

# police/fire calls

Listed below are highlights of Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

● **TANKER FIRE**  
A truck carrying combustible liquids caught fire Monday afternoon, tying up traffic along northbound I-275 near 9 Mile for about 30 minutes.

When Farmington Hills firefighters arrived, the cab was engulfed in flames. Heat also damaged the front of the steel tank, which was carrying motor oil and transmission fluid.

The flames were extinguished within 10 minutes, Farmington Hills Fire Department Lt. Peter Baldwin said. The cause of the fire is undetermined, he added.

Although no one was injured, there was a danger of the tank rupturing or exploding, Baldwin said. "We were very fortunate it didn't become a major problem."

● **PURSE SNATCHED**  
Two persons helped recover a purse snatched from an elderly woman as she pushed a shopping cart along Grand River Saturday evening.

The 78-year-old Farmington woman was pushing a shopping cart east along Grand River near School Road about 6:30 p.m. Saturday when a woman snatched her purse, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The occupants of a passing car heard the woman's cries for help and chased the thief into the Farmington West Apartments, 32777 Grand River.

The two pursuers were joined by a third person and the three cornered the thief.

After handing the purse to one of her pursuers, the woman again fell on foot south on Maple into the Warner Farms subdivision.

Witnesses saw the woman then get into a black compact car and leave.

The occupants of that car later told officers they thought the woman was being assaulted and so they stopped to pick her up. As per the woman's request, the couple drove her to Middlebelt and Grand River. She was last seen headed east from that intersection.

● **COCAINE SUSPECTED**

Two 28-year-old Farmington Hills men were charged under city ordinance with possession of marijuana. Meanwhile, Farmington Hills Police are investigating possible charges of possession of cocaine.

While on patrol about 7 p.m. Friday, Officer John Markey came upon a car parked at Ontario, near Stockman. Two men were bunched forward in a suspicious fashion, according to the police report.

When the officer returned 10 minutes later, according to the report, he saw the car pull away north on Ontario. When it stopped for a stop sign at Doreen, the officer noticed the car had a defective brake light and a bald tire.

After directing the driver to stop, the officer saw both men lean forward and move their arms, as if concealing something, according to the report.

In the report, the officer listed finding a razor blade surrounded by a pile of powder and a brown/green leafy substance on the floorboard. He listed finding suspected cocaine inside a box of cigarettes lying on the console.

He also listed finding various other forms of suspected marijuana as well as a pipe, rolling paper and a straw.

The men posted \$50 bond on the marijuana charge and were released pending laboratory analysis of the suspect-

ed cocaine.

● **COMPUTER STOLEN**

More than \$15,000 worth of computer equipment was reported stolen from Prince Industries, 35080 Eight Mile.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the equipment — including a portable computer, a printer, two software packages and other equipment — was taken between Sept. 13-16 from an office area.

● **WINDOW SMASHED**

Firecrackers were believed to have been used to shatter the front window of a house on Haynes about 1 a.m. Tuesday, according to a Farmington Hills Police Department report.

No one was injured.

According to the police report, the homeowner was asleep when he heard an explosion and found the living room windows broken. Pieces of red cardboard, like that used in firecrackers, were found.

● **GOATS KILLED**

Two set billy goats kept in a rear pen at Children's World, 29375 Halsted, were killed sometime between Sept. 14-16.

The white goat was found in a shed, the brown goat in a fenced area, school director Lynn Adrian reported. This is the third summer the school has housed farm animals.

No arrests have been made, according to Farmington Hills Police.

# Tyndale hosting roundup

More than 35 Christian colleges from across the United States will be represented at Campus Life College Fair at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 in William Tyndale College, 35700 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

College reps will set up exhibit booths and answer questions from high school students and their parents about their respective schools, curricula and campuses. The fair is one of 28 taking place this fall in major cities around the country. Admission is free.

In addition to the exhibit, students and parents may attend free seminars on financing college education conducted by financial advisers from both local and out-of-state colleges.

A contemporary video, "Get a Job," will introduce a seminar on career planning for high school students. The 23-minute video incorporates contemporary music and interviews to discuss the pressures and influences in the life of high school students today.

For more information, call William Tyndale College, 553-7200.

# Hills resident a Mensa director

Gabriel Werba of Farmington Hills has been elected to the international board of directors of Mensa, the London-based, high-IQ society.

Werba is an executive vice president at the Detroit-based Anthony M. Franco Inc., one of the country's largest public relations firms, where he represents clients in the banking, legal, financial, and high-technology fields.

Werba will serve on that board as a national representative of American Mensa. A member of the society since 1984, he was chairman of American Mensa for two terms, from 1979 to 1983. He serves on its board of directors, the American Mensa Committee.

He was also founding president of Michigan Mensa in 1965, when there were only a handful of members in the entire state. There are now 1,500 members in Michigan, Werba said, with chapters including metropolitan Detroit, Lansing, western Michigan and

Ann Arbor.

While Mensa's growth in Michigan has been relatively rapid, and the Southeast Michigan Mensa chapter is the eighth-largest in American Mensa, there are 180,000 people in Michigan and 24,000 in metropolitan Detroit who are statistically eligible for membership in the high-IQ society.

Requests for membership information and applications for admissions should be addressed to Mensa, Dept. PC, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223.

Mensa is an international society with 70,000 members in 100 countries. Membership requires an IQ, measured by intelligence tests, at or above the 98th percentile of the general population.

Werba is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin and has attended New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration and School of Law.

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