Livonia Mall movie screen lights up again on Friday

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After more false starts than a sprinter who downed too many double espressos, the Livonia Mall Cinema is planning another

Mail Cinema ...
opening.
At 5 p.m. Friday, the threescreen cinema will show "Scorpion King" starring The Rock and
other first-run features, "The
Sweetest Thing" and "Panic

Room.*
Showing new releases marks a change in strategy for shopping center theater, which has been mired in bad luck.
The theater's new operator American Family Cinemas is also shaving \$2 off standard admission prices. Tickets will be \$6.50 (\$4.50 bafore 6 p.m.) instead of \$8.50.
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"What do they say about the third time being a charm?" Livo-nia Mall General Manager Karl Zarbo asked rhetorically.

The GM is hopeful this time, because instead of a one-man operation is in the past, American Family Cinemas is comprised of five individuals.

One of those involved has experience operating the Bel Aire cinema on Van Dyke and Eight Mile.

"We're making less monoy, said Ron Kwiateka, an American Family Cinemas partner. "Big corporations have to make a big profit for their stockholders. We're happy with a fair profit.

By attracting large numbers of theater goers, the group believes it can 'make it up on the back-side, 'said Allan Studenberg, an attorney who is also part of the consortium.

"We recognize being a three-plex as opposed to those mega theaters that we're at a distinct disadvantage. The big part of this is running the right movies." In April 2000, Livonia Mall Cinemas reopened after all three auditoriums underwent major

renovations, which included a new sound system, screens and seats. Second-run films were shown at discounted admission prices. The cinema' run was short-lived, though. A burst water pipe fooded one auditorium, causing

flooded one auditorium, causing the floor to sink and the cinema

to shut down in December 2000.

A St. Clair Shores theater operator David Tolfree took over menagement and the cinemas reopened again in May last year. In December, personal prob-lems and the economic downturn

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caused the theater to close again.
Kwiateka's group was among those who expressed in interest in running the cinema last year. The five-man consortium didn't let the chance slip. "This just presented itself as very promising," Kwiateka said.
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Aside from discounted admis-sion for first-run movies, film-goers will receive free soft drink and large popcorn refills. To coincide with this Friday's reopening, the new operator has planned a contest with Detroit Red. Wings playoff tickets as a prize.

Prize.
The cinema remains within the mall's mantra of offering value while providing the quality of first-run films.

That's the home run for us,"

For show times, phone American Family Cinemas at Livonia Mali (248) 476-4507.

Farmington Hills Police are investigating a criminal sexual conduct complaint involving a 13-year-old Livonia girl and a 23-year-old Livonia girl and a 23-year-old Livonia girl and a 23-year-old Farmington Hills man described as her boyfriend. A police report stated that the girl had been visiting the man at his Farmington Hills home on Saturday, April 13. She told police and her mether, 41, that she and the Farmington Hills man had intercourse in his basement. She was driven to the home by the man, who was accompanied by his cousin, of undisclosed ago.

showed a .14 level, and police performed the traffic stop because he was traveling 85 mph in a 65 zone during heavy rain. A 28-year-old Fowlerville man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquer 3:58 n.m. Sunday, April 14, on westbound Grand River near Wheeler, A Breathalyzer test showed a .17 level. The mar's wife, 25, was taken to a friend's home after the vehicle was impounded. undisclosed age.
Items collected into evidence

items collected into evidence included a condom wrapper, various items of bedding and a hooded sweatshirt belonging to the girl, as well as a cotton swab containing bodily fluid.

The girl was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia to have a sexual assault kit performed.

Window smashed

A 10-by-10-foot window at Rong Rong Buffet, 28333 Grand River, was reportedly smashed with a rock sometime before Fri-day, April 12. No entry was gained into the restaurant and police have no suspects.

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Assault

A 42-year-old Detroit woman
was arrested for assault Friday,
April 12 at Botsford Commons,
21460 Archwood following an
altercation with a 20-year-old
Farmington Hills woman. The
20-year-old woman told police
that she was assaulted by the
Detroit woman and her 22-yearold daughter with fists and with
a broken bettle. The two women
are both co-workers and do not
get along with each other.

Drunken driving

A 47-year-old South Lyon man was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor 11 p.m.

Priday, April 12 on westbound
M-5 near Drako. Polico administered various field sobriety tests
and a Breathalyzer test, which
showed a .13, exceeding Michigan's legal limit of .10. A police
report stated that the man was
pulled over for making an uneafe
iane chango and for weaving.
A 42-year-old St. Charles, Mo,
man was arrested for operating
under the influence of liquor at
2:50 a.m. Saturday, April 13 on
westbound M-6 near Orchard
Lako. A Branthalyzer test
showed a .14 level, and police
performed the traffic stop the police report stated that both parties showed evidence of

POLICE CALLS

taken to a triend a nome after the vehicle was impounded. A 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and for having an unlaw-ful blood alcohol level at 4:12 a.m. Monday at the intersection of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake. The woman reportedly failed

of 12 Mile and Orenard Lake. The woman reportedly failed field sobriety tests and showed a .16 level on a Breathalyzer. The woman's roommate and passen-ger, a 21-year-old West Bloom-field woman, was released.

Domestic violence

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A 44-year-old Farmington
Hills man was arrested for
domestic violence 9:22 a.m. Sunday, April 14, at a residence
located in the 31000 block of Oak
Valloy following an incident with
his wife, 41. She told police that
he had started "throwing her
around" and tried choking her
with both hands. She reportedly
screamed for help from her
daughters, and one of them
called 911. The man told police
that she had assaulted him, and

Dog complaint

A 21-year-old Farmington Hills man was cited for allowing his Doberman to run loose Sat-urday, April 13, at his home located in the 29000 block of Apple Blossom. A police officer's initial attempt to catch the dog, which had a tag reading "Killer" along with a phone number, was unsuccessful.

Dead geese

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A resident living in the 28000 block of Willow Creek reported seeing two dead geese, with apparently broken necks, lying near a pond on his property Sunday, April 14. The man told police that one of the geese was a nesting mother with four oggs in a nest. Police have no suspects, but the resident told police that he had seen teenagers with sticks walking on the property.

Vehicle break-ins

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A \$500 wireless phone valued
at \$500, 31 compact discs valued
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at \$600 and a \$500 sterco with a
CD and cassette player were
reportedly stolen from a vehicle
parked in front of Custom Care,
38410 Grand River, sometime
before Saturday, April 13. Entry
was reportedly gained by smashing out a rear window, causing
\$1,000 dnmage.
In another incident, a Ford F150 pick-up truck was reported

In nother incident, a Ford F.
150 pick-up truck was reported
stolen from the same site, and
the missing items were found
inside a 1988 Pontine Grand Aw
which was impounded. The vehicle's owner tried to get the car
later. Police are investigating
the incidents to determine whether they are related.

Compiled by staff writer Heather Needham from reports filed with the Farmington Hills Police Department.



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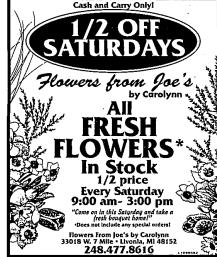
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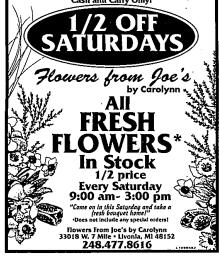


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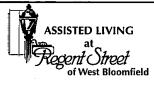
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