

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are some police and fire incidents that occurred in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area during the past week.

VANDALISM
In Farmington Hills: A man driving a 1994 Volkswagen Jetta on westbound Grand River near 10 Mile said the driver of a 1990s Chevy truck threw something out of his window, denting the door on the man's vehicle Dec. 24. Damage was estimated at more than \$100.

A house on the 21000 block of Roosevelt was spray painted Dec. 29, causing more than \$100 damage.

THEFTS
In Farmington Hills: A \$3,200 laptop computer was stolen from Blenak on Orchard Lake between Dec. 19-22.

A \$2,600 Bose music system was stolen from a residence at Gateway Apartments between Dec. 26-28.

A \$450 cellular phone was stolen from an unlocked 1996 Nissan Pathfinder parked on High Valley Dec. 30.

A \$6,500 engagement ring was stolen from the kitchen sink of a Country Glens Apartment residence Nov. 30. The owner said she was hosting a birthday party with 60 people and took off the ring to clean up a spill.

A \$150 cellular phone was stolen from an unlocked 1996 Ford Windstar parked on Stratton Hill and Drake between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Two sets of golf clubs were stolen from a garage at a Woodhill residence between Nov. 10-Jan. 1. There was no sign of forced entry.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills: A 16-year-old girl said she was kicked in the leg and had a car door slammed on her leg as she tried to turn onto Orchard Lake Road from Marvolut Marvin's Dec. 29. The two teens, ages 16 and 15, were calling names as she was getting into a 1992 Nissan and proceeded to follow her. When she stopped, the pair yanked open the driver's door and began assaulting her. The taillight on the vehicle was also broken.

A Walled Lake woman, 30, said a man in another vehicle sideswiped her 1995 Chevy Tahoe and later rear-ended the vehicle on 12 Mile and Hart Road around 4:15 p.m. Dec. 31. The driver of the other vehicle, a 69-year-old Redford man, threatened the woman and struck her vehicle with a metal anti-theft device. Oakland County sheriff's stopped both vehicles Pontiac Trail and Decker roads after the woman called 911. Police talked to the man who said he was unaware he cut off the woman and claimed she sideswiped him and that she then slammed on her brakes to cause the crash. He also said he carried "The Club" to the woman's vehicle because he didn't know who he was dealing with and later followed her to get a license plate number. A witness, who also called police, saw a man strike a parked vehicle with the object and then chase the woman.

LARCENIES FROM AUTOS

In Farmington: Someone, between 5-11:55 p.m. Sunday, took a black Motorola flip phone from inside a vehicle parked in the 32000 block of Shiawassee. The phone

was valued at \$100.

An unknown person or persons smashed in the passenger side window of a vehicle parked at Big Boy's, 20786 Farmington Road, and removed a black, 1996 Audiovox 900 cellular telephone, valued at approximately \$500. The incident took place between 6:15-6:45 p.m. Wednesday.

BURGLARY

In Farmington Hills: A 27-inch color TV and fax machine were stolen after someone broke into the eastside bedroom window at a residence at Cordoba Apartments Dec. 29.

Two .20-gauge shotguns, a 12-gauge shotgun, 22-caliber rifle and .38 handgun were stolen after the rear door was forced open at an Ontaga residence between 7-10 p.m. Dec. 29. Keys to a 1989 Pontiac Bonneville were removed and the vehicle stolen.

A sum of \$500 cash and \$10,000 in jewelry were stolen after entry was made through a window of a unit at Newport Creek Apartments on Right Mile between Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

PORNOGRAPHY ON DISPLAY

In Farmington Hills: Police were called to BJ's Party Store on Grand River on the report of pornographic magazines and materials were in view of minors Dec. 29. An officer found the publications with women in bathing suits and lingerie but only one with frontal nudity. The magazine racks didn't have any concealment over the covers. Store employees rearranged the racks and magazines and promised they would pay more attention to that area to dissuade juvenile onlookers in the future, police reports said.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills: Police arrested a Detroit man, 22, after finding a plastic bag with 1.5 grams of marijuana in the center console of a 1993 Ford Escort he was driving on Orchard Lake near 13 Mile Dec. 30. Police stopped the vehicle because the passenger side brake light was not working. Officers also found rolling papers in the visor.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington Hills: Police ticketed a Detroit male, 19, under the state's zero tolerance law during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake and I-696 at 4:20 a.m. Jan. 1. Police also ticketed two passengers, both age 18, for minors in possession. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .09 percent. It's illegal for people under 21 to consume alcohol in Michigan.

Police arrested a 26-year-old Novi man for drunken driving at the Shell Station on 12 Mile and Halsted after striking another vehicle there with a 1998 white Ford truck Jan. 1. Police were called to the station on a report of a man refusing to pay for gas. Employees said the man's vehicle also struck another car. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .22 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit of .10 percent.

CHILD MOLESTATION

In Farmington Hills: Police are investigating a report by the mother of a 3-year-old boy who appeared to have been sexually abused after a visit to his father's home Dec. 31. The boy was taken to Botsford Hospital for examination.

Kenbrook kindness



Holiday givers: Kenbrook Elementary fourth-graders collected nearly \$1,000 of items to help adopt a family through Neighborhood House. All three fourth-grade classes took part in the project. Neighborhood House is a Farmington-area based organization that helps families in need and works in conjunction with the Farmington Area Goodfellows during the holidays.

NOTABLES

New trustee

Botsford Hospital administrator Margo Gorchow has been elected a new member of the Kenney Foundation's Board of Trustees. Gorchow, who lives in Troy, works as Administrator of Hospital and Community Relations at Botsford.

