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## Nursing home fire

No one was hurt when a malfunctioning plastic fan in a basement office caught fire Wednesday morning at Oak Hill Care Center, 34225 Grand River. An employee who saw flames beneath the closed office door doused the flames with dry chemical extinguisher before firefighters arrived at 10:15 a.m. Firefighters ventilated the basement. Commander John Coyle is shown above. No

smoke was reported on the two residential floors; no one was evacuated. The fan, still plugged in, completely melted. It didn't appear the fire had much chance of spreading because no other combustibles were near it, in the cement-block room, said Officer Maria Putt of the Farmington Department of Public Safety.

## police/fire calls

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

### ● VCR RECOVERED

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man faces a felony charge in connection with the discovery of a stolen VCR in his truck Wednesday.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report:

Responding to a noise complaint in Shawwassee Park at 9:20 a.m., officer Maria Putt found five Farmington High students in a pickup truck in the Power Road lot. She found a VCR behind the seat and a Jet ski in the bed.

When it was determined the students were truant, she led them back to school and turned them over to the administration.

Later, after checking the serial number, she determined the VCR had been stolen in a Kalamazoo break-in. But when she went back to the school, she discovered the students had been suspended until Monday.

While responding to a burglar

alarm that afternoon on Brookdale, Putt saw the same truck drive by, stopped it and arrested the 17-year-old driver. The VCR was still behind the seat.

The teenager later was released pending a warrant for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100, Putt said. Acting on the teen's directions, she recovered the Jet ski in woods behind Greenhill Apartments. But she was still trying to determine ownership Thursday.

The next day, the teenager pleaded guilty in 47th District Court, Farmington, to the misdemeanor charge of trespassing in the Farmington High student lot. Bond was set at \$150 pending sentencing.

### ● INDECENT EXPOSURE

A man exposed himself while driving past a woman jogging on Hardenburg Thursday morning.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

As the 25-year-old woman jogged near 11 Mile at 8:30 a.m., a Ford Escort drove past and the driver, thought to be 18-20, stared at her. He then stopped and backed past her

while exposing himself.

He backed up to 11 Mile before driving off.

### ● VANDALS HIT

Damage was estimated at \$200 when vandals broke two double-pane insulated windows Sept. 5 or 6 at Children's Place in the Harvest Temple Church, 23233 Drake. Inside, the vandals kicked around children's toys and left behind five empty beer cans.

### ● BURGLARY ATTEMPT

Damage was estimated at \$200 during an attempted break-in of a house on Baywood through the automatic garage door Sept. 2-4.

### ● THEFTS REPORTED

A 1988 Ford Taurus valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from Pinewood Condominiums, 23085 Farmington Road, Farmington, Aug. 30-31.

A 1987 Pontiac Grand Am valued at \$9,000 was reported stolen Sept. 5 or 6 from a driveway on Rockwell, Farmington Hills.

## Victims help identify loot

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Victims of break-ins in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Royal Oak, Roseville and East Detroit were asked last week to identify items confiscated from a 35-year-old Southfield man arrested by Detroit police Aug. 27.

Royal Oak police Lt. Don Novak said the items were centralized at his department and shown to victims on Friday and Saturday. Identification

of the items will help police in the multi-department investigation.

Police in several suburban communities believe one man may have committed a rash of break-ins since mid-July.

The hardest-hit areas appear to be Birmingham with 24 break-ins and Royal Oak with 20 incidents, Novak said. Money and jewelry were taken in most of the incidents; small appliances were stolen in several others.

Birmingham police Lt. Richard Dimock said his department is

awaiting release of the suspect from Detroit, where he was being charged on larceny and drug offenses. A warrant has been obtained charging him with one break-in Aug. 17 on Shipman Street in Birmingham when a television was stolen. He will also be interviewed about the other cases.

Farmington Hills police also have a warrant charging the man with receiving and concealing stolen property, after he sold items from a Royal Oak break-in to a precious metals dealer in the Hills, Novak said.

## obituaries

### FRANCES H. MURRAY

Mrs. Murray, 79, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Farmington, died Aug. 31.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., Mrs. Murray was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Valerie Campbell, Judith Dammes and Sharon Hatfield and 17 grandchildren.

A Mass was celebrated Sept. 2 at

the Cathedral of the Epiphany, Venice. Burial was in Venice Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Ewing Funeral Home, Venice, Fla.

### EDWARD WILLIAM GAFFNEY

Mr. Gaffney, 76, of Barton City, Mich., formerly of Farmington Hills, died Sept. 3 in Alpena General Hospital.

Born in Livonia, Mr. Gaffney was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie, five stepchildren; sisters, Margaret, Konke and Jane Sulkowski.

Services were Sept. 6 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. T. Richard Maris of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

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