

Cornucopia Ball is Nov. 15

Hills Foundation benefit aims to keep youth programs

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Children, Youth and Families will present the third annual Cornucopia Ball fund-raiser on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Proceeds raised from the Cornucopia Ball benefit the Foundation's existing and proposed youth centers, as well as other programs for Farmington area children, youth and families.

"Our goal is to keep our community's youth programs thriving," said Joanne Smith, co-chair of the benefit. "Donations from corporations and individuals and the funds raised by the Cornucopia Ball are critical to making that happen. Funds are necessary to get our youth centers started and to keep them going."

"We are hoping to raise more than \$100,000 through the ball, and we are counting on the continued generous support of our

community's businesses and individuals," added Deborah Grant, co-chair of the ball.

The community's first youth center opened at the William Costick Activities Center in March 1996. Other centers have since opened at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and the Farmington Family YMCA. The Foundation hopes to someday have centers strategically located throughout the community.

"The youth centers are places where young people, ages 11 through 15, can go after school or on the weekends and enjoy a variety of positive recreational and social activities. They are places where kids can start finding their true potential instead of finding trouble," said Todd Lipa, coordinator of Farmington Hills area youth services program.

For the third year in a row

Botsford General Hospital will be the honorary venue for the ball. Botsford made a three-year commitment of \$10,000 per year to the foundation. Michigan National Bank and The Farmington Observer joined Botsford in 1996 as honorary co-hosts.

The Cornucopia Ball will be held at the William M. Costick Activities Center on Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The gala evening is \$100 per person. Highlights include a five-course gourmet dinner, music and dancing with the Mark Phillips Orchestra, and a silent auction featuring a variety of unique items and collectibles.

"This gala evening is considered by many to be the grand start of the holiday season. It is truly the community's charity event of the year for the cause of a lifetime," said Smith.

The foundation is currently seeking additional sponsorships for several different levels, as well as in-kind donations for the ball and its auction.

For reservations to the Cornucopia Ball, sponsorship opportunities, contributions, or more information, please call the foundation at 473-1841.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

JAWS II

In the ideal bite, the teeth of the upper jaw slightly overlap those of the lower jaw so that the points of the molars fit into the grooves of the opposing molars. In those cases where the lower jaw is significantly smaller than the upper jaw, the upper teeth may protrude excessively over the lower teeth to create what is known as the overbite. Conversely, if the lower jaw is larger than the upper, the upper front teeth can bite behind the lower ones to produce an underbite. When significant discrepancies exist between the upper and lower jaws, in an adult non-growing patient, orthognathic surgery may be indicated. However, in most cases, these problems can be adequately treated with various orthodontic appliances. In a growing child, the jaw structure itself may be corrected with appliances. Many orthodontic problems can cause abnormal wear of tooth surfaces, excess stress on supporting bone and gum tissue, or misalignment of the jaw joints with resultant chronic headaches or pains in the face or neck. All corrective appliances have but one aim—to use gentle pressure to move teeth into their proper positions. New techniques and materials have decreased the discomfort of wearing braces, the frequency of office visits, treatment time, and overall cost. Today's column has been presented by THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman (442-8865).

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POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Following are some of the police and fire calls reported in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Madison Heights man, 26, for drunken driving on Eight Mile and Orchard Lake at 3:15 a.m. Sept. 17. Police stopped the 1988 Ford Lincoln after it squealed its tires. The driver refused to take a chemical test and was taken to Botsford Hospital to have his blood drawn. A preliminary breath test indicated the driver had a blood alcohol level of .23 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit. The driver was also driving with his license revoked and had a felony warrant for his arrest for an unrelated incident.

THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A \$2,000 pearl necklace, \$1,000 pearl bracelet, \$1,500 amethyst necklace and \$1,000 gold bracelet were stolen from a jewelry box from a Cedarbrook Street residence between Dec. 15 and Jan. 1, according to a late police report.

Two wedding rings worth \$200 were stolen from a dresser in a room at the Knights Inn on Grand River and Halsted between Sept. 16-17.

A tool chest containing \$1,000

worth of tools were stolen from a garage at a 10 Mile Road residence between Sept. 16-17.

STOLEN HUBCAPS

In Farmington: A 98-year-old Farmington woman told police someone, between Monday and Thursday, stole hub caps from both tires on the driver's side of her 1995 Buick Century. The car was parked in the 21000 block of Manor Court. The hub caps were valued at about \$40.

