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## Cops roust drug dealers, users

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Farmington Hills police are cracking down on drug-related problems in the city.

In one of the latest crackdowns, Hills police and federal Drug Enforcement Agency officers, armed with a search warrant, raided a unit at the Strawberry Lane Apartments on Middlebelt, between 11 and 12 Mile roads at 5 p.m., Friday.

No one was home and no arrests were made at the time, but it was part of a larger network

of raids in both Farmington Hills and Detroit, said Farmington Hills police chief William Dwyer.

"This involves a number of people. They are under surveillance and there will be drug-related felony indictments," Dwyer said. Police seized heroin, marijuana and firearms at the apartment, Dwyer said.

Drug-related search warrants and arrests will be a sign of the times in Farmington Hills, the chief indicated. And police promise there will be more of the same. "The priority will be seven days and nights a week," Dwyer said.

At 10:20 p.m. Thursday, Farmington Hills police also arrested three men and three women on misdemeanor drug-related charges, as the result of a search warrant at 24300 Washington Court at Independence Green Apartments.

"We believe these drugs are from an organization in Detroit. These people who were arrested) are not dealers. They are primarily users," Dwyer said.

OFFICERS RECOVERED narcotic paraphernalia and amounts of crack cocaine and

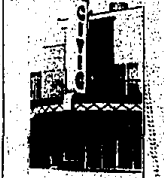
marijuana at the apartment Thursday, according to Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The six, whose names have not yet been released, will be arraigned Monday, Oct. 29, in 47th District Court of Farmington. More arrests are possible. The man police believe responsible for selling the drugs was not at the apartment at the time of the search.

"The department has accelerated its efforts in combating drugs in the community and

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JOHN WISEMAN, business executive and self-styled environmentalist, is a man of the cloth — disperses that is.

Wiseman, president of Clisgraph Corp., a Farmington Hills-based firm that produces computer software to the auto industry, is footing the bill for cloth diaper services for any Clisgraph employee who needs it.

Using cloth, not disposable diapers has become a cause celebre for some environmentalists who say that the popular paper and plastic diapers are a real problem when they accumulate in landfills. The old-fashioned cloth diapers are simply washed and used over.

"The concern grew out of the Earth Day celebration," said Wiseman, a Farmington Hills resident. "It showed me the amount of time that disposable diapers hang around the planet. It could be years and years."

So far, six people at the Farmington Hills facility accepted Wiseman's offer. In the "worst case" it'll cost him \$50 a month per baby, he said.

Clisgraph has about 350 employees worldwide, and they're eligible, too.

SMILE, SENIOR citizens of the Farmington area, an Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency photographer wants to snap your photographs.

The photographer will be at the Mercy Senior Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. Call 478-9147 for a reservation.

Photographs of seniors will be used for identification cards needed for participation in the OLHSA senior discount program.

County residents at least 60 years of age may apply for the cards, which show photograph, name, address, birth date, Social Security number and signature. The laminated cards also carry the Oakland County seal.

The cards can be used for discounts offered both locally and nationwide. Discounts are available on prescription drugs, eyeglasses, auto parts, rustproofing, cleaners, hair care, clothing and restaurants.

Additional camera locations are being sought by the OLHSA. People interested in having their site considered should call 858-5193. Additional information may be obtained by calling OLHSA's toll-free number, 1-800-483-9350.

MEMORY LANE — From the Oct. 29, 1950, Farmington Enterprise.

A \$500 reward was raised for information leading to the conviction of the hit-and-run driver responsible for the death on Sept. 29, 1950, of Barbara Jean Correll, age 6, in Farmington Township. The youngster was struck as she walked home from school on 10 Mile near Middlebelt. Witnesses described the car as a "purplish blue" Ford.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21888 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, or dropped off at the newspaper office.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

### Now that's scary

Halloween is coming, and Farmington-area youngsters Tom Griswold (top) and Kirk Bagg are working on their scary routines at the Farmington Jaycees' Haunted House. For

information on this and other Halloween activities in the Farmington area, see Thursday's Suburban Life section.

