

Finance chief resigns after probe

By STEVE BARNABY

Farmington Hills Finance Director Richard Reingold has resigned his position after accusations by a city employee that city-owned materials were disbursed to private individuals. The disbursements became public knowledge when Ronald Huren, an employee hired under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA), re-

vealed the incident at this week's city council meeting. Administrators and city councilmembers had been dealing with the situation in executive sessions, prior to Huren's statement, according to City Manager George Majors. The city charter and state law allows personal matters to be handled in private sessions, said Majors. "THE CITY IS SATISFIED that

nothing of value was taken," said Majors. "It was a matter of some spray cans and pieces of wood. Reingold exercised poor judgement. Everything that was taken has been returned." Majors says the property value under discussion probably is worth about \$5 to \$15. An investigation was launched, said Majors, after Huren approached Farmington Hills Police Captain Ray-

mond Conway. The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and Michigan State Police were called in to investigate, he said. The prosecutor's office hasn't taken any action against Reingold or other city employees involved in the situation, said Majors. REINGOLD HAS BEEN with the city for the past 15 months. Majors lauded his performance, saying Re-

ingold was innovative while serving in Farmington Hills. "He has been a brilliant guy. We went to data processing under him and he changed the accounting system. He is a super professional guy," said Majors. Majors expressed regret over the situation and said he hoped it wouldn't harm Reingold's chances of getting a job in the future. Majors

demies that Reingold was asked to resign. Huren approached the council, saying he had been harassed by his superiors after the incident occurred. "I don't feel I should have to be harassed. I don't feel I should have to quit because of what they are doing to me," he said. Huren had been under the impression his name would be kept secret.

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Sally Ann Helzman was one of the many youngsters who enjoyed the recent Halloween party conducted at the Farmington Community Library. To see what happened at the party turn to Page 3A. (Photo by Jim Hup)

Why kids should be enjoyed by adults

BY LINDA HAWKINS

One way to make the most of your children's childhood is to simply relax and enjoy them at every age. Dr. Glenn Chaffee told parents at the open house Friday night at the Early Learning Center of Farmington. Parents often see their children as nuisances, he said, but "childhood isn't something you put up with on the way to being an adult." Rather, "it's during these early years that children decide what kind of world it is" and whether they are worthwhile and loved. Chaffee, director of the Metropolitan Guidance Center which sponsors the Early Learning Center along with John Wesley College, described one of his patients who, as a boy, always heard "My, isn't he a fine little gentleman!" The man now is angry that he spent his childhood as a "little adult" instead of a child. The paradox, said Chaffee, is that he never grew up and has always felt like a little boy. "That's the way you get 35-year-old adolescents." According to Chaffee, children are "learning machines" and in this complex society, parents must "facilitate that process." Parents must get attuned to each child's own rhythm, because each child will develop at his own speed. "Getting into the rhythm of that unfolding takes the tension out of living with children," Chaffee said. CHAFFEE SUGGESTED getting down on the floor with a child as he

Jewel Cooke wins nomination as UF sportswoman of the year

By SUE ROSIEK

Jewel Cooke of Farmington Hills, coach of the Garden City Parks and Recreation Girls' Swim Team for the past 12 years, is one of four nominees for the United Foundation sportswoman of the year award. Mrs. Cooke's coaching has produced swimmers ranked among the country's top 10 swimmers for 12 consecutive years. The Garden City team has held the girls' state championship for the past five years.

Mrs. Cooke has accumulated several coaching awards in the past few years. The Michigan Amateur Aquatics Association voted her coach of the year in 1967 and again in 1970, the first time this honor was awarded a woman, and the first time it was given to anyone two different years. In 1971 Mrs. Cooke was honored as master coach of the year.

The other nominees include Linda Blabach, basketball star at St. Ladislaus High School in Hamtramck, now playing with the University of Southern California; Jeanne Boeci, first woman from Michigan to run in the Boston Marathon; and Sue Novara, 19-year-old speedskater from Flint who won the gold medal for women's sprint championship in Belgium this year.

When informed of her nomination and her competition Mrs. Cooke replied, "I certainly am in distinguished company." Mrs. Cooke, 67, is a native of Chicago. She received her teaching degree from Margaret Eaton School in Toronto, a physical education school for women. After graduation she returned to Chicago and taught physical education in the school she had attended as a young girl.

During World War II she and her husband, Horace, moved to the Detroit area.

"My husband was waiting to be

called into the service. We had three false alarms and finally they called and told him to take a war job in Detroit," remembers Mrs. Cooke.

The Cookes settled first in Plymouth before moving into a 105-year-old farmhouse in Garden City. Mrs. Cooke began to coach a swim team in Greenfield Village and her husband was employed at Dearborn Engineering. The Cookes moved into their present home at Eleven Mile and Farmington roads about six years ago.

A SWIMMER herself, Mrs. Cooke recognized the talent on her first swim team and thought they needed more competition.

"My Saturday afternoon class got so good I wanted the girls to compete in state and national meets, but in order to do that they had to be affiliated with a club or city team," she explains.

The Ys and other groups in the Dearborn area weren't interested, so the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department offered to sponsor us.

Mrs. Cooke continued to coach at Greenfield Village and didn't move her class to Garden City until the outdoor pool was built some 14 years ago.

Mrs. Cooke's students come from throughout the metropolitan area and ages vary. "If a sister of a swimmer on my team wants to join I'll take her as soon as she can fall into the water," she says.

Mrs. Cooke has graduated some of her students into national competition and sent them to coaches throughout the country.

"IN NATIONAL competition a swimmer must swim at least 10,000 yards per day. We 'Garden City team' don't get that in a week."

Mrs. Cooke's youngest daughter, Johanna Cooke High '73, appears to be following in her mother's footsteps.



JEWEL COOKE She recently was named junior national breaststroke champion Mrs. High

is head coach of the Ann Arbor Swim Club and assistant coach of the boys swim team at Huron High School.

Mrs. Cooke has three children and seven grandchildren. Her coaching is a year-round activity and she has no plans to retire.

The only thing that would make me quit is the ice on the roads around here in the winter," she laughs.

Besides swimming Mrs. Cooke enjoys embroidery, crocheting, reading and horseback riding.

The Torch Drive which runs through Nov. 6 will announce sportswoman of the year at a sports day luncheon Nov. 4 in the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel. Ballots have gone out to more than 100 sportswriters and broadcasters.

CDA fund grants to be extended

Farmington Hills city coffers will receive a boost because of a decision to extend the Federal Community Development Act (CDA), according to City Manager George Majors.

Majors told city council this week that the city will receive \$250,000 a year indefinitely after the run of the present three-year CDA program expires. The city has received \$100,000 under the plan for the first year.

The program is expected to be carried on indefinitely. For how long will receive the funds depends on the priority of future national administration," he said.

Under the program, monies are dispersed through the county Farm-

ington Hills has used its first year funds to hire a housing code enforcement officers and to improve storm and sanitary sewers, according to Majors.

Although the news for future funding was optimistic, he said the city will receive a smaller amount for the remaining two of the three year program.

Originally, the city was to receive \$200,000 in the second year and \$300,000 for the third year. But, said Majors, the funding has been cut to \$150,000 and \$250,000 for these years.

Future funds, he said, will be used to aid improving housing.



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