



Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday

Complete local election results in Thursday's edition

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Icelanders take a break in suburbia

By Craig Piechura Staff writer

The United States is a great place to visit but you don't want to drink the water. It tastes like "swimming pool water," according to four Icelandic youngsters who visited a Farmington household last week participating in a program designed to foster world peace by introducing youngsters to children their age from around the world. In Iceland, no chlorine is added to the water so Detroit tap water tastes odd to them.

The four youngsters from Iceland — Eva Dagg, Gudny Gudnadottir, Volgeir Vihjalmsson and Páll Helgas — are part of the Detroit chapter of Children's International Summer Villages. A total of 49 youngsters — all 11 years of age — from 12 different countries, including the United States, are housed at Marygrove College through Saturday.

On Wednesday afternoon the Icelandic contingent, which included their adult group leader, Björguin Magnusson, had a light lunch of brownies and lemonade at the home of Mrs. Maryann Hickey of 22985 Mayfield, in Farmington, before going shopping for souvenirs at the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

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RANDY BORST/Staff photographer



Gudny Gudnadottir (left) gives her impression of her stay in the United States. Joining in with their own tales are Volgeir Vihjalmsson, Páll Helgas and Eva Dagg.

Officer is cleared in sex case

By M.B. Dillon Ward Staff writer

A Farmington Hills police officer has been cleared of criminal sexual misconduct charges, according to the department's Sgt. John Kohls.

Meanwhile, the Farmington Hills woman who originally brought the charges has been charged with filing a false police report, a misdemeanor.

Officer David Loe had been suspended for 28 days with pay while the charges were being investigated. His suspension ended Friday after he was cleared through an investigation conducted by Kohls under the direction of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Kohls said.

Kathleen Kemen, the 23-year-old woman who had accused Loe July 2, was arrested on the false-police-report charges last week. Kohls said Kemen admitted under questioning to making up the charges against Loe. If convicted, Kemen could be sentenced to up to 90 days in jail and be fined \$100.

Kemen was arraigned Friday before 47th District Court Judge Michael Hand, who granted her request to delay the trial until after Aug. 17. Kemen sought the delay in order to obtain legal counsel, Hand said.

According to Kemen's original report, she and Virgil Kordus, 21, were asleep in her car, which was parked behind a Farmington Hills restaurant, at about 2 a.m. July 2 when approached by Loe.

She said Loe was examining the couple's identification in his own car when he summoned Kemen.

Kemen told police Loe ordered her into his car and molested her.

"OUR INVESTIGATION revealed the entire matter was fictitious," Kohls said. "It appears this was an attempt to get the officer in trouble with his department. They came up with the most serious crime they could, thinking that would get our attention quicker than anything else," Kohls said.

Kohls said Kordus and Kemen, who has no criminal record, confessed after volunteering to take lie-detector tests. He said he chose not to charge Kordus with conspiracy in order to use him as a witness in his case against Kemen.

According to Loe, he simply asked for identification and requested that Kemen and Kordus leave after noticing their parked car.

"I didn't believe their story about being locked out of the house," Loe said.

"I asked them to move on and saw them leaving about 10-15 minutes later from a parking lot where I was sitting."

Loe, who joined the force in 1974, said this is the first time he has been subject to disciplinary action of this type.

"I've been written up before — that was for not wearing my hat in a restaurant during my lunch hour," he said.

Voters get set to head for the polls

By M.B. Dillon Ward Staff writer

Better-than-average voter turnouts are expected for the Aug. 10 primary in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, according to city clerks.

Polls are open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Candidates will be nominated for governor, U.S. representative, U.S. senate, state representative, state senate and county commissioner for the general election in November. Precinct

delegates will also be elected for both parties.

"We have a lot of people coming in for absentee ballots. I'd 'guesstimate' we'll be having 30 to 35 percent of our 7,673 registered voters turning out," said Josephine Bushey, Farmington city clerk.

"The interest in voting seems to be a bit heavier this year due to the governor's race and other races, such as the state representative's. People see this could be a time for change.

"Many realize they could really

make their votes count."

Only 19 percent of Farmington's electorate voted in the 1980 primary.

FARMINGTON HILLS city Clerk Floyd Cairns is expecting 37 percent of the city's voters to cast ballots tomorrow.

