

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

BREAK-IN

Damage was extensive in a Farmington business when thieves stole \$1,115 in Lottery tickets during a smash-and-grab robbery over the weekend.

A large plate glass window was smashed with a brick at the Little Professor Book Center, 37115 Grand River, and books in the store's display were damaged. Total damages were reported at \$1,043. The incident occurred sometime Sept. 6-7, according to reports.

LIGHTNING STRIKE

Lightning struck a house on

Highview in the 14 Mile/Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills at about 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6.

No fire resulted and no one was injured, but two holes were left in the roof, according to homeowner Alex Baran, 78. High winds were blowing when the lightning struck, he added.

"Praise the fire department and the Farmington Hills 9-1-1," said Baran, who said he is a retired hospital engineer and "semi-retired" Catholic priest. "The woman said, 'We'll have someone out right away.' Ten minutes later, there they were."

Said Hills Fire Chief Rich Marincek, "From our perspective it was pretty routine. I could see how it could be pretty scary, though, for someone inside that house. Lucky it didn't catch fire. It could have been

a lot worse."

A natural gas line was ruptured and Consumers Power personnel responded, the fire department reported.

Firefighters installed a smoke detector in Baran's living room, replacing one that didn't work, and the owner was advised of "numerous hazards inside the home."

THEFTS REPORTED

A woman reported Saturday that her purse, its contents and \$600 in cash were stolen from her 1989 Pontiac which was parked in the lot west of the Metro Musicale. The passenger window was broken out.

A Botsford Apartments resident reported Saturday that someone broke into his 1985 Chevy Chevette and stole \$1,285 of merchandise, including a CB and bond equipment

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Biblas and were given free time, which they used to take day trips for fun and cultural awareness.

Raised in the Catholic Church, Karen renewed her Christianity about nine months ago joining the born-again movement. It was one of the biggest turning points in her life, giving her not only inner stability but it also drew her out of her shell.

"I had this loneliness and this emptiness inside my heart before," she said. "I even thought about suicide, because I didn't like the way my life was going."

"I'm a very strong person now," she added. "I'm much happier."

The Nicaraguan trip strengthened that. "When I first went there, I wasn't as disciplined," she said. "It changed my life — to share my faith with others."

The teens spent their month visiting with hundreds of local people, using interpreters to help them. They also had a chance to meet with Daniel Ortega, former Sandanista president of the now Democratic country. Karen said she saw only minor crime during her visit there.

One of the cultural aspects of the trip was learning

to be gracious and accept food and gifts from the Nicaraguan people.

One of the worst tasting "treats" was goat cheese, she said. More commonly, the meals were of the country's staples, beans and rice.

"You can't say 'no' because you have to be culturally sensitive," she said. "A lot of them were homeless — think of how much we have here. We're so selfish and they have nothing."

Karen first became interested in the Teen Mania Ministries through a friend who visited Albania this year through the same program. Students must raise their own funds for the ministry trip.

Karen raised \$1,700 through her church, car washes and earning her own money by working. "It was well worth it," she added.

Karen is interested in sending help to a Nicaraguan medical clinic in Managua which treated the students while they were visiting. She is seeking all types of basic medical supplies which she will send there. Anyone interested in donating these can call Karen at 477-7620.

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back. "I was surprised," he said. "But it worked out fine for both of us. That decision was a difficult one to make. Looking back, it was the right move."

After retiring, Deadman plans to work part time in a municipal field, though not in another city manager role. He also hopes to volunteer time with the American Red Cross

where he wants to incorporate all of his experience and skills in the disaster preparedness area.

And don't forget the fishing, which Deadman enjoys at this lakefront retirement home in the Irish Hills. The Deadmans plan to divide their time between there and Arizona. But their roots will remain here in Farmington, he said.

"I raised my family here," Dead-

man said. "I have very fond feelings for this community. If we didn't have the desire to live on water, I'd be here."

The Deadmans have three children including a son in Arizona, a daughter in California and a son and two grandchildren in Birmingham. Virginia retired several years ago from her post at H.A. Smith Lumber.

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