

## Cost-of-living raises are key

# Police contract dispute continues in Hills

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people on his own. "Then, I guess we would just appoint three people. That could be anybody, my mother, my brother-in-law, my friends. With three of his friends on the board, three of his friends on the board I don't see how we will settle anything."

The amendment to the complaint argues that the judge has the power to order the city into arbitration. Valente said.

The first of the cost-of-living increases was supposed to go into effect in April. The second should have gone into effect at the beginning of this month.

City Manager George Majors said the officers have received a cost-of-living increase whenever it has been called for in the contract.

However, the raise has been based on the city's interpretation of the agreement between the two parties, and not on the form as outlined in the contract.

According to the brief filed in circuit court, the city officials entered into the contract believing that the in-

creases were to apply to the base pay as previously increased by preceding cost-of-living adjustments.

The brief says, "The formula contained in the present contract does not reflect the agreement of the parties, however, and was included within the contract by mutual mistake. The use of the formula when applied to the adjusted base pay...results in a doubling up of cost-of-living increases in that each cost-of-living increase includes not only the adjustment applicable to the new period but all of the previous adjustments as well."

According to Majors, the city has not set aside the extra funds which it would need if it lost the case and had to pay the officers the entire raises retroactively.

"We are so sure that we are right, we are so sure we will win, that we have not set aside the extra funds."

"I think it would be evident to any judge that the city would never enter into a contract which would give a 23- or 24-year-old man, with no college education, \$21,000-\$22,000 a year. That would make them the highest paid patrolmen in the country."

"They already are among the highest paid. Any judge that would say that the city would knowingly enter into that agreement is just being ridiculous."

Valente said the police officers will soon begin drawing up a list of demands for the new contract.

"How we are going to negotiate that contract when everything else is so backed up, I don't know," he said. "But we will begin to draw up a list of our demands soon, anyway."

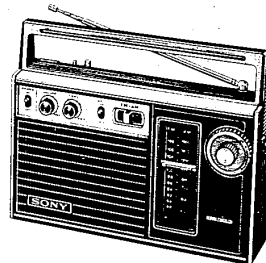
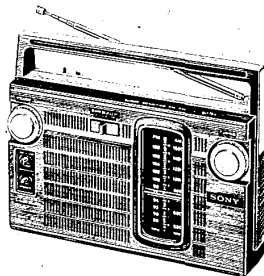
## Open houses

The eight secondary schools in the Farmington School District have scheduled open house activities.

Open house events at junior high schools are 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Power; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at Farmington; and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at O.E. Dunckel, East and Warner.

Senior high school open houses are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington.

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## Senator opposes porno bill

By JACKIE KLEIN

LANSING—State Sen. Daniel Cooper (D-15) has opposed a legislative bill designed to set community standards on obscenity.

The bill, passed by the Senate last month, is now before the House judiciary committee for consideration and possible amendments.

Cooper, whose district includes Southfield, Farmington and Oak Park, voted against the measure because of a provision which states: "Proof of possession of six or more identical copies of obscene material is prima facie evidence of possession with intent to disseminate for pecuniary gain."

Two days before the Senate passed the bill, the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned a lower court decision that possession of two ounces of marijuana indicates intention to sell and is subject to prosecution. Cooper said.

"Since the presumption of guilt in that instance has been declared illegal, it is safe to assume the same ruling would be made in the case of possession of six copies of obscene material."

The Michigan taxpayer would be faced with millions of dollars of wasted money on prosecuting cases that are sure to be appealed and reversed. The presumption that possession of six obscene books constitutes a violation is ridiculous and is certain to be declared illegal.

THE STATUS of the state law on obscenity has been fuzzy ever since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that local community standards should determine what is pornography in court tests.

Southfield City Attorney Sigmund Beras has claimed that in absence of a state law with terms local communities can enforce their own obscenity ordinances.

In March, a U.S. District Court ruling allowed new "adult" businesses to locate in Detroit with at majority approval of near-by property owners as previously required.

Beras said that ruling doesn't apply to Southfield's obscenity ordinances.

