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## Businessman arraigned in shooting case

A pre-trial hearing has been set for Oct. 1 for Southfield businessman Charles Cross who was arraigned Saturday on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

Cross stood mute and a plea of innocent was entered for him by 47th District Court Judge Michael Hand. Bail was set at \$100,000.

Cross was arrested in connection with the shooting of William Jordan Jr., 50, Jordan was shot several times Tuesday night as he sat in his parked car on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Hills.

Jordan, a business associate of Cross, is

labeled in guarded condition at Botsford Hospital.

Cross voluntarily turned himself in to Farmington Hills police on Saturday. He was accompanied by attorneys Clyde Pritchard and Norman Sommers.

Hills police obtained a search warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office so they could obtain and examine weapons owned by Cross. Pritchard said his client was voluntarily turning over every weapon he owned.

**JORDON WAS SHOT IN THE FACE** with a .357 magnum at point-blank range, according to federal government officials.

FBI agents originally were called into the case, because Jordan is a witness in a federal criminal case. He is expected to testify for the government in the trial of Highland Park City Council President Damon White who is charged with embezzling money from Jordan in return for city demolition contracts.

But agents turned the case over to Farmington Hills police after being told by Jordan that Cross shot him over a \$3,500 debt.

Cross is the owner of a real estate agency located in Detroit.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Ronald Holko refused to say if Jordan's involvement in the investigation might have been the motive for the shooting.

Jordan, who owns a Royal Oak trucking firm, managed to drive to a gasoline station on Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake to ask for help after being shot.

He was sitting on an unloaded Browning Automatic Rifle which was pointed at the passenger side of the car when he drove into the station, according to police.



Charles Cross voluntarily turns himself over to the custody of the Farmington Hills Police. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Hills await funds for development

Farmington Hills administrators are expecting \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for 1974-1977.

The Hills will have two public hearings for residents to suggest uses for the funds Oct. 18 and Oct. 23.

Administrators expect to use next year's funds to continue this year's projects, according to Michael Dorman, Hills administrative assistant.

About \$23,000 of the community development funds will go toward the city's housing inspection program. Housing Inspector Richard Young will draw a \$14,000 salary from the funds.

The Wulfsberg Sewer, which will service the south section of the city, is being paid for by community development funds, Dorman said.

grants will be continued through Community Development Funds.

The concept of community development funds is to fight urban blight in the community," he said. "We have tried to remain true to that purpose. We want to improve the housing in the southern section of the city. That's where most of our lower income families live."

The grants and loans programs allows low and moderate income families to obtain money for necessary home repairs, such as heating and roofing repairs.

In the Hills, residents of the southern section are eligible for the funds. That area has been identified by Hills officials as the city's poverty area.

**POLICE THEORIZE THAT JORDON'S** assailant fired at him from the passenger side of his car.

"He (Jordan) had to go to the gas station about ten minutes before he got a repair," said Holko. "It must have been still fresh in his mind for him to return."

Jordan told officials that an earlier meeting had been arranged at the gas station and Jordan requested repayment of the \$3,500 debt from Cross.

"Jordan said he needed the cash because of his financial problems and Cross agreed to meet him with the money," said a police official.

Cross suggested the meeting at the Orchard Ridge campus, according to police.

## Hey guys, Don shows how to lose weight

**THE SEWER** has cost us \$200,000 in the last two years. We took this money from community development funds, also. When it's completed the sewer will cost us \$628,000. We have it half built now.

This section of the city is in a natural drainage area and we have to dry it out before we can improve housing in the area.

Extran said the portion of the cost that isn't paid for by community funds will be paid by city taxes. But the Hills expect taxes to cover only a marginal amount.

The sewer is scheduled to be finished within a year.

The Hills awaits grants and loans pro-

By JANAN GHANNAM

"It's this ban that tells this hand to put it on this mouth."

With the words of Florence Marks, president of Weight Watchers, always in the back of his head, Donald Stewart, former executive director of Garden City Chamber of Commerce and founder of Garden

City Jaycees, shed 183 pounds in 18 months.

Some of his Farmington comrades know Stewart, formerly a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and presently as a fellow Jay.

Once weighing in at 340 pounds, Stewart realized he was eating himself to the point where he could no longer do the most

simple things in life, such as take a walk.

