

No special favors from city — Marks

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has a bond of approximately \$7,000 to cover items that are yet to be completed.

"Sometimes you have to wait for the contractors to come back to do things," he said, holding the outstanding items "housekeeping items."

But Hempel questioned city officials on whether rules, such as the policy prohibiting temporary certificates as of June 6, 1986, are being enforced equally.

"I see in the issuing of temporary certificate of occupancy permits that builders are still receiving special treatment..." Hempel said in a written statement to the city.

But public services director Thomas Blaisell said Marks has not received special treatment as a builder/developer because he is a city councilman.

"We have temporarys on single-family residences, commercial, industrial and office. So, it's not unusual (for Marks' temporary certificate)," Blaisell said.

BUT BLAISSELL said the city's prohibition on temporary certificates isn't being followed as closely as when first instituted in June 1986.

"There is an apparent contradiction, there's no doubt about it."

Sever said he has asked city administrators to study the issue and determine how many builders/developers have outstanding temporary certificates of occupancy.

"Maybe we're not enforcing it 100 percent," he said.

HEMPEL ALSO questioned whether builders/developers, as Marks, aren't paying full taxes on their property because of temporary certificates.

Temporary or final certificates of occupancy do not affect property assessment and taxes, deputy assessor Ted Henson said.

"We appraise the property, the basis of what it is, not on whether a final has been issued."

"Temporary certificates are necessary and help city staff monitor compliance to building codes and other requirements," Blaisell said.

"Temporaries are quite common but we don't want to give a final because it says the building is 100 percent in accordance with all codes," Blaisell said.

THE TEMPORARY certificates allow developers to occupy the building while still completing items that don't affect the safety of occupying the structure.

When the policy was established in June 1986, city staff was inundated with building activity in the community.

"We were under the perception that builders were using temporary C of O's to the extent they were over-relying on it," Blaisell said.

The policy was intended to prompt builders and developers to plan ahead and complete all necessary items for occupancy.

"Since then, if (the policy) has been relaxed, we don't feel the issue is as prevalent as in the past. And if that helps some plan ahead, it serves the purpose," Blaisell said.

police/fire calls

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

● SUSPECTS NABBED

Three Detroit teenagers face felony charges in connection with the theft of a car from a Farmington Hills apartment complex Wednesday. They also are charged with possessing a car stolen from Novi earlier that night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After noticing a suspicious blue Plymouth at 2:40 a.m. Wednesday on Meadowbrook, near Eight Mile, in Novi, Farmington Hills Sgt. Al Hanner lost it near Nine Mile.

As Hanner, a Crime Suppression Unit officer, was driving past, the blue Plymouth reappeared, followed by a red Mustang. He then watched as the cars cruised several apartment complex parking lots in the Nine Mile-Halsted area.

Eventually, the cars entered the Indian Creek Apartments complex. But after approximately a half hour, police saw the blue Plymouth exit with a blue Mustang.

Police closed in on cars in the Farmer Jack parking lot at Nine Mile and Farmington Road. They arrested Antonio Patrick Gagnon, 18, and James Michael Tiedt, 17, in a blue Plymouth.

After a short chase, police arrested Christopher Joseph Maurer, 18, hiding behind a nearby garage. He had been driving a blue Mustang. Back at Indian Creek, police found the red Mustang, which they believe was stolen from Highline Club Apartments, Nine Mile and Haggerty, in Novi, earlier that night.

Arraigned Thursday before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, Gagnon, Tiedt and Maurer were charged with unlawfully driving away an automobile (UDAA) and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 (RAC).

Tiedt and Maurer also were charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possessing a firearm in the commission of a felony (33-caliber revolver).

All pleaded not guilty. They face up to five years in prison if convicted of UDAA or RAC. A felony firearms conviction carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence.

Cash/surety bond was set at \$2,500 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

● KOCUR ON PROBATION

Detroit Red Wings forward Joe Kocur was sentenced to six months' probation, fined \$105 and ordered to pay \$155 in medical bills in connection with an incident involving a Northville woman outside a Farmington Hills dance spot last August.

