Optimists honor Officers of the Year

Two local officers with a combined 34 years of law enforcement experience were honored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Officer this title that its 'Respect for Law Officer Thomas Daniels was anoned Farmington Department of Public Safety Officer of the Year. Darnel Krause was named Farmington Department of of the Year.

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Daniels was recognized "for an outstanding career as a public safety officer, detective, juvenile officer, emergency medical technician, evidence technician and field training officer.

and overall contribution to the de-partment and citizens of Farming-ton," said Frank Lauhoff, Farming-ton Department of Public Safety di-rector.

KRAUSE WAS honored for his "professional effort and dedication" in the investigation of a Rhonswood house fire Oct. 14, 1985, said William Dwyer, Farmington Hills police chief.

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Firefighters found the body of a female resident Inside the house.

Officer Krause, from the beginning, was suspiclous of the fire and the cimcumstances surrounding the victum's death. Dwyer said.

The Oakland County medical experience update the cause of death.

other medical examiners produced other opinions. Krause's field work helped establish that the fire was arson and that the woman's death might not have been natural. Based in part on Krause's investigation, a warrant was issued charging the woman's husband with first-degree and the state of the state of

department commendations, includ-ing a merit citation.

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In 1986, he received the departments "Director's Award" for "his superior talent, lifelong enthusiasm lifelong enthusiasm and tatack. Later autopsies by a superior talent, lifelong enthusiasm lifelon

Rossman, a reserve officer since 1973, was recognized "for his out-standing contribution to the city of Farmington," Lauhoff said. Last year, Rossman donated 321 hours of service — 259 on road pa-trol with a sworn public safety offi-cer.

Since joining the Farmington Hills Police Auxillary in 1981, Drake has served as an auxiliary officer, an as-sistant platoon leader and a platoon

"Over the last few months, he has donated his time unselfishly toward the reorganization and upgrading of the unit," Dwyer said.

"You can always count on Tom's motivation to aid in any task, and he leads by example," Dwyer added.



, and he Darnel Krause ided. Farmington Hills



Renters would benefit from Faxon bill

A bill intended to expand the state property lax credit for renters was reintroduced May 13 by state Sen. Lack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills. Faxon's bill would double the limit. Faxon's bill would double the limit on the homestead property tax credit. "It would provide an added \$116. The proposed Senate Bill 202, people age 65 or older also would benefit by receiving an added \$16. It is a would benefit by receiving an added \$16. It is a mount of rent in cx-case. It are a mount of rent in cx-case in the tax credit. The proposed Senate Bill 202, people age 65 or older also would benefit by receiving an added \$16. It is a mount of rent in cx-case in the tax credit in the payment of property tax credits. The proposed Senate Bill 202, people age 65 or older also would benefit by receiving an added \$16. It is a mount of rent rent credit recipients and \$120. It is a mount of rent in cx-case. The payment of property tax credits. The proposed Senate Bill 202, people age 65 or older also would benefit by receiving an added \$11.8 million in tax credits to another the proposed Senate Bill 202, people age 65 or older also would benefit by receiving an added \$11.8 million in tax credits. The payment of property tax credits.

rent in excess of household income that is used to calculate a renter's tax credit to be reduced to 33.7 percent instead of the current 40 percent. The percentage of rent considered spent for property taxes would rise from the current 17 percent to 20 percent when heat is included in rent and to 23 percent when it is not.

"RENTERS DESERVE some con-sideration when it comes to handing out property tax credits because they are the only group without any built-in tax breaks." Faxon said. "Unlike homeowners, renters do not enjoy the benefits of a mortgage de-duction on their federal income tax returns and are the first to be affect-

ations Committee, Faxon said the estimated \$40.8 million it would cost state, or 215,009 bouseholds, experienced excessive housing costs in the most recent year studied by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Housing costs are considered excessive when they equal or exceed 30 percent of household income, he said.

A member of the Senate Appropria

Robbery suspect held

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In each robbery, the gunman's general method of operation was to arrive and leave in a taxicab, be neatly dressed, ask to speak to the person in charge by name, carry an aritine pilot map case and either show or imply a gun and a bomb. In two of the robbertes, including the one in Farmington Hills, the robber first posed as an IRS agent.

Litchifeld was arraigned Wednesday in connection with 1996 bank robberies in Atlanta Feb. 11, Ormond Beach, Fla., May 2 and Farmington Hills Aug. 13 and a 1987 bank robberty in Laguna Hills, Calli, Jan. 29. He was remanded to the U.S. Marshal's custody.

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Donna June Litchfield, 36, was remanded to the U.S. Marshal's custody in Miami. Released on bond, she failed to appear at a court hearing April 10, 1986, on a bank fraud charge in Miami.

ONCE LITCHFIELD'S name was added to the 10 Most Wanted fugi-tive list, FBI agents around the

country honed in on his past. Investigative leads topped 1,000.

"It all came together, fortunately," Jackson said. "We were able to get on his trail the last couple of days, And it was successful."

A foderal grand ury in Detroit indiced Litethfield Oct. 8 on charges of armed bank robbery and impersonating an IRS officer in connection with the Aug. 13 robbery of the Michigan National Bank Potach at 22177 Orchard Lake. More than Litethfield is known to have traveled extensively through the United States. He had been in the Lake

Tahoe area only a few days.

He was convicted Nov. 18, 1885, and sentenced to 60 years in prison for his part in seven bank robberies in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area between 1983 and 1985.

Litchfield became known as Florida's blockhouse bandit because known as blockhouse bandit because known before the cobbed drive-up teller stations in block buildings. In three of the robberies, he took employees hostage, but released them unharmed.

He served about three years in federal prison the 1970s after being convicted of robbing a bank in St. Louis, Mo., in 1974.

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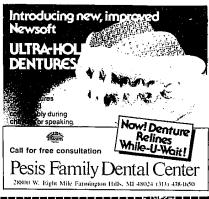
Two Farmington Hills students are among 190 Michigan high school graduates to receive a new federal and administered by the Michigan college scholarship award — the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. Principals. Principals. Principals. They are Mark Schiefsky of Harrison High and Todd Wright of Lutheran High Narthwest

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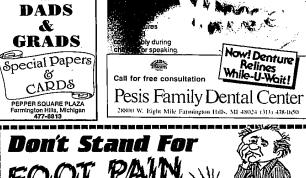
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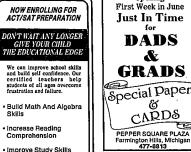




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