

Police link Hills man to break-ins

Farmington Hills police are crediting an alert neighbor for her help that led to the arrest of a 24-year-old Hills man who is believed to be involved in a rash of break-ins.

At 2:20 a.m. Thursday, officers went to a burglary in progress on Bunker Hill and caught a man running from the scene. Police had the man under surveillance, reports said, and set up a perimeter around the house.

Police have linked the man to two home invasions in the 11 Mile-Middlebelt area July 23-24. On Friday, the man was arraigned on three counts of home invasion

in 47th District Court. Visiting Judge John Dillon set cash bond at \$250,000.

A woman who lives across the street told officers she heard a vehicle pull up and a door close shortly after 2 a.m.

Later, she saw a man in his 20s with a ponytail walk out of the garage and get into a Ford Explorer. He got back into the vehicle and pulled up a few feet and entered the opened garage. She also saw a flashlight flicker off and on and told her husband to phone police.

Police talked to a 21-year-old woman inside the home who said she heard footsteps and had an uneasy feeling something was

wrong.

When police arrived, the man disappeared between the houses. Two officers spotted a man in the back yard, who ran but was caught. He had a flashlight in his hand, police reports said. In a 1991 Ford Explorer, officers found a hunting knife with a 6 1/2 inch blade.

A 21-year-old woman told police she awoke to find a strange man touching her thigh while she slept in her West Skye home 6 a.m. July 24. The perpetrator broke in by prying open a window, reports said.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

BURGLARY
In Farmington Hills:
Someone broke into Melody Farms on Northwestern Highway between 2-6 a.m. July 29.

BREAK-INS
In Farmington Hills:
Someone broke the driver's side window and stole a stereo from a 1997 Jeep Cherokee parked at Polo Club Apartments the night of July 27. Five Jeep Grand Cherokees were broken into at the Polo Club the night of July 27.

The driver's windows were shattered to gain entry and the stereos were stolen from each of the vehicles that were '98, '97 and '98 model years.

A car stereo was also stolen Monday from a 1986 Cadillac on Highmeadow.

FIRE
In Farmington Hills:
Firefighters doused a fire on a 1996 Chevy truck on Inkster and Eight Mile July 29.

HOME BURGLARY
In Farmington Hills:
A thief stole a Rolex watch, woman's wrist watch, seven women and men watches and assorted jewelry after breaking into a Hunter Ridge Apartment residence the night of July 28-29.

A couple living at Hunters Ridge condominiums told police that someone entered their home sometime between July 21 and July 27 and stole a gun and jewelry.

There was no evidence of forced entry, according to a police report.

THEFT
In Farmington Hills:
Someone stole a \$4,000 laptop computer from the Phoenix Group on 12 Mile July 29.

Someone stole 20 orange construction cones from the Harrison High parking lot on 12 Mile July 29.

A thief stole two bicycles from a Bridgeman residence the night of July 29-30.

INDECENT EXPOSURE
In Farmington Hills:
A cleaning crew at Greenhill Apartments got an eyeful when

a male was standing against a second floor wall wearing nothing but a tank top July 30. The two women also saw the same person masturbating later. Police talked to the apartment resident, who is a 16-year-old male.

MAS BRUSH FIRE
In Farmington:
Firefighters extinguished a brush fire in the median of M-6 just west of the Farmington Road overpass, about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A Redford man, driving east on M-6, saw the fire and notified the public safety department. He said he did not witness the actual ignition of the blaze - which needed about 700 gallons of water to be doused.

The cause of the fire remained unknown. But, according to reports, the brush was "very dry" and a discarded cigarette may have ignited it.

The fire occurred in an area currently under construction for road repairs.

ROBBERY
In Farmington Hills:
At 5:55 p.m. July 30, a Clark gas station clerk said a man demanded he give him the register money - \$115 in this case - and left the station on Orchard Lake and 10 Mile. The robber didn't reveal or brandish a weapon, but the clerk assumed the man was armed because, he believes it's the same person who committed a robbery July 26. A weapon was used in that hold-up. The robber is described as a Chaldean male between the ages of 25-30.

DRUNKEN DRIVING
In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Milford man, 23, for drunken driving on M-6 near Drake and Orchard Lake around 12:50 a.m. July 31. Police stopped the 1996 Pontiac Grand Am for speeding. He had a blood alcohol level of .10 percent at the scene.

ASSAULT
In Farmington Hills:
A landscaper told police his boss punched him in the head and kicked him after he asked to go home because his back was hurting July 29. The 18-year-old victim said the incident happened while at work on a site at 12 Mile near Inkster July 29.

OBITUARIES

JEANNETTE A. IVASCOV
Jeannette A. Ivascov, 79, formerly of Farmington Hills, died July 26 in Farmington Hills. Mrs. Ivascov was a law librarian at Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters.

She is survived by husband, Maurice; daughters, Alice (Allen) Geraux of Howell, June (Denny) Austin of Brighton, Helene (Tom) McGovern of Farmington Hills and Carmen (Gary) Hancock of Brighton; sisters, Margaret, Claire, Della and Anna; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Thyner-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may

be sent to the Garden Fund for Jeannette Ivascov, 16260 Northland Drive, Southfield 48075; or Farmington Hills Hospice.

