

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

CASH TAKEN

A man who asked for change for a \$50 bill took \$50 in cash from a clerk

at a Farmington Hills gas station April 23.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, a man thought to be in his late 20s asked if the clerk at the Union 76, 24272 Middlebelt, could change a \$50 bill. When she took out smaller bills to make the exchange, the man grabbed the money across the counter and ran to a waiting car. No weapon was seen or implied.

3 CHARGED

Three Detroit teenagers, two 18 and one 19, face felony charges in

connection with the theft of a cellular telephone from a car parked at the Chrysler Corp. office building at 30500 Northwestern Highway April 21.

They were arraigned April 22 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington on a charge of breaking and entering of a vehicle to steal property over \$5. Innocent pleas were entered. Bond was set at \$2,000 to \$5,000, pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison and a

\$1,000 fine.

Officers C.J. Van Meter and James Worthington arrested the suspects at Middlebelt and Liberty shortly after the theft was reported at 10:45 a.m.

The suspects' car matched the description of the getaway car. The telephone that was reported stolen was found in their car, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

JOGGER STREAKS

Two women in their 30s were walking in the parking lot at Tally

Hall, 31025 Orchard Lake Road, when a man thought to be his 30s jogged past and exposed himself at 6:30 p.m. April 23.

When the women called for their husbands, walking nearby, the jogger got into a car and left, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

WARRANT SOUGHT

A 36-year-old Detroit man was arrested after a Farmington resident saw him sitting in a car writing prescriptions April 22.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the man was arrested for possessing what were believed to be dangerous drugs, then released pending issuance of a warrant. Confiscated were blank prescriptions from nine different physicians and an assortment of pills.

TICKETS ISSUED

Two Farmington Hills men, one 34, the other 32, were ticketed for possessing marijuana when a baggie of the suspected drug was found in

their car during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake Road near Ludden at 2:35 a.m. April 23, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A 23-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for possessing narcotics paraphernalia when a suspected cocaine tube was found in his car during a traffic stop on 140th at 1:40 a.m. April 25, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Jewelry valued at \$1,550 was reported stolen from a house on Farmington Road March 24-April 24.

An outboard motor valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a boat stored at Covington Apartments between Feb. 1 and April 9.

A motorbike valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from a yard on Kirby between March 10 and April 10.

A 1988 Olds Cutlass valued at \$14,900 was reported stolen from Bob Saks Olds, 35300 Grand River, April 19-22. It was recovered in Detroit.

Bell's ethnic works noted by Hills man

Farmington Hills resident Stephen Economy, International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit past president, joined U.S. Sen. Carl Levin in presenting a Himong stichery to Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

The gift is for fostering awareness of the contributions of various ethnic groups to the richness of American life.

The Institute, a Torch Drive supported agency in Detroit's Cultural Center, serves people who have just arrived on U.S. shores as well as people interested in expressing their ethnic heritage and learning about others.

Academic letters win approval

Beginning next fall, high school students in the Farmington district will be eligible for academic letters for high achievement.

"We feel this would be a good program," said Drew McDougall, a senior at Farmington High School and Student Round Table president. The Round Table recommended the academic letter concept to the school board, which approved the measure April 19.

Students with a 3.3 grade point average for the school year who are enrolled in five classes will be eligible to receive the letter.

A first-year recipient will receive

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a letter with a "lamp of knowledge" in the background. Achievements in later years will be honored with a bronze bar to be pinned on the letter. There was concern because this year's graduating seniors will miss

out on receiving letters. "I think that's sad," said trustee Helen Prutow, who raised the issue.

But McDougall said seniors realize that all programs have a beginning and "some have to miss out."

"He (McDougall) is just one of many seniors who will not have the benefit of receiving such an award," assistant superintendent Lynn Nutter added.

The academic letters will be awarded to students at a special evening awards convocation in late September or early October. Each high school will be responsible for identifying and notifying eligible students.

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PERMITTING CHILDREN TO MAKE DECISIONS

(The following suggestions were taken from THE NATIONAL PTA-JF magazine which is published by REDBOOK.)

Permitting children to make decisions helps them learn good judgment. It is only by making decisions — even an occasional wrong one and having to pay the consequences — that children learn to make good decisions. For example, from a very early age children can be allowed to decide what they want to wear. As they get older they can participate in larger decisions, such as where to go on family outings and vacations. Children who can help make decisions feel good about themselves.

Help your children develop decision-making ability.

- Give your children opportunities to practice making decisions, such as choosing the site of a family outing or choosing the chore fairy.
- Permit your children to weigh their options, gather necessary information, consider alternatives and potential outcome of the decisions they make. (Suggestion: List the pros and cons of certain decisions.)
- Help children understand that decisions have consequences both for themselves and others.
- Show children that putting off dealing with problems and not making a decision when one is needed can be as bad as making the "wrong" decision.
- Even if you are not sure what kinds of decisions your children are mature enough to handle, give them the chance to try making some decisions. This will help both you and your children know what they are ready to do themselves.
- Accept your children's decisions as long as these aren't dangerous. Remember, no decision is perfect. Support your children's ability to make them. Understand that many of these decisions will be based on their personal taste and needs and may, therefore, not match the decision you would have made for them.
- Lay the ground rules or limits for decision-making. If a child wants to do something that is clearly harmful or unacceptable, explain why you cannot allow them to act on their decision.
- Keep in mind: Children who exercise some control over their lives have higher self-esteem. The ability to make decisions prepares them to become responsible and happy adults.

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