Kenney Foundation is a United Way supported agency providing services and education to people with disabilities throughout Michigan.

Alumni president

Lauren Underwood of Farmington Hills has been elected president of the Wayne State University Alumni Association. Underwood is an attorney with Beler Howlett P.C. practicing in the areas of probate and estate planning.



Lauren Underwood

OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER BETZ

Alexander Betz, 81, of Sun-lakes, Ariz., died Dec. 21. Mr. Betz was an attorney and past magistrate of the 35th District Court of Detroit and an Internal Revenue agent during World War II. He was a former attorney of the Michigan PGA, a

32nd Degree Mason, a past chancellor of Masonic Lodge F & AM, the Crescent Shriners and the Knights of Pythias and a past president of Tau Epsilon Rho. Because of his involvement in the PGA, Mr. Betz was mentioned many times in Dave Barry's sports column. He could

play his age in golf (81) and won numerous duplicate bridge trophies.

He is survived by wife, Beverly; daughters, Ellen (Jeffrey) Jacobs of Farmington Hills and Anita (Larry) Mooney of Overland Park, Kan.; grandchildren, Josh and Jeff; and great-grandchildren, Kacey and Michael. He is also survived by his wife, Jackie Burton; and great-granddaughter, Aricelle Burton.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 30800 Telegraph, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms 48025.

MAURICE A. YOUNG

Maurice A. Young, 78, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 29 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Born in Sadorus, Ill., Mr.

Young was vice president for Atlantic & Pacific Grocery Stores for 28 years and a World War II Navy veteran. He was instrumental in organizing the Explorer Group in Grand Rapids.

He is survived by wife, Marjorie; sons, Kenneth of Toledo, Ohio, and Craig of Tryon, N.C.; daughters, Kaye Kiker of Sylva, Ohio, Elizabeth Drennan of Livonia, Barbara Cuthaw of Farmington Hills and Amy Westrausch of Highland; brothers, Larry of Lubbock, Texas, and Charles of Sarasota, Fla.; and 14 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 2 at Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Florida

Suncoast, 300 East Bay Drive Largo, Fla. 33770-3770.

WILLIAM J. RACHILLA

William J. Rachilla, 66, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 29 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Rachilla was a corporate sales representative for E.L. DuPont Automotive. He enjoyed yardwork, sports and his family. He is survived by wife, Theresa; sons, James and William; daughters, Diane and Gail; three brothers; one sister; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

MILDRED M. DONIVAN

Mildred M. Donovan, 80, died Dec. 30 in Howell.

A resident of Farmington for 26 years, Mrs. Donovan was the first female senior vice president for R.L. Polk & Company. She was a member of St. Gerald's Church for 35 years, a volunteer for Botsford Hospital and a staff sergeant for the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. She was also an avid bridge player. She is survived by daughter, Kathryn (Thomas) Faulkner of Howell; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 3 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Botsford Hospital Volunteer Services, c/o Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills 48336.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
AN INSIDE LOOK
Aside from examining a patient's face and looking at a x-ray to evaluate various relationships between teeth and jaws, orthodontists also want to take a look inside the mouth as part of an initial orthodontic evaluation. Doing so enables the orthodontist to assess the condition of the mouth, soft tissues, alveolar bone (that surrounds teeth roots), and the teeth and their supporting structures. A record is made of the spacing, angle, crowding, rotation, displacement, or impaction of the various teeth. In addition, the relationship between the upper and lower incisors is noted to determine whether overbite and overjet are within acceptable parameters, as well as the relationship between curves in opposing teeth.
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on a year gone by
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Denise
in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.
ATTACKING PLAQUE
Brushing after meals is certainly a good idea; however, while food debris plays a contributing role in creating tooth decay, plaque is the real villain. This sticky bacterial film that coats and generates destructive acids, particularly when the bacteria are digesting food particles. The main goal of brushing, therefore, is to prevent plaque buildup which, in turn, will prevent food from increasing acid production. Because it takes 16 to 24 hours for significant accumulations of plaque to build up on teeth, careful brushing twice daily, and flossing once a day, will effectively keep plaque under control. The best regimen consists of brushing and flossing before going to bed, and then brushing again first thing in the morning.
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TAKING THE PAIN OUT OF THE VISIT
My experience is that a number of patients delay seeing the doctor about their aching joints from fear of experiencing a painful injection. However, physicians, like dentists, have found ways to minimize the discomfort traditionally associated with joint and tendon injections.
One approach used in an office setting, to avoid the initial shock of a needle, is to spray an ethyl chloride solution onto the skin at the site of the needle prick. The ethyl chloride, temporarily freezes the skin. You feel a sense of cold, but not of pain, as the needle penetrates. Now it is commonplace to use local anesthesia to numb the underlying area the needle traverses before reaching the joint. Many physicians use additional anesthetic agent in the joint itself to provide you further freedom from pain.
The steroid used for injection has no irritating properties. However, at times the crystals of steroid dissolve incompletely, giving you a reaction that is similar to an attack of gout. The side effect is minimized if the doctor vigorously shakes the steroid preparation before injection.
In addition, there are ways to ready yourself.
You can focus on the result not the injection. Keep in mind that the pain is temporary and the relief likely long lived. Let the physician and the office staff know if you find talking or having someone talk to you, helps distract from the possible discomfort of the procedure.
Your preparation as much as the doctor's means the injection will help not hurt.

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