KATHERINE B. KOZAK
Katherine Brutus Kozak, 83, of Farmington, died July 24 at Botsford General Hospital.

Mrs. Kozak was a member of St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church.

She is survived by daughter, Rose Marie (William) Fortig; sister, Sophie Peron and Ann Evans; grandchildren, Dr. Matthew Spear, Michelle Spear, Mark Fortig and Russell Fortig; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held July 27 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26630 Eureka, Taylor.

JAMES M. SHERMAN
James M. "Jamie" Sherman, 34, of Farmington Hills, died July 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Sherman was an electrical engineer/supervisor for Ford Motor Co. He owned three patents for electronic engine control systems. He was a member of Orchard United Methodist Church.

He is survived by wife, Laura; son, Matthew; daughter, Alyssa;

parents, Duane and Louise Sherman of New York; brothers, Jeffrey of Troy and Richard of Albany, N.Y.; sisters, Janice Moierdiercks of Massachusetts and Laurie Shuster of Pennsylvania; and in-laws, James and Sally Hoxie of Warren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Thyner-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Paul Blomquist and the Rev. Carol Johns officiating. Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. today, Aug. 2, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Make a Wish Foundation, 1669 Hamilton Road, Suite 210, Okemos 48864.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

Send items to: Campus Pipeline, 33414 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

HONOR RECIPIENT
Bruce Constance of Farmington.

ton was an honor recipient at Washenaw Community College after receiving a grade point average of 3.8 or better during the spring semester.

GRAND DEAN'S
Christina Maki and Jonathan Reed of Farmington were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the winter 1998 semester.

PHI KETA KAPPA
Kathleen Benson, a 1994

North Farmington High School graduate, was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Honor Society at Western Michigan University. She is a recent magna cum laude graduate of WMU with a bachelor of arts degree in interpersonal communication.

AGENDAS

Farmington City Council 8 p.m. Monday City Hall, 23600 Liberty 474-5500

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■ Introduction of Erin Cogswell, Miss Farmington Oakland County 1998-99.
■ Presentation by Sharihan Douglas, executive director, Eight Mile Boulevard Association.
■ Consideration of beautification commission appointments.
■ City manager's report on routine master plan revision and Shiawassee Park playgrounds.

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TECHNOLOGY AND ARTHRITIS

Why has technology left arthritis behind? That question may have come to mind, if you have arthritis and are committed to a daily schedule of pills and rest. You may look with envy at persons who, after a cataract operation or cleaning of a coronary artery, return to their daily activities with seeming ease.

It is true that a number of the arthritis drugs used today were prescribed in the 1950s. In addition, several medications considered basic to the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis are borrowed from cancer drugs popular in the 1970s.

The reason for the delay in introducing arthritis specific medications stems from the complexity of the immune system. Scientists find it difficult to develop drugs that help but does not hurt. Where technology proves valuable is in its ability to open the intricacy of human immunity to medical investigation. The knowledge gained, in time, will provide the basis for arthritis focused drugs.

Also, it is not true that technology has bypassed arthritis. The knee and hip replacements of today were not dreamed of 20 decades ago, and what we have now is improving. Technology as reflected in computer learning and Internet access make possible an understanding of your arthritis and an ability to participate in your care, to an extent denied past generations of arthritic patients.

Technology in arthritis, if not at the forefront, is bubbling underneath.

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

A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO BRUSH

Perhaps it is time to rethink the way you brush your teeth. A study presented at an International Association of Dental Research meeting showed that "dry-brushing" teeth, starting on the inner surfaces first, resulted in a 60% decrease in tartar buildup and a 50% decrease in gingival bleeding. It seems that a dry, soft brush does a better job of displacing bacterial buildup than a moistened toothbrush. Researchers suggest starting with a dry, soft-bristled toothbrush on the inside of the bottom teeth. Let the inside surfaces of the top teeth. After 45 seconds of brushing, take another 45 seconds to brush the outer and chewing surfaces. Finally, moisten the brush, apply toothpaste, and give teeth a thorough overall brushing.

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- Occupation: Interior Designer, Ethan Allen, Inc. Livonia
- Religion: Catholic, Member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
- Previous Employment: Co-Owner of small retail business in Portville, 1981 to 1989
- Education: Graduated High School, Attended College and Continuing Education classes
- Memberships, Activities: Republican Women of West Oakland County, Italian American Club
- Family Information: Married, Mother of 3 daughters, presently raising 2 grandchildren, ages 5 and 6.
- Date of Birth: October 18, 1943

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SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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Braces may help orthodontic patients keep their teeth clean in the long run by enabling them to brush and floss more efficiently, but they may present a challenge in the short term because they make it slightly more difficult to reach all tooth surfaces. For this reason, orthodontists are likely to ask their patients to redouble their efforts to keep their teeth clean. By adopting scrupulous oral hygiene habits, patients have every reason to expect they will emerge from treatment with cavity-free teeth. They can help themselves in this effort with the use of a prescription gel that, when applied after brushing, has proved itself able to outpace plaque levels by about half.

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