

Benefit slated for firefighter's wife

Members of the Farmington Hills Fire Department Station #3 are holding a bowling fundraiser for the family of one of the firefighters.

Debbie Martin, wife of firefighter Denny Martin, has advanced ovarian cancer and has just recently undergone extensive surgery in Washington, D.C., to help contain the

cancer.

The fund-raiser will take place at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$20 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Martin family.

For more details call Donna Prusinski at 442-0463.

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Locals attend national Hadassah convention

Delegates were in Israel when a terrorist attack occurred; none were injured

Among the 550 people who attended the 87th National Hadassah Convention in Israel were local residents Annette Meskin, Audrey Sobel, Arline Gould and Inge Kramer of West

Bloomfield and Randi Simko of Farmington Hills. The convention, which ran Aug. 5-9 in Jerusalem, was the only regularly scheduled annual convention of a major Jewish

organization to be held in Israel this year.

Meskin served as co-chair of the event, and Simko was the recipient of the Judith Epstein Memorial Award, which assures

that deserving young women are given the chance to see firsthand what the women of Hadassah have accomplished in Israel.

The convention closed with a visit from Israeli President Moshe Katsav. In his first public appearance since the suicide bombing at a pizza parlor earlier that same day which killed 15, he praised the Hadassah delegates for coming to Israel at that time and told them, "Don't hesitate to raise your voices," and vowed that "we will be able to defeat brutal terrorism."

For the Hadassah delegates, the attack came at a time when everyone was packing and buying last minute gifts before returning home on overnight flights.

No Hadassah delegate was injured in the bombing, though many were just a few feet away from the restaurant when the attack occurred.

In closing the convention that ran for four days in the heart of Jerusalem, National President Bonnie Lipton told an appreciative audience, "We needed to be here as much as they needed us to come."

Robbery from page A1

facing life in prison, with very little past criminal history whatsoever have now totally destroyed their lives."

Witnesses said that after two men wearing masks entered the bank, one went behind the teller counter, grabbed an employee by the hair and pushed her to the ground, saying, "If you do anything I will shoot you."

After the two men left in a getaway car driven by a woman, police arrived to interview witnesses. When a voice came over the police radio naming suspects who had been arrested, Niedzielka, who overheard, exclaimed, "Oh my God, that is my boyfriend" and started to cry, according to police.

Patrol officers had spotted the getaway car headed east on 12 Mile. When patrol officers activated the overhead lights, the driver of the getaway car sped up and tried to elude police, the incident report continued.

An officer driving west on 12 Mile tried to block the car. The suspects' car swerved into the westbound lanes of 12 Mile and struck a minivan.

Dwyer said the suspects' car airbag was deployed in the crash, but there were no injuries. When officers approached the car asking where the gun was, a suspect said, "It's in the back seat. It's not real." Police also recovered a bag of marijuana

from one suspect during his arrest.

"The speeds never reached more than 40 or 50 miles per hour," Dwyer said. "The officers of this department certainly displayed their professionalism by quickly and safely effecting the arrests." From the car, police recovered \$92,570, in a black duffel bag.

After their arraignment on Saturday at 47th District Court before magistrate Jim Brady, the four were all jailed on \$500,000 bond each. Each was charged with bank robbery and armed robbery. The second charge stems from the theft of a purse from the bank manager.

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