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## Community cooperation is key in fight against crime

Farmingington Director of Public Safety Daniel Byrnes and City Manager Robert Deadman both believe that adding more men to the city's police force will not solve the youth activity and vandalism problems facing the city, especially in the Farmington Tall Oaks Subdivision.

"This is one of the conclusions reached in their city-wide study on how to combat crime in the city presented to the city council this week. The study was assigned after residents of the Tall Oaks area complained to the city council about the rising rate of vandalism in their community.

In reference to a solution proposed by residents of that area to hire addi-

tional police officers, Byrnes said he does not feel adding extra men will be the answer.

"This office does not believe that additional manpower will solve this particular problem and it would be a tremendous additional expense to the taxpayers with little or no relief," Byrnes said in the report to the city council.

"IF 18 ADDITIONAL men were hired, as suggested, the total cost would be approximately a quarter of a million dollars annually. The benefits would be two additional men per shift and an increase in patrol hours of approximately six hours per shift, or 18 hours per day.

"Depending upon demands, Tall Oaks Subdivision may directly benefit by receiving an additional 20 to 30 minutes of patrol over a 24 hour period. This seems to me to be an awfully high price to pay, especially when there is little or no guarantee that these additional patrols would have any effect upon the problem defined," he said.

In regards to the Tall Oaks area, Byrnes said that he does not view the problem as a major crime wave, but rather as a problem that moves around the city in cycles, depending on the age groups within certain subdivisions.

Basically, the problems are being caused by the kids living in those sub-

divisions and other youths that visit in those areas. Usually, the ones causing the problems are the junior high school aged youths," Byrnes said.

"This problem is one in which the people must find the solution. They must be willing to get more involved, to initiate more action and appear in court if necessary," said Byrnes.

"The only way kids will get the message is if parents take a stand."

"Residents must meet their responsibilities as informers. Only by working together on crime problems can they be handled and eliminated," explained Deadman. "More police would not solve the problem without resident cooperation because they

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Last-minute prayers by Mercy High School cheerleader Nancy Abraham didn't help the Mercy girls' team last weekend during the state Class A girls' basketball championships held in Grand Rapids. The Mercy girls lost to Detroit Northeastern, 67-62. More photos on page 3. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Big 'if' unanswered

### Sister works to cure cancer

By CORINNE ABATT

Press agents and fund raisers come and go. But a newcomer to the ranks, if she can manage to continue her work, is certain to have a vital impact on lives of cancer victims.

Sister Loretta Ann Walsh sits at her desk in a small office behind Rivera Pools on Thirteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills and wonders about the strange series of events which brought her here.

A grade school friend, Albert Asenany, has loaned her the office space during the off season of his business. "I can see a plan I really can. There's something extraordinary going on I can't explain."

She is working as volunteer co-chairman for the National Fund for Sister Arline's Cancer Research, sharing the responsibilities with Mrs. Bernice Stasiak of Warren.

Only six months ago, Sister Loretta Ann was an elementary school teach-

er in Port Huron. She heard through a friend of the need for someone to help with the fund-raising campaign and left Port Huron at the end of the school term to help.

Through family and friends, she was all too familiar with the ravages of the dread disease. It had touched her life closely. Sister Arline's promising research would falter without help.

The lovely Mercererae clam, Little-neck, Cherrystone and Quahog, has been found by Sister Arline to contain an active anti-cancer agent. This discovery has been documented and publicly confirmed by medical doctors at major research institutions. Two others besides Dr. Albert Szent Gyorgyi, Nobel prize winner and director of the Institute for Muscle Research, have published confirmations of clam anti-tumor effectiveness.

THE PROBLEM is money. The National Institute of Health has told Sister Arline they can't give her financial aid until she can purify the anti-cancer material, determine the chemical makeup and prove its uniqueness. But, it takes time and money to get to that point.

Since July approximately \$10,000 has been sent to the research center from Michigan. A visit here by Sister Arline last August was helpful in bringing attention to her work.

Sister Loretta Ann smiles as she recalls the flurry of activity that has begun only a month after she had taken over.

"I was like her press agent," she

says. "I got her on three television shows. I had never seen Sister Arline but I went to meet her at the airport and immediately drove her to an appointment with Dr. Michael Brennan (Detroit cancer researcher). Then we had an interview with Vic Caputo and the next day we did another TV program."

Before the brief visit had ended, flight plans back to Denver where Sister Arline does her research at the American Medical Center had to be changed to allow time for a third TV interview.

Newspaper stories following the visit generated more interest and contributions.

Only last week Sister Loretta received a check for \$1,000 from the Ladies of the Assembly at a dinner given by Cardinal Mercier Lodge.

ALMOST PRAYERFULLY, Sister Loretta handles the clam shells on her desk remarking that while there are no claims for cancer cures from the researchers from eating raw clams, there are directions to follow for those who wish to try.

Eaten in addition to a regular diet and continuing medical treatment, raw clams, up to a dozen a day, may be added to the diet. At the very least, they provide additional natural food nutrition. It is recommended they be fresh, tightly sealed and from unpolluted waters. There is material available on where they may be pro-

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## Ortman resigns from council

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

William Ortman resigned from the Farmington Hills City Council Monday, Dec. 15, to await the outcome of his candidacy for a seat on the Wayne County Circuit Court.

