

Watcher

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Jean a member of the East Middle School Parent Advisory Group since 1989. He also helped start a Parent Communications Network at East and has been active in scouting.

Stoke said he has no single issue to address during the campaign, but puts finances, quality of education and monitoring the district's performance at the top of the list. He calls for effective budget management to get through the tough times, a challenging, well-rounded education program and accountability through goals and objectives.

"I believe the community is looking for good, constructive leadership," Stoke said. "My operating style has always been you don't have to like me, as long as you respect me."

He brings that theory with him to board meetings. Although he supports the current school administration and board, Stoke



Joe Svake

has never been afraid to ask questions at meetings, especially when the board is making a purchase or introducing a program.

Svake is running his own campaign, and has gotten support from several areas of the community. Some of the modeling of recent school elections doesn't deter him. "I'm enjoying myself," he said, of his first attempt at public office.

The Svokes reside on Brancher in Farmington Hills.

AAUW honor

Duly noted: Paula Reilly was honored as an outstanding member of the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women with a Named Grant being sent in her name to the National Education Foundation of the AAUW. Reilly has been a member of the Farmington Branch since 1976. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and taught school in both Rockford and Bloomfield Hills.



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2 plead innocent to obscenity charge

BY JOANN MALINZSKI
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An owner and manager of a Farmington Hills video store faces misdemeanor obscenity charges after police investigated an anonymous complaint that the store was selling or renting obscene videos.

Larry Chocor, 32, of West Bloomfield, the owner of Video One, 55220 12 Mile, and store manager Geraldine Mann, 50, also of West

Bloomfield, pleaded not guilty to one count each of second-degree obscenity at their arraignment in 47th District Court May 5. Both are free after each posted a \$1,000 bond.

If convicted, each faces a maximum sentence of one year in prison and \$5,000 fine. A pretrial conference has not yet been scheduled.

"They turned themselves in voluntarily," said Det. Bert Cook of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

"We received an anonymous complaint about obscene material being sold and rented."

During the short police investigation, a video tape was bought and reviewed by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, who issued arrest warrants for the owner and manager, Cook said.

Southfield attorney Carl Rubin, who represented the two at their arraignments, was unavailable for comment.

Police conducted a similar investigation in February that led to the arrest of the owner of another Farmington Hills video store, Habib George Qasht, 59, owner of Major Video Super Store, 22300 Middlebelt, pleaded not guilty to one count of second-degree obscenity. Qasht's pretrial conference is scheduled in 47th District Court May 27.

Kroger evacuated after bomb threat

Despite a bomb threat Wednesday about 4:30 p.m., that forced the evacuation of the Kroger store on Middlebelt Road, police and employees could find no explosives in the store, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The co-manager contacted police after he received a call from an unidentified person. "I don't want to get involved but there are two pipe bombs in the building," the caller reportedly said.

When the co-manager asked who was calling, the caller repeatedly said, "I don't want to get involved." The co-manager told police the bombs were set to go off at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

When police arrived the store was evacuated and officers and employees

searched the building at 6:30 p.m. No bombs were found.

garage fire

Damage was estimated at \$11,000 after fire broke out in a 24-car garage on Allison May 6, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

A passerby noticed the fire and contacted the homeowner. When firefighters arrived they found the garage totally engulfed in fire. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

thefts reported

A leather jacket valued at \$750 was reported stolen from Hair & Company, 30878 Orchard Lake Road, April 25.

A stereo amplifier and two speakers valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen from a 1990 Geo at Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile, May 5-6.

A camcorder and battery valued at \$388.90 were reported stolen from a house on Hemlock, May 1.

Jewelry, antique clocks, three leather coats, a shotgun and stereo system with an unknown value, as well as a VCR and 35 mm camera valued at \$700 and \$122 in rolled coins were reported stolen from a house on Valley, May 6.

Jewelry, a purse, hats and boots valued at \$5,000 were reported stolen from a 1992 Volvo on Orchard Lake Road, May 5-7.

A computer terminal, monitor and keyboard valued at \$2,100 were

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reported stolen from a house on Clarcview, May 7.

An electric leaf blower, briefcase and miscellaneous items valued at \$165 were reported stolen from a 1986 Blazer at the 1016A, 24065 Orchard Lake Road, May 5.

A 1990 Suzuki motorcycle valued at \$4,900 was reported stolen from a house in the Chatham Hills subdivision on Grand River. The owner, who wanted to sell the cycle let a person take it for a test drive. The person never returned.

OBITUARIES

ANN ELIZABETH RUTKOWSKI

Mrs. Rutkowski, 65, of Farmington died May 1 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Marquette, Mrs. Rutkowski was a registered nurse. Survivors include her husband, Henry; sons, Dan and Robert; daughters, Luanne Grubel and Patricia DeSimone; sister, Mary Rippe; 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 6 in Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. Richard E. Iwick officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

BETTY JEAN DUNN

Mrs. Dunn, 67, of Farmington Hills died May 4 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Dunn was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; sons, Thomas and Loren; one grandchild.

Services were May 7 at the O'Brien Chapel of St. C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, with the Rev. Victor Mesenbrink officiating. Burial was in Glen Elgin Cemetery, Livonia.

VERNARD E. VANLEWEN

Mr. VanLewen, 86, of West

Bloomfield died May 5.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mr. VanLewen was a teacher and coach for many years with the Troy School System. He himself played baseball with minor leagues. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Farmington and Walled Lake F&AM Lodge 528.

Survivors include his daughter, Norma Huston; brother, Richard; sisters, Isbell Watson and Thelma Anderson; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were May 9 at the First United Church of Farmington with the Rev. Edward Duncann officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Arrangements were made by the

Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

BEATRICE M. KELLY

Mrs. Kelly, 78, of Farmington died May 6 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Kelly was an accountant in the construction industry.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Talking and Harold Bennett; daughters, Nancy Sutherland and Susan Kelly-Rooney; one brother and three sisters; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were May 8 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Donald Devine of The American Catholic Church officiating.

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