## Name's the game

### Knauer eyes recognition in 47th court race

By Tom Beer  
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That's Ka-nower (pronounce the K, please), and he goes by Rick, even though it'll say Frederick Knauer on the ballot come election day.

"We're striving for name recognition," admitted Rick Knauer, the challenger in the race for a judgeship in the 47th District Court in Farmington.

The self-employed attorney, an 18-year Farmington Hills resident, describes himself as "a non-political man" who is pollicking hard these days in an effort to unseat another Frederick — incumbent Judge Frederick L. Harris — in the Nov. 6 general election.

"I'm running to give people a

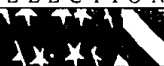
choice," said Knauer in a recent interview, "but I'm getting so charged up by my supporters. I've been told I'm going to make a race of it."

If Knauer's candidacy can be called a grass-roots effort, then that grass might be growing on a baseball field somewhere in the Farmington area. He's been very active over the years in youth sports ("I've coached everything from T-ball on up"), as well as drug abuse programs.

His resume also shows that he's a lifelong Red Cross blood donor and an officer of the local Rotary Club.

KNAUER, WITH his long record of "solid-citizen" involvement, is touting himself as the people's candidate in the judicial race. His record

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"shows concern for the community," he said.

"I passionately want the job because I think it could be a platform for what I want to do: educate the kids on drugs," he added, "not only drugs, but also the fact that you can't pick and choose the laws you obey."

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Frederick (Rick) Knauer

### Prof: Letter his, not OCC's Use of letterhead called oversight

An Oakland Community College professor called his use of the college's letterhead and postage to send a political message an "oversight" and said his letter did not represent the college.

Don Nichols, a Farmington resident and psychology professor at the OCC Royal Oak campus, and former dean at the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills, said a letter to the Farmington Observer editor encouraging people to join a national movement to oust incumbent politicians was not done on behalf of the college.

He sent out a letter referencing a Florida-based organization called THRO (Throw the Hypocritical Rascals Out) a national movement to rid the system of incumbent politicians.

It was written on letterhead representing the OCC Royal Oak and Southfield campuses and was run through a college postage meter. He used the word "we" in his message, although he said the message represented his individual views. His signature included his Maplenet street address in Farmington.

"Citizens who are fed up with the ineptitude of senators and representatives are encouraged to support efforts to change the composition of the present Congress," the Oct. 11 letter said. "We encourage them to join THRO. This organization is attempting to balance the overwhelming power of incumbents with new blood in upcoming elections."

Nichols said he sends out "hundreds" of letters and this situation was "probably an oversight. I didn't even notice it until you pointed it out," he told the Observer and Eccentric.

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## 69th candidates hit school aid cutbacks, push tax reform

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Republican state Rep. Jan Dolan and her opponent in the 69th District race, Democrat Harry Brickner, are infuriated with the state's recapture of categorical aid that meant a \$5.8 million loss to Farmington Public Schools this year.

But they also think its high time property tax relief arrives for overburdened homeowners.

"I think it was wrong the way it was done," Dolan said, about the

11th hour passage of the school aid bill.

The 24-year Farmington Hills resident and former 14-year Farmington Hills city councilwoman is seeking election to her second term in the state House.

Her opponent, Brickner, 39, supports Gov. James Blanchard's plan to earmark increased state revenues for education. "Don't give other programs as much. Give it to the formula schools. We can accomplish the goals of giving to the needy schools," Dolan, 63, believes there is enough

money in Lansing to finance school districts adequately. "We need a lean and mean state budget. We must decide what the state should fund. Where is the money spent. I would like to see fiscal responsibility. We can't continue this. We've got to sort out the needy and the greedy."

WHAT INFURIATES Dolan is that the Legislature has approved state money for some communities'

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