The medical payment was for treatment of the woman's bruised arm.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington sentenced Kocur, 24, a West Bloomfield resident, after he told her he had given up drinking and was seeking counseling.

In January, Kocur pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Farmington Hills city attorney Tim Keny agreed to drop an assault and battery charge in exchange for the guilty plea, which Schaeffer accepted.

Schaeffer could have sentenced Kocur to up to 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Although admitting disorderly conduct, Kocur denies he struck anyone in the parking lot of Mr. Sports

One of a Kind Bar, 30860 Orchard Lake Road, Aug. 23.

But the woman, Janet Maschke, 22, filed a civil suit in Farmington's 47th District Court Jan. 24 in connection with the alleged arm-punching incident. She is seeking damages not to exceed \$10,000.

In a report filed with Farmington Hills police last August, she alleged that Kocur punched her in the upper right arm outside Mr. Sports at 2:15 a.m. Aug. 23, after an argument inside a car occupied by Kocur and three women, including herself.

She was treated for an arm bruise at Providence Hospital, Southfield, following the incident, according to the police report.

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Group hears TV editor

Channel 4 business editor Jennifer Moore will be guest speaker at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce annual Secretaries Pay luncheon Thursday, April 13.

The noon luncheon will be at the Rotoford Inn in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$12 per person. For reservations, call the chamber by Tuesday, 474-3410.

Moore's reports appear daily on WDIV-TV News 4 at 5 p.m. She reports on local and national business and automotive issues and how these issues impact metro Detroiters. The Southfield resident has traveled extensively covering United Auto Workers negotiations and conventions.

Moore joined WDIV in 1978 as



Jennifer Moore speaks to chamber

business reporter, the first person to hold that position at the station. Within six months, she was given the additional responsibility of co-anchoring the weekend news.

School officials say date wasn't falsified

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Representatives of Alexander Hamilton, whose chairman is Richard Headlee, had requested and eventually received the legal report from the district by using the Freedom of Information Act. The report, a Sept. 9 opinion by district attorney J. Kingsley Cotton, states that spending money can't be used to build a new school.

Upon receiving a photocopy of the report, they alleged the date on the report had been altered. An Observer reporter viewed the original document, on which nothing appeared altered.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON economist Patrick Anderson wrote the April 4 letter, which stated "there could be a number of possible explanations of why the typeface of the date appears slightly different from that of the body of the letter. We accept Mr. Flanagan's verification of the date."

Board president Cotton took a humorous shot at the company and offered a little history lesson: "I keep on seeing the name Alexander Hamilton coming up in all the correspondence we have received on this

matter. And I can remember a history course some time ago dealing with the American Revolution, and Alexander Hamilton had a few problems with dates also."

"He always maintained he was born in 1757 while actually in the British West Indies where he was born says 1755. So he had a few problems with that."

In his letter to Cotton, Anderson also stressed to the district that it has no right to withhold public information: "There is no basis for denial of public information under the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds of intended use."

SCHOOL DISTRICT administrators had refused to release the legal report, which was eventually released after appeal to the school board. School officials were concerned that the information would be used against the Troy school district, which is battling over whether it can sell bonds for a new high school without a vote of the people.

Alexander Hamilton officials have since used the Farmington information in information releases about the Troy situation, but say there was no intent initially to do so.

Charge upped to murder one

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is currently no suspicion of rape in the case. Miller said investigators won't know whether to suspect rape until Michigan State Police complete an analysis of the evidence.

Fracchia's fully clothed body was found floating face down in Orchard Lake about 50 feet from shore on the morning of March 17.

It was discovered by Oakland County Drain Commission workers sent to inspect a water-level control pump on the lake's north side. An autopsy showed drowning to be the cause of death.

Fracchia's mother reported her missing at 11:50 p.m. the previous evening.

Bonelli, who was arrested by Orchard Lake Police the night Fracchia's body was found, had been living with an aunt and uncle in Farmington Hills. He was a student at the Farmington Training Center, a school for emotionally troubled youths operated by the Farmington Public Schools. He is being held without bond in the Oakland County Jail.

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