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Crime Rises

A report to the city council indicates that burglaries are pacing an increase in crime in Farmington. A review of crime in the month of August shows some other categories up also. Page 3A

Youth Is Director

A school project that grew into a major undertaking is just normal for a Farmington youth who takes on adult-sized tasks. We have his story on: Page 4A

Raiders Win No. 3

North Farmington chewed up Thurston in its Northwest Suburban opener. For the complete story along with the prep ratings, flip to today's sport section. Page 3B

Myra's Message

Mrs. Wolfgang spoke with her usual force as she visited a woman's group in Southfield recently. Read what she had to say in our Women's Section. Page 1C

A Teaching Park

That's the way they're billing the Maybury State Park, which will be developed on the western fringe of Observerland. Marie McGee reveals the state's plans and its desire for constructive comments. Page 11B

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GIANT PUFFBALL — This puffball in the yard of Jeff Schaefer, age 7, Farmington, is 46 inches around. It grew overnight, he says. (Evert photo)

Inman Explains Campaign Fund

Paul Inman, who donated \$300 to Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeple's campaign fund and then made a pitch for a liquor license for the Starboard Tack restaurant, said he is a frequent contributor to local campaign chests, among them Earl Opperhauser's, who questioned the contributions at the township board. He adds he is through making political contributions. Paul Fregolle, stockholder in the "Starboard Tack" corporation, had contributed \$200 to Teeple's campaign. The contributions were raised as an issue by Opperhauser last week when the board voted to approve the license, the second time they had voted on it. "I HAVE lived in this township for 18 years and, as a businessman located here as well, have been approached and donated to nearly every campaign, and not always to the people I have voted for," Inman said.

"Our democratic system requires this. I contributed more to another judge at the time Opperhauser ran than I did to him." Inman said he contributed \$100 to the "Committee to Make it Judge Opperhauser" in August of 1958. The donation, according to Opperhauser, was solicited by then-Supervisor Curtiss Hall. "Other members of the board and previous supervisors — Democratic and Republican — have received contributions from me in the past upon request, because I realize if these men will take the time to serve, someone who has enjoyed some degree of business success in the area must help defray expenses. "It is inconceivable that a \$100, \$200 or \$300 contribution could ever bribe a major decision," Inman said. "I might add that it is obvious that these contributions always come just before or just after an election — that is when the money is needed. "I did not even know about the Starboard Tack license request at the time of Mr. Teeple's request for financial assistance, since this was at the time of his running in the primary and before I was even asked to appear in behalf of Ed Barwell, a personal friend and major investor in the Starboard Tack. "THE REAL unfortunate harm done here by Mr. Opperhauser is that while these contributions are so necessary to get good men in our local government, will anyone now want to contribute if malicious implications are going to be later tied to these by the various recipients? This certainly ends my support. "Are they still trying to make one man look that bad and losing sight of all the important considerations to good citizens? "Mr. Teeple had one vote. Six or seven others had their vote. Mr. Opperhauser who voted 'no' got a previous check from me and Mr. Stader and Mr. Nolan who voted 'yes' got nothing from me. You figure this one out."

Parade, Game Highlight Farmington Homecoming

Two days of festivities are scheduled for Farmington High School's 1972 homecoming Oct. 6 and 7, highlighted by a Saturday afternoon football game with Waterford and a Homecoming Dance that night. Festivities will begin with a Friday night pep rally for the entire student body at 12:30 p.m. The homecoming queen, king and court will be crowned and the traditional spirit jug presented to the class that shouts the competition cheer the loudest.

All three classes and many clubs have entered cars and floats in the Homecoming Parade which will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday. The band will also participate. Prizes will be given for the best float. The queen and king will reign over the evening's homecoming dance, dubbed "We Can Make It Happen," Bob Seeger's backup band, "Julia," will play for the semi-formal dance from 8-11 p.m.

Farmington's proposed \$1.2 million ice arena — sports complex will be located on four acres at the southeast corner of the Farmington High School property on Orchard Lake Rd. north of Shiawassee if voters approve the project in November.

The Farmington City Council agreed to pay \$65,000 for the parcel Monday night, on the stipulation the project is approved. The school board was expected to approve the previously negotiated deal Tuesday.

THE \$1,250,000 recreation complex — including an ice rink, handball and squash courts — will be on the ballot for voters in the City of Farmington Nov. 7.

First proposed two years ago, the project died for lack of a site, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

The newest proposal is expanded over the original concept, which was mainly an ice facility.

"We believe the facility has the potential for many other auxiliary uses, such as high school commencement, community meetings, dog shows, antique shows, summer roller skating and other spectator sports," Deadman said.

The building will provide an Olympic-sized ice arena, 200 by 85 feet, and will have approximately 43,000 square feet. A seating capacity of approximately 1,200 is planned, with an expansion capability of more than 3,000 seats.

STIPULATIONS on the site deal include:

• Payment "within a reasonable time" after voters approve the facility.

• The city will assist in the

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— Robert Deadman

construction of a grass sprinkler system at the Farmington Senior High athletic facility.

• Admission fees for both the city and township will be equalized if and when the facility becomes self-supporting.

• If, for any reason, the arena isn't built, the property goes back to the school district.

"We believe this property is ideally located," Deadman said.

"The location is easily found by the community, and the location will add to the

potential of the facility to be used to its capacity by adults and school children alike."

THE BUILDING alone was expected to cost approximately \$1.1 million, with about \$150,000 for site acquisition and development. Revenues expected to total approximately \$43,000 would pay for approximately half of the cost of the bonds, according to Deadman. The remainder would be paid out of the general fund.

"The study of similar facilities in Detroit area communities indicates that these ice facilities can generate enough revenue to cover the operational costs," he said, predicting revenues would also pay for half the bonds.

An estimated \$30,000 is expected to come out of the general fund.

A PUBLIC vote on the project is expected to save some money on interest if goes back to the school district.

Municipal bonds are currently selling for an average interest rate of about 5 1/2 per cent, according to Deadman, while building authority bonds would go for about 6 1/2 per cent, increasing the cost about \$12,000 a year.

Mankind Walkers Will Need Help

Homeowners along the "Walk for Mankind" route this Saturday are asked to help the walkers with restroom facilities, water, band-aids, encouragement and enthusiasm, "walk" organizers say.

About 3,000 youth are expected to walk a 22-mile route around the city to raise money for "Project Concern," an international medical aid group.



CHEERLEADER Robin Diebel, from North Farmington High, liked the results of a recent game with Thurston. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)