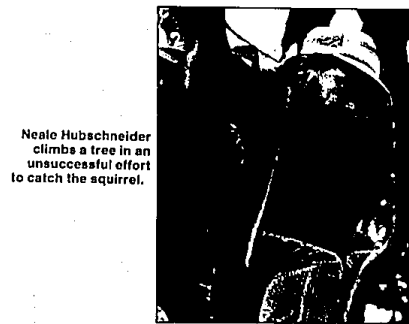




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The squirrel (left), a baby food jar stuck on its head, takes to the trees in the yard behind a house on Rockwell Street in Farmington Hills. Jackie (below, foreground) Kunze and Amy Ollara, of the Michigan Humane Society, watch as Neale Hubschneider tries to reach the squirrel.



Neale Hubschneider climbs a tree in an unsuccessful effort to catch the squirrel.

A 'jarring' chase

Squirrel gets head stuck, but eludes human helpers

SQUIRRELS are almost impossible to catch. They scamper through the underbrush and dash up trees.

Last week a squirrel with a baby food jar stuck on its head managed to elude several human helpers in a Farmington Hills backyard. Despite the efforts of a resident, two firefighters and four Michigan Humane Society employees, the squirrel could not be caught.

"It's real hard to catch a mobile animal, especially a squirrel," said Jackie Kunze, assistant

manager of the Westland Humane Society office who was on the scene with colleague Amy Ollara. Their equipment included gloves, net and an animal carrier.

Firefighters Paul Lusac and Lee Panoušek soon joined the chase, as did Matt Ross and Rob Berry of the Humane Society's Central (Detroit) office. They were summoned by Neale Hubschneider in whose yard the drama took place.

HUBSCHNEIDER, who lives at the Rockwell Street address with his grandmother, Gretta Jen-

sen, climbed a tree with a net in an attempt to snare the squirrel.

"I just missed it with the net," he said. "I swiped its tail. It was that close."

Animals-in-trouble calls aren't that common, Jackie Kunze said. "Central once had a raccoon with a peanut butter jar on its head, but it's a lot easier to catch a raccoon than a squirrel."

The animal needed a name for the fire department's report. Just call him Rocky J. Squirrel.

Party store owner to be sentenced in porn case

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

A Farmington Hills party store owner will be sentenced today at 1:00 p.m. on charges of selling hardcore pornographic magazines to a minor in a March 1989 police undercover crackdown.

Dawood Saroki, 42, owner of the Grand Square Liquor Shoppe, 38441 Grand River, will be sentenced on four counts before Oakland County Circuit Judge Fred Mester.

Saroki pleaded no contest before Mester Oct. 15 to two counts of distributing obscene material to children, a high misdemeanor, and two counts of second-degree obscenity, a misdemeanor.

SAROKI, A Farmington Hills resident, faces up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for each of the high misdemeanors and one-year in prison and a \$5,000 fine for each of the two misdemeanor counts.

The two high misdemeanors stem from a Farmington Hills police undercover operation June 8 in which a

15-year-old son of a police officer from another city bought three pornographic magazines, visibly on display in the Grand Square Liquor Shoppe.

The state obscenity law charges stem from an early June investigation of party stores and book stores by an undercover police officer.

The investigation, initiated by concerns of the police department's crime prevention advisory committee, was designed to determine the extent of the sale of hard core pornography in Farmington Hills.

SAROKI WAIVED preliminary examination June 29 on the charges and was bound over for trial in circuit court. Not-guilty pleas were entered on his behalf at his June 19 district court arraignment before Judge Fred Harris of Farmington.

Pornography charges are also pending against another Farmington Hills party store owner, charged in the department's second undercover crackdown on the sale of pornography in June 1990.



Dawood Saroki

Police Chief William Dwyer believes the two cases have helped curtail the sale of pornography to minors, according to a department press release.

Hills plans hearings on allowing IROs near residential property

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Joan Lewandowski of Hillside Estates Condominiums and many others who signed petitions — doesn't want to live near any industrial-research-office districts.

But the Farmington Hills Planning Commission in October decided not to eliminate all types of residential uses, including multiple residential such as condominiums from being next to IRO. Only single-family residential can't be next to an IRO district.

"It was our intent for it to end up at the city council," Lewandowski said.

And so it will. City council members instructed the planning commission to schedule a public hearing to discuss the location of IRO zones near all residential uses. When planning commissioners make their recommendation on the issue following the planned hearing, the matter will move to the city council for another public hearing and final decision.

The city council at 7:30 tonight will continue a public hearing started a week ago on proposed changes on the use of toxic-hazardous materials in the IRO and light industrial (LI) districts.

Because residents interested in the proposed changes were at a Farmington Public Schools boundary meeting Nov. 19, the same date for a public hearing on the IRO-LI changes, the city council heard from residents in at-

tendance and agreed to continue the hearing tonight.

A COUPLE residents in the audience told the city council that they believe the proposed changes don't go far enough in protecting residents.

"There are so many things that have not been covered yet," Hillside Estates resident Pearl Burgdorf said. "I'm not sure you're addressing the chemicals here."

But councilman Larry Lichtman, a member of the city's toxic-hazardous materials study committee, from which the IRO-LI changes were proposed, said the city is faced with constraints.

"What you have before you is as far as a city can go in regulating toxic-hazardous materials. It's a matter of legal constraints what a city can exclude," he said.

City attorney John Donohue said that he hesitates allowing a local government to regulate toxic materials. "The regulation of toxic-hazardous materials is not reached through a zoning ordinance." Materials are being regulated already by state and federal statutes, he said.

A city's role, Donohue continued, is narrow, but fire and building department inspectors can alert state and federal agencies to problems with toxic-hazardous materials.

In addition, any use of hazardous or toxic materials must file such information with the fire department annually. "Our rights of enforcement are limited," Donohue said.

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