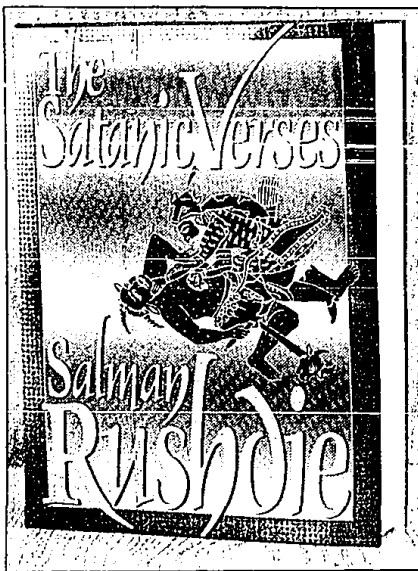


Book is big hit at area stores

Copies rare everywhere



DILL BRESELER/staff photographer

"The Satanic Verses" is a hard book to find on local bookshelves.

The book sparked violence in Pakistan and India.

At Pages & Pages Ltd., 3186 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, owner Grace Gilmore said: "I looked at the book and it didn't look like easy reading so I didn't order it. The few copies we stocked sat around for a long time. Nobody looked at them."

"Then when the publicity started, we sold out very rapidly and we could not get any more copies despite many requests for the book."

The publisher, Viking Penguin, expects a second printing soon. The first printing of 55,000 has virtually sold out.

The book retails for \$19.95.



This family photo of Kathy Brennan (right) and her son, Shawn, was taken last year.

Brennan was thrown onto the sidewalk. She landed near a utility pole on the northeast corner.

Neither Brennan nor the Plymouth man were wearing seatbelts. Brown, his wife, Agnes, 59, and Seewald all were belted and none were hurt, Cranston said.

A FLAMINGO Trailer Court resident for at least 15 years, Brennan was active in trying to improve the quality of life there, particularly for the less fortunate, Gruber said.

Brennan also was active in the Republican Party and worked on Pat Robertson's presidential campaign, Gruber said.

At Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Brennan was active in Single Point Ministries for single adults. At the time of the crash, she was on her way home from the Single Point Ministries Sunday morning service.

She previously was active at Restoration Christian Fellowship, Farmington Hills.

Brennan worked in business machine sales at Premier Business Products, Clawson, for almost a year. "She was well-loved here because of her love for other people," said Carol Markey, sales manager. Visitation will be 1-7 p.m. today at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. The Rev. Paul Bersche of Restoration Christian Fellowship will officiate at 7 p.m. services. The body will be cremated.

Survivors include one son, Shawn, who works at IGA Market in Farmington; her mother, Delores Hayes; two sisters, Cindy Wittine and Beverly Dziurda; and four brothers, Tim, Terry, Gary and Larry Brennan.

Thayer-Rock is administering a memorial fund in Kathleen Brennan's memory.

Ticketed businesses try melting snow law

by Cezay Hens
staff writer

One Farmington businessman feels he's been given a snow job on fines relating to snow removal. He's urging the city and other business owners to "work together" to handle the problem.

Dentist Walter DeMattia, whose practice is on Grand River just east of downtown, was recently fined \$45 when the city threw salt on his walks following a mid-January weekend snowstorm. The snow was already melting on its own, he said.

But DeMattia said he is more concerned about the long-term situation. He believes businesses should be given different time lines than residents for removing snow.

"Business is separate," he said. "So many (businesspeople) are there nine to five, five days a week. Mother nature doesn't always cooperate and snow during regular business hours."

DeMattia is the second business owner to appear before city council in the past several weeks, voicing concern about a crackdown on violators who do not remove snow from their walkways within 24 hours. The city council directed administration in January to begin the crackdown, in order to keep the business district free of snow.

ACCORDING TO a report from public services director Earl Billing, his department issued some 59 tickets during two January storms: 15 during the first storm and 44 during one in mid-January. The council asked for special attention because they did not feel that all businesses were cooperating.

"I think . . . the key to this thing is cooperation,"

Mayor Richard Tepper told DeMattia and two other businesspeople who attended Monday's meeting. "We had a situation where we didn't get cooperation. If we had a little better cooperation, it wouldn't have happened."

Councilman Ralph Yoder said it was time the city took action, although he questioned the judgment on charging the businesses for salting the walks in mid-January.

"The issuance of tickets was long overdue," he said. "It should have been done years ago. We've been talking about it for years."

City administration and the Downtown Development Authority have been discussing snow removal in the downtown area for the past two years. According to city manager Robert Deadman, DDA executive director Wendy Strip Sittsamer has tried, without success, to hire a company to keep the walks snow-free. "Of 22 contacted, not one would bid on the work," he said.

DEADMAN SAID using city employees to do the work would be "an extremely expensive service" for businesspeople, who would pay either through special assessments or fees.

DeMattia urged the council to work with business owners, and not anger them. "We get the best results if all involved act in a cooperative, caring fashion," he said. "I think it is ill-advised to ticket. But I'm more concerned . . . that we work together. We have a vested interest in this community."

"It's our city — it isn't the city. We're all working together for a better community."

Tepper promised the businesspeople their comments would be discussed further: "Maybe we got into it more aggressively than we should — maybe not. It will spur discussion."

Police say 'phone us'

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents or businesspeople with questions, concerns or additional information should contact the department at 475-7262.

People often ask, "When should I call the police?"

The answer is simple, according to Commander Chuck Lee. "Call the police any time you feel a need to do so. Most importantly," he said, "do not talk yourself out of calling."