A Farmington Hills councilman for two years, Ortman maintains legal residences in Wayne, Oakland and Lapeer counties. He said he was considered for the court because his law practice is based in Detroit.

This is his third try for a judgeship in nine years. In 1968, Ortman was a candidate for Detroit Recorder's Court Judge. In 1972, he was nominated for the Michigan State Supreme Court by former U.S. Rep. Robert Huber.

Although he lost the State Supreme Court election, he believes he received a large number of votes for a newcomer. He said the state elections director told him first-time candidates usually receive about 10,000 votes. The state canvassing board told Ortman that he received 200,000 votes.

John Swanson to the State Supreme Court.

Despite residences elsewhere, Ortman was active in Farmington Hills government. "I just fell in love with that part of Oakland County," he said. "I enjoyed being a councilman."

Before serving on the Farmington Hills City Council, Ortman was a councilman for four years in the former Village of Wood Creek Farms.

When the area became part of Farmington Hills, he ran for the city council. "I was the only former council member from Wood Creek who made it," he said.

He was the Republican candidate for the 64th District seat in the State House of Representatives. He was defeated by Wilbur Brotherton in 1974.

Ortman said the apathy of the Farmington area voters hurt his bid for the House seat.

AT HIS LAST Farmington Hills council meeting, Ortman characterized his approach to city government as consisting of acumen, brevity and compassion.

He was in favor of consolidating the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. During the last council election, he said, "Consolidation would unify the area, provide for consolidated services, do away with duplicity and with frictions between factions."

Ortman is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. He attended the University of Michigan Graduate Business School.

He lives in Farmington Hills with his wife, Lee, and his five children.



## Future looks bleak for road projects

Oakland County Road Commissioner Fred Harris presented a bleak outlook last week on the future of any new road developments in the Farmington area.

The road commission is aware of the need for improving several sections of road in Farmington. Harris told the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, but increasing the capacity or widening these sections is hindered by the availability of funds.

"I am aware of your interest in increasing the capacity of Eight Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads. At a time when any new road project is difficult to undertake for financial reasons, the one is complicated still more by divided jurisdiction," said Harris.

Eight Mile is the boundary between Wayne and Oakland counties. The road commissions of the two counties have attempted to coordinate their efforts by dividing responsibilities. This particular stretch of Eight Mile happens to be the primary responsibility of the Oakland County Road Commission. But the commission acts alone in undertaking to improve it, Harris said.

BEFORE EIGHT MILE can be widened from the existing two lanes to five lanes, both counties must commit their share of the costs. The urban task forces in each area must also commit their federal share of funding before the project can be undertaken. But all federal funding at present available to the two counties is com-

mitted to other projects.

"No new federal funding will be available, probably, until Congress passes a new federal aid highway bill or extends the present federal aid law," continued the commissioner.

"And that likely will not happen before next spring."

Wayne County has made no provision.

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ORTMAN REGARDS a judgeship as a lifelong goal. "Even way back in law school, I always had a hankering to be a judge," he said.

Ortman expressed his interest in the Wayne County Circuit Court vacancy to the governor. "You have to write to the governor and let him know you're still interested," he said.

Gov. Milliken will select two judges to fill vacancies in circuit court Judge George Bowles retired from the court and James Ryan succeeded

## Police seek robbery leads

An 18-year-old gas station attendant is scheduled to undergo surgery as a result of an armed robbery Friday, Dec. 12, in which two men took \$225 from the Maverick Oil Co., 32883 Grand River.

The Farmington Police Department request that any customer who was parked at the pumps last Friday around 5:40 p.m. and saw two men leave the gas station to please contact the department.

"As one of the attendants told us, seven to eight patrons were parked at the pumps during the robbery," said Daniel Byrnes, Farmington director of public safety. "One attendant came out of the building after the men had left and shut-off the pumps and lights. He told all the customers they were closed. Those people at the pumps might have seen the two men leave

and might be able to help us to identify the robbers."

Injured in the robbery was Kevin Webb, 18, of 22748 Montclair Drive, Farmington. William Gibbs, 16, Livonia, was working with Webb at the time of the armed robbery.

Both hold-up men are described as being white males in their mid-twenties with shoulder length hair. One is approximately six-foot-three, 150 pounds with brown hair and a mustache. The other is roughly six-foot, 100 pounds and has dark hair.

Apparently the two men had been at the station for about a hour and they might have had a vehicle parked around the corner, said Byrnes. While inside the station, they pretended to call for a ride. Before leaving, they told the attendants that if a girl in a green Mustang came by, that she

should wait because they would return.

The robbers returned, and when they were told the girl had not stopped by, they made another call.

After this call, they took Webb into the back room, searched and robbed him at gunpoint. Webb attempted to kick the nickel-plated revolver out of the man's hand, but his accomplice re-entered the room and struck Webb on the head several times, fracturing his skull. Webb was taken to Botsford General Hospital where he was to be operated on this week.

After robbing Webb, the hold-up men lured Gibbs, who was outside pumping gas at the time, into the backroom. They then robbed him and told him to sit in the room until they left. When the two escaped with the money, Gibbs raced outside to shut off the pumps and lights and tell everyone the station was closed.

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