

## POLICE CALLS

The following reports were filed with the Farmington and Farmington Hills Police Departments during the past week:

## JEWELRY MISSING

The owner of a house in the 3700 block of Thames told police he suspects two pet sitters he fired of stealing a \$4,000 wedding ring and a \$2,000 wedding band between Feb. 1-15. Both pet sitters had keys to the house.

## UNSOLVED DEATH

Police were called to the Knights Inn, 37527 Grand River, at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 17 after a guest hadn't been seen for three days. Police found the 43-year-old West Bloomfield man dead on the bed in his room wearing only

underwear and socks, the TV remote control in his hand and the TV blaring. Police found no sign of foul play.

## CRACK FOUND

Police pulled a van over on Grand River at Rockwell for having an air freshener hanging from the rear-view mirror at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and discovered a bottle of vodka on the floor and crack cocaine in a dashboard compartment. A crack pipe turned up in the driver's seat.

The 40-year-old driver, a Farmington Hills man, was arrested.

## CHILD ABANDONMENT

Responding to the call of an off-duty officer, police ticketed a 42-year-old Farmington Hills man for leaving his 6-year-old son alone in his vehicle while he ate at Einstein Bros. bagel shop 11:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at 27841 Orchard Lake Road.

The man and his wife told police the boy was being punished for acting up in the restaurant.

Police told the man it is illegal to leave a minor child alone in a vehicle.

## OVERDOSE

Police searched for a 44-year-old Farmington Hills woman after her friend reported the woman had called to say she took 20-30 Zanax pills in a suicide attempt. Police found the woman's residence empty, but the woman called police from her van, which she had driven to a nearby Kmart parking lot. An

officer kept the woman talking while other officers searched the area for the van. After a struggle, police took the woman into custody. She was taken to Botsford Hospital where her stomach was pumped.

## SUSPECTED MARIJUANA

A 15-year-old Farmington High School student is suspected of having a plastic bag of marijuana seeds tucked into a textbook. But the student told school

officials and police that it was another student's book, which he borrowed for a class on Monday, Feb. 12. He also denied knowledge that the seeds were inside the book.

According to Farmington police reports, the bag contained five small seeds, suspected of being marijuana. A chemical analysis of the seeds is now being completed, after which a petition could be sent to the Oakland County Intake Department. The student was released to his mother.

## Book guides 'magical' history tour

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History is near and dear to Brian Golden's heart, and that shines through in his latest publication, *The Magical History Tour of Farmington Hills and Farmington*.

Golden, an active member of the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, wrote the tour book to provide an informative look at the area's considerable history and a guide for experiencing key people and places, including stops on the 1860s-era Underground Railroad.

But he hopes to do even more than put out his book (published by the historical commission). Golden will create a tour route as a "focus" of the Farmington Founders Festival.

"I want this to be something that's an ongoing tradition," said Golden. "I want something that will be established and that people will come to the Founders Festival knowing they can go on a history tour."

To that end, Golden said he is looking for corporate sponsorships, to enable the festival tour to be free to the community.

And he hopes to work out a deal with the city of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, to acquire buses that could be used for the tours.

The *Magical History Tour* route detailed in the book includes 20 stops, starting with the Power Settlement & Philbrick Tavern, which both harken back to the 1820s.

The route continues on to landmarks such as The Governor Warner Mansion, Spier Farm of Heritage Park, Longacre House and Botsford Inn, among others.

To assist readers, the book includes a fold-out map of the 20 stops.

Golden can be contacted at (248) 701-8112, or by mail, P.O. Box 551, Farmington, MI, 48332-0551. *The Magical History Tour* is available for \$5.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

The American Society of Employers' board of directors has named Michael Burns president of HR Management Group (HRMG).

Burns, his wife and three children live in Farmington. He will also serve as executive vice president over ASE/HRMG consolidated.

Michael Burns has held various positions with the Society over a 17-year career with the organization. Most recently he served as interim-president of ASE and vice president of the HR Management Group.

Burns' presidential responsibility will include the operation of HRMG, the consultant branch of the organization, as well as ASE administrative oversight.

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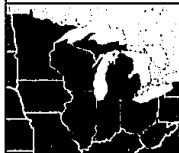
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