

police/fire calls

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

SPA RE-CLOSED

No sooner had Kesho's Oriental Health Spa, 29513 Nine Mile, reopened April 3 than members of CHNZs for a Decent Community alerted the Farmington Hills Police Department. The spa was closed shortly after three employees in January pleaded no contest to soliciting-related charges. When notified of the reopening shortly before noon April 4, Police Chief William Dwyer visited the spa, knocked on the door and was allowed inside. Two Grand Rapids women were there, but no customers, Dwyer says. Dwyer said he told the women the spa had to close because it was in violation of operating without a business license and in violation of a previous cease and desist order. The women complied and the spa was

closed before noon.

WENDY'S ROBBED

Two masked gunmen robbed Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, 27620 Eight Mile, of \$124 about 9:30 p.m. Thursday. According to a Farmington Hills police report, an employee was filling the salad bar when she heard the door open and someone running. As she turned to look, a man wearing a nylon covering over his face put a gun in her face, grabbed her by the collar and dragged her to the back room. There, he ordered her and two dishwashers to lie on the floor. Meanwhile, the other gunman leaped over the counter and ordered the manager to fill a plastic bag with money from the registers. The manager was told to stay in the office while the two robbers, described as in their 30s, fled from the area, according to the police report.

ABDUCTION ATTEMPT

An attempt was made to abduct

an 18-year-old Redford Township woman while she was stopped for a traffic light in downtown Farmington Thursday, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report. The woman, driving westbound on Grand River, had stopped for a red light at Power when two men in another car caught her attention to ask for directions. At Farmington Road, the driver of the other car approached her car and greeted her by the arm. Accelerating quickly when the light turned green, the woman broke the subject's grip, according to the public safety report.

CHIMNEY FIRE

An overheated Franklin stove caused a chimney fire at a one-story house on Power on Tuesday night. Farmington Hills firefighters used a portable extinguisher to douse the flames, according to a fire report.

ASSAULT REPORTED

Farmington Hills Police are investigating an alleged sexual assault of

an 8-year-old girl April 1 in woods west of Power Middle School, 34740 Rhinwood.

Police were contacted by the girl's mother April 8, according to a police report.

PROJECTOR FIRE

A maintenance man used a dry chemical extinguisher to douse a fire in a score projector at Drakeshire Lanes, 6323 Drakeshire, Tuesday afternoon.

The fire stemmed from a short-circuit or a ground fault, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Several thefts were reported to local police agencies. Some of them follow: A radio valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a car parked at Bill Cook Audi, 37901 Grand River, between March 9 and April 4. About \$500 was reported stolen from a laundry room safe at Court Time, 24385 Halsted, April 4. Two wheel covers valued at \$90 were reported stolen from a car parked at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, April 5. A BMX bicycle valued at \$290 was

reported stolen from a house on Barfield April 7-8.

A radar detector valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a car parked at Bargainell Motel, 39300 Grand River, April 7-8. Wire valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from a construction site at Northwestern and Middlebelt April 7-8.

Binoculars, a cassette recorder and cash valued at \$215 were reported stolen from a house on Old Homestead between March 29 and April 5.

A 1984 Chrysler valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from outside McFrocks', 27822 Orchard Lake, April 9-10.

Nearly \$6,000 and a canvas money bag were reported stolen from a dropbox at Michigan National Bank, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, April 9-10.

A 1985 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from along Hamilton Court April 10.

A 1979 Chevrolet Malibu valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen from Gas 'n Go, 38030 10 Mile, April 10.

Twenty-eight cartons of cigarettes valued at \$200 were reported stolen from Mobil Gas, 29372 Grand River, April 10.

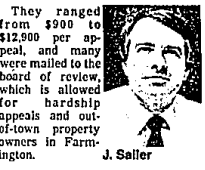
In Farmington Assessment reductions triple

By Cassy Hens
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Despite what Farmington assessor John Sailer termed a "smooth board of review," property assessment reductions given by the board nearly tripled compared to those allowed in 1985. Most appeals were based on reductions in market value — ranging from \$500 to \$691,000 per appeal and totaling \$1.3 million, according to city figures. Last year, the board approved \$550,580 in reductions in assessed values. The balance of this year's figures included hardship appeals — mostly from homeowners totaling just over \$130,000, compared with \$98,000 in reductions awarded last year, according to figures from Sailer's office.

Twenty-three market value appeals were denied, two hardship appeals denied, and three protective appeals were placed on record without change. A slight decline in hardship appeals reversed the trend Sailer has seen over the past several years. People on fixed incomes needing property tax relief filed 30 hardship applications in 1985, compared with 27 in 1988. The board heard 1988 cases over a two-day period, plus met for an additional half day to discuss and review some of the appeals. The board physically reviewed several parcels of property, Sailer said. "It was asked to make some recommendations."

50 percent of the value taxable. As assessments fluctuate, so do property taxes. This year's assessments were up 7.7 percent — the largest net average increase in values since a 13.71 percent increase in 1980 and 1981 when a 12.75 percent increase was logged, Sailer said. THE CITY uses an economic condition factor, adjusting costs to each neighborhood or commercial parcel. Annual county and state sales studies determine how close the municipality's value is to the necessary 50 percent. Adjustments are then made. All property is reviewed annually before assessments are sent to property owners. The city relies on building permits, of which they receive copies, and on personal visits to reappraise property and update the computerized city records.



