

HILLS POLICE CITATIONS

At the Feb. 22, 2001 meeting of the Citation and Award Board, the following persons were recognized:

■ Officers Daniel Rodriguez and Paul Nicholas - Merit Citation

On Nov. 14, 2000 Officers Rodriguez and Nicholas observed a suspicious, occupied vehicle in the parking lot on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Nine Mile. Eventually, the suspicious vehicle was driven to the side of the 7-11 where the occupants continued to case the store. These officers' observations and initiative resulted in the arrest of two armed suspects and likely prevention of a crime.

■ Officer Mark Mostek - Citation

Sergeant Alan Soderlund, Officers Scott Cronin, John Pigott, Paul Nicholas, and Michael Farley - Unit Citation

Farmington Hills and surrounding communities, were plagued by a serial commercial burglar. Officers responded to a report of another of these crimes, intervened while in progress, near Middlebelt and Northwestern. Officer Mostek chased a suspect. An scene investigation resulted in one arrest for this and other burglaries.

■ Officer Eric Buckberry - Citation

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■ Sergeant Alan Soderlund and Officer Jeffrey Maples - Citation

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driver, Officer Buckberry recovered a loaded revolver and a canister of Freeze +P.

■ Officer Garin Anderson - Citation

After a rash of vandalism in the Quaker Valley Subdivision, Officer Anderson arrived to provide evidence technician support. He noticed footprints in the frosted grass and followed them to the rear patio of a house, where he recovered clothing that smelled of lighter fluid. He and other officers eventually interviewed four teenage boys, who admitted their responsibility for nearly \$30,000 in damage to neighboring homes.

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with the arrest for possession of the stolen auto, carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle, and possession of marijuana.

■ Officers Marc Haro and Eric Amerson - Citation

On Jan. 11, 2001, officers stopped a vehicle for a defective equipment violation. A search revealed an automatic pistol in the driver's pants pocket.

■ Special Agent William O'Leary, FBI - Citation

Special Agent O'Leary worked diligently with a confidential informant to develop information on a heroin distribution ring operating from a residence in Farmington Hills. He freely shared his information with Farmington Hills and SONIC Investigators to support issuance of a search warrant.

■ Officer Thomas Shrivak - Citation

On Feb. 16, 2001, Officer Shrivak monitored radio traffic about an indecent exposure on Grand River and 10 Mile. Mobil station. He located a suspect behind another gas station. The state of the man's clothing indicated that another indecent exposure was about to occur, and the man was arrested.

■ Cadet Michael Cracchiolo - Letter of Appreciation

Cadet Cracchiolo assisted the department by participating in Liquor Compliance Operation No. 27, Dec. 27-28, 2000. His actions were instrumental in checking for conformity to the laws that prohibit sale of liquor to minors.



Pasta anyone? Natalie Szatkowski speaks about the foods common to Italy.



World tour: Joseph Campbell takes a look at photos from Italy during Geography Day. His school passport sits on the desk in front of him.

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Global marketplace

Sorrows kids take cultural tour

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Friday, March 16 wasn't a typical day at Our Lady of Sorrows School. It was a global feast for the senses, dubbed "Geography Day: Cultures Around the World."

Sixteen different countries were featured in classrooms, where students got an eyeful from parents who shared cultural experiences, insights and artifacts. In the Italy classroom, parent Natalie Szatkowski wore a Naples folkloric dress and showed a video of how wine is made in that country.

Youngsters, who carried their own passports from station to station, sampled homemade tostadas for lunch in the Mexico classroom.

And, in the Iraq classroom, a number of moms in full exotic wardrobe participated in a belly dance routine, persuading youngsters to get up and dance by their desks, too.

Swaying in the center of the lino dance was Sorrows Principal Roberto Clemak, wearing a bright, green sweater instead of the lavish outfit worn by the

belly dancing moms. Clemak was having so much fun she didn't seem out of place at all.

"She deserves all the credit for this," said Clemak later, applauding the efforts of Mary Carole Haering, the parent who was instrumental in organizing the program for the culturally diverse school in Farmington.

"It's for diversity, our area is one of the most diverse in Michigan," Haering explained. "And this is to expose them (students) to other cultures. We hope to make it an annual event."

Meanwhile, Haering modestly accepted the praise to the more than 80 parents (from the Parent Teacher Guild) who helped with the event.

Among them was Nancy Campbell, a former professional dancer who brought an assortment of Polish dolls and dresses to help illustrate her talk about Poland.

She also reprised her dance routine during the event-closing assembly.

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Older students in the National Junior Honor Society and Student Council also participated, doing out green, shamrock cookies to guests and making signs and name tags for the food-and-fun-filled program. Haering said Buch's and Kroger donated foods.

MILITARY NEWS

AIR FORCE GRAD

Air Force Airman Bryan Yheulon has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During his six weeks of training, Yheulon studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Ruth and Yheulon of Farmington Hills and a 2000 graduate of Harrison High School.

Volunteers due for heroes' welcome

ness.

Awards will be handed out at a luncheon June 14, a Thursday, at the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Speaker for the event will be announced at a later date.

The \$40 per seat ticket price for attendance at the luncheon will raise funds for A Volunteer Place, a new volunteer recruitment and placement center to be built in Pontiac. Its purpose is to connect volunteers to programs that need the help in Oakland County.

The center is a joint project between Lighthouse, Oakland Family Services, William Beaumont Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, United Way of Oak-

land County, AmeriCorps at Oakland University and Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization.

A ballot to nominate volunteers accompanies this article. Deadline for nominations is April 20.

Winners will be selected by a committee of representatives of the volunteer organizations participating in the Volunteer Place.

Lighthouse is seeking corporate sponsorships for tables at the luncheon to allow volunteers to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford to go. A table of 10 is \$400. Contact Lighthouse at (248) 920-6000 to sponsor a table.

Do you know a HomeTown Hero?

Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror, and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with The United Way Volunteer Place, have established the HomeTown Heroes™ awards to recognize, encourage and reward outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support nonprofit organizations in Oakland County.

The United Way Volunteer Place will be the North Oakland County's new one-stop shop for volunteer recruitment,

placement and training. HomeTown Heroes™ will honor volunteers in six categories: Seniors (65 and over), Youth (18 and younger), Direct Service, Faith-based, Board Member and Business (a business encouraging employee volunteerism). The business award is sponsored by Crain's Detroit Business.

Nominees and awardees will be recognized on June 14 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The public is invited to attend this event.

NAME OF NOMINATOR:

IF GROUP, CONTACT PERSON:

ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE: FAX:

NOMINATING CATEGORY

Senior Board Member Direct Service Faith-based Business Youth (18 and younger)

(65 and over)

NOMINEE:

(Must volunteer for an Oakland County non-profit)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AGE: (If senior, just note over 65)

DAYTIME PHONE: SCHOOL (if applicable)

PLACE(S) OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

YEARS OF SERVICE: AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS PER MONTH:

TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED:

On a separate sheet in 200 words or less, please tell why you have nominated this individual or group. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment, motivation, problem-solving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be typewritten and the size 12 font.

Entries must be received by Friday, April 20, 2001.

Mail forms to: HomeTown Heroes™ Awards—c/o United Way of Oakland County, 60 Wayne Street, Pontiac, MI 48342 or fax to 248-458-8809

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