

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following police and fire incidents were reported in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week:

DRUG ARREST
In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested an 18-year-old Waterford male after finding a hallucinogenic mushroom in the 1994 Jeep Wrangler he was driving on Orchard Lake and North-western July 1. Police also found a marijuana pipe in the Jeep.

MARIJUANA FOUND
In Farmington Hills:
A person found two marijuana cigarettes at Arby's on Orchard Lake and turned them into the police to be destroyed July 1.

NOTOR MISSING
In Farmington Hills:
An engine worth \$3,600 for a 1994 Chevy was stolen from the repair area of Bob Saks Oldsmobile on Grand River and Drako between June 30-July 1.

ATTEMPTED CAR THEFT
In Farmington Hills:
The owner of a 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee found someone tried to pry open the passenger door while the Jeep was parked on Appleblossom July 1. Several vehicle thefts have been reported in the area, police said.

INJURY ACCIDENT
In Farmington Hills:
The 16-year-old driver of a 1997 Nissan Altima had to be taken to Botsford Hospital with injuries to his nose and teeth after crashing into a tree and fence at Hunters Ridge Apartments on Kingwood Lane July 1.

1. The driver told police he bent down to pick up something when he lost control of the car. Police ticketed him for reckless driving.

AUTO THEFT
In Farmington Hills:
Someone drove off with a maroon 1996 Toyota Camry without paying a cent toward the \$15,000 sticker price at Bob Saks Toyota on Grand River between June 4-17.

BB GUN ASSAULT
In Farmington Hills:
Three teen boys, ages 13 and 12, told police they were shot with a BB gun while playing in a back yard on Parker Street at 7 p.m. July 1. One of the victims said he put the BB gun down to build a fort when two other teens snuck up on them. One of the perpetrators grabbed the BB gun and started shooting from 10 to 20 feet away, hitting one of the children in the head. All three victims declined medical help.

ARSON
In Farmington Hills:
Two teens are suspected in trying to set a fire at Farmington Community School on Shiloh around 8 p.m. July 1. A police officer put out the small fire with an extinguisher. A witness told police he saw two males age 14-15 kneeling down where the fire started. A custodian also saw the pair with what appeared to be a Molotov cocktail, a clear bottle filled with liquid and a rag hanging out. The pair moved to the south side of the building when the custodian called police. Police arrest two

teens, one of whom smelled of gasoline, on Springbrook.

DRUNKEN DRIVING
In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Northville man, 31, after he was operating a 1998 Suzuki while drunk on Eight Mile and I-275 at 1:30 a.m. July 2. Police stopped the motorcycle for not having a taillight. The driver had a blood alcohol level of 0.13 percent. It's illegal to drive with a level of 0.10 percent or more.

HOT WHEELS
In Farmington Hills:
Firefighters from stations Nos. 1 and 5 put out an engine fire on a 1986 Jeep Cherokee on east-bound I-696, west of Farmington Road, at 1:35 p.m. June 30. The Jeep was a total loss.

Firefighters also extinguished a car fire at Wayne State University's campus on 12 Mile June 20. The owner said she parked the 1989 Chrysler LeBaron and went into school. Later she was told the car was on fire.

PERSONAL INJURY
In Farmington Hills:
A 70-year-old Farmington woman suffered minor facial injuries when she was struck by a hockey puck around 9:15 p.m. Wednesday night as she walked past the Farmington Oaks Apartments on her way home from a drugstore. Two teenagers, whom she saw playing street hockey in the parking lot, fled in a dark-colored vehicle, she told police. The woman, who had to hold onto a post after the incident, refused medical attention.



Awaiting their turn

Ready to sync: Members of the Earth Angels, a youth group ages 9-16, look set to perform during the Farmington Hills 25th anniversary celebration. However, they were rained out. The lip-synch dance troupe will perform their 1950s and '60s tunes Tuesday during Founders Festival's Kids Day at Shilohwasse Park, noon to 5 p.m.

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OBITUARY
THOMAS S. ERICKSEN
Thomas S. Ericksen, 52, of Farmington Hills died June 29 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids.
Mr. Ericksen was a duplicate operator for the U.S. government and a Navy veteran.
He is survived by wife, Beverly; son, Thomas Jr. (Melanie); daughter, Jessica; mother, Hazel; brothers, Leif, Robert, David, Raymond and Andrew; and sister, Christie Lukenhoff.
Funeral services were July 3 at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Warren with the Rev. Robert Moore officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials may be sent to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church or the MS Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield 48076.

CLARIFICATIONS
■ A story in Thursday's Observer had the wrong first name for former Farmington Hills Mayor Jean Fox.
■ A photograph in the Sunday, June 28, issue listed the wrong

name in a caption with a story on a premier of the re-released classic, "Gone With the Wind." The person in the photo was Barbie Amann, an actress and costume designer with the Farmington Playgoers.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo D.M.D.
EARLY ASSESSMENT

Parents can do their children a favor by having an orthodontist assess their children's bites at an early age. Doing so does not necessarily mean that treatment would begin immediately if a problem were to be found. In some cases, the dentist may elect to merely follow dental development until the most desirable time for treatment is reached (when the last primary teeth are being shed). Other times, early treatment may be limited to extractions of primary teeth or limited use of fixed or removable orthodontic appliances. Treatment may also be divided into two phases: one when both primary and permanent teeth are present, and another after all the permanent teeth have erupted. An early start often

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PREDNISONE AND THE ELDERLY PATIENT
For the patient over age 65, taking cortisone daily is fraught with difficulty.

Anyone, man or woman, over age 65 is at risk for losing bone mass. Calcium to bone from bone, accelerates this loss. The weakening of bone can occur even if the individual takes calcium tablets and engages in regular exercise. Oral cortisone brings on the possibility of osteoporosis, peptic ulcer, and arteriosclerosis. Particularly in individuals over age 65, deposits of cholesterol in our carotid, coronary and other arteries are common. Individuals do not need an added risk of blockage. In addition, steroids cause a lowering of the ability of the immune system to respond to infection. Men with prostate enlargement, and women with enlarged bladder control, are already at risk for urinary tract infections. A lowered ability to fight infection that comes with cortisone use, only increases the hazard these persons face. If oral cortisone poses such a threat to the well being of the elderly, why use the drug at all? The answer is that in certain arthritic conditions such as polymyalgia, lupus erythematosus, polyarthritis, and related vascular inflammatory conditions, oral cortisone is the treatment of choice. No medication treats these problems better. If you need the medication take it. Though the hazards are hard to accept, the alternative of insufficient treatment, is worse.

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Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

HALITOSIS, OR BAD BREATH
While all of us experience bad breath every so often, some people suffer from halitosis as a chronic problem that has social and psychological consequences. According to some estimates, fully 40% of the population has chronic halitosis. This problem is thought to arise primarily from poor oral hygiene and/or periodontal (gum) disease. Recent research also points to dead cells and bacteria in the mouth that accumulate and putrefy to form volatile sulfur gases that cause halitosis. Because this malodorous debris primarily collects at the back of the tongue, dentists now recommend that a tongue scraper should take its place as a daily hygiene tool, and the toothbrush as an oral hygiene tool. Do you suffer from halitosis? Let us help you.

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