POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

OBITUARIES

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

In Farmington Hills:

A woman's purse was stolen from Botsford General Hospital on Grand River April 28 and found without the 5241 in cash that had been in it.

A \$200 collular phone was stolen from a white Lincoln Continental parked on Bunker Hills April 30.

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Spoakers and a stereo (\$950) were stolen from a garage on River Bend April 29.

A \$300 set of weedling bands were stolen from a residence at the Windemore Apartments on Independence April 30.

A \$200 cellular phone was stolen from a white 1990 Ford

parked at Ameritech Cellular on Northwestern April 30.

A Bosch \$952 electric concreto hammer was stolen from Dynex Tool on Industrial Park between April 30 and May 1.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills:

A convertible top, a \$319 AM/FM cassette storee and a AMJ'M cassatte storeo and a \$100 spare tire cover wore stolen from a white 1890 Jeep Wran-gler at the Botsford Terrace Apartments on Independence April 29-30.

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The driver's window was brokon (\$200) and a \$400 storeo
system was stolen from a black
1991 Mazda Potego at the Fairmont Park Apartments on Fairmont April 29-30.

The passenger window was smashed (\$200) on a tan 1997 Ford Taurus parked on May-

wood April 29-30 and a \$100 cellular phone was stolen.

The driver's window was smashed (\$200) on a green 1/97 Nissan Maxima on Fairmont April 29-30 and a \$100 cellular phone was stolen.

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The passenger window was smashed (\$200) on a maroon 1997 Nissan Altima on Maywood April 29-30 and a \$100 cellular phone was stolen.

DRUGS

In Farmington Hills:

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Police arrested a Farmington
man, 36, and a Dotroit woman,
24, at 3 p.m. April 29 at a residence on Nine Mile for possession of drug paraphernalia and
outstanding warrants.

Police arrested a Jonesville man, 41, for possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia in a 1984 Ford headed south on

DRUKKEN DRIVING

May 2.

PRUNKEN DRIVING
In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Union Lake
man, 35, for driving a red and
white 1988 Chevy Lebaron convertible at 12 Mile and Halsted
at 12:08 a.m. April 30 while
drunk. The driver had a blood
alcohol level of .14 percent.
Police arrested a Hills man,
47, for driving a red 1988 Ford
Ranger west on Freedom near
Orchard Lake at 7:20 p.m. April
30 while drunk. The driver had a
blood alcohol level of .24 percent.
Police arrested a Farmington
woman, 41, for driving a blue
1990 Pentiac Grand Prix east on
12 mile at Middlebelt at 3:25
a.m. May 2 while drunk. The car
was speeding. The driver refused
to take a breath test.

In Farmington:

Farmington police arrested a Westland man, 39, for driving Westland man, 39, for driving while intoxicated on eastbound Grand River at 2:21 May 1. Police noticed a vehicle pulling out of the Rustic Pub that continued to sworve as it proceeded down Grand River. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .24 percent at the scene but refused to take a broathalyzer at the station. He was taken to Botsford Hospital where he had to be held down by security guards in order for a blood test to be performed. The man has a provious drunken driving conviction March 27 in Westland. Police cut up his driver's license because of the second-offense. offense

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A tan 1983 Buick Regal worth

\$2,000 was stolen from Botsford General Hospital on Grand Rivel between April 30 and May 1.

DEATH INVESTIGATION

In Farmington Hills:

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Police are investigating the death of a Hills man, 34, that took place in the early hours of May 2 at a residence on Nine Mile. The man was smoking marijuans and drinking beer and began having sox with a woman. He told her to 'hold on a minuta," and then vomited and stopped breathing. The woman said she thought he was 'joking around." She then realized the man was not joking and called 9-11. Police and paramedics responded at 2:39 a.m. and tried to revive the man with CPR. He was pronounced dead at Butford General Hospital at 3:22 a.m.

WILLIAM M. SKILLMAN

William M. Skillman, 74, died April 28 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

in Southfield.

