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IN THE PAPER
TODAY

Police urge caution after holdup



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Three people were arraigned Monday afternoon on armed robbery charges stemming from an early Monday morning holdup of the Farmer Jack grocery store on Farmington Road at Nine Mile.

Police urge personnel at 24-hour operations to be more aware and to report any suspicious activity following an armed robbery of a Farmer Jack store in Farmington early Monday morning. Three people are in custody.

No one was injured and police recovered the money.

"Obviously 24-hour operations are more vulnerable," said Farmington police spokesman Mike Wiggins. "There is less staff, less customers and a less full parking lot."

"The best way (for businesses) to protect themselves is to be more

aware and report any suspicious activity."

Sean Gilmore, 23, and Eldondo Gilmore, 20, both of Detroit, and Takeya Green, 18, of Oak Park, were each charged with armed robbery. In addition, the Gilmore brothers were both charged with possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The Gilmores are each being held on \$50,000 bond and Green on \$30,000 bond in the Oakland County Jail. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3, before Judge Fred Harris in Farmington's 47th District Court.

Farmington police received a 9-1-1 call at 1 a.m. Monday from a store employee reporting an armed robbery had just occurred. Workers gave police a description of two gun-toting men.

On a tip from witnesses, Farmington Hills police officers Charles Rozum and Shawn Smith followed a red 1995 Dodge Neon on east Grand River near Middlebelt.

"That was the key," said Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer. "Once Rozum and Smith identified the car, it was a

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Tiny survivors: There's no question severely premature infants battled to get out of hospital neonatal intensive-care units. How are some of these babies doing now? Find out in our special series, "Micropreemies, Severely premature infants." /13A, 1AA

Wordsmith's work: A Farmington Hills man produces his own newspaper to express personal views. /3A

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Millage matters: We weigh in with our opinion on the millage request by Walled Lake schools, which includes a northwest portion of Farmington Hills. /10A

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

To dye for: The current exhibit at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery at Oakland University in Rochester features ancient and contemporary himonos and wall hangings featuring the Japanese shibori dyeing technique. /1B

SPORTS

Soccer rematch: Farmington and North Farmington met again Wednesday in a boys district tournament soccer game. /1C

AT HOME

At home: Area artists and designers turned their talents to converting chairs into works of art for a benefit at the Michigan Design Center. /D

LOTTERY

The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$5 million. The Michigan lottery numbers for Wednesday, Oct. 25, are:

- DAILY 3: 368
- DAILY 4: 9860
- CASH 5: 6, 7, 13, 32, 34
- LOTTO: 4, 15, 32, 35, 38, 44

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Quiz show



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Mayoral debate: Dave Miller, a student at the Alternative Academy, asks the Hills' mayoral candidates Paul Souerby and Aldo Vagnozzi why money can't be spent more for crime prevention as opposed to having more police. High school students asked several questions during Monday's debate at Farmington High.

Hills candidates challenge teens to get involved

BY BILL COULTAN
STAFF WRITER

Some young Farmington Hills residents got a first-hand introduction to the people who want to lead the city, and it was anything but dull.

Farmington's Alternative Academy and Farmington High School students sat politely through presentations by the five candidates running for three council seats and two can-

didates running for mayor.

Vicki Barnett, a former professional singer, used her stage skills to talk about the importance of voting and her efforts to make it easier to register.

Bon Marks, who hosts a cable TV talk show, discussed his experience. Dennis Fitzgerald reminded the young people about his work to give them parks and recreational activities. And Nancy Betes talked about

her commitment to a decentralized teen program aimed at providing wholesome activities for young teens.

But Terry Sever came on like Professor Harold Hill in the "Music Man," extolling the teens to get involved and recounted his attitude when he attended Farmington High some 27 years ago.

Sever talked about teen attitudes in his day and those of today con-

cerning a lot of topics, including sex.

"Yes, I was a virgin when I got married," he said.

After he got their attention, Sever talked about how he had wanted to make his parents happy.

"I wanted to be somebody," he shouted at center stage.

Sever talked about how decisions he's made have affected the lives of

See TEENS, 7A

McShane runs on accessibility, openness

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Jo Anne McShane has to-do-list diligence and post-a-note perseverance. But openness rather than officiousness is perhaps the biggest key to her success as a Farmington councilwoman.

A listening smile and a willingness to listen have helped during the past six years on the council.

"I think people feel they can talk to me," said McShane, 49. "I'm ap-

proachable. They're not afraid to call me; they're not afraid to come up to me and say what they feel."

The mayor pro tem wants to listen to residents for another four years. She's seeking a third council term Nov. 7. She was first elected to a two-year term in 1989.

Incumbent Bill Hartcock and challenger James Mitchell are also run-

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ning for three open seats.

The fact no one else is running speaks to the electorate's general satisfaction with how the city is run, McShane said. She demurs at the suggestion there are no issues, though.

McShane's concerned about main-

See MCShANE, 6A



Jo Anne McShane

Halloween bash

Downtown Farmington will come alive with ghouls and goblins as the annual Halloween festival takes place Saturday, Oct. 28. The daytime event starts at 10 a.m. with trick or treating at downtown shops. Children should bring their own bags and must be accompanied by an adult. Costume contests will take place at 2 p.m. for children up to age 12, for girls at 4 p.m. and adults at 8 p.m. Crafts will host a scarecrow contest with awards ceremony at 8 p.m. WNIC-FM will broadcast live from the Craftsuga parking lot.

With the annual Farmington fight night, there are fireworks. Civic Theatre will host free showings of "Beetle Juice" and "Young Frankenstein" at 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 and 11:00 p.m. There will also be a petting zoo and pony rides, moon walk and pug-

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pet show — all free of charge.

Photo finder

While perusing the garage sale scene in Farmington, Maxine Franklin of Southfield bought a photo album with — much to her surprise — a few pictures inside. One is an 8-inch by 10-inch baby picture of a Ryan Louis, who was born Nov. 17, 1985. She'd like to get in touch with the album's previous owner.

"I just don't want to throw the photo away," Franklin said. "I know how I'd feel if they were one of my grandchildren. They just probably forgot to take them out."

Tag along

Organizers said this year's annual school music program fund-raiser, Tag Days, was one the most successful ever. People who donated to the Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high school programs during Tag Days '95 received tickets to attend any one of the following concerts: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at North Farmington High; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Farmington High; and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Harrison High.

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