

## police/fire calls

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

### Store robbed

An armed, unidentified man in his late 20s robbed Radio Shack, 30898 Orchard Lake Road, just after 9 p.m., April 16. The man walked away with \$150 cash, police scanner and identification book, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man walked into the store, asked questions about portable radios and police scanners, and then

asked the only employee in the store to open the cash drawer. When the employee refused, the man pulled a .357-caliber, blue steel handgun with a four-inch barrel, out of his waistband. There were no customers in the store at the time.

After the employee complied with the man's order to open the cash drawer, he was ordered to lay down on the floor. The man then left the store, police said.

Witnesses believe they saw the man driving off in a white 1981-85 Sunbird or Cavalier. When last

seen the man was reportedly driving north on Orchard Lake, past Northwestern Highway, police said.

The robber was described as a black man, 28-30 years old, 5 feet-10 inches tall, about 160 pounds, and well-dressed in a gray suit and tie, police said.

### gun threat

A former employee of Subway Subs, 34593 Grand River, has been warned not to come into the sandwich shop again, after other employees were threatened with a gun.

On Saturday, April 14, at about 8:30 p.m., a man entered the shop and pulled out a nickel-plated handgun with wooden grips and waved it into the air, making verbal threats. When detained later by Farmington Hills police, the man was warned not to go into the store again.

### damage reported

Damage was estimated at \$150 when tires on a car parked in the parking lot of TJ Maxx, 33049 Grand River, were reported slashed with a knife April 17.

## Health care seminar set

A panel of experts will be addressing the issues of Long Term Health Care in the 1990s at a seminar at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Each speaker will talk about their subject and then the panel will answer questions from the audience.

Renee Mahler, a gerontologist and social worker, will discuss eldercare.

Jennifer Cupples will speak on wellness benefits and worker health care trends for the coming decade. Tim Minard will talk about long term health care insurance.

The program is free at the Bloomfield Township Public Library at the corner of Telegraph and Lone Pine Road. For more information, call 642-5800 or 642-0233.

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## Senior rides continued; lawsuit dismissed

News briefs from the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls will appear regularly in this column.

### FARMINGTON

Senior rides — Farmington will continue to participate in a regional transportation program for seniors and handicapped.

Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia all participate in the program, which is administered in the city of Livonia and costs \$317,879. The program started in Farmington in the early 1970s. It is funded by Municipal Transportation Credits.

"There's no way we could operate a program (ourselves), 24-hours a day and have it cost effective," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman explained. Deadman said past problems with the regional

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transportation company have been rectified.

Better mileage — city employees will have their mileage rate kicked up to 25 cents per mile for using a personal vehicle on city business. The rate change will be effective May 1.

Suit dismissed — A lawsuit brought against the city by T & M Contractors, general contractor for a 1987 city water main project, has been settled, city officials report.

The contracting company had failed to pay subcontractors so the city had refused to pay them, prompting the suit.

City attorney John Donohue said bonding agents have been left in place, in case subcontractors don't receive their money. The settlement is for no more than was originally owed to the contractor, he added.

Jobs made easier — The city council approved purchase of several items which will help employees in the public services area. Purchased were: an asphalt roller and trailer for \$7,080, a concrete saw and blade for \$8,256, and a post puller for \$4,110.

Appointed — Architect Robert Allen will fill the term of his deceased father, John Allen, on the

city's Construction Board of Appeals. His term will expire in February of 1992.

James Mitchell was re-appointed to serve another term on the city's Cable Access Committee. His current term expires in May.

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