

Harrison shines in state TEAMS competition

Some Farmington Harrison students obviously know a thing or two about teamwork. For the third consecutive year, the school won in its division in the State TEAMS Competition March 20 at GMI in Flint.

Harrison had the highest score, 75 percent. Detroit Country Day and Heritage schools had 72 percent. West Bloomfield notched 66 percent while Kalamazoo Math & Science had 61 percent.

Harrison's team includes Michael LaCasse, Kristi Bosker, Andrew Garinger, Jeremy Teachman, Avi Drissman, Ergun Kocak, Morris Slutsky and Brett Pearce.

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The team tackled 13 complex engineering problems, which are similar to ones engineering majors would likely see in their first semester in college. The questions require both mathematical and science skills.

TEAMS also encourages

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team cooperation, cooperative learning strategy, higher order thinking, academic rigor and leadership and management skills.

Last year, Harrison placed seventh nationally and 13th in 1991. King believes his team will be in thick of the national rankings this year. "This year's kids are much more widely versed in math and science as a whole," King said.

Added student Kristi Bosker: "I found it very challenging and I really like the way they made us apply what you learned in your science and math courses to real-life engineering problems."



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Go TEAMS! Harrison teacher Dennis King (seated, center) is proud of his TEAMS squad, (from left) Jeremy Teachman, Brett Pearce, Ari Drissman, Mike LaCasse, Morris Slutsky, Kristi Bosker and Ergun Kocak. Harrison won its division for the third straight year.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

BREAK-INS

A break-in at the Wendy's restaurant on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills March 23 caused \$1,000 in damage to a safe. The west door of the restaurant had been pried open and metal shavings made by a drill or other tool were found next to the safe.

A 15-inch Emerson color TV worth \$200 was stolen during a break-in at a residence on Shiloh in Farmington Hills March 24. The front door was kicked in, causing \$200 in damage.

Farmington Hills Police arrested a 27-year-old Ecorse man and a 29-year-old Flat Rock man in connection with a break-in at the city of Detroit Water Works station on Eight Mile in Livonia and with possession of marijuana. The men used bolt cutters to cut through the fence in the rear of the building, police said. Undercover officers began surveillance on the two suspects after they left their 1983 brown Mercury parked in an empty office building parking lot near Eight Mile and Halsted. The fence sustained \$300 in damage.

A stereo AM/FM radio worth

\$800 was stolen from a 1987 Chevy Monte Carlo between March 23-24 on Barfield in Farmington Hills. The dash board sustained \$300 in damage.

The front window of a residence on Spring Valley in Farmington Hills was smashed in with four rocks causing \$3,000 in damage. A Browning 16-gauge shotgun in a soft brown and tan case worth \$1,200 was stolen.

Cassette tapes valued at \$175 were stolen from a 1988 Ford Escort GT parked at the Wing Hong restaurant on 14 Mile in Farmington Hills March 26. The driver's side window was broken and the dash board had sustained \$300 in damage.

SHOPLIFTING

A 35-year-old Detroit man and a 42-year-old Ferndale man were arrested by Farmington Hills Police officers in connection with a shoplifting incident at the Bon Ton Shoppe March 24 in Farmington. In one man's car, police found 10 T-shirts and three sweat shirts — all with Michigan State logos on them — valued at \$330. Police also found a stuffed rabbit valued at \$28 and six shirts valued at \$96 concealed in the other man's coat.

THEFTS

A Craftsman 3-horse power

mitre saw worth \$300 was stolen from the New York Carpet World on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills between March 18-19.

VANDALISM

The metal panels of an outdoor company sign at Carter Technology, Inc. on Freeway Place in Farmington Hills were pried off the frame between March 21-22 causing \$3,000 in damage.

AUTO THEFTS

A 1992 Chevy Blazer worth \$21,500 was stolen from the Green Hill Apartments on Green Hill near Nine Mile in Farmington Hills between March 23-24.

A 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass worth \$2,000 also was stolen from the Green Hill Apartments March 23.

A 1992 blue Chevy Camaro worth \$16,000 was stolen from the parking lot of the Orchard Lake Medical Building on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills March 24.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 19-year-old woman living at the Cedar Book Apartments on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills said a man knocked on the window of the laundry room March 25. When she looked up, she saw that he was masturbating. He was not visible above the waist.

License up to city — C'ville

By MARIE CHESTNEY
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The owners of a billiards hall on the Livonia side Eight Mile Road will go into Wednesday's hearing before the Livonia City Council without formal school board opposition to their quest for a beer and wine license.

The Clarenceville Board of Education Thursday reseeded a Dec. 10 vote which had opposed the license. The Clarenceville District includes the southeast corner of Farmington Hills.

