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Captive audience: FBI Special Agent Marian Booth tells Forest Elementary students about life in the famous police agency.

Most wanted

FBI agent talks to students

by Todd Wicks

"Have you ever solved a crime on Mackinac Island?"
"Have you worked with anyone who's been in a car chase?"

"What's the deal with Area 51?"
FBI Special Agent Marian Booth answered all these questions and more when she visited Forest Elementary School last week.

The first in a series of PTA-organized student assemblies, Booth, from the Detroit branch of the FBI, told the kids about life as an agent. From her rigorous training at FBI Academy to her more action-packed cases, they were intrigued by the plain-clothes agent.

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—FBI special agent

of the younger schools," said Booth. "The FBI has been doing this for a while. It helps the kids develop a better awareness."

"I think it's a knowledge thing," said Forest Principal Kayleen Hill. "Knowledge about different careers and things out there. Kids want to know things. I would imagine they'll ask about the (TWA) Flight 800 airplane crash, that's the most recent event."

Students listened to Booth explain the Top 10



Most Wanted list and the difference between federal and state officers, but really came alive when she described her training in defensive fighting and learning to use a semi-automatic machine gun.

Clearly influenced by movies like "Independence Day" and the TV show "The X-Files," they were most interested in UFOs and theories of government cover-ups and conspiracies.

Booth explained that while the FBI doesn't always release all its information, it's usually for good reason.

"A lot of the stuff you get in the news isn't really everything we know," she said. "We don't want a fugitive to be better-prepared for us, and we also don't want to create copycat crimes."

"It was interesting when she talked about the different kinds of crimes," said Carrie Roble, 10. "She used a lot of details and made it interesting."

Fifth-grader Brad Stulberg seemed to enjoy it even more. "It was one of the best assemblies I've ever been to," he said.

And the truth about Area 51, the Army site supposedly containing the remains of a crashed UFO as seen in "Independence Day?"

"If I told you, I'd have to kill you," Booth told the children jokingly. "Everything you see in the movies isn't true, either."

The next assembly at Forest will be a Presidential Campaign Forum with representatives from the League of Women Voters and the Clinton and Dole campaigns on Oct. 4.

Later in the month, Halloween Venetian Richard Paul will visit.



In rapt attention: Forest third-grader Stefanie Licavoli listens to FBI Special Agent Marian Booth.

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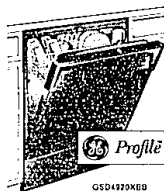


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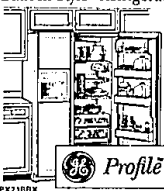


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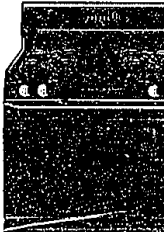


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