RECREATION NEWS

SHELTER RENTALS

Residents may reserve shelters at Heritage Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5. Rates vary. For more information, call 473-9570.

ADULT SOFTBALL

New team registration for mens, womens and co-ed softball will start Monday, Feb. 5. For more information call 473-9579.

FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS

Kids age 6-12 can "go mad" at the Costick Center from 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. There will be swimming, snacks, dinner, movies and plenty of games. The cost is $10 per person. You must pre-register at Farmington Hills Recreation Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event. For more information, 473-9570.

HIGH SCHOOL WHIRLYBALL

The Mayor's Youth Council and the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services has planned an evening of Whirlyball for high school students from Farmington and Farmington Hills from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Whirlyball West (Drake Road, north of 15 Mile Road). The cost for Whirlyball action, pizza and pop is $5. Students will have the chance to speak with the Mayor's Youth Council and express what they would like to see happen for high school students in Farmington Hills/Farmington. Call 473-9570 to reserve your spots.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Parky the Panda, the lovable mascot of the Recreation Division, invites children to join him at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building on Saturday, April 7, for an Easter Eggstravaganza. Program for children 3-5 years old will be held from 10-11:30 a.m.; and children ages 6-10 from 12:30-2 p.m. The activities include snacks, games, arts & crafts, and Easter Egg Hunt and storytelling. Programs are for children only. Parents are welcome to wait in the lobby. Pre-registration is required.

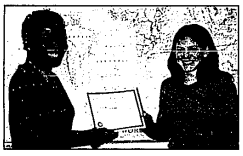
HOOP CONTEST

Shoot your best shots and become a legend in the Farmington Hills "Hoop" Contest (comparable to the backyard game "Pig" or "Horse"). The event will take place from 3:30-6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The contest ranges from ages 9-11; 12-14; 15-17; 18-26; and 27 and up. The fee is $7 per person with a registration deadline of Feb. 23. Winners will receive an award. Call 473-9570.

OPEN GYM

Get your exercise at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Adult basketball, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9-11 a.m. Sundays; teen basketball, 3-5 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-3 p.m. Sundays; adult volleyball, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays and 8-10 p.m. Tuesday; Family Gym and Swim, noon-3 p.m. Saturdays. The cost to participate for residents 17 and under is $2, nonresidents, $4. 18 and over is $3 for residents and $5 for non-residents.

Bee-autiful winner



Winning smiles: *Elizabeth Barrows, a seventh-grader at Warner Middle School won the school's geography bee in early January. Elizabeth, pictured receiving her award from Warner Principal Mildred Taylor (left), will now advance to the next level of competition in her quest to win the 13th annual National Geography Bee. She is eligible to win a $25,000 college scholarship at the national competition on May 22 and 23 in Washington, D.C.*

Power kids win essay contest

Three students from Power Middle School in Farmington Hills, have been named winners in the 32nd annual "America & Me" Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students are: Kaylin Conzone – first; Joshua Roma – second; and Chris Bacon - third. All three received award certificates. As the school's first-place winner, Kaylin's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Kaylin's first-place essay now advances to the state competition. The top 10 statewide winners will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from $500 to $1,000.

In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game, which will be dedicated in their honor.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for security cameras and monitors at Harrison High School until 1:30 P.M., Thursday, February 22, 2001 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington, MI 48336, addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. Fax proposals will not be accepted. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Farmington Public Schools.

Bid documents will be available at the Purchasing Office, (248) 489-3244.

Bidders are required to attend a mandatory site-visit on Thursday, February 15, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at the Harrison High School Media Center, 29995 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills 48334.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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NFHS bands take home Inaugural parade awards

Winners: *(Left) Alex Talwar, Rebecca Miller, Chris Burrows and Emily Galopin display awards NFHS students won in Baltimore. (Above) Students took ★ in the sights while in Washington, D.C.*

The North Farmington High School Department of Instrumental Music participated in its fourth Presidential Inaugural Festival Jan. 17 and 18 in suburban Washington, DC.

A total of 236 students performed in the two-day event at the Jim Rouse Theatre for the Performing Arts in Columbia, Md. Performing groups earned the following awards:

Raider Flag Corps - Gold Medal, first place.

Symphony Orchestra - Gold Medal, first place.

Concert Band - Silver Medal, first in division.

Symphony Band - Silver Medal, second in division.

Symphony Winds - Gold Medal, first place division.

Monday Jazz Band - Bronze Medal, second place.

Friday Jazz Band - Silver Medal, first place.

Wednesday Percussion Ensemble - Silver Medal, second place.

Tuesday Percussion Ensemble - Gold Medal, first.

Also, the musicians won an *Adjudicator's Award and Most* Outstanding Instrumental Ensemble Program Award - Sweepstakes Award, for Most Outstanding Instrumental Program.

Students visited the Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, two Glenn Memorial to the Marine Corps. Students also witnessed the Inauguration itself. The day was cold and rainy. That afternoon, students had the opportunity to see the many museums that comprise the Smithsonian Institution.

"The students had a remarkable weekend. In addition to the wonderful performances they gave at the Festival, they each had a life experience; witnessing the peaceful transfer of power from one person to another, one ideology to another. This is something that will stay with them the rest of their lives," Jason Lowe, instrumental music teacher at North, said.

"I felt extremely proud that we were able to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I really enjoyed the inauguration, even though it was rainy," junior Kathleen Bendick, said.

