

Cops say Hogan wrote \$27,000 in bad checks

Grand Blanc police officials say former Bloomfield Hills businessman Henry Hogan has written about \$27,000 in bad checks to printer Morton Stebbins.

Stebbins, tired of waiting for at least \$5,000 of that money on a check written in June, filed a complaint for that check.

Hogan, the former publisher of the Eccentric Newspapers, was arrested on the charge, frisked and taken away by Grand Rapids police Saturday while he was at the Michigan Press Association's annual convention in Grand Rapids.

Hogan, who served two terms as state representative from this area, claims his arrest in front of his lawyers is the result of a business dispute with a "spiteful man."

But Grand Blanc police say Hogan was notified that he was to turn himself in by 5 p.m. on Friday. Instead, Hogan went to Grand Rapids to attend the convention.

Hogan claimed he wasn't notified about the Friday deadline for turning himself in to police. And he and his wife were embarrassed by the arrest at the MPA convention. "I'm probably the largest employer in Grand Blanc. Was I going to leave town and go to Brazil? I'm a substantial citizen," he said.

STEBBINS, AND two other newspaper publishers or former publishers contacted by telephone this week, criticized Hogan for not paying his debts.

At the same time, several people who knew Hogan from his life and business in the Birmingham-area, defended his character.

Hogan was released on \$1,000 personal bond during a court hearing Saturday. He was formally arraigned Monday in 67th District Court in Burton on the charge of writing a not sufficient funds check of more than \$200. An examination on the charge will be Feb. 8. The charge, a felony, carries a maximum sentence of 13 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

"THIS IS A business dispute," Hogan said from his office in Grand Blanc, where he is publisher of the Flint Area Newspapers, which includes seven different papers. "It doesn't deserve the honor of being in a criminal court."

Hogan said the \$5,145 check that bounced was not from Flint Area Newspapers or a company check, but drawn on Spartan Communications where he is a company officer. Hogan said he spent \$1.5 million a year with Stebbins' printing company to print the Flint Area Newspapers. When he decided that was too much money, Hogan said he moved to another printer.

"(Stebbins) didn't appreciate our business when he had it. Now he is a spiteful man who is using this to get at me," Hogan said.

Stebbins, on the other hand, claimed he had had several other checks bounce since taking over Hogan's printing business. That allegation was substantiated by Grand Blanc police investigator Bruce Howe who cited the \$27,000 figure.

In addition, Stebbins said he never received more than a down payment for the Grand Blanc News, which Hogan bought in 1979. Stebbins said he hadn't tried to collect on the newspaper sale proceeds. "I didn't have a good contract," he admitted. "I was hoping he would make it," Stebbins said, "so he would pay me the back money. He had me between a rock and a hard place."

JAMES SILBAR said his family's sale of four Flint weekly newspapers to Hogan put him in the same place, "between a rock and a hard spot."

Silbar, who now publishes the Charlevoix County Press, said they sold the papers in 1979. "We've gotten one payment and nothing else," he said. He, too, admits it was a contractual problem that Hogan, an attorney, set up in the purchase.

Hogan said those were business issues. "Why don't they grow up?" he said.

Silbar's mother once worked for Paul Averill when he published The Birmingham Eccentric. Silbar said.

"Our family was very much on friendly terms with the Averills," Silbar said. "I guess they figured that because he married into the Averill family that he would be like the Averill family, which were fine upstanding citizens who honored their debts. Evidently that wasn't the case because Mr. Hogan has never honored his debts with me. The one payment he made was two months late."



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SWEDEN—Medical researchers at the University of Kuopio, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally!) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise. Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Again, patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in this study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from a 100% natural botanical source and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before meals, it bonds with the food you eat and "ties up" calories, preventing their absorption.

A substantial portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system unabsorbed. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Extensive clinical tests have verified the safety of this formula for long-term use.

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