

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

● **CONDO DAMAGED**  
Fire damaged a condominium under construction on the east side of Halsted, north of Nine Mile, Friday afternoon.

Flame damage was confined to two boxes, containing a refrigerator and a range, that were in the living room. There was smoke damage throughout the two-story unit, Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department said.

The cause is under investigation. The unit was completed except for paint, carpeting and appliances. "We're fortunate the construction was as far along as it was," Baldwin said. "That helped contain the fire."

● **LAWN DAMAGE**  
Someone drove a car over the football field at Warner Middle School, 30305 14 Mile, March 19-20. Damage was estimated at \$500, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **THEFT ALLEGED**  
Farmington Department of Public Safety officers said they will file Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Court petitions charging a 15-year-old Farmington High School student with stealing money from another student's locker March 17.  
The sophomore was detained after a coach allegedly saw him remove a wallet from another student's locker. Cash was reported missing, according to the public safety report.

● **BREAK-IN ATTEMPT**  
A Cloverdale resident reported a break-in attempt at his house March 17-18, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.  
The resident, awakened by his dog barking, looked out the window to see

man running away from the house. The attempted break-in caused damage to a window frame, according to the public safety report.

● **THEFTS REPORTED**  
Several thefts were reported to local police agencies. Some of them follow:

A 1973 Ford Torino valued at \$1,500 was reported stolen from American Transmissions, 29105 Grand River, between Jan. 8 and March 14.

Fishing equipment valued at \$800 was reported stolen from a storage shed on Buchanan Court between Dec. 1 and March 16.

A painting and an AM-FM stereo cassette player valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a house on Squires Trail between Nov. 2 and March 1.

A video camera, a TV tuner and a tri-pod valued at \$2,150 were reported stolen from Farmington Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, March 3-7.

A VCR, a color TV, a fur coat, cash and other items valued at \$1,600 were reported stolen from a house on Edmontown March 7-8.

A grille valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked on Ridgeway March 11.

A 1986 Ford Mustang valued at \$16,000 was reported stolen from near Design Systems, 35518 Grand River, March 14.

A 1977 Lincoln Mercury valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from the north lot at Hunters Square March 14.

A 1986 Oldsmobile 98 valued at \$19,000 was reported stolen from Dover Hills March 14-15.

A revolver, a personal computer and jewelry valued at \$2,800 were reported stolen from a house on Fox Grove March 14.

A siren control valued at \$400 was reported stolen from an ambulance parked at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, March 14-16.

A basketball hoop, net and backboard valued at \$200 were reported

stolen from Children's World, 29375 Halsted, March 14-17.

An electric typewriter valued at \$450 was reported stolen from Harmony Business Forms, 30777 Northwest, March 14-17.

A Domino's Pizza sign atop a delivery car was stolen March 15 as the driver was delivering a pizza to a house on Highmeadow. Wires were cut. The electric sign was valued at \$75.

A VCR valued at \$330 was reported stolen from a house on Inkster March 15-16.

An AM-FM cassette radio valued at \$50 was reported stolen from a car parked at Cedarbrook Apartments March 15-17.

An outdoor motor and golf clubs valued at \$1,985 were reported stolen from a house on 10 Mile near Middlebelt March 15-17.

Tools valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a pickup truck parked at Cedarbrook Apartments March 16-17.

A color TV and a VCR valued at \$1,400 were reported stolen from a house on Tredwell March 16.

A color TV and other items valued at

\$550 were reported stolen from a house on Inkster March 16.

Four tires and rims valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a 1986 Bronco II parked at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, March 16 or before.

A color TV and a VCR valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a house on Country Circle March 16.

A 1984 Plymouth Horizon valued at \$5,500 was reported stolen from along Shawwassee March 16.

A VCR valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a house on St. Francis March 17.

An antique clock, cash, jewelry, a camera and tools valued at \$3,155 were reported stolen from a house on Scott March 17.

A camera lens valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a car parked at

Livonia Towing, 24701 Hathaway, March 17-18.

Jewelry and cassette tapes valued at \$740 were reported stolen from the Red Roof Inn, 24300 Sinclair, March 17-18.

A stereo tuner and a VCR valued at \$1,500 were reported stolen from a house on Woodbrook March 18.

A fox fur, a VCR, jewelry, cash, a clock, a camera and other household items valued at \$4,300 were reported stolen from a house on Rockcrest March 18.

A 1983 Chevrolet Silverado valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from an apartment parking lot on South Manor March 18. In the car was a reported \$4,000 in tools, clothing and other items.

A 1983 Ford Escort valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from the Farmington Lanes parking lot, 32315 Grand River, March 20.

A snow thrower valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a garage on Warner March 21.

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It is your physician's responsibility to undertake a trial of therapy appropriate for your type of arthritis, excluding those drugs that may interfere with your general health or the care of other medical conditions. Furthermore, he or she needs to combine the therapy with injections, heat, or massage before concluding that medical therapy has failed.

The other aspect in determining if surgery is needed, comes from you. Your physician depends on your assessment as to when joint pain is more than you can accept and mobility has dropped below your needs for walking and self care.

Because it requires answers to difficult questions, the decision to obtain surgical consultation often is delayed. However all surgical judgments are not so thorny. Usually the surgeon will recommend operations: "When you are ready?" That time has come when you no longer ask yourself: "do I want this operation?" but find you are wondering: "how soon can it be scheduled?"

## Schools score in band fest

District band, choir and orchestra festivals were held during the last two weeks throughout Oakland and Livingston counties - District 4 of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and the Michigan School Vocal Association.

All four sites for the instrumental festival were held at Farmington Public Schools, while Howell and Novi schools hosted the vocal festivals.

Each of the bands, choirs and orchestras performed music for three adjudicators followed by sight-reading unfamiliar pieces for another judge, according to Paul Barber, district music coordinator.

"We're very proud of all our groups," he said. "They have worked very hard, and as you can see from the ratings, have accomplished a great deal."

Overall ratings for Farmington schools - averaged from four judges - range from one to five, with one the highest possible:

• Power Middle School, directed by Don Ross, and Warner Middle School, directed by Richard Cardecchia, both received one ratings in concert band and orchestra.

• Farmington High School, with directors Margaret Koltz and Grant Hoemke, received a one in orchestra, and two ratings in choir and symphony band.

• Harrison High School, with director Mark Phillips, received one ratings in orchestra and symphony band and a three in concert band.

• North Farmington High School, with directors Linda Combes and Douglas MacQueen, received ones in northern choir and symphony band and a two in mixed choir.

• Dunckel Middle School, with director Larry Dettler, rated a one in orchestra and a two in concert band.

• East Middle School, with directors Kay Prior and Julie Anderson, received a two rating in advanced strings.

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