



# Man freed from conveyor

FARMINGTON HILLS—Farmington Hills police spent over three hours late Wednesday evening working to free the leg of a Southfield youth from a conveyor chain in a Farmington Hills car wash.

According to the police, the right foot of Steven Polk, 16245 Harden Circle, had slipped into the conveyor chain which is used to pull cars into the Firehouse 5 car wash, 30980 Orchard Lake.

The police report indicated that the conveyor chain pulled Polk's right foot under and into a one-half inch steel retainer, forcing it to lodge between the conveyor chain and the plate.

The officer who responded to the call requested assistance from station four of the Farmington Hills Fire Department

and from Lucas Service Inc., 30863 Ten Mile.

FARMINGTON CITY MANAGER Robert Deadman went to the scene of the accident to inquire if that city could contribute any equipment to the effort.

The police also sent for a physician, Dr. Baha Onder MD, 23133 Orchard Lake, who administered a sedative to Polk while the police worked to free his leg.

A wrecker from Lucas', which was equipped with a cutting torch, was able to free the leg by cutting the steel near the foot until the foot could be removed from the chain.

Polk was taken to Providence Hospital in Southfield after his leg was freed.

Hospital officials said he was treated for fractures and contusions and released.

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## Law suit may affect Hills development

FARMINGTON HILLS—Pulte Homes Inc., a West Bloomfield based development company has filed a suit in circuit court against the city of Farmington Hills which may have a direct effect on the development of northwest area of the city.

Pulte is suing the city in an attempt to get the zoning ordinance in the area switched from an RA-1, single family dwelling to a RC2 multiple dwelling.

William Pulte had said he would sue the city after a request by the corporation to begin a 320 acre planned residential development was denied by the Hills city council early in June.

THE LAND which is on 12 Mile and Drake is currently zoned for single family dwellings, but the master plan calls for a PRD (planned residential) zoning.

According to City Clerk Floyd Cairns, the master plan is an option

for the city to pick up on if it wants to.

"Although it is in the master plan, the city is not required to change the zoning," he said. "It is merely an option available to the city."

Although Pulte's original request to the council was for the PRD zoning he is now suing for a multiple dwelling.

Following the June council meeting Pulte was quoted as saying, "We think we went in with a very reason-

able proposal. This was a compromise with the people in the area. We are tired of playing games, we are going to attack the whole ordinance in the area. We are going to get all we can."

Had the area developed as Pulte originally wanted it to, it would have been a combination of single family dwellings, townhouses and apartments.

The plans had called for 4.2 dwellings with 9.7 bedrooms per acre.

Had the development been allowed the projected population increase in the area would have been approximately 3,768 people.

Prior to the June council meeting, there was an organized effort on the part of residents in the area to keep the zoning from being approved.

A month after the Pulte zoning request was denied another large planned residential complex in the same area was approved. A 360 acre PRD, which will be devel-

oped by Uniland Corporation, a division of Mel Construction, received approval from the council.

That planned residential area lies between 13 and 14 Mile Roads on Halstead.

It too will be a combination of single and multiple family dwellings. The rent in the development will range from \$360 to \$1,200 a month. These two developments represent nearly a square mile of residential land in the city.

## 'Temporary' job starts career

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—When Ronald Holko, director of the Farmington Hills police department, entered law enforcement he had intended it to be a "temporary" endeavor.

That was 20 years ago, when he entered the Michigan State police academy. Since then the "temporary" endeavor has developed into a permanent career which has taken him to various communities in Michigan as well as to Asia and South America.

The son of a former Detroit police officer, Holko said he "sort of wandered into" police work when he entered the Michigan State police academy in 1954.

HE IS A MAN who believes in education and training, both for himself and for the men in the department.

He has set up new training programs within the department and encourages the police officers to attend classes in law enforcement and related fields at the area colleges.

The department also holds periodic in-staff training sessions during which the officers are informed of new laws or ordinances and made aware of recent court decisions which could affect what they do.

Holko, himself has had extensive training. After graduating from college he attended various police academies such as Southern Police academy and the FBI academy.

Currently, he is planning to attend a refresher course at the FBI academy.

He was asked to come to Farmington three years ago to update and modernize the Public Safety department.

To him this meant not only updating training programs, but also getting the most advanced and efficient equipment available.

"It is a bigger job than I had anticipated," he said. "This is a growing community and I hope the police department can keep up with it. There have been a lot of good changes made. The council had been very good about giving us the funds we need for improvements. Right now I am one or two years ahead of the schedule I had set for myself when I came here."

HE IS VERY PROUD of the new communications system in the department—MODAD.

The only such system currently in use in Michigan, and one of the few in the United States, MODAD can cut the response time of the patrolmen in half according to Holko.

The system simplifies and speeds up the communications between the people in the dispatch room and the officers in the patrol car.

It cuts down on the number of times the dispatcher and patrolman must speak directly to each other, and a button on the control panel allows the dispatcher to see at a glance exactly where each patrol car is.

Prior to coming to Farmington Hills, Holko spent several years with the State Department overseas.

While abroad he worked with the law enforcement agencies in Asia and South America, updating existing police departments or establishing new ones.

In his spare time Holko enjoys hunting and target shooting.

He has the stuffed head of a wild bear which he shot in the southern United States hanging in his office wall.

