

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

FIRE
In Farmington Hills:
Firefighters responded after there was smoke coming from the boys' room in a classroom portable at Gill Elementary at 8:38 a.m. March 20. A small paper fire ignited but there was no interior damage. Police interviewed a 10-year-old boy at the scene.

Firefighters put out a fire in the engine of a 1988 Peterbilt truck on I-275 and 10 Mile March 21. The truck sustained \$500 damage from the fire, which started after the driver pulled the vehicle to the side of the highway.

Hills and city of Farmington firefighters put out an engine fire on a 1992 Chevrolet pickup on M-6 and Drake at 3:50 p.m. March 23. The driver said the vehicle stopped suddenly and flames started coming out from

under the hood.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills:
More than \$1,600 worth of cigarettes and other merchandise was stolen from a Total gas station on 12 Mile March 17-19. On video surveillance, a man is seen entering the store, talking to an attendant and leaving with a large bag of merchandise without paying.

Police arrested a Detroit man who had stolen keys to a Camaro and came back three days later to presumably find the vehicle the set fit at Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River March 20. The man was arrested at Target after he left the dealership. He has a warrant out of Detroit for auto theft. As police took the man into custody, a woman asked if her friend was going to jail. She got into a Ford Explorer when she was questioned by police, who found the vehicle she had been stolen from a Warren dealership.

Three laptop computers were

stolen from Data Systems Network on 12 Mile Road between March 19-20.

A 3,500-foot soil erosion filter fence and a 1,770-foot wooden snow fence were stolen from a construction site in the Nine Mile and Heatheridge area March 23.

A cellular phone, four speakers and a speaker box were stolen from a 1993 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked at Kmart on Orchard Lake March 23.

Stereo equipment worth \$600 was stolen from a 1993 Ford F-150 truck parked at Tom Holzer Ford on 10 Mile between March 19-23.

CAR STEREO STOLEN

In Farmington:

Two cars parked at 32411 Grand River recently were broken into and had stereo equipment stolen.

Sometime between March 20-28, the passenger door window of a vehicle parked outside Classic Carriages was smashed in. An in-dash car stereo, valued at

about \$400, and speakers worth approximately \$250 were taken.

Between 6 p.m. March 20 and 7:30 a.m. Monday, a vehicle in the shop for repairs at Bob's Speedometer (which shares the building with Classic Carriages) was similarly victimized.

The driver's side window was smashed. Taken were a radio/cassette disc player valued at \$150; 24 CDs, estimated at about \$380; speakers, worth about \$150; and a pager, with a value of about \$50.

A Farmington Public Safety officer said the two cases likely are the work of the same people. So far, there are no suspects.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills:

Three convertible tops were slashed on vehicles parked at Bob Peck Show and Go on Grand River between March 22-23, causing more than \$2,000 damage.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

A 1995 Chevrolet Camaro was stolen after the keys were taken from inside a Summerwood Drive residence March 20. A sum of \$50 was also stolen from a safe.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested a Pinckney

man, 32, for drunken driving after the vehicle he was driving was involved in an accident on M-5 and Orchard Lake March 20. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .24 percent. It is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol level of .10 percent or higher.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 36, for drunken driving on westbound Eight Mile and Middlebelt around 10:10 p.m. March 21. Police stopped the 1984 Chevy S-10 after it was weaving on the road. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 69, for drunken driving on eastbound Grand River and Middlebelt around 10:10 p.m. March 21. Police stopped the 1990 Ford Ranger after it was involved in an accident. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .13 percent.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington Hills:

Six checks were stolen from R-K Management on Northwestern Highway and cashed for \$2,400 Feb. 6-13. A former employee who was fired is believed to be involved.

CONSTRUCTION THEFT

In Farmington Hills:

Police arrested two Livonia men, 38 and 39, after a pair of

men were seen loading aluminum panels near Little Caesars on Commerce Street around 6:22 p.m. March 22. The men explained they were "scrapping," searching for raw materials they sell for money. Police found black rubber coated copper wiring and several tools inside the truck they were in.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington:

A 41-year-old Farmington Hills man was charged with being in possession of marijuana stemming from a police stop about 8:40 p.m. Monday. The driver, on eastbound Grand River, went through a red light at Farmington. He was subsequently pulled over at Ram's Horn and signs of being under the influence were evident. Three marijuana cigarette butts were found in the ashtray.

At about 1 a.m. Sunday, officers stopped a woman who was speeding and weaving on Farmington Road at West Nine Mile Road. After it was apparent she was under the influence, a custodial search of her purse revealed 8.8 grams of loose marijuana, one marijuana cigarette, rolling papers and a pipe with residue. The 42-year-old Livonia resident was arrested, with a hearing set for Monday in 47th District Court.

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OBITUARIES

MARK R. THOMPSON

Mark R. Thompson, 35, died March 17 in Farmington Hills. Mr. Thompson was a roofer/construction worker and a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 346 in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by mother, Carol; brother, Larry; sister, Pam (Ken) Ross; close friend, Jackie; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held March 20 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

JOHN HARROWER

John Harrower, 93, died March 22 in Redford Township.

Mr. Harrower worked as a shipping clerk for Central Detroit Warehousing and was a World War II Army veteran. He was an avid walker and enjoyed playing cards.

He is survived by nieces, Jane Stewart of Farmington, Hannah

Klug and Nancy (Michael) Stewart of Farmington; and nephews, James McDonagh, Andrew Harrower and Stephen (Betty) Mathyan.

Private services were held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Presbyterian Village, 26300 W. Six Mile, Redford 48240.

FRIEDA K. MUIR

Frieda K. Muir, 82, died March 22 at her home in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by sons, John (Candace), Roy (Kathryn), Charles (Lisa) and David (Betty); brother, Bob Hansen; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held March 25 at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

ETHEL MAE BUSSEY

Ethel Mae Bussey, 92, died March 23 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

A former resident of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Bussey was a homemaker and a member of her church women's club.

She is survived by daughters, Elizabeth (James) Reynolds of Bloomfield Hills, Janet (Jack) Ripper of Farmington Hills and Linda (John) Greig of Bloomfield Hills; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today, March 26, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington with the Rev. David Noble officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield 48334.

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Opening Friday, March 27th

THE NEWTON BOYS [PG-13] **WILDLINGS** [PG] **THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK** [PG-13]
TITANIC [PG-13] **PRIMARY COLORS** [PG] **AS GOOD AS DEAD** [PG-13]
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