

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

New Authority Figure
Governor John Engler has appointed Hospice of Michigan (HOM) president and CEO Dorothy Dereco to the Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority. Dereco, who replaces William Smith of Ewart, was appointed to represent the general public. Her four-year term will expire in March 2006. The Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority assists nonpublic, nonprofit facilities and health care corporations in obtaining financing for capital improvements. The authority issues bonds for making loans to these facilities.

Dereco, RN, MSN, MHSA, CNA, CHE, a Farmington Hills resident, became President and CEO of Hospice of Michigan (HOM) in 1996, bringing with her nearly 20 years of experience in key hospital executive and nursing administration positions in Michigan.

Major Gifts and has a 10-year track record of securing major gifts, developing successful major-donor-clubs as well as increasing major-donor retention rates.

Resident named vice president
Chris Sheldon of Farmington Hills has been named Vice President for Development & Public Relations for Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. In her new position, Sheldon will seek increased support from private and corporate foundations, as well as build individual annual giving donor base. She will increase public and business community awareness of Goodwill Industries' mission to provide employment and training services to people with disabilities and other special needs and promote Goodwill as a source of employees for tri-county area businesses.

Fuller addresses the many challenges facing the "baby-boom" generation. Fuller and her husband are residents of West Bloomfield.

Friedman promoted
Matt Friedman has been promoted to vice president from account supervisor at Marx Layne & Company, a full-service marketing and public relations agency, has promoted.

The announcement was made by agency partners Fred Marx, Michael Layne and Don Tanner. In his new role, Friedman is part of the agency's management team, responsible for supervising account staff, facilitating strategic planning, implementing operational initiatives and managing organizational development. He also continues to direct account teams that serve and counsel clients in the communications, education, legal, financial and transportation industries. Prior to joining Marx Layne in 1998, he was a news producer at WDTN-TV in Detroit and also worked as a news producer at WSB-TV in Atlanta, Ga. and WKMG-TV in Orlando, Fla. He also worked at WJW-AM Radio in Detroit. Friedman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism, from The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. He resides in West Bloomfield.

Hospice board member
The Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has elected Tracy Muscat to the Board of Directors. Muscat, a Farmington Hills resident, has worked at Hospice of Michigan for the past year as the Director of

New Counselor
Marjorie Fuller, MA, LPC, has recently joined the therapy staff of Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills. Fuller, who is a certified grief counselor, brings a wealth of experience to her practice. As an expert in gerontology, illness, loss, death, divorce, caregiver issues, and chronic illness,

Motorist jumps curb, smashes window at Cosi's

Around 4:30 p.m. Sunday, a man driving a car hit the curb between Cusi and Anita's Kitchen on Orchard Lake and proceeded to drive into the plate glass window of the Cusi's. The man then took off behind Musvelts Marvins, according to witnesses.

When the car hit the first curb, broken concrete was sprayed on people dining outside Anita's. One man said a piece of concrete hit his eye, but he sought medical assistance on his own. The driver was not caught.

Drunken driving
Police pulled over a vehicle along I-696 along Middlebelt around 1:00 a.m. Saturday for speeding. The driver, a 17-year-old Bloomfield Hills boy, had a .14 blood/alcohol level.

He was also charged with giving the officer a false name. The boy had an outstanding warrant.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Nine Mile and Treadwell around 2 a.m. Saturday for squealing tires. The driver, a 22-year-old Southfield man, had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

POLICE CALLS

Urinating in public
Police spotted a 27-year-old Novi man get out his car at the Shell gas station at Orchard Lake and 12 Mile around 9:25 a.m. Sunday and proceed to urinate on the side of the building. The man had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

Assault
An ex-girlfriend of a man who lives on a third floor of an apartment in the Gateway Apartments complex climbed up to the third level balcony and entered the apartment through the glass doorwall and attacked the man while he was watching television with his wife, according to a report.

The incident occurred around 10:05 p.m. Saturday. The man told police he took the woman back downstairs and was escorting her away when his wife went to the balcony and a verbal confrontation ensued between the two women.

