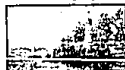


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THE PROBLEMS OF PROPER TREATMENT

Determining proper treatment is difficult in arthritis. First is the need for a correct diagnosis. A mechanic must know specific information about a car to fix it properly. Each model has its own requirements for maintenance and medication. The same holds true for joint pain and swelling. There is no such entity as "arthritis." Rather there are a number of specific conditions, each with its own treatment. The first requirement of therapy is to make a correct diagnosis. The second necessity is to fit treatment to the person being treated. Keep in mind that in most arthritic conditions, no one drug or combination of drugs, no regimen of exercise, or no grouping of heat, rest, exercise, and rest, has proven best. The age of the individual, the other medicines needed, the ongoing medical conditions of the patient, previous reactions to medication, the reliability of the individual to comply with therapy, and the possible toxicity of the drug being considered, all play a role in determining what treatment is likely to be appropriate. It requires the 6-12 years of training doctors receive, to make these decisions on arthritis diagnosis and treatment. It takes the experience of daily medical practice and the effort of continuing education to integrate new drugs and every changing technology into decisions on medical care. Given so many moving targets, it is amazing the therapy chosen works so well so often.

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POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

LSD DISCOVERED

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a West Bloomfield woman, 19, after finding three hits of LSD in a purse in the 1994 Pontiac Sunbird on Ruth and Freedom April 2. Police were called to the area on a report of juveniles drinking. The driver and three passengers, ages 19 and 18, were ticketed for minors in possession of alcohol after finding opened bottles of beer in the car.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested two Columbus, Ohio, men, 21 and 16, after finding 5.5 grams of marijuana on them in a 1983 Cadillac Fleetwood parked at Motel 6 on Grand River March 30.

Police arrested a Walled Lake man, 34, after finding 5 grams of marijuana under the seat of a 1978 Ford through a traffic stop on westbound 13 Mile and Halsted March 31.

Police arrested a Southfield man, 29, after finding 2.1 grams of marijuana in the 1998 Ford Taurus he was driving on eastbound Eight Mile and Gill April 2. Police stopped the vehicle for speeding when officers noticed marijuana seeds in the center console and then found joints in the ashtray.

STOLEN BICYCLE

In Farmington: A Farmington resident, 16, reported that someone stole his chrome-colored, Monsoon-model BMX bicycle between 12:20 and 2:20 p.m. Wednesday outside Farmington High School. The bike, valued at about \$200, had been chained to a bicycle rack located on the west side of the school.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: A man punched his daughter in the face several times and bit his wife's hand when she tried to stop him March 31. The 15-year-old girl had a swollen lip, sore jaw and red marks on her neck. The mother had a bloody hand from bite marks.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: An air compressor and air nailer were stolen from a building site on Quaker Valley Road between March 25-27.

A Farmington Hills woman paid a man \$38,000 in checks for furniture she didn't receive June 18 to Dec. 13, 1996. She kept demanding the furniture or repayment.

A sum of \$1,900 was stolen from a room at Motel 6 on Grand River March 30.

A 1997 BMX bike was stolen from the YMCA on Farmington Road March 31.

About \$1,080 worth of lumber was stolen from a Larabee Court residence between March 18-20. A car stereo amplifier and two

car speakers were stolen from a Fairmont Park Apartment residence April 1.

A \$325 charcoal/wood grill was stolen from a Fox Glen residence between March 29 and April 2. Ten Detroit Red Wings tickets worth \$380 were stolen from a 1997 Mercury Sable parked at Kroger on 12 Mile March 24. The tickets were part of a Kraft Foods promotion, police reports said.

GAS STATION TARGETED

In Farmington: An employee at Mobil, 35355 Grand River at Drake, told police that a man and woman took about \$35 worth of items from inside the gas station's mini mart and failed to pay for \$13 worth of gasoline.

The suspects entered the gas station about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, after pumping the gas into a brown and yellow 1988 Ford Grenada. The woman walked over to the coffee counter to pour two cups of coffee while the man went over to the medicine display.

According to police reports, he put two boxes of Tylenol and four boxes of Advil down the front of his coat. When an employee yelled at him to stop, the man told the woman, "Come on, let's go" and the couple exited the store and got into their vehicle. They drove onto northbound Drake.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills: A sum of \$50 was stolen after

a driver's side window was broken on a 1990 Geo Metro parked at Kroger on 12 Mile April 1, causing \$600 damage.

Two speakers and an amplifier were stolen after the driver's window was smashed on a 1997 Dodge Avenger parked on Deerwood April 2, causing \$300 damage.

A speaker and an amplifier were stolen from a 1989 Ford Probe parked on Parklane between April 1 and 2, causing \$250 damage.

A Motorola cellular phone was stolen after the driver's side window was broken on a 1989 Ford Caravan parked at Village Green Management on Northwestern Highway between April 1 and 2, causing \$150 damage.

A stereo was stolen after the window was broken on a 1996 Dodge Caravan parked on Northwestern Highway April 2.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills man, 32, had a blood alcohol level of .36 percent, which is three times the legal limit, after a traffic accident on Orchard Lake and 11 Mile shortly after 5 p.m. April 1. The accident occurred after the 1989 Ford driven by the Hills man rear-ended another vehicle. The driver had blood-shot eyes and appeared confused. He also urinated on himself, police reports said. He was arrested but taken to Botsford Hospital for evaluation. He has two previous drunken driving offenses.

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