

## police/fire calls

Listed are some of the Farmington-area police and fire calls received during the past week:

### APARTMENT FIRE

An estimated \$250 in building and property damage was reported following a fire at Chatham Hills Apartments, 36611 Grand River, Aug. 25, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report. A sofa in the apartment's storage area apparently caught fire, igniting other items around it. Fire sprinklers in the room activated, minimizing damage, the report said. The fire was reported shortly after 3:30 p.m. Farmington Hills firefighters assisted at the scene.

### WOMAN BURNED

A Farmington Hills woman suffered second-degree burns to her hand as the result of a fire that broke out in her Brasade apartment at 4:57 a.m. Aug. 25, said Lt. Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The fire appears to have been caused by discarded smoking material that fell on a couch the woman was sleeping on, Baldwin said. The woman's young daughter was not injured, he added.

"They were out of the apartment

## 3 sought in Hills hold-ups

Three men are sought in connection with the holdups of three Farmington Hills fast food restaurants Aug. 15-22. At least two of the three were involved in all three holdups, police officials said.

The first holdup at Wendy's, 24148 Orchard Lake Road, on Aug. 15 netted three armed gunmen approximately \$1,000, said Sgt. Dennis Rochford of the Farmington Hills Police.

Two armed gunmen held up the Taco Bell, 27749 Grand River, Aug. 18 and McDonald's, 39425 10 Mile, Aug. 22. The gunmen netted approximately \$1,000 from Taco Bell. Police are uncertain how much money was taken from McDonald's, Rochford said.

"We think the two involved in the Wendy's and Taco Bell holdups were also involved in the McDonald's," Rochford said. In all three robberies, the gunmen "at first sat down and acted like customers."

During the Taco Bell holdup a photograph of one of the two gunmen was taken. He is described as a black man in his early 20s, 5 feet 8-10 inches tall, weighing 155-160 pounds. He has a dark complexion, mustache and slicked-back hair. The gunman was armed with a blue steel automatic pistol, Rochford said.

A second gunman is described as a 26-year-old black man, 5 feet 7-8 inches tall, with a stocky build and

short, cropped hair. The third gunman involved in the Wendy's holdup is described as a 27-year-old black man, about 6 feet 2-4 inches tall, with a slim build, medium complexion and curly hair.

Police have also described a vehicle that may have been used in connection with the armed robberies. It is described as a dark-colored Lincoln-Mercury Cougar or Thunderbird. The car has a hump on the trunk similar to the type found on Lincoln Continentals, Rochford said.

Anyone with information should contact Rochford at the Farmington Hills Police Department at 474-6181, Ext. 354.

### DAMAGE REPORTED

Listed below are some of the damage reports filed with local police agencies during the past week:

Damage was estimated at \$250 when someone shot a pellet through a second-story window of a house on

Old Timber Aug. 23.

Damage was estimated at \$250 when someone shot a pellet or B.B. through the rear window of the All State office building, 29946 Mayfair Aug. 23.

### THEFTS REPORTED

Listed below are some of thefts reported to local police agencies during the past week: Children's clothing valued at \$87.95 was reported stolen from Kids Mart, 23330 Farmington Road Aug. 25. A woman returned the clothing at an employee's request then fled the scene; she was subsequently apprehended for the theft at Eight Mile and Grand River, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

A purse and contents valued at \$350 was reported stolen from Dunleavy's Pub and Grub, 34505 Grand River, Aug. 25. The purse and some of the contents were recovered later in a dumpster near 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, according to reports.

A car stereo valued at \$180.50 was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Birchwood Aug. 25.

A 1984 Buick Riviera valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot of Dan's Sub Shop, 22424 Orchard Lake Road, Aug. 25.

Tools valued at \$500 were reported stolen from the Beechview Swim Club, 27000 Westmeath, Aug. 25. Damage to the pool area was estimated at \$1,000.

An AM/FM stereo cassette radio valued at \$145 was reported stolen from a car parked on Lake Park, Aug. 22-23. Damage to the car's dashboard was estimated at \$200.

