

# Killers called Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guys

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tion of liberty and freedom has the unfortunate distinction of having by far the highest homicide rate," Tanay said. Consider that Detroit has 54 homicides for every 100,000 people and Windsor has four.

"That is a fantastic difference, and there must be a reason for that. We are not all that different from all the other countries in the civilized world," Tanay said. But Canada has handgun control and the United States does not. "The primary type of weapon in this country is a handgun."

In an emotional explosion, the person who tries to hurt another without a weapon has quite a task. "It's difficult to kill with your bare hands," Tanay said. The lack of a weapon also provides time for the angry person to regain sense and reason.

"THE HANDGUN provides the quick resolution of the whole problem," Tanay said. "It shortens the time element (for developing a solution other than violence) to a small fraction."

While psychotics "kill more often than many psychologists are willing to admit," they don't account for the great number of killings in the United States. It continues to be Mr. Nice Guy who is responsible, Tanay said. He told the group that many people — often unknowingly — are involved in what he called "sado-masochistic (romantic, friendship, work) relationships." In these relationships, one partner suffers the wrath of the other, whose ego is boosted by the suffering partner. The potential for violence between the nice guys occurs when the suffering partner has reached the limit and

experiences an emotional explosion. People today are raised to avoid expressing overt anger and aggression. Many are far too over-controlled for their emotional and mental health, Tanay said.

"These types of individuals also have aggressive needs. They gratify these needs by suffering," Tanay said. "There are some people who are afraid of being aggressive in a reasonable manner. They are aggressive only in an explosive manner."

When the explosion occurs, a handgun is the handiest instrument for resolving problems. "In that moment of rage, in that moment of no control, people indeed do know how to use that gun," Tanay said.

Accidental deaths as well as homicides would be reduced if the number of handguns were reduced.

Tanay and Hughes said. The handguns bought by the nice guys to protect home and family often are lost or stolen and find in the hands of youths and criminals. "We have a large armed juvenile population in Detroit," Hughes said.

When children are armed, innocent people are killed. Because of television's influence, youths don't believe people really die when shot, Hughes continued.

The proliferation of handguns on Detroit's streets and in the hands of youths is a primary reason why Detroit was recently named the most

dangerous city for youths, Hughes said.

From January 1986 to April 1987, about 500 kids have been shot in Detroit and more than 50 have died. Drugs in particular, as well as poverty and family problems are contributing factors, Hughes said.

Faxon's bill taking aim at officeholders' funds

A bill to eliminate controversial Officeholder Expense Funds (OEFs) was introduced in the Legislature by state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

The proposed legislation would repeal that section of the state's Campaign Finance Act that permits elected public officials to establish OEFs, said Faxon, who said he has never had an Officeholder Expense Fund. His district also includes Southfield.

Repeat of OEFs, as expressed in Senate Bill 459, addresses two primary issues surrounding their existence.

First, they are "a way for elected public officials to receive money without paying taxes on that income," Faxon said.

Second, it is bad public policy "to have public officials receiving money for their own personal needs from corporations, interest groups or

## on the agenda

Agenda details for government meetings scheduled for this week follow. All meetings are open to the public:

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Candidates Night  
Council Chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5

The Farmington Democratic Club is hosting a candidates night for the nine candidates seeking election to four city council seats. Opening remarks will be followed by a question and answer session.

**Farmington City Council**  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5

The meeting will begin with a presentation from the Friends of the Rouge. A request for a fence variance at 23801 Farmington Road will be considered, as will a request from the Farmington Area Jaycees for the annual Christmas tree lighting on Nov. 22. A proclamation declaring Oct. 6 as German-American Day is expected to be issued.

An amendment to the Oakland County Solid Waste Management Plan will be considered as well as the purchase of equipment. A report will be made by the city treasurer on the consolidated tax anticipation note proposed settlement. Council will hear a report on opposition to House Bill 4363 regarding cemeter-

Contractor payments also will be considered.

**Downtown Development Authority**  
Council Conference Room  
23600 Liberty  
8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6

- Executive director to recommend hiring a company from which to buy downtown promotional banners. Also to be discussed is the number of banners to buy.
- Report on downtown business owners/managers survey.
- Downtown holiday lighting committee report.
- Possible report on purchase of Business Watch signs and stickers.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Lewis Schulman Administration Center  
32500 Sibley  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6

The board of education will consider formation of a committee concerning the realignment of boundaries and school facilities needs. Trustees are expected to award a bid for trash removal.

those who are most affected by the decisions made by the officeholder."

"Public officials," Faxon said, "shouldn't have to solicit money from others for private expenses. They should receive an adequate salary with additional accountable expenses so that it would be unnecessary to ask interest groups for personal needs."

Under current law, OEFs are intended to help elected officials pay for expenses incidental to holding office. Contributions and expenditures must be reported annually to Secretary of State Richard Austin,

who recently questioned use of such funds.

"The secretary of state has pointed out too many instances where OEFs have allegedly been used for expenses which appear to be unrelated to holding office," Faxon said. "Rather than attempt some ultimately unsuccessful reform of the OEF provision of the statute, the Legislature should make a clean sweep and completely eliminate OEFs."

Senate Bill 459 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

College night is Thursday

The annual College Night for all Farmington high schools is at 8 p.m. Thursday, at Farmington High School, 32000 Sibley.

Juniors and seniors may bring their parents to this event, which features representatives from about 50 colleges and universities as well as different branches of the military. There will also be a speech about financial aid.

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