



This 9,000-gallon steel gasoline tank, estimated to be 20-30 years old, was removed

from the grounds of the Farmington Public Schools bus garage on Tuesday.

# Schools replace 2 tanks

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New state fire marshal regulations, adopted late last year, call for all underground gasoline storage tanks installed before 1965 to be tested for leaks by December. The district still must test three oil storage tanks outside each senior high auto shop. Fuel oil tanks outside several schools also will be tested.  
"Anything we have underground will be tested," Hausman said. "If there's leakage, we'll determine what's more practical — replacement or repair."

# She earns high school diploma at age 70

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"I was a little hesitant, but Yvonne convinced me I could do it," Patrello said. "It took four years to make up two school years, which is about average, but even then, I had more credits than I needed to graduate."  
"I loved going to school. I thought of it as an afternoon or a night out. It took me away from the house and the housework. We only have one car and sometimes I had to go way out of my way to make sure I had the car to get to class, but it was always worth it."

**PATRELLO'S MOTHER** died when she was 6. She grew up as the oldest of eight children with two stepmothers.  
Her young life was spent housecleaning, laundering, cooking, caring for younger children. When she was about 14, she started working in her father's grocery store after school.  
"It just got to be too much," she said. "I had finished the 10th grade and just got started in the 11th, but there was never time to do homework and I didn't like getting Ds."  
"I told my father I was going to quit school and he never discouraged me."

that. I just kept working."  
"It was during the Depression years," she said. "It was a time when it was not uncommon for children — particularly the older children — to quit school to get a job, or try to get a job, to help the family financially."  
Patrello kept working for about 18 years as her father's business grew from one grocery store in Highland Park to five Fil-Mar supermarkets throughout the Detroit area.  
"The only time off I had was when I had the children," she said.

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**SHE AND Frank Patrello** are parents to Patrick, a Lake Orion resident; Kathleen Conway, of Livonia; and Frank, who lives in Davidsburg. The three celebrated their parents' 50th wedding anniversary last fall, then had a double celebration this spring when their mother and Frank Patrello's son, Frank, graduated from high school on the same day.  
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# police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

- **CHARGES SOUGHT**  
The lost prevention manager turned over to Farmington Hills police an employee suspected of stealing a video game from the K mart at 30800 Orchard Lake Road.  
According to a Farmington Hills police report, the manager, at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, the manager, on surveillance in the alley, saw an employee drive up and retrieve a video game hidden under a beam. The employee, a 20-year-old from West Bloomfield couldn't produce a receipt for the \$44 game.  
Police arrested him but then released him on \$20 bond pending issuance of a warrant.
- **ARREST ASSIST**  
Farmington Hills police assisted the Oakland County Sheriff's Department fugitive apprehension team in arresting a 24-year-old Walled Lake man at Motel 6, 38300 Grand River, Thursday night.  
The man was arrested, without incident, on four felony warrants for larceny. The warrants are from different police departments, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
- **FIRE DAMAGE**  
The pool shed at Strawberry Lane Apartments, 27444 Middlebelt, incurred about \$500 in fire damage last week.  
Manager Sherry Eden told firefighters she saw smoke coming from the roof vents Tuesday morning. She also found charring and burning on the bottom of the shed.  
The fire may have been caused by pipe soldering in the shed the day before, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.
- **WEAPONS SEIZED**  
A pistol and two daggers were found in a car that officers had been told to watch for because it might contain weapons, Farmington Hills police said.  
Officer Michael Farley stopped the occupant, a 35-year-old Farmington Hills man, at 10:35 p.m. Aug. 7 at Walden and Grand River. He faces carrying concealed weapons charges, according to a Farmington Hills police report.
- **TOBACCO SEIZED**  
Officers responding to a report of kids on the roof of Flanders Elementary, 32600 Flanders, found 10 teenagers on the school grounds.

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