

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● **MOTORIST DIES**
A 47-year-old Auburn Hills man has died of injuries incurred in a two-car crash Jan. 15 at Eight Mile and Inkster in Farmington Hills. Joseph John Fox died at 1:55 p.m. Feb. 15 in the intensive care unit at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

His westbound car entered the intersection on a red light at noon Jan. 15 and was struck by a southbound car, said Sgt. Ray Granston of the Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section. It was clear and dry at the time.

The other driver, a 53-year-old Farmington Hills man, also was hurt. He was treated at Botsford.

● TRUCK BROKEN INTO

An 18-year-old West Bloomfield Township man faces a felony charge in connection with the break-in of a truck parked at Fairmont Park Apartments Feb. 12.

Fine arts 'nurtured' at Mercy High today

By Gina Hager
special writer

"The fine arts must be nurtured," voiced Larry Teevens, head of the music department at Mercy High School.

This argument, on the tailwind of a common lack of interest in the fine arts in the 1980s, is finally being heard.

Members of the Mercy community, as a result, present a special day of visual, dramatic and musical arts on Fine Arts Day, being held all day today at the Farmington Hills private high school. It is open to the public.

Presentations will include award-winning paintings and sculptures created by student artists. Many art classes, in addition, will draw or paint from models in the cafeteria. Examples of poetry and prose written by Mercy students will be on display.

C'ville school bus repairs on schedule; state review awaited

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

"They're finishing repairs on all 13 Clarenceville school buses, and school district officials now say the fleet should pass a state police inspection within two weeks."

Earlier this month, school district administrators expressed concerns that some aging buses might fail that inspection.

"But by this time next week, repairs to the fleet will be complete," said Ralph Skrocki, assistant superintendent for business.

"The buses are being repaired, we're practically finished," Skrocki said Monday.

By last week, enough repairs were completed to allow the district to return two buses loaned earlier from the Farmington schools after one Clarenceville school bus engine failed. Clarenceville schools include part of southeast Farmington Hills.

At a Feb. 1 board of education meeting, bus drivers reported brake failures, exhaust leaks and other problems with the district's aging bus fleet.

While no children riding the buses had been hurt, administrators and board of education members said it was time to start replacing the fleet. Bus purchases had been put off in recent years due to budget concerns.

Arraigned Feb. 13 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the man pleaded guilty to one count of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle with intent to steal property over \$5 (a CB radio). The plea was taken under advisement and an innocent plea was entered.

Bond was set at \$5,000 pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.

The truck owner called police when neighbors told him they saw suspicious activity near his vehicle at 8:45 p.m. Feb. 12.

With assistance from the Farmington Department of Public Safety and a Fairmont Park resident, Farmington Hills uniformed and Special Patrol Operational Team officers arrested the 18-year-old shortly after.

● 4 CHARGED

Four Detroit men, ranging in age from 18 to 26, face felony charges in connection with the attempted theft of a 1988 Jeep Cherokee from Farmington Square Condos Feb. 12, police said.

Arraigned Feb. 12 before District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington, the four stood mute to one count of breaking and entering of a vehicle with damage. Innocent pleas were entered.

Bond was set at \$2,000 for each defendant pending a preliminary examination in 47th District Court. Conviction could bring a penalty of up to five years in prison.

Special Patrol Operational Team officers arrested the four at 12 Mile and Farmington Road at 2 a.m. Feb. 12 after noticing suspicious activity in residential parking lots in the area and discovering the attempted theft of the Jeep, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● BOY HURT

An 11-year-old Farmington Hills boy was hurt Friday when he was hit by a sled while playing on the Silwassee Hill.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the boy received a half-inch cut on the nose and was treated at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

The hill is on property owned by Farmington Public Schools at Silwassee and Farmington roads.

● TICKETS ISSUED

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills woman was ticketed for hosting a motel room party where underage drinking was taking place Feb. 13, police said.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Responding to a loud party complaint, officers found minors amid empty and partially empty beer and wine cooler cans and bottles in a

room at the Knights Inn, 37527 Grand River, at midnight Feb. 13.

The host, who had gone home by the time officers arrived, was ticketed for knowingly allowing minors to consume alcoholic beverages at a party under her control and failing to take corrective steps, a violation of city ordinance.

● A 20-year-old Redford Township man was ticketed for operating an all-terrain vehicle in Waldron Park Feb. 13, in violation of city or Hills police report.

● THEFTS REPORTED

A bicycle valued at \$600 was reported stolen from a basement storage shed at Gateway Apartments Feb. 7.

Money was reported stolen from G&T Sales, 24472 Crestview Court, Feb. 10-15.

Four wheel covers valued at \$200

were reported stolen from a car parked in a shopping area lot at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Feb. 11.

Light fixtures and house plants valued at \$3,000 were reported stolen from a model house on Sheffield Court Feb. 11-13.

A radar detector valued at \$295 was reported stolen from a car parked on Springbrook Feb. 12-13.

A snowblower valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a garage on Fox Club Drive Feb. 12-13.

A wheel and tire valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a car parked on Quaker Valley Feb. 13-14.

Thirty cartons of cigarettes valued at \$300 were reported stolen from the Orchard/10 Market, 240-5 Orchard Lake, Feb. 13-15.

Money was reported stolen from Medical Equipment, Resale and Applied Instruments, 24026 and 24030 Haggerty, respectively, Feb. 14.

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