

Fire investigation continues

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A fire that caused \$50,000 to the building and contents of a Farmington pizzeria early Monday morning is still being investigated as suspicious, according to the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

Two victims, a 24-year-old Dearborn man and a 24-year-old Ypsilanti man, received skin grafts at the University of Michigan Hospital last week and officers were still waiting to interview them, according to Mike

Wiggins, deputy director. Because of the suspicious nature of the fire, the victims' names have not been released.

Both are employees of Antonio's Plaza, 20772 Farmington Road, near Eight Mile. The fire reportedly started in the cooking area at about 12:22 a.m.

Wiggins said he was hopeful the skin graft procedures the men received mean the men will be well enough to be interviewed soon. They were listed in critical condition as of Friday afternoon.

They reportedly suffered

burns to their hands and faces. One victim was transported to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, the other to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Both were later airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Assisting the Farmington Public Safety Department with the on-scene investigation were the Oakland County Sheriff's Department fire investigators.

Also assisting were the Farmington Hills Police Department, the Livonia Fire Department and Community Ambulance.

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

MAIL TAMPERING

In Farmington Hills: Police stopped four teenage girls after Randall Street residents reported that females on bikes stole mail Aug. 3. While questioning the teens, ranging 13-14 in age, two bikes were reported stolen from Timberidge. The girls admitted they took the bikes, too. One of the girls had been reported missing from Viola Maria.

BUSINESS BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills: Thieves stole a \$6,500 laser level, taping box, chop saw, screw gun and a wall cutting tool after breaking into Orchard Corporate Center on Stansbury between Aug. 2-3.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: Someone stole two rods, a jack stand, six shovels and chain binders from the bed of a 1998 Ford pickup parked at the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile Road Aug. 3.

OBITUARIES

NORMA COLE

Memorial services for Norma Cole, 73, formerly of Farmington, were held Aug. 4 at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Paul.

Mrs. Cole was born in Mitchell, S.D., and died July 30 in Royal Oak. She was a retired teacher for Livonia Public Schools. She was the author of several young adult novels, her favorite being "The Final Tide."

Surviving are her sons, Aaron (Terry) and Robert; daughters, Laura Cole (David Dickson) and Mary Cole (Brian Filipiak) of Ypsilanti; brother, Jack Griffin; and sister, Lucille Adams.

Memorial contributions may be made to Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Haledale Road, Farmington Hills 48335.

FRANCES MARGARET HOETGER

Services for Frances Margaret Hoetger, 75, of Farmington, were August 6 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Fr. Gerald McEnhill officiated. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Hoetger was born May 28, 1924 in Detroit. She died August 2 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. She had been a resident of Farmington since 1963, and was a homemaker.

She was the current president of MATVI (Michigan Association of Transcribers for the Visually Impaired) and a member for many years. She had been a member of St. Gerald Catholic Church Service Commission for four years. She enjoyed her family and bowling in leagues.

She is preceded in death by her husband, John E. Hoetger, Jr., and her parents, Joseph and Margaret Zilinsky.

Survivors include sons Jon (Marie) Hoetger, Sr. of Chapel Hill, N.C. and James (Denice) Hoetger of Sarasota, Fla.; daughters Laurel Hoetger of Farmington and Cheryl (Russ) Aderhold of Wausau, Wis.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children, P.O. Box 15924, Livonia, MI 48151.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington.

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his older counterparts. He's also more open to new ideas, he said.

"The disadvantage is, sometimes it takes longer to develop credibility with the staffs," he said. But that's not a problem once they get to know him, he said.

"I treat them with respect and develop relationships with them," Barry said.

Before his stint at Gull Lake High School, Barry was one of three assistant principals at Grand Haven High School, just south of Muskegon. He held that job for four years.

Barry holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University. He's currently working toward a doctorate from the same school.

He's also logged about six years in the classroom as a middle school teacher in Portage, Mich., and San Antonio, Texas.

But Barry said high school students are his favorite group to work with. "They act older. They're more mature," he said. "I like the activities of the high schools."

He's particularly impressed with the curriculum available at Central, which offers four languages, many art programs and some 38 extra curricular activities.

"All the programs here that are available to kids is phenomenal," he said.

As for the new building, Barry said he's looking forward to heading up the state-of-the-art facility. The new school boasts televisions and videoscapes, recorders in every classroom, lights that turn on automatically, updated science labs and other amenities.

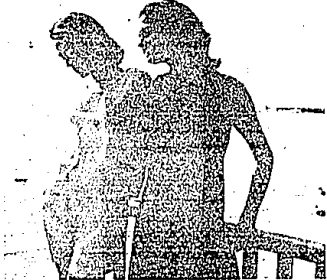
The building is divided into six "pods," or separate groups of classrooms. Teachers will not be grouped by subject area in an effort to promote more interaction between departments.

Eventually, Barry said, the district has plans to implement an academy system at Central that would allow students to focus on a certain subject area. The pods could be used to divide the building that currently holds 1,500.

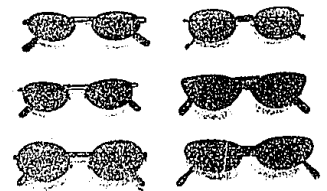
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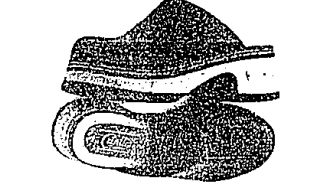
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