J. Sailer

ALTHOUGH THE city assessor compiles the assessment information and updates city records, the city council-appointed board of review makes the ultimate decisions in reducing the assessed values. The assessor's board of review for each municipality meets at this time each year to review appeals on property tax assessments sent to property owners. Farmington's three-person board of city residents is volunteer, receiving only \$45 to cover expenses. Most board members are involved in the real estate business. Tax assessments are based on the true cash value of the property, with

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DESPITE THE reductions, Farmington's total state equalized value was up from \$162 million last year to just under 175 million, figures indicated. Ten years ago, the city's SEV totaled \$86 million. The city currently has 4,169 parcels, including personal property items assessed. Ninety-seven appeals were heard this year, as opposed to 82 last year. A total of 25 hardship appeals were granted relief, while 44 appeals for market value were changed.

City gains credit

Oakland County will recapture a proposed five-cent portage rate decrease to Farmington, adding net costs which will total about \$2,000 per year for the city.

In addition, the City of Detroit — which services Farmington's water and sewer needs — is giving a \$4,200 credit as Farmington's share of a \$43,000 credit for the total sewerage system, according to a report to Farmington City Council from City Manager Robert Deedman.

The five-cent decrease and the credit are part of the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's proposed budget, expected to be approved by that city council soon.

The Oakland County Department of Public Works plans to raise fees for excessive sewerage flow and operation and maintenance by 12 cents per thousand cubic foot, according to Deedman's report. Farmington's total 1988-87 sewerage rate from Oakland County will be \$6.49 per thousand cubic foot.

Lamazee Childbirth Education Association sponsors classes, seminars and programs on painless childbirth, Cesarean childbirth preparation and breastfeeding throughout the suburbs in western metro Detroit. Information is available by calling the association at 937-8940.

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Beginning this Tuesday night, 8 April, and each Tuesday night following,
Pastor Ben J. Mott will be conducting a series of weekly Bible studies at the Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Southfield.
The classes will be held in room D-105 beginning at 7:30 p.m. These classes will emphasize what the Bible SAYS. No one can understand what the Bible MEANS until he first knows what the Bible SAYS!
These classes are being sponsored by the Detroit Church, an independent church of the Detroit metropolitan area which emphasizes knowing the Lord Jesus Christ through the Scriptures. This church believes the Bible doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His vicarious death and bodily resurrection, and the promise of His second coming. You are cordially invited to hear Pastor Mott as he conducts these Bible studies. Expect to hear lots of Scriptures. For more information, call 783-4048.
You may park in the south-west parking lot and enter through the back entrance.

Students honored

The State Board of Education set Friday, April 25, as Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Achievement Recognition Day.
The purpose is to honor students who achieve 100 percent on the core objectives of the 1985 MEAP, and the schools with more than 75 percent of the students attaining more than 75 percent of the objectives.
In conjunction with the State Board of Education's recognition celebration for students and schools, Oakland Schools plans to honor representatives from each of the 28 school districts in Oakland County.

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BY LAURIE KIPP
TICKETS FOR THE MICHIGAN LOTTERY'S NEW WEEKLY GAME, SUPER LOTTO, WENT ON SALE APRIL 14 AT EACH RECENT QUESTIONS ON THE NEW GAME INCLUDE:
Q: What is the difference between the regular and Super Lotto games?
A: Regular Lotto asks players to match four, five or six numbers from a field of 40. Super Lotto will ask players to make the same matches from a field of 44. This means longer odds and larger prizes for Super Lotto players.
Q: Is Super Lotto being offered in place of regular Lotto?
A: No. Super Lotto will be a companion to, not a replacement for, regular Lotto. Both will be weekly games. Regular 6 of 40 Lotto drawings will be on Wednesdays, while 6 of 44 Super Lotto drawings will be on Saturdays.
Q: What's the minimum jackpot for Super Lotto?
A: As of 6 of 44 Lotto currently has a minimum jackpot of \$1 million. The first Super Lotto jackpot was guaranteed at \$2 million. From then on, the amount of play will determine the jackpot amount.
Q: If Super Lotto creates larger jackpots, isn't it better that 20 people each win \$1 million than if one person won a \$20 million jackpot?
A: No matter the jackpot size, there may be more than one winner. The average 6 of 44 jackpot share has been about \$1 million.
Q: Since Super Lotto will create longer odds, wouldn't it make sense to give prizes for matching three numbers?
A: Awarding prizes for matching three numbers would decrease the amount of money available for the jackpot, defeating the game's most popular feature. Both players and the State School Aid Fund would be shortchanged.
Q: How will the new Lotto game affect my current Lotto subscription?
A: As no subscription play will be offered for Super Lotto. Current 6 of 40 Lotto subscriptions are now extended to cover the full number of drawings purchased, but on a weekly basis. Subscriber mail-mergeable players to figure new expiration dates.
For use of their Super Lotto questions, 50 "Winds of Fortune" instant game tickets were sent to Marie Burchard of Eastlake, Dorothy E. Carter of Birmingham, Elaine Clendinning of Lansing, Sandra G. Hodge of Southfield, the Lakota of Grand Haven and Marlene Sibert of Grosse Pointe.
If you have a Lottery question you'd like answered in this column, send it to: "Winners Circle," P.O. Box 30077, Lansing, MI 48909