Tower from page Al

In order to erect a proposed \$20-foot cellular tower, the company would have to lease space from the city of Farmington Hills, which owns property near the William Costick Activities Center off 11 Mile. Farmington Hills City Council would have to approve such an agreement.

No deal has been reached yet, "a Nextel official said.

The Sisters of Mercy rejected

The Sisters of Mercy rejected Nextel's request to co-locate an entenna on an existing structure an their property nearby, which

own tower."

AT&T and Omnipointe indi-cate they would co-locate their antennae on Nextel's proposed

tower.
Under the city's cellular tower ordinance, if other companies colocate antennae, the tower can be 120 feet in height, as opposed to 100 feet. That is supposed to top the proliferation of towers, city officials have said.
The city's ordinance also prohibits such structures within 500

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feet of residential areas. Existing feet of residential areas. Existing towers, such as the one on the Sisters of Mercy property, were grandfathered in before the 1997 ordinance. Farmington Hills' law is con-

towers to be separated by at least 1,600 feet, Commissioner Barry Brickner said.

"They have more room to play with than we do," Brickner said. The proposed tower meets set-back requirements but would be 76 feet from the one on the Sisters of Mercy property.

When drafting the cellular tower ordinance, the ad-hoc committee prohibited the use of stealth technology, which would allow antennae to be hidden in church steeples.

By barring stealth technology, committee members felt that would keep cellular antennae out of residential areas.

Cellular companies have found ways around that, too. A wireless firm built a tower that resembles a cross at Church of the Nazarene, which overlooks I-275.

"Instead of an antenna in a steeple, they've got a steeple that is an antenna," Commissioner David Haron said.

David Haron said.

Police

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Embezzlement
Formington Hills:
A 32-year-old Inkster woman
was taken into custody Monday
for questioning about emberziement. A manager at the 22069
Farmington Road 7-Eleven store
said the employee may heav
embezzied as much as \$15,000
over the past few months by
voiding sales, falsifying bottle
returns and taking store merchandise, according to a police
report. The manager provided
the police with documentation of
the suspected phony transactions.

Animal complaint

Animal complaint
Farmington Hills:
Police investigated an animal
complaint Monday after an
anonymous resident reported a
neighbor was keeping a number
of animals on their property in
the 31000 block of Merton. A
police report stated the woman
was keeping Ilamas, sheep,
ducks, rabbits and a donkey and
that they appeared to be well
cared for. No citations were
issued.

Hotel squatter

Hotel squatter
Farmington Hills:
A 23-year-old Columbus, Ohio,
man was taken into custody for
trespassing Monday for refusing
to leave the Holiday Inn, 38123
IO Mile. He was initially toid to
leave by hotel security and then
by police at about 9 p.m. At
about 11:40 p.m., he was taken
into custody for returning to the
hotel.

Drug arrest

Drug arrest
Farmington Hills:
A 20-year-old Walled Lake
man was cited late Monday for
possessing nerrotics and paraphernalia after police stopped to
question him and two others
about hitchhiking. The other two
subjects were issued verbal
warnings about hitchhiking,
according to a police report.

Drunken driving

Drunken driving
Farmington Hills:
A 39-year-old Farmington
Hills man was cited early Tues
day for operating under the
influence of liquor, not having a
valid driver's license on him and
for having open intoxicants in
his vehicle. He recorded a .12
blood alcohol level in a breath
test, according to police.

AAA program free

AAA Michigan's free "Child I.D." fingerprinting program has become so popular with parent that the Auto Ciub will continue to offer this service on a daily basis from 8300 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays at various locations, including Farmington Hills Volunteers from each branch will provide the "Child I.D." service at the branch location.



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