community.

Now that YES is rolling, Mrs. Orsians is concentrating on special problems.

One of these is locating part-time jobs for Christmas, and she expects a lot of applications at this time.

Summarizing her experience so far, she said, "One of the most revealing things is to hear the telephone ring at the end of the day and hear a young person say, 'Mrs. Orsians, I got the job.'"



AN INTERVIEW? -- YES Director Claire Orsians talks to Farmington Kiwanis President Lloyd Smith at a special Kiwanis meeting recent-

ly where Mrs. Orsians outlined the success of the new program. (Evert photo)

3 Arrested For Robberies

The Farmington Township Police report that three arrests have been made in two separate incidents of armed robbery.

Henry Moore, 27, of 19997 Pinehurst, Detroit, was arrested Nov. 28 and arraigned before Judge

Michael Hand. He pleaded innocent and bond was placed at \$10,000.

Township Police Director Ronald Holko said Dennis Gueirre of Livonia reported to police on Oct. 27 that he and his wife and son were at the

Farmington Auto Wash, 28402 W. Eight Mile, when they were robbed at gunpoint of \$40.

James Golston, 22, of 20508 Washburn, Detroit, and George DeLoatch, 23, of 20421 Santa Barbara, Detroit were also arrested and arraigned

They were charged by police with the Nov. 13 armed robbery of the Bahama Motel, 28051 Grand River, Farmington Township.



Dress Drive Fashion Show

NOT EXACTLY high fashion models, these girls modeled dresses at a fashion show for the Goodfellow Dress Drive. The dresses were made and donated by several local groups, and will end up in the baskets for some

families in Farmington who have fallen on hard times. Linda Stevens, Linda Fenner and Cima Riza (from left) model their dresses. The Goodfellows also will be selling papers Dec. 8 to finance baskets. (Photos by Fran Evert)