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Woman shot; arrests made

Two area men pled not guilty at their arraignment before 47th District Judge Margaret Schaefer this week in connection with the shooting of a 29-year-old Farmington Hills woman.

Bret Bauman, 19, of West Bloomfield and Scott Kellam, 18, of Orchard Lake were each charged with one count of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Bauman is free on \$25,000 cash/surety bond. Kellam, who failed to post bond, is in the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac.

Jenny Hong, 22845 Dover Hill, Fairmont Park Apartments, was listed in stable condition at Botsford General Hospital earlier this week with a gunshot wound to the upper chest.

Hong was shot just after 1 p.m. April 14 while in her apartment, according to Farmington Hills police. Police believe the New China Restaurant of Troy employee was shot with a 22-caliber automatic pistol.

Pretrial exams for Bauman and Kellam are scheduled for April 25.



Come fly with us

Drama mounts on the flight deck of an Air Force Reserve C-130 Hercules as it prepares for takeoff at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. To see how some Farmington Hills residents spend their after-work hours, please turn to today's Suburban Life section.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Shows are big secret

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Past. It's a secret. MetroVision of Oakland County is offering its cable-TV subscribers two new pay programs.

A Walt Disney program and PASS (Pro Am Sports Systems) are now available to the approximately 14,000 cable TV subscribers in Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

But MetroVision officials prefer keeping the debut of their two new pay programs under wraps.

"We are trying a different marketing philosophy for these two channels," said Bob McCann, MetroVision general

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Metro wants hike

By Joanne Maliszewski
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MetroVision cable officials want a rate increase.

But the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) Tuesday responded bluntly.

"Part of it is up to them (MetroVision) if they get the system built," said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman, a SWOCC member.

MetroVision officials requested a rate increase late last year when controversy arose over the firm's "line extension policy." The policy called for charging customers for cable installation in areas which have fewer than 30 houses per mile of cable.

MetroVision claimed the problem in wiring less-populated areas was financial.

But with the help of cable consultant Harold Horn, the SWOCC in February told MetroVision to live up to its end of a cable franchise agreed upon almost

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Parish honors priest for 35 years service

By Jean Adamczak
staff writer

Thanks to Roger B. Trask, the Rev. Stephen J. Anthony will be celebrating his 35th anniversary in the priesthood this month.

Trask was scoutmaster of Troop 2 in Peabody, Mass. where Anthony grew up during the Depression.

"If it wasn't for him, I'd be in prison," Anthony says. "Some of my friends and I were getting desperate for things back then, and we'd do just about anything to get what we wanted."

Anthony remembers how Trask, then a truck driver, would take Anthony and his friends for a ride along his truck route in New England on Saturdays.

"Because we wanted to go, we'd be good during the week and go to (Boy Scout) troop meetings on Thursdays. Our reward for perfect attendance was a truck ride with Mr. Trask along with a piece of apple pie and ice cream at some little stop along the way," Anthony recalls.

Trask, still living in Massachusetts, never had any children of his own, "but he touched my life," says Anthony fondly.

During his 13 years as a priest at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, Anthony has also touched the lives of many.

AND ON May 6, many of his friends and admirers will join together at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville to honor Anthony for his 35 years service in the Greek Orthodox ministry.

His 500 communicants "are enough

'As long as the good Lord gives me good health and appreciative people I will stay at my desk and do the best I can for as long as I can.'

— The Rev. Stephen Anthony

to keep me busy" says Anthony, but he wouldn't change a thing about his life as a Greek Orthodox priest.

"It's never boring. Life as a priest is a series of interruptions, mostly pleasant ones."

"The feeling, the satisfaction, is beyond belief. You're indispensable."

Anthony grew up in Peabody, Mass. and was a year out of high school when he was literally "appointed" into the priesthood.

"It was during mass, and the priest was talking about young men joining the seminary. When he was finished, he looked out at the people, pointed straight at me and loudly said, 'well, whaddya think Anthony?' The rest is obvious."

Anthony spent seven years in the seminary, where he met his wife Felten (Greek Orthodox priests are allowed to marry) through her brother who was also at the seminary.

Ordained in 1949 by a bishop who later became Archbishop of England, Anthony has been at parishes in California, Florida, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

"I came here (to Holy Cross) because it was a new church — no facilities were built then and it was a great challenge," Anthony says.

The new church facilities on Middlebelt Road are "fantastic" he says, adding that "it'll be even better when it's paid for."

Anthony, 61, does not mind that many of his parishioners are younger than he and guesses the average age to be in the early 40s.

"It's a youthful congregation and I enjoy it. These are nice people, good people," he says smiling.

"Actually we have a lot in common because many (parishioners) stem from an island in Greece where my parents came from. We understand each other," he said.

THE ONLY problem Anthony has in understanding young people comes from their lack of response to a vocation with the Church.

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June date set for sewer plan

By Joanne Maliszewski
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By fall, flooding problems should be a nightmare of the past for homeowners in Farmington Hills' Tarasul Roseland Gardens subdivision.

Construction on extensive drain im-

provements as well as road paving is scheduled to begin by the end of June, with completion targeted for the end of September, said Thomas Blasell, director of public services.

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How do you feel about a cable-TV rate hike?

For some time now, MetroVision of Oakland County has had its eye on increasing the monthly rates charged to its cable subscribers.

The issue was first raised last November during the debate over wiring less populated neighborhoods in the tri-city franchise.

But Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission officials have told MetroVision a rate increase will not be considered until the cable firm completes its wiring of neighborhoods that were targeted for cable TV in the original

cable franchise given to MetroVision two years ago.

MetroVision is claiming that cable TV's financial picture has changed considerably since the franchise agreement two years ago.

What are your feelings about MetroVision's request for a rate increase? To answer this question, call us at 477-5498 anytime before 1 p.m. Friday, April 20. To see how your neighbors feel about this issue, please look in Monday's Farmington Observer.



Happy Easter

Easter is a time for prayer and chocolate bunnies. One little boy is mischievously combining a little bit of both — unbeknownst to his school-fellow friends. We hope at the Farmington Observer would like to take this time to wish our readers a safe and happy Easter.

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