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today's
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what's inside

Burglary

Project theft-guard is supposed to deter burglars, but only if you do it before your house is entered. A certain public official found that out the hard way, but took it in good humor.

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First Marriage

Just like a sea captain, a justice of the peace, or a judge, Mayor Wilbur Brotherton can tie the bonds of matrimony. We recorded his first ceremony on:

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World Series Bound

The North Farmington - West Bloomfield Pony All-Star club is going after all the marbles this weekend in Washington, Pa. Eight Teams are in competition for the World Championship. For the complete story, see today's sport section.

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Fair Housing

It takes effort to change the status quo, and the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters is making that effort. They're interested in promoting fair housing.

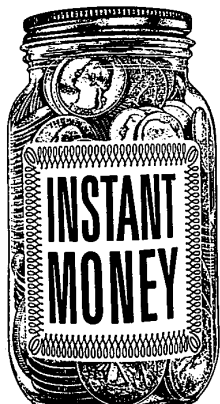
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Golf Tourney

The first Observerland Golf Tournament is announced in today's sport section. Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course is the site and for all the tourney details, see today's sport section.

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Drake Rd. Park Improvements To Be Finished By The Fall

By this fall, the park at Drake Rd. between Grand River and the expressway will be completed.

The 10-acre park has been in the process of development for two years. Built in 1970 at an initial cost of \$26,800, financed jointly by the city and the state, the park is a popular recreation site.

City Manager Robert Deadman told the city council Monday that the Department of Natural Resources has reviewed and approved final engineering drawings for \$40,000 of improvements, to be completed this fall.

The city will pay for \$8,000 of the improvements,

the remainder coming from state and federal funds.

When the improvements are completed, residents will be able to enjoy:

- Parking for 68 cars.
- A "magic square" tennis court.
- A rest room facility.
- Improved baseball lighting.
- Landscaping of the remaining park area.

THE IMPROVEMENTS will be added to a facility that now includes three baseball diamonds, swings, slides and a merry-go-round.



DRAGON'S TAIL and rattlesnake whiskers were among the ingredients the children submitted to the witches brew. At party's end, the

children searched the pot for their contribution. This was the scene at the Farmington Library book club party Aug. 17. (Evert photo)

Witches Brew Books

Even though Halloween is way off, the Farmington Library Club invited a witch to their party Aug. 17, to demonstrate the theme, "Witches, wizards, and werewolves live in books."

Throughout the year children from the third to seventh grades kept a personal reading record for every two books they read.

Each time a report was given on the two books read, the child wrote an ingredient for the witches brew and dropped it into the witches' pot. From these ingredients a "witches stew" was made.

At the party refreshments were served and the movie "The Snow Maiden" was shown.



ADMIRING THEIR AWARDS for reading achievement at the Farmington Library book club party are Michele Lister and John Gunderson. The theme for the party was "witches, wizards, and werewolves live in books." (Evert photo)

"Phase II" has been anticipated as soon as funding was approved, and the expected new construction meets with the projected time schedule announced when the park first opened.

Expansion of the parking lot will mean eliminating two rows of apple trees now on the site, Deadman told the council.

However, a screening row of trees will be left between the lot and the road on the site.

The natural topography is expected to screen the lot from the subdivision bordering the park, Deadman told the council.

Intersection Changes OK'd

The intersection of Farmington Rd. and 10 Mile is due for some improvements, approved by the Farmington City Council Monday.

A report from Capt. Daniel Byrnes, head of the public safety department, recommended additional signs and "rumble strips" to warn drivers of the approaching intersection.

The report rejected a possible flashing red light at the intersection as "not justified with the accident experience of the corner."

The council approved increased selective enforcement in the area; relocation of signs warning trucks of weight restriction of Farmington Rd., and installation of the rumble strips at the intersection.

IN OTHER BUSINESS:

• The council set a fee of \$10 for marriage ceremonies performed by the mayor, to be

turned over to the general fund.

• Announced design work to begin on a flood control project on Hawthorne Street.

• Heard a favorable report on the new city dog control program, which had a temporary dog warden doing a house-to-house survey.

New Students To Register

Parents new to the Farmington School District are urged to register their children now.

Registration of new students, particularly kindergartners, at their local elementary school, is necessary to plan teacher assignments for the coming school year, according to the local school authorities.



LUCKY WINNERS of a contest at the Farmington Public Library book club party were Pam Burt (left) and Jennifer Liv. Here the witch gives them their prizes, copies of "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimb." (Evert photo)

City Looks At Flood Insurance

Flood insurance in some areas of the City of Farmington may be available through a federally-subsidized program soon.

If the city qualifies, and City Manager Robert Deadman thinks it will, contents of a house in a potential flood area may be insured with a \$200 deductible policy for as little as \$25 a year.

The National Flood Insurance act covers "losses caused by the rapid runoff of surface water from any source," which in the city would mean mainly basements flooded by backed-up storm sewers.

He identified the areas in the city that would probably qualify its citizens for this insurance by submitting an application identifying areas where flooding occurs, and showing our intent to control construction on these flood plain and natural water course areas," Deadman told the city council.

qualify as the Rouge River flood plain, part of Belle Aire subdivision, and Alta Loma Subdivision.

"I'd hate to give the impression that all this area is in a flood plain or something," Mayor Wilbur Brotherton said, pointing out that only scattered houses in the area

actually suffered from flooded basements.

He suggested that the residents be notified of the insurance by postcard if it is approved.

Single-family homes would be insurable of up to \$17,500 against structural damage and \$5,000 in contents, according to Deadman, for a

premium of \$61 a year. All other structures would be insurable up to \$30,000. Losses would be subject to a deductible clause of \$200 or two per cent, whichever is greater.

He noted that little structural damage had occurred in the past, and most residents would be interested only in the contents insurance.