

Bell offers rewards in telephone sabotage

Michigan Bell Wednesday announced rewards of up to \$5,000 regarding four recent acts of telephone sabotage in Southfield. The company said it is offering the rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who deliberately damaged telephone equipment in four separate incidents Sept. 7.

Jack D. Penland, Michigan Bell security manager, said that four telephone terminal boxes were forced open and telephone connection wires were cut sometime after 9 p.m. that night.

Sabotage or willful destruction of telephone company equipment or property is a felony under state law punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

THE WIRES were cut at 23100 Maple Ridge, 20738 Woodburn, 22897 Buttercrest and at the corner of Ten Mile Road and Santa Barbara, resulting in an overnight loss of service for some 400 Southfield residential and business customers including some doctors' offices. Police and fire department services were not affected.

"Our crews worked through the night and restored service by 10 a.m. the next day," Penland said. "Although the sabotage did not knock out service to a large number of customers or any major emergency services, these were very serious and deliberate acts."

"They were not just pranks and the four incidents appear to be related. They occurred within a half-mile radius and all within a short time span."

"We are offering rewards not only to help catch the person or persons who did this, but also to show how seriously we view this kind of reprehensible crime."

PERSONS WITH information concerning the sabotage may call

the company's security department collect at (313) 872-4465 or submit the information in writing to 105 E. Bethune, Detroit 48202.

Those offering information may remain anonymous by identifying themselves by a code name or number, Penland added, and if more than one person submits information leading to a conviction, the company will determine how the reward will be allocated.

The rewards will remain in effect until Oct. 31, unless extended further.

Police tighten security

Energy meeting affects suburb

SOUTHFIELD — Southfield police are preparing to handle the overflow of the Ninth World Energy Conference which opens Monday at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

A tight security network is planned to protect the approximately 3,700 delegates coming from all over the world to discuss economic and environmental challenges of future energy requirements.

Many delegates will stay in Southfield hotels.

Southfield Police community relations officer John Hood said he couldn't comment publicly on what special measures are being taken. But he confirmed that police officers will have special briefings, including one on the status of diplomatic immunity that many of the guests enjoy.

A **SHIAWASSEE** Hotel official confirmed this week that large numbers of delegates will be staying there. The Shawassee is immediately north of Northland on Nine Mile Road.

Special buses will run from the hotel to Cobo Hall during the conference, said a hotel spokesman.

OTHER HOTELS in Southfield, including Stouffer's Northland Inn, are expecting foreign dignitaries.

Conference officials aren't releasing lists of names of those expected. Of the total delegates, 1,250 will be from the United States. The next largest delegations will come from West Germany and Great Britain, with about 225 each.

Almost all of the 69 member nations in the conference will be represented, along with guests from 20 non-member nations, conference officials said.

President Gerald Ford is expected to attend Monday.

Talented child course available to parents

Southfield teachers and parents of academically talented children may enroll in a four-part evening workshop to be held this fall at Garden City West High School, 1851 Radcliff, Garden City.

Interested persons are welcome to enroll, said Mrs. Beverly Gould, director of elementary curriculum in Southfield Schools.

Classes will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, and run for four consecutive Tuesdays.

Dr. Warren A. Ketcham, professor of education at the University of Michigan, will conduct the workshop.

SESSIONS will include discussion on identification and characteristics of the gifted child, personal-social development, parent-child relationships, enrichment in the home, the gifted child in school, school policies and practices, career education and goals for the gifted.

Registration may be made by calling Schoolcraft College, 391-6400. The college is sponsoring the workshop.

The \$40 fee, which admits two adults from a family, is payable at the first session.

The Southfield School District is considering initiating academically-talented program for gifted children.

SOUTHFIELD—Gail King of 21097 Westland, has been awarded a Madonna College Scholarship for the 1974-75 school year. Miss King is a junior in nursing. She is a graduate of Southfield High School.

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