

POLICE CALLS

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The following reports were filed recently with the Farmington Hills Police Department:

MAILBOX DOWN

In the 29900 block of Fernhill, a \$200 mailbox was damaged on Tuesday.

TOOLBOX STOLEN

On Tuesday, the owner of a Ford van parked in the 31600 block of Shiawassee said someone stole several tools, including saws and a screw gun, from inside the vehicle. Total loss was more than \$1,500. There was no sign of forced entry.

On Thursday, a report was made that a tool box was stolen from a company vehicle parked at Telecommunications on Research Drive sometime on Jan. 14 or 15. The door lock on the vehicle was broken; the loss was valued at \$900.

STOLEN GAS

At the Mobil gas station on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake, someone pumped \$15.21 worth of gas in a Volkswagen and drove away without paying.

JEEP GONE

At the Bob Saks Dodge dealership on Grand River, a report was made Wednesday that between Feb. 1-5, a 2001 Jeep Cherokee was missing from the lot along with the set of keys. The vehicle is worth \$21,500.

CAR DAMAGED

In the 36000 block of Green Spring, a 1994 GMC Safari had been damaged in the back, possibly with a baseball bat, during Tuesday night.

SNOWBLOWER STOLEN

In the 30200 block of Fink, someone took a \$350 snowblower and a \$175 heater from a garage Tuesday night.

CELL PHONE TAKEN

The owner of a 2000 Mercedes Benz reported his cell phone was taken from the unlocked vehicle while it was parked in the Powerhouse Gym parking lot during the morning hours of Wednesday. No loss estimate was given.

SELLER ARRESTED

Police pulled over a vehicle on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake around 10 p.m. Wednesday for having a burnt out headlight. The officer noticed the smell of marijuana from inside the vehicle. Found inside were five wrapped baggies of marijuana. The driver, a 19-year-old Detroit man, was arrested for marijuana sale.

FREE MONEY

At the U.S. Post Office on 12 Mile, a worker discovered \$600 in cash was blowing around the parking lot on Thursday. The bills, in \$100 and \$50 denominations, were taken into custody.

Compiled by Paul R. Pace

Couple seeks romantic Valentine stories

Do you remember the best Valentine's Day you've spent with your spouse? James and Valentina Wilson, creators of Marriagebliss.com, want your story for their "Most Romantic Valentine's Day" contest.

Starting Feb. 1, contestants can enter by e-mailing essays of 150 words or less to james@marriagebliss.com.

Five winning essays will earn \$100 and will be featured in Marriagebliss.com's upcoming e-zine, *Secrets of Marriage Bliss*. Essays must be submitted by Feb. 28, 2002.

The winners will be posted on the Web site on March 28.

"As a young married couple, we've always understood the importance of keeping the flame alive in our marriage," said James Wilson, Webmaster of Marriagebliss.com. "We feel that the institution of marriage is the backbone of society, and considering all that's taken place in the country within the past year, we need to celebrate the sacredness and joys of marriage more than ever."

The Wilsons are also planning to introduce the first national Celebrate Your Marriage Day.

For a copy of the contest rules, send an e-mail with the word "contest" in the subject line to james@marriagebliss2002.com

Both meetings will be held at the school administration building on Shiawassee.

The "pre-meeting" will not be cable cast; however meetings are open to the public. While there is a period of public comment at the regular meeting, a public forum was held Feb. 6 at East Middle School.

The board is expected to take action at the 7:30 p.m. March 5 meeting.

"We're not inviting another forum at the board meeting," said Sue Zurvalec, assistant superintendent for staff and community services.

Zurvalec co-chaired the atten-

dance area review committee with Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent for business, finance and operations. Committee members included school principals and their chosen parent representatives.

The district aims to make both the Alameda and Fairview Early Childhood Centers, located at 32400 Alameda and 28500 Oak Crest Drive, "fall back" centers and to have those buildings house expanding preschool programs.

"It's inefficient to run kindergarten at 15 sites when we don't need 15 sites," said Farmington School Superintendent Bob Max-

field.

"We want to fill home schools first," Cannon added.

A final decision about the early childhood centers won't be made until after the attendance area committee presents its plans to the school board Feb. 19 and not until after the first round of kindergarten registration is completed around March 1.

Only elementary school boundaries are under consideration. The primary plans are:

■ Beechview, 26840 Westmeath — Maintain the Beechview Elementary bound-

aries. Lanigan Elementary, 23800 Tuck Road, would become an overflow/companion school for incoming kindergarten through second graders. If space permits parents would be permitted to return their children to Beechview for these grades. Alameda would be used as a kindergarten overflow building only if it is available and as a last option.

Beechview-area students in grades 3 to 5 will continue to attend Beechview.

■ Kenbrook, 32130 Bonnet Hill — Maintain current boundaries. An overflow/companion

school model would be used, if necessary, and as a first option for any kindergarten overflow. Alameda is the last overflow option for kindergarten.

■ Longacre Elementary, 34850 Arundel — Move students who live in the Mairwood complex to Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill Road, and "grandfather" next year's fifth graders at Longacre.

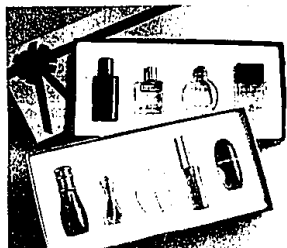
This was the most supported proposal by committee members, who also called it the most efficient option.

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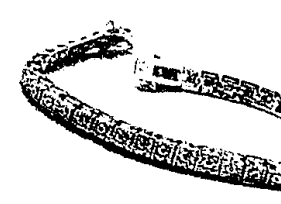
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