

# Farmington Observer & Eccentric

Volume 86 Number 26

Thursday, January 16, 1975

Farmington, Michigan

60 Pages

Fifteen Cents

## Hills police ask break-in caution

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — Police are seeking resident cooperation to help eliminate break-ins in the city.

Ronald Holko, director of public safety, has asked residents to report any suspicious cars or persons that they see near their homes.

Police need to know the make and color of the car and the license number, if possible, Holko said.

His request comes on the heels of a marked increase in home break-ins in the past month.

**POLICE NEED** cooperation and support of residents to do their jobs effectively, he said.

Holko offered a number of ways to deter break-ins.

Residents should vary routines, he said. Routine practices assist burglars. Once they know a person's schedule, they can time a break-in.

Adopting a protective attitude can reduce burglaries, he said.

**WHEN MOVING** into a new home, have the locks changed or the tum-

blers in the locks reset to prohibit entry with an old key.

Have auxiliary dead bolt locks installed on all outside doors. Sliding patio doors can be secured both with a lock and a wooden rod dropped in the rail.

But the best locks are useless if they are not locked, he said.

**WHEN A** resident is working in the yard, attic, garage or other area away from the main part of the house, he should lock the doors.

Lights left burning even when a resident is not at home can deter a burglar. Timers operating lights and radios can be useful.

Lighting around the perimeters of the house also is important.

For residents who will be on vacation, he asks that they notify police as well as a trusted neighbor of the dates that they will be out of town.

**DELIVERY** of mail, newspapers and other items should be halted.

Drapes should be left open and lights should be placed on timers to

give the illusion that someone is home.

Garage doors should be left closed.

He suggests that residents make an inventory of all valuables including jewelry, small appliances, cameras, coin and stamp collections. Further, small valuables should be stored in a safety deposit box. The valuables can be photographed.

**ENGRAVERS** are available at the police department for the Operation Identification program. Driver's license numbers are engraved on such items as televisions, radios, stereo equipment and cameras.

If these items are recovered, the owner can easily be traced through the state police teletype LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network).

Break-ins should be reported as soon as possible, Holko said. He advises residents who believe their homes have been broken into to go to a neighbor's house to notify police and wait for their arrival before entering the home.



Getting it together...almost

Donna McGovern, a Farmington High cheerleader, had a little bit of trouble getting to the top Tuesday night. During one of the Falcons' cheers at the basketball game, Donna was supposed to be at the top of the pyramid, but didn't quite make it. She was left alone. The Falcon basketball team had trouble getting it together, too, losing to city rival North Farmington 58-42. (Photographed by Gary Friedman)

## Hills finally owns 2 city cemeteries

**FARMINGTON HILLS** — The city is now official custodian for two cemeteries.

At its meeting Monday night, the council authorized payment of \$1 for West Farmington Cemetery on Twelve Mile at Halted roads to the West Farmington Burial Ground Society.

The city was made trustee for the East Farmington Cemetery.

The city's public service department will be in charge of upkeep of the two cemeteries.

**COUNCIL MEMBER** Robert McConnell said efforts to acquire the two parcels have been going on since October 1972.

City Attorney Joseph Brennan was unable to locate any persons in charge of the East Farmington Cemetery.

The record owner was the Farm-

ington Cemetery Association of Farmington and later the East Farmington Cemetery Association but the organization had not been registered with either the state or county.

In other action, the council postponed consideration of a request for a Class C liquor license made by Pizza Hut of Kalamazoo, Inc.

**THE FOOD** chain is building a restaurant on the north side of Ten Mile Road, just east of Orchard Lake Road.

The restaurant with a 120-person seating capacity is expected to open April 15.

McConnell asked James Gunn, attorney for the petitioner, to provide a detailed breakdown of the capital investment in the facility.

Gunn said that the firm wanted to serve only beer and wine although it was seeking a license which would

permit it to serve liquor by the glass as well.

HE SAID that if the council did not want to grant the Class C license, the firm would settle for a tavern license.

Currently, there are 24 liquor licenses owned by firms in the city. Nine remain to be assigned.

McConnell asked for clarification of the tavern license. No date was set for reconsideration.

The council also discussed a petition from two residents of Oakland Subdivision requesting that Bond Street be permanently vacated between Greenboro and Ardmore Drive.

Petitioners are Brian Sprague and Robert Berry.

## Farmington enlistments climb as job opportunities disappear

By SUSAN AVERILL

**FARMINGTON**—When compulsory draft ended in 1972, it was a jubilent day for thousands of young men across the nation.

For many of those who would shortly turn 18, it was like being able to walk away from the edge of a yawning chasm.

