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Man charged in shooting at Hills party

By Teri Banas
staff writer

A 23-year-old Redford Township man is free on bond charged with the shooting of a Detroit man at a backyard graduation party attended by Clarenceville students in Farmington Hills.

Alvin Martin McFall allegedly shot Gary Scott Tasco, 24, in the neck at a

party attended by about 80 people at 19474 Dunkirk about 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Tasco was listed in stable condition at Bozford Hospital Tuesday.

Police arrested McFall on the lawn of his in-laws' home about 1 1/2 hours after the shooting.

McFall stood mute Tuesday at his arraignment in 47th District Court in Farmington Hills. A plea of innocent was entered on his behalf by Judge Mi-

chael Hand. He was released after placing a \$5,000 cash bond.

McFall is charged with assault with intent to commit murder, attempted murder and two counts of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

A pre-exam conference was set for next Wednesday in the local court.

POLICE SAID the backyard party was held for a 17-year-old Livonia girl

who was graduating from Clarenceville High School. The parents of the 19-year-old boy who hosted the party apparently were out of town.

According to Farmington Hills Police Chief William J. Dwyer, alcohol was consumed during the party and a number of those in attendance were minors, 16 and 17 years old.

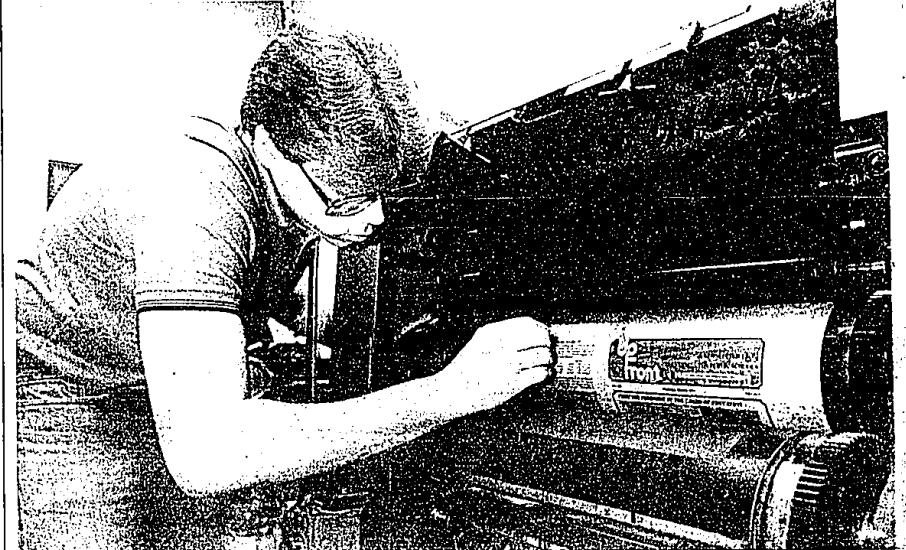
Dwyer said that according to witnesses the fight broke out about 9:30

p.m. among five or six people attending the party. One of those involved armed himself with a baseball bat while someone else used a chair in the fight. Dwyer said it was caused by a "longstanding argument" between Tasco and McFall.

Only one shot was fired, the one that struck Tasco in the neck. The bullet traveled and lodged in his chest. A friend drove Tasco to the hospital be-

fore police arrived. Initially, his condition was listed as critical.

POLICE CONDUCTED a search of the McFall home but did not find the handgun believed used in the shooting; they did find a bill of sale for a .25-caliber automatic pistol, a bullet clip and a box of metal jacket bullets for a .25 automatic gun.



Roll the presses
Andrew Lorenz, a student at Farmington High School, cleans a printing plate in preparation for a press run of the Farmington School District's newsletter, Up Front. It's all part of a program to

teach students the printing business. For the story and more photos, please turn to page 3A.

Candidate says goodbye to school race

By Joanne Mallazowski
staff writer

It's too late to take her name off the ballot. But Sara Lee Wollard has unofficially withdrawn from the Farmington Board of Education race, leaving 13 candidates still in the running.

"It's personal," said Wollard, about her reasons for withdrawing from the race late last week, little more than two weeks before the June 10 election.

Wollard withdrew before the first candidates' night May 23 sponsored by the Farmington Area Democratic Club.

Although Wollard is no longer seeking election, her name will remain on the ballot, said Scott Bacon, district administrative assistant. To avoid having their name on the official ballot, candidates were required to withdraw by 4 p.m. April 11, Bacon said.

Even with Wollard's decision not to seek election, this race still sets an all-time record for the number of candidates vying for the Farmington Board of Education.

members are not seeking re-election when their four-year terms expire in June.

The two candidates with the highest number of votes at the polls will be the winners.

If voters missed last week's debate, they still have a chance to meet the candidates at 7 tonight at Dunckel Middle School, 32800 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Sponsored by the Farmington branch of the American Association of University Women and the Farmington Parents-Teachers Association Council, the debate will take place in the middle school cafeteria.

Each candidate will give a three-minute presentation discussing their qualifications, reasons for seeking a seat on the school board and issues facing the district.

Candidates will also answer the public's questions.

