

## police/fire calls

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

### ● SCROOGE STRIKES

A microwave oven, a color TV and a video machine were taken from the Farmington Hills Salvation Army Community Center, 27500 Shawwassee, Nov. 23-25.

The oven was taken from the kitchen. The TV and video machine were taken from a classroom. A secretary's desk also was ransacked, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● CONDITION UPGRADED

The condition of a 29-year-old Farmington Hills man critically injured when he stepped in front of a car on Grand River Friday had been upgraded to stable by Tuesday, said a spokeswoman at Botsford General Hospital.

Alexander Wren and a friend were walking across the median to the south side of Grand River at 8:15 p.m., when Wren, listening to a tape deck, was hit by a southeastbound car, southeast of Middlebelt. He ended up on the hood, smashing through

the windshield. The car rolled 750 feet before it hit a curb and came to a stop on top of Wren, who had fallen to the ground.

The driver, Ghana Abo, 34, of Farmington Hills, was treated for facial cuts and other injuries. When her mother became incapacitated in the collision, 13-year-old Ban Abo, who was in the back seat, turned off the car's ignition, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● BURN VICTIM IMPROVES

The condition of a 25-year-old Dearborn Heights man electrocuted while working in the yard of a Farmington Hills steel fabricating company had been upgraded to fair by Tuesday, said a spokeswoman for the University of Michigan Burn Center, Ann Arbor.

A shop fabricator for about a year, Thomas Tricoff was injured Nov. 23 at J.F. Cavanaugh Co., 20750 Sunnydale.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

When the operator of a rubber tire crane moved the boom toward a pile of steel rails at 3:35 p.m., the boom struck high-tension wires 30 feet above. At the time, Tricoff was

trying to connect the boom to the steel rails.

When the boom hit the 40,000-volt wires, current traveled down the cable to the hook in Tricoff's hands. He suffered leg, back and arm burns.

The injury was the first serious accident at the company since it opened in Farmington Hills 20 years ago, owner Joe Cavanaugh said.

### ● LINKS PROBED

Links between an indecent exposure in Farmington Nov. 26 and the abduction and rape of a 6-year-old girl in New Baltimore last year are being investigated, said Commander Chuck Lee of the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

In the Farmington incident, a 17-year-old Southfield woman was waiting for a ride at the Winery office building, 31505 Grand River, at 5:30 p.m. when a nude man in a four-wheel-drive vehicle parked, got out and began chasing her. He then got back into his vehicle and left on Grand River. The vehicle is described as a black Ford Bronco or Chevrolet Blazer. The man is described as about 6-2, with brown hair and a heavy build.

A similar vehicle description is

listed with the Michigan State Police-New Baltimore Post in connection with a December 1987 case involving the 6-year-old girl.

Anyone with information should call the public safety department: 474-4700.

### ● GUNSHOTS SUSPECTED

Gunshots are suspected of damaging at least three cars at Bob Saks Oldsmobile-Toyota, 35200 Grand River, Nov. 22-25.

A bullet is believed to have damaged the fender of a 1988 Honda Prelude.

A bullet also is believed to have shattered the windshield and damaged the rear quarter panel of a 1980 Lincoln. That bullet is believed to have ricocheted to the front door of a 1986 Ford Taurus.

Total damage was estimated at \$1,150. Shots may have come from a car traveling on Grand River, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

### ● AMBULANCE FIRE

A community EMS ambulance platform used for handicapped people caught fire Nov. 25, causing about \$1,500 in damage.

The fire began as the 1986 Dodge Ram van was eastbound on M-102, east of Halsted. The platform apparently ignited because of an overheated hydraulic motor, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

### ● TIRES SLASHED

Farmington public safety officers are investigating a Nov. 24 incident in which eight tires on four patrol

cars were punctured with a knife while the cars were parked in the city hall lot. The incident caused an estimated \$1,150 in damage.

### ● HOST LIABILITY

An 18-year-old West Bloomfield man was ticketed under Farmington Hills' host liability ordinance when beer was found in the midst of 10-15 young people believed to be younger than 21 at a party in a room at the Dillon Inn, 30715 12 Mile, Nov. 26. A noise complaint led officers to the midnight party, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● SCARED OFF

Police believe the arrival of the homeowner scared off a would-be thief in a house on Glen Orchard Nov. 27.

Police believe the culprit had ransacked the master bedroom and had gathered a color TV and a decorative Marine sword and was unwiring a VCR when the homeowner came home at 8 p.m.

