## Mural tells history of mail service

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Romans, a 20-year-old Farmington Hills resident who aspires to be a commercial artist, put in some late nights at the post office designing and painting the mural, which took about a month to complete.

"I was in there midnights after everyone else had gone," said Romans, who waits tables at Bill Knapp's restaurant on Orchard Lake Road when he's not pursuing an art career. "Guess they didn't want me on my ladder while the post office was open."

Romans sketched the drawings, including the new post office logo showing an eagle's head with a full moon in the background, before he applied the point. The project presented no special problems, he said.

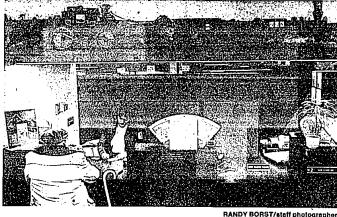
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"I'm used to running into problems,"
Romans said. "I've done things like this
before, and it seems there're always
problems like the paints not inking
right or something. But this went real
well. I was surprised."

A 1981 graduate of North Farming-ton High, Romans painted two murals for wails of that school. He's also a car-toonist, having illustrated "99 Ways To Beat The Cube," which was published in the summer of 1982. It was an at-tempt to cash in on the Ruble's Cube fod

tempt to cash in on the Hubic's Cupe fad.

"It looked real good," Romans said.
"Everybody said they liked it, but no-body wanted to sell lit for us. The whole thing just kind of died. We got it into the stores about August (of 1982), but line fad had died. It (Tubic's Cube) had been hot stuff the previous Christmas."
Undaunted, Romans plans to draw a comie strip based on his experiences as



liona Sanisio, a clerk at the Farmington Hills post office, stands below the portion of the mural

which depicts the transformation of the postal service from the Pony Express to the railroad.

## a waiter at Bill Knapps's. "I'm working on the characters right now," he said. Asked what he wanted to do with his artistic talents. Romans said, "Delt-nately commercial art. either free lance or possibly cartooning." He's attended a few art courses at Oakland Community College. "I'm "It's hard to get a reaction... people saying it's the best thing that ever Caddell drain payment plan delayed

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Farmington's share of the cost is
\$476,000. The Hills would pay \$2.4 million. The remainder would be paid by
Novi, the Cakland County Road Commission and the Michigan Department
of Transportation.
Voter's Choice officials claim they
already have sufficient signatures to
place their proposal on the ballot. At

## Tall buildings won't get start

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connuous from Page 1 by a few developers who would love the
profit which they (not Farmington Hills
residents) would derive from height."
Responding to Hovanesian, Dudley
said the point people seem to be missing is that the council, at this point, is
not considering changing the city's
height restrictions.
"We're just considering finding out
the fact." Productive in

height restrictions.
"We're Just considering finding out
the facts," Dudley sald. "How the community feels is emotion and opinion."
"It may be that the facts may create
a change..." Dudley added. YOU YE

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present they are attempting to garnar additional signatures to guard against disqualified signatures. "Since debt service would receive

"Since debf service would receive the highest priority for funding, the city would have to cut other operating expenditures in order to meet the debt service obligations which have been un-dertaken since December of 1981, "said Deadman. Those debt service payments would include the Caddell bonds if council voiced to sell them.

The Caddell drain is being built to combat flooding in the area of Grand River and Ten Mile which suffered massive fooding in 1981, resulting in millions of dollars of damage to busi-

ness.
"THE REAL PROBLEM is going we "THE REAL PROBLEM is going back to the residents and saying we have to raise taxes because we belped enhance Farmington Hills," said Coun-ellman Alton Bennett. Before the city decides to sell bonds, Bennett proposed that Farmington

Hills outline its plan for costs on cooperative financing of future drain construction.

Officials from both cities recognize that at least two future drain projects will require cooperative financing. But Farmington Hills has yet to outline how much it will cost the city of Farmington.

ington. "The problem is committing us to one and then another and another without involving the citizens," said Bennett.





## Vandals damage high school

Approximately \$600 in damage was caused to North Farmington High School in connection with a breaking and entering sometime during the evening of March 19, ac-cording Farmington Hills po-

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was gained through double doors on the building's west side. The doors locking system was defective, according to police.

Once inside the school, the thief broke into the vending and copying machines in the cafeteria, teachers' lounge and library, police said.

The thief took an adding the food spotted.

Entry into the high school on 13 Mile, between Farming-ton and Orchard Lake roads,



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