

police/fire calls

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

MAN SENTENCED

A 34-year-old Farmington Hills man who pleaded guilty to defrauding a Southfield insurance company of \$157,000 in already-denied death benefits was sentenced to 1 1/2 to 10 years in prison.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Francis X. O'Brien sentenced Robert Earl Reeves Sept. 7.

Reeves pleaded guilty June 16 to 24 counts of conspiracy to commit gross fraud and cheats and 24 counts of false pretenses over \$100.

Reeves was a claims manager for American Way Insurance Co. of Southfield when he paid off already denied claims to a co-conspirator. The claims were paid between May 1, 1986, and March 5, 1987. Executing a search warrant, investigators found the stolen files for these claims under a mattress in Reeves' house, said assistant prosecutor Errol Shifman.

In exchange for the plea, one count of embezzlement over \$100 and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 were dismissed, Shifman said.

Two co-conspirators await trial.

ROBBERY SUSPECT

A Detroit man was charged in the armed robbery of a Farmington gas station Aug. 31.

Butch Joseph Santelli, 38, was charged with one felony count. He faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Arraigned Sept. 9 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, Santelli stood mute and an innocent plea was entered in his behalf. Bond was set at \$5,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

According to Commander John Coyle of the Farmington Department of Public Safety, a second robber is being sought.

Two men took \$250 from an employee at the Clark gas station, 22145 Farmington Road, shortly before 11:30 p.m. Aug. 31.

GUN SEEN

Twelve youngsters were walking home from Beechview Elementary School at 3:40 p.m. Sept. 8 when the passenger of a car driving slowly by pointed a short-barreled pistol at them, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The incident occurred on Greythorne near Badakent Court. The car's occupants said nothing. No shots were reported fired.

GUN LOADED

A loaded handgun was discovered in a 13-year-old Farmington Hills woman's possession after her car was stopped at Greenhill Apartments at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 9.

The car, which had been cruising the lot, was determined stolen from Detroit, Farmington Hills police said.

Arraigned Sept. 10 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the woman was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100, carrying a firearm in the commission of a felony and carrying a concealed weapon. Innocent pleas were entered in her behalf. She faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

Bond was set at \$2,500 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

SUSPECTS CHARGED

Two Walled Lake men face felony charges in the break-in of two construction trailers at Foxpointe Condos at 12:30 a.m. Sept. 10, Farmington Hills police said.

The two were arraigned Sept. 11 before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington. They were charged with two counts of breaking and entering of a vehicle with intent to steal property over \$5.

Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. Bond was set at \$1,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

The suspects face up to five years in prison if convicted. They were arrested leaving the complex with a pickup truck loaded with electrical supplies.

LICENSE SUSPENDED

A Farmington party store will have its liquor license suspended for 14 days for selling liquor to minors.

According to a spokeswoman from the state Liquor Control Commission, the license for the Dairy Mart store at 20750 Farmington Road, just north of Eight Mile, will be suspended beginning Sept. 12.

The store will be allowed to remain open, but cannot sell any alcoholic beverages, she said. An orange sticker will be posted in the window during the suspension period.

The owners of the store waived their right to an LCC hearing, accepting the suspension. According to LCC files, the store had one other LCC violation in November 1985.

Police have ticketed employees of the stores at least three times in the past few months for sale of alcohol to minors, according to police. All the city violations were reported to the LCC.

THEFTS REPORTED

A lawnmower valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a garage on Briar Hill Aug. 15.

Tools and a compressor valued at \$8,314 were reported stolen from outside Print World, 32550 Northwestern Highway, Sept. 4-5.

Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from a house on Stockton Sept. 6-7.

Jewelry, money and a leather travel bag valued at \$1,190 were reported stolen from Hunter's Ridge Apartments Sept. 8.

A 1986 GMC Jimmy valued at \$30,000 were reported stolen from Kale's Collision, 31500 Eight Mile, Sept. 8-9. The Firebird was recovered in Riverview.

Construction materials valued at \$225 were reported stolen from a house on Kingsway Sept. 8-9.

A 1984 Cadillac Limousine valued at \$19,000 was reported stolen from the Shell gas station, 31324 Orchard Lake, Sept. 9. It was recovered in Detroit.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a garage on Clubhouse Court Sept. 9.

A bicycle valued at \$125 was reported stolen from a driveway on Bonnet Hill Sept. 11.

Jewelry, a VCR and an air conditioning unit valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a house on Hamilton Sept. 12.

A 20-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for furnishing false identification to a police officer during a traffic stop on Grand River near Rockwell Sept. 8.

Two 18-year-old Farmington Hills men were ticketed for possessing beer during a traffic stop on Alameda Sept. 9.

