

Auction has something old, new



Good buy?: Chris McLeod, left, and Eric Cinrowski find a CD player they like at the auction.

There were plenty of good deals Saturday as bikes, TVs, jewelry and other items were sold at the Farmington Hills public auction.

"It went real well," said Hills Director of Administrative Services Mike Lasley. "We were out of there by 12:30 (p.m.) and everything had been sold."

The auction has been an annual event, but did not come off last year because there were not enough items to hold it.

This year the city had enough items, along with those from the 47th District Court, to make for

Among those items were a Sony Discman, four tires, a gold Pulsar watch, 27-inch Sony color TV, golf clubs, 60 bikes, used furniture, computer equipment and a wood-framed portrait of Elvis Presley.

The most expensive item — a set of gold earrings, chain and charm — went for \$120.

Lasley said the auction went quickly, with 65 registered bidders, thanks to the use of a professional auctioneering company, R.J. Montgomery of Plymouth.

Registration began at 9 a.m. with viewing until the bidding opened at 10 a.m.

The auction grossed \$3,456.60 with \$214 going to the district court and \$178.60 going to taxes.

The auction fees were \$1,700 leaving the city with \$1,876.60. Lasley said the auction made the city about \$2,800 in 1994.

"Having a professional auctioneer really made things go smoothly," he said.

"We'll do it that way again," he said. "They sold everything and really gave us some needed room."



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King's ransom: Roderick Schell displays a framed portrait of Elvis Presley at the Farmington Hills auction.

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Morency on planning commission
A former Southfield assistant city attorney has been appointed to the Farmington Planning Commission.
Terri Jean Morency will fill the unexpired term of Bradley Butcher, who resigned recently. Farmington City Council approved the appointment at Monday's meeting.
Morency, who has lived in Farmington four years, was an assistant city attorney in Southfield for two years and in Canton for one year. She specializes in zoning and planning issues and has her own law practice in Westland.
"We really enjoy living in Farmington," Morency said during the council meeting. "We have a 15-year-old son and he's always telling people how much he enjoys living here."
Morency is also active in Livonia Church of Christ, coordinating volunteers for a playscape project and organizing a seminar for child sexual abuse awareness. She has bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy.
In a separate motion, the city council approved the reappointment of Jacqueline Saito to the Beautification Commission.

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