

## OBITUARIES

## THELMA DELENE HOFF

Thelma Delene Hoff, 75, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 14 at Vencor Hospital in Lincoln Park. She is survived by sons, Gary (Marsha), Robert (Brenda) and Duane (Patricia); daughters, Carol Power, Janis (Ray) Oster and Diane (Don) Terry; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Frank Haynes officiating.

## DR. LOHITHASWA BASAPPA

Dr. Lohithaswa Basappa, 45, died Jan. 12 in Farmington Hills.

Born in India, Dr. Basappa was a resident anesthesiologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Pushpa Lohithaswa; son, Sha-

ran; daughter, Nandini; mother, Ambika of India; brother, Dr. Lingaraj Basappa; and sister, Vani.

A private funeral service will be held. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

## CLARENCE E. WIITANEN

Clarence E. Wiitanen, 80, died Jan. 14 in Livonia.

Mr. Wiitanen owned and operated his own tool sharpening business and also worked as a meat cutter. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Knights of Kaleva, Masonic Lodge, Lions, Gideons and UPCW Local 876 Meat Division. He was also a senior citizen tour director and a scout for the Compuware hockey team.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; daughters, Karen (Jon) Call and Sandra Reidenbaugh; brothers, John, Melvin, Carl, Gordon and Ronald; sister, Katherine (Martin) Siekas; and granddaughter, Anna.

Funeral services were held

Jan. 17 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford with the Rev. William Mock officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church - Organ Fund, 13542 Mercedes, Redford 48239.

## SAMUEL MILAN

Samuel Milan, 88, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 8.

Mr. Milan was a principal at Henry Ford High School.

He is survived by son, Gary Milan of Beverly Hills, Calif.; daughter, Joyce (Seymour) Klinger of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, Nancy Klinger, Scott and Elaine Klinger and Jill Klinger; great-grandsons, Nathan and Zachary Klinger; and sister, Yetta Dubin.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 18321 W. 12 Mile, Lathrup Village 48078. Arrangements were made by the Ira Kaufman Chapel.

## Family fun at Warner



Warner: The Kamiya family participates in a game of "War" during last month's Fun Night at Warner Middle School. Pictured are Maki, a fourth-grader at Eagle Elementary School, and Eriko, who attends Warner, with their parents. Designed for parents and their children to have fun together, principal Darlene Russell called out winning numbers, helped by assistant principal Jim Pardon. Just like bingo, all who got five across, down or diagonally yelled out the magic word and received a prize. Pizza and pop were provided for participants.

## NOTABLES

## NEW TRUSTEE

The Michigan Colleges Foundation, a partnership of business and education since 1940, recently elected Kevin Asher of Farmington Hills to its Board for a three-year term.

Mr. Asher is senior audit manager in the Accounting and Assurance Business Services Group of Ernst & Young LLP in Detroit. He coordi-

nates services on some of the firm's largest multinational manufacturing clients and assists companies with mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He is a graduate of Albion College and a member of the Business Attraction Council and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following police and fire incidents were reported recently in the Farmington area:

## FIRES

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters from stations 3 and 5 responded to a call of a kitchen fire on the 22000 block of Arbor Lane at 11 p.m. Jan. 13. The homeowner stated she tried to extinguish the fire that started in a pan of grease with water and flour, but flames spread to the kitchen cupboards before the blaze was put out. Damage was estimated at \$6,000.

## MARIJUANA POSSESSION

**In Farmington:** An officer stopped a driver near Grand River-Power about 3 a.m. Wednesday. The driver, a 25-year-old Northville man, appeared intoxicated and was unable to produce his driver's license. During a search of the vehicle, a marijuana bud was found on the driver's side of the console. The man was taken to Botsford Hospital for a blood test to determine the amount of drugs in his system. He was issued tickets for drunken driving, possession of marijuana and driving without a license. The case was sent to the Oakland County prosecutor for case review and warrant consideration. The driver also was found to have prior drunken driving convictions out of Plymouth and Detroit.

## VEHICLE FIRE

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters put out a vehicle fire on a 1991 Ford Explorer on

Middlebelt at 1:25 a.m. Jan. 15. The vehicle was engulfed in flames. The truck was a total loss and the owner said he had no insurance.

## BUSINESS BURGLARY

**In Farmington Hills:** A sum of \$50 cash was stolen after entry was made through the rear door at Hearts and Roses Inc. on 12 Mile between Jan. 13-14.

## CONSTRUCTION THEFTS

**In Farmington Hills:** Two ladders worth \$300 each and scaffolding equipment were stolen from a construction site on Power Road between Jan. 5-7.

A \$400 drill and 60 concrete forms were stolen from a construction site on Drake Road between Jan. 1-13.

## CAR THEFT TRY

**In Farmington Hills:** A seventh-grade teacher at East Middle School discovered her car keys missing from her desk drawer and later found her 1997 Ford had been moved Jan. 13. The vehicle had been rummaged through, but nothing taken.

