

# Gas leak forces evacuation at Wooddale

Wooddale Elementary students were evacuated to North Farmington High School around noon Friday after reports of a gas leak outside the school, said Farmington Hills Battalion Chief Lee Panoushek.

There were no injuries reported after fire officials confirmed an underground gas leak suddenly occurred by a school storage shed. Gas company officials were working to repair the leak Friday afternoon, Panoushek said.

The students spent three hours at the high school and were either bused home or sent back to the school.

## POLICE CALLS

### STOLEN VIPER

Police ran a license plate check on a Dodge Viper along Nine Mile around 2:38 a.m. Tuesday. The plate was registered to a different vehicle. The driver, a 32-year-old Southfield man, told police he knew the car was stolen, but said he didn't steal it. He told police it was his job to get the car from a contact and sell the parts on E-boy.

### GAS STOLEN

At the Shell gas station on Northwestern and Middlebelt, someone pumped \$18 in gas to a vehicle and left without paying around 10:46 a.m. Tuesday.

### DRUG POSSESSION

Police pulled over a vehicle on Grand River and Oxford around 10:16 p.m. Tuesday for a burned out license plate light. The driver, an 18-year-old Farmington man, was ticketed for having a rolling papers.

Police responded to a vehicle parked at the clubhouse of Country Ridge Apartments around 10 p.m. Thursday. Inside the car were four people, two of whom were arrested for marijuana possession.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police pulled over a vehicle traveling around 100 mph on I-696 near Halsted around 2 a.m. Wednesday. The driver, a 22-year-old Troy man, had a .11 blood alcohol level.

Police responded to a car accident at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake around 7 p.m. Thursday. One of the drivers, a 22-year-old Farmington Hills woman, had a .11 blood/alcohol level.

### SHOPLIFTING

Three teenage girls, two from Livonia and one from Southfield, were ticketed for concealing clothes from the Kohl's department store on 515 p.m. Wednesday under their own clothes and leaving without paying.

A 14-year-old Farmington Hills boy was apprehended for trying to take a CD-burner from the Target store on Grand River around 3 p.m. Thursday without paying for it.

### TOOLS STOLEN

Someone spotted thieves taking tools from the toolbox of a truck parked in the 30360 block of Timberlake Dr. around 2 p.m. Wednesday. It was discovered later the tool box was broken into and nearly \$1,000 in tools were stolen.

### COUNTERFEIT MONEY

A 16-year-old student at Mercy High School was questioned by agents from the Secret Service for using a \$20 counterfeit bill at the school this past week. She said she got the bill from an uncle, but did not know it was counterfeit.

### STEREO THEFT

In the 30100 block of Stockton Dr. someone broke out the window to a 1994 Cadillac during Thursday night and stole stereo equipment from inside and compact discs.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

## Mental health screenings offered

The Center for the Treatment of Anxiety Disorders in Farmington Hills is offering free mental health screenings throughout the month of May in recognition of May being National Anxiety Disorders Awareness Month.

For further information, or to make an appointment for your free screening, call Carolyn Daitch, Ph.D. or Joan Stein, A.C.S.W. at (248) 826-8151.

## OBITUARIES

### ANNE E. STEWART



Anne Stewart

Services for Anne Elizabeth Stewart, 76, of Farmington Hills, were held May 3 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Kenneth Larson officiating. Burial took place at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mrs. Stewart was born July 29, 1925, in Boston, Mass. and died May 1, 2002 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker and graduated in 1945 from Katherine O'Dell's Finishing School in Boston.

She is survived by her son, R. Jeff (Sherrie); daughter, Victoria (Steve) Sanderson; and two grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Roy and brother Francis Bowers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan

### Humano Society.

### JOHN C. WESTERDALE

Memorial services are pending for John C. Westerdale, 89, of Farmington Hills.

Mr. Westerdale was born March 19, 1913 in Chicago and died Saturday, April 27 in Farmington Hills. He was the founder of General Oil Recycling firm based in southeast Michigan and with facilities and offices in Livonia, Redford and Northville.

He is survived by his sons Timothy and Thomas; sister Harriet Johnston; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Lynch & Sons Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

### MARY M. FITZSIMONS

Services for Mary Margaret Fitzsimons, 72, of Farmington, were held May 3 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEhili officiating. Burial took place at

### Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Fitzsimons was born April 10, 1930 in Ireland and died April 30, 2002 in Farmington. She was a homemaker and an active member of St. Gerald's Church. She was also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

She is survived by her husband John; sons, Michael (Jeanne), John (Ann) and James (Paula); daughters, Brenda (Larry Frerker) Fitzsimons and Mary Fitzsimons; 12 grandchildren; six brothers; and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin's Soup Kitchen.

Arrangements made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

### JOAN BATWINAS

Joan Batwinas, 66, of Farmington Hills, died April 30, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Batwinas was born Dec.

26, 1935 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Christine Batwinas; and brother, Thomas Elmoro.

Arrangements made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

### MARY ELLEN CRANE

Services for Mary Ellen Crane, 79, of Southfield, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 6 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Daniel Erdman officiating. Visitation will be held 1-7 p.m. today, May 5, at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Crane was born June 3, 1922 in Peoria, Ill. and died May 2, 2002, at Heartland Health

### Center in West Bloomfield.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; sons, Michael (Priscilla) and William (Claudia); daughter, Vicki (Allen) Johnson, Linda (Roy) Hult, Deanna Crane and Deborah (Michael) Mead; sister, Phyllis Enright; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church in Farmington Hills.

### MARGARET A. SLESINSKI

Services for Margaret A. Slesinski, 76, of Franklin, will be held at 6 p.m. today, May 5, at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with visitation beginning at noon until the time of the service.

Mrs. Slesinski died May 3, 2002.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond; children, Michael and Joanne Slesinski; and grandsons, Michael, William and Timothy Slesinski.

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