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**EXTENDING thanks.**  
The Rotary Club of Farmington observed National Volunteer Week this week by saying thanks Tuesday to area women who work as Girl Scout leaders.

Among the troop leaders attending the thank-you luncheon were Nancy Funkin, a field executive, and Nancy Pittman, a neighborhood service unit director. Several Girl Scouts also attended.

**BOOK talk.**  
One of the sure signs of spring is when barrels marked "Deposit Used Books Here" come out of winter storage to spend the summer in local supermarkets.

The barrels are the receptacles for used books that will be sold in the fall by the American Association of University Women-Farmington Chapter.

Donors of several books can arrange for a pickup by calling JoAnn Cline, 553-2958. All donated books will be offered for sale to support local charitable and service organizations.

**SPRING has sprung?**  
Farmington residents who had sidewalk repair and replacement done last year can expect city contractors to seed the ground near the sidewalk, city officials said. Apparently, the contractor attempted to seed late last year, and it didn't take.

**WANTED: reserve officers.**  
Farmington Department of Public Safety is accepting applications for its reserve officer program. An oral board interview and a detailed background investigation are part of the screening process. Applications are available at the city hall, 23600 Liberty. The testing process will begin the second week of May. Direct queries to Commander Chuck Lee: 473-7262.

**HELPING hand.**  
Mario Max Salon of Farmington Hills will be among the contributors of talent to the Children's Hospital of Michigan spring fashion extravaganza Tuesday, April 22, at Taboo in Detroit's Warehouse District. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available by calling Mario Max Salon, 855-5055. Models will include television and sports personalities.

**REMINDER:** This is Arbor Week and National Secretaries Week. Keep Michigan Beautiful Month runs from April 17 to May 17. Keep Farmington Beautiful Program runs from April 13 to May 31.

**FOOTNOTES:** One year ago this week — Farmington Families In Action members plan to ask the Farmington Hills City Council to consider an ordinance prohibiting parents from serving liquor, particularly in party settings, to anyone under 21 years of age.

## High school science load may expand

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

Farmington school trustees will consider requiring a second year of high school science, under a proposal adopted Tuesday by the board's curriculum committee.

## Alleged snipers headed for trial

By Casey Hane  
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Two .22-caliber rifles were fired from two upstairs windows during afternoon sniper fire April 7 from a house on 13 Mile, east of Drake, said one of the four teen-agers allegedly involved in the shooting spree.

The fourth man testified for the prosecution and was not charged with felony counts, as were the other three.

One of the three — charged with the most serious felony — allegedly targeted and fired at a moving car, and also fired into a house window across the street, according to the witness testimony.

No one was hurt during the shooting spree, in which at least 40 rounds struck eight passing cars, three nearby houses and a Michigan Bell Telephone building plus a vehicle parked in its lot, according to police reports.

One of the defendants lives in the house at 35345 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, from which the shots allegedly came. His parents were in Florida when the incident occurred, police said.

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The recommendation must now be taken to the full board for consideration.

"In our county, we're one of the few districts without this," administrative adviser Clarence Shewbridge told the committee Tuesday. "We're playing a little catch-up."

The proposal would require the additional year, or a total of four semesters, of science for high school beginning this fall for ninth and 10th grade students only, according to the proposal submitted by Lynn Nutter, assistant superintendent for secondary instruction.

Science chairpersons and high school principals present received strong words from committee members and trustees about how such a curriculum proposal should be implemented. Some were concerned with the department labeling of students as "science-bound" or "average." All voiced a strong concern that there be guidance involving parents at an earlier school level so individual curriculum decisions could be made.

"THE IDEA of average student and non-science-bound should be dispelled," board president Susan Rennels said. "We're doing a disservice if we look at the average kid. We need to encourage them to go beyond."

Both Rennels and committee member and trustee James Abernethy stressed the need for clarifying the science classes for prospective students and what each covers.

"I think we need to be careful with our terms," Abernethy said. "What we desperately need — at the eighth or even sixth grade level — is some very clear documentation on all high school curriculum. We need to clearly spell it out."

Other concerns were raised about possible student math deficiencies in taking some of the advanced science courses, and the lack of equivalent



Susan Rennels



Hills Mayor Joo Alkateeb (left) greets and Denise Shady of the Oakland Hills Mobile picketers. Masha Silver of the Michigan Home Park, Park owners, through the Mobile Home Tenants Coalition, Ted Philips attorneys, maintain they indeed would meet of the United Committee Housing Coalition with park tenants.

