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Shotgun blast misses husband; wife to be charged

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

A 50-year-old Farmington Hills woman is expected to be charged with assault with the intent to commit murder after firing a shotgun blast at her husband Saturday.

No one was injured during the incident at a home on the 25000 block of Farmington Road; police arrested the woman, who had discarded the gun.

At 7:21 p.m., Hills police received a 911 call from a woman, saying she was involved in an argument with her husband and was getting a shotgun before hanging up.

A dispatcher immediately called back and a man answered the phone. While talking, the woman could be heard saying, "I'm sick of your a---; you're leaving," before a gunblast rang out. The 12-gauge gunblast was aimed at the man sitting at a desk, but missed and hit a floor lamp and a bookshelf instead.

The man fled the house while talking to police by cellular phone. He was later met by officers, who took him to safety.

The woman complied when ordered out of the house by police, coming through a side door with the gun raised above her arm. She laid the weapon down on the driveway.

When officers approached, though, the woman ran back into the house and locked

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Soaring with The Eagle



On deck: Daniel Burgoyne mans the helm of The Eagle, the nation's only active commissioned sailing ship, during its journey from Connecticut to Puerto Rico.

FHS grad, dad share sailing adventure on Coast Guard ship

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Amid 22,000 square feet of sails, 200 lines, five miles of rigging and a myriad of crew members and visitors, there is only one sea and one sun.

Daniel Burgoyne is lured by both, sailing on the U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle as a seaman apprentice. The 1997 Farmington High graduate is in the midst of a tour in the Caribbean on the historic ship, which is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services.

"A couple of times on the trip we've had a great sunset," said Burgoyne, 19, during a telephone interview while the ship was docked in Fort-France, Martinique. "A sunset on the sea is probably the greatest sunset you'll see."

Memories of those fading suns will be enriched by the fact they were shared by father and son. Burgoyne joined the U.S. Coast Guard in August, seeing the chance to be a crew member on a ship with a rich legacy too good to pass up.

The Eagle is a war prize received by the U.S. from Germany after World War II. The three-masted ship, built in 1936, is used as a classroom for U.S. Coast Guard cadets.

"It was a great experience for both of us. For the first time I got to sail on the Eagle, he gets to sail with me. It was like two dreams coming together."

Daniel Burgoyne
—Seaman apprentice

Once the assignment on The Eagle was his, he immediately thought of his father Duane Burgoyne. Media folks and other visitors join the crew on The Eagle's journey. So, he asked his captain if his father could come along.

Duane sailed with his son from New London, Conn., to Puerto Rico Feb. 12-21.

"We usually take guests on the boat with us and I asked if he could come along with us and the captain said it was all right," said Daniel, who sailed with his parents from the time he was a small child.

"It was really, really important for me. It was a great experience for both of us. For the first time I got to sail on the Eagle, he gets to sail with me. It was like two dreams coming together."

For dad, the moment was equally thrilling and harrowing.

Duane remembers his son coming into the cabin one night with storm gear on. The younger Burgoyne had already gained a reputation for his fearless climbs up the ship's more than 100-foot tall masts. "I didn't want to ask him what he's was doing," said Duane, who didn't want to betray

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New path, landmarks amid new city plan



Farmington's first Master Plan in 32 years is a guide for land use and redevelopment. Next, the city decides how to use it.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

More visible "corner landmarks" such as Masonic Temple and Village Mall are needed in Farmington. So is a pedestrian pathway along the Rouge River, linking parks, neighborhoods and shops.

Those recommendations are among highlights of the city's first Master Plan in 32 years, now officially sanctioned by both the planning commission and council. But now, city officials must sit down to figure out how to best implement it.

The Master Plan — a guide to help steer land use, redevelopment and design standards — was approved in February by the planning commission, which collaborated with The Strader Group, Inc. in developing the handsome document. It was presented and accepted at Monday night's council meeting.

The main goal of the plan is to "maintain a quality small-town character and mixture of uses to provide a sustainable and attractive community with a tax base to support desired public services."

In the back of the document, which features color photographs and maps, is an addendum containing suggested zoning ordinance changes. According to City Manager Frank Lauhoff, he will soon meet with City Attorney John Donohue to go over adjustments.

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Block fails

Hills grant for open housing OK'd despite opposition

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Farmington Hills Councilman Jerry Ellis is all for open housing, but he's not willing to crack open the city's block grant wallet to pay for it.

Ellis voted against giving \$2,500 of Community Development Block Grant money to the Oakland County Center for Open Housing at Monday's meeting. Councilwoman Cheryl Oliverio joined Ellis, but the measure still passed 5-2.

Ellis angrily refused to amend his initial motion, which excluded the Farmington Hills-based nonprofit agency from receiving \$2,500 of \$557,000 of federally-awarded Community Development Block Grant money.

Instead, he asked that each of the allocations be voted on separately. Council members unanimously approved money for other projects, which included \$325,000 for capital improvements and \$152,000 for housing rehabilitation.

Council members also voted unanimously to give money to nonprofit agencies such as Detroit Baptist Manor (\$12,000) and HAVEN (\$4,000).

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Hills ALS answers call

Bugs worked out as paramedic system begins

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Those in need of serious medical attention are receiving it from trained Farmington Hills Fire Department paramedics.

From March 2-15, the department answered 78 calls that involved Advanced Life Support.

Of those, 12 cases had paramedics performing major life-saving tasks such as opening an airway or administering drugs. The rest involved some advanced precautionary steps such as starting an IV.

"We're providing it pretty fast and we're getting there quick," said Kevin Berschu, Hills Fire Department EMS coordinator. "We've had some definite cases where Advanced Life Support was beneficial to the patient — they needed it."

The department started the first phase of Advanced Life Support, or ALS as it is known, this month.

Since the service is being phased in, there will concern the department might be overwhelmed. That hasn't been the case.

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Fired up: Farmington Hills Firefighter Steve Biebel shows off the defibrillators that are part of the department's new ALS equipment.

STAFF PHOTO BY REASON LAMBERT

See you later

Farmington's first master plan for land use in 32 years was presented during Monday's city council meeting. Mayor pro tem Bill Hartsock couldn't resist serving up a quip on that long period of time to Brad Strader and Jeff Purdy of The Strader Group.

"If we do this in another 32 years, we'll see you in 2030," he said.

Beanie raffle coming

The most difficult-to-find Beanie Baby, the one dedicated to Princess Diana and one of only 1,500 of its kind, will be raffled by the Longacre House of Farmington Hills, according to Ben Marks of the Longacre House.

The rare Beanie was donated by Hearts and Roses of Farmington Hills and the proceeds of the raffle will benefit the 127-year-old historic mansion and

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its scholarship fund.

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. Tickets may be purchased now with credit card by calling 477-8404 or you may stop in and pay with check during regular business hours. The raffle is May 15.

The Longacre House is located at 24705 Farmington Road. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Paraders needed

It's not too early to start thinking about volunteering for the annual Memorial Day Parade, organized by American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 and

the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The parade is Monday, May 25.

"We're looking for marchers," said Walter Christensen, home board president for the Legion post. "We're looking for floats, open vehicles for our elderly vets."

They also need volunteers: Call 474-8554 to help.

Open skate bumped; Cup coming

Friday's 7-8:50 p.m. open skating session at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena is canceled because of a special event. But there's something that just might make up for the inconvenience.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, the Stanley Cup will be on display at the arena, located on Eight Mile Road between Gill-Halsted roads.

No word if they'll let visitors skate around hoisting the trophy, however.