

'Mame' draws 120 plus FHS students

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Farmington High School has reason to brag when it comes to touting its spring musical "Mame."

"Over 120 students are involved," said Leanne Young, drama director and English teacher. "Over 10 percent of the student population is involved in the production."

Farmington Festival Theatre will present "Mame" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28-March 2 at the Farmington High School auditorium. The school is located at 32000 Shinawasse.

"Mame" is about a free-spirited woman who adopts her nephew after his dad's death and tries to raise him according to her free-wheeling philosophy. When he is taken away from her, the story progresses with his contrasting and differ-

ent, snooty lifestyle.

"Mame, which was written in the 1960s, is set in the 1920s to 1940s," Young said. "It's light-hearted," she said. "It's about living life to the fullest."

The main characters are: Amy Elliott, a senior, as Mame; Davey Hicks, an elementary school student as Little Patrick, the nephew; Eleanor Harding as Vera, Mame's best friend and Jessica Petrus, a senior, as the

nanny, Agnes Gooch.

Young said the scope of the time period was a challenge. "The styles change every decade," she said. "There's 150 costume pieces."

The play is rated PG-13 for language and some mature content.

Tickets are \$8 adults and \$7 students. They are also available at the door.

Injured FHPD officers home after accidents

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Two Farmington Hills police officers who were hurt in unrelated accidents this month have been released from the hospital and are recuperating at home.

Commander Craig Summers of the patrol division, said Officer Anthony Bateman, who was hit by a vehicle while on duty, was released Tuesday morning from Botsford Hospital.

Around 10:45 p.m. Feb. 16, Bateman, 26, was struck by a van after helping clear up a road closing on M-6 near Grand River. The impact threw Bateman 135 feet onto pavement, Police Chief William Dwyer said.

Bateman suffered damage to his vertebrae, ankles, shoulder, knees and right ear.

motorcycle malfunctioned and he was thrown while traveling near the police station on Feb. 18.

Fluhart suffered a broken collar bone, a concussion and abrasions.

Summers said it is too early to tell when either officer will report back to duty.

The driver who hit Bateman, a 39-year-old Commerce Township man, was arraigned Friday in 47th District Court for failing to use care when passing station-

ary emergency vehicles, causing injury to emergency personnel. It is a felony punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 and/or two years imprisonment.

His preliminary exam is set for March 1.

The man was also arraigned a short time after the accident on charges of delivery and manufacturing of marijuana. Police said they found about 14 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle.

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Detroit charged in theft

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A Detroit man faced a pre-trial exam Feb. 27 in 47th District Court in Farmington on charges of breaking into and entering United Jewelers Inc., 33216 Grand River.

A plea of not guilty was entered for Leonard Lee Adams, Jr. 44, at his Feb. 18 arraignment before Magistrate Jim Brady. Adams is on probation from a 1998 breaking and entering incident in Southfield, according to Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss.

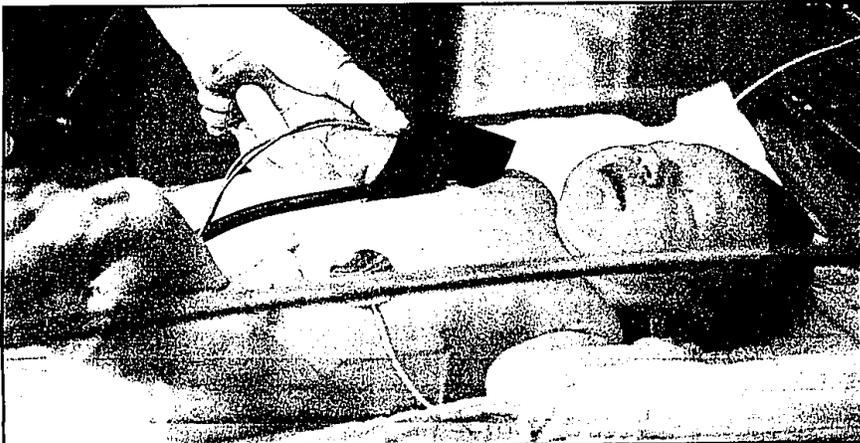
Because of his prior record, Adams could face an enhanced sentence of more than 10 years in

prison if he is convicted, Goss said.

According to the police report, Farmington Police arrested a man about 7 p.m. Feb. 17 who had just forcibly entered and stole about \$17,000 worth of jewelry. The store is located next to the Village Shoe Inn on Grand River.

A resident tipped off police the incident. The man was in a van when police arrived.

Police discovered the west window of the business was smashed. The van was parked 10 to eight feet away from the smashed window. Adams told police he was under financial stress and planned to sell the jewelry, according to the report.



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