

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

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

## DRUNKEN DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a White Lake man, 32, for drunken driving on Haggerty and 14 Mile at 8 p.m. Dec. 20. Police had a report of a possible drunken driver and stopped the 1996 Ford Mustang. The driver admitted to having five cans of beer and was on his way home from a Christmas party in Ferndale. He had blood alcohol level of .25 percent.

**In Farmington:** Police ticketed a 35-year-old Wyandotte man early Christmas Eve for drunken driving and having open intoxicants in a moving vehicle.

After being stopped by police at Grand River-Power, the driver was shown on police videotape

dumping out the contents of a bottle, later determined to be Canadian Club Whiskey. The empty bottle was found under the driver's seat.

According to police reports, a 1994 Ford truck was weaving in and out of the center lane on westbound Grand River, at about 2:16 a.m. last Thursday, Dec. 24. The driver eventually came to a stop at Power Road, telling police he knew he was drunk and "just trying to get home."

The driver struggled with field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol level of .23 percent. No court hearing date has yet been scheduled.

## THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone stole several saws, drills and a paint sprayer from International Development on North Industrial near Grand

River the night of Dec. 22-23. There was no sign of forced entry.

## UNWANTED HOUSE GUESTS

**In Farmington Hills:** Police roamed out five teenage girls who were hiding inside a home on Bradley Street shortly after midnight Dec. 26. A neighbor phoned police after seeing several teens go into the home, which is unoccupied while the homeowner is away. One girl told officers she had permission to be in house but later admitted she didn't. The girl, described as a friend of the homeowner's daughter, said she knew the remote access code to the attached garage, which allowed her to get inside the home. Officers also stopped a male who said he had been at the home earlier with 16 others.

## ASSAULT

**In Farmington Hills:** A 16-year-old male told police he was punched in the face and kicked in the head by two teens outside of McDonald's on Orchard Lake around 12:30 p.m. Dec. 23. The victim was inside the restaurant when one of the teens grabbed him and forced him outside. One teen punched

him while the other held him from behind. The pair ran after a woman yelled at them in the parking lot. The victim attends Farmington High. The suspects go to Harrison High.

## TWO IN FIGHT

**In Farmington:** Farmington police officers responded about 2:10 p.m. Sunday to a reported fight involving two men outside the Mobil gas station, located at Eight Mile-Farmington roads. Both men, ages 24 and 29, are from Dearborn.

According to reports, a heated verbal exchange escalated into the fight. The men started outside the gas station and moved inside, where several items were knocked off of store shelves.

A voice mail message from the 24-year-old to the older man is thought to have triggered the fight. The relationship between the two was not clear. One of the combatants told officers the two men are cousins, but the other said they are just friends.

Meanwhile, they apparently roomed together between August and October.

The report of the altercation was forwarded to the city prosecutor for warrant consideration.



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depends on how the group is taking to the basic functions of using their instruments," DeLuca said. "If they think it's too hard they got discouraged."

I tell them reading music is like trying to read Chinese, it's like a foreign language, so they shouldn't feel badly if they can't read it right away."

Such understanding for young musicians stems from DeLuca's own early days in music class. She began playing the clarinet in fourth grade and moved on to the violin in the sixth grade.

When she continued her musical pursuits in junior and senior high schools, her lessons were led by teacher Paul Miller. "Mr. Miller really believed in versatility in music," DeLuca recalled. "Pretty soon, I was playing the saxophone for our dance band which is what is now referred to as the high school jazz band."

Miller's connections at the University of Michigan made it possible for DeLuca and her friends in the high school band to provide all the musical accompaniment for the theater productions at the college.

DeLuca also performed with the Michigan Youth Symphony and spent several summers at Interlochen before enrolling at the University of Michigan.

## Career choice

Initially considering literature as her major, DeLuca was invited to attend the music school instead. She loved the curriculum but couldn't envision herself

on stage so instead also decided to share the joy of music by teaching.

"I've really enjoyed it more than I ever knew that I would," DeLuca said. "I've learned a lot and now I really love performing too so it's hard to balance all of it."

The effort DeLuca puts forth to make that "balance" is impressive to those who know her, including Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole.

"Kay is very talented and dedicated to teaching kids at Farmington school district and a very interesting and extremely nice person, too," Strole said.

When DeLuca takes a break from playing and teaching music she enjoys snow skiing and sailing. She also belongs to a number of local music organizations and performs, upon request, at weddings or special church services in the area.

Despite all that outside activity, DeLuca still devotes much of her time to securing a good introduction to music for her students. She admits her biggest frustration is spending a year getting the kids started only to lose them to junior high.

"I get a chance once in awhile to stop in their classroom and see how they're doing and sometimes they're still a little anxious," DeLuca said. "I just tell them when you plant a seed for grass it will come up right away but when you plant a seed for a tree it takes a long time for that tree to grow."

## Liquor from page A1

"That's a big disappointment when you have people selling alcohol to kids that young, especially after the licensees had been notified by certified letter," Chief Bill Dwyer said. "At the same time, you have to credit those who did not sell and took the time and effort."

On Dec. 14, 1115 police sent registered letters to all 55 liquor license holders, notifying them of the impending operation.

The department has conducted similar liquor checks since 1985. They usually take place around the New Year's holiday and dur-

ing the summer.

The purpose is not to entrap businesses but to make them more vigilant in checking identification and training employees, Dwyer said.

Dwyer was infuriated with results from the last sting in June when nine businesses were cited, which marked an increase from four in December 1997.

At 52 places, the young women were asked to show their ID. "We just said, 'OK, we'll go somewhere else,'" the decoy said.

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