

POLICE CALLS

The following incidents were reported to the Farmington Hills Police Department during the past week:

STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

In the 24000 block of Arden Park, several items were taken from an unlocked 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe Thursday night. The shotgun, cell phone, video camera and a camera taken were valued at \$2,390.

VEHICLE KEYED
Between 7:30-8:30 a.m. Friday, someone scratched the paint of a Ford Explorer parked behind the gym at Warner Middle School.

MARIJUANA FOUND

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving at a traffic stop on Orchard Lake and Grand River around 1 a.m. Friday. The man also had a baggie of marijuana hidden in his

underwear.

CDS SNATCHED

Employees at the Border's Books on Orchard Lake Road said a young male suspected of putting CDs in his backpack fled the store after he tripped the security alarm around 3:10 p.m. Saturday. Police pursued the man in his vehicle while he entered eastbound I-696 at Orchard Lake. The suspect refused to pull over and traveled at high rates of speed as he used the shoulder to pass vehicles on the freeway. Police ended the pursuit at M-10.

DUNKEN DRIVING

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman was pulled over by police on Orchard Lake and 11 Mile around 1:35 a.m. Sunday after she was seen weaving in and out of lanes. She was arrested after posting a .21 blood/alcohol level.

A 44-year-old Howell woman was arrested for drunken driving after police found her vehicle parked but the engine still running at Orchard Lake and Oakland Drive around 1 a.m. Monday. She registered a .23 blood/alcohol level.

BREAK-IN

In the 30000 block of Great Forest, a window was broken to enter an apartment Sunday evening. A \$3,000 laptop computer was stolen, but police also found blood marks where the suspect apparently cut himself while breaking the glass.

PAINT SPRAYER STOLEN

On Saturday, a New Botsford apartment resident reported someone stole a \$1,200 paint sprayer from his truck. A window to the vehicle was broken to gain entry.

By Paul R. Pace

Tips to help you prevent a personal attack

These safety tips are provided by the Farmington Hills Police Department Crime Prevention Section:

- Stay alert and be tuned into your surroundings.
- Send the message that you are calm, confident and know where you are going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or the place - leave.
- Keep a whistle on your key chain and blow it repeatedly if you feel threatened.
- When in trouble, yell "fire" instead of "help." People tend to respond better if they think they, too, are in danger. Keep yelling until the danger is over.
- Stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots or alleys.
- Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
- Have your car or house key ready before you reach the door.

■ Keep car doors locked, windows up, purse on the floor under the seat.

■ Know where you are going. Keep a map in the car.

■ When asking for directions, pick a well-lit location with a lot of people around.

■ Walk against traffic.

■ Let someone know where you are going, what time you are expected to return and your planned route.

■ Know the neighborhood where you live and work. Check out the locations of the police station, public

telephones, hospitals, restaurants or stores that are open early and late.

■ Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there is enough gasoline to get to



Call for help: Farmington Hills Police Sergeant John Marky and civilian employee Dixie Moran display one of the safety whistles available free to residents.

where you're going and back.

■ Go to the gasoline station during daylight hours and choose a gas pump in clear view of the attendant. Turn off the car, lock it and take the keys.

Calendar earns big bucks for charity

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Who says you can't be a popular pin-up model in your 90s?

The senior men who posed in the Boys of Botsford 2002 calendar and range in age from 69 to 91 prove you can.

The calendar, spearheaded by Botsford Commons senior apartments resident Bill Waddell, had a different Botsford man pose in a slightly provocative photo for each month. On Tuesday, the group handed over a \$4,140 check to Farmington Hills police and fire chiefs, which represented proceeds from sales of the popular calendar.

Each month also included a profile of the model, a recipe, some amusing days of the month and some trivia to ponder.

Each sold for \$10 with proceeds going to the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Fund, which helps public safety people and their families in the community in a time of need, said Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci.

Some of the money will also be sent to help the firefighters in New York City after the terrorist attacks in September.

"If you haven't gotten your hands on one of the calendars, good luck. We sold out of them," Waddell said proudly. "We keep getting requests for them."

While putting the calendar together took some work, "we had a ball," said Waddell, also known as Mr. April.

The men put the seed money together for the first batch of calendars. After giving some of them to friends and family, word of mouth kept the orders pouring in.

"It snowballed," Waddell said. Now that 2002 is nearly here are there any plans for a 2003 calendar?

"We have been asked," Waddell admitted. "I'd love to do it, but maybe we can get the girls in on it next time, maybe something like the 'Babes of Botsford.'"

He said the boys will decide in the spring whether to shed their shirts for the camera again.

If that happens, proceeds would once again go to help the community in some way, Waddell said.



Police Chief Bill Dwyer and Fire Chief Rich Marinucci accept a check from Bill Waddell and the rest of the boys; Ed Repucci, Maury Williams, Leonard Nowacki, Joe Bonfiglio, Norm Roos, Jim DeFrancesco, Bob Haukes and Blair Algie.

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The department has also given apartment managers about 2,000 whistles that can be attached to keychains, for people to use as a means to call attention to a possibly threatening situation.

Hills police have increased marked and unmarked police

patrols in apartment complexes in the city.

Dwyer said the best defense is to stay alert.

"Only go in a well lit area," he suggested of people walking to and from their apartments.

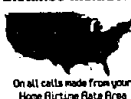
Lisa Artip, property manager at Green Hill, said her office put

up the bulletins from police right away. She said she lived in the complex for seven years and has always felt safe there.

Those with information regarding any of the cases are asked to contact police at (248) 473-9656.

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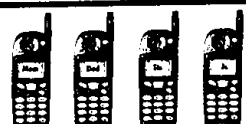
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Holiday trash collection days announced

Garbage collection will not be scheduled for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday, Dec. 25 or the New Year's holiday on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Collection will be provided on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24 and New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31 as regularly scheduled. Garbage collections Tuesday through Friday will be picked up one day late with Friday's collection made on Saturday of each week.

For future reference, there are six holidays during the year when garbage collection is not scheduled: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Questions about garbage pick-ups or recycling should be directed to the Farmington Hills Division of Public Works at (248) 653-8580.



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