## Rezoning in the Hills is rejected

By Joanne Mallazowski  
staff writer

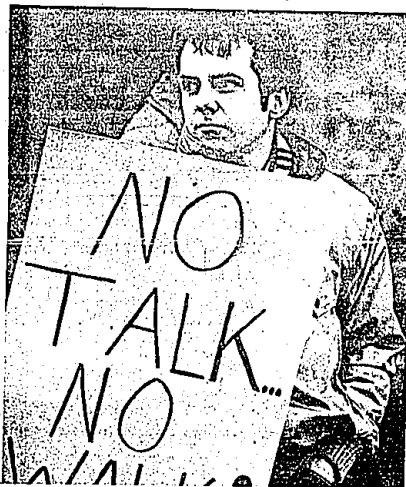
Oakland Hills Mobile Home Park residents' efforts to inform Farmington Hills officials of their concerns about the park and a rezoning request began early Monday evening with picketing outside city hall.

Park residents later continued their protests inside council chambers during a more than two-hour public hearing on a request to rezone four lots — including the mobile home park — on the east side of Orchard Lake, south of 11 Mile.

Park residents' complaints did not concern the rezoning of 20 acres as much as it concerned their alleged treatment by park-owner Richard Partich, particularly in light of a proposed rezoning for construction of townhouses on the property.

"We are not here as a vendetta, as revenge or whatever," said Jack Kopacki, spokesman for the newly formed Oakland Hills Mobile Home Coalition. "We have no quarrel with the (proposed) land use. We are just

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Donald Shady, an Oakland Hills Mobile Home Park resident, joined in Monday night's picketing outside Farmington Hills City Hall. Attorneys denied suggestions that the park owners wouldn't meet with park residents.

photos by RANDY BORST/staff photographer

## Teamwork

### Tigers go to bat to fight cystic fibrosis

By Bob Sklar  
staff writer

Tiger stars Lance Parrish and Alan Trammell were in Farmington Hills to kick off the 1986 edition of the 65 Roses Club, which benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In cooperation with the Detroit Tigers, Parrish, Trammell and fellow Tiger Frank Tanana are honorary co-chairmen of the club, part of a nationwide fund-raising effort by athletes to benefit the research, education and treatment programs of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"By joining with other members of the community, we can all help put an end to this genetic killer of our young people," Parrish said at the 65 Roses Club's VIP kickoff luncheon Friday in Ginopolis Restaurant.

At present, there is no cure for cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that attacks the lungs and digestive systems of children. "65 Roses" is the way the words, cystic fibrosis, sound to young children. Because roses are associated with love, it seemed appropriate for the flower to be associated with a group whose goal is a healthy future for cystic fibrosis patients.

Once a month, club members attend Tiger games and post-game



receptions attended by several of the Tigers.

"I'M GOING to try and get some of the players to attend some of our meetings," Parrish said to the luncheon gathering Friday.

"The guys are behind us and do support us. I feel like it's going to be another prosperous year. We hope to raise a little bit more than the year before."

The first 65 Roses Club was organized seven years ago when Don Baylor, then of the California Angels, and some of his friends decided to capture the enthusiasm of

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— Lance Parrish, 65 Roses Club

baseball fans and channel it toward a worthwhile fund-raising effort to fight cystic fibrosis.

Danna Merritt, executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Southfield chapter, said cystic fibrosis is "a real rough disease to live with."

In 1955, children with cystic fibrosis rarely lived beyond 2 years of age. Since the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's formation that year, the median age for patients nationally has grown to 23.

But it's going to take more money to assure longer lives. "I'm talking to patients who now are 29 or 30 years of age," Merritt said.

"The problem's still not licked, though," she added. "The median age of 23 means these people are only tentatively looking to the future. We want these young people to have a future."

On the average, Merritt goes to one funeral a month for young people ages 17-25.

"Those who have reached 28 wondered how they've beat the odds," she said. "For the rest of us, 23 is just the beginning — that first job, getting married, the first baby."

Merritt reported that researchers are "hard on the heels" of finding the exact place where the cystic fibrosis gene comes from.

"There was a breakthrough last October. And because we're so close, we hope we'll have the gene isolated soon," Merritt said.

"THERE ARE all kinds of possibilities ahead," she added. "But

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