

Tobacco road leads police to suspects

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Farmington Hills police arrested three teens after a trail of cigarettes and lighters — and footprints in the snow — led officers to the suspects.

Two 15-year-old Farmington Hills boys and, later, a 17-year-old Hills male were taken into custody. Police will seek petitions for breaking and entering from Oakland County Probate Court in the case of the two juveniles.

Sorrows celebrates week of putting faith in education

Our Lady of Sorrows School this week is celebrating Catholic School Week with several programs, all with the theme of "Restoring Faith in Education."

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, will be the school's second annual Winter Music Concert.

On Friday, the Mercynaires will give two vocal music performances, at 1 p.m. and 1:50 p.m.

The K-8 school is located at 23915 Power Road in Farmington.

Spokeswoman Audrey Healy Gallagher, meanwhile, said the school has canceled a previously announced activity where students were to have traced their hands onto paper and connecting them to give the school "a hug."

Police followed a trail of footprints and discovered unopened cigarette packs along the way.

The trail led to a Leelane Street address where another pack of cigarettes were found in the driveway. Officers looked inside a window and saw cartons of cigarettes on a laundry room floor.

An older woman was house-sitting while the homeowners were on vacation. Officers questioned three teens inside, who denied being involved.

"They just snuck out after she was asleep," said Dave Loo, Hills police detective.

Blood was found on their jackets and one teen had a cut on his chin and knee area while another had a cut on his right shin and left hand.

A surveillance video depicts young males breaking into the station and stealing cigarette cartons and candy, police reports said.

OBITUARIES

JOHN C. DRINKWATER
John C. Drinkwater, 71, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 24 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Born in Kokomo, Ind., Mr. Drinkwater was a manufacturer representative in the industrial chemical industry. He was also a World War II veteran.

He is survived by wife, Betty; son, John (Christine); daughters, Deborah (Timothy) Salatin and Nancy (Timothy) Jeffery; one brother, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 28 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

CHARLES S. CHANDLER
Charles S. Chandler, 91, died Jan. 25 in Livonia.

Mr. Chandler was the owner/broker for Pontiac General Underwriters and a member of the Elks of Pontiac and the American Legion of Pontiac. He was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by sons, Charles (Elaine) and John; and grandchildren, Catherine, Carrie and Charles.

Funeral services were held Jan. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Master of maps



At the top: Warner Middle School seventh-grader Robyn King receives her medal from school principal Darlene Russell following her recent victory in the school's 1998 Geography Bee. Robyn, who defeated 220 other seventh-graders, will now compete at the state level and is eligible to win a \$25,000 college scholarship. Other finalists were Laura Hershen, James Rosenthal, Mike McIntosh, Daphne Sy, Chris Sharp, Andrew Singer and Joshua Apple.

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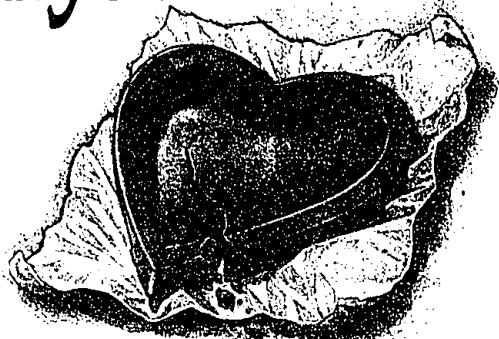
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