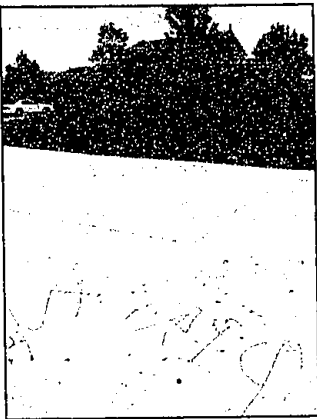


A bad sign: Suspected gang graffiti mars the pavement across from the Jackson house on Lancaster. Was the vandalism a response to complaints to police about gang activity?



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Damage: Above, vandals strewn about the master bedroom. At left, vandals spraypainted a wall in an upstairs hallway.

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ple of all races, and not allow evil to triumph.

"I don't know the Jacksons," Carr said. "But I taught at (Detroit) MacKenzie before I retired, which was a predominantly African-American school. The good people of both races have to make sure the bad ones don't prevail."

The Farmington Hills City Council quickly authorized a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the crime.

And members of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Multiracial Community Council have not sat idly by. The Rev. Bruce Gere, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and a liaison for the council, offered help to the couple on behalf of the council, and the group plans to meet this week to discuss ways the same problem can be avoided in the future.

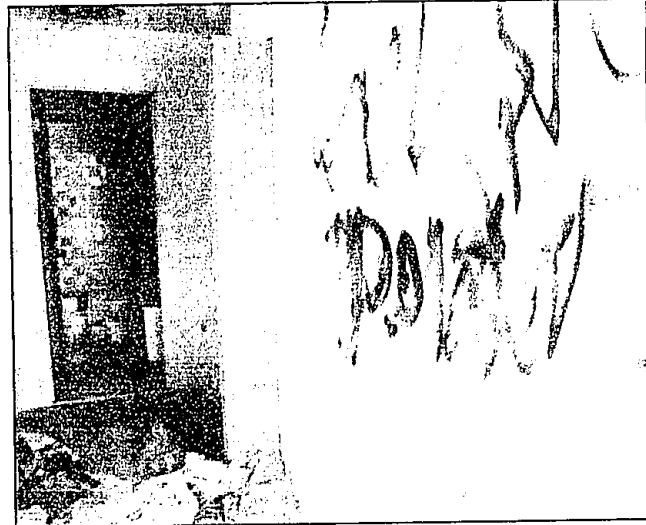
"You're appalled at the devastation to the family," said Margot Linebarger, vice chairwoman of the council. "That is intolerable in Farmington Hills, regardless of whether the

family is black or white." Linebarger, who is African-American and a seven-year resident, said when she first came to the city, she encountered some racial prejudice. But through the efforts of the council and the city, many of those problems have been solved.

"I like the city, I love the schools, and I have good neighbors," Linebarger said. "I don't know the Jacksons, but I'm truly outraged by what has happened to them. The mission of the multicultural multiracial council has been to make this a place where people of all races can feel comfortable and safe."

Chief Dwyer said the culprits probably live within a half-mile of the Jackson's home in the northwestern corner of the city.

"Our main focus has been that this was perpetrated by youths," he said. "We're not ruling out anything, but that's what it looks like." "We've circulated about 300 fliers in the area offering a reward." Anyone with information should call the Farmington Hills police at 474-6181.



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then they don't have a lot," Jackson said. "My gut feeling doesn't tell me they are (the vandals)."

"These people who were in my house weren't burglarizing; they were vandalizing."

Hills police detectives have worked extensively on the case during the week, Dwyer said he was pleased at how the investigation was progressing.

Police have offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. More than 200 fliers were passed out at schools Thursday.

"There's been a great outpouring from the community," Dwyer said. "There's been a great amount of sympathy and compassion for the Jackson family."

"The police department has made this a priority."

FEA political action committee backs Enberg for school board

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After a year's layoff, Farmington Education Association's political action committee is back to endorsing school board candidates. Linda Enberg is the union choice.

