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THE WEEK
AHEAD

MONDAY

Holiday closings: Farmington and Farmington Hills city offices will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Offices will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Both branches of the Farmington Community Library, in downtown Farmington and on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will be closed all four days as well.

WEDNESDAY

Storytimes: Dee and Becky (and sometimes Kathy) read classics and favorites at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Borders.

THURSDAY

Line dancing: Learn how to line dance 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

SATURDAY

Singles from First Presbyterian Church in Northville walk through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills at 10 a.m. every Saturday.

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Accused Hills dentist suspended



After police notified state authorities, the Department of Consumer & Industry Services suspended the license of a dentist who has been charged with stalking. But this wasn't his first run-in with state authorities.

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The Farmington Hills dentist facing a stalking charge has had his license to practice suspended by state officials. Donald R. Quinn, whose practice is

at 25882 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, has been disciplined in the past by the state Department of Consumer & Industry Services.

According to the state report, Quinn's license was suspended for 45 days in December 1987 for "diversion of

controlled substances and chemical dependency."

On Sept. 28, he was detained at Metro Airport security after they found a vial of hydromorphone, a form of morphine, in his sock, the report stated. His suitcase also had vials of controlled drugs. He told security the medications were for his fiancée who recently had extensive dental surgery, the report stated.

Other allegations that tie Quinn into his recent arrest are listed in the disciplinary report.

According to the document:

■ On Dec. 10, Farmington Hills police responded to a 911 call at a Farmington Hills apartment, where a woman told police she was being held by Quinn against her will.

■ She told police she at first had consensual sex with Quinn, then he gave her regular injections of an unidentified medication each day.

■ On one occasion, she said, she attempted to leave the apartment and he struck her, threw her to the ground and choked her.

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Principal Doctor



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Call him "Doc": Students and staff members at Farmington High School dressed up in scrub suits last week to help principal John Barrett celebrate having earned his doctoral degree. The school-wide event came as a complete surprise to Barrett, who was helped into his academic robes by Norma Goers and Kimberly Simmons.

Family plans to follow trial

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Kevin Perry's family traveled to Westland's 18th District Court this week as the driver accused of killing Kevin was bound over for a circuit court trial.

His sister, Lori Booth, said the family intends to follow the trial every step of the way. Kevin died following a Dec. 5 accident, in which a car driven by 26-year-old Emily Coombs of Livonia struck his motorcycle as she left Westland Bowl on Ford Road.

Coombs faces a charge of causing a death while driving under the influence of alcohol and has entered a not guilty plea to the felony charge. Police said her blood alcohol level was .14 following the accident.

"She sounded like she was kind of tearful when she answered some of the questions," Booth said of the preliminary examination. "We're kind of reserving our opinion until the end."

Representatives of Mothers Against Drunk Driving told the family that attorneys will sometimes advise their clients not to express remorse to victims' families during the trial. "We understand that," Booth said.

Perry's four children, who range in age from 19 to 5, are being cared for by their mother. They and their father had just moved into a home in Livonia

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Local police help with some non-immigrant interviews

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Farmington Hills Police recently did their part in helping the U.S. Attorney's office conduct interviews of non-immigrant men who may have information regarding terrorist attacks.

Police Chief William Dwyer, who serves on the executive committee of the anti-terrorism task force estab-

lished by the U.S. Attorney General, said four of the six men living in Farmington Hills were interviewed voluntarily by federal agents and the department.

Federal investigators recently sent out letters to 566 non-immigrant men in the U.S. who were being asked to voluntarily talk with authorities. The men were selected because they recently acquired visas and came from coun-

tries associated with terrorist activities.

In Oakland County, 20 cities were selected and 77 residents were interviewed, the chief said.

"From what I understand (those interviewed) were very pleased with the process and the questions," Dwyer said. "They had no problems whatsoever."

The interviews were conducted based

on whether the men had any knowledge of persons capable of carrying out terrorist acts, the chief said.

"They are not suspects. These were people we feel may have information to be able to link other intelligence information of terrorist in this country or the world," he said.

Police would like to talk with the

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Residents object to three-story building

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Residents living near a vacant business on Grand River would like to see something done with the run-down property, but have concerns about the prospect of looking up at a three-story medical office building.

The planned unit development is earmarked on the vacant National Boatland building site, in the northeast corner of Grand River and Waldron Avenue.

The proposed development also encompasses a single family home behind the Boatland property.

Under the PUD agreement, the developer gets the residential land rezoned for his project, but must work with the city in how the development will appear.

The plan calls to demolish the Boatland building and the home, to make way for the construction of a three-story, 33,000-square-foot medical

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Urban renewal: National Boatland stands at the northeast corner of Grand River and Waldron in Farmington Hills. Plans are in the works to replace it with a new office building.