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trailer park when officers from Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Detroit, Walled Lake, Wixom, Novi, as well as the Michigan State Police and the FBI converged on the area, Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

Jason Wikoryasz, who works with mentally handicapped people, was apprehended Thursday night when Farmington Hills police conducted a search of the trailer at the park shared by the brothers and a friend, according to arraignment information.

The robbery began when two armed unidentified men wearing bandanas across their faces burst through the double doors of the Michigan National Bank branch, filled with employees and customers.

One of the men jumped the counter "and began taking money and forcing tellers to give it up," Nebus said. A second man, carrying what was described as a "long gun," herded customers and employees into an office and made them lay on the floor.

"We were fortunate there were no injuries to employees or customers. No shots were fired," Dwyer said. The men put the cash into a con-

vas bag and were seen leaving in a blue Buick, which was reportedly stolen at gunpoint from a 70-year-old woman 15-20 minutes before the robbery at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi.

The getaway car was driven along a service drive by Bill Knapp's restaurant. Witnesses in the area saw a cloud of smoke and money being thrown from the car. The abandoned car was later found by a wall behind Bill Knapp's, south of the bank on Orchard Lake Road.

Within minutes, a Novi police officer was already in pursuit of two men matching descriptions of the suspected robbers on a motorcycle in the 13 Mile-Decker area, Nebus said.

The officer pursued the motorcycle into the nearby Chateau Estates Trailer Park. Farmington Hills officers Jim Knittel and John Tiano were credited for their work.

"They found out where the people lived who were on the motorcycle. They went to the trailer, questioned various people and conducted a search," Nebus said.

The FBI is investigating possible connections with other Oakland County bank robberies, Nebus said.



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On the trail: The Michigan State Police canine unit was at the Chateau Estates Trailer Park Wednesday when police searched the area following the robbery of a Farmington Hills bank.



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Robbery aftermath: Farmington Hills officer Matthew Koehn gathers evidence following the armed robbery of Michigan National Bank on Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

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grass and plants will be put in on the side slopes. "It will take a couple of years for the plants to spread. But there won't be any bare spots. It should look really good next year at this time," Holloway said.

In one of the two ponds filled with shallow rain water, tadpoles were found within the past week — a positive sign for Smiley and Farmington Hills natural Joe Derek.

"If they follow what I've been told — that it's going to be natural — if it's groomed for nature and not for people — I think it will probably be

an asset," said Derek, a member of the Woodland Hills ad hoc committee, which reviewed the mitigation plans.

Smiley said he found the excavation to be much deeper than he originally thought. "Whatever was living in this area is pretty much wiped out," he said.

Both Derek and Smiley are concerned that the wetlands and area around it be maintained in a natural state to draw wildlife.

"This was pretty much all fields and meadows. We've displaced a lot of that," Smiley said.

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"Whoever is elected will have to deal with the court as it is," she said, adding some ideas of her own.

She calls for better use of technology to decrease the court overcrowding, including filings by fax, more telephone pretrial conferences for civil cases and staggered case scheduling to aid in the daily court flow. These would help not only the court operations, but save everyone money.

"I think it's a matter of efficiency," she said. "The more crowded the docket, the more crowded the court and the slower the cases move. And the more expensive it will be for the people involved in the suits."

Expanded court hours, possibly weekend or night court, could also help, she added.

She has been in practice for 12 years, handling mostly family and criminal law.

A Detroit native and graduate of Southfield High School, Parker said she has been involved with various groups and leadership positions all of her life.

She is currently a small claims court mediator, president of the Oakland/Livingston Legal Aid Society, and on the board of directors for the Oakland County Bar Association. She is a member of numerous bar groups both local and state, and also boasts memberships in the Farmington area Optimist Club and



Marla Parker: the chamber of commerce. She chaired a subcommittee on courts for the city of Farmington Hills Year 2000 Study.

Parker attended the University of Michigan for her undergraduate degree, then attended Wayne State University Law School at the same time her mother was attending law school at the University of Detroit.

Parker is married, and has one daughter.

Her experience as magistrate, Parker believes, allows her to understand the judge's role daily. "As lawyers, we're advocates. We represent one side," she said. "As a magistrate, you have two sides — it's helped me as a lawyer in practice. It's a very, very different approach."

Parker is one of two women running for the open seat, something she doesn't highlight.

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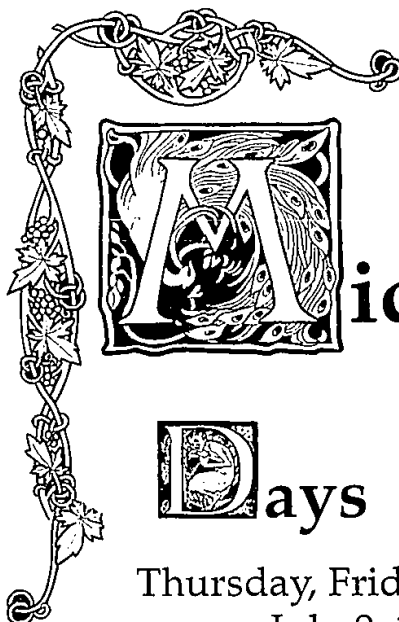
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