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## Banners available to relatives of active service personnel

The Farmington Area Veterans Memorial Day Committee and American Legion Post #346 are reviving a touching tradition to honor men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces who are on active duty.

Blue Star Banners may be obtained by relatives of service personnel on active military duty, to be displayed in their homes. The Blue Star Service Banner tradition began during World War I and became a fixture on almost every block during World War II.

According to Wally Christensen, who represents Post #346, a banner in the family's front window showed their pride at having a loved one in serv-

ice. Dormant for the past 55 years, the tradition is now being revived in response to America's war on terrorism.

Christensen said the banners will be distributed through Art Van furniture stores during the weekend of May 17-19. Stores in Livonia, 29905 Seven Mile; Novi; Royal Oak; and Warren (14 Mile Road). Additionally, banners will be available at Farmington City Hall, 20600 Liberty in downtown Farmington, and Farmington Hills City Hall, at the corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

Distribution is limited to one banner per household, while supplies last. Relatives will be asked to provide information about their service member.

## POLICE CALLS

### SINGED MAIL

Letters in a mailbox in the 39600 block of Edmonston St. were set on fire Tuesday. The letters were charred on the edges; the box was not damaged.

### GARAGE THEFTS

A locked garage in the 21100 block of Waldron St. was broken into between May 1-7. A box inside was forced open but nothing appeared missing.

In the 34800 block of Valley Forge Dr., on Tuesday someone entered a car in a garage and stole a watch, a handheld computer, a passport and in the garage a television and stereo.

### LAPTOP THEFT

A \$1,600 laptop located in an unlocked office in the 31700 block of Northwestern Highway was taken between 12:15-1 p.m. Wednesday.

### WADERS STOLEN

A \$300 fishing rod and reel, \$100 fishing boots and \$250 in waders were snatched off a deck between 3-4 p.m. Wednesday from a condo in the 29800 block of W. 12 Mile.

### FAIL TO PAY

The driver of a 1985 Lincoln Towncar pumped \$12 in gas in the vehicle at the Shell gas station at 27831 Orchard Lake around 6 p.m. Wednesday and left without paying.

### DRUG POSSESSION

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-6 and Orchard Lake around 8:40 p.m. Wednesday for weaving. The driver, a 35-year-old Howell man, had a baggie of marijuana in his shirt pocket.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Jefferson and Independence for erratic driving around 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. The passenger, a 45-year-old Redford woman, had crack cocaine in her possession.

### CAR DAMAGED

A Ford Thunderbird parked in the Kmart parking lot on Orchard Lake had one of its windows broken to gain entry on Wednesday. The car's stereo was stolen. A headlight was also smashed.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and M-6

around 2:15 a.m. Thursday for erratic driving. The driver, a 26-year-old Wixom man, had a .15 blood/alcohol level. The passenger was also ticketed for possession a marijuana pipe.

### PRY MARKS

A Dodge Caravan parked along the street in the 32100 block of Stuman Circle had pry marks on its door handle. The damage was discovered on Wednesday.

### ITEMS STOLEN

A resident whose apartment was damaged from fire in the 24400 block of Pinegrove Ct. on April 26, said she noticed a ring, a cross and cash removed from the apartment while she has been in the process of moving out.

### LIGHT POST DAMAGED

In the 29700 block of Fox Club during Wednesday night, an outdoor light post had its fixtures and bulbs damaged. Damage was \$300.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

## Golf to help kids enjoy YMCA activities

If you love to golf and want the chance to help others enjoy the spirit, body and mind enhancing opportunities offered at the Farmington Family YMCA, sign up now to sponsor or participate in the organization's 2002 Golf Classic.

Held Monday, June 10 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, the event begins with lunch at 11 a.m. Tee time is 12:30 p.m.

For a \$200 contribution, golfers will enjoy 18 holes of play, use of the locker room and driving range (Funch opens at 10:30 a.m.), buffet lunch, dinner and beverages on and off the course.

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For information or to register, call Robin Grace, (248) 553-1934.

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