

Community Corner

This week's question:

What is your opinion of the "Prime Time Live" segment focusing on Detroit's problems?

We asked this question at the Crossroads Shopping Center in Farmington.



"It was unfair. The people in New York were hard-nosed and didn't try to see what Detroit was all about. All cities have the same problems. There's hope. I never give up."
— Al Burghardt
Livonia



"I didn't see it, but my husband did. I feel the show was justified. I was mugged in Detroit and had my purse stolen. I wouldn't go anywhere in Detroit now."
— Trudy Horzko
Farmington Hills



"They came looking for Devil's Night, not something positive. Solutions? All neighborhoods will have to create some sort of protection."
— James Davis
Detroit



"I don't like Detroit. I came here from Detroit. Every time somebody says something bad about Detroit, (Mayor) Coleman (Young) blows up. They didn't show anything that was untrue."
— Allison St. Clair
Birmingham



"I saw a little bit of it. They made it look worse than it was."
— Johanna Franco
Farmington



"I don't like (Detroit Mayor) Coleman Young that much. I know he's done things for isolated parts of Detroit. He's talked to the media like that over since he was mayor."
— Chris Rowland
Farmington Hills

police/fire calls

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

• NOISE COMPLAINT

Two neighbors of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, have filed a third formal complaint in little more than a year about noise from the historic facility, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Donald Stolberg and William Shortt, both of whom have filed previous reports, complained to Farmington Hills police that disturbing noise was coming from the center 9-11 p.m. Nov. 17. Shortt and Stolberg live south of the center.

When police arrived, they found a disc jockey packing up his equipment. They also spoke with a man in charge of the premises that night who reportedly told police he had twice asked the DJ to turn down the music.

• STUDENT TICKETED

A 17-year-old North Farmington High School student was ticketed for possession of marijuana cigarettes at school at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 16, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Police received information that

two students had marijuana cigarettes at school intending to sell to other students. School officials and a police officer took the two young men out of class and questioned them separately.

The student who was ticketed said he didn't know what officials were talking about but agreed to a pad-down. A clear baggie containing three marijuana cigarettes were found in his pants pocket, according to police.

The student was issued an ordinance violation ticket, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine. The student was released after posting a \$40 bond.

Police are still investigating the second student.

• CONFISCATED BB PISTOL

A BB pistol was confiscated from a 15-year-old Farmington Hills boy as he played basketball with other kids at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt, just after 10 p.m. Nov. 16, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

A Farmington Youth Assistance staff member learned that one of the youth's playing basketball had a BB pistol, which was later found in his duffel bag. The boy, who claimed the pistol was not his, had no BBs or cartridges.

• THEFTS REPORTED

A jewelry box and jewelry valued at \$850 were reported stolen from a house on Roxbury, Sept. 15-Nov. 1.

A 1988 Plymouth Reliant valued at \$2,500 was reported stolen from Randy's Collision, 31168 Eight Mile, Nov. 15.

Approximately \$130 cash was taken from Sids & Scissors, 29210 Orchard Lake Road, Nov. 15.

An AM/FM cassette, amplifier and speakers valued at \$1,499 were reported stolen from a unit at the Fairmont Apartments, 22557 Maywood Ct., Nov. 15-17.

Jewelry and silver dollars valued at \$2,080 were reported stolen from a house on Rockwell, Nov. 17.

A portable phone and battery pack valued at \$300 were reported stolen from a car parked at Pace Warehouse, 24800 Haggerty, Nov. 17.

A purse containing cash and a ring, valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from a shopping cart at K mart, 30800 Orchard Lake Road, Nov. 17.

Jewelry, cash and checks valued at \$275 were reported stolen from a house on Shiawassee, Nov. 18.

A color television, clock radio and firearms valued at \$3,325 were reported stolen from a house on Herndonwood, Nov. 13-18.

Boys Republic suit settled

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Farmington Hills has been embroiled for more than a year in a zoning dispute with Boys Republic, the medium-security facility housing boys ages 12-17 on 80 wooded acres.

Residents of Farmington Hills' Old-Town section, fearing the criminal backgrounds of some Boys Republic residents, were angered by the assessment program.

In mid-August 1989, Boys Republic sued Farmington Hills seeking damages from a two-week stop-work order on dormitories for the new assessment program that cost the social service agency money.

THE CITY countersued, saying security renovations and the new assessment program represented "an expansion of a non-conforming use in violation of the city's zoning ordinance."

Don't shift students, parents say

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schools. At Highmeadow Common Campus, students are chosen by lottery to attend the school which offers a greater variety of enrichment classes.

"I am extremely upset," said Farmington resident Susan Murphy. "Flanders (students) has been walking to Power for 20 years. These students and their parents have helped to shape the school."

The high school subcommittee presented plans to:

In the assessment program, the state Department of Social Services assigned wards of the state to Boys Republic for a four-week evaluation before they were placed in a long-term treatment program.

THAT ASSESSMENT program will come to an end with the consent judgment. Half the program will be terminated by Dec. 31, 1990, and the other half by Dec. 31, 1991, Donohue said.

The dormitories used for the program will be modified comparable to the dorm used for the facility's traditional program. The city, in turn, is required to issue a certificate of occupancy for the dorms.

"Except as provided by this consent judgment, the use and development of the property shall conform to the laws and ordinances of the city of Farmington Hills, including

its zoning ordinance," according to the consent judgment.

THE CITY also is required to pay Boys Republic \$115,000.

Boys Republic in turn will grant the city for \$10,000 a five-year right of first refusal for the northern 40 acres of its property, which may be bought "and used only for purposes mutually agreeable to the parties."

The city also will be required to "support Boys Republic in various public relations activities, including issuing a letter in support of Boys Republic and its programs for fundraising activities. Such support shall be given consistent with the limitations of law governing municipal corporations," according to the consent judgment.

Sowerby criticized the city's agreement to the \$10,000 right of first refusal and public relations involvement.

senior year.

• Create as much classroom space as possible for the district.

OPEN ENROLLMENT currently exists in the three high schools. But due to the high enrollment at North Farmington, the board passed a resolution in January that established a maximum number of students at each high school. That resolution states that all three high schools only remain an open school if their enrollment has not been exceeded.

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