



Farmington voters will choose from the following list of candidates in Tuesday's primary election. We endorsed only in selected, contested races. Check marks indicate endorsed candidates. For the latest election results call the Observer at 953-2001 Wednesday morning after 10 a.m. and check Thursday's paper for complete results.

GOVERNOR

The annual salary is \$112,025. Term is for four years.

Democrats

Lynn Jondahl

Larry Owen

Debbie Stabenow

Howard Wolpe

Republicans

John Engler (Incumbent)

U.S. SENATE

The annual salary is \$153,600. Term is for six years.

Democrats

William M. Brodeur

Bob Carr

Joel Ferguson

John F. Kelly

Carl J. Marlinga

Lana Pollack

Republicans

Spencer Abraham

Ronna Romney

U.S. HOUSE

The annual salary is \$47,723. Term is for two years.

Democrats

Mike Breshgold

Republicans

Joe Knollenberg (Incumbent)

STATE SENATE

Annual salary is \$47,723. Term is for four years.

15th District (FFH & 10th MD)

David Hordman, West Bloomfield Republican

Vicki Barnett, Farmington Hills Democrat

David Thompson, Farmington Hills Libertarian

STATE HOUSE

Term is for two years. Annual salary is \$47,723.

37th District

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS

Democrats

Richard M. Dalley

Republicans

✓ Jan C. Dolan (Incumbent)

Andrew Raczkowski

COUNTY COMMISSION

Term is for two years. Annual salary is \$43,400.

15th Oakland County Commission

Republicans

✓ David Moffitt, Farmington Hills (Incumbent)

Democrats

Sally Osann, Farmington Hills

David Fernquist, Farmington Hills

19th Oakland County Commission

Republicans

Donn Wolf, Farmington Hills (Incumbent)

Democrats

Kurt Lopez, Farmington Hills

9th Circuit Court

New Judgeship

Thomas M. Brennan

Michael S. Clewson

Marjorie B. Cohen

Constance E. Cumby

Sylvia Kaufman Delin

✓ Daniel C. Devine, Sr.

Robert W. Easterly

Alice L. Gilbert

Paul Hynes

✓ Bryan H. Levy

John J. O'Brien

Marcia C. Ross

Joseph Schulman

RAILROAD PREPARE

Shall the city Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan borrow a sum not to exceed \$6 million and issue its general obligation tax bonds within the city charter tax limits in one or more series for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, equipping and developing the site for a new, multi-purpose ice arena to be located at Founders Sports Park?

✓ Yes

No

Chemical reaction: bomb squad



The Detroit Police Bomb Squad joined other police and fire departments Thursday in disposing of dangerous chemicals that were discovered in the basement of a Farmington Hills house.

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

It started as an investigation of some chemicals that had been left in a basement in a house in northwest Farmington Hills and ended with four explosions in Founders Sports Park after a dramatic day for local, state and national police, fire and environmental agencies.

A Hills woman called the Farmington Hills Fire Department Thursday morning, concerned about "volatiles" she had discovered stored in her basement. The chemicals had been moved to the house on Glenview by the woman's estranged husband.

"I realized these were extremely shock sensitive chemicals when I saw them," said Wally Kurzeja, a Hills

fire inspector and specialist in hazardous materials. "That's when I called for the hazardous materials team (Western Wayne County Hazardous Materials Team)."

Kurzeja didn't know the half of it. As he and other team members discovered, there were 111 containers (mostly amber bottles) of 89 different chemicals, with many being 25-30 years old.

Some of the containers had crystallized nitric acid, which is highly explosive. In fact, a pound of the volatile chemical is three times as explosive as TNT.

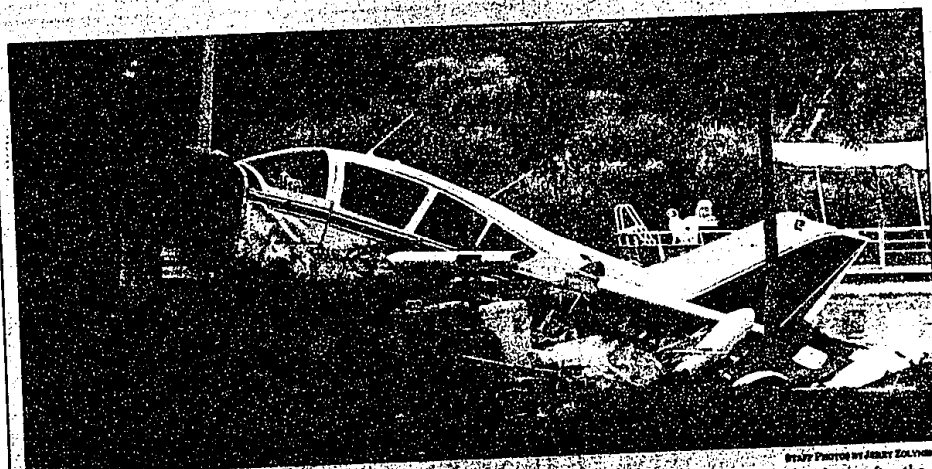
Hills officials realized they had to

get rid of the dangerous chemicals in a suitable way without causing injury or death.

