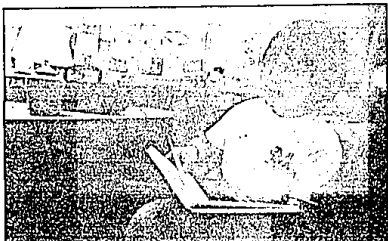


Light reading



Lunch and lit: Above, Kelsi Lindblad, 9, reads a poem as part of Flanders Elementary's "Media Cafe" on May 20. At right, Erin Brantley, 10, reads selections from a book of poems by Shel Silverstein. Students from the third, fourth and fifth grades spent their lunchtime in the library, reading poetry - either original or from books - while parent volunteers served lunch.



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Library millage bid is topic of two meetings

The Farmington Community Library's millage proposal for the Aug. 4 primary election will be discussed during two Town Hall meetings next week.

The first is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, at the Farmington Hills branch, followed by a session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Farmington branch.

Architect Bob Zieglerman will present drawings and a model to show the proposed addition to the Hills branch; library trustees will discuss the needed repairs and renovations to current buildings and tours will be available.

Comments from the public will be welcomed.

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

BREAK-INS

In Farmington Hills:
A thief stole a wallet with \$140 cash, a Franklin day planner, briefcase, cellular phone and a handheld computer from a 1991 Dodge Stealth parked at Best Western on 12 Mile the night of May 21-22. Police found pry marks on the passenger door window.

A nimble-fingered audiophile broke into a 1996 Ford Mustang GT at Bob Saka on Grand River and stole a Kenwood AM/FM CD player, Pioneer equalizer and a Sony in-dash network the night of May 19-20.

A hard-throwing thief used a rock to bust-out the passenger-side window, causing \$300 damage to a 1997 Chevy parked at Marvin's Marvelous Museum, and made off with 200 CDs and a \$300 radar detector May 22.

Another rock-chucking bandit stole a cellular phone after breaking the passenger door window on a 1998 Jeep Cherokee parked on Eagle Trace May 23, causing \$600 damage.

Someone took a woman's purse with unattached checks and credit cards and a cellular phone after breaking the passenger window of a 1998 Chevy Venture parked at the YMCA on Farmington Road May 22, causing \$300 damage.

In Farmington:
Someone broke into a 1988 Ford box van used for storage at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington Road between 10 p.m. Friday and 6:50 p.m. Sunday. The passenger-side vent window was broken and a padlock was found on the ground. About \$50 in damage was caused in the incident. No items were missing from the van.

BURGLARY
In Farmington Hills:
A burglar stole a Minolta camera and moved several items in a bedroom after getting into the house by popping open the screen at a Sugar Spring Street residence May 22.

In Farmington:
The rear door of the Rustic Pub in the 31000 block of Grand River was pried open between 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 9:30 a.m. Monday. Approximately \$300 in

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

cash and \$25 worth of assorted cigarettes were missing. The break-in caused about \$500 in damages.

STOLEN CAR

In Farmington Hills:
A 1997 Chevy Blazer was purloined from an Echo Valley Street residence between May 21-22.

THEFTS

In Farmington Hills:
A \$1,500 product-ordering machine was stolen from F&M on Grand River May 7.

A man being evicted from his dwelling found his belongings stolen after maintenance moved the property outside at Muirwood Apartments May 22. Items missing included a NEC computer and monitor, answering machine, computer scanner, printer, two TVs, AM/FM stereo, CD player and cassette deck.

A thief stole a \$1,300 Apple Macintosh computer from Computer Renaissance on Orchard Lake May 23.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

In Farmington Hills:
Police arrested a Farmington Hills youth, 17, after he presented them with a plastic bag of 1.6 grams of marijuana during a search of his 1982 Mercury May 22. Someone tipped off police to a possible drug deal at Twelfth Estate Condos on 12 Mile. Officers found marijuana seeds and \$80 cash inside the car. The teen said he intended to buy some more dope with the money.

Police arrested a Redford man, 21, who was on his way camping, after finding 2.6 grams of marijuana in the 1984 Mustang he was riding in on Grand River and Jacksonville May 22.

CRASH TO CABDIE

In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed a Pontiac woman, 36, after she refused to pay a cab driver a \$45 fare for a trip from Pontiac to the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile Road May 22. She went into a room after telling the cabbie the person she met at the hotel couldn't pay. Police discovered the woman has a warrant for prostitution in Pontiac.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills:
Two cleaning employees went toe-to-toe after one of them uttered a curse using the Lord's name while working at the Little Caesars office complex on Commerce May 23. The co-worker

told the man not to use that type of language in front of his kids. A girlfriend of one of the men was punched in the stomach while trying to break up the fight.

HOUSE PARTY

In Farmington Hills:
Police ticketed 12 teens for possession of alcohol and underage drinking after finding a house party in full swing on Parkwood Lane at 10 p.m. May 23. A teen told police it was a graduation party for a recent Farmington High graduate. The homeowners were up north vacationing, another teen said. Police found a beer keg in the garage and several half-full cups of beer throughout the house. Blood alcohol levels of those teens tested ranged from 0.60 to 0.15 percent.

FLEEING AND ELUDING

In Farmington Hills:
The driver of a 1997 Ford Econoline van waited until an officer got out of his car and walked within two feet of his van before speeding off during a traffic stop on westbound Eight Mile at 2 a.m. May 24. Police had stopped the driver for weaving. They chased the van but stopped the pursuit at Novi city limits.

DRUNKEN DRIVING

In Farmington:
Officers stopped a vehicle on eastbound Grand River near Farmington about 1:50 a.m. Sunday after noticing it had expired license plates. Officers smelled alcohol and saw an open 40-ounce bottle of beer being poured out. Breath tests were given to the driver, a 24-year-old Detroit man, and to the passenger, an 18-year-old Detroit man. The driver registered a blood alcohol level of .17 percent and was arrested for drunken driving. The passenger registered a blood alcohol level of .07 percent and was ticketed for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Police stopped a speeding vehicle at about 3:15 a.m. Monday on westbound Grand River near Wilmarth. Field tests by police, who smelled alcohol inside the van, revealed the passengers had been drinking. Two passengers, a 19-year-old West Bloomfield man and a 19-year-old Plymouth man, registered blood alcohol levels of .17 and .05 percent, respectively. Both were ticketed for consumption of alcohol by minors. The driver, 19, also from West Bloomfield, was ticketed for speeding and released.

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