There are a number of reasons why residents and businesspeople don't call the police, Lee said:

• They feel or think that the department is too busy with more im-

portant things.

• They don't want to be embarrassed if the information they give turns out to be nothing.

The reasons for not calling are many, but the reason to call far outnumber them, he said.

"If something appears out of the ordinary, or you're just not sure of something, the police would like to respond to investigate the circumstances," Lee said. "We would rather identify the individuals and check out suspicious vehicles than to be called later to find that someone has been victimized."

Lee urges anyone observing suspicious people, vehicles or circumstances to call the police immediately.

"Don't hesitate, or talk yourself out of calling," he urged. "The im-



portance of a speedy police response is obvious and can only be accomplished with citizen cooperation."

When calling, residents are reminded that, many times, there is only one dispatcher on duty with other responsibilities.

Victim noted for zest in life

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the Oakland County medical examiner said.

POLICE GAVE this account of the 1:42 p.m. crash:

A car eastbound on Eight Mile in the left-turn lane went through a red light at Orchard Lake Road at a high rate of speed and hit a northbound van, driven by Richard Joseph Brown, 57, of Riverview, who was turning left.

The eastbound car then hit the driver's side front of Brennan's northbound car, entering the intersection on a green light.

After hitting Brennan's car, the eastbound car rolled onto its roof on the northwest corner. Farmington Hills police and firefighters removed the driver.

Brennan's car, meanwhile, jumped the curb on the northeast corner and spun back onto Eight Mile, hitting a westbound car, driven by Paul Seewald, 24, of Northville, on the passenger side.

As the driver's door swung open,

Truck slams apartment

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Maintenance supervisor John Shafer, worker Clyde Green and two temporary helpers were outside the two-car garage that's between Moegelin's apartment and the clubhouse when they heard a tree snap and saw the truck heading in on them.

"They were about to go into the garage to get shovels to clear the snow from the walks," Moegelin said. "Naturally, they hurried out of the way."

Moegelin thinks several bags of salt piled on pallets inside the garage stopped the truck from continuing possibly into another apartment building.

When the truck came to a stop, Shafer broke the windshield and pulled out the 41-year-old driver. He was treated at Providence Hospital in Novi for cuts and pain.

THE TRUCK was northbound on I-75 when it struck the concrete overpass wall at Nine Mile. The impact sheared three lug nuts from the front right wheel.

The truck continued north 20 feet along the guardrail. When the guardrail ended, the truck veered down an embankment, then went up a rise

and through a wire fence onto the Polo Club grounds.

The truck driver, from Windsor, Ont., consented to blood being drawn for toxicology testing, said Trooper Bruce Karazia of the Michigan State Police post in Northville.

"Preliminary Breathalyzer testing at the scene showed a blood alcohol level considerably over .10 percent, the level where you're presumed under the influence," Karazia said.

The man posted \$100 cash bond at the Farmington Hills Jail. He has 10 days to appear in 47th District Court in Farmington on a misdemeanor charge of operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

"He either fell asleep, had blurred vision or wasn't paying attention," Trooper Michael Oliver said.

If convicted, he faces up to 90 days in jail, a \$500 fine, 12 days of community service work, suspension of his driver's license and substance abuse screening.

THE CRASH totaled the garage at 39352 Polo Club Drive and damaged Moegelin's 1989 Ford Escort, parked inside.

Her kitchen sustained structural damage in the crash, but no appliances were damaged, Tuesday after-

noon, debris was removed from the kitchen and the damaged wall was boarded up.

Ironically, this wasn't the first time Moegelin, who became Polo Club resident manager 1½ years ago, had a "run in" with a truck.

A decade ago while living in Walled Lake, a speeding pickup plowed into the back of a van on 14 Mile, pushing it across the road onto her apartment patio and sending two family members scurrying.

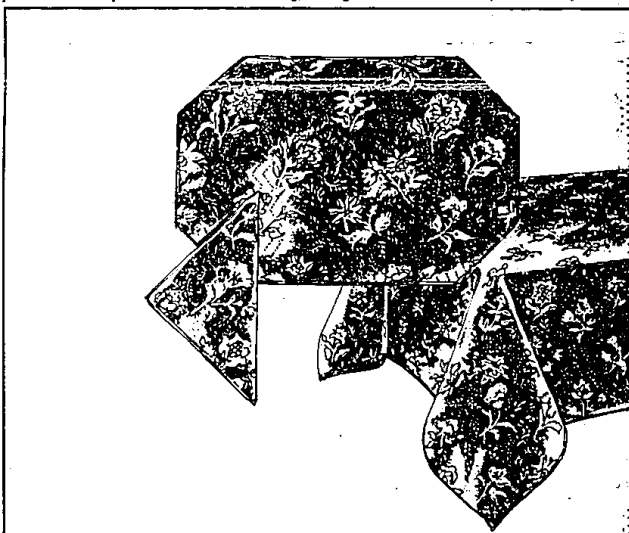
"I always had a fear of this happening to me again," she said.

From her living room doorwall at the Polo Club Apartments, Moegelin can see I-75.

BOTH THE tractor and trailer involved in the crash have Canadian license plates. Police wouldn't identify the driver nor the company he works for pending arraignment. But the name on the side of the trailer is Thompson.

The trailer contained several metal containers that Oliver believes are used to haul car bumpers.

The driver was on his way from Canada to Grand Rapids for a pickup. The truck was impounded by Wixom Collision pending court action, Oliver said.



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