

## oral quarrel

### Residents concerned about school break-ins

This week's Oral Quarrel asked Farmington and Farmington Hills residents: What additional security measures do you think should be taken to protect Farmington Schools from thieves?

Following are the responses:

Police have road traps set up to catch the innocent person who happens to speed just once. Maybe if the police were patrolling subdivisions and areas where thieves are prevalent, a lot of this thievery would be cut down. Our house was broken into the same way simply because there is no protection for us high-paying taxpayers.

I am a student at Harrison, and I feel that they should put more alarm systems in and they should lock everything up tighter.

It's about time Harrison got some front page coverage, but it is upsetting that it took a \$30,000 robbery for you guys to give us it.

It was simply a crime that this was allowed to happen.

I would like to suggest a sound security system be installed in

I don't think there really is an answer. We can't patrol all the schools. I work in a small retail store not far from Harrison High School and I hear comments on who did take the merchandise and I have also heard parents talking about it, so I think it starts at home. When you hear something you should call as an unidentified person if you don't want to get involved, to the school or the police station and let them know who these children are that are doing this.

Our high schools definitely should be protected with a security system. Increased protection of expensive technical and scientific equipment is essential. If we can't afford this, guards and guard dogs over the weekend at least should be considered. Also important is widespread publicity on all thieves and vandals captured regardless of age.

Install burglar alarms connected to the Police Department on all the high schools at least and any middle schools that contain expensive equipment.

## Jesse Owens gets belated apology

FAR BACK IN the paper where only the smallest of type is used, a four-line item appeared the other morning, and it brought back memories of the most provocative moment in the history of the Olympic Games.

It read "The officials in Berlin, Germany, have agreed to the renaming of the entrance into the stadium as The Jesse Owens Boulevard."

It was simple enough. But, officially, it was Germany's apology, after all these years, for the snubbing Owens received when Adolf Hitler refused to appear on the official stand to present Owens with the four gold medals he had won in the greatest burst of ability shown during the games.

The present generation may not recall Jesse Owens, but he was a black athlete who attended Ohio State University and by the time of the Olympic Games was looked upon as the world's fastest human.

AT THE time there was plenty of discussion around the athletic world concerning the entrance of black athletes to the big games.

In fact the discussion became so great and widespread that the late Willis Ward, a former judge of Probate Court who was one of the University of Michigan's black athletes, refused to

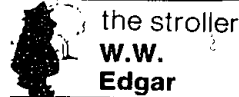
make the trip after being named to the American team.

Owens went to Berlin because he was eager to have an Olympic Gold Medal among his trophies. He succeeded in winning four of them and proved to the world that he was one of the fastest humans. He appeared in all the sprints, but also competed in the broad jump. And he won the top medal in all of them.

BUT WHEN it came to the moment of the presentations and the colorful ceremony, Hitler was nowhere to be found. Hitler snubbed the most outstanding athlete in the games and the world received with horror the news of the snub.

And it left a lasting scar on Owens.

Several years ago Jesse was one of the honored guests at the annual sports dinner at the Meadowbrook Country Club and The Stroller had the privilege of talking with him for some



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time during the evening. It was in this atmosphere that Owens, with a choke in his voice, confided that Hitler's snub had hurt him terribly.

There never was a finer gentleman than Jesse Owens and as an athlete he left his mark on the athletic world.

ONE OF the unforgettable moments The Stroller had with him was at the Big Ten track championships in Ann Arbor and it still provokes a laugh.

He had just finished his turn in the broad jump (now referred to as the long jump) and picked himself up out of the pit. Noticing the late Ralph Young, one of the officials on the sideline, he said to him "Mr. Young, I wish you were an inch taller."

The Stroller was within hearing distance and he heard Jesse explain that he used Young's height as his mark for the big leap and had just missed a new and better mark.

"If you had been an inch taller," he added, "my leap would have been a great one."

That was Jesse Owens, and he richly deserves the honor, belated as it may be, of having Germany apologize to him by renaming the entrance passage into the Olympic stadium as the Jesse Owens Boulevard.

## Finding 'real world' is a challenge

IT'S DIFFICULT to tell what's going on there in the real world as I sit here hidden away in my humble home, but I suspect that a new phenomena is emerging that is worthy of consideration.

I am referring to the influx of women in their mid-30s who are somewhat gingerly approaching the job market. In other words, there's a bunch of terrified ladies out there looking for work!

We female "baby boomers" who chose to stay home and raise a family are just about done booming with our children. Now much thought is being given to emerging from our cocoons of domesticity and once again joining the ranks of the employed.

WHEN ONE has been at home taking care of house, husband and children for a decade, just thinking about applying for a job is enough to give you hives. Reading the want ads can bring on severe palpitations, and actually going on a job interview can be an excruciating experience.

This may be hard for most people to understand, but when your job skills are about as outdated as a manual typewriter in the computer



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age and your wardrobe consists mainly of blue jeans and casual tops, you tend to feel a tad underqualified for big business. Even "little business" seems threatening.

When I went on my last job interview, I felt like my face was twitching so badly that I must have looked like a pinball machine in action. I also kept forgetting how to breathe which made my sentences run together with an occasional gasp for the sake of survival. It was rough.

AS THE INTERVIEW was nearing an end, the gentleman I was talking to said, "My you

certainly were "wired" when you first arrived!" I wanted to explain to him that I'm really only a spastic wreck on special occasions, but it seemed a feeble excuse.

Needless to say, I didn't get the job. Too bad, too. I was so proud of myself for at least staying semi-coherent throughout the interview.

I'm not asking for much. I have no aspirations of overthrowing the boss and becoming head of the company. Just put me in a nice little corner with a typewriter and tell me what you want done.

I can type like a fiend and I have a quick mind — at least I used to 10 years ago. I don't think it has atrophied beyond repair.

So, all you employers out there, if you're being besieged by ladies with faces twitching and hands trembling, don't worry — they'll calm down after a while. That's what transitions are all about.

Be still, my beating heart!

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