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Purse bandit hits 3 Brittany homes

The purse bandit has struck again.

Three residences on Brittany Hill were hit by the burglar, who steals purses left out in the open. Since Aug. 29, there have been 10 incidents reported.

Eight of the thefts have occurred in the Chatham Hills area, though residents in Heritage Condominiums and on Whitaker Street have reported similar incidents.

Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Farmington Public Safety commander Charles Lee, urges residents to lock their doors.

"In all 10 of these, he did not force open a door or a window," Lee said. "Why make it easy?"

Police say the person often enters when people are in the house. No one has caught the perpetrator in the act, though.

Police have a possible suspect. A man was seen walking through back yards along Brittany Hill Sept. 7 where the latest thefts took place.

A gray leather purse containing \$30 in cash and credit cards was taken sometime between 8:30 and 10 p.m. from a residence on Brit-

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 Watch coordinator

tany Hill. The victim said the purse was left on the stairs near the front door.

A brown purse containing \$40 in cash was stolen from a kitchen table on another Brittany Hill residence. A wallet sitting on a kitchen table had \$140 in cash was removed at another on the street.

Two purses were stolen from vehicles in separate incidents Sept. 7-8, but police are not sure if they're related.

A purse containing \$50 cash, credit cards and a Timex watch worth \$50 was also reported stolen Sept. 7 from a Ford Taurus parked at Our Lady of Sorrows School. A leather purse containing \$500 in cash and credit cards was taken from a 1993 Chrysler Concorde parked in a garage on Drakeshire Sept. 8.

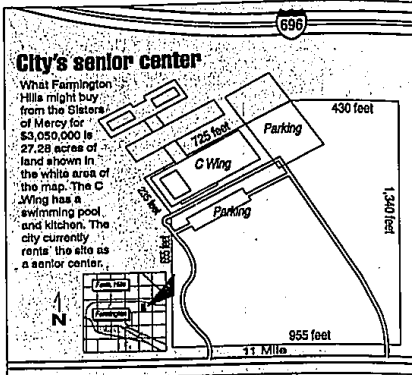
12 Mile blocked for weekend

Construction on the first phase of the so-called Minnow Drain project will begin at 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, weather permitting, and close part of 12 Mile Road.

Dan's Excavating Inc. will replace existing culverts crossing the road just west of Dunckel Middle School between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

Two-way traffic will be maintained except for the weekend. The new pipe will be installed by 6 a.m. Monday. Traffic will be detoured and signs posted.

Other than the replacement of culverts over the weekend, traffic will be maintained throughout the construction period, scheduled through the end of October.



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"We had always felt that having the seniors here was a good use and was something in keeping with our mission of helping senior citizens," she said.

Knoblock said that members of the order had just been contacted about the lease agreement when the city expressed interest in buying space. The order did not have another use planned for the space and wanted to continue to serve seniors.

Also, with the money from the sale, Knoblock said could better pay for its mission to the poor in Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Detroit and other cities.

"Their wanting another location was confusing to us because we always wanted the seniors to remain there. There was no doubt in my mind that if there was no purchase agreement, the city was going to be out of there in two or three years."

Councilman Larry Lichtman praised real estate broker Tom

Duke, who as part of the ad hoc committee on senior services helped negotiate the deal.

"I wasn't surprised that we made the deal because I think about two months ago the Sisters became serious about selling," Lichtman said.

The city had considered spending about \$5 million for a 40,000 sq ft with little additional land. The larger space and 27-plus acres are a "bargain," Lichtman said.

The city will schedule a public hearing on the purchase and has until Oct. 15 to withdraw its offer, said city manager Bill Costick. An architect has already begun to inspect the building for possible renovations. The money for the purchase will come from the city's parks and recreation millage, passed in 1991.

The agreement also gives the city and the Sisters the right of first refusal on adjoining property.

Arthritis Today
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ANEMIA & ARTHRITIS
 Regular blood work is part of the therapeutic program, when you are treated for arthritis.
 Your physician undertakes this surveillance because medications used in arthritis can irritate the stomach. Furthermore, the drugs used to stop joint inflammation also curb the ability of the stomach to produce a protective coating against acidity and stomach ulcers.
 It is possible that these ulcers will not cause you pain. Obtaining a blood count, and finding anemia present, allows the doctor to uncover a possible silent medication-related ulcer.
 However, anemia in arthritis has another cause: the arthritis itself. If you have this reason for anemia, the medical response is to give you more medicine, not less.
 You may notice that the laboratory report evaluating your blood level, includes a column of numbers. The information in this column allows the doctor to decide the reason for your anemia. Does it result from the blood loss of a medication-related ulcer? Or do the numbers reflect decreased red blood cell production due to the arthritis itself?
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