

police/fire calls

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

• DRUG SEIZURE

Two Oakland County women face the loss of a car and cash after marijuana was found in their possession during a traffic check near Orchard

Lake and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills Tuesday night.

Farmington Hills police booked and ticketed the women — a 24-year-old from Novi and a 26-year-old from South Lyon — for possessing marijuana. They were released after each posted \$100 bond for the misdemeanor ordinance violation.

According to the police report, a clear plastic bag of marijuana was found in each of their purses. A hemostat and two marijuana pipes were found on the dashboard of the 1983 Honda. The marijuana field-tested positive.

Police impounded the car and cash in hopes of possibly seizing them under the drug forfeiture law. That law allows police to seize prop-

erty or cash taken in drug arrests and use the proceeds for drug enforcement and education.

• ARMED ROBBERY

A purse was taken at knifepoint from a woman getting into her car in a Farmington Hills shopping center parking lot Wednesday afternoon.

According to a Farmington Hills police report: The 46-year-old West Bloomfield woman was unlocking her car at 12:50 p.m. in the Orchard-14 Shopping Center lot when a man sitting in a car backed in next to hers reached out the driver's window. He grabbed her purse while flashing a hunting knife in the other hand.

He tried to drive away but she clung to the purse. When he sped up,

she let go and he drove off.

The purse contained cash, credit cards and checks.

• SUB SHOP STICKUP

A gunman took about \$370 in the robbery of a Farmington sub shop Wednesday.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report: The manager at Subway Subs, 34593 Grand River, was mopping the floor shortly after 10 p.m. when a man entered.

As the manager went behind the counter, the man pulled a nickel-plated, semiautomatic gun and demanded money.

The robber took cash from the register, then left on foot.

• CHURCH BREAK-IN

A color TV, a portable phone, an English-Korean typewriter, a microphone, a VCR, a video camera, three tape recorders and cash valued at \$3,665 were reported stolen from the Korean Church, 28312 Grand River, Oct. 11-12.

The property apparently was taken by candlelight and loaded in a car backed up to the rear of the church. Damage to windows was estimated at \$50, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

• WINDOWS DAMAGED

Damage was estimated at \$175 when garage windows at the Winery Building, 31505 Grand River in Farmington, were broken Oct. 10-11.

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Services held for couple

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday for a Farmington couple who died from injuries sustained in a car accident Tuesday morning in Livonia.

Helene DiTropoli, 59, was pronounced dead at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Her husband, Frank, 66, died Tuesday afternoon, a hospital spokesman said. Both died of multiple injuries.

The couple, who formerly lived in Plymouth, lived in Farmington for two years.

Frank was a 20-year salesman at Dexter Chevrolet. Helene was an executive secretary at Ford Motor Co. Frank also owned ACME lawn

mower company in Detroit.

Both were members of the Elks Lodge of Plymouth.

Survivors include one son, Allan. Frank also is survived by one sister, Virginia Colone. Helene also is survived by her parents, Joseph and Nellie Refalo; one sister, Mary O'Malley; and two brothers, Frank and Andrew Refalo.

Services were at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial is in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

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THE DECEPTION OF SHOULDER JOINT PAIN

Pain in the shoulder joint is as common as in the knee or wrist. The presence of shoulder pain is not as readily recognized because the body "hides" the problem.

When the shoulder joint is inflamed, it cannot move with its usual ease. The surrounding muscles still work to position the arm so it can be raised above your head, extended to the side, or rotated behind your back. However, the usual smooth movement of the arm is changed to a series of tentative and hesitating motions as the body attempts to move gently over the areas of joint irritation.

Such a change spares the shoulder joint from pain, but puts considerable stress on the muscles compensating for the impairment. Pain felt down the arm, and up into the neck gives you the impression that you have a muscle or bone condition, but the likely cause is shoulder joint inflammation with muscle strain.

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Farmington candidates not in attack mode this year

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ALTHOUGH THE candidates seem to agree on many issues, especially the need to address the concerns of garbage disposal, sewer systems and traffic, each brings his own agenda of concerns.

Walker puts traffic at the top of his agenda. "It's not an easy one to do things about," he said. He called for working with county, state and federal sources to route traffic out of the residential area.

Incumbents Campbell, Richardson and Tupper are the most concerned about cost containment, as large expenses of garbage removal

and sewer separation face the city.

McShane addressed those issues, but also said the city needs to work with the school district on drug awareness and education. Traffic is also an issue, she said. The city should "decrease the problem and increase the safety."

A BIT of competition can be seen in political lawn signs sprouting up throughout the city. For instance, in the Old Village historic area, newcomers McShane and Walker — both residents of that neighborhood — and first-term incumbent Arnold Campbell appear to be the choices of many residents there.

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