

Damaged: While the outside of the home appears unscathed, inside, teens did nearly \$1 million in damage by looting and setting fire to the home.

## Police continue to investigate house fire

Farmington Hills Police continue to investigate and interview teens involved in a party last Sunday evening, where a home was looted by some of the guests and eventually set on fire, causing nearly \$1 million in estimated damage.

Police Chief William Dayers aid Friday up to four teens could charged with arean and up to six teens could beharged with larceny in the incident that occurred to a home in the 26800 block of Trillium Drive. Duyer said the

Trillium Dive.
Dwyer said the
15-year-old boy who lives at the home planned to
host a party Sunday night while his parents were

away.

The boy was ordered by his parents to come up to their cottage, which he did after the party started, said Dwyer. But the party, where underage drinking was taking place, raged on into Monday morning.

Eventually, some of the teens who were at the home purposely destroyed items inside and losted



Fired: These burned beer cans were among the debris scattered around the house on Trillium.

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Dwyer said the department is offering a \$3,000 reward that lends to the recovery of the stolen items or the arrest of anyone responsible for locting the home. Call the department at (248) 473-9600.

# Brother's THINKing helps seizure victim

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Sometimes kids do listen.
Nathan Korzyk, 7, has his
brother Matthew, 11, and Farmington Hills police to thank for
helping him get through a
seizure episode nat too long ago.
Matthew, a fifth-grader at
Highmeadow Common Campus
school, learned how best to treat
someone who is unconscious
school, learned how best to treat
someone who is unconscious
about a week before his brother's
attack. He had taken part in the
police department's THNK
(Teaching, Helping, Involving,
Noticing Kids) program.
Nathan, a second-grader at
Highmeadow, has a seizure disorder, said his mom Karen
Korzyk. He collapsed while at
his family's Farmington Hills
home on Good Friday.
In the THINK program
Matthew learned basic information about how to care for someone who had overdosed on drugs
or was otherwise unconscious
and having difficulty breathing,
and reduce the possibility of
vomiting.
While Nathan's seizure was
happening, Karen was on the
phone with emergency services
and dad Joe was trying to help
as best he could. And that's
when Matthew advised his
father to turn his brother on his
side, just like he learned in his
THINK lesson.
Immediately, Nathan's breathing became less labored, his condition improved, and shortly
thereafter the seizure subsided.
Nathan was taken to the hospital, and he fully recovered.
Hills Police Officer Brian Bastianeslit aught Matthew and his
classmates about what to do in
such a situation.
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classmates about what to do in such a situation.

Bastianelli said he noticed Matthew was listening closely to his instruction while teaching



Lifesavers: Nathan Korzyk (left) is grateful to his brother, Matthew, for lessons Matthew learned in a class taught by Officer Brian Bastianelli.

"We do this in the spring for fifth-graders about the consequences of drugs and alcohol and making good choices and how to deal with peer pressure," the officer said.

The THINK program was developed by substance abuse specialists at the Maplegrove Treatment Center of Henry Ford Hospital and is delivered by uniformed police officers.

Bastianelli, a paramedic before he became a police officer, said he knows that turning someone on his or her side is a way to prevent choking if the preson should womit.

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"Matthew listened and paid attention," the officer said with pride, noting that when he heard about how his lesson helped someone, he was cestatic.

"You hope you have stories like this," he said. "It makes you happy that they can put the lessons to practice."

Bastianelli, who's in charge of administering the THINK program at local schools, said about eight officers teach the course, and there's hope to expand refresher courses to the middle and high schools.

Karen is also very proud of son Matthew, noting that if Matthew and Nathan were alone, Matthew would at least know how to help his younger brother during a seizure.

now to help has younger brother during a seizure.

"I had to let (Police Chief William Dwyer) know that I think it's a great program," she said. "When the kids get this information, it helps with their self confidence."

## NFHS senior performs at festival

Ross Gasworth, a senior at in A minor for Cello and Orches-North Farmington High School and principal cellist of the North standing High School Symus selected from over 100,000 Farmington High School Symus selected from over 100,000 students in Michigan as one of students in Michigan as one of phony Orchestra was one of four students from Michigan selected to perform as soloists at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival held May 10 at Western Michigan University.

He performed Concerto No. 1

this honor. Previous to this year, Ann Osterdale, flutist from Har-rison High School was selected 30 years ago, in 1972. Paul Bar-ber was the director of Harrison High School at that time

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Ross plans to attend Cleveland
Institute of Music beginning in
August. He is the son of Steve
and Debbie Gasworth of Farmington Hills.

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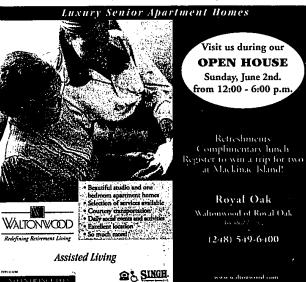
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