## BREAK-INS

**In Farmington Hills:** A purse containing credit cards and \$150 cash was stolen along with a cellular phone after the driver's window was broken on a 1997 Mitsubishi Montero parked at Freedom Square Jan. 13, causing \$125 damage.

A \$100 Whistler radar detector was stolen after the driver's window was broken on a 1998 Ford Windstar parked at the Holiday

Inn on 10 Mile between Jan. 13-14, causing \$300 damage.

Two air bags and a cellular phone adapter cord were stolen after the passenger window was smashed on a 1997 Ford Explorer parked at BSD Inc. on Huthway between Jan. 14-15, causing more than \$100 damage.

A sum of \$200 cash and a roll of postage stamps were stolen after a window in a glass door was shattered at Appearance Salon on Grand River Jan. 10.

Earlier, police stopped a white Pontiac outside the strip mall around 12:45 a.m. that day. The driver said he turned into the mall to get a copy of USA Today, but the officer noticed he didn't have one. He was released at the scene. A check later revealed the man had a criminal history, including breaking and entering.

## GUN DRAWN

**In Farmington Hills:** A Bloomfield Township man, 52, told police a man pointed a gun at him while he was stopped in his vehicle at a red light on eastbound 12 Mile and Inkster Jan. 6. He said the man approached his vehicle angry and holding a ribbon. He said, "See this. Do you see this?" When the victim said yes, the man then raised his hand to reveal a pistol and said, "You the driver? Have been looking at this." The driver said fine and left.

## BOAT MOTOR STOLEN

**In Farmington:** It was reported that someone, between Oct. 31 and Saturday,

stole an outboard motor from a 1988 Mercury watercraft, in the 21000 block of Meadowlark. The value of the motor was estimated at \$1,000.

## RECKLESS DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** A driver told police a 1997 Ford 4-by-4 ran his vehicle off the road and onto the shoulder of eastbound M-5 twice around 11:30 a.m. Jan. 15. The victim was able to get a plate on the vehicle, which is registered to a Westland man.

## PROWLING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Southfield man, 39, after he found standing between a Dumpster and Tom's Party Store on Inkster at 2 a.m. Jan. 15. Police responded to an alarm at the store. Officers asked the man where he lived and he replied, "Everywhere and nowhere, man." The man said he was at a party nearby. Police found he had an outstanding warrant in Livonia and was turned over to police there. The man appeared intoxicated and told officers he drank three 40-ounce bottles of beer.

## EMBEZZLEMENT

**In Farmington Hills:** A cashier at Sam's Club is suspected of having rung up \$8,480 worth of purchases that were paid with bad checks in separate incidents Dec. 13-23. The employee was fired.

## THEFTS

**In Farmington Hills:** Two speakers, an amplifier, point ball gun and 45 compact

discs were stolen from a 1991 Dodge Stealth parked on Springvale between Jan. 14-15.

## In Farmington:

A 61-year-old Farmington woman reported that someone, between 6:15-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, smashed in the passenger side window of her parked vehicle and stole a black Audiovox MVX-425 cellular telephone valued at about \$190. The incident took place at Chatham Hills Apartments, located in the 36000 block of Grand River. About \$150 in damage to the car was reported.

## HOME BURGLARY

**In Farmington Hills:** A home was ransacked but nothing was taken after a kitchen window was smashed with a rock at a Creekbend residence between 7:50 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Jan. 9.

## JEWELRY SWIPED

**In Farmington:** A 59-year-old Farmington resident told police Friday that someone took approximately \$5,000 worth of assorted jewelry from her home during a holiday family gathering last month. Stolen from the home in the 23000 block of Longacre Court was a pouch containing miscellaneous items, including a bracelet, earrings, ring and watch.

A Redford woman, 34, reported that nearly \$1,300 worth of assorted jewelry was among the items stolen from her car after it was broken into between 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the 36000 block of Drakeshire. According to

police reports, the items, including rings, bracelets, necklaces and charms, were contained in a brown and black purse that was taken from inside the vehicle. A cigarette adapter for a cellular phone, valued at about \$20, was also taken, as were several blank checks from the Redford Township Credit Union. About \$150 in damage to her car was caused when a rear window on the driver's side was broken, enabling the unknown suspects to gain access.

## AUTO THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** A black 1984 Pontiac Grand Prix was stolen from Timber Ridge Apartments between Jan. 9-10.

The driver's window was smashed and the steering column damaged in an attempt to steal a 1994 Chevy Impala parked at Independence Green Apartments on Lincoln and Halsted Jan. 12. An officer on patrol noticed the broken glass and that the vehicle had been moved 4 feet from its parking spot.

A 1994 Dodge Caravan reported stolen in Novi Dec. 26 was recovered at Greenhill Apartments Jan. 12. The door had been pried open and both air bags were missing.

## VANDALISM

## In Farmington:

A resident of the 31000 block of Shawansee reported sometime Tuesday, Jan. 6, that someone caused approximately \$200 in damage to a basketball backboard/hoop. The backboard was cracked and the rim bent.

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