Daughter has father arrested for stealing her car

In the 25000 Independence Drive, a 26-year-old woman said her estranged father, a 47-year-old Detroit man, took her car while he was staying with her.

She woke up Sunday to discover her car keys and car missing.

When her father returned a day later, she called police. He was arrested outside the woman's apartment for vehicle theft.

Mailbox destroyed

Someone drove over a plastic mailbox in the 25200 block of Skye Drive around 2 a.m. Saturday, destroying it. The driver fled the scene.

Drunken driving

Police pulled over a driver along Nine Mile and Whittington around 3:40 a.m. Saturday for weaving on the roadway. The driver, an 18-year-old Farmington Hills woman, had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

POLICE CALLS

Police pulled over a vehicle along 14 Mile and Country Ridge for speeding around 11:30 p.m. Sunday. The driver, a 37-year-old Farmington Hills man had a .15 blood/alcohol level.

Snowball attack

In the 31100 block of Countrybluff, a 57-year-old resident said he spotted some children throwing snowballs at his car around 12:50 Saturday. When the man told them to stop, the two children threw snowballs at him, he said. One 11-year-old boy who was questioned denied throwing the snowballs at the man.

Jewelry missing

A resident in the 38600 block of Brandmill said delivery men from a retail store were likely responsible taking her missing jewelry that she discovered on Friday.

Property destruction

In the 21900 block of Crescent Court, a resident said he heard a crashing sound around 10:30 p.m. Saturday and noticed a vehicle backing out his neighbor's driveway. The man discovered parts of his outside holiday decorations were damaged.

Santa nabbed

In the 21700 block of Parklane Street, a Santa Claus outdoor ornament was take during Saturday evening. Loss was $75.

Youths apprehended

Police arrested two youths who were smashing mailboxes with baseball bats in the 27500 block of Sedalia around 9:10 p.m. Sunday. They were ticketed for destruction of property, and one of the boys was also ticketed for having cigarettes.

Video game theft

At the Blockbuster Video store on 12 Mile and Farmington Road, an inventory check revealed six Sony Playstation game consoles were missing. A check of the video surveillance showed an employee helped two men take the units on Nov. 22. The employee has since been terminated.

Trailer break-in

In the parking lot of Harvest Ministry Church on Drake, during Sunday night, someone broke into a locked trailer filled with music amplification equipment.

Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along Eight Mile and Inkster around 12:55 a.m. Tuesday for not have a license plate light. The driver, a 27-year-old Northville woman, had a outstanding warrant for her arrest and was in possession of crack cocaine.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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Cable agreement will bring basic rate down

BY PAUL R. PACE
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Officials can't keep the cost of premium cable television from going up every year, but members of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission aren't ones to lay down and not fight for cable viewers' rights.

An upcoming change that will have Time-Warner Cable run by its partner company, Advance/Newhouse, brought about a need to settle business between Time Warner and SWOCC. The cable operation serves Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Novi.

Jerry Ellis, Farmington Hills city councilman and SWOCC board member, said a resolution agreement brought forward Monday settles outstanding disputes between the commission and the cable operation.

Part of the deal will lower basic cable service from $12 to $11 a month for the years 2003 and 2004, however few customers have only basic service (Channels 1-22). Time-Warner has opted to raise expanded cable rates, over which SWOCC has no control.

Ellis said an audit showed the cable provider owed $94,000 to the commission, but Time-Warner contended the cost was $15,000. Ellis said the two agreed to settle the account for $45,000.

Another benefit for viewers is Advance/Newhouse will be bringing Michigan Government TV to the Farmington local cable channel soon, Ellis said.

The Farmington Hills City Council approved the transfer agreement between Time-Warner and Advance/Newhouse Monday.

Bob McCain, vice president and general manager for Time-Warner Michigan, said in a previous interview that programming will not change under the new ownership. However, the Time Warner name will not be part of the picture, nor will the new name be Advance/Newhouse.

He said a new company name will be revealed in the first quarter of 2003.

Farmington city officials approved the transfer agreement at their Dec. 2 meeting.

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Fifth Third Bank Grants $100,000 to OU

Oakland University's student assistance program has received a $100,000 grant from The Charles E. Schell Foundation and Fifth Third Bank.

The grant, payable over four years, will be used to provide educational assistance loans, without interest and without security, to qualified students.

"We are honored that Oakland University is the recipient of this generous gift for our students," said Gary D. Russi, president of Oakland University. "The invaluable financial assistance that we receive from individuals and organizations like Fifth Third, make a critical difference in Oakland University's ability to provide a distinctive educational experience for our students."

According to Fifth Third Bank President and CEO Patrick J. Fehring, Jr., "This truly embodies the legacy of Charles E. Schell, who, in 1932, established a fund to provide funds to deserving students to pursue what Mr. Schell called 'a practical education.' I'm thrilled that we are supporting Oakland University's efforts to make funds available to students to further their education."

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