In doing so, however, the trustees said they did not want their turnaround to be "interpreted as a position of neutrality" by the board.

Instead, the trustees said, the reversal simply in an acknowledgment that the issue should be acted by the proper governing body, the Livonia City Council, and not by the school board.

The vote was 5-2, with Linda Brandemuhl and Gary Gasser dissenting.

Twice this year the owners of the House of Billiards, 28139 Eight Mile, have asked trustees to reconsider their opposition to a Class C Liquor license.

In December, the trustees voted to oppose the license, saying the billiards hall is too close to residents and that youngsters walk to and from school along Eight Mile.

At the very least, co-owner Robert Ray had asked the trustees to remain neutral.

At 8 p.m. March 31, the question of whether to serve beer and wine at the billiards hall will be aired in a public hearing before the council.

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Trial set for brothers accused of plan to sell stolen snowmobile

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Andrey Michael Couch, 17, will be tried for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 despite his attorney's attempt to show that he had not been part of a plan to sell a stolen snowmobile in Farmington Hills. Judge Fred Harris of the 47th District court in Farmington bound over Andrey Couch and his 21-year-old brother Deone Anthony Couch for a circuit court arraignment on April 7.

"They could each face up to five years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,500 if convicted."

"Being at the scene of an alleged criminal action does not make one criminally liable," said defense attorney Howard Siegrist, adding that the case against the younger brother was circumstantial.

But Harris said he was satisfied

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defense attorney*

that there was enough evidence to try both brothers for the Jan. 6 incident. Bond was continued at \$500 each.

The brothers were arrested after undercover Farmington Hills Police officers identified the 1991 Skidoo snowmobile at the Couch's Baytree residence as one stolen from Brighton.

Police had offered to buy the snowmobile, but found it had been dragged across the street

when they arrested the brothers. A neighbor testified that she agreed to allow the two men to store the snowmobile in her parents' garage because she did not know it was stolen.

"Deone asked to keep the snowmobile in the garage," Lisa Grady, 20, testified. "A car was pulling it and Deone was sitting on the snowmobile when they brought it over."

Grady first testified that the men dragged the snowmobile across the street without using a car, but then changed her testimony after seeing her original report.

Siegrist argued that she was unclear as to whether Deone was even present at the time of the incident, much less whether he was involved.

Police were able to trace scrape marks from the snowmobile to Grady's garage.

Hills native bids for Academy Award

Scott Smith, a Farmington Hills native, has been nominated for an Academy Award for his sound recording work on Steven Segal's movie "Under Siege."

He will join the other nominees at the award ceremonies in Los Angeles tonight, as a guest of Warner Brothers.

Smith, 40, who now lives in Chicago, attended Farmington High School but left in 1970 to found his own sound recording business, according to his father, William Smith of Farmington Hills.

William Smith and his wife Patricia are at the Academy Awards. "We're obviously very excited and proud of his (Scott's) accomplishments," said William Smith,

chairman of the board of Allied Film & Video in Detroit. "We're looking forward to being there with him."

After several years in the Detroit area working on corporate films and commercials, Scott Smith moved to Chicago where he founded Chicago Audio Works. Now he specializes in feature film recording.

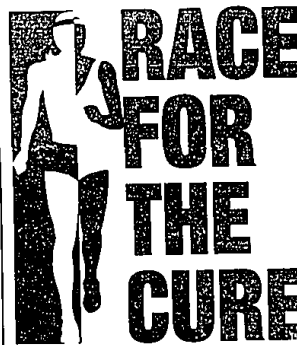
Among his early screen credits are "Risky Business" starring Tom Cruise, and "The Dollmaker" with Jane Fonda. More recently, he did the location recording on "The Package" featuring Gene Hackman and "Folks" starring Tom Selleck and Don Ameche.

Scott Smith is currently working on location with Harrison Ford in a new film, "The Fugitive."

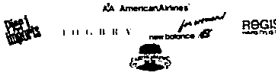
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START TIMES
Registration: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
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RACE PACKETS
Are mailed to all registered runners the week before the race; packets include race number, T-shirt coupon, course map and directions.

TIMING & RESULTS
The 5K events will be conducted by Detroit's premier running club, the Motor City Striders. Computer scoring by Burns Computer Services. Entrants will be subject to IAAF Rule 144.

AWARDS & AGE GROUPS
In the 5K Race and racewalk, awards will be presented to the overall female winner (not eligible for age group award) and the top three female runners in each five-year age group, from 15 to 70+. Men are invited to participate, but will not be eligible for awards.

ENTRY FORMS
Entry forms are available at Jacobson's, Prior 1 Imports, all Michigan Cancer Foundation offices, and all area running stores selling New Balance shoes.

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