

# Richardson to replace Bennett on council



Councilman Ralph Yoder (left) will replace Alton Bennett as mayor pro tempore. Bennett will leave the council July 31.

## Crash victim found dead

A 57-year-old Farmington Hills man was pronounced dead at the scene early Sunday afternoon after the car he was driving swerved off the road and smashed into a large tree on 13 Mile just east of Woodside in Franklin.

The victim, Louis Grossman, was driving alone heading west. "There were no visible skid marks on the road and as far as we know no witnesses, so we don't really know how or why it happened," said Franklin police Chief Edward Glomb. "We suspect he may have suffered a heart attack."

Final results of blood tests taken after his death aren't back yet, but the use of alcohol or drugs isn't suspected, said Glomb.

Grossman had telephoned his wife shortly before the accident and he apparently was on his way home to Farmington Hills from his office in Troy, Glomb added.

Franklin police received a report of the accident at 12:45 p.m. and Officer Terry Long arrived at the scene moments later. Long attempt-

ed to get the victim out of the badly smashed vehicle because smoke was coming out of the engine compartment. But he wasn't able to.

Glomb said Long then climbed on top of the car and hung down through the sun roof to reach Grossman. He detected no vital signs and began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Off-duty West Bloomfield police officer Donald Neely who happened to be driving through the area stopped and assisted.

"The two continued giving CPR until the Suburban Ambulance life support unit got there," said Glomb. The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department also responded.

Glomb said Grossman was pronounced dead via life support unit telemetry at 1:10 p.m. by a doctor at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Two "jaws of life" units were needed to tear the vehicle apart in order to free the victim, said Glomb. Grossman wasn't wearing a seat belt, he said.

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She spoke with each council member, indicating her interest, she added.

A 25-year resident of Farmington, Richardson believes the current downtown redevelopment is greatly improving the city. "We have seen numerous changes and for the most they have been good changes," she said. "I'm very proud of Farmington."

"The community has given so much to us, this is a way to give back."

Richardson is also known locally for her work in the beautification area.

She reactivated Farmington's Beautification Commission in 1986, chaired it in 1987-88 and stayed on the board for many years. She is also past president and currently on the board of directors of the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan, a group covering four counties. She is a current vice president and past president of Keep Michigan Beautiful, where she has been active since 1967.

SHE IS also active in the Farmington Area Goodfellow and is a lifetime member of the Jaycee Auxiliary.

Richardson presently serves on the Orchard United Methodist Church board of directors, where she is an active member. "That part of my life means a great deal to me also," she added.

Richardson was born and raised in

Holland, Mich., on the west side of the state. She attended Hope College and graduated from State College of Arkansas. A teacher by profession, Richardson spent several years as a substitute teacher with Farmington Public Schools.

She resides on Oakland Street with her husband, John Richardson, a local veterinarian. The Richardsons have three children.

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## Pact OK'd

Farmington will continue to maintain its main thoroughfare, Grand River, from the drive-in theater west to Gill Road.

On July 21, the city council agreed to renew Farmington's maintenance contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation. The new contract will run from Oct. 1, 1986, to Sept. 30, 1989.

"The Department of Public Services employees are in a better position to service this roadway than the state's maintenance crews," City Manager Robert Deadman said.

The city will continue "to provide all ordinary maintenance of the roadway and drainage system in accordance with the annually approved budget," he added.

The city typically provides pothole patching, catch basin cleaning, snow and ice removal, and sign maintenance. The state does roadway striping. The county maintains the traffic signals.

The city is reimbursed for its labor, materials, equipment usage, overhead and administrative expenses, Deadman said.

## Payback OK'd

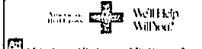
A sanitary sewer payback arrangement assessing \$20,300 in sewer costs along Drake Road at the Nova Woods development was granted July 14 by the Farmington Hills City Council.

The payback was requested by Paul Levine of the Irvine Group, which provided sewer lines along Drake for the Nova Woods development.

Five houses that received sewer loads from the work will be assessed \$552.60 each. These include lots 56, 57 and 58 and two sites north of the Nova Woods development, according to a city report. Nova Woods will be responsible for 78 percent, or \$116,037 of the total cost.

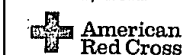
The council also agreed that any future property development benefiting from the Irvine-installed sewer line would also be responsible for a payback.

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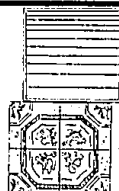
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