Those only a year or two from eligibility heaved a sigh of relief, and away stepped the great army of anxiety.

Now, however, with the winds of recession sweeping the country, greater numbers of young men are turning toward the armed forces, straight out of high school, as a means of introducing economic stability into their lives.

The lure of money, travel, paid education and above all, job security have swelled the ranks of the military with recruits.

"**PEOPLE PREDICTED** that after the volunteer army went into effect, the military would shrink drastically," said Detroit's Army Public Information Officer, Charles Bielak. "But we surprised many people."

The Army, he said, has been doing well, especially in the last few months.

He attributes increasing enlistments to better management, general unemployment, and education and training benefits offered by the various services.

"Detroit has been doing excellently over the past year," he said. "In November, we met 123 per cent of our (enlistment) objective, and in December, we met 131 per cent," he said.

**JANUARY'S FIGURES** are listed at 461 men, approximately 30 percent

of their projected enlistment objective for that month.

Reflecting the trend, Mark Hurst, 17, will be leaving in two weeks for a four-year stint in the Marine Corps. "It's a secure job," he said. "You can get your education, and they pay you. They don't lay anybody off, and you get good benefits."

A senior who will graduate early said he joined the Marines because "Everybody who talked about it, liked it."

He isn't sure he'll make a career of it, but he hopes to come out of the service with a marketable skill in computer maintenance, airborne radio operation or perhaps air traffic control.

An attractive feature offered by the Navy is a program called "cache," which, not by accident, rhymes with "cash."

"**IT MEANS** cash to the young man in the long run," said Chief Petty Officer Ron Gachs of the Navy Recruiting Office at 2125 Lahser Road, Southfield.

Cache is essentially an early entry program, whereby the Navy signs up a recruit who then has nine months to report to boot camp.

The recruit is guaranteed a spot in the particular school he has chosen and is put in the reserves without having to attend meetings.

The number of months between enlistment and boot camp are included in seniority computation, which leaves the cache recruit with considerable promotional advantage over the non-cache recruit who attends boot camp at the same time.

It was partly for this reason that 17-

year-old Pat Jamison opted for the Navy.

"**I'VE GOT** nine months to report, plus I've got seniority for promotions when I get there," said Jamison, a student at Farmington High School.

"You get your schooling paid for, get on-the-job training, benefits and travel. It's pretty much an all-around deal," he said. Besides, he really didn't want to go to college, he said.

During his four years, he expects to learn carpentry and welding and spend his latter two years doing repair work from aboard ship. "I'll be 22 when I get out, which is about the same age as kids my age who will be going to college. They'll have to look for a job, whereas with steelworker training, I'll practically have one guaranteed," he said.

Charles Leveque, zone supervisor for Southfield and seven other Navy recruiting stations, credits the economy for the intensified military focus.

"**A COUPLE** of years ago, they told you that you had to be a high-school grad to be successful in life," he said. "Then they told you that you had to be a college grad."

But that isn't necessarily true for armed forces recruits, he said.

"If the kids are smart, they're going in for the training. We don't have enough vocational schools, so we're hoping the Navy can fill the void for them."

Mike Hayes and Herb Smith, both 17-year-old seniors at Farmington High School, are seriously considering Navy duty. Both are interested in aviation, although Smith said he's thinking about college, first.

"I figure I might go to college and study mechanical drawing first," he

said. "That way I can still change my mind if I want to."

**DAVID HOLAPPA** of Farmington High School placed educational benefits high on his list of reasons for joining the Army, a move he is still considering.

"I'll be able to get a bachelor's degree in three years," he said.

Girls also are cashing in on what they see as a good deal.

"Our Wave recruiter is so busy that our Wave placements are full until sometime in October," Chief Gecks said.

He has noticed a basic difference in intent and attitude between male and female recruits, he said.

"I believe a young lady looks into the future and thinks about what she wants to do, where a boy will sit around and wonder what tomorrow will bring."

"About 90 percent of the girls know what they want and they go after it," he said.

### Observer & Eccentric index

News	Section A
Columns	14
Editorials	14
Obituaries	2
Sports	Section B
Suburban Life	Section C
Club circuit	6
Community calendar	2
Volunteers	4
Business	Section D
Business people	11



Face in the dark

A silhouetted jazz pianist performed Friday evening at the Ratoeclair, accompanied by two musicians with guitars and electric harmonicas. Oakland Community College offers refreshment and entertainment at the Ratoeclair, in the basement of J-building, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday evenings. (Photographed by Harry Mauthe)