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Meet: The Farmington City Council will meet at 7 p.m. to talk about Civic Theatre renovations. The regular 8 p.m. meeting will follow with a discussion about customer-only parking.

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Three men sought in store robbery

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Farmington police hope a photograph taken from video surveillance tape will lend to the arrest of three men suspected of committing the Saturdoy, Feb. 5, armed robbery of Grand Orchard Party Store.

According to Detective Scott Horrmann of the Farmington Public Safety Department, the photo originator from a surveillance tape taken about 11:50 p.m. Feb. 5 inside an undisclosed Redford Township convenience store. The men apparently were cashing lottery tickets that were reported stolen nearly four hours cartier from Grand Orchard, 22840 Orchard Lake Road at Shiawasseo.

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The robbery Itself also was videotaped, police reports indicated.

Approximately \$400 in cash and more than \$4,000 worth of "assorted scratch-off" lottery tickets were stolen from the store, police reports indicated. Since the robbery, more than 1,000 lottery tickets taken in the heist have been cushed at 15 locations in Redford, Livonia and Detroit.

Detroit.
"I think so," Herrmann said about whether he thought the photograph might prove valuable in solving the



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Primary: Some folks disillusioned

If you're registered to vote, you may cast your ballot 7 a.m.-8 p. m. Tuesday in the state presidential primary. You need not declare your party affiliation, but the election is really a primary for the Republican Party. Some folks in the Farmington area offered their opinions.

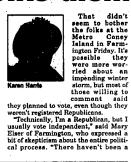
Even though Farmington Hills City Hall will be closed on Monday, the building will hum with activity as full-time and temporary staff members pre-pare for Tuesday's presidential prima-ry election.

pare for Tuesday's presidential primary over the long weekend, they'll log more than 500 hours and give up a holiday for an event geared toward only one political party. The Republicans have six candidates on the ballet,



including the three still in the race, while only Lyndon LaRouche appears on the Democratic

Oh dear ...





Thinking: Andrea LaFrance is still considering candidates.

whole lot of choices for a long time.

Detroit resident Karen Harris plans Please see PRIMARY, AS

Festival changes prompt

protest

Downtown Farmington merchanta want answer to a raft of questions pertaining to the now-look founder's festival, perticularly about why they are being stuck with a \$50 fee to display merchandise in front of their storea.

stores.

Hopefully, by early this week, they'll start receiving them.

A lack of communication and involve-

A lack of communication and involvement in the process is what has apparently angered retailers, much more than the \$50 fee itself, said several merchants Friday.

"It's not a war at all," said Farmington Bakery co-owner Becky Burns, a member of the just re-formed Downtown Farmington Business Association. "We just want everybody to get together and communicate better about this."

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Stemming from the association's initial meeting, Burns and her husband, bakery co-owner Jeff Pavlik, put together a list of questions that was submitted Thursday to Jim Stark, president of Farmington Area Founders Featival Inc., the board which manages and covarees the event, now known as the Farmington Area Family Fest.

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long stake

out turned

up nothing. and detec-

Information

Suspects arraigned

They sat in the front row in Magistrate Joan Dudley's courtroom Thursday afternoon, distinguished from long stake the other prisoners awaiting arraign-ment in 47th Dis-trict Court by the fresh scratches and wounds on their

heads.
Those injuries

Those injuries were austained when the ear police say 26-year-old Cansaius Rupert King was driving slammed into a tree at the end of Roosevelt Street, after a two-block pursuit by Farmington Hills officers. They allege he fled in a 1995 Dodge Neon, leaving behind injured passenger Leonard Jerome Vassar, 28, of Detroit. According to Hills Chief Bill Dwyer, the two men had been parked near Howard's Discount Jowelers in a vehicle apotted several weeks ago and reported as "suspicious." A week-long

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Help: Two deer peer up at rescuers who successfully got the animals out of a pit behind the Dana Corp. Thursday. The deer were tranquilized and then carried out and placed in a waiting vehicle. They were later released to the wild.

Alive and well

Deer are rescued from pit

struction pit Thursday afternoon are running wild and free again, thanks to efforts by Hills Police, paramedics and a local veterinarian.

Police called Dr. Steve Burns of Berkley Anima Clinic at around 1:80 p.m. because Burns has worked with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in similar circumstances. He has training and experience in tranquilizing animals.

Burns said the deer probably fell into the pit by accident while seeking shelter from the wind. It was cov-