

## POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

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

## Larcenies in buildings

## In Farmington Hills:

A relative is believed to be behind the theft of 45-50 CDs valued at \$900 and a CD player valued at \$250, all taken from a house on Westmoreland, Aug. 9.

A lap top computer valued at \$6,279 was reported stolen from ITT Tennessee Automotive, Aug. 7-10.

A cellular phone valued at \$450 was reported stolen from Eagle Labs, 24350 Indopex, Aug. 7-10.

The service manager for Bob Saks Dodge, 35200 Grand River,

reported that in-dash stereos to six Dodge and Chrysler cars and vans were stolen, Aug. 11. The front door windows to the cars and vans were smashed apparently to gain access.

Two employees of a maintenance company were arrested after they were discovered on a video tape stealing \$8 from a safe at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Aug. 11. A number of thefts have occurred in the past month at the center.

## Break-ins

## In Farmington Hills

Someone stole a computer monitor valued at \$2,000 from an apartment on Highway Ct. in Muirwood Apartments, Aug. 11.

A fax machine valued at \$300 was reported stolen from Brady Sunrooms, 23399 Commerce, Aug. 11-12.

## Gunshots

## In Farmington Hills:

A resident on Greening told police he heard about five gunshots 10-10:15 p.m. Aug. 9. Assistant Police Chief Chuck Nebus, who was in the area at the time, also reported hearing the gunshots. Police checked a nearby house, at which the lights were out, the TV was on, but there appeared to be no occupant at the time. There were also no signs of forced entry to the house. No shells or casings, or firearms were found in the area.

## Fireworks

## In Farmington Hills:

Residents on Westmoreland reported damaged mailboxes from fireworks Aug. 9.

## Damage

## In Farmington Hills:

A homeowner on Nine Mile reported that the nylon netting on a trampoline was slashed, causing \$300 damage, Aug. 9. His shed also was broken into, with a window knocked out and items inside strewn about. An above-ground pool filtration system also was knocked over, causing water from the pool to spill out onto the lawn.

The strapping on lawn chairs was cut at a house on Hamilton, Aug. 9. Expletives also were

written on the lawn. Damage to the chairs was reported at \$200.

A 1997 Ford Ranger on Jefferson Ct. was damaged with a key and mustard was squirted on the hood, Aug. 11. Damage was estimated at more than \$100.

A CAT backhoe on 13 Mile was damaged when someone smashed one of its windows, causing an estimated \$800 damage, Aug. 11.

## Mail tampering

## In Farmington Hills:

A number of businesses on Grand River reported that someone tampered with their mail, Aug. 10. It's believed that checks were removed from some of the envelopes.

## Juvenile complaint

## In Farmington Hills:

A Farmington Hills police patrol car was damaged Aug. 10 by a 9-year-old Farmington Hills boy. The officer was westbound on Eight Mile, west of Gill, when he saw the boy who was walking eastbound on Eight Mile, bend over and pick up an object, possibly a stone, and throw it under the car. The object landed on the patrol car and cracked the windshield. The boy was taken to the police station.

# Avenge cancer with fund-raiser to see 'The Avengers'

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Pat Sachs says that her doctor, knowing what Pat has gone through, now won't let her patients wear their socks during their annual gynecological exams.

"Had any doctor known about the spot on the bottom of my foot," the Southfield resident said slowly. "But no one looked at the bottom of my foot. Removing the mole in the early stage would have been simple."

Now Sachs is recuperating at home after her second surgery related to the cancerous growth. This time, she had lymph nodes removed from her legs and expects further treatment. But she is optimistic.

"To think I have the opportu-

nity to avenge this disease!" she says.

Sachs went to work for the Oakland Regional Office of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Center in Lathrup Village five years ago; two years later her cancer was discovered. Now she plans to join in a reception Monday night at the Galleria office center on 12 Mile Road in Southfield.

The \$50 per person "A Night of Good Taste Goes to the Movies" is a prelude to a special \$25 screening at 8 p.m. Monday of "The Avengers" at the Star Theatre on 12 Mile Road in Southfield. While reservations for the reception are closed, tickets may be reserved for the movie screening by phoning (on Sunday) (248) 443-5800 Ext. 6771, or (on Monday) 1-800-KARMANOS (527-

6266).

Sachs believes she has licked the disease, but she'll be at the reception to support the efforts of the Karmanos Center and all those with other stories as survivors.

"This disease doesn't discriminate, but it's not hopeless. We've made strides," Sachs says. "That's the goal, to eradicate the disease."

The Night of Good Taste and the movie are what Sachs calls "friend-raising" events for the Karmanos Center, allowing more people "to play a part" in the fight against cancer by not asking for costly donations.

Soon Sachs will carry on with her daily work to eradicate cancer by returning to work at the regional office. While the Karmanos Center in Detroit offers

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treatment and research, the five regional offices stress outreach programs, according to Michael Fenberg, a Birmingham resident who is chairing the fundraising event.