He went through all the fat diets—water diet, grapefruit diet, high-protein diet, and even resorted to acupuncture—unsuccessfully.

**HIS NEXT STEP** was to join Weight Watchers, where people would tell Stewart, "If I can do it, you can do it."

"Now it's most fun to say 'If I can do it, you can do it,'" said Stewart as he was awarded his Weight Watchers graduation pin.

"I feel terrific. I've lost the weight of 50 bowling balls."

Stewart explained that Weight Watchers is a way of life for him.

"No one is expected to reveal their weight at the meetings, only the amount gained or lost."

"If a person loses weight, he receives some positive reinforcement from the group," said Stewart. "If he gains weight, he isn't shunned. But we try to make him understand why he gained that weight."

Although most people equate deprivation and starvation with the word "diet," Stewart

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GC resident

he just asked "what do you have to do with Donald Stewart?"

Even members of the Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees have taken double looks when Stewart walks into a meeting.

"They know I was on a diet, but I guess that they didn't realize how serious I was to get rid of those pounds."

Looking good and feeling good isn't the only reward for losing 183 pounds, according to Stewart.

"Now I can say I am as thin as Cousin Vilma," Hill Belcher.

## Let it all hang out it

### Sign restrictions eased

Farmington businessmen can hang out larger temporary signs for a longer period of time, according to a recent Farmington City Council decision.

The city's sign ordinance was amended to allow temporary signs attached to walls to be one-tenth of the size of the wall area.

In their review, the council determined that the sign ordinance allowed a sign of approximately two feet by three feet, which is probably inadequate to properly advertise a new business or a special sale on a temporary basis," said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

Businessmen can erect banners and signs of various signs for 30 days during any six-month period. New businesses are allowed three months for temporary signs.

The old ordinance allowed businesses two weeks within any six-month period to hang up a temporary sign.

The current provisions aren't consistent with normal advertising campaigns which

usually run for approximately 30 days," Deadman said.

Most temporary signs are made of canvas and wood and are lightweight," said Deadman. "If the temporary sign is not attached to a wall, the sign shall not be of greater height than five feet above ground."

Lightweight signs could fall apart easily, and if someone was injured, there is a question of liability," he explained.

Councilmember Ralph Yoder favored allowing businesses to fly pennants for a longer time.

"I'm gonna get you pennants and string them from your house to a tree," said Mayor John Richardson to Yoder.

"I will continue to vote for the granting of variances," said Yoder. "I don't think we should restrict pennants in commercial zones—until they are deteriorated."

Who's going to decide when the pen-

nants are deteriorated? Richardson asked.

"The building inspector," Yoder said. "A deteriorated sign is like being pregnant—you either are or you aren't," Richardson said.

## Here's your chance to attend seminar

Those interested should fill out the accompanying coupon and mail it to the Farmington Observer & Eccentric, P.O. Box 63, Southfield 48077.

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## inside Home Furnishings

Don't miss our special Home Furnishings guide coming in this Thursday's paper, full of exciting ideas designed to enhance your surroundings. It's something you'll want to save and tell your neighbors about, too.



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Now a trim 155 pounds, Donald Stewart feels healthy and confident.

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**PUBLICITY-PRESS RELATIONS SEMINAR**

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**ON HAND TO GREET** you will be Farmington Community Editor Steve Barnaby, Farmington Suburban Life Editor Loraine McClash, staff photographer Harry Mauthe and reporters Co Abatt and Louise Ukrasky.

Among items to be discussed will be how to write an effective publicity release, how to submit releases and photographs and how to arrange for our staff to best cover your group's activities.

The seminar will be conducted so enough time will be allowed to sit down and talk with the staff, have a cup of coffee and talk about your group's needs.

Those attending will receive a handy pamphlet of general information on how to prepare materials for publication in the Farmington Observer & Eccentric. As a helpful reminder throughout the year, a fact sheet with deadlines and names of staff will be distributed.

We urge group representatives to bring a list of club officers' names and contact phone numbers so we can get started immediately serving you.

**THE BEST PART** of the evening will be our chance to meet you. The staff at the Farmington Observer & Eccentric is enhanced over this annual gathering.

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