The culprit's vehicle, a 1979 pickup found in the driveway, was discovered to be stolen from Livonia, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● INDECENT EXPOSURE

A man exposed himself to a mail carrier as she was on her delivery rounds at 3:15 p.m. Nov. 25 on Brandywine. He was thought to be about 30 years of age, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

### ● DAMAGE REPORTED

Damage was estimated at \$125 when rocks were thrown through

two windows at Power Middle School, 34740 Rhoadswood, Nov. 24.

### ● THEFTS REPORTED

Jewelry valued at \$295 was reported stolen from Greenhill Apartments Nov. 21-22.

A 1988 Dodge Shadow valued at \$13,000 was reported stolen from Farmington Manor Apartments Nov. 22-23.

A wallet and its contents valued at \$47 was reported stolen Nov. 23 from the lockerroom at the Racquetball Courts of Farmington, 34200 Nine Mile.

Tools valued at \$10,000 were reported stolen from a garage on Chesterbrook Nov. 23-25.

Plumbing fixtures and supplies valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Harborside Court Nov. 23-25.

Video game tapes and audio cassette tapes valued at \$593 were reported stolen from a house on Quail Hollow Nov. 23-26.

A 1986 Ford valued at \$7,000 was reported stolen from Woodcrest Apartments Nov. 25-26. It was recovered in Waterford.

A cement statue of a boy on a birdbath valued at \$418 was reported stolen from a back yard on Woodhill Nov. 25-26.

A VCR valued at \$900 was reported stolen from a house on Averhill Nov. 26.

### ● TICKETS ISSUED

Two 19-year-old women, one from Brighton, the other from Harland, were ticketed for furnishing false identification while trying to buy alcohol at Mr. Sports, 30800 Orchard Lake, Nov. 21.

## Ethics code reviewed

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"The increasing complexity of government at all levels, with its pervasive intervention into private sectors of life, makes potential conflicts almost inevitable," according to the proposal.

The proposed code provides guidelines for officials and employees to separate their roles from private citizens and public servants.

"WHEN THIS (code) is done, there needs to be an avenue for measuring and monitoring it," Sever said.

He suggested that the council should have the ability to police its own members doing business with the city.

Councilwoman Jan Dolan suggested using a standard disclosure form for all members of the city council, planning commission and board of zoning appeals to document members' pecuniary interests. Members would be required to include family members living in their residences on the disclosure form.

The proposed code covers gratuities, preferential treatment, use of information, full disclosure, business dealings, suppression of public information and use of city property.

THE CODE calls for prohibiting action by city officials and employees that would result in or create the

appearance of:

- using public employment for private gain;
- giving preferential treatment to an organization or person;
- impeding city efficiency or economy;
- losing complete independence or impartiality of action;
- making a city decision outside official channels;
- adversely affecting the confidence of the public or integrity of the city government.

"That's basic if government is going to function," Fox said, referring to the six items included in the code's intention. "If there is a perception out there that it's a little shady here, there and yonder, that's what we have to deal with."

The proposed code clearly states that its intention is to be preventive, not punitive. Any matter concerning the code would be directed to the city council, mayor and city attorney for elected and appointed officials. Matters concerning employees would be directed to the city manager and city attorney.

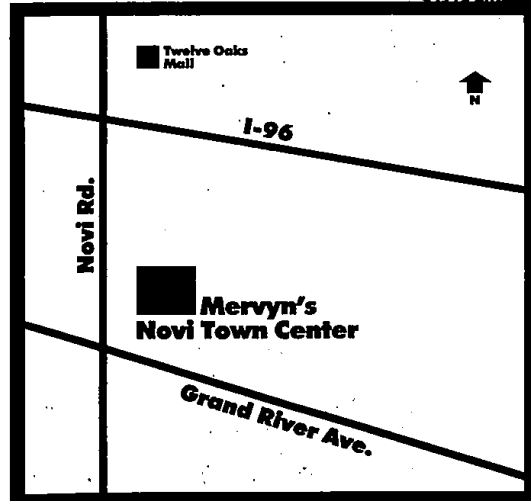
"The appropriate action to be taken in any individual case shall be at the discretion of the controlling authority involved," according to the proposed code.

The result could be disciplinary action, further investigation, referral to a higher authority, no action or what is "reasonable, just and appropriate under the circumstances."

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