

Mansour returns to Farmington Hills

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Though Mercy Health Services officials would not allow the Observer to speak with Mansour, they issued a press release detailing her new responsibilities.

MANSOUR LEFT the religious order four years ago, shortly after Gov. James Blanchard named her DSS director. The Vatican ordered her to resign her post or leave the order because the DSS pays for abortions under the Medicaid program.

Though Mansour said she personally opposed abortion, she refused to resign her post and left the order.

In addition to her work with the health system's 18-month effort, Mansour also will be a visiting pro-

fessor at Michigan State University's Social Science Research Bureau and Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies. Her academic focus will be on public policy related to poverty issues and social problems, and health, education and welfare

program reform, according to a press release issued by the Sisters of Mercy.

Mansour said the new job will allow her to continue working to solve the problems of the poor.

"We are in need of doing things differently," Mansour said. "(We) need some really radical solutions (to social problems). What we're doing right now is not really adequate for the needs of the times."

MANSOUR TOLD the Lansing State Journal last week that her work for Mercy Health Services doesn't mean she is rejoining the order.

She plans to start an Institute of Poverty Studies. If she can raise enough money by year's end, Mansour said she hopes to finish the Mercy Health Services project and run the institute full time.

The institute would test models for health, education and welfare reform, as well as study and evaluate social policy, Mansour said.

Mansour will continue working with a Blanchard commission on the state's welfare system.

Mansour announced in November that she was leaving her \$64,100-a-year social services department job. Her departure marked an end to four stormy years as director during which some lawmakers challenged her management abilities and others said she was more an advocate of

the poor than an administrator.

The former Mercy nun holds a doctorate in biochemistry from Georgetown University. She served in faculty and administrative positions at Mercy College of Detroit, including 12 years as president.

MANSOUR SERVED on the first board of Sisters of Mercy Health Corp., now the largest Mercy Health Services, from 1976-79. Before that, she served on the board of directors of Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital, a Detroit-based division of Sisters of Mercy Health Corp.

She was a corporate board member for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and National Bank of Detroit in the late 1970s and early 1980s. She also was a member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities-National Institute of Colleges and Universities.

The Mercy Health Services is the largest non-profit health system in the country. It has seven subsidiaries and 16 divisions.

The agency coordinates all health services offered by the Sisters of Mercy. The order operates hospitals in Battle Creek, Cadillac, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Grayling, Lansing, Muskegon, Pontiac and Port Huron. It also has hospitals in Indiana and Iowa.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Quick thinking helps end assault

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scription of that used in the assault of Cumberley was found inside the car.

THE NOVI investigator, who didn't want to be identified, called it "a good catch."

"We're just happy the victim was not hurt in any way," he said. "When your life's flashing before your eyes — when someone's yelling to waste you and you think you're going to be killed — your instincts step in. Mr. Cumberley's actions were probably the best he could've made at the time. They made the perpetrator get

back in the car and leave the area." After their arrests, the three men — all from Detroit — were turned over to Novi police.

Arraigned Monday before District Judge Martin Boyle of Walled Lake, Cleotha Woods, 21, Gary Bernard Waters, 19, and Christopher Bernard Turner, 19, all stood mute to one count of assault with intent to commit armed robbery. Woods, the alleged gunman, also was charged with use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. The three are being held in the Oakland County Jail in

lieu of bond — \$35,000 for Woods and \$20,000 for Waters and Turner. A preliminary examination will be held in 52nd District Court.

Conviction of assault with intent to commit armed robbery carries a penalty upon conviction of up to life in prison. Conviction of felony firearms possession carries a mandatory two-year prison term.

WOODS ALSO is wanted by Detroit police on weapons charges involving a sawed-off shotgun in 1984. He's wanted in Tennessee on a 1986 larceny charge, the Novi investigator said.

Police in Farmington Hills, Northville Township, Royal Oak and Ypsilanti are trying to determine if Woods and the other two men could have been involved in recent street stickups in their communities.

In Farmington Hills, Sgt. Dennis Rochford said the suspects resemble composite drawings made after several purse snatchings.

