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#### SPECIAL SECTION

**On foreclosures:** The Observer and Eccentric newspapers is distributing a special 24-page publication for the Oakland County Treasurer's Department, called "Notice of Foreclosure." The publication lists thousands of business and residential properties and the amount of back taxes owed on them. Copies of the supplement will be available for purchase at a cost of 75cents each, at the Farmington Observer office, 33411 Grand River.

#### MONDAY/TUESDAY

**Holiday closings:** City offices in Farmington and Farmington Hills will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Both branches of the Farmington Community Library, in downtown Farmington and on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will be closed both days as well.

#### THURSDAY

**Seniors program:** Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion 1 p.m. at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

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## Dentist free on personal bond

*Judge says comments made to the victim weren't threats*

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A felony charge against a Farmington Hills dentist has been dismissed, and he is free on a personal bond while he awaits trial on a misdemeanor charge of stalking.

Dr. Donald Quinn, whose practice is directly across the street from the Farmington Hills Police Department on Orchard Lake Road, was ordered by 48th District Court Judge Edward Avadenka Thursday not to contact the woman who filed a crime report against him this month.

Quinn was arraigned on Dec. 19 after he made three different contacts with the woman after Hills police told him not to do so. The department continues to investigate the woman's allegations regarding criminal sexual conduct and drug possession.

During Quinn's preliminary exam, the woman testified she was held captive by him in his Farmington Hills apartment for a month.

The 10-year felony charge of interfering with a witness during a criminal investigation was dismissed by the judge, saying the woman's testimony was not credible.

Under examination by Quinn's attorney, Stuart Young, the woman said repeatedly she couldn't remember her actions while living with Quinn from Nov. 10 through Dec. 10 — such as driving to his office, attempting to change her credit card address or waiting for Quinn at his office.

"I was under the influence of harsh drugs administered by Dr. Quinn," she said.

She testified she visited her attorney to file for divorce while with Quinn.

The judge said the felony charge did not hold merit in light of the fact that the comments Quinn made to the woman after she contacted police — telling her he loved her — were not threatening.

"She had ample opportunity to leave (Quinn)," the judge said.

The woman's involvement with Quinn started when she was his patient this past summer, she said.

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**Downhill racers:** Oscar Ruiz (photo at right) and his children, Sarah, 5 and Nicolas, 9 took advantage of the first real snowfall this week on Shiawassee in Farmington. They live in Tokyo and are visiting family in Redford.



Slep, sledding away

Chelsae Gale, 9 of Farmington Hills (photo at left) wiped snow from her face, atop the hill at Shiawassee. She was among the few who broke in the hill for this sledding season, which began with a light snowfall over the Christmas holiday.

## Hills boy, 14, charged in attacks

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While he is only 14 years old, Farmington Hills police believe they have the suspect who tried to rape a woman in the Farmington Hills apartment complex where he lived.

Officials say such charges are typically leveled at people years older. Because the boy is still considered a juvenile, his name will not be released.

Oakland County Probate Court Ref-

eree Scott Hamilton this week authorized a petition that charges the boy with second-degree criminal sexual conduct, second-degree home invasion, larceny from a person and assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

The referee imposed a \$200,000 cash or surety bond. According to the ruling, the bond can only be posted by his mother, who, police said, doesn't appear willing to do so.

The boy remains in custody at Oakland County Children's Village.

If he is released, the judge ordered no

contact with the victim and that the youth be confined to a tether. The referee also ordered a psychological examination at Children's Village.

The charges stem from the Dec. 22 attack on a 30-year-old woman who the boy called to strip for a party at an apartment in the Green Hill complex, police said.

The boy used a butcher's knife to attack the woman in an apartment corridor and tried to rape her several times, police said. The woman testified she put up a fight and managed to

escape. She was not seriously injured.

Police said that, after his arrest, the suspect confessed to the attempted rape and two other attempted abductions of women in December: one in the Green Hill complex, the other in the Windemere Apartments, just north of Green Hill.

Both women managed to escape after being grabbed from behind.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has until Jan. 7 to petition the

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## Workers douse fire before emergency crews arrive

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Employees at Danboise A. J. Son Plumbing & Heating, a longtime Farmington Hills business, managed to extinguish a small fire Dec. 27, before firefighters arrived.

The fire burned under a Ford Econoline van, part of the company's fleet. A worker was changing the fuel pump when it occurred.

"A woman came running through our warehouse yelling that there was a fire," said James Coghlan, the warehouse manager. "At that point, I did the 50 from my office and ran into here. We saw that there were flames. Mike Miller and I ran and got fire extinguishers in the building and extinguished the fire, which was burning under the van, next to the gas tank which has gasoline in it but was not on the vehicle. It could have been a bad situation."

Miller manages the business, which is located on Grand River.



**Firefighter:** James Coghlan of A.J. Danboise helped put out the fire with the company's extinguishers.

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