A resident of Farmington Hills
for 35 years, Mr. Skillman
served as an officer in the U.S.
Navy during WWII. He was a
membor of the Huron Rive
Hunting and Fishing Club, the
Detroit Athletic Club, the Zion
Masonic Lodge and the Circumnavigator Club.

navigator Club.
He is survived by former wife,
Janet; two sons, William of Traverse City and Richard of Orlando, Fla.; brother, James of Eastport; and grandchildren, Lindsay, Thomas, Samantha and
Christopher.

Christopher.
Funeral services were held
May 2 at the William R. Hamilton Co. in Birmingham.
Memorial contributions can be
made to Boys and Girls Clubs of
Southeastorn Michigan, 3826
Livernois Ave., Detroit 482109978.

MICHAEL ALLEN LEGRAND

The Michael Allen LeGrand Memorial Scholarship and Neu-roscience Research Foundation has been established in

WILLIAM DANKEL ECKLER, JR.

has been established in Michael's memory. Information on donations to this fund can be obtained from the fund adminis-trator — Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Agent: Alan Turner, 20 S. Main Street, Suite 119, Mt. Clemens, 48043, (S10) 468-6660.

William Daniel Eckler, Jr., 75, died April 27 at Oakwood-Beyer

cials a testimonial about the pos-itive benefit of the L.A.T.E. pro-gram at a recent board of educa-tion meeting.

gram at a recent board of educa-tion meeting. He credited the program's staff Gibbons, teacher Bill Kussy and psychologist Glenn wWhitelaw-afer-theiracen's; turnaround. "Ye structured well, 'it's implo-mented well," John Washburn seid

side. Ismily is so enamored with LATE, a program mostly designed by Gibbons and deputy superintendent Steven Gaynor, that they would like to see it picked up in other Michigan districts.

Gibbons recently supplied the school board with an assessment of the two-war program to date.

school board with an assessment of the two-year program to date. In 1995-96, about 80 percent of students in the program were successfully returned to their home schools; about 85 percent have gene back this year. After they get back from the last chance "program, they work harder to stay at school with their friends and to get something good out of it.

Michael Allen Legrand
Michael Allen LeGrand, 23,
died peacefully at home on April
26 following a prolonged illness.
He is survived by his mother,
Elizabeth; sister, Dianne; brothers, William and David; and
other extended family members
in Michigan and Missouri.
A lakasids memorial service is
scheduled for 1 p.m., today, May
4, at Christ the King Church in
Oxford, (810) 628-0038.
The Michael Allien LeGrand

Hospital in Ypsilanti.

A resident of Farmington for 57 years, Mr. Eckler, was a tool and die maker for the automotive industry and a salesman for Everett Farm Equipment in Farmington. He was a member of the Farmington Elks and a former member of Farmington Masonic Temple.

She is survived by former wife, Angeline; daughters, Davn Wellees and Norsen Gargano; brothers, Ralph, Wellie and Dwight; aunt, Erma Gray; six grandchildren; and seven grandchildren. Funeral sorvices were hold May 1 at Heeney-Sundquist M

made to the Farmington Elks and Farmington Masonic Tem-

JOHN LAYTON EQHIQIAN

John Layton Eghigian, 73, died April 29 at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac, A resident of Farmington

She said other behavioral changes also are taking place thanks to L.A.T.E. "They have no more expulsions, no more sus-pensions. We've nover had a

Hills, Mr. Eghigian was a survivor of the Armenian Genecido. He was the co-owner of Paul's machinery and American Stone and Gravel. He graduated from Southwestern High School and worked in business with his father. Paul Eghigian, and enjoyed the simple pleasures in life.

life.

He is survived by former wife,
Mary; daughters, Sandra
Secrest, Mary Ellen Thomas,
and Janet Terterian; sisters,
Helen Sarafian, Elizabeth Deradourian and Janet Fershetian;
brother, Michael; and four
grandchildren.

Memorial services were held
May 1 at Hoeney-Sundquist
Funeral Home in Farmington.
Donations can be sont to the

Donations can be sent to the American Heart Association.

ee for the Wayne County Government, Mrs. Edgecomb was very active in her community. She was especially active in the Torch Drive, Icon Dei Guild of Guest Home, Fr. Solamus Guild, Monastery of the Blessed Sarament Guild and the Capuchin Community Conter Soup Ritchen.