BREAK INS

In Farmington Hills: A \$729 sub woofer speaker, two amps worth \$978, equalizer and compact disc changer were stolen after a 1995 Ford Probe was broken into while parked on Glenway between Sept. 16-17, causing \$60 damage.

A front door was kicked in at a Green Hills Apartments residence Sept. 17, causing \$50. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

A jewelry box containing miscellaneous pieces and RCA camcorder were stolen after entry was made through the rear door of a Quail Hollow residence between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sept. 18.

A \$400uffy bicycle and \$400 Timberline bike were stolen after entry was made into a garage, possibly using a stolen garage door opener, at a Deer Run Court residence between Sept. 16-17. At the same time, a calculator, door opener and gate key were stolen from a 1996 Toyota parked in the driveway.

AUTO THEFT

In Farmington Hills: A 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue worth \$21,000 was stolen from the lot at Bob Saks on Grand River and Drake between Aug. 27 and Sept. 16. The vehicle was recovered intact with the keys in the ignition on East Minnesota and Brush in Detroit Sept. 17.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: A Harrison High student, 18,

said he was punched in the side of the head by another teen in the school parking lot around 2:10 p.m. Sept. 17. The teen said he was waiting for a friend when he was approached by the assailant, who asked him if the friend he was waiting on were "boys." The teen punched him when he said yes. The victim's left ear was red but had no apparent injuries.

VANDALISM

In Farmington Hills: Windows on a 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee were shot out with a pellet gun while parked on Apple Blossom and Seminary Ridge Sept. 17, causing more than \$100 damage.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

In Farmington Hills: A customer threatened to kill a Ponderosa Steakhouse employee after complaining about the music being played over the public address system at the restaurant on 10 Mile around 2:25 p.m. Sept. 17. After the employee turned down the music, the man demanded the station be changed. When told the station could not be changed, the customer turned angry and told the employee he was a "dead man." The customer was told to leave and was refunded his money.

MISSING FLIP PHONE

In Farmington: A man who ate a meal about 1 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Ram's Horn restaurant, in the 32000 block of Grand River, waited until Wednesday to report a missing Motorola cellular flip phone.

According to public safety reports, the customer forgot the flip phone, valued at about \$100, on the restaurant table when he left the restaurant. Upon returning 45 minutes later, the phone was missing.

UNLEASHED DOGS

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills woman, 21, was ticketed after two dogs were running loose and chasing children on the way to school on Roosevelt and Independence around 8:50 a.m. Sept. 17.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

In Farmington Hills: A Farmington Hills man, 25, was ticketed for animal cruelty after striking his pit bull/rottweiler mixed dog with a leather strap several times around 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17. The man told police he was disciplining the animal for getting into the trash. He also said he's been trying to get rid of the dog. A neighbor said the man was also hitting the dog with boat oar, which caused the animal to yelp. The dog lunged at police officers, who gave the man the number for animal control.

RACIAL INTIMIDATION

In Farmington Hills: A Botsford Terrace Apartments teen, 16, said another teen drove by in 1988 Ford Bronco and rolled down his window and yelled a racial slur around 5:45 p.m. Sept. 17. The suspect denied using the racial epithet when questioned by police.

SCAFFOLDING SWIPED

In Farmington: A section of steel scaffolding was reported missing Tuesday from a construction site in front of the Farmington Florist, located in the 33000 block of Grand River.

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Webb said the policy was field-tested for several months by people in the community, including rabbis and ministers. "Many eyes have seen it."

One reason for the revised policy, Webb said, was that the old one wasn't specific enough.

"Our schools have asked for a more-clear definition of what is appropriate, something to be a guideline," Webb noted.

Maxfield said there was criticism of preliminary policy language presented last winter, particularly regarding playing Christmas music in the schools.

CLARIFICATION

A story in the Sept. 11 issue regarding the school bond issue quoted Fatty Alphonse on use of the Internet in classrooms. A portion of her comments were omitted, including her belief that the World Wide Web is a good resource for up-to-the-minute information, going back as far as two years.

However, she believes information in books is more reliable than what's on the Internet. "It can be fun," she said. "But you have to pick and choose, (and) work your way through the Web. There's no much misinformation out there."