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Former teacher charged

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A former North Farmington High teacher has been charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a 13-year-old Farmington Hills girl.

David Gerald Huber, 45, of Southfield, stood mute at his arraignment Nov. 21 before Oakland Circuit Judge Gene Schaefer. A plea of not guilty was entered for him. Huber is free on \$10,000 personal bond.

Huber, who had been on a leave of absence since the beginning of the school year, resigned his position as a social studies teacher at North Farmington High School in October.

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Romney to speak at college

Former Michigan Gov. George Romney will be guest speaker at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The presentation will begin at 11 a.m. in the Wallace Smith Performing Arts Theatre located in the central part of the campus on Orchard Lake Road between 11 and 12 Mile roads.

The veteran political leader and one-time presidential candidate was invited as a guest of Harvey Bronstein's "Introduction to Business" class.

"This will be a special opportunity for students and citizens to hear personally from one of the state's prominent leaders," said Bronstein. "Governor Romney's national reputation qualifies him in numerous areas and brings expertise that will be of interest to business students and citizens interested in the political process."

A question and answer period will follow Romney's presentation. All interested persons are welcome to attend. No admission will be charged.



Henry Frehsee (left) and Marvin Tamaroff of Leo Adler Datsun would like a church to take the house in the background off their hands.

Dealer has house to give

By Diane Gale
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Two Farmington Hills businessmen have a house they'd like to give away. So far, no takers.

In this season of generosity and contemplation of tax forms, Henry Frehsee and Marvin Tamaroff, owners of Leo Adler Datsun, want to donate a two-family, 3,200-square-foot dwelling the dealership owns. Oddly enough, they're having a hard time finding a recipient.

"If you have an opportunity to donate a building to benefit someone else, and can create a (tax) write-off by the donation, I don't think anyone would be foolish enough not to make that move," Frehsee said.

A house and garage, on Eight Mile at Grand River, are sitting in the middle of 15,000 square feet of property that belongs to the partners. The men are under a deadline to begin construction on a new project, so they want the house removed as soon as possible.

They are planning a new \$500,000 facility that will include a service department and showroom for new and used Datsun cars. The present Leo Adler Datsun location is around the block on Grand River. That property will be used for truck sales.

ORIGINALLY, THEY had a grounded deadline of Dec. 15, but they are willing to wait until the end of the month to find a church or organization that would want the house. A contract with Nissan Corp.

states that the facility will be opened for business next July 1.

"We're going to go through the Yellow Pages looking for someone," Tamaroff said smiling.

Frehsee and Tamaroff initially offered the dwelling, which they estimate to be worth between \$25,000 and \$30,000, to St. Alexander's Roman Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

A local real estate broker said the house could be worth up to \$120,000 once it is placed on a plot of land.

Church officials said the donation could be used for church charity projects, but a lot of red tape has kept them from accepting the offer.

"The way it stands now we have to turn it down, because we can't own it," said Tom Behrend, parish council president. "It would have to be owned by the archdiocese."

Whether they will be able to accept the house is still unclear, Behrend said.

OTHER BARRIERS would include the cost of moving the dwelling, finding a piece of property to place it on, and financing bills to keep the project running.

Fareholders envisioned using the donation as a day house for displaced people who need food or a place to live for a short time.

"I have considered a day house for a long time," said Willy Kreitmeier, a parishoner. "I don't know if this is the time but, God willing, it will happen."

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2 Hills police officers suspended

By Diane Gale
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Two Farmington Hills police officers were suspended from duty as a disciplinary action for not noticing a hole in a wall after responding to a burglary report, according to Police Chief John Nichols.

Officer Daniel Luoma, who has been on the force since 1980, was suspended for 30 days. His partner, Officer Daryl

Slowinski, a five-year veteran, was suspended for three days.

Slowinski refused to comment, and Luoma did not return telephone calls.

The policemen responded to a call from a witness who said a burglary was taking place in the 30000 block of Eight Mile Road on Aug. 18.

THE BURGLARS knocked out 10 concrete blocks in the wall to enter the business, Nichols said.

"The witness said he heard the noises, heavy pounding, and saw a car parked across the street that looked suspicious," Nichols said. "The police responded and said that everything was OK."

"After the police responded they (the witnesses) heard three noises— apparently more blocks were knocked out—and it looks like they got in then," he said. "The individual lost a considerable amount of merchandise."

