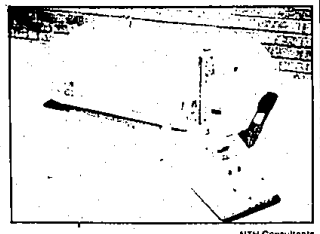


Radioactive gauge missing

Officials at a Farmington Hills company and the Northfield Township police are looking for a radioactive gauging device that was reported stolen from a pickup truck parked at a trailer park in Whitmore Lake.

The device, owned by NTH Consultants, 38955 Hills Tech Drive, is used in construction, and is a shoebox-sized yellow pyramid with a long handle above the base.

Labels on the gauge identify it as containing radioactive materials.



This is what the radioactive gauging device, owned by NTH Consultants of Farmington Hills, looks like. It was stolen from a pickup truck parked at a trailer park in Whitmore Lake Wednesday. If it is found, NTH officials recommend that you do not touch it or linger around it.

At the time of the theft from the Northfield Estates trailer park, the gauge was in a bright yellow case approximately 3 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 12 inches high, with several "radioactive materials" labels on the outside.

"The gauge itself contains radioactive materials concealed in the gauge," said Jim Parsons of NTH Consultants. "It should not be handled."

If anyone comes across the device, Parsons suggests that it not be touched and that no one linger around it. Anyone who has seen the device or knows where it might be should call either the Northfield Township police at (313) 449-8900, or NTH Consultants at 553-8500.

Educator loves a challenge

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he cool. Although such situations sometimes shook her self-confidence, she said, she simply moved ahead. "It doesn't do any good to be angry — that's wasted energy," she added.

Leaving behind her multi-faceted career, she and husband Bill — who will leave his longtime career with Ford Motor Co. on the same day Mary Lou leaves her job — are moving on with their lives.

THEY ARE mapping out desirable-temperate-areas-near-major-universities and cultural centers, and likely near the ocean, where they will select their ideal home. From there they can continue to travel, visit their four children who are spread from New Jersey to Denver and Houston, and learn how to relax.

"One of the things my husband and I have never had time to do, is learn-

ing how to play," she said, adding that both have been confirmed "workaholics" throughout their careers. "We're going to work at learning how to play."

Ankele said she's been so busy researching education issues over the years that she's never read novels. She has a camera she's never learned to use. There is volunteer work where she knows her background can make a difference.

In addition to focusing her career on education, Ankele has always made it an important part of her personal life as well. It took nearly 20 years of struggling through night school, with many of those years as a full-time wife, mother and homemaker, to earn all her degrees.

She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from Wayne State University, advanced degrees in reading from Oakland University and special education and adminis-

tration from WSU. She also holds a number of specialty certifications and has done post-graduate work in other areas.

"I was always in a course of study, preparing me for that next step, though I didn't always know what it was," she said. Ankele plans now to go back to school, where she may fulfill a lifelong dream of earning a doctorate.

Professionally, she remains concerned about the future of education, and defends our public education system as one that offers "education for all" unlike systems in some other countries.

Despite all the bright plans for the future, Ankele becomes a bit teary-eyed talking about her final weeks. "I've loved it here," she said. "But it's time. I need to find another identity."

"Making a decision was the hardest thing."

obituaries

DAVID E. DRZINSKI

Mr. Drzinski, 51, of Farmington Hills died June 11 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Clairsville, Ohio, Mr. Drzinski was a salesman for Montgomery Ward.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; father, Edward; brothers, Richard and Dennis; sister, Frances Reese.

Mass was celebrated June 15 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

WILLIAM RUSSELL SWAN JR.

Mr. Swan, 44, of Brighton died June 12.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Swan was an assembler for Ford Motor Co., Wixom Plant. He was a member of local 38 where he was on the executive board for six years and a trustee for three years, and a member of the National Rifle Association. He was a veteran in the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; sons, William III and Michael; daughters, Sara and Marcie; parents, William Swan Sr. and Barbara Swan; father-in-law, Romeo and Julia Bastianelli of Farmington Hills; stepmother, Minnie Swan.

Services were held June 14 in Holy

Family Church, Novi. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society.

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New columnist joins O&E

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said Steve Barnaby, Observer & Eccentric managing editor.

"We are delighted to have John writing for us. I know our readers will be intrigued by his approach, whether or not they agree with his views," he said.

TELFORD WILL join former Troy administrator James "Doc" Doyle on the op-ed page as commentators on the educational scene.

The 55-year-old Telford is best known for his annual school reform guide titled "Telford's Telescope" in which he took sharp swipes at racism and other injustices he perceived in the educational system.

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