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## Police promote nosey neighbors

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON—A neighbor's nosiness is usually considered an irritating invasion of privacy. But when it comes to prevention of burglaries, it can be an asset, said Capt. Daniel A. Byrnes of the Farmington Police Department.

partment. "Crime is increasing, and part of it is because people don't know their neighbors. Most people, when they see a strange car, assume it's company." he said.

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"If they knew their neighbors, they'd recognize these cars and be able to report any strange or suspicious ones." Most of the time, people rationalize the strange occurances and write it off to someone else's business, he said. Sometimes, they are afraid to report suspicious persons, cars or phone calls because they're afraid to be called cranks or worrywarts. That shouldn't prevent them from calling the police, he said.

during the first five weeks of 1975, he said.

Farmington isn't the only suburban community to notice the increase.

"I think most suburban police departments anticipated a rise in crime because of the layoffs and the general economic situation." Capt. Byrnes said.

Most of the crimes are committed by people under 30, and nearly half of those are committed by prevailes of 16 or younger according to national statistics. he said

YOUNGSTERS ARE usually involved in larcenies like bicycle thefis and aren't normally directly associated with robberies. Often, they are involved in muggings and pure snatthings, crimes which aren't common to suburbs, he said.

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"IT'S NOT that big a bother for us.

As a matter of fact, it definitely as sists us." Capt. Byrnes said "Part of the way to prevent crime is "Sure". In 39 out of 100 cases, it will turn out to be some gay who has forgotten his key and is trying to get into his own house, but sometimes it will be an undamiliar ear driving up cases that count could be an undamiliar ear driving up cases that count "Crime rates in Farmington ross and "substantial increase" has been noted in the count of the car, if might be a substantial increase has been noted in the car of the car, if might be a substantial increase has been noted in the car of the car, if might be a substantial increase in a substantial increase in the car of the car of the car, if might be a substantial increase in the car of the c



A cache of stolen goods recovered from a burglary ring is being examined and inventoried by armington Hills police officer Raumond Marchewitz, left, and Captain Russell Conway.

## Hills librarian bristles at idea of censorship

By CORINNE ABATT

FARMINGON HILLS — Any similarity between the stereotyped cloudy-brained librarians of former days and the clear-trinking, verbal director of the Farmington Hills library is shere accident. Gordon Lewis, Buckeye by birth, bolder of degrees from Pitt and Temple universities and former librarian in Phildelphia, can wind up and date a healthy swing at the mention of the word "cersorship".

It's on his mind because Farm-ington Hills, like several of its neigh-boring communities, has an obsenity ordinance. Theoretically, libraries fall under the ordinance.

The neighboring West Bloomfield Township library recently asked to be exempted from the township's obsce-nity ordinance. Lewis says it has not

The Farmington Hills library board has not applied for such an exempite, but should the censorship question arise. Lewis could prove a formatidate foe.

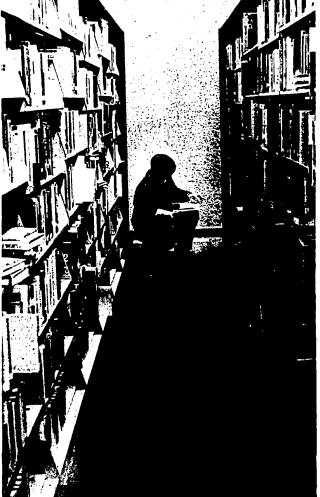
PHILOSOPHICALLY, he is committed to the First Amendment of the Constitution, protecting the individual and real's right to chose his religion, say what he wants to, petition as he please is as well as enjoy freedom of the press.

Saying he understands and supports a community's desire not to have a strip of peep-shows or other entertainment appealing to purient interests. Since the Constitution was written.

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