

Schools plan meeting on new tax proposal

The Farmington Public Schools will host an informational meeting regarding the upcoming millage renewal election at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Board of Education Office, 32690 Shawansee, Farmington.

Superintendent Michael Flanagan and school board will be present, as well as Assistant Superintendent for Finance Bruce Barrott to answer questions from the pub-

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lic pertaining to the millage renewal. The meeting will also be cablecast live on Channel 10.

"I think people who have questions or wanted information would be the ones who will attend," said assistant to the superintendent Pam O'Malley.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, voters in

the Farmington District will be asked to renew 12,0834 mills in a consolidated ballot proposal: 4.3156 mills that expired in 1992; 4.3156 mills that expire in 1993 and 3.4524 mills that expire in 1994.

Two years ago, a millage increase failed and one reason given for it going down was a lack of readily available information on the proposal.

Worker finds woman who was living in storage unit

A 31-year-old woman was believed to be living in a storage unit after she was found sleeping there by Farmington Public Safety officers.

Officers were called to Public Storage on Nine Mile Sunday morning by an employee who discovered the woman sleeping in the storage area. The employee be-

came suspicious when she saw the lock undone.

Officers woke up the woman, who said she fell asleep cleaning the night before. Police found a couch and TV set up along with food and wine.

A manager at Public Storage said she suspected the woman had been living in the unit for

three to four days.

"Hell, it's cheap rent if they don't get caught," said Sandra Woodrow, a manager at Public Storage.

Woodrow said a man was found living in one of the units two years ago. "It does happen, but it doesn't happen a whole lot," she said.

Man faces assault charge

A 12-year-old girl and her mother were left with facial cuts after a domestic dispute involving a live-in boyfriend Saturday at the Kensington Manor Apartments in Farmington.

Mark Russell Thomson, 34, was arrested by Farmington Public Safety officers and charged with domestic assault and battery. Thomson entered a plea of not guilty before Magistrate James Brady in 47th District Court.

He was released on \$1,000 personal bond and the stipulation he have no contact with the victims pending the trial. A pre-trial date has yet to be set.

Police responded to an emergency 911 call made by the 12-year-old at 8:20 p.m. and arrived to find a 34-year-old woman and her daughter with cuts and blood showing on their faces.

The mother told the officers her assailant had been drinking when an argument started. She said she went into the bedroom when the man threw glasses of beer and a vacuum cleaner at her.

The man then hit and scratched the mother on the face, according to police reports.

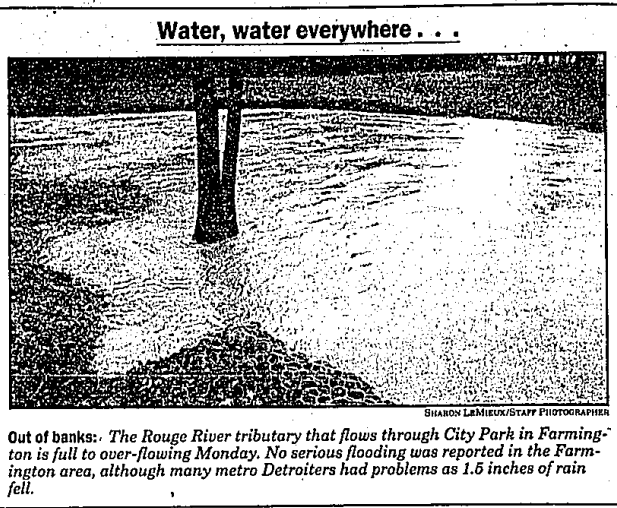
When the 12-year-old entered the bedroom, the man reportedly threw her to the floor and grabbed her face. The man then clawed

her cheeks and hit her again before throwing her.

Later, the man grabbed the girl's forehead and forced her head backwards into the door, the police report said. She ran to a next door neighbor and called police.

The woman's other daughter, 10, fled the apartment immediately after the dispute started and was not injured. The mother said there have been other assaults by the man, but she never reported them to police.

The victim told public safety officers she's dated the suspect for three years and they have lived together for the past six months.



Water, water everywhere . . .
Out of banks: The Rouge River tributary that flows through City Park in Farmington is full to over-flowing Monday. No serious flooding was reported in the Farmington area, although many metro Detroiters had problems as 1.5 inches of rain fell.

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