The candidates are Donald C. Brown, Joan Brown, J. Thomas Buck, Jack Cotton, Helen Ditzhazy, Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Patricia Girbach, Maxine Harwin, Michael King, Rick Knauer, Marty Krohner, Jean Moran and Albert Zolton.

THE REMAINING 13 candidates are vying for two seats held by veteran school board members Emma Makinen and Richard Wallace. The two board

Homeowners, city, builder share paving costs

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Farmington Hills City Council members voted 5-0 Tuesday to establish a special assessment roll for the paving of Metroview Road.

Council members Joan Dudley and Charles Williams were absent.

Council members had voted at the May 13 meeting to proceed with the paving of Metroview, which is in the city's southwest corner. The cost bearing for the road improvements was held Tuesday.

"It directs the city treasurer to collect a special assessment roll," assistant city manager Karen Birkholz said of Tuesday's council vote.

The paving will include Metroview from Eight Mile Road to its north end. A barricade now stands at the end of Green Hill Road where it connects with Metroview.

The road's paving has been a subject of debate at several council meetings in recent months.

Some Metroview residents had opposed the paving, citing concerns about traffic safety and possible aesthetic damage to the area.

City officials had expressed concern about allowing the barricade at the Metroview-Green Hill intersection to remain standing, citing such factors as blocked access for emergency vehicles.

UNDER the agreement worked out, John Uzins, developer of the nearby Green Hill Apartments, will offset some of the paving costs for residents living on the west side of Metroview.

"Mr. Uzins has agreed to offset some of the costs," Tom Blasell, director of public services, said at Tuesday's meeting. "That (agreement) has been signed by Mr. Uzins."

The agreement budgets the developer's participation at \$60,000, including:

- \$31,208.59 for Uzins' normal share of the local road cost;
- \$23,791.41, to be paid by the city to participate in the residents' assessment;
- \$5,000 for landscaping.

The \$5,000 assessment is for landscaping designed to protect the Metroview residents whose home is at the Metroview-Green Hill intersection

from headlight glare. A preliminary plan for the landscaping has been agreed to, Blasell told council members at Tuesday's meeting.

The assessment roll was prepared

with a base unit assessment of \$2,400.66. The effective cost to the residents' unit assessment would be \$861.76.

The developer's contribution will re-

duce the paving cost for the Metroview residents.

"He's making up the difference between the \$2,400.66 and the \$861.76,"

said Birkholz, the assistant to the city manager.

The total assessment district is \$84,730.07, with the total project cost estimated at \$189,600.

Officials satisfied with budgets

By Jean Adamczek
staff writer

Farmington Community Library and 47th District Court officials say they are "delighted" and "satisfied" with the proposed 1985-86 budgets for their departments.

The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills together contribute the greatest financial portions of both the court and library budgets.

Both budgets reflect "normal increases in operating expenses," said Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick, adding that there are no

major increases or decreases in either of the budgets.

The recent administrative upheaval which resulted in the resignation of former Library Director Gordon Lewis did not affect the combined \$1.2 million allocated by the cities, said Beverly Pappal, the library's acting director.

"There was very little variance in what we (the library board), requested from the cities and the city manager's recommended budget," Pappal said.

The one significant change in the library budget is a 35-40 percent increase which will allocate \$133,500 for the acquisition of new books in order to

satisfy public demand, Costick said.

"A COUPLE of years ago there was a concern that the library wasn't keeping up with book acquisitions," Costick said. "That problem has been addressed with the (\$85,000) increase in book expenditures."

The Hills will contribute little more than \$1 million to the library, said Charles Rosch, Farmington Hills finance director. Farmington will chip in with \$151,137, he added.

"We needed the money for new books — that's what we're in business for," Pappal said. "I think the city councils

were very good to us this year."

Judge Michael Hand of the 47th District Court echoes Pappal's sentiments.

"We're satisfied with the budget," Hand said. "We never get quite as much as we would like, but by and large it's enough money for us to operate on."

The district court is scheduled to receive a total of \$214,200 from both cities in 1985-86, Rosch said.

Farmington Hills contribution of \$68,351 accounts for 32.4 percent of the district court's revenues, Rosch said.

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How do you feel about Reagan's tax reform

In a televised speech to the nation Tuesday night, President Reagan announced his plans for a new federal income tax system designed to lower tax payments for most individuals and families. Under the plan, three personal tax rates of 15, 25 and 35 percent would be established, and personal exemptions would be raised from \$1,000

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Hills staff nixes lower golf fees

Farmington Hills City Council members Tuesday reviewed a report on reducing the charge for golf fees at the San Marino Golf Course for some disabled individuals.

The memorandum, from Doug Gaynor, Farmington Hills' director of special services, was in response to a council request that city staffers research the issue.

The memorandum notes the difficulty of establishing definitions for "disability" or "handicap." It advises against establishing a specific program fee for such individuals, recommending instead that any such cases be re-

viewed individually by the director of special services.

"Having read Mr. Gaynor's memo, I agree with him that trying to establish a definition of permanently disabled is extremely difficult," council member JoAnn Soronen said at Tuesday's meeting. "I think his review should be noted. We should not establish a special rate for this group."

Council member Joe Alkatec expressed similar sentiments.

"I do agree, we don't want to make it a blanket order for everybody," he said.

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