FHS Falcons take gusty winds in stride at Glenn

The Farmington Falcon Marching Band took the chilly gusts of wind and the slick muddy spots on the field all in stride at John Glenn High School's Marching Band Invitational in Westland Oct.

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That's all part of marching band, said Farmington Director Norman Logan. You have to learn to deal with all often performance conditions. At least it's not raining. The Falcon marchers captured the Flight II third-place trophy with a score of 58.25, narrowly missing second place taken by Woodhaven with a score of 59.7. Southpate Anderson came in first with a 60.6.

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"We were really proud of them," said Logan. There is a lot more that they have to remember as part of their show. They have to keep their music, marching and the overall general effect in mind – it's like juggling three balls at one time." me. Other Observer-area high-

Other Observer-area high-school bands included Redford
Thurston, first in Flight III, 61.45; and in
Flight I, Livonia Stevenson, seventh, 58.15 and
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, first,
85.8. The John Gleen Rocket Band played in
schibition as host of the even.
Farmington's program "Cuban Fire" proved
once again to be an audience-pleaser with its
jazzy music, bright colors and lively dance
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I like this show a lot, said sophomore Alex Roe, a second-year trombone player. I really like the music – it's got that jazz aspect and I love the beat to it.

So does second-year flutist sophomore Maria Sohn. And I really love the soloists, she said of Andrew Bodrio on saxophone. Scott DeOrio on trumpet and Thomas Waisanen on trombone. They picked the right ones and I love how the band supports them and how they make the music really jazzy.

This is the first time in his four years with the band that senior Andrew DeOrio has per



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formed a solo.

"It's something you have to get used to, he admitted. "Playing a solo in front of a lot of people is nerve-wracking at first and then you kind of get used to it and it is a little bit of a rush every time."

DeOrio, who plans to major in engineering next year, masterfully plays a different solo at each competition.

Assistant Director Michael Steele is pleased with the progress the band is making each week. "We are getting into all the nuances now," he said. "Were breaking it down and getting into some real detail."

We are playing what is pretty complicated music and we're marching pretty complicated drill," he continued. "Individually those things are hard, then put them together and that is an even harder task."

The Farmington Falcons will be competing at the Durand Invitational on Oct. 26.

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Homeowners ticketed for rowdy teenager party

Open house party
Police responded to an open house party in the 21300 block of Colgate around 1:11 a.m. Saturday. Police spotted several youths ages 15-18, drinking alcohol. The property owners were ticketed.

Drunken drivina

Police pulled over a vehicle along I-696 and Orchard Lake for weaving on Oct. 16. The driver, a 37-year-old Detroit man, had a .14 blood/alcohol

level.
Police pulled over a vehicle
along 13 Mile and Drake
around 10:50 p.m. Oct. 17 from
a tip from a cell phone caller.
The driver, a 40-year-old West
Bloomfield man, had a .19
blood/alcohol level.

Drug possession Police pulled or

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Albion on Oct. 16 after a check on the license plates turned up no associated title. The driver, a 43-year-old Southfield woman,

POLICE CALLS

Break-in/invasion

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A utility trailer packed for a bunting trip and parked in the 28500 block of Nine Mile Road had its lock sawed off. Stolen from inside were tools and two shotguns. The incident occurred during the early morning hours of Oct. 17

Police responded to a break-in alarm at RHP Properties on Northwestern around 8:20 p.m. Saturday. A 42-inch plasma screen television valued at \$7,000 was stolen from inside. The glass door to the business was broken to gain entry.

In the 20800 block of Orchard Lake, a \$600 saw and numerous tools were stolen from an unlocked garage between Oct. 17 and 20.

In the 30700 block of 10 Mile, a back yard shed had its lock cut on Sunday to gain entry. Tools and a small trailer worth \$500 was stolen.

At the Chillis restaurant around 3:10 a.m. Sunday, police responded to a break-in alarm. A 28-year-old West Isloomfield man was spotted taking empty beer bottles from a fenced in storage area that

was cut to gain entry. The returnables were also in a vehi-

ele.
In the 25500 block of
Orchard Lake, a garage was
broken into and a \$200 table
saw was stolen.
In the 35200 block of Straton
Hill, a \$330 anowblower was
taken from a garage between
Oct. 9-16.

Motorcycle stolen
A motorcycle valued at
\$20,000, parked and locked
with a chain in the 27000 block
of Gateway, had its chain cut
and was stolen during the night

Decorations destroyed
In the 28300 block of Seven
Oaks Drive, about \$1,000 in
Halloween decorations outside
a home were destroyed early

SUV stolen A 1990 Chevrolet Blazer val-ued at \$6,500 was stolen from the Freedom Village Apartments Saturday night.

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.



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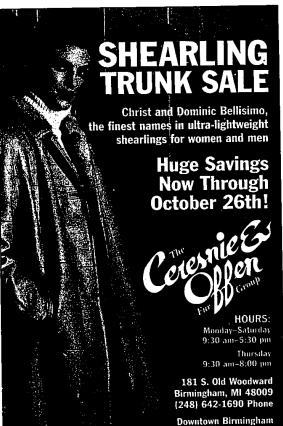
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