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including his brother, Mike, a West Bloomfield police sergeant — to negotiate with a knife-wielding woman for eight hours.

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"Everyone has their own area of specialty," Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss said. "We have someone here we need to talk to, he is the one you want."

Interrogating suspects conjures up the image of glaring lights and a snarling Detective Sipowicz type. Not so, Madigan says.

"Essentially, you win over their confidence," Madigan said. "When you talk to them, like in an armed robbery, you'll say, 'You've been out of work for a while... nobody got at you.' You empathize with them and de-emphasize what they have done in order to get them to open up."

"And you capture it on tape," Madigan has some family ties to law enforcement. His older brother told about the challenges, the excitement and some of the funny things that happen, Madigan was told.

The 1969 Farmington High graduate joined as a reserve. He went to Madonna College for his criminal justice degree.

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He lives in Farmington with his wife of 23 years, Christine, and son Ryan, 8.

Madigan went to the police academy and joined the department at the same time as another young officer, Frank Laubhoff went on to become city manager.

The pair found themselves on opposite sides of the bargaining table trying to settle a contract last year. Madigan has been president of the Farmington Police Officers Association for the past five years and been involved in union affairs for 12 years.

"I respect Frank a lot," Madigan said. "I think it's good the way he's been able rise through the ranks."

They have taken divergent career paths, but Madigan has no regrets.

"I like being a patrol officer," he said.

City honors brave civilians

They thwarted carjackers and stolen-check passing, and the Farmington Public Safety Department said thanks.

Three people received Civilian Citations at the department's annual awards presentation April 11 in Farmington City Hall.

Gary Ortwin and James Fowlkes were cited for their actions in the Grand-Helsted Plaza Jan. 16.

Debra Ortwin and her 4½-year-old daughter were waiting in the family's 1985 Ford LTD for her husband to leave work when a man jumped in, brandishing a bottle. He hit and pushed the woman out of the

car and began striking the child.

Her screams alerted her husband, who was finishing work at Kiddie-land. He ran to the car and subdued the attacker until police arrived.

Another man, Fowlkes, also ran to the car and took away the bottle, which the attacker used to break the windshield.

A Westland man, 37, was arrested and charged with attempted carjacking and assault and battery.

"This type of involvement and concern is what makes Farmington the safe and unique community that it is," said Public Safety Director Gary Goss in issuing both citations.

Usama Hamama received a citation for his involvement in putting the brakes on a teen trying to cash stolen checks at Sammy's Pizza Store.

A teen tried to cash the checks using a Visa card. He knew the youth and recognized the name wasn't the same on the card.

Hamama convinced the youth to tell him where he got the checks.

"Mr. Hamama's apprehension of the two boys and recovery of the stolen property displays his concern for the community and his willingness to get involved," Goss said in issuing the commendation.

'Life-saver' Hennessy, others saluted

Farmington Public Safety officer Richard Hennessy received the Life Saving Award at the department's annual award ceremony April 11.

On Sept. 18, Hennessy arrived at The Greenway Care Center where a resident had stopped breathing. Using a defibrillator, he delivered one shock and instructed an employee to clear the patient's airway and a nurse to begin CPR.

A weak pulse was discovered a minute later. The woman was taken to Botsford Hospital, where she recovered.

Other officers recognized in-

clude:

■ Departmental Commendation to Christine Guinan for her detective work that led to the arrests of four youths in an arson case where a car was set

afire while parked in a driveway June 15. With no physical evidence, Guinan began interviewing suspects and many of those from her contacts she developed as a school liaison officer at Farmington High. She was able to break the suspects' alibis and obtain confessions from three of them.

■ Departmental Citation to Vincent Ziegler for thwarting a

break-in at Crossroads Plaza and the later arrest of two of three suspects July 9. The third was arrested later by Livonia police.

■ Unit Award to Tony Gubacz, Carl Swanderick, Dan Dellar, Jim Madigan and Christine Guinan for their work at the scene and, later, their testimony at the Jackie Ponks murder trial.

■ Professional Excellence Award to Dan Dellar, Duane Cowger, and Robert Schuls for their training of other officers on the use of new firearms.

Protest from page 1A

Mandatory service learning caught students by surprise, Pierce said. Initial reaction against the proposal has been strong.

Pierce is the editor-in-chief of The Northern Star. The paper has taken an editorial stand against service learning.

He and his classmates took the stand a step further, drawing up the petition with the help of some teachers.

The petition said the proposal: abridges true meaning of volunteering, does not respect student input, and defeats the purpose of co-op programs.

"This is not a protest against voluntary service," Pierce said. "We just feel it should be left the way it has been."

Seniors, who volunteer 20 hours and write an essay, receive a stamp on their diplomas and wear a purple honor cord during graduation.

In a three-day period before spring break, students amassed 600 signatures. They want to get 750 signatures.

Pierce met with U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, for 15 minutes about the petition drive. Through some students back service learning, Pierce said the issue has not been divisive.

"In fact, it's not dividing the school; it's uniting the school," Pierce said. "A majority of students are against this. It's making students aware they have the right to protest."

"If our voices are heard, the student body is going to be stronger."

Clerk from page 1A

smoothly. She treats each one as a clerk.

Dorman was out of town at press time.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi, who attended the presentation in East Lansing, said he was impressed by the regard Dorman's peers have for her.

"It was quite obvious with the warmth that she is very well-liked and respected," he said. "She's been a leader in voter education and making it easier to vote. And all of her staff were there (at the

ceremony). That tells you something about what they think of her."

Dorman has been with the city since 1985, where she served as deputy city clerk before being named city clerk in August of 1988.

She is an active member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, third vice president of the Michigan Municipal Clerks Association, and past president of the Oakland County Clerks Association. She is active in her neighborhood association, church committees, and the Farmington Area Optimist Club.

Trash turns to treasure for Earth Week

Trash will turn to "treasure" and quilts will be released to highlight the third-annual Earth Week Festival Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

"We're local folks are getting used to it, so we're looking for a good crowd this year," said Joe Derck, naturalist for the city of Farmington Hills.

Last year, about 1,000 people participated, and that included "a lot of adults," Derck said. In the "Trash to Treasure" contest, participants and groups are asked to use their creativity to make a piece of art or some other useful object from trash.

There will be three age groups — Youth (12 years and under), Teen (ages 13-19) and Adult (20 and over). Entry forms may be picked up at the Farmington Hills Special Services office behind City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Entries may be submitted 3-7 p.m. by Friday, April 28, at the Day Camp Center of Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

Entries will be displayed during the festival, April 29-30, at Heritage Park. Awards will be made at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29. A special "People's Choice" award will be made at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

The live quilt will be released in Heritage Park at noon Saturday, April 29.

Other Earth Week activities include: arts and crafts for kids; face painting; button making; kite making (using recyclable materials, of course); a pancake breakfast 9-11 a.m. Sunday, April 30; a bake sale, nature seminars including one on "Woodland Creatures" by Derck; a walk-a-thon to benefit International Special Olympics and Team USA Girls Basketball; free pine seedlings, Afghan raffle; guided nature walks; free bird seed; and fireman clown.

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