The endorsement is based on a 20-item questionnaire and a half-hour interview with representatives from each of the district's four employees' unions representing teachers, custodial, support staff and bus drivers. Enberg is vying with Jennifer Levin for one open seat on the board in the June 12 election.

FEA — which was embroiled in a lawsuit with the district over health insurance — and its coordi-

nating council refused to endorse candidates in last year's election. Candidates went through the council's interview process.

"I appreciate the endorsement," Enberg said. "We had a nice discussion. I appreciate their trust."

In the past, the endorsement has come with a sizable campaign contribution. Two years ago, the FEA's political action committee gave in excess of \$700 each to the campaigns of Bobbie Feldman and Helen Ditzhazy.

Enberg stated in an earlier interview that she would not accept an FEA campaign contribution.

Her opponent took the en-

dorsement in stride.

"I think I deserved it," said Levin, who said she supported merit pay for teachers during a candidate's forum May 24. "I think I'm qualified and I could bring a fresh perspective to the board."

"Maybe the FEA felt she'd be quite a better friend to them."

All four unions reached contract agreements in the last few months, including the teachers who were granted a 6-percent increase over three years through the 1997-98 school year.

A newly elected board member serves through 1999, which would likely include negotiating new agreements.

"If we were as low on shoes as L.A. is on jurors, we wouldn't need a Semi-Annual Sale."

-Kenneth Cole

3 members added to tower panel

The Farmington Hills City Council has appointed three additional members to a committee to study the health and safety issues associated with cellular towers and antennae installations in the city.

New members of the committee include: Farmington Hills residents Carol Delt-Kurzoja and Gladys Sanford, and Dr. Val Lepa of the University of Michigan.

The Cellular Tower and Antennae Study Committee will determine levels of electromagnetic frequencies generated by existing cellular facilities within the city, evaluate the scientific and technical studies regarding the

health and safety impact of these frequencies, and formulate recommendations to the city council regarding the future regulation of cellular towers and antennae.

Other members of the committee are: residents Jan Goldfarb, Dr. Debra Rowe, Shari Schwartz, and Alan Vosko; Ameritech representatives Richard Sundquist and Kyo Dille; Cellular One representatives Mike Lord and Amy Accettura; Federal Communications Commission representative James Bridgewater; Council of Homeowner Association representatives Bob Bruckner, Marcia VanCrown, and Sandra McKel-

ly; Farmington Planning Commissioner Ken Bills; Farmington Public Schools representative Kathleen McAdarnagh-Hain; and Dr. Lee Kallenbach, an epidemiologist with the Henry Ford Health Sciences Center. Dr. Robert Gray, department chief of occupational health with the University of Michigan, will assist with information.

A moratorium on the issuance of any permits for additional cellular towers and antennae within the RA and RC zoning districts and within a half-mile radius of any school has been established and will remain in effect until Jan. 1, 1996.

Vagnozzi 1st to file for Hills mayor's post

Farmington Hills City Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi became the first candidate for mayor to file his nominating petitions. The petitions contained 66 percent more signatures than the required minimum, Vagnozzi said.

Late in April, Vagnozzi took his campaign to become the city's first elected mayor door-to-door. "The response has been terrific," he said.

"Residents agree with my fight on the council against over-

ly dense development and my concern that jamming houses into too small lots will add to the already bad traffic problem," he added.

"Many residents, for instance, are opposed to what is proposed for the Power Road area north of 11 Mile where a developer is trying to change the nature of this pristine neighborhood with a 41-house subdivision. They want development slowed down to a manageable level."

Vagnozzi said he is also find-

ing support for his proposal to involve residents more in the process of city government by letting them know if changes are proposed in their neighborhoods at an early stage so that they can have timely input.

"We've made some progress in this area but more needs to be done," Vagnozzi added. He cited his successful proposal for call-in questions during council meetings as an example of giving residents more access to their city government.

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