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Farmington Hills Annual Police Incidents/Offenses Summary 1999-2000 Comparison

DESCRIPTION	1999	2000
Murder/Wilful Killing	0	4
Forcible Sex Of fences	60	40
Robbery	26	25
Assault Offences	959	901
Burglary	347	386
Larceny	1,562	1,276
Vehicle Theft	153	133
Arson	22	28
Kidnap/Abduction	6	5
Forgery/Counterfeiting	32	58
Fraud	169	216
Embezzlement/Extortion/Bribery	68	80
Stolen Property	37	22
Malicious Destruction of Property	626	700
Weapons Violations	41	48
Commercialized Sex Of fences	5	1
Non-forcible Sex Of fences	3	1
Narcotic Drug Law Violations	449	379
Gambling	10	0
State/Local Offenses-Fireworks Use/Pos	122	160
Total	4,897	4,483

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hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Olender was convicted on weapons charges.

Mayor Nancy Bates said she was pleased with the report's findings.

"The police department continues to be a source of pride for our community," she said.

Councilman Jerry Ellis asked whether proposed federal budget cuts in policing funds could negatively impact the department's efforts.

"I can see a direct impact in decreasing our efforts, so we are concerned about it," Dwyer said. Federal grants provide funding for officers' salaries and technology, among other things.

The department obtained a fifth Bureau of Justice Assistance Local Law Enforcement Block Grant last year, including \$48,940 in federal funds and a

local match of \$5,439, totaling \$54,378. Funding will be used to upgrade police technology and equipment.

Dwyer said he doesn't predict any officers will be laid off, but a decrease in federal grant money could hurt the department in other areas.

"That will mean that whatever efforts we make to upgrade technology could be affected," he said. Grant money has been used for upgrading computer equipment, computer-aided design programs, regional mugshot imaging software and video arrangement equipment, among other things.

Other larger, urban police departments such as Detroit may be severely affected by budget cuts. The city hired hundreds of officers using grant dollars, Dwyer said.

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"Home."

"I've lived here since 1961," she explained. "I bought the house I grew up in."

When executive director Suzanne Lichtman joined FAFF a few months ago, she brought a new perspective, suggesting several logo styles could be developed to serve several needs - something suitable for corporate use, a timeless design that could be placed on banners and signs used from year to year and a logo specific to this year's celebration.

"The real point," Lichtman said at a recent meeting with downtown business owners, "is it's going to have a consistent look. If we do play off it, it will still be the same theme."

Green set about finding a design that was unique and not bound to specifics. "They needed something that had some flexibility to it, something that could be interpreted by people on their own," she said.

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Suzanne Lichtman
—Festival director

The star etched white in a field of colorful squares reflects a common American symbol with something of a fireworks effect, Green explained. The squares are reminiscent of her collection of quilts, including two made for her children by a friend who works as a Detroit police officer. The colors were inspired by Green's love of Amish quilts.

Lichtman said she has already started using the logo on business cards, and it'll also be featured on corporate stationery, flyers and banners promoting the event.

"We'd like to see it popping up in different places," she said.

Hills business owner donates \$40 million

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Making one of the largest private health-care donations in Michigan history, Bloomfield Hills resident and computer technology entrepreneur Raj Vattikuti on Tuesday pledged \$40 million for cancer programs at Beaumont and Henry Ford hospitals.

Founder of the Farmington Hills-based Covansys, Vattikuti and his wife, Padma, are making the grant through the Vattikuti Foundation. They donated \$4 million in seed money Tuesday.

Vattikuti said he expects to provide the rest of the money over the next 10-12 years. The money will support prostate cancer research and treatment in Henry Ford Health System and breast cancer programs at Beaumont hospitals.

The grant encourages cooperation between the two hospitals in making research and treatment breakthroughs.

At a press conference announcing the grant Tuesday in Novi, Gov. John Engler lauded the potential of the donation "to do so much good in Southeast Michigan and throughout the world."

Breast and prostate cancer, the most-common forms of cancer among women and men respectively, leave almost no one untouched, Engler said.

According to Vattikuti, both hospitals will work to match the donation with an equal amount of grant or gifts.

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"English as a Second Language" collection, including the interactive English Language Learning and Instruction System.

"We have some people new to this country who have never seen a library like ours, where they have exposure to every idea, uncensored and unfettered," Pappi said. "It's something very dramatic and different."

Even with a temporary entrance, limited parking and construction under way, library use has remained steady, based on census counts taken at the front desk. Last year, the libraries achieved a circulation of 1,016,467, with the Hills branch contributing 691,987 items, Pappi believes the expansion will drive an increase that could have the Hills toward its own milestones.

"I think in the not too distant future, this main library by itself will circulate a million items," she predicted.

With that many people walking through the doors, a coffee

"We are challenging these institutions to achieve new clinical knowledge through research, new treatment methods and expanded awareness and education, with the hope of preventing prostate and breast cancers," Raj Vattikuti said.

Vattikuti came to the United States from India in 1974 as a graduate student in engineering and computer science at Wayne State University. He worked for Chrysler Corp. before founding Complete Business Solutions Inc. in 1985. In February, the company's name was changed to Covansys.

The company began with a staff of 20 and now employs 5,000. It reaped considerable profits from preparing companies computer systems for the Y2K bug, and has since moved on to Internet-related services. Its customers include the Big Three auto-makers, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other public agencies.

The donations will undoubtedly further the goals of improving treatment and research opportunities, said Dr. Mani Menon, chief of urology at Henry Ford. Doctors at Henry Ford have already started performing a newly emerging operation to remove prostate tumors that is less painful, Menon said.

"Specifically, the grant will establish a urology institute at Henry Ford, this will allow us to gear up and go on to the next level," of prostate cancer treatment, Menon said.

and juice bar will likely do well. Pappi hopes local business people see it that way and respond to the request for proposals in May. The 700 square feet will be leased to the contractor, with the library also receiving an undetermined percentage of profits.

The proposal specifies cooking will be restricted to heating up items in a microwave. There will be no baking on site, but Pappi said the vendor could bring in baked goods like bagels or muffins. Library board members will approve the menu.

The bar would be open no less than 60 percent of the time the library is open, she added. Library officials would work with the vendor to identify times with the most traffic.

"We're looking for a long-term business partner," Pappi said. "We want to know they're as concerned about customer service as we are."

Proposal packets are available at the library. For information, call Pappi at 653-0300.



Hand-made:
Gail Green displays one of the quilts in the collection at her Farmington home. Her design for the Founders Festival logo was influenced by her love of Amish quilts.

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