## Leaf pick-up starts Monday

FARMINGTON—The city will begin a special leaf pick-up service Monday. Residents living on curbed streets are asked to rake leaves onto the public right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the curb.

Residents on uncurbed streets should rake leaves to the edge of the street.

Each pick-up area will be serviced on the day prior to the regular refuse pick-up with the exception of the Monday area, which will be serviced on Monday.

All vehicles must be parked on private property during leaf pick-up hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pick-up service will continue in each area as long as the weather permits.

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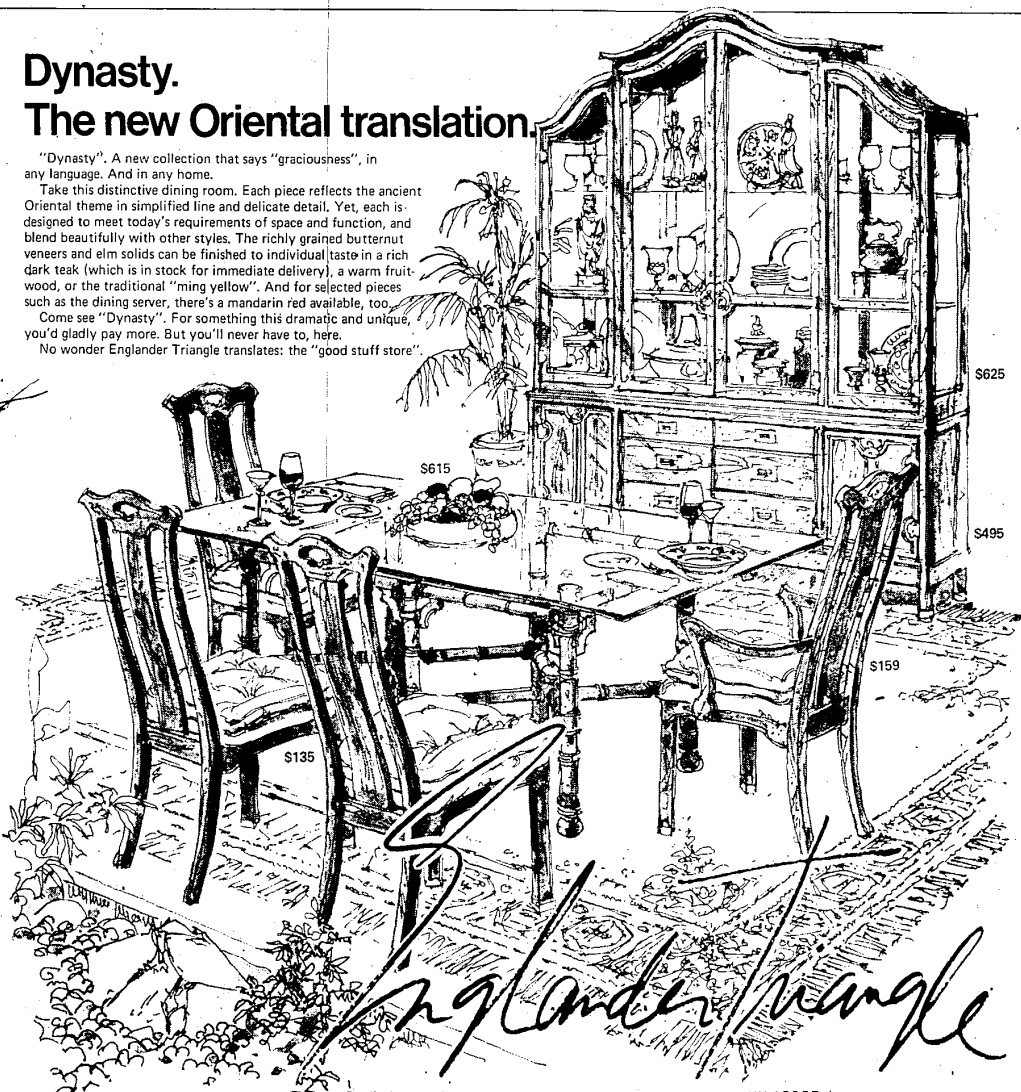
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