

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills resident told police someone fraudulently charged four airline tickets on his Visa card April 19. That night, two passengers on a Spirit Airlines flight from Orlando, Fla., to Detroit were questioned. One of the passengers, a Dearborn woman, said she paid \$400 cash to a then-Spirit ticket agent for two tickets. She gave Metro Airport investigators the man's name and number. The two were released pending further investigation. Investigators contacted

the man, who admitted selling the roundtrip tickets but refused to talk about the matter over the phone. He failed to show up later for a scheduled meeting with investigators. The man has been the subject of past criminal activity with Spirit Airlines. The Farmington Hills man is not expected to be liable for the \$1,214 charge.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: Thieves stole a cellular phone and 18 CDs after breaking a window on a 1993 Dodge Shadow parked at Coppola Collision on Eight Mile between April 13-14, causing \$200 damage.

SHOPLIFTING

In Farmington Hills:

A man walked into Famous Footwear on Orchard Lake and walked out with four pair of shoes concealed under his coat April 21. Witnesses said he left in an 1985 Toyota. The plate came back registered to a Pontiac man.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: Someone busted the windshield on a 1994 Ford Escort parked at Farmington Community School April 21. The owner, a Farmington Hills man, 21, said the incident happened while he was dropping from tickets off to his girlfriend, who is a student there.

TRESPASSING

In Farmington Hills:

Police ticketed two girls, one from Keego Harbor and the other from West Bloomfield, for trespassing after they showed up at North Farmington High where one got into a fight with a student in the parking lot April 21. The two were part of a group of four girls who turned up without permission at the school. The dispute involved a boyfriend.

BOOZE BUY

In Farmington Hills: A 7-Eleven manager phoned police after he suspected a man was buying alcohol for minors at the store on Farmington Road April 21. Police questioned the man, who denied buying for kids. The manager told the man his business is not welcomed and

not to return. Police advised the manager he doesn't have to sell alcohol to anyone if he believes it's for minors.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Bloomfield Hills man, 67, for drunken driving on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile at 10 p.m. April 21. Police stopped the 1997 Olds for weaving. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent, which is above the legal limit of .10 percent.

INTERNET LOAN

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills woman reported she loaned \$3,000 to a Long Beach, Calif. man she met over the Internet, but hasn't

seen a dime paid back yet. He gave her the title to a boat as a collateral, but she later learned the document was for a boat trailer.

SUSPICIOUS DELIVERY

In Farmington Hills: A Hampshire House Condominium resident contacted police after a man posing as a UPS courier was seen pulling a door-wall at a nearby residence April 20. The man later rang the woman's doorbell, saying he had a delivery. She refused to open the door and told him to leave the package outside. When he left, she opened the door to find there was no package.

Brush fire



PETER BALDWIN

Extinguish: Farmington Hills firefighters work on a brush fire recently on Alycekey. When firefighters were called to the open field they found an area about 150 feet by 200 feet of grass, leaves, brush and trees on fire. The fire was about 600 feet from the roadway. Firefighters from two stations were called to battle the fire. The adjacent road was shut while firefighters worked on the fire. When the fire was extinguished, firefighters overhauled the brush piles in the area. The fire was listed as suspicious and under investigation.

Barnett to represent city of Farmington Hills on national technology group

Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett has been appointed to the Information Technology and Communications steering committee of the National League of Cities.

The ITC Committee sets policy for the National League of Cities in the areas of telecommunications, cable television, 911 emergency service, Y2K preparedness, Internet taxation, and high tech issues.

Barnett and committee members will be put in the center of the national debate over technology and local government rights in a global economy.

Barnett, who has been the city council's leading spokeswoman on Y2K and other communication issues, is ready to get to work. She believes the Telecommunications Act needs to be reworked.

"What Congress does in these



Vicki Barnett

areas greatly impacts on the folks back home," Barnett said. "But they have, to the great

detriment of local consumers, let industry groups literally write the bills.

"What they are actually doing is eliminating the authority of local communities to establish rules and parameters that best meet their own needs."

Barnett joins other Hills council members who sit on National League of Cities Committees: Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, Community and Economic Development; Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Bates, who is on Council on Youth, Education and Families and the Human Development Steering committee.

Farmington Harrison High student David Kinchen is also one of three youths appointed to the newly formed Council on Youth, Education and Families.

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1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (afternoon)		6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)		6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)	
LONGACRE HOUSE		WATERFORD TWP. PUBLIC LIBRARY		NORTHVILLE CITY HALL	
24705 Farmington Rd.		5108 Civic Center Dr.		215 W. Main St.	
(Between 10th & 11th Mile Rds.)					
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Monday, May 3, 1999		Tuesday, May 4, 1999		Wednesday, May 12, 1999	
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)		6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)		6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (evening)	
LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY		BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE		INDEPENDENCE TWP. LIBRARY	
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