"I really enjoy hunting and shooting," he said. "I used to go shooting with the guys in the department, but I haven't had much time for that lately. When I'm here I am so busy, that I don't have a chance to get down to the range anymore."

Holko is married, and the father of three, two teen agers and a three year old.



RONALD HOLKO

By SUSAN L. SILK

OAKLAND COUNTY—An expensive and time-consuming recount of Oakland County's vote in the Michigan Court of Appeals second division race is a possibility.

Although the result of that 14-county district contest will not be official until after the state board of canvassers meets Aug. 26, one state official already has an "unofficial idea" a recount in Oakland County may be requested.

There has been "nothing as specific" as a formal petition asking the state to conduct such a recount, said Jim Chapman, election specialist, Michigan Department of State. "We have an unofficial idea there is some potential for a recount in that area and in some other areas," Chapman said of the appellate race.

THE ELECTION specialist was reluctant to discuss "that kind of rumor" to avoid promoting such challenges, he said. "It (checking each of Oakland's 545 precinct vote count) would be very

## School board to discuss future of Ten Mile School

FARMINGTON—A decision on whether or not to approve a study of alternate uses for Ten Mile Elementary School is expected to be made by the Farmington Board of Education on Tuesday.

William Prisk, business manager for the school district, said that no definite plans have been made for the school. He said the administration is only asking for permission to study other possible uses for the elementary school.

The school, located at 32789 Ten Mile Road, contains 22 classrooms and is used for children through the sixth grade.

"I think there are many people who think we are going to close the school," Prisk said. "That's not our intent."

He said some residents had heard that the school would close and were "up in arms."

THE BUSINESS MANAGER said the board would be asked to consider changing the school to a storage facility, a school bus maintenance facility or a bus driver dispatch center.

Prisk said that in all, more than 10 possibilities were listed for board consideration.

The proposals are being made, he said, because "we don't want to make a crash decision sometime down the road."

"These are alternatives we think should be looked at," Prisk said. He noted that it would be necessary to get both the board of education's and the area parents' permission be-

fore looking at alternative uses. In other action, the board of education will be asked by the school administration to approve the 1974-75 tax levy.

The levy will be lower than last year, Prisk said. In Farmington and Farmington Hills, the millage will be reduced by 2.4 mills. For West Bloomfield residents with children in the Farmington School District, there will be a 1 mill reduction.

Prisk said the request for the tax levy was an annual and ordinary school board action.

The board of education will meet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the Farmington Senior High School, 32000 Shawwassee. The Public is invited to attend.

For more information, persons may call the school board at 447-1300.

## Oakland may face vote recount

hard on this division. We have a November general election to prepare for," Chapman said.

Fifteen candidates competed in the primary election. The four top votegetters Aug. 6 won places on the November ballot race for two newly created seats on the appellate court slate.

The state's uncertified final 14-county vote count shows the following finishing order for the 15 candidates: Michael J. Kelly (61,421), Michael F. Cavanaugh (57,287), Bernard L. Kaufman (48,601), George E. Montgomery (44,820), Walter P. Cymar (44,131), James P. Churchill (42,842), Farrell E. Roberts (35,120), Thomas E. Woods (34,592), James T. Kallman (26,477), James Clarkson (26,042), Gordon W. Britten (21,500), Yale L. Kerby (18,949), Eugene E. Sordyl (18,625), Myron E. Poe (13,780) and E. Boomie Mikrut (12,054).

IN OAKLAND COUNTY alone those same candidates ranked: Kaufman (22,183), Roberts (22,316), Kelly (17,244), Clarkson (16,478), Montgomery (14,000), Churchill (13,656), Cavanaugh (11,476), Woods (9,171), 171,

Britten (5,934), Kallman (5,660), Poe (5,650), Cymar (5,102), Mikrut (3,565), Kerby (3,536) and Sordyl (1,758).

The second division, Michigan Court of Appeals, includes Oakland and Macomb counties and much of southeastern Michigan.

Rumors of a Court of Appeals recount have reached county courthouse election personnel. Word of that possibility "came from the state," said one election office staffer.

Oakland County Clerk Lynn D. Allen said he knew nothing of such a threat.

"I just talked to Lansing this morning and they didn't say anything about that," Allen said Thursday.

COUNTY-WIDE recounts are uncommon. The last here was in 1968 when canvassers had to recheck on the daylight savings time proposition, Allen said.

By statute, an aggrieved candidate, citing fraud or inaccuracy, has 48 hours after the state canvassers certify the Court of Appeals race, to seek a recount.

No reason has yet been given for the possible canvassing in Oakland County, however.

If granted, the procedure likely would bring one state election official from Lansing to oversee county canvassers employed for the county-wide verification.

Allen guessed such a count could take three weeks.

CANVASSERS MUST travel to where the county's 1,500 voting machines or punch card devices are stored, and individually open each sealed unit and transcribe the recorded ballot totals.

"Oak Park and Waterford Township might go a little faster," Allen said. Their punch card ballots would simply be run back through the computer for a vote count verification.

A candidate requesting such a recount must pay \$6 per precinct, \$2,725 for all of Oakland County.

But that's a losing financial proposition for the county.

"We have to pay each canvasser \$35 a day plus mileage, the clerk said. Typically two workers may need an entire day to check four precincts. That's \$20 incoming payment for work which costs the county \$70, excluding mileage, the clerk explained.

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