

## Thieves burglarize church relief center

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Thieves broke into a Mormon Church social services center in Farmington Hills, stealing electronics and food before ransacking the place.

An entrance door was pried open and several doors in the facility were subsequently damaged in the burglary that occurred sometime between July 25-28. A Panasonic TV and VCR, compact disc player, video camera, microwave, assorted food items and \$25 cash were among items stolen, police reports said.

Farmington Hills police are investigating.

The center on Enterprise in the Halsted-12 Mile area offers employment and counseling services and operates a food pantry for those in need. It's the second time the center has been burglarized in two years, the director said.

"It is not that it depletes our resources; yesterday, Monday, the plans were to replenish 26 food pantry and soup kitchens in the Detroit area that were affect-

ed by the storm," said Nils Johansson, who oversees the building's operations. "It took all our labor resources here to restore our place. Those people did not receive our food."

When people arrived Monday, they found files strewn on the floor, desks and cabinets broken into. "Doors were broken left and right and these are solid doors," Johansson said.

Thieves helped themselves to several types of meat in the food pantry, including hot dogs, hamburger, bologna, chicken, roast beef, turkey, pork roast and stewing beef. Such food is produced at Mormon operated farms around the country and sent to the social service centers.

The church is already working to restock the pantry, Johansson said. The worst part is repairing the physical damage.

In a previous burglary, thieves used the center's truck to cart away food. Police recovered the vehicle with some of food remaining on it in Detroit.

"I can assure you there will be stricter measures taken," he said.

## School board firms up date for bond election

It is official. Tuesday, Sept. 16 is the date for Farmington Public School District's two-part bond issue.

School board members, during a special meeting Tuesday night, unanimously approved the bond issue date. Voters will be asked to approve a two-part package totalling \$93.1 million.

The board acted after getting word from the state treasury department that an amendment to the proposal was officially sanctioned.

The change drops the original \$30 million part two of the package to \$28.1 million; unchanged is the \$65 million part one, for facility improvements.

"They (state officials) were comfortable with the changes we

made," said Superintendent Bob Maxfield Wednesday.

The bond was cut after the district found out it had no additional money in the general fund budget that could be applied toward its facilities.

Maxfield had said about \$3 million was budgeted for the local portion of a county-wide dispute over special education center program fund distribution. But only \$1.1 million was ultimately needed.

A district-wide information blitz about the bond issue is set to begin the week of Aug. 11, with the first of several mailings to homes and businesses, Maxfield said.

— Tim Smith

## Arts and camps



Seasonal study: More than 1,600 Farmington Public School students are taking advantage of programs in the summer such as the fine arts camp offered at Warner Middle School.

## Students seize summer study

BY TIM SMITH  
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Not everybody took off for summer vacation as soon as the 1996-97 school year ended. More than 1,600 students in the Farmington Public School District have been taking part in a wide variety of summer camps and programs, be they for fun, learning or a combination of both.

Among the most successful of the 16 offerings: the recently completed fine arts camp hosted at Warner Middle School, directed by Paul Barber. An estimated 130 youngsters, in grades 3-8, participated.

According to the district's Julie Ingalls, the fine arts camp provided plenty of musical options for kids wanting to have some fun, pick up on something new or stay sharp in their particular area of interest.

"If you play the drums during the year, you might want to try a different instrument for the summer," Ingalls explained. But campers also delved into dance

(their own choreography for Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat); theater and art, doing ceramics as well as dabbling in the use of an electronic paint brush (via computers).

Ingalls cited one especially neat musical endeavor at the camp, the use of a hand-chime ensemble. "It wasn't your regular xylophone."

All of the summer camps are tuition based, but minimally so. Ingalls said that tuition goes for staff and supplies.

The range of tuition is \$35-\$200 per program. Helping keep costs down was a \$2,500 donation from Farmington High School graduate William Pink.

The popularity of the programs exemplifies the changing nature of traditional summer vacation.

"We're going to year-around schools," Ingalls said. "As long as the curriculum is sound, parents are willing to pay for the tuition. . . These are both to get an edge and to have some summer fun."



