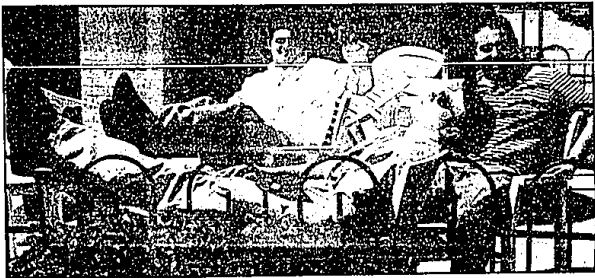


## No work, no problem



Sunny job prospects: Employees at Max & Erma's relax in the Tuesday's warm sunshine as Farmington Hills firefighters check out a report of a fire in a fan unit. The staffers, from left, are Jason Heller, Jeff Aschoff and Chad Feldman.

## Chamber hosts Festival of Arts Mixer April 29

The Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will host its Festival of the Arts Mixer from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Gostick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

Enjoy the many exhibits of talented local artists and support the Farmington Community Arts Council. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 474-3440, Ext. 21.

## Spa makes A-list

Tamara's in-town spa, located in Farmington Hills, was listed in the February issue of *Vogue* as one of the best day spas in country. It's the spa's fifth appearance in the national spotlight.

## Appraiser recognized

The International Society of Appraisers (ISA) recently announced that Darlene Hines of Farmington Hills has successfully met the ISA Core Course educational requirements for "Accredited Member" status in the ISA. This places Darlene Hines among only a handful of personal property appraisers worldwide who have proven advanced appraisal knowledge through all three ISA Core Courses.



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McFarland celebrates 70  
McFarland Florist, of Farmington Hills, will celebrate its 70th birthday in April.

It was founded in 1928 by James McFarland, a realtor and

businessman. He sold the business to his step-grandson, Wally Seger, who operated it until its purchase in 1992 by Mary Lore, its first non-family owner. Under Lore's direction, the company grew and opened two new stores. "This is a really exciting time for McFarland's," Lore said. "Our new logo says it all: 'Sharing your life celebrations for 70 years.'"



In bloom: Pat (McFarland) Meyrelles, right, passes tips to staffer Elaine Hall.

## Here's a list of other robbery locations

According to police, the man charged after Sunday night's armed robbery of the Showerman's IGA grocery store in South Lyon is a suspect in nine other armed robberies, including one Jan. 11 at the Kmart in Farmington.

Other similar holdups, all by a ski-masked gunman were:

- Sept. 14, Carter IGA, Au Gres.
- Oct. 27, Gordon's Food, Brighton.
- Nov. 5, Showerman's IGA, South Lyon.
- Jan. 4, Foodtown, Hartland Township.
- March 6, Kmart, Commerce Township.
- March 7, Kmart, Grand Blanc.
- March 9, Felpausch Grocery, Williamston.
- April 6, Kmart, Novi.

## Robbery from page A1

sergeant on a nightly stakeout; He was inside the grocery store when the armed robbery took place about 10 p.m. Sunday. South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins had assigned the sergeant to camp out in the store at closing time every night since Nov. 6, when the first armed robbery at Showerman's took place.

"The guy (Sgt. Chris Sovik) played it really well," Goss said Monday night. "He watched, called in two other officers. They knew from his M.O. that he'd go out the back door, so the two officers went to the back door."

"The sergeant didn't do anything (during the robbery itself). He didn't want to create a hostage situation."

When the gunman left the building's back door, the waiting officers ordered him to stop.

"He turned toward them with a .357 Magnum in his hand and the officers opened fire on him," Goss said. The pistol was pointed toward the officers when the gunman was shot, he added.

"When they picked the gun up, it was loaded and the hammer was cocked," Goss said.

The gunman was struck three times in the legs, limped about 40 yards before falling down and throwing the gun away.

A 10-count complaint against the suspect was filed Tuesday in 52nd District Court in Novi, said Joyce Renfrow, deputy court administrator.

The complaint, based on the two Showerman's robberies, included two counts of armed robbery, six counts of weapons felony firearm, and two counts of felonious assault.

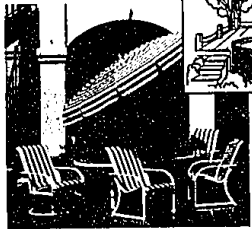
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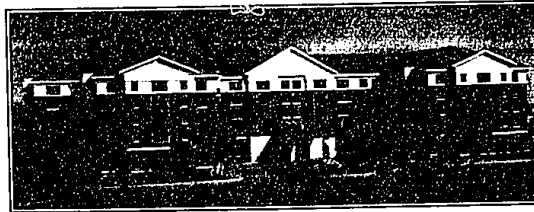
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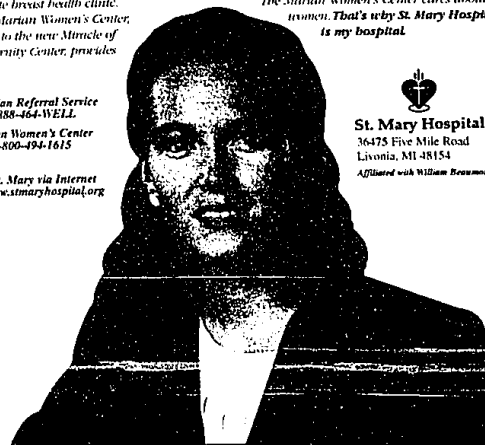
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