

RECREATION NEWS

Each week the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column...

FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS Children ages 6-12 can enjoy swimming, a movie, gym activities and a snack from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21...

OPEN GYM The William Costick Activities Center gym is open for basketball and volleyball open play as follows: Adult Basketball, 7-9 p.m. Thursday and 9-11 a.m. Sunday...

3 p.m. (swim 12:30-1:30 p.m.) Saturday. Adult Volleyball, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday. The fee is \$2 for 17 and under, \$4 for nonresidents, \$3 for adults and \$5 for nonresidents.

HERITAGE PARK RENTALS Beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Department of Special Services office, local residents, in person, can reserve one of the three shelter locations within Heritage Park...

Chief: Efforts curb drunken driving

BY WILLIAM COUTANT STAFF WRITER

An effort to stem the tide of increased drunken driving is paying off, according to Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer. The Farmington Hills police, along with Southfield, Novi, Royal Oak, Waterford, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police in Northville and Pontiac took part in a grant-funded enforcement effort over the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years holidays targeting drunk drivers.

The Oakland County agencies with about \$90,000 in Michigan Office of Safety Planning grant money for overtime. "Hopefully, this will help turn around the increase." Nationwide and in Farmington Hills, drunk driving arrests and accidents had been declining until 1996, when the rates increased. AAA of Michigan, Mothers Against Drunken Driving and the Traffic Association of Oakland County were part of the statewide effort that will dedicate \$1.75 million toward education and enforcement over the next year.

Okland county during 1996, with 88 deaths reported compared to 114 for 1995. "This is good news, but we have a long way to go," said Eileen Weisse, project director for Oakland County. "Our goal is for there to be zero deaths because of automobile accidents." Over the past two enforcement periods (Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years) law enforcement agencies in the county made a collective 1,763 traffic stops, issuing 484 safety belt citations, 440 speeding citations and making 35 drunk driving arrests. In addition, the traffic stops resulted in 36 misdemeanor arrests and three felony arrests.

Weisse said almost 31 percent of all citations written were safety belt and child restraint violations. Dwyer said tougher laws regarding drunken driving initially made an impact, beginning with a 1992 law that required adjudication of a drunken driving offense within 70 days. More recently, there may have been a drop off in concern by motorists, he said. "We have not at any time lessened our enforcement efforts," he said.

Hills represented at GOP convention

CLARIFICATION

The following Farmington Hills delegates and alternates were elected at the Oakland County Republican Convention on Jan. 16 to be part of the Republican State Convention Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

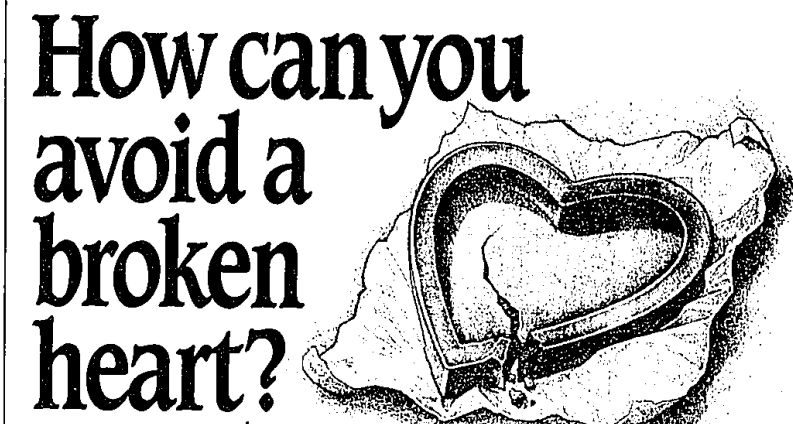
Delegates elected were: Linda Jolicoeur, Carol Markey, Judy Paran, Jolin Akouri, Richard DeVries, Robert Ranney, Christa Murphy, Joseph Merritt, Richard Conlin, Kristina Myaluski, Julie Pulgrin-Fagan, Bob Wyatt, Ben Marks, Eleanor Blum, Paul Welday, Andrew Haliv (Northville), Chuck

Kadado, William Bembeneck, Donn Wolf, David Moffitt, Laura Rombicz and John Hubbard. Alternates elected were: Shirley Wolf, Kathleen Moffitt, Cheryl Matthews, June Farrell, Dulane Whinnery, Paul Sowerby, Mary Zick, Kathie Merritt, Joanne Smith, Judith

Antishin, Andrew Williams, Emil Grohman, Perry Christy, John Clampitt, Sharon MacDonald, Cynthia Altschuh, James Fagan, Al Diebel, E. Ann Hiner, Ron Oliverio, Mike Chekal and Penny Phares.

A Jan. 30 story in the Farmington Observer about a new tile shop opening in the Grand/Halsted Plaza should have said Office Depot had been interested in moving into the location.

CATTLEMAN'S FARMERS' MARKETS advertisement featuring various meat products like Center Cut Chuck Roast for \$88, Beef Tenderloin Fillet Mignon for \$3.98, and a coupon for free California Broccoli.



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