

3 armed robbers hit Mountain Jacks

A trio of armed robbers burst into Mountain Jacks restaurant in Farmington Hills early Monday, fired at least one shot, and cleaned out the restaurant's safe.

It is the second time the restaurant near 10 Mile and Grand River has been robbed in recent weeks, although police believe the two incidents are unrelated. Another armed robbery occurred on Oct. 7.

No dollar amounts were released in either case.

Farmington Hills police Sgt. Charles Nebus said police have "concrete leads" in both incidents and that investigations at several Detroit locations uncovered evidence from Monday's robbery.

IN MONDAY'S incident, which occurred shortly after midnight, one 33-year-old patron was robbed of his watch, wallet, jewelry and cash, and he and 11 other patrons and restaurant employees were herded into a restaurant cooler where they stayed for about 10 minutes.

No one was injured.

According to Hills police reports, three men entered the restaurant brandishing guns.

One carrying a sawed-off shotgun made verbal threats before shooting into the restaurant's rafters, there were conflicting reports about whether one or more shots were fired.

Witnesses saw the robbers run toward the Red Roof Inn parking lot east of the restaurant.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● **DAMAGE REPORTED**
A string of damage incidents were reported in Farmington and Farmington Hills over the weekend, Nov. 8-9.

In the Hills:
Two cars at Anita's Kitchen, 31005 Orchard Lake Road, had their windows shattered, causing \$200 and \$250 in damage. Owners of cars parked on on Hill, Parker and the 25000 block of Orchard Lake Road reported window damage totaling \$1,890.

On Caryn Drive and Oak Point, two homeowners reported mailbox damage totalling \$150.

In Farmington:
Two incidents of building windows being broken were reported. At Valley View Condominiums, a picture window valued at \$500 was broken with a bb and at Chairs Unlimited, 3405 Grand River, a 9 by 5-foot picture window was shattered with an unknown projectile.

● **THEFTS REPORTED**
Lumber valued at \$455 was reported stolen from the Twin Orchard Plaza, 23333 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Nov. 28.

A wallet and contents valued at \$250 was reported stolen from a building in the 2500 block of Middlefield Road, in Farmington Hills Dec. 7.

A tool box and contents valued at \$1,400 was reported stolen from a storage locker at the Botox Plaza Terrace Apartments, 27835 Independence, Farmington Hills, Dec. 7.

A 1975 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from the parking lot at Plaza One, 31160 Grand River, Farmington Nov. 9.

Work approved for Gill addition

The Farmington school district is moving ahead for improvements and an addition to Gill Elementary school.

The school board considered various options for the school in early November and approved \$1.99 million for the first phase of the project Nov. 26. The project, which will cost between \$3.14 million and \$3.62 million total, will be done in two phases.

Since only \$2 million was set aside in this year's General Fund, the board approved only the first phase.

A total of \$1.42 million is budgeted for a addition of six classrooms, administration addition and renovation, and existing building renovation in the first phase.

THE REMAINDER will be spent on contingencies, construction manager and professional fees, surveys, a budgeted inflation allowance of 15 percent, and two portable classrooms.

The second phase will include an addition to the gymnasium, and renovations for media center, lunch room, kitchen, art room and resource rooms. A tentative cost includes air conditioning retrofitting of existing building.

The plans will give the school capacity for 500 students.

School officials promised Gill Elementary parents earlier this year they would do something with the 35-year-old school after not moving any

students to the new Hillside Elementary this fall. The building remains overcrowded and in need of general renovation, according to superintendent Michael Flanagan.

The school board considered doing the project in one phase, which would have saved about \$300,000. They decided to use phases because it offered flexibility in financial planning in light of recent budget concerns.

Local student to study in England

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"I'm much more happy now — that should tell me something."

"In hindsight, you have to frame the whole discussion — it's more challenging (than the sciences)."

In addition to the Power scholarship, Schiefsky also applied for the Marshall and Rhodes scholarships. He received the Power award first and backed out of the running for the other two.

The Power Exchange Scholarships were established in 1968 by the Power Foundation of Ann Arbor. Two scholarships are awarded annually, one for a U-M graduate to go to Cambridge and another for one to Cambridge graduate to study at U-M. The scholarships provide tuition, academic fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and an expense stipend that includes an allowance for travel in the United Kingdom.

dom and Europe.

Eugene Power, president of the Power Foundation, is a former U-M regent and an honorary fellow of Magdalen College at Cambridge. Schiefsky will attend Magdalen, a self-contained community where he will both live and study.

SCHIEFSKY GREW up in Farmington Hills, attending both Beechview Elementary and East Middle School before going to Harrison. The only child of Hills residents Donald and Mary Ann Schiefsky, he said he has received tremendous support from his parents in all of his endeavors.

As a child, he became fascinated with astronomy and built his first six-inch telescope at the age of 10. During his years at U-M he worked on several research projects with U-M scholars in physics and astronomy.

But he always enjoyed study of the classics, or even portions of them. An advanced English class with Laura Sparrow at Harrison and a Great Books class he took at U-M in his freshman year were good introductions, he said. He also studied Latin on his own while in high school through a correspondence course. "To be a learned person, you had to learn Latin — that was it," he said, explaining his reason for the self-study. "They don't do that anymore."

His focus in college has been in both Greek and Latin translations of the classics.

Academically, Schiefsky was selected as a James Angell Scholar at U-M and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1990. He has also received a U-M Regents Alumni Scholarship, a National Merit Scholarship, the Detroit Free Press Academic All-State Award and the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for the Study of

Mathematics and Natural Science.

In addition to academic pursuits, Schiefsky continued his interest in music at the college level as well. Having played the cello in bands and orchestras at Harrison, he now plays in the University Campus Orchestra and in the Ann Arbor Summer Symphony.

Schiefsky was awarded the Power scholarship on Nov. 20 at the Power Foundation offices in the presence of past winners, including U-M President James Duderstadt.

Upon completion of his studies at Cambridge, Schiefsky hopes to return to the U.S. for graduate study at Princeton or Harvard before moving into the teaching arena. He said he looked forward to "exciting people" about the classics and "giving them a sense of discipline" through his teaching.

Millage election sparks lobbying efforts

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On Dec. 4, the Farmington school board voted unanimously to go to voters in February with a special

election ballot carrying the two, 20-year millage proposals. Passage of the second proposal is contingent on the first proposal being approved by voters.

The district has 50,194 active, eligible voters in the district, which includes all of Farmington, most of Farmington Hills, and a small portion

of West Bloomfield Township. Voters have until 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7 to register to vote in the election.

Men, woman charged

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the car stopped, but was forced back into the car, she told police.

Detroit police are investigating the additional allegations of rape, which the victim said occurred as she was driven through that city in a van.

The felony kidnapping and extortion charges are being handled through the Oakland County Prosecutor's office.

The victim's father, who lives in Farmington Hills, told police he received a telephone call from his daughter asking to borrow \$200.

When he refused, a man came on the telephone and said, "If I don't get my money, I'll kill her and drop her in places on your front lawn," the police report said.

Police set up a surveillance in the 21000 block of Farmington Road where the victim and father live, and eventually made the arrests.

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