"We went door to door in the neighborhood and evacuated the adjacent houses," said deputy fire chief Pete Baldwin. "The problem was what to do with something that was sensitive to movement."

Leaving the dangerous materials in a residential area was not an option, Baldwin said. Taking it out of the city was too far to travel with the material and, anyway, they were no takers.

See CHEMICAL, 5A



Hard landing: Federal aviation workers used a tug truck to pull the plane from Pontiac Lake, where it went down after the engine started coughing and sputtering.

Plane ditches in lake; three survive

Farmington Hills pilot, WB residents injured

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Federal Aviation Administration officials this week were to continue investigating the plane crash that paralyzed a Farmington Hills man and seriously injured two from West Bloomfield.

The three were injured about 10:30 a.m. Friday when their single-engine, Bellanca Viking, crashed landed in a shallow part of Pontiac Lake shortly after taking off from the Oakland/Pontiac Airport.

The pilot, Elliot Rappaport, 61, of Farmington Hills, was in serious condition at the University of Michigan Medical Center with multiple injuries, including a spinal injury that rendered him at least temporarily paralyzed.

The West Bloomfield passengers, Monique Shamesh and Armando Dorr, both 37, suffered back and burn injuries, according to a spokesman at the North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac. They were listed in "fair" condition Saturday.

The plane experienced engine difficulty within minutes of take-off, according to Lt. Edward A. Harris of the White Lake Township Police

Department. Harris said the pilot appeared to be circling back when the plane apparently decided to ditch in the lake after realizing the plane wouldn't reach the airport.

The engine sputtered and coughed as it was coming down, according to Pam Kowalewski, who was pulling into the driveway of her lake-side home at the time and witnessed the crash. The plane "looked like a toy," as it struggled in the air and then crash-landed on a sandbar, she said.

"It's lucky the crash happened during the week," Kowalewski said. "If it would have happened on a weekend, there might have been 10 boats in that area."

The plane crash victims were also lucky, according to Dr. Robert Aronson, emergency room director at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital where Rappaport was taken before being helicoptered to the U of M Medical Center.

As bad as the injuries were, they could have been worse if aggravated as rescuers pulled the men from the plane, the physician said.

See PLANE, 5A



Clean up: Gary Boudreau of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is hosed down with a soap solution, to cut engine fuel, by White Lake firefighter Tim Helgemo.

Dwyer believes officer justified in fatal shooting

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Police believe a Detroit man did not know he was dealing with a police officer when he threatened him with a knife in a bungled robbery or carjacking attempt that ended with a fatal shooting.

Although the Detroit Police Department's Homicide Division is still investigating Wednesday's incident and Farmington Hills police are conducting an internal investigation, Hills police chief Bill Dwyer said it looked like a "clean shoot."

"It was unfortunate that someone was killed," Dwyer said. "But the officer could have been killed."

The incident began as an undercover surveillance operation by Farmington Hills police of sus-

pects believed to be involved in a three-county car theft ring, Dwyer said.

Hills undercover officers followed the suspects into Southfield and contacted Southfield police who joined the undercover operation.

The police then followed the suspects into Detroit and arrived in the 8th Mile and Greenfield area to set up surveillance and inform Detroit police.

"The officer (a 14-year Hills veteran) had just arrived and parked his car at the corner of McNichols (8th Mile Road) and Forster when the assailant walked around the corner, jumped into the

back seat (of the unmarked car) and pulled a 12-inch butcher knife."

As the man, whose identity Detroit police have not yet released, lunged toward the officer, the officer reacted by firing several shots, fatally wounding the man.

The officer's identity is not being released pending an internal investigation, which is required any time a Hills police officer fires a weapon in the line of duty, Dwyer said.

The death is the third fatal shooting by a Farmington Hills officer since 1985 when Dwyer joined the department. In March of 1985 and in February of 1986, fatal force was used and both officers were found to be justified and were returned to active duty.

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