Hands on: Teacher Michelle Smith instructs students on the use of hand chimes.

**Name:** Mary Brown  
**Position:** Assistant principal, Harrison High School  
**Education:** B.S. in education from Wayne State University; master's degree in educational leadership from Madonna University.  
**Experience:** 1969-94, secondary language arts teacher, Farmington schools; 1994-95, administrative intern, Harrison High School; 1995-97, administrative assistant, Farmington schools.  
**Miscellaneous:** In 1997, Brown received the Rainbow Recognition Award from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Council; in 1992, received the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award from the United States Department of Education; in 1991, she received High School Teacher of the Year honor from Farmington schools.



**Name:** Dennis Noe  
**Position:** Assistant principal, Harrison High School  
**Education:** B.S. from Western Michigan University, with major in business; minor in physical education; M.B.E. in business education from Central Michigan University; presently working on General Education Administration Degree from CMU.  
**Experience:** 1970-88, teacher, Flushing Community Schools; 1989, assistant principal, Lake Fenton High School; 1989-97, administrator, Flushing High.  
**Miscellaneous:** Member of several committees in Flushing schools, including millage steering, long-range planning, high school safety and blood-borne pathogens. High school coach, 18 years; developed ninth grade "at risk/school-to-work" academic lab; developed athletic department drug and alcohol awareness program.



## Seasoned leaders appointed to school administration posts

BY TIM SMITH  
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Veteran leadership is the common thread among four educators who last week were appointed to principal and assistant principal positions by the Farmington Board of Education.

Two of the appointees, Mary Brown and Dennis Noe, will join the staff at Harrison High School. Linda Lanigan was appointed to an assistant principal's job at North Farmington High School. The fourth appointee, Lloyd Lewis, taken over as principal at Forest Elementary School following the transfer of Kayleen Hill to the

William Grace Elementary School principalship.

All four appointments were unanimously approved by the board.

"A unanimous vote is a good way to start," joked Lewis, principal at Burton Elementary School in the Berkeley district the past eight years. "I'm looking forward to a new opportunity, some new challenges."

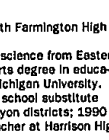
"I've already met some of the staff and I even met a couple of the kids tonight. And that's what I'm all about."

For the two new Harrison assistants, the board selected one person from outside the district and the other from within

**Name:** Lloyd Lewis  
**Position:** principal, Forest Elementary School  
**Education:** B.S. degree, Eastern Michigan University, with majors in political science and social science and minor in business administration; teaching certificate, Wayne State University; master's degree in guidance and counseling, Wayne State University.  
**Experience:** Ten years as classroom teacher in Berkeley School District; 2 1/2 years as special needs counselor/coordinator, Berkeley High School; three years, teacher support specialist, Norup Middle School, Oak Park; six years, director, Center for Advanced Studies and Arts, Oak Park; eight years, principal, Burton Elementary School.  
**Miscellaneous:** Coordinated outdoor education program, United Fund Campaign, "Caring and Sharing" project; sponsored Berkeley High yearbook and ski club; member of numerous building and district-wide curriculum/planning committees.



**Name:** Linda Lanigan  
**Position:** Assistant principal, North Farmington High School  
**Education:** B.S. in mathematics/science from Eastern Michigan University; master of arts degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.  
**Experience:** 1989-90, secondary school substitute teacher, Farmington and South Lyon districts; 1990 to present, secondary school teacher at Harrison High School.  
**Miscellaneous:** Organized and led cross-country camping trip in 1996, from Los Angeles to New York City; was elected member of a team to address serious issues within Harrison High School; member of the Robo-Hawks, a competition Robotics team made from the partnership of local engineering company TRW and the high school.



it. Appointed were Noe, recently assistant at Flushing High School, and Brown, a "systematic thinker" who worked from 1969-1994 as a secondary school language teacher in Farmington schools.

Harrison principal Rande Horn said it was unusual that one particular building would need to fill two administrative slots at the same time. But he didn't foresee a problem getting the school up and running for the start of 1997-98.

"They should hit the ground running," said Horn, adding that their experience should minimize the transition period.

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