

# Release of census funds urged

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memo from former budget director Robert Nafely dated June 4, 1987 that says the supplemental payments were reinstated after being cut to balance the budget.

But press secretary Scott said the money is not in the budget and isn't likely to be put there. Blanchard vetoed the supplemental payments in July 1987.

"There's really nothing new on it. The budget department hasn't changed their position," he said.

But legislators are holding their ground.

"The main purpose of the announcement is to get notice out that we know the money is there," he (Blanchard) is going to have to have an explanation for the communities," said state Rep. Wilbur (Sandy) Brotherton, R-Farmington.

"A COUPLE OF days ago there was a rumor that the governor has not been totally honest with us and that financing has been placed in the budget for 1987-88 to pay revenue sharing to cities who qualified under the special census," Brotherton added.

The 38 communities are eligible,

according to state statute, for increased state aid payments because their populations grew more than 15 percent. There also are state statutes that say money can only be distributed if there is enough and if it's in the state budget.

State Republican representatives insist they have reasons to believe the \$5.1 million indeed is in the budget. "If this money is in the budget, we feel the state has a legal obligation to pay these communities," Wingrove said.

When Blanchard first vetoed supplemental state aid payments

last year, some of the disappointed special census communities formed Census Counts, an organization charged with lobbying for the additional money.

Census Counts, of which Farmington Hills is a member, is scheduled to meet with state Rep. D.J. Jacobetti, D-Negaunee, chairman of the House appropriations committee, on April 14 to develop ways to release at least part of the money due the special census communities, Brotherton said.

"If the money is truly there, why wait until April 14?" Wingrove said.

## on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 4

The council will consider these police department matters:

- Plans for "No Drug Week-April 17-23"
- 1987 annual report.
- false alarm concerns.

**Farmington City Council**  
Farmington Municipal Building  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, April 4

The council will receive reports on Chatham Hills 1988 construction, Nine Mile Road improvements, Rouge River clean up and bids for

plastic rubbish bags.

**Downtown Development Authority**  
Farmington Municipal Building  
23600 Liberty  
8 a.m. Tuesday, April 5

Executive director Wendy Strip Sittsamer will provide an evaluation report for 1987-88 operations. The DDA is expected to discuss strategic plans and an update on construction.

**Oakland County Mental Health Division**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 11 Mile  
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

County mental health representatives will provide information about services provided in Farmington Hills, Farmington and West Bloomfield Township. Residents may ask questions and offer opinions about mental health services offered.

# Rape links sought

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The Bloomfield Township Police Department's canine unit tracked the man to an undisclosed area where he apparently got into a car and drove away, Murphy added.

In most of the Oakland County assaults, the attacker wielded a large knife, wore a ski mask and surprised his victims when they returned home alone.

"The (rape) victims are probably stalked anywhere from two weeks to two months before he (the rapist) strikes," Dwyer said. "And possibly he stalks one or more victims simultaneously."

Dwyer urged all women to be particularly observant and careful when driving home.

"He follows the victim from work or a restaurant or somewhere where they would normally be. When he feels comfortable and when he feels she will be alone, he strikes," Dwyer continued. "This guy is well-planned and methodical."

He urged women to report anyone or anything that appears suspicious.

"If it's possible, obtain a license

plate number and go to a location where you can make a call to the local police. Report anything that appears suspicious because we will be following up on everything," Dwyer said.

The last apparently related assault took place March 5, when an Independence Township woman was raped and robbed as she arrived home at her condominium. Though this assault was out of the area of the previous rapes and attempted rapes, it has not been ruled out as being related, Murphy said.

On Jan. 26, a 17-year-old Birmingham girl was sexually assaulted after being accosted in the garage of her home. The attack was interrupted by a friend of the victim who happened to come to the house at the time.

Birmingham police later cleared a man whom they believed was a prime suspect in the rape of the Birmingham teenager. Police used scientific tests and a polygraph, which the man "passed conclusively," according to Birmingham police Chief Edward Ostlin.

## obituaries

### SISTER MARY LEOCADIA

Sister Leocadia, 96, of Farmington Hills died March 13.

Born Leona Starr in Byron Center, Mich., Sister Leocadia entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy in August 1909. She began her teaching career in 1910 in Bay City and for the next 66 years was the teacher and inspiration for students in the dioceses of Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Saginaw and Detroit. Her last 26 years of teaching were at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Detroit.

Farmington Hills where she taught science and religion.

She retired in 1976 at St. Gertrude Convent, Grand Rapids and in 1984 came to McAuley Center, Farmington Hills.

Survivors include her sister, Sister Leonissa of Farmington Hills, and a brother, Walter Starr of Arizona.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 15. The presiders at the mass were Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and the Rev. Edward J. Baldwin. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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