

Farmington Hills woman assaulted

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Two women reported they were sexually assaulted last week, one behind a Salvation Army store, where an employee interrupted the attack on a 17-year-old Redford Township girl.

A suspect has been identified by police, but no arrest has been made, Redford police Inspector Donald Mohall said. The two sexual assaults are not related to each other, he said.

The other woman, 36, of Farmington Hills told police two men inside her van outside a bar in northeast Redford and she was driven to a field at an unknown location, where she was sexually assaulted, police said.

The woman left the Double O Pub on Grand River, near Beech Daly, at about 3 p.m. Wednesday and walked to her van in the bar parking lot, police reported. She was driving east

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A second man jumped into the passenger seat as the other assailant pushed her out from behind the steering wheel and began driving. The man in the passenger seat covered her eyes and the woman told police that she passed out once or twice before arriving in a large field.

The woman told police she does not know the location of the field, where her assailants poured beer down her throat, pushed dirt up her nose and sexually assaulted her outside of

the van.

They then threw the woman back into the van and drove on the I-696 freeway before stopping on the side and running into a wooded area, the woman told police.

There are no suspects, police said.

She showed up at the Farmington Hills police station on Thursday upset and disheveled, reports said. Her pants were ripped in the back and undone.

She was taken to Botsford Hospital for treatment.

The Redford teen was assaulted about a block away from her home shortly after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

The girl told police that she was walking east on Eight Mile at Poinciana, east of Inkster Road in northwest Redford, where she was grabbed on her wrist from behind by a man. He pulled the woman south on Poinciana, mumbling sexual references about her body, police reported.

As they walked by a house on Poinciana, the girl unsuccessfully attempted to alert a friend that she was in trouble, which aggravated the assailant, she told police.

He forced the woman around a corner of Poinciana into an alley behind a Salvation Army store, where the man sexually coerced her. A store employee came out to interrupt the assault and the man walked away.

He was last seen walking east along Grand River. The teen walked home and told her mother, who called police.

RECREATION NEWS

The following are Farmington Hills parks and recreation programs. For more information or to register, call 473-9570.

STARS IN THE PARK

Ya Tafari & Tropical Sensations will perform as part of the Stars in the Park concert series at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at

Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. This musical series is presented by the city's Department of Special Services and features local talent every Thursday night. There is no charge.

SUMMER FUN CENTERS

Kids ages 6-12 will have a great time playing games, doing

arts and crafts and other fun activities. For information on this year's FREE Summer Fun Center sites, call 473-9570.

SAFETY TOWN

The Recreation Division is now taking registration for the Safety Town program. This program is designed for ages 4-6 and consists of two-week sessions (morning and afternoon) that teach several safety aspects to kids.

ICE ARENA

Public skating sessions are open to all ages and abilities at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 11500 N. Monday through Friday, 7-8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; and 4-5:50 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$3.50 for residents, \$6 for non-residents, and \$2 for skate rental. Drop-in hockey is \$7. Call 473-9500 for times.

PARTY PATROL

Reserve an evening of activities with the all new Farmington Hills Recreation Division's Party Patrol. The Party Patrol will

travel in their Party Patrol Mobile Unit to your neighborhood picnic, private party or other special occasion on week-end evenings between 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Party Patrol will provide two hours full of entertainment, including an opening ceremony. Activities will include volleyball, board games, horseshoes, a dart board tournament, a bowling tournament, sack races, parachute games, Tug-O-War, giveaways and many other fun activities for all ages. Reservations must be made two weeks prior to your event and are taken on a first-come first-served basis. The Patrol is available through Aug. 13 and the cost is \$160 per visit.

Ramp to reopen

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Workers who closed the I-696 ramp to southbound I-275 for a week will face another traffic jam as the freeway is closed for another week.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will close the I-696 ramp to southbound I-275 for a week, when it is tentatively scheduled to reopen to traffic.

The Michigan Department of Transportation also announced Friday that the second phase of the Hagerty Corridor, or M-6, between 12 and 14 Mile roads in Oakland County will be open to traffic in early August.

Dates will be finalized on the crossover and the Hagerty Corridor this week. That first week of August marks the halfway point for the I-275 project, while the I-75 project is expected to be completed along with the Southfield Freeway construction at that time, according to Gary Naoyart, MDOT spokesman.

