

BELL-RINGERS

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ring a bell next to the Red Kettle from Nov. 22 through Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays. Two-hour slots are available. Farmington Hills resident Jim Swan has been ringing the bell next to the familiar kettle for 30 years.

The Salvation Army is his church, he said. "I see where that money is being used. Some people have a misconception that it just goes for Christmas dinners and presents. But it's like it says on the kettle, 'Need has no season.' The money raised

is used throughout the year. "It could go for food, assistance with utilities and rent and the Christmas toy shop or to send someone to summer camp. It could be used for a variety of things." Swan, who works for General Motors, said people who volunteer to ring bells for the kettles will get a good feeling about helping out. "They'll feel good that they've given back." Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills belongs to the Redford Township Unity Club. Each year club members spend a Saturday outside the Farmington Farmer Jack on Nine Mile to raise money for

the kettle drive.

"A lot sign up for an hour and stay for three because it's such a hoot," she said. About 40 members turn out to help raise money.

People tend to like the show, Brichford said, but the volunteers get something out of it, too.

"It's gotten to be one of the special parts of Christmas," she said, pointing out that those in the club who don't ride a unicycle do other things to entertain people. She, for instance, plays Christmas carols on the flute. "It's a fulfilling experience."

And volunteering is a way to say thanks to the Salvation Army since the club used to hold gatherings at the Salvation Army's gym. "The club feels it's worth their while."

The Farmington Hills Salvation Army has added city of Southfield to the list of boundaries it covers, including Novi, Wixom, Northville, Livonia and South Lyon. To volunteer, call the Farmington Hills Salvation Army at (248) 477-1153.

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Fired employee gets into shoving match

POLICE CALLS

A 17-year-old employee at McDonald's on Grand River was fired after asking a co-employee to put more ingredients on a sandwich she was purchasing and not paying for the extra ingredients. The employee got into a shoving match between another co-worker and the manager who fired her. The other employee said the girl shoved her, which caused her to hit her head on a cupboard. The girl left before police arrived. The incident occurred around 1:22 p.m. Friday.

Indecent trash collection

A resident in the 22100 block of Averhill Avenue called police after he spotted a Waste Management worker urinating in front of his house around 3:13 p.m. Friday. The man said the worker made no attempt to conceal himself while he was standing on the back of a garbage truck. Police also contacted management at the company about the complaint.

Computer theft

An employee at Computware on Northwestern said he left

his office between 1-3 p.m. Friday and when he returned his laptop was stolen from his desk. Loss was \$3,000.

At GLP & Associates on 12 Mile, someone broke the glass door to the business and stole a \$4,000 computer system inside. The incident occurred Tuesday evening.

Drunken driving

Police responded to a hit-and-run accident and located the driver along Westfarm and Rhinwood around 8:40 p.m. Tuesday. The driver, a 40-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .33 blood/alcohol level. Police took him to the hospital since his alcohol level was so high. Police pulled over a vehicle along Orchard Lake and Grand River around 1:38 a.m. Nov. 16 for speeding. The driver, a 24-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

Dirt bike

A \$5,525 dirt bike parked in

a garage in the 30600 block of Shilawsee was stolen between Nov. 3-9. The garage was not locked.

Car stolen

A 44-year-old Farmington Hills man said his lover of one month took the keys and his Cadillac while he was sleeping on Saturday. They were staying at the Ramada Inn.

Attempted theft

In the 22400 block of Corna, someone took five tool boxes from an unlocked van. The owner was alerted outside by a barking dog around 3:15 a.m. Saturday. The man noticed the boxes were hidden under some nearby bushes still intact and no tools inside missing.

Purse stolen

A minivan parked in the 27900 block of Briddenhills Drive had one of its windows open to gain entry Saturday night. A purse was stolen from inside.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Salvation Army programs

The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills will host two free Sunday programs at 6 p.m. Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. ■ Nov. 24 - The Royal Heirs will perform a musical concert. ■ Dec. 1 - The Covenant

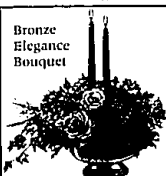
Players will provide a ministry in drama.

The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills is located at 27600 Shilawsee (at Inkster Road). Call (248) 477-1153.

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County drain commission makes ISO

The Oakland County Drain Commission recently became the first public works department in the country to be registered with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). To receive the ISO 9002 designation, the drain commission and its 225 employees had to document all work processes and procedures. Up to now, the standard has been used primarily in the private industry.

Based in Switzerland, ISO oversees the network of national standard institutes

for more than 130 countries, and publishes standards for quality management. Standards are documented agreements containing technical specifications and other criteria to be used consistently as rules and guidelines.

According to Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, obtaining the ISO designation will ensure consistency in both operations and customer service.

"This process offered everyone in the department the opportunity to take a

look at how we do business, and we will continuously take a look at ourselves," he said. "We're in the service business, and this provides a consistent approach to customer service. This is a great honor for us."

The drain commission oversees many facilities throughout Oakland County, including 335 drains, 15 municipal sewers, 14 municipal water systems, 92 sewage pumping stations, and two wastewater treatment plants, and numerous structures that control lake levels.

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