

police/fire calls

Teen hospitalized in pipe bomb blast

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills boy is in fair condition at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, after a pipe bomb he was constructing blew up in his hand Wednesday at a home on Old Dominion in West Bloomfield.

West Bloomfield police said the youth was visiting the home of his girlfriend at 3:45 p.m. and, with the girl's 13-year-old brother, was lighting homemade bombs and tossing them into the backyard. He told police he did this frequently.

The injured youth said he had returned to the basement workshop and was completing another bomb when the accident occurred. He had crimped the end of the soft conduit and was hammering the other end when the solid oxygen

and matchheads inside ignited.

The girlfriend called West Bloomfield paramedics, who treated the youth for a severe laceration through the palm of his hand, which exposed muscles and tendons, and a broken wrist. He also was experiencing paralysis in his fingers and may lose the little finger on his hand.

The brother and sister were not injured and the home was not damaged. The homeowners were at work at the time of the accident.

Sgt. Mike Madigan said the incident is unrelated to a pipe bombing this summer at the Jewish Community Center. Police are considering charges against the youth.

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

LIGHTNING STRIKES

Lightning struck a two-story house on Claymore during an electrical storm shortly before 5 p.m. Friday.

But damage was confined to tearing shingles off the roof and toppling a television antenna, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

CLOTHING SWIPED

Three bags of clothing were swiped from a car parked in an unlocked garage at Chatham Hills apartments Sept. 26.

A resident was carrying bags from an apartment to her car at the time of the theft, about 4:55 a.m., according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

The thief, thought to be about 18, ran from the garage with four of the bags when the resident approached the car with another bag. Three of the stolen bags, containing clothing, were found by officers nearby. The fourth bag, containing a quilt, could not be found, according to the public safety report.

DAMAGE REPORTED

Listed below are some of the damage reports filed with local police agencies during the past week.

Damage was estimated at \$95 when someone pulled shrubs from the front yard of a house on Lyncroft Sept. 19-20.

Damage was estimated at \$200

when four tires were slashed on a car parked in front of a house on Purdue Sept. 23.

Damage was estimated at \$50 when a tire of a car parked at Crossroads was slashed Sept. 20.

Damage was estimated at \$25 when shrubs in Shawassaw Park were pulled and thrown in the street Sept. 21.

Damage was estimated at \$150 when a car parked on Commons was vandalized Sept. 24.

THEFTS REPORTED

Listed below are some of the thefts reported to local police agencies during the past week.

Sewer piping links valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a construction site north of Glendale Auto Supply on Orchard Lake Road Sept. 17-18.

Jewelry and a man's suit valued at \$1,004 was reported stolen from Fairmont Park Apartments Sept. 18.

Jewelry, a camera and liquor valued at \$2,535 was reported stolen from Gateway Apartments Sept. 18.

Jewelry and cash valued at \$1,700 were reported stolen from an apartment at Fairmont Park Apartments Sept. 18.

Cash totaling \$115 was reported stolen from McDonalds, 38425 10 Mile, Sept. 18.

Two mopeds valued at \$1,100 were reported stolen from the bicycle rack at North Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile, Sept. 18.

A radar detector and a leather jacket valued at \$520 were reported stolen from a car parked at North

Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile, Sept. 18.

A battery valued at \$60 was reported stolen from a car parked at Three Ridge Apartments Sept. 18-19.

Light fixtures, carpet and a built-in range of undetermined value were reported stolen from a house on Fox Club Drive Sept. 18-19.

A TV and stereo equipment valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a house on Roosevelt Sept. 18-20.

An in-dash stereo system valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a car parked in a driveway on Highmeadow Sept. 19.

A radar detector valued at \$240 was reported stolen from a pickup truck parked in a driveway on North Marklawn Sept. 19-20.

An industrial arc welder, a chain-saw and other equipment valued at

\$10,515 were reported stolen from a construction site on Botsford Drive Sept. 19-22.

A 1985 Oldsmobile valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from outside the Big Boy restaurant, 27810 Grand River, Sept. 20.

Cadillac emblems valued at \$120 were reported taken from two Fleetwoods parked in a driveway on South Harwich Sept. 20.

A Chevrolet Corvette nameplate and emblem valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a 1986 Corvette parked on Deer Run Sept. 20.

Construction equipment valued at \$210 was reported stolen from a crane at Spring Valley Apartments Sept. 20-21.

A stereo system valued at \$100 was reported stolen from Fairmont Park Apartments Sept. 21.

A 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued at \$14,200 was reported stolen from Williamsburg Townhouses Sept. 21-22.

A radar detector, a camera and tape cassettes valued at \$785 were reported stolen from Greenhill Apartments Sept. 21-22.

Cassette tapes valued at \$54 were reported stolen from Harmony House, 33171 Grand River, Sept. 22.

All but one were recovered by the store manager on a tip.

A radar detector valued at \$170 was reported stolen from a car parked at Muirwood Apartments Sept. 23.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a garage on Valley Forge Sept. 23.

A radar detector valued at \$120 was reported stolen from a car

parked at Muirwood Apartments Sept. 23-24.

A color television and jewelry valued at \$800 were reported stolen from a house on Raphael Sept. 23.

A shotgun, ammunition and two knives valued at \$350 were reported stolen from a mobile home at Sunset Mobile Home Park Sept. 23.

A radar detector valued at \$160 was reported stolen from a car parked outside McFrock's, 27820 Orchard Lake, Sept. 24.

Cash was reported stolen from Farmington Cycle World, 34600 Eleigh Mile, Sept. 23.

A VCR valued at \$430 was reported stolen from a house on Haggerty Sept. 24.

A 1980 Chevrolet Corvette valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from Green Hill Apartments Sept. 26.

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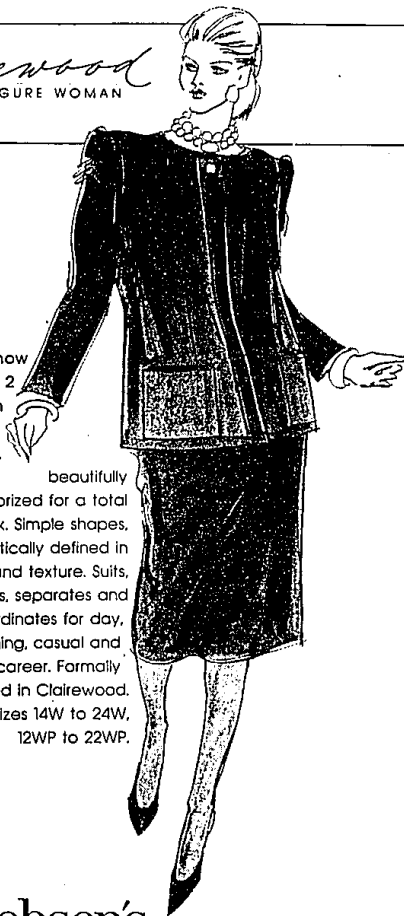
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