"Our principle purpose is outreach, to get our name out and to provide services," Fenberg said.

Education services are considered to be tools to prevent cancer, according to Sachs. There

are about 35 speakers available to go to the workplace, place of worship or community center to give talks ranging from the hazards of smoking to the importance of mammograms and checks for prostate cancer. (To arrange for speakers, call (248) 443-5800.)

"Prevention is part of the cure," Sachs says. "Kids need to be educated about tobacco products. Our philosophy is, if they want to do it, at least they should know the risks and then they can make an educated decision."

The regional office also provides such patient services as durable equipment and food supplements for cancer victims.

Finally, the regional office hosts "one fund-raising event each year to get the community

involved," Fenberg said. "Perhaps we can raise some money and get people familiar (with the Karmanos Center) in a fun sort of way."

Co-sponsors for the event include The Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, the Majestic Market in Southfield, WKDQ-FM "The Edge" radio and a number of private underwriters. Robbie Timmons, news anchor for WKYC-TV Channel 7, is mistress of ceremonies for the event.

"Everyone thinks that cancer won't get them, if they eat right and exercise," Sachs says.

Someday, with research and education, we may reach the goal of eradicating cancer, she believes.

## Oakland County Safe & Sober warns motorists of results of road rage

In an effort to reduce traffic crashes and injuries, Oakland County Safe & Sober law enforcement agencies increased traffic patrols in July. These selective traffic patrols targeted speeders and aggressive drivers through enforcement and public education and awareness.

With more than 315 hours of enforcement performed by nine law enforcement agencies during the month a total of 629 traffic stops were made, resulting in 11 OUILQUID arrests, 270 speeding violations and an additional 162 citations issued for motorist violating Michigan's occupant

restraint laws.

"Aggressive drivers are often characterized by running stop signs and red lights, speeding, tailgating, weaving in and out of traffic, passing on the right, improper and unsafe lane changes, making hand and facial gestures, screaming, honking

and flashing their lights," said Eileen J. Weisse, of the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County.

Traffic safety experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration recommend that people:

■ Reduce stress when you drive. Allow plenty of time for the trip — even if it's going to work. Listen to soothing music,

understand that you cannot control the traffic — only your reaction to it.

■ Assume other drivers' mistakes are not personal.

## Good health and learning go hand in hand

Healthy children learn. Sick children struggle. Just ask Sherry Hopkins. Her five-year-old daughter Ashleigh will enter kindergarten this fall in the Godfrey Lee Public Schools near Grand Rapids.

"Good health is a basic. If her nose is running, she's going to be thinking about that and not listening to the teacher," said Sherry, a certified medical assistant. "If she's coughing, she's going to be disturbing other children. And if she has a fever, well, then she's just going to want to sleep."

Sherry, a single mother, knew she couldn't go much longer without health insurance for Ashleigh. But she couldn't afford \$300 a month to carry her on her employer's plan.

That's why she was relieved when she read about MICHild, a promising new health insurance plan for children of low income working families. "MICHild (pronounced "my child") is Michigan's version of the national Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), which was passed by Congress to improve the delivery of health care services to uninsured children across the country.

For \$60 a year, MICHild provides a full range of health coverage from preventative to emergency services for eligible children up to age 19. Coverage also includes dental, vision and mental health care.

Behind today's headlines about our healthy economy are millions of children like Ashleigh. Indeed, more than 11 million children nationally—the largest number ever reported by the Census Bureau—do not have basic health care coverage. In Michigan, the number is at least 220,000.

MEA members have always known that children who do not have health insurance do not have the same opportunity to succeed in school—or anywhere else—as children whose health care needs are being met.

Children who cannot afford to visit a doctor when they are sick miss more school. Children who are in pain or discomfort because of untreated medical problems cannot focus on learning. And children who have untreated vision and hearing problems fall behind because they miss so much of what is going on around them.

MEA urges parents, public school employees, administrators, businesses and others in the community to start off the new school year by working in partnership with the MICHild initiative to ensure that all of our children have access to affordable health care.

It's one basic we as a society cannot afford to flunk.

For more information about MICHild or for an application, call 888-988-6300.



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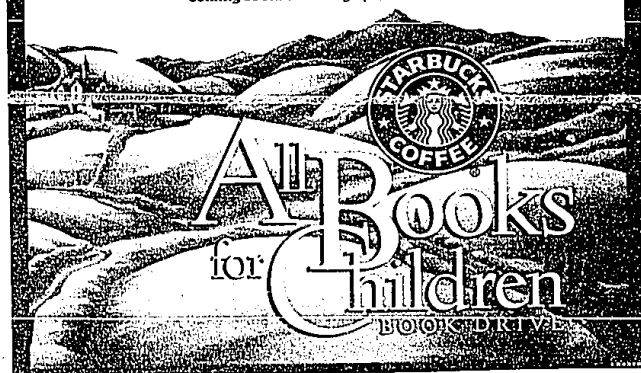
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