

Pedestrian, driver are hurt in Hills

A 29-year-old Farmington Hills man was critically injured at 8:15 p.m. Friday when he stepped in front of a car on Grand River and was carried 750 feet on the hood before falling to the ground and ending up beneath the car.

At mid-day Saturday, Alexander Wren was listed in critical condition at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

The driver, Ghanis Abo, 34, of Farmington Hills was treated for facial cuts and other injuries. It was not immediately known if she was belted. Abo's two daughters, Ban, 13, and Diane, 7, were belted in the back seat. They were not hurt, police said.

According to Sgt. Ray Cranston, Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section supervisor: After visiting a friend on nearby Jacksonville, Wren and Sharna Gostlin, 16, of Westland were walking

Gostlin was a little ahead when Wren, listening to a tape deck, was hit by a southeastbound car on Grand River, southeast of Middlebelt. Wren ended up on the hood, smashing through the windshield.

Because her mother was incapacitated, 13-year-old Ban Abo turned off the car's ignition. The car rolled 750 feet before it hit a curb and came to a stop on top of Wren, who had fallen to the ground.

Wren's tape deck was found on the floor of the front seat. Firefighters and paramedics treated all the injured people at the accident scene. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined, Cranston said.

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Platelets are produced in the bone marrow; therefore injury to the marrow can show itself as a drop in platelets. As many of the medicines used in treating arthritis can damage the bone marrow, your physician will periodically obtain a platelet count to evaluate for this possibility.

Normal platelet counts vary from 10,000-500,000. Counts between 50,000-100,000 warn that the marrow is impaired, and platelet counts below 50,000 are associated with prolonged bleeding. In most instances, an arthritis medication, if it is damaging the marrow, does so slowly and allows the physician to track the change over time.

You should obtain a copy of the results of your platelet count each time your doctor orders a determination. By checking the numbers yourself, you are acting as a watchdog to safeguard against a pattern of abnormal results being overlooked.

police/fire calls

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

MAN ELECTROCUTED
A 25-year-old Dearborn Heights man electrocuted while working in the yard of a Farmington Hills steel fabricating company was in serious condition Friday at the University of Michigan Burn Center.

A shop fabricator for about a year, Thomas Tricoff was transferred from Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, to the University of Michigan Burn Center, Ann Arbor, within four hours of the accident, which was at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday. The company is at 20750 Sunnydale.

"He's stable and alert," said Joe Cavanaugh, owner of J.F. Cavanaugh Co., at noon Friday. "The major concern in this type of accident are the kidneys, and they appear to be functioning well."

According to a Farmington Hills police report: When the operator of a rubber tire crane moved the boom toward a pile of steel rails at 3:35 p.m., the boom struck high-tension wires 30 feet above. At the time, Tricoff was trying to connect the boom to the steel rails.

When the boom hit the 40,000-volt wires, current traveled down the cable to the hook in Tricoff's hands. He suffered leg, back and arm burns. "We found one of his pockets, with the keys inside, 15 feet away," Cavanaugh said. "It was blown right off his body."

It's too early for a prognosis, Cavanaugh said. "These are very serious burns. It'll take several days to determine the degree of damage."

The injury was the first serious accident at J.F. Cavanaugh since it opened in Farmington Hills 20 years ago, the owner said.

He praised the work of Farmington Hills firefighters and the paramedics who treated Tricoff at the scene.

BANK STICKUP

A ski-masked man who implied he had a gun took a bank deposit bag from two McDonald's employees at the night depository outside Michigan National Bank, 24040 Orchard Lake, early Thursday.

As the employees of the nearby McDonald's were about to make a deposit, a man wearing a green Army field jacket appeared from behind a corner of the building, placed a hard object in the back of the employee carrying the bag and said, "Drop it." She complied. With the bag in hand, he ran north on Orchard Lake Road, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

GUN POINTED

A 67-year-old Birmingham woman was northbound on Drake from 13 Mile when the driver of a southbound Drake vehicle rolled down the window, pointed a gun at her and laughed.

At least one other person was in car at the time of the noon incident

Tuesday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

HOUSES BROKEN INTO

Five houses on Arden Park in Farmington Hills were broken into between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday.

Jewelry and a rifle valued at \$2,000 were taken from one house. About \$140 in currency was taken from another. A VCR, jewelry and money valued at \$950 were taken from a third. Nothing was reported missing from a fourth. It could not readily be determined what was taken from the fifth, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

THEFTS REPORTED

An answering machine, telephones, jewelry, silver dollars and other items valued at \$16,240 were reported stolen from a house on Glenneer between Oct. 15 and Nov. 14.

Tools valued at \$100 were reported stolen from Carlesimo Products, 29800 Eight Mile, Nov. 18-19.

Four Alice Nichols paintings were reported stolen from the lobby of Farmington Hills Office Development, 26105 Orchard Lake, Nov. 18-21.

A color TV, a VCR and a sword valued at \$900 were reported stolen from a house on Raleigh Nov. 21-22.

A 1985 Chevrolet van valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from GSE Corp., 23640 Research Drive, Nov. 22.

Jewelry, a silver coin collection, a

color TV, a VCR and a dresser drawer valued at \$3,150 were reported stolen from a house on Beacon Square Nov. 23.

A moped valued at \$350 was reported stolen from behind the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 38213 10 Mile, Nov. 23.

A color TV, a VCR and jewelry valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a house on Scotten Nov. 23-24.

A 1988 GMC van valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from a house on Chesterbrook Nov. 23-24.

Jewelry valued at \$450 was reported stolen from Greenhill Apartments Nov. 24.

TICKETS ISSUED

A 25-year-old Union Lake man was ticketed for possessing marijuana when a plastic bag of it was found in his car during a traffic stop at Halsted and 11 Mile Nov. 18. A 24-year-old Brighton passenger was ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle when a can of beer was found in the car.

Three Farmington Hills 17-year-olds were ticketed for transporting open intoxicants in a motor vehicle when liquor was found in their car during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake Road Nov. 19.

An 18-year-old Redford Township man was ticketed for possessing alcohol when beer and wine coolers were found in his car during a traffic stop at Grand River and Pearl Nov. 21.

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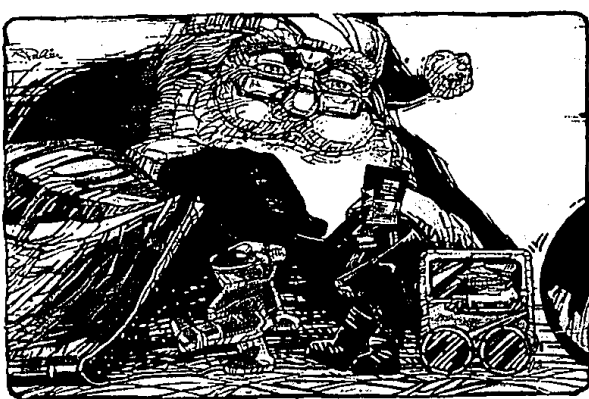
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