"Even if the robbery had not been complete, it's not unreasonable to expect someone to find a hole in the business. Especially trained officers."

THE OFFICERS appeared before a police trial board, which handles disciplinary action, and were given an opportunity to present witnesses and explain what happened.

The board suspended the officers for "neglect of duty" and "failure to perform duty," Nichols said.

"The disciplinary action might jar them back into the real world, I guess."

Describing the police department's disciplinary policy as progressive, the chief said officers who make "small" mistakes are given verbal reprimands on first offenses. Suspensions are given in the "more serious" cases.

"We try to run a reasonably disciplined organization, and we expect the officers to do a good job," Nichols said.

New council should decide judges' salaries — Dudley

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Farmington Hills Councilwoman-elect Joan Dudley says that increasing salaries for both 47th District Court judges is one of many decisions that should be left up to the new city council when it takes office in January.

"Why is this necessary to be voted on this evening?" Dudley asked just before the council unanimously approved a salary increase of about \$5,900 a year for judges Michael Hand and Margaret Schaeffer.

The salary increases, Dudley said, would "be more appropriately voted on by the new council." Any decisions, particularly of policy or financial, made between now and January will be foregone on the newly elected council, she said.

THE STATE Legislature, however, recently authorized an increase in direct payments and subsidies to each court system's "controlling unit" (Farmington and Farmington Hills) for increased judges' salaries. But the controlling unit must match the state subsidy.

Farmington Hills has agreed to pay its share of a \$1,155 increase. The Farmington City Council will consider the increase at 8 p.m. Monday. The Hills, however, will pay more than half of the increase.

If Farmington council members approve the increase, Hand's and Schaeffer's salaries will increase from a current \$80,720 to \$85,120 on Jan. 1. The judges' last salary increase took effect Jan. 1, 1982.

RESPONDING TO Dudley's comments, Councilman Charles Williams said that if the intent of the city charter "was for the city council to sit on things," it would be the same as creating a lame-duck council.

"There is a real question of why we should meet the last couple of months of the year," Williams said, following Dudley's comments.

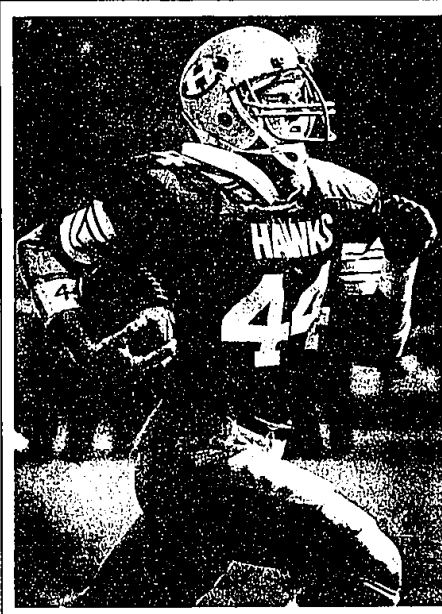
But Councilman Donn Wolf said the new council should consider changing the city charter to allow newly elected council members to take office immediately following an election. The Farmington City Council now follows that pattern of reorganization.

"They (the new council) have to live with the decisions (made now)," Wolf said.

But Councilman Jack Burwell, who was defeated in his bid for re-election said: "They gave me a full four years and I am going to hang in there until the end."

Mayor Fred Hughes noted that, according to the city charter, an outgoing council may not consider appointments to board or commissions after Oct. 1 before an election.

Grid star honored



John Miller, Farmington Harrison's junior halfback, has been named to what is considered the most prestigious All-American football team in the country.

Miller has been named to the Bally All-American Football Team, selected annually by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

The Bally team consists of the 25 top high school football players in the nation. The players will be featured in a 30-minute television show, which will be aired by the Missoula Cable Television Network. Still undetermined are the date of the show and the channel on which it will be shown in the Detroit area.

"It's a tremendous honor for John," said Harrison football coach John Herrington. "I was kind of surprised because he's only a junior. We're real thrilled for him."

MILLER WAS one of six players nominated from the state of Michigan. Each state may nominate up to six players.

Miller is Harrison's all-time leading rusher with 2,973 yards. During this past season, he gained 1,204 yards rushing in 175 carries. He amassed 160 points on 28 touchdowns, two extra-point kicks and one two-point conversion.

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