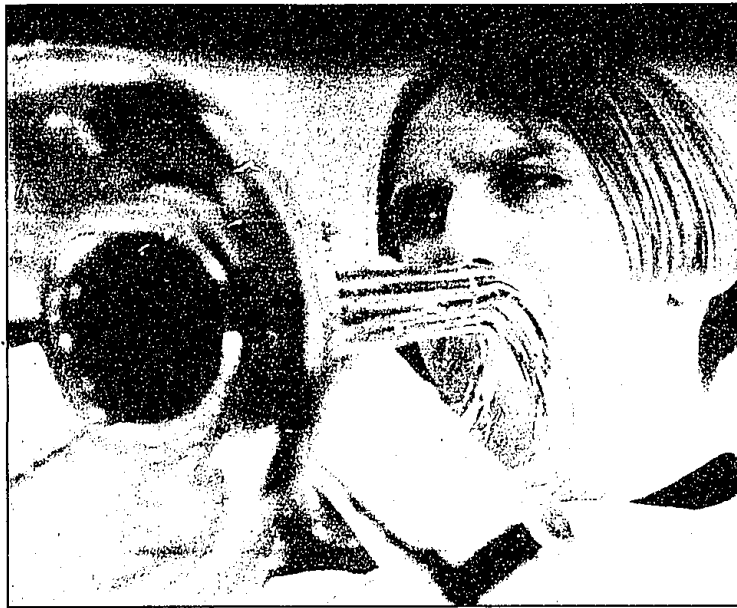




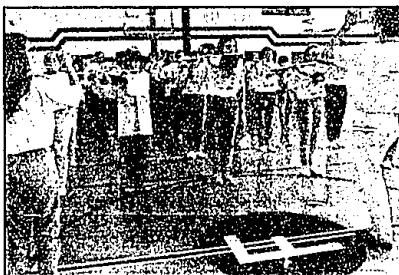
Kind words: Norman Logan, Farmington High band director, praises his charges.



Homing In: Band member Ken LaFleur toots his horn during the school assembly.

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For the school: Farmington High's marching band, with drum majors Jennifer Sloane and Steve Hall out front, performs at a school assembly Thursday.

to raise money and support for the trip.

The Farmington High band, under the direction of Norman Logan, was selected to represent Michigan in the "Allied Musical Salute to France." However, before they could *partir*, the band needed to raise money.

Enter "Uncle Jack" - a World War II veteran - who happened to be washing his car when Holly Owen of Colonial Car Wash on Nine Mile told him about the band's fund-raising drive.

Curd tapped the Farmington Elks Club. He walked into stores and businesses, telling them about the trip. The Elks and its women's auxiliary, the Vivians, raised \$11,000.

More than \$30,000 was raised to help defray costs.

Some money donated allowed kids to go who wouldn't have been able to afford the trip, organizers said.

More than monetarily, Curd has become the band's most ardent booster.

"He's a wonderful man," said Marcia Larscheidt, the fund-raising chairwoman of the Farmington High School Music Patrons. "He's like a grandpa to the kids. He's overwhelmed, especially when they gave him a shirt and a beret."

During the assembly, the band played "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Curd couldn't help but think back 50 years to when he was a sailor on the carrier Hornet.

There was more than a gleam in his eye as he listened to the band perform "America" as it



Thumbs up, Jack: "Uncle" Jack Curd, Farmington High band booster, looks overjoyed with his gifts of a beret and a T-shirt given by Cathy Hall, Music Patron president.

went through a final rehearsal Thursday.

Curd had a chance to join the group on its trip but declined.

"It's kind of become a love affair," Curd said. "They're a good bunch of kids."

Man faces rape charge; pre-exam set for Friday

A Farmington Hills man pleaded innocent to charges that he raped a 17-year-old Farmington Hills woman.

Christian Anthony Tompson, 28, made the plea at his arraignment in 47th District Court Friday before Judge Maria Parker.

The woman had told police that a man, who was a friend of her mother, had offered to take

her to a McDonald's restaurant but instead bought some liquor and talked her into drinking it with him while they drove around between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on March 28.

She told police the man told her he had to stop and get something. But when they pulled into a residential driveway, he forced himself on her.

She later told her mother and

then police.

Farmington Hills police arrested Tompson without incident at the Brass Pointe restaurant, where he works.

A preliminary examination is set for Friday at 8:30 a.m. in 47th District Court. Bail was set at \$15,000. Tompson could face up to life in prison if convicted of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

POLICE/ FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

THEFT

A key to a cabinet was taken at Botsford Hospital on Grand River in Farmington Hills, and \$400 in cash was stolen March 29-29.

Craftsman tools and a tool box (\$500) and a Sears snow blower (\$200) were stolen from a garage on Lorraine in Farmington Hills March 14-31.

French francs (\$200) were stolen from a jewelry box at a residence on Liberty in Farmington Hills March 21-31.

The tires and wheels (\$1,200) were stolen from a red 1994 Ford Explorer parked on Harlan in Farmington Hills March 30-31.

The tires and wheels (\$1,800) of a maroon 1993 Ford Explorer parked on Ramblewood in Farmington Hills were stolen March 30-31.

A Panasonic VCR (\$1,050) was stolen from a library at Farmington High March 30.

BAD CHECKS

Two checks for a total of \$755.87 paid to F-stop on Grand River in Farmington Hills for camera equipment March 18-19 came back from a canceled account.

AUTO THEFT

The driver's door lock was punched in a theft attempt of an orange 1993 Ford F-250 pickup parked on Hugo in Farmington Hills March 20-29.

A maroon 1993 Ford Taurus worth \$18,000 was stolen from the Orchard Place condos on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills March 30.

A black 1989 Ford Mustang worth \$10,000 was stolen from a residence on Hunt Club in Farmington Hills between March 31 and April 1.

VANDALISM

An unknown vehicle was driven over a lawn on Mayfair in Farmington Hills three times March 20-29 causing \$300 in damage.

The panels on a 1992 Bonneville parked in Chatham Hills Apartments in Farmington were scratched March 31 causing \$1,597 in damage.

A passenger side window on a 1989 Ford Festiva parked on Grand River in Farmington was broken March 31 causing \$150 in damage.

BREAK-INS

A stereo system worth \$1,400 was stolen after the wires were cut and carpeting ripped on a white 1991 Suzuki Sidekick parked at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills

March 24-30 causing \$80 in damage.

Stereo equipment and a car phone worth a total of \$1,440 were stolen during the break-in of a red 1991 Chevy Camaro parked on Arden Park Circle in Farmington Hills March 30-31. The alarm cables to the battery were cut and plastic on the dash was ripped with a screwdriver, leaving damage of \$1,500.

FRAUD

A Farmington Hills woman had her ATM card stolen and used to get \$1,222.03 from her bank account March 2-30.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a Farmington Hills woman, 27, and a Detroit man, 26, for possession of drugs. An undercover officer had seen a red-and-white 1992 Pontiac Sunbird parked at the White Castle on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills March 1 and saw a green Honda Civic pull up beside the car in what appeared to be a drug sale. The cars were able to leave before patrol units could stop them. The same two cars were at the same parking lot March 30 when the officer again spotted them. This time, with other officers, he was able to confront the two. Police seized \$1,147 in cash and some suspected cocaine during the arrest.

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