

Hungry thief takes tip money

A young thief has been ticketed for larceny after an incident at Bates Hamburgs, 22291 Middlebelt.

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills boy walked into the restaurant and told an employee at the counter, "I'm broke, see you later," and took the paper tip cup filled with cash and fled around 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police were familiar with the youth and later caught up with him. The boy said he and a friend were hungry, and they used the money, \$7.00, to buy food at McDonald's.

TRUCK STOLEN

At the Radisson Suite Hotel on Grand River, a 60-year-old Fremont man said his 2000 Ford F250, parked at the hotel during Thursday night, was discovered missing Friday. Loss was \$24,000.

CAR STOLEN

A 49-year-old Farmington Hills man said he parked his 1994 Chevrolet C-10 at the Kohl's parking lot near Grand River between 12:45-1:15 p.m. Friday and discovered it missing when he got back.

MARIJUANA BUST

Police were called to a disturbance at North Farmington High School around 2:50 p.m. Friday and spotted a car parked in a restricted area of the campus. A 16-year-old student in the car was arrested for marijuana possession.

THEFT

At the Target store on Grand River, a man and a woman were spotted by security taking four DVDs, finding a secluded spot to tear off the container tags and leaving the store without paying around 2:30 p.m. Friday. Loss prevention officers did not apprehend the suspects as they did not know which person had the merchandise. Loss was \$80.

PAINT BALL DAMAGE

In the 37600 block of Dorchester, a 1985 Corvette parked in the driveway was covered with paintball paint. One of the pellets broke a taillight. Damage was estimated at \$35.

WINDOW BROKEN

In the 27800 block of Gettysburg during Friday night, a 2-by-5-foot bedroom window was broken with an unknown object. Someone also used the outside garden hose to spray an evergreen tree, causing the branches to freeze and break off. Dam-

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age was \$200.

GAME STOLEN

In the 25000 block of Independence, between 2 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, a woman said someone stole her video game system from her apartment. She suspected her ex-boyfriend may have taken it. There was no sign of forced entry. Loss was \$300.

DRUGS FOUND

Police pulled over a driver along Grand River and Waldron around 5:15 p.m. Saturday for erratic driving. Police found the driver, a 45-year-old Whitmore Lake man, had crack cocaine and a crack pipe in his possession.

Police pulled over a driver along 8 Mile and Haggerty around 7 p.m. Saturday, because of an outstanding warrant. The driver, a 35-year-old Detroit man, had marijuana in his front pocket.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police stopped behind a minivan ready to make a right turn at Orchard Lake and 12 Mile around 12:36 a.m. Sunday. When the light signal changed, the van did not move. Police found the driver, a 27-year-old Farmington Hills man, passed out at the wheel. He had a .16 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle on I-696 near Orchard Lake Road around 3:47 a.m. Sunday as the driver was traveling 90-100 mph in a 70 mph zone. The driver, a 26-year-old Flint woman, had a .16 blood/alcohol level.

BEER RUN

At the 7-Eleven at 22069 Farmington Road, an employee told police a man walked into the store around 1:20 a.m. Sunday and grabbed a case of Budweiser beer and ran out without paying.

ST. PATTY'S FIGHT

Police were called to a fight at Mulligan's Pub on Eight Mile around 2:10 a.m. Monday. The victim, a 35-year-old Birmingham man, told police a fight started inside the pub and he tried to break it up. In the process, he said, he was attacked by eight people who fled.

- Reports from the Farmington Hills Police Department compiled by Paul R. Pace

Hit and run driver faces charges

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A 69-year-old Farmington Hills woman, accused of hitting a girl with her car in late January and not reporting the accident, waived her right to a preliminary exam in 47th District Court Friday.

Her attorney, Paul Rinaldi, refused to comment on the case after the hearing Friday.

Kamela Kamano is charged with failing to stop for a personal injury accident and filing a false police report.

Farmington Hills police said the Farmington Hills girl, 13, suffered minor injuries after

being hit by a car outside her home.

She was in the street after trying to help her dog that was struck moments earlier by another car outside the family's home on 10 Mile near Inkster in the early evening hours. The dog died, and Farmington Hills police only had pieces of a broken driver's side mirror left as evidence after the other car hit the girl.

Police said officers took the pieces of the mirror to a local car dealership and employees there helped figure out the vehicle's make and color.

Inquiring whether any local body shops were working on a

silver Cadillac, police found the car and the driver.