"That is a big week for us," Naoyart said.

As the \$50 million construction project to repave the five miles of I-275 between I-96 and the M-14/I-75 interchange near its halfway point, MDOT, engineers and contractors are preparing for many transitions in the project that will affect the 200,000 motorists that use the freeway each day.

I-275's current six lanes of traffic — both northbound and

I-275/I-696

southbound — will be moved from the northbound side to the recently moved southbound side, which contains four new lanes and two shoulders.

"Traffic backups along I-275 and I-696 will be minimized," Naoyart said.

While the ramp from I-696 to southbound I-275 will be opened, only one lane of traffic will be maintained on the ramp because the traffic flow needs to be narrowed for the three lanes of southbound traffic through the construction zone. Additional traffic merges from onbound I-96.

MDOT and project engineers continue to examine how traffic can best be managed through the area. A detour that now directs motorists to a turn-around ramp on M-6 just south of 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills will be closed and then modified, Naoyart said.

"Some time after Thursday, that detour route will be temporarily unavailable as we make final preparations for M-6," Naoyart said. Once that modified route is re-opened, it will act as an "official detour" route for motorists who wish to avoid any traffic backups on westbound I-696 as that narrows to a single lane.

"It's likely that after M-6 opens, we may decide to keep the ramp open," Naoyart said.

"It won't be assigned as an official detour, but we won't discourage motorists from finding and using alternate routes."

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Royal Canadian whiskey, a lighter and a bag of Ruffles potato chips.

The woman had been drinking and registered a blood alcohol level of .07 percent, police reports said. She told officers she had no income or job and her husband is in jail.

"It's a sad scenario of a woman who obviously has a substance abuse problem, who is not in control," Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said. "She needs help."

"As much as we are sensitive to her problem, we are just as concerned - if not more so - for the welfare of the infant and the daughter."

The woman admitted she had

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a drinking problem and told police she nearly lost her infant because of it, requiring an emergency c-section. She is still on probation for a prior misdemeanor theft conviction in Livonia, police said.

That's why Dwyer said he was "disappointed" the woman was released on personal bond.

"People who have these problems usually go out and repeat the same type of behavior," Dwyer said.

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NOW LONG CAN I WAIT?
If you have a long knee, the question arises of how long to wait before surgery. If you ask your doctor, most likely his reply will be "You will know when you are ready."
Two changes will influence your decision. One is the rise of increasing pain, the second is the onset of instability. Determining that pain is too great to bear, or interference with your activities to a point no longer tolerable is a personal decision. In contrast, the onset of instability, that is, your sense that with the next step you may fall, is a risk you should not ignore immediately.
Instability brings the risk of an injury. The experience of the medical community is that such injury too often results in an operation more serious and urgent than what you considered for your knee.
If pain is your main problem, then it is possible you may delay a knee replacement operation for years. A regimen of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and periodic visits to your doctor to remove accumulated knee fluid, may suffice for an indefinite period.
You also need to be realistic that compromise of your ability to walk does not impair your state of physical fitness. The better your heart, lungs and muscles, the better your chances for successful surgery.
Through this discussion concerns the knees, the same comments hold for the shoulders, hips, and elbows.

Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE
As baby boomers enter middle age, a recent study funded by the March of Dimes Foundation reveals that they have a healthy sense of control over their lives. And, this healthy sense of optimism extends to their perception of good health, which they try to maintain through constant exercise. These attitudes are also reflected in statistics that show that about 25 percent of today's orthodontic patients are adults. Many, no doubt, are puzzled by the feeling that it is never too late to take steps to improve the beauty of their smiles and the proper function of their bites. If orthodontic treatment eluded them in their youth, adult patients may find the same

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

RECESSION STRATEGY
"Gingivitis" is a gum tissue that surrounds each tooth with a tight-fitting, colorless seal that restricts the penetration of bacteria that might threaten the health of underlying bone. When gums recede, the teeth lose this physical barrier and the underlying bone becomes vulnerable. At the very least, anything more than mild receding sensitivity to hot and cold, as well as an unsightly appearance, to remedy gum problems and cosmetic problems, a gingival graft may be sutured around the tooth to replace any deficiency. The graft consists of a thin piece of tissue taken from the roof of the mouth or from adjacent gum. The result is both permanent and highly successful.
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