

**cop calls**

**MISTAKEN IDENTITY:** A Detroit woman brought her daughter to 47th District Court recently to testify at a preliminary exam of a woman charged with the fraudulent use of the mother's credit card. But charges against the woman were dropped after a witness told startled police they had the wrong

person and that the real suspect was standing out in the hallway. The suspect, who was later released pending the issuance of a warrant, was the daughter. She was also, as it turned out, the first cousin of the woman originally charged. The confusing case began on May 5

in the T.J. Maxx on Grand River in Farmington, when a woman made a purchase on a credit card later reported stolen. A Detroit woman, who police suspect of credit card abuse but against whom they had never been able to build a case, was eventually charged after being identified by a T.J. Maxx

employee. (A police spokesman said the woman first charged and her cousin, against whom they are seeking a warrant, are "practically identical twins.") According to bank officials, between \$6,000 and \$8,000 have been run up on the card in question. The daughter of the card-holder told Farmington police she had never been inside T.J. Maxx but had driven her cousin there once and had waited in the car for her while she shopped. The daughter, 33, herself a mother of three, lives across the street in Detroit from her mother. Police say that it appears from signatures on various credit-card receipts that more than one woman had signed for purchases.

**FALSE ALARMS:** If you thought you heard a lot of burglar alarms last week, you were right. But don't fret, there hasn't been a crime wave. Blame it on the weather. Burglar alarms often are set off during thunderstorms, triggered by electrical charges in the air or by the convulsive effect of thunderclaps, which causes windows and doors to rattle — and headaches for police, who must investigate each alarm in case it is the real thing. **GARAGE HIT:** Late last Tuesday night or early Wednesday, a thief or thieves broke a window on a garage on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills and stole a 14-inch chain saw and weed eater valued at \$150 each.

In addition, a \$75 Panasonic radio was stolen from a Mazda parked in the driveway. There was no damage to the car. **HOT WHEELS:** Police have a suspect in the theft a week ago Friday of two motorized trail bikes from a garage on Jacksonville in Farmington Hills. The bikes' owner came home to discover that the garage had been broken into and that a 78 Suzuki worth \$150 and a 74 Honda worth \$135 were missing. The owner was able to name a suspect, a 14-year-old boy, based on a description furnished by two eyewitnesses. No charges have been filed, though the investigation is continuing.

**Neighbors protest home**

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Nine Briar Hill residents have filed suit against the DSS, DMH, William Sak of Associated Builders Inc., who is expected to build the group home, MSHDA, which is expected to provide financing to the builder and Holistic Living Opportunities Inc., which would handle the day-to-day operations of the home.

Holistic Living Opportunities is a new corporation owned by Kathy Yonker of Ferndale. The proposed group home on Old Bedford would be her first client.

The suit seeks to permanently prevent the financing and building of the home. It also seeks to prevent the vacant lot from ever being used for a group home.

Residents allege in the suit that a group home on that site would:

- Have a "detrimental effect" on property values in the neighborhood.
- Create "undue congestion and traffic" in the residential area.
- Create "a danger to the residents of the area" if "mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons" live in the home.

THE SIX adults who would be placed in the proposed barrier-free home were severely and profoundly mentally retarded, said Jim Clark, a development specialist for the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC).

MORC, an agency of the state mental health department, monitors the care and training of group home residents. The agency also provides support services such as physicians and nurses. MORC would rent the new house from the builders as well as contract with Holistic Living Opportunities Inc. for the home's operation, Clark said.

The suit also alleges that the DMH did not solicit comments or suggestions about the proposed site in Briar Hill from the city or residents as required by rules governing the placement of group homes. Clark disagrees.

"I think we have totally (compiled) and gone beyond what is required in notification," he said.

As required, MORC notified Briar Hill residents within 1,500 feet of the proposed home of their plans for a group home on Old Bedford, Clark said. In the letter MORC officials offered to meet with neighbors June 6 at a drop-in center at the Antioch Lutheran Church on 13 Mile.

In mid-May, MORC contacted the city indicating officials wanted to talk about a proposed group home, said Karen Birkholz, Farmington Hills assistant to the city manager.

"They told us the proposed site was in Outlot A on Old Bedford," Birkholz said. "When they came to us they had the site picked out."

City council members are uncertain whether MORC satisfied the notification rules through their one-time request back in 1981 for city input into site locations for group homes within the community. State law enables group homes to be placed in communities without local approval. Municipalities also may not use their zoning ordinances to prevent the placement of homes.

CITY MANAGER William Costick reported that MORC did notify municipalities some years ago asking for input on site selection. But Costick said he believes that officials may have ignored the request, afraid that a response would open the doors to group homes.

"In 1981 there was an opportunity for Farmington Hills to play a pro-active role in site selection in the city," Clark confirmed, adding that officials didn't take the agency up on its offer.

Briar Hill residents first contacted the city about the proposed home in early June, Birkholz said.

"The homeowners association came and asked council to get involved. Council at that time said they were not willing to get involved. But they said they would give the subdivision association access to the city attorney and the city staff."

**Hadassah prepares offices**

By Michele Glance  
staff writer

All the nailing and sawing going on at the former West Bloomfield Township Public Library on Orchard Lake Road are renovations to create office space for Hadassah, the Jewish women's group that's moving in.

Hadassah is a non-profit national organization that has 385,000 members, said Diane Klein, president of the Greater Detroit Chapter. As part of its work, the group supports two hospitals in Israel.

Major renovations of the old library building are currently going at a "feverish pitch," so construction will be completed in time for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 29, Klein said.

"The library was 25 years old and not in the best of shape when we got it," Klein said. "It needed a new roof and new plumbing. And we're dividing up the open spaces from the library to make into offices and conference rooms."

The outside of the building will remain un-

changed, Klein said.

New landscaping plans are in the works, but Klein said things may not be planted right away.

Architect David Lubin and Contractor Burt Cohen of the Milton Roberts Co. have been working with the group on the renovation plans.

Once renovated, the new building will be named the Sarah and Ralph Davidson Hadassah House.

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