James Domingue, an Oakland County assistant prosecutor, said Kamano allegedly filed a police report days after the accident claiming her car was damaged in a parking lot.

Her preliminary exam on the charges is March 22 in Oakland County Circuit Court, before Judge Rudy Nichols.

If found guilty, Kamano faces a maximum five years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine for the failure to stop at a personal injury accident charge, a felony; and 93-days incarceration and/or a \$100 fine for filing a false police report, a misdemeanor.

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cessful. "I thought I had the right issue, I certainly had the energy, but I didn't have the votes."

Over the years, he said, he's watched employees go through their entire careers and then retire, being trained in by other employees.

Tough decisions

The most important decision a council member has to make came up twice, he said. "That is the appointment of the city manager. We have been extremely blessed with two outstanding city managers — Frank Lushoff and before him Bob Dowdman."

He has also had to make difficult decisions that involved sticking with the basic principle of doing what's best for everyone. "It's pretty difficult to cast a vote against a friend or a neighbor in terms of a variance request for the common good of the community."

The Farmington City Council is unique because even if members disagree, they eventually

come together to support a decision. "There isn't any carryover in terms of hard feelings or a grudge," he said.

Hartsock believes the longevity of council members — a now fact hasn't appeared since Mitchell was elected six years ago — has served the community well. "I don't know of any other community where every one of the council members has served as mayor," Hartsock said. "Continuity goes a long way to help us form sound policy."

While on council, Hartsock said he worked with 14 different council members, including Dick Tupper, Ralph Yoder and John Allen.

Council watcher Nancy Leonard piped up at the end of the meeting. "Hoy, Bill, who do I pick on next?"

Hartsock also thanked other people who faithfully attend meetings, like Dick Carroll, Bill Liba and Annabelle Grable. He also expressed appreciation to voters for their support on all the ballot initiatives on side-

walks, roads and sewers.

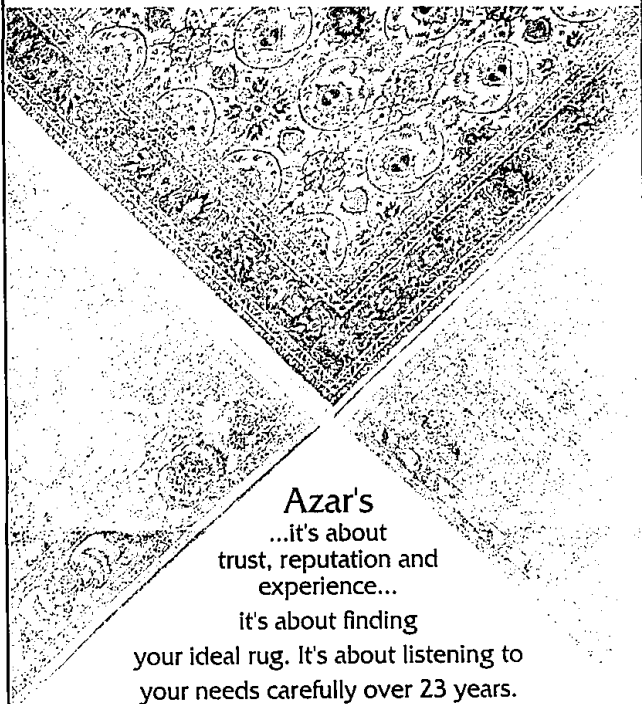
Councilman Arnold Campbell said he appreciated Hartsock's leadership and friendship. Councilmember JoAnne McShane focused on Hartsock's commitment. "I don't think anyone realizes the time you put in," McShane said.

Councilmember Mary Bush knew about his departure longer than anyone, because she was Hartsock's real estate broker. "At first when we were looking at homes outside of Farmington I said to myself, 'How could he do this?' But then I thought to myself, 'Life goes on.'"

Hartsock, who didn't say whether he would be seeking any other elected office in the future, cited a favorite quote: "Take only memories, leave only footsteps."

"The footsteps I leave is with all of you in terms of the difference we have made in this community and for those who follow us," he said.

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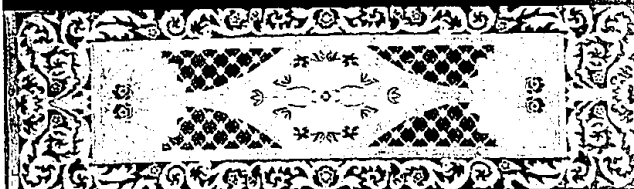
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