Jewelry and other personal items, including four bottles of prescription pills valued at more than \$1,400, were reported stolen from an apartment on Partridge Lane Aug. 23.

A radar detector valued at \$250, plastic briefcase and contents valued at \$140, and a golf cart valued at \$50 were reported stolen from a car parked on Quaker Valley Aug. 23-24.

A transmission/driveshaft valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a 1986 Ford at Tom Holzer Ford, 39300 10 Mile, Aug. 22-25. Damage to several other new cars in the lot was estimated at \$700.

More than 300 pounds of hamburger meat valued at \$312, 20 pounds of bacon valued at \$33 and 16 cases of french fries valued at \$165 were reported stolen from the cooler of Wendy's, 38177 10 Mile, Aug. 24-25.

Sunglasses valued at \$70, a gold chain valued at \$600 and a leather purse valued at \$159 were reported stolen from a house on High Meadow Aug. 6.

## Channel 56 offers classes

A view of Africa from an insider's perspective, an exploration of the origin and evolution of the English language and the relationship between man and metals are among the subject matters available in telecourses offered in the fall semester of WTVS/Channel 56's College Cable Channel.

Registration is under way at 11 Detroit-area colleges and universities for classes, many of which begin Sept. 8.

Sixteen cable companies join WTVS/Channel 56 in presenting telecourses for undergraduate credit. Companies include Metrovision of Oakland County.

"The Africans," a nine-part series examining the history and contemporary lifestyles of that continent, begins at 9 p.m. Oct. 7.

Presented by University of Michigan professor Dr. Ali Mazrui, the series is both a telecourse and the

centerpiece of public broadcasting's fall season.

Robert MacNeil hosts "The Story of English," a new nine-part series beginning at 10 p.m. Sept. 15. The program is a study into the development of English as the most spoken language in the world.

"Out of Firey Furnace," airing at 7 p.m. Sundays beginning Oct. 5 for seven weeks, examines how man has used the earth's resources throughout human history.

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telecourses on psychology, world politics, economics, biology and cultural anthropology.

"The Shakespeare Hour," although not new to public television, is another new telecourse. The series examines the dramatic and literary qualities of the Bard's comedies, tragedies and histories.

Telecourses for undergraduate credit are being offered by Cleary College, Detroit College of Business, Madonna College, Marygrove College, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College, Washburn Community College, Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University.

For a free brochure detailing the fall semester telecourse offerings by participating colleges, call the WTVS Education department at 873-7200, Ext. 283.

## Partial assessment returned

Because paving costs were lower than expected, the city of Farmington is returning \$15.18 in special assessments for residents on Manning, Mayfield and part of Cloverdale.

The refund amounts to a reduction of 22 cents per front foot from \$7.47 to \$7.25, according to an administrative report. Involved residents can expect either a check if the assessment is fully paid, or a credit against their account if they are making payments to the city, officials said.

The refunds were approved Aug. 18 by the city council. Also approved was the final payment to Cadillac

Asphalt Paving for \$4,774, with some money withheld to repair a sidewalk damaged by the contractor.

The 1985 bituminous paving project included the paving of Manning, Mayfield and a portion of Cloverdale streets and the parking



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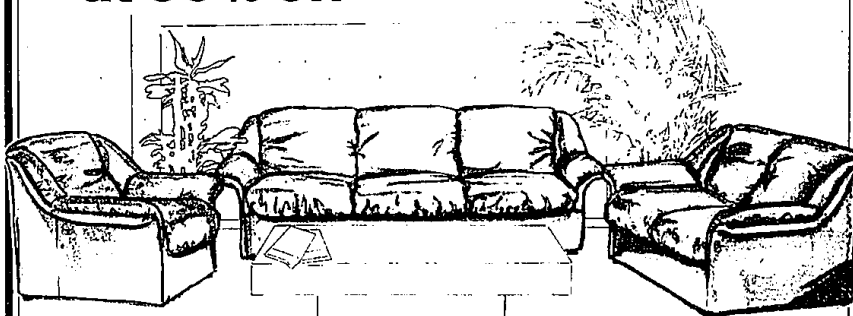
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