"That's better than average for a primary. A primary never brings in much more than that," said Cairns.

"A lot of people have the idea that a

primary is not important, and it is. You're nominating the candidates who will run in the final election in November."

Voters will not be able to split their tickets in the primary. Voting in more than one of the three parties listed will negate the individual ballot.

Among the Democratic choices for governor are Zolton Perency, William B. Fitzgerald, Kerry Kammer, Edward C. Pierce, David A. Plawecki, John Safran and James J. Blanchard.

Republican candidates for governor include L. Brooks Patterson, Jack Welborn, James Brickley and Richard Headlee.

Republicans running for U.S. representative from the 18th District are Roger A. Hall and William S. Broomfield.

Unopposed in the Democratic race for 18th District U.S. representative is Allen J. Sipher.

Also unopposed is Donald W. Riegler.

Jr. in the Democratic U.S. senate race. Vying for the Republican nomination are Robert J. Huber, Phillip E. Ruppe, Deane Baker and William S. Ballenger.

In the 69th District state representative's race, Democrat Aldo Vagnozzi is unopposed, as is incumbent Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton on the Republican ticket.

In the crowded, hotly-contested battle for state senator in the 15th District, incumbents Dana Wilson and Jack Faxon are up against Alan Feuer, Philip Marcuse, Jacki Kaye Work and Dan Reedy.

Republican candidates for 15th District state senator include John Anderson, David S. Pickering, Richard N. Corey, S. James Clarkson and Markus S. Simon.

Unopposed on the Republican ticket for county commissioner in the 27th District is John J. Monald.

Democrats vying for 27th District county commissioner are Michael S. Bresnigh and Anthony E. Tedesco.

Court sets bond on teacher after sex charge hearing

A 70-year-old drum teacher has been charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct for allegedly molesting a 13-year-old female student in his Farmington studio.

The suspect, Allen G. Smith, 70, of 16181 Carriage Lane, Southfield, tried to plead guilty to both felony counts at his arraignment Wednesday before Judge Michael Hand in 47th District Court.

However, Hand refused to accept the plea and advised Smith to consult with his attorney.

"On a felony charge, I can't accept a plea of guilty until he has a chance to consult with counsel," Hand explained in a telephone interview. "A felony is the exclusive province of circuit court and this is a district court."

Smith was released on a \$5,000 personal bond, pending a preliminary examination Aug. 13 on the charges, which carry a maximum penalty of 15 years upon conviction.

Police said Smith has no prior convictions.

Because there was alleged sexual contact with someone at least 12 but less than 16, and the suspect was "in a position of authority over the victim," and was allegedly "using this authority to coerce the victim to submit," Smith was charged with second degree criminal sexual conduct, the second most serious charge in such cases.

Coercion isn't required to convict a person, Det. Coyle said, because the young age of the victim makes it "the responsibility of the adult to withdraw or thwart any advance and not submit."

Police interviewed the suspect after the girl reportedly confided in her grandfather, who lives in Georgia.

The grandfather notified the girl's mother, who contacted police after questioning the suspect.

DET. COYLE states in a police report that the suspect told him the girl "had become attracted to him" about five months ago. The two fondling incidents Smith is being charged with allegedly took place in March and July with the girl's consent, police say.

The business Smith operates at 22784

Orchard Lake Road is called the "Allen Smith Drum Studio." His landlord, Virginia Dickerman, says he's rented the space for five years.

Ice cream shop hold-up unsolved

Profits made by one businessman during the busy Founders' Day Festival were stolen when the owner of Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop was robbed at gunpoint last Sunday evening after the store closed.

Store owner Drago Mihajlovski of Farmington Hills told Farmington Police he was employing the cash register after 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 when two men walked in an unlocked south door and announced a hold-up.

After taking the money from the register, the two ordered the owner to

open a safe and stay in a rear room. Approximately \$2,000 was taken, Mihajlovski reported. He told police his insurance only covers \$200 cash losses.

The description of the suspects is sketchy, police say, because Mihajlovski was frightened of being shot.

The suspects are described as black men in their twenties. One was wearing a blue short-sleeve shirt and the other was said to be wearing a black short-sleeve shirt.

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