"But that doesn't necessarily mean they're the same people," he said. "We won't be able to determine if they are until we have a physical lineup, where the victims are asked to pick out their assailants."

The Novi incident differs because in Farmington Hills "women were followed home and robbed of their purses by a man working alone when they got out of their cars," Rochford said. The purse snatchers, however, all were thought to be in their late teens or early 20s.

Safety-belt-use law is favored

Michigan's safety-belt-use law continues to be popular with residents and the majority would like to see the law strictly enforced, according to a statewide survey released Jan. 30.

Eighty percent of those surveyed said they favor the law, which requires drivers and front-seat passengers to wear their safety belts. The law took effect July 1, 1985.

Approximately 80 percent of Michigan residents believe that belt laws save a significant number of lives and three-fourths of those interviewed said they favor strict enforcement of Michigan's safety-belt-use law.

"These figures are extremely encouraging," said Constance Soma, executive director of the Michigan Coalition for Safety Belt Use.

"Our task now is to develop the safety-belt habit among even greater number of residents, so that use levels will rise to the support demonstrated by these results," Soma said.

The public opinion poll of 500 randomly selected Michigan adults interviewed by telephone in November was funded by Traffic Safety Now Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to promoting safety-belt use through passage of belt-use laws.

"THE PEOPLE of Michigan firmly believe that safety-belt-use laws are working," said Bob Van Dam, director of the survey project and president of Nordhus Research, Southfield.

Virtually all of the Michigan residents surveyed, 99 percent, said they

are aware of the state's safety-belt-use law.

"It's good to know that Michigan residents stand behind our efforts to minimize traffic deaths and disabling injuries," Soma said.

The figures from the Michigan survey parallel the strong public support for belt-use laws revealed in a national public opinion poll conducted in July 1985 by Decision Making Information, Santa Ana, Calif.

That survey indicated 78 percent of Americans favor safety-belt-use laws in their states, 76 percent favor strict enforcement, and 81 percent of Americans believe that safety-belt laws are saving lives.

Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia are covered by safety-belt-use laws.

Settlement is reached

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head for the Farmington Hills library and as children's coordinator for both Farmington and Farmington Hills branches.

The complaint claimed Locke was constructively discharged for refusing to work for less-qualified employees who "were engaging in sexual relationships with defendant Lewis."

The former librarian's resignation touched off a flurry of protests, including a financial audit that later led to Lewis' resignation as library director.

Lewis was later arrested and pleaded guilty in 47th District Court in Farmington to a charge of purchase by a public official upon public credit for private use — a misdemeanor. Lewis was sentenced to one-year probation and \$105 in costs.

Forum focus: federal taxes

A tax expert will be guest speaker at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon Thursday, Feb. 19.

The luncheon will begin with a social hour at noon at C.J.'s Fine Food & Spirits, 28505 Nine Mile, Farmington Hills. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

Paul Smith, director of state and local taxes for Coopers & Lybrand, Michigan's largest accounting firm, will provide an overview of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 — how it will affect you and your business.

He is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Home show in the works

Forty booths related to home construction, modernization, decorating, energy conservation and security will be part of the sixth annual Farmington Area Home Show Friday-Sunday, Feb. 6-8.

The show will be at Mercy Conference Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Hours will be Friday, 9-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be door prizes. The grand prize is a weekend for two at the Toronto Sheraton Hotel — transportation plus \$100 cash.

The show is sponsored by participating companies. Admission is free.

The shows offers a chance for contractors and consumers to see the latest methods and materials used in home construction, with an emphasis on energy savings and home security.

HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL PATIENTS NEEDED

Sinai Hospital of Detroit is recruiting volunteers with known high cholesterol levels to participate in a two year study of a new drug that lowers cholesterol levels. Volunteers must be 21 years or older with no significant disease; female participants should not be of child-bearing potential. There is no charge to the volunteers for the study, which includes several physical exams. This study is being done in conjunction with The University of Michigan and Henry Ford Hospitals.

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