

FARMINGTON NOTES

Governor appoints

Theodore A. Lewis Jr. of Farmington Hills has been reappointed to the Citizens' Mental Health Advisory Council by Gov. John Engler.

The council advises and assists the director of the Department of Mental Health in developing and executing mental health policies and programs.

Lewis, who holds a bachelor of arts degree from Syracuse University and a master's of social work from the University of Pittsburgh, is president of the Policy Board of the Children and Youth Initiative of Detroit and Wayne County and the Michigan Council of Mental Health Agencies.

He is also a member of the University Cultural Center Association, the National Association of Social Workers and the Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse.

He was reappointed to a term expiring Oct. 30, 1994.

A Chamber Pro

Judy Soronen, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, was recognized recently as a Michigan Chamber Professional by the board of directors of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives.

The award is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals. The program was developed in 1990 to encourage and maintain high standards among chamber of commerce executives in Michigan.

Cookies galore

The Girl Scout cookie time again. Farmington-area Girl Scouts will be selling their cookies from now until March 14.

There are several varieties: Samos, Thin Mint, Trefoil, Tagalong, Do-si-do, Chalet Creme and Golden Nut Cluster. Cookies are \$2.50 per package. Proceeds from the sale support programs for more than 29,000 girls from Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

Anyone needing help locating a Girl Scout troop should call the Cookie Hotline at 964-OURL.

Group helps police fight crime

Members of a Farmington Hills citizens committee learn once a month what their police department is doing to fight crime in the city — and what they can do to help.

BY BILL COUTANT
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One day a month they meet for an early breakfast and information on what their city's police department is up to and what they can do to help prevent crime.

They're the Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, and they've been around for almost eight years. That's because Police Chief Bill Dwyer made the committee one of his first priorities. And it seems to be working.

"I think we've accomplished a lot," said committee chairman Greg Anderson, a fraud investigator for Michigan State Police and a former state police officer.

"We started a program where citizens help with enforcing handicapped parking and had two seminars for businesses about drug abuse in the work place."

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Police training: Farmington Hills Police officer Sally Turner (right) looks over the new CS gas police will use to temporarily disable people who resist arrest. Officers Bob Tidrington (left) and Mike Ciaramitaro and the rest of the city's police force were trained in the use of the gas over the last two weeks.

Judge sees cycle of drunken driving

The bite of a law to toughen penalties for drunken driving has worn off like the effects of a hangover.

That's the opinion of Judge Fred Harris of Farmington's 47th District Court. He told members of the Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, a citizens group, that a law to toughen penalties for

drunken driving had an initial effect. But as 1992 wore on and the holidays came, drunken drivers were back in numbers.

"Initially it did (have an effect), but not any more," Harris said. "It's cyclical."

Public awareness is the only way to break that cycle, which is why Harris

is suggesting that the court follow the lead of 62nd District Judge Michael Batochik of Walled Lake who has started a Designate-a-Driver program.

The DAD program is promoted at restaurants and bars where people consume alcohol before they drive. It encourages people to plan ahead be-

fore going out and encourages drinking establishments to promote the program with signs and DAD buttons.

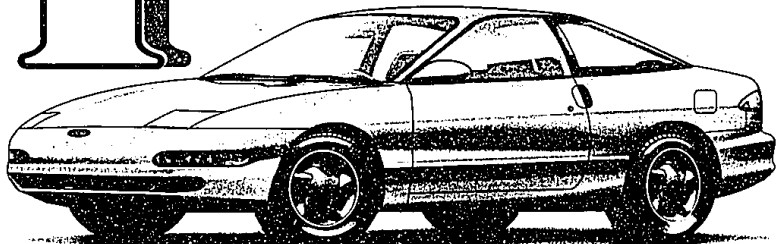
"We have to have constant awareness," Harris said. "We have to promote this through establishments that sell alcohol."

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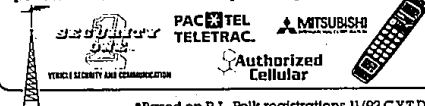


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