She is survived by niece, Jane Wolford Hughes; nephew, Frank R. Gorbig Jr.; 16 great nieces and nephews; and 22 great-great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 2-8

nieces and nophews.
Visitation will be held from 2-8
p.m. today, May 4, at
O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,
41656 Grand River Ave., Novi.
Funeral services will begin at
9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 5, at
Our Lady of Sorrows Church in
Farmington.
Momorial contributions

American Heart Association.

FICHERICE K. EDGECOMS

Florence K. Edgecomb, 88, died May 1 at Lourdes Nursing Home, died May 1 at Lourdes Nursing Home, waterford 48322 The Capuchins A native Detroiter and employ-

48207-3496; or Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Mid-diebelt, Farmington Hills 48334

STEVEH LYNN GILL, II

Steven Lynn Gill, II, 26, died April 29 in Abingdon Md.

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Born in Livonia, Mr. Gjjj,
attended Michigan State Univer,
sity and was a member of the
Sigma Nu Fraternity. He served
in the U.S. Army and achieved
the rank of Sergeant B6 and
attended the University of Maryland, College Park.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; mother, Maureen Parent; sister Kara Gill; and grandparents.

A memorial service is sched-uled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to New York Metropolitan Committee for UNICEF, attn: Herb Frank, 633 3rd Ave., 23rd floor, New York, NY 10017.

Better L.A.T.E. than never for Walled Lake teens Students attend sessions from 2:46-6:45 p.m. during the week and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, and work on basic curriculum taken from their home school. Classes are taught at the alternative high school on Ponti-self-during their control of LeA-T.E., and Gibbons, is the de-amphasis of socialization. Unlike the schools they loft, students just aren't given much opportunity to mingle with their friends. Instead, they focus on the task thand—learning. What it means is students are able to stay on task longor, Gibbons explained.

BY TIM SMITH

Nick Henderson's parents say he's not a bad kid. He certainly isn't a juvenile delinquent. But he lost control one day his freshmen's year-if Wellide TAKETCERT High School and wound up on the edge of being expelled. Nick's options to expulsion apparently were limited, and not too promising. These options included Children's Village and Camp Oakland. "The alternatives were devastating for Nick," said his mother, Ewerly Washburn. They'd put us in a hole so deep we'd never get out. Camp Oakland, this' a place for criminals. And Nick's not a criminal. He just lost his temper."

But the family did not count on a third option, a relatively new Walled Lake school district program, designed to lift the teen up from the boot straps and got him squarely on track. The LA.T.E. program, which stands for 'Leveis to Assist Trussitions in Education," is believed to be the only one of its kind in Michigan, said program supervised to be the only one of its kind in Michigan, said program supervised. Wick Gibbons. The program's motto is: 'All people can learn.' Nick certainly did. After nine weeks in the program at Walled Lake's Community High during 1995-96, he returned to Central. Now a 16-year-old sophomore, he has remained out of trouble since, and, although not an outstanding student, Nick is doing drily well, his parents said.

"He needed the structure, the time to get his head together," and Nick's stopfather, John Washburn, who gave school offion a third option, a relatively new Walled Lake school district

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The six-step program targets students who are at-risk for needing some kind of intervention, Gibbons said. When a student faces expulsion by the school beard, parents are given LATE, as an option.

The Washburns quickly.

Jumped at the opportunity for their son, who battled emotional scars from the deaths of his father and aunt, as well as epilepsy. He was doing OK the first part of 1995-96, even winning the presidency of the freshman class "in a landslide," according to his stepfathor.

But soon, Nick's emotional load became too much, his mether said. He get into an argument with his girlfriend at school and that oscalated into a shoving match with teachers.

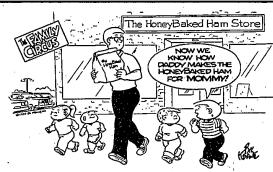
match with teachers.

"All he wanted was to get out of the school," Beverly Washburn

Things don't get to him any longer.
"Everything isn't traumatic to him anymore," Beverly Washburn anid. "... He's slowly working himself into being back with his friends and the people he's supposed to be with." of the school, Bevery washours said.
He did get out of Central. But he wasn't cast aside. Instead, he landed in Gibbona' program, burity because he wanted to.
The family is happy he did.

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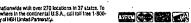


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