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Family: Support helped

Cassara family members are still in shock over the slaying of Frank Cassara Sr. of Farmington Hills. But Friday they could take comfort that Detroit police have two suspects in the case.

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

For Frank Cassara Jr., Father's Day had to be a day of mixed feelings. His father, Frank Cassara Sr., 50, a Farmington Hills resident, had been murdered June 9, an act that had sent the family into shock. Friday, Detroit police had two suspects in

custody and had planned to charge them by Saturday.

"We're still in shock," the younger Cassara said last week. "He was 50 years old. I expected him to live into his 80s. With Father's Day coming up, it will be hard."

The family of Frank Cassara Sr., including his wife Joan, children Frank

Jr., Tony, Maria and Jeannine, and grandson Vincent, had just buried the elder Frank's mother two weeks before the murder.

"Our family has really been through a lot lately," Frank Jr. said. "He was such a wonderful man and had so many friends," Frank Jr. said. "He was generous. And he loved Detroit (where he was murdered). We never worried because he knew his way around the city."

Police had little to say about the suspects Friday. But that didn't

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Frank Cassara Sr.

'Art in the Garden' coming up



JOHN STORIELAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reaching for a flower: Adam Reid, 2-year-old son of Nan Reid, reaches for a foxglove flower in his mother's Farmington garden. Reid's garden is a stop on the Farmington Garden Club's annual walk called "Art in the Garden." The event will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25. For more information and more photos, see the Suburban Life section of Thursday's Farmington Observer.

Escape try unleashes changes, possible life term

By BILL COUTANT
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A man shot trying to escape from a Farmington Hills police detective while being driven from court to jail could face a life sentence.

Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said he has sought a warrant for a Brighton man on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life.

A prisoner had been bound over to

circuit court June 8 on a charge of unarmed robbery and was being driven from 47th District Court to the city jail when the incident occurred. Police said that Detective Dave Loe, who was transporting the man, was attacked during the drive from the court to jail and shot the man in the leg as he was trying to escape.

"He (Loe) was absolutely justified to shoot," Dwyer said. "This was a convicted felon trying to escape. He posed not only a threat to the officer, but also to the residents."

Loe was not seriously injured and has returned to work. The prisoner is in the Oakland County Jail. The prisoner has been convicted of armed robbery in Westland and drug possession in Flat Rock. He also faces armed robbery charges in Lapeer and Troy, Dwyer said.

An internal investigation by the department concluded that the prisoner was handcuffed.

Although prisoners are often transported by patrol cars or prison vans, which have screens and other security

measures to protect the driver from prisoners, Loe was transporting the prisoner in the front seat of an unmarked detective's car.

The department has no written policy regarding transporting prisoners, Dwyer said, something he plans to remedy within the week.

"I find a need to improve on our current policy," Dwyer said. "I'm looking at policies from other departments like Detroit, Southfield and Troy."

See WATER, 6A

Water restrictions keep nozzle on area sprinkling

By BILL COUTANT
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Emergency sprinkling restrictions will remain in effect for the next few days, at least in the Farmington area. Most residents have cooperated in the restrictions, which limit the hours of sprinkling and require residents

who want to use sprinklers to use them only every other day, said Tom Blasell, Farmington Hills director of public services.

"The residents have been terrific," he said. "When we've found someone in violation, they just want to know

when they're allowed to water their lawn."

Department of public works superintendent Dan Rooney echoed Blasell.

"People have been real nice about it," he said. "It hasn't been a problem."

The state health department has ordered the restrictions and in some communities has banned sprinkling.

Residents can still use a garden hose on gardens and can wash their cars, Blasell said.

Rally round the soapbox

Get out the soapbox and gather around . . . there are politicians on the stump.

What is being called an "old-fashioned political rally" is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at Farmington Hills' Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads.

Candidates for governor, U.S. and state senator, U.S. and state representative, and county commissioner have been invited to speak. Each candidate will have his/her time on the soapbox.

The event will offer more than just politics. Representatives of Farmington-area civic groups will be on hand to answer questions about their activities. There will be hayrides, food, clowns and an appearance by Farmington Hills' own Parkey the Panda.

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Music will be provided by the Farmington Community Band under the direction of Paul Barber and the Sweet Adelines Barbershop Singers. A local classic car club will display antique autos, weather permitting.

Anyone who wishes to represent a civic organization at the rally should call Shelley Paros at 661-9047 for additional information. For more information about the event in general, call Steve Brock, Farmington Hills assistant city manager, at 474-6115.

The rally is co-sponsored by the city of Farmington Hills and the Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

Memory Lane

From the June 17, 1954 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ A. Percy Thompson was re-elected to the Farmington Board of Education after the annual school election. In the Clarenceville District, incumbents John A. Nicholas and William Lawrason were returned to office.

■ The new Alta Loma Park subdivision in southwest Farmington was set to open officially. The sub, developed by Devere Fleming, had 100 home sites.

■ The Allen Martindale barn on Farmington Road near 12 Mile burned to the ground in a flash fire caused by lightning.

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