"It was a great experience to be a part of history. I have taken with me many memories of this trip," said Lindsey Drasin, a junior.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following reports were filed during the past week with the Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Departments:

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK

A 66-year-old woman was struck by a car about 4:25 p.m. Monday, while walking across Tall Oaks, on the east side of Farmington Road between Eight and Nine Mile in Farmington.

The woman sustained an apparent neck injury from the collision. Farmington Public Safety officers and Community EMS responded to the scene shortly after 4:30 p.m. Paramedics immobilized the victim and transported her to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. Her injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

According to public safety reports, the vehicle was headed southbound on Farmington and turned left onto Tall Oaks. The woman was crossing at the sidewalk when struck, said Mike Wiggins, deputy director for the Farmington Public Safety Department.

The driver of the vehicle was ticketed for failing to yield while turning left.

GIRLS HARASSED

Farmington Police have no suspects in an incident where a motorist allegedly yelled obscenities about 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at two Longacre Elementary School safety patrol girls.

The girls, ages 10 and 11, were on patrol, walking along the south side of Arundel Street, east of Longacre Street, when the driver of a blue pick-up truck sped by and yelled the apparent obscenity.

The man was described as a *high-school age white male with* light brown curly hair. The vehicle had flames painted on the side, the girls told police.

ASSAULT/DEATH

A 33-year-old Farmington Hills man died Saturday, Feb. 10, after assaulting his grandmother in a front yard on the 36000 block of Congress.

The man's father told police the man was psychotic and had been hearing voices. Police believe the man may have taken drugs and had not taken *prescribed medication. An autopsy* is being conducted.

Family members had gathered at the house to celebrate the grandmother's 83rd birthday. They told police the man was down on his hands and knees in the front yard when the grandmother called to him from the house. He then dragged her into the yard and began to strangle her.

The man's father kicked him but couldn't get him off the grandmother. The man's sister enlisted the help of a man walking *his dog. The dog-walker* got the man off his grandmother and pinned him, face down, on the ground with a knee in his back. The dog-walker then called 911 on his cellular phone while holding the man down.

Police arrived shortly. They cuffed the man but quickly uncuffed him and started CPR when they realized he wasn't breathing. The man was pronounced dead 6:14 p.m. at Botsford Hospital.

ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATH

A 50-year-old Farmington Hills man was found dead in his home (28000 block of Brandywine) on Sunday, Feb. 11, after a night of drinking with friends.

The man's girlfriend told police they and three other people had been drinking at two bars on Saturday night. She said the man had "about 12 beers." Three of the revelers returned to the man's house. Two of them went to bed, leaving the man watching TV. They found him at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, lying on his back at the foot of the stairs, a pool of blood around his head.

HARASSING CALLS

Police cited a 42-year-old apartment resident Sunday for "annoying/ harnassing conduct by telephone" after she called 911 nine times in 35 minutes to complain about a neighbor's loud music. Police repeatedly told the woman to call back on a non-emergency line. Finally, they sent an officer to ticket her.

TRANSFORMER FIRE

Automatic sprinklers damaged items on the first floor of the Medallion office building, 30777 Northwestern Highway, after a portable transformer in the suite caught fire about 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. The suite belongs to R&S Plumbing.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department estimated the damage at $165,000. Firefighters from station Nos. 2 and 5 arrived at the scene to find the fire out but the sprinkler system still shooting out water. "There was a considerable amount of water on the floor throughout that level of the building," the report said.

Investigators determined the fire was caused by heat from the portable transformer.

INJURY ACCIDENT

A 48-year-old Commerce Township resident and her 9-year-old granddaughter were taken to Botsford Hospital after a six-car accident at 6:39 p.m. Monday on Haggerty north of Eight Mile.

The granddaughter was critically injured and transported to the University of Michigan Hospital where she was in serious condition Tuesday.

Farmington Hills police are still trying to determine the cause of the accident, said Sgt. Patrick Comini. An initial investigation shows two cars collided almost head on and four additional vehicles crashed while trying to avoid the first accident. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor.

Police are asking that witnesses call them at (248) 473-9686.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Two 10-year-old girls told police that a man exposed himself to them at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in the vicinity of Flanders and Arnold.

The girls said the man appeared from behind a pine tree with his pants down to his thighs. He said, "Anybody want to make a dollar?" the girls said. They ran away and told a babysitter what happened.

The girls and a witness told police that the man is 30 to 40 years old, white about 6 feet tall and chubby. He had short, dark brown hair, no facial hair, maybe a dental problem. He wore a red jacket, jeans and gym shoes.

Police say they have increased patrols in the area.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Woman injured: *Farmington Police examine a van involved in an accident that injured a 66-year-old woman Monday, on Tall Oaks east of Farmington Road.*

Teen *from A1*

charges of involuntary manslaughter, a 15-year felony and reckless discharge of a firearm, a four-year felony. If convicted, he could be held in a juvenile detention facility until age 21.

His trial on those charges is set to begin March 26.

The boy called police to his home on Greening, near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads at 8:24 p.m. on Feb. 1. Officers arrived to find the victim, 50-year-old Thomas Gyori, prawled in the hallway near a front bedroom with a .22 caliber rifle laying beside him.

Gyori and his oldest son, the only occupants of the home, had been arguing earlier in the day. Police said the son first sprayed pepper spray in the house and left for a short time. When he returned, authorities allege, the boy picked up the rifle, which he had retrieved from a locked camper in the backyard the day before, and shot at the walls of his bedroom in order to scare his father.

The last shot traveled through the wall into the hallway where his father was standing, police said.

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