A 20-year-old Redford Township man was ticketed for possessing beer during a traffic stop on Middlebelt and Silaswease Sept. 9.

A 17-year-old Novi man was ticketed for possessing beer during a traffic stop on Grand River and Crestview Court Sept. 9.

A 60-year-old Farmington man was ticketed Sept. 12 after his dog broke loose from a Flanders Street house and bit a Consumer's Power meter reader in the back of the leg. The dog was confiscated for a 10-day period.

A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for possessing and using illegal fireworks when skyrockets were shot off on Rensselaer Sept. 13.

Trustees question safety of cement holding tank

By Casey Hane
staff writer

Farmington school trustees have concerns about an underground cement holding tank, proposed for O. E. Dunkel Middle School as part of a large, multi-city sewer project.

"I would be really concerned about safety, if it could be dangerous to students at all," said trustee Janice Roelink.

Others want to know the success rate of similar projects, whether the area could be used safely for playground or parking and the life expectancy of such a structure.

Farmington Hills city manager William Costick and public services director Thomas Blaseil told trustees they would investigate the concerns and have answers at a future school board meeting.

Costick and Blaseil appeared at a meeting last week to update school officials on the progress of the Evergreen/Farmington sewer project, designed to bring sanitary sewage relief to residents of Farmington Hills and Southfield.

The Kendallwood subdivision near Dunkel Middle School is the worst area of the city and often has sewer overflows that back up into residents' basements.

"Kendallwood is the low point; all sewers flow there," explained Blaseil.

PHASE ONE of the project calls for a 4-million-gallon concrete vault, or holding tank, to be installed under the Dunkel playing field, with a small brick pumping station above ground. After storms subside, water held in the vault would be pumped

from it.

Costick assured trustees the vault would be "totally safe. It's like being on the roof of a parking ramp."

Trustee James Abernethy suggested district architect Ron Aten work with city officials on the plans involving school property. "I would hope the time frame would allow for that," he added.

The city is expecting word in the next 30-90 days on a federal grant application for the project through the Environmental Protection Agency. The Evergreen/Farmington project is now second in priority in the state, Costick added.

The school board had conceptually approved the plan in 1983, the last time the city made a presentation about the project. Delays in the project have been caused because of holdups in the grant process.

As demand for voter lists rise, so do the fees for candidates

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Voter lists are in such hot demand that Farmington is increasing its fees to candidates for lists that range from the simple registered voters listing to voters listed by age, sex and precinct.

Farmington will now charge \$50, a \$5 increase, for the voter list, which contains about 8,000 names listed alphabetically by precinct.

Charges for individual precincts will be \$10. Special lists, such as absentee voters, voters by age groups or by street will cost candidates two cents a name. A minimum \$65 fee will be charged for any special voter list.

Now that both the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls are computerized, candidates are requesting more complicated and time-consuming voter lists for campaigns.

"It really gives us quite a problem," Farmington city clerk Josephine Bushey said. "This has all been new since we've had our computer. And there's much more activity during a presidential election."

Time, labor, special computer programming and printing costs prompted Farmington's fee increase. The city's \$45 voters-list fee didn't cover the costs in preparing the more sophisticated lists, according to city manager Robert Deadman.

IN THE August primary, candidates requested six Farmington registered voter lists, two by alphabetical order, three alphabetical by precinct, and one by street addresses.

Additional special preparation included one list of voters in the 1984 primary, four lists of voters in the 1988 primary, two lists of voters in 1987, seven lists of absentee voters, two of active voters in 1988 and two of registered voters over 60," Deadman said.

Farmington isn't alone in trying to fulfill the more sophisticated demands of state, county and judicial candidates. The primary election brought the biggest crush of requests yet for Farmington Hills.

"We got requests for all kinds of lists by precinct, by the houses on the street, by people who voted in certain elections. They can even figure women in any election," Hills city clerk Kathy Dorman said. "My computer room was busy all day."

Farmington Hills isn't changing its fees but the clerk's office has

been charging for each name on a list for some time. The standard registered voter list is \$50. For special lists, the city charges two cents a name. Unlike Farmington, the Hills provides mailing labels at three cents a name.

"We're just trying to cover computer costs — paper, the costs of setting up the computer, running it off ... We don't make any money from it," Dorman said.

election '88

News and notes from the Election '88 campaign trail. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

ZOLTON RECEPTION

A champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception for Farmington Hills resident Al Zolton, Democratic candidate for Oakland County commissioner in the 15th district, will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Robert Kidd Art Gallery, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

The suggested donation is \$20 per person. For reservations, call Zolton, 626-0896.

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