

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following reports were filed with the Farmington Public Safety and Farmington Hills Police Departments over the past week:

SUSPECTIVE NOTES

A 14-year-old Farmington Hills girl came into the Farmington Public Safety Department about 2 p.m. Aug. 20 to report that a man passed suggestive and inappropriate notes to her while she was using a computer at the downtown branch of the Farmington Community Library on Liberty Street.

She showed the notes to the police officer who took her report. One note from the man said he thought she was "very sexy." In another, the man gave her his telephone number and e-mail address and asked for her in return, according to a police report.

The police officer walked to the library and questioned the man whom he asked to step outside. His passport identified him as a 27-year-old African native who was here for "educational purposes."

He told the officer he didn't know the girl's age until some of her friends told him. The officer told the girl to contact the police if she had any further problems.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 44-year-old Farmington Hills woman who was walking toward her vehicle parked in the Damman Hardware parking lot

in downtown Farmington at Grand River and Farmington Roads said she was approached by a white Ford Explorer with four young men about 8:30 p.m. Aug. 18.

The woman said the front seat passenger jumped from the vehicle with his pants unzipped and his penis exposed. A rear seat passenger was shouting loudly on a megaphone.

The occupants were later identified by police as 11th graders, ages 16 and 18, who attend Stevenson High School in Livonia.

The woman obtained the license plate and the owner was notified about the incident. Police also informed the teen who exposed himself about the criminal nature of indecent exposure.

The woman didn't want to press charges, police said.

TOOLS TAKEN

A man discovered several hundred dollars worth of tools stolen from his 1996 Chevy which was parked on the east side of Generations Furniture on Grand River about noon on Aug. 14. Toolboxes, a cordless drill, and a cordless screwdriver were stolen.

STOLEN CELL PHONE

An employee at the Super Car Wash, 31500 Grand River, told police someone took a cell phone from a desk inside an unlocked office about 2:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

EXPOSURE, BATTERY

A 16-year-old Farmington Hills youth was ticketed Aug. 21 for assault and battery and indecent exposure after hitting a salon owner and exposing himself to those in the salon from outside a front store window.

According to the Farmington Hills Police incident report, the youth entered the New Image Hair Salon, 31130 Haggerty Road, at around 5 p.m. Witnesses said he used profanity in asking who cut his brother's hair, then started to hit the salon owner.

The youth was told to leave the store. From outside the window, he faced inside, unzipped his pants and exposed himself, the report continued.

CACTUS GONE

A \$700 cactus turned up missing Aug. 21 from a back porch of a home on Oxford Street, according to a Farmington Hills Police report.

The owner said the cactus was there when he left for work at 8:30 a.m., but it was missing upon his return that evening. Police have no suspects.

WHEELS TAKEN

A 2001 silver-colored Cadillac owned by a Bloomfield Hills man, seen intact earlier in the day at the Fairfield Inn, 2777 Stansbury Blvd., was on blocks just after 11 p.m. Aug. 22, after thieves made off with the wheels.

Police have no witnesses or

suspects.

COCAINE ARREST

Farmington Hills Police were called at 12:46 a.m. Aug. 23 to the Extended Stay Hotel, 2777 Stansbury Blvd., on a report that a large group in Room 302 was yelling and threatening to fight.

Police arrived to find two women in the room. When offi-

cers asked to enter, they found two crack cocaine rocks on an end table, a crack pipe on the floor, and more crushed crack cocaine folded in a napkin. Police arrested the two women: ages 33 and 26, both of Detroit, on charges of possession of crack cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia.

Firefighters, city sign off on five-year agreement

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A new five-year contract between Farmington Hills firefighters and the city has been settled.

Approved overwhelmingly by the firefighters union and ratified by city council Aug. 20, the new contract calls for a 3-percent pay raise each year, increases in pension contributions and benefits, and a dental insurance benefit increase.

Farmington Hills has 33 career or full-time firefighters and around 60 part-time, non-union firefighters. Career firefighters who reach the top of the pay scale after four years of service earn \$55,000 per year.

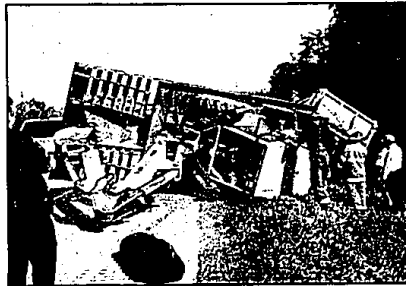
"I'm very pleased and glad that we were able to wrap up negotiations in record time," said City Manager Steve Brock. "It solidifies that group and its operations for five years."

Firefighters union president John Kastran said, "We're really pleased. It shows labor relations are at a high point compared to some times before."

Under the contract, retroactive to July 1, employees' prescription drug co-pay increases from \$5 to \$10. That fee increase also affects those who retired after May 10 this year.

The employee pension contribution will increase from 5 percent of employee pay to 6 percent. Effective July 1, 2002, the age 60 provision for normal retirement will be dropped. Employees must have 25 or more years of service to retire. Effective July 1, 2003, the maximum pension benefit will increase from 70 percent of final average compensation to 75 percent. Dental insurance benefits are increasing from \$600 per year to \$1,000.

Negotiations opened in May. Both sides met weekly until vacations slowed the process in late June.



Trailer trouble: A truck/trailer accident on east-bound I-696 at Middlebelt on Aug. 20 backed up afternoon rush hour traffic for miles in both directions. A dump truck hauling a back hoe on a trailer became twisted and flipped on its side. Farmington Hills Fire and Police Departments, and Michigan State Police responded. No one was injured. It took three large tow trucks to get both vehicles upright.

Muscular Dystrophy Association needs telethon volunteers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association seeks volunteers from throughout greater Detroit to help with one of America's best-known Labor Day traditions—the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, which airs Sept. 2-3, on 200 television stations nationwide.

MDA primarily needs volunteers to answer telephones at pledges centers during the Telethon broadcast.

Individuals interested in vol-

unteering should call MDA at (810) 274-9000. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Local businesses can help, too, said Beverly Weingarten, MDA District Director, by sponsoring portions of the local broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, enhancing contributions with "matching minute" Telethon segments or working with MDA staff to create a Telethon-related special event.

Carrier of the Month



Tommy Hamilton

Tommy Hamilton has been named August Carrier of the Month for the Farmington Observer. He is the son of Tom and Karol Hamilton. He has two brothers, R. J. and Kristopher, and one sister, Kayla.

Tommy is a student at Longacre Elementary School. He enjoys hockey, computers, swimming, playing the drums and golf. He was a MEAP test award winner and also received an award for perfect attendance.

Tommy would like to be a professional goalie when he finishes school.

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