



Daven Richardson (second from right), 14, a student at O.E. Dunckel Middle School, receives congratulations, a U.S. savings bond and an achievement certificate for his winning essay on the Holocaust. Shown are John Barrell; Farmington schools language arts coordinator; Rabbi Charles Rosensvold, Holocaust Memorial Center executive vice president; and Farmington schools superintendent Graham Lewis.

3 middle schoolers receive Holocaust writing awards

Three Farmington middle school students received the top awards in an eighth-grade essay writing contest, sponsored by the Farmington Public Schools Language Arts Department and the Holocaust Memorial Center.

"Social injustice and the Holocaust" was the topic of the contest, designed to enhance awareness of the Holocaust devastation. Students were challenged to consider the impact of this important 20th Century event.

Winners included:

- First place — Daven Richardson from O.E. Dunckel Middle School.
- Second place — Jodi Hoadley from Power Middle School.
- Third place — Theresa Birkett

from O.E. Dunckel.

THE THREE received their awards at a special ceremony held June 2 at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield.

"The Holocaust teaches us that we must be self-perceptive, to reflect carefully on our own behavior and to guard constantly against bias toward others of every religion, race and background," said Richardson in his winning essay, titled "Learning from the Holocaust."

"We must never forget the events of the Holocaust so we may prevent such a thing from ever happening again in the future."

IN HER winning entry, "Tears for the Terrible Years," Hoadley wrote in strong, punchy phrases to drive home the horrible message of the

Holocaust in describing the life of the Jews: "Jews were terribly tortured and brutally killed, unfairly punished for not being Aryan, 'pure' Germans, and used for inhuman experiments."

"Your three children die from untreated diseases and malnourishment. Your pregnant wife had her premature baby removed through her stomach without anesthesia; both died. You, weak from being overworked and under-fed, are sent to the 'shower room.' You are never seen again."

"Your hollers of anguish were never heard. Your clawing, whimpering and crying never softened the hearts of these Nazi tyrants. You died from a shower of poisonous gas."

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● FIREWORKS EXPLOSION
Criminal charges are pending as Farmington Hills police investigate the explosion of fireworks from a second-floor window at the Clarion Hotel during Wednesday's downpour.

At 2:50 p.m., an explosive, which firefighters believe was a firecracker, was set off outside the bedroom window of a second-floor room. It produced a bang and a large amount of smoke.

A curtain was destroyed, the window frame bent and the roof overhang damaged in the explosion. The blast tore a hole in the side of the building just below the window.

Damage was estimated at \$500, according to the police report.

"We interviewed three Farmington Hills juveniles — ages 14, 15 and 16 — and turned them over to their parents," Sgt. Charles Nebus said. "Investigation is pending. Criminal charges may be sought against one of them."

A criminal charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor also may be sought against the 21-year-old Southfield woman who rented the room, Nebus said.

● FELONIOUS ASSAULT
An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was hit on the hip by a car driver toward him during a confrontation in the parking of the Ram's Horn, 29990 Orchard Lake, at 1:15 a.m. Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After exchanging words inside the restaurant, two groups of teenagers moved outside. One teen then got into his car, drove in a semicircle and accelerated without headlights, toward the 18-year-old, who fell and was bruised. Another 18-year-old Farmington Hills man jumped out of the car's path.

● UNARMED ROBBERY

An 18-year-old Farmington Hills man was beaten and his gold necklace taken during an unarmed robbery in the parking lot at Putt-Putt Golf and Games, 30749 Grand River, Tuesday night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

After playing video games, the teenager and a friend were walking to their car when they noticed two other teenagers following them. At their car, the 18-year-old was approached by a teenager who accused him of beating up a friend.

The 18-year-old tried to convince his assailant he had beaten up no one. But he was pulled by the back of the shirt and his necklace was pulled off. He then was kicked in the head during a scuffle.

● SMASH AND GRAB

Three men's wallets valued at \$60 were taken from a rack just inside a display window during a smash and grab burglary at Howard's Discount Jewelry, 28350 Eight Mile, June 18-19, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● WIRES CUT

Between 50-60 Farmington households were without telephone service in the middle of last week after someone cut a Michigan Bell wire in a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

Reported Thursday, the incident caused \$250 in damage.

● VEHICLE FIRE

An estimated \$250 in damage was reported after a vehicle caught fire in the parking lot of Kroger, 37025 Grand River, Farmington, June 21.

According to a public safety report, flames began in the engine when grease and plastic parts ignited. Farmington Hills firefighters on the scene extinguished the blaze.

● THEFTS REPORTED

A lawnmower and a weedwacker

valued at \$650 were reported stolen from a garage on Whittington, Farmington Hills, June 11-17.

Tools and a CB base valued at \$1,354 were reported stolen from a garage on Purdue, Farmington Hills, June 13-14.

A 1988 Ford Mustang GT valued at \$13,500 was reported stolen from behind Lopa's Greek Boy Restaurant, 29591 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, June 15-16. It was recovered in Detroit; the tires, radio, doors and windows were missing.

A 1989 Jeep valued at \$25,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Old Orchard Theatre, 28123 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, June 16. It was recovered in Highland Park; the wheels, sunroof and radio were missing.

A printer computer valued at \$5,000 was reported stolen from Vlastic Foods, 37584 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, June 16-17.

Keys and cash valued at \$120 were reported stolen from a purse in the kitchen of a house on Fendt, Farmington Hills, June 17.

A telephone answering machine, a telecheck, a microscope and receipts were reported stolen from Westcott Veterinary Hospital, 32732 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, June 17-19.

Business equipment valued at \$23,000 was reported stolen from Executive Information Co., 30777 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, June 18-19.

Two vehicles — a 1988 Chevrolet Blazer S10 valued at \$15,000 and a 1985 Buick Regal valued at \$72,000 — were reported stolen from Country Ridge Apartments on Greenforest, Farmington Hills, June 18-19. They were recovered, partially stripped, in Detroit.

Fax machines, each valued at \$2,500, were reported from two suites in an office building at 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, June 19-20.

Tools valued at \$2,700 were reported stolen from a shed at a house on Pearl, Farmington Hills, June 20.

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