The ex-girlfriend again attempted to climb up to the third level balcony, but was taken down by the man.

The man told police he was then hit, scratched and cut on his face by the ex-girlfriend. The woman left before police arrived.

Tires stolen
A customer at the Fairfield Inn on Stansbury reported spotting his Cadillac up on one side, supported by a cinder block. Two tires and rims were stolen from the vehicle around 11 p.m. Sunday. Loss was \$2,000.

Laptops stolen
At Design Systems on W. 12 Mile, management reported that three laptops were stolen over the weekend, totalling \$15,000 in loss. There were no signs of forced entry.

Drug possession
Police pulled over a vehicle along Orchard Lake and M-5 around 7:30 p.m. Monday for having a loud exhaust. The driver, 22, and passenger, 21, both men from Fowlerville, were arrested for possession of crack cocaine.

Home Invasion
In the 23000 block of Willowbrook Drive, a resident reported someone apparently pried open the front door to gain entry between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. A \$375 vacuum cleaner and a \$450 movie camera were taken.

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

City employees celebrate safety award

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Just like good drivers usually pay less in car insurance, good cities with safety conscious employees get rewards, too.

In Farmington Hills' case, having low workers' compensation claims has saved the city nearly \$2.8 million in the past 10 years compared to premiums paid by similar cities, said Mary Moultrup, Human Resources director.

In fact, Farmington Hills has earned the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Less Control Achievement Award for 10 of the past 11 years. The city's 392 full-time and scores of part-time employees were treated to lunch and celebration on Tuesday at the Castick Center. No other municipality of comparable size in the state has maintained such an excellent safety record, said the director.

Moultrup said, "Our success is due to conscientious employees who implement safe work practices in their everyday routines. It takes commitment and cooperation at all levels of the organization to create a safety conscious work environment."

Each employee group has a representative on the Safety Committee that reviews all accidents and makes recommendations to reduce future risks. The net result, Moultrup said, is that the city will pay 43 percent less than the average premium for workers' compensation insurance, an estimated savings of \$245,400 this year.

Moultrup said the safety committee has been intact for 20 years and it meets monthly. On top of nearly 400 full-time employees, the city employs up to 500 part-time workers depending on the season, said the director.

She said when an accident does happen, a review is done by the supervisor. The safety committee makes recommendations to avoid future risks and the head of the department decides to make the necessary policy changes under the recommendation.

"We're very proud of the employees and getting the award for 10 years is a reason to celebrate," Moultrup said.

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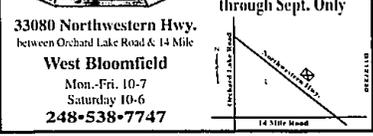
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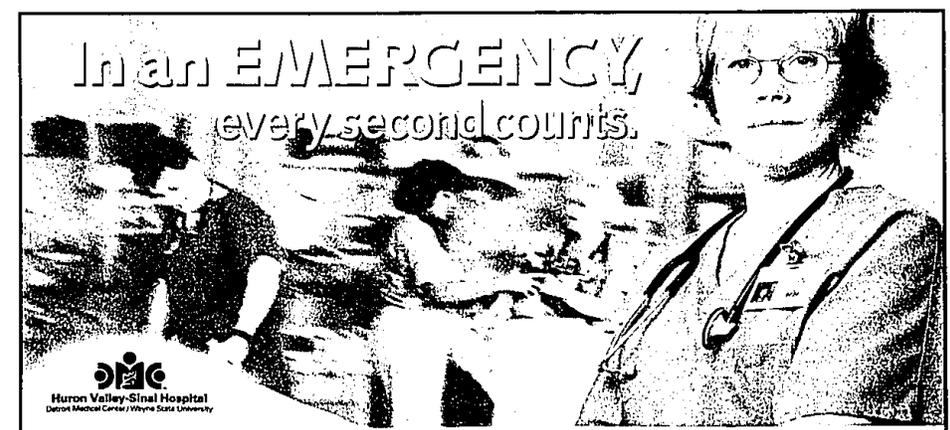
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