### **Pilots in trouble** for romantic trip

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - It was all in the name of love, but that may not help two county helicopter pilots who flew a police officer friend to a park so that he could propose to his girlfriend. Sheriff's Deputies Robert

Bowles and Richard Van Orden used the department helicopter without authorization to fly Aaron Phillips to the park in Au-

Phillips, an officer in the town of Marcellus, popped the ques-tion, and his girlfriend, Christine Tucker, a state trooper, accepted.

"It's a very romantic and touch-ing kind of story. It's just a shame it is in direct violation of department policy, and for that we will take whatever action is deemed necessary," said Sheriff Kevin Walsh, who learned of the incident last week.

The punishment will probably not result in the pilots' suspension, he said.

Tucker was on the duty at the time. She had been dispatched to the park by the county 911 center without being told what was

about to happen.

The sheriff said he will investigate who placed the 911 call.

'It was young love. Very romantic, but a very foolish violation of department policy," Walsh said.



The rule against unauthorized

uses of the helicopter was adopted in 1991 after it was flown to a private pig roast.

### **Toilet paper rationed** in Detroit schools

DETROIT — Raising a hand for permission to use the bathroom isn't enough for youngsters at some Detroit schools - they also have to ask teachers for toilet

The rationing policy was imposed because "some students few in number — have flushed whole rolls of toilet paper down the toilet," said school spokeswoman Michele Edwards. "That leads to flooding damage and plumbing problems."

Edwards also said that when students are given a roll of paper to take to the bathroom, they're required to return it with a reasonable amount left.

Some parents are up in arms.

"This is a toilet-paper rebellion," said parent Helen Moore, one of about 30 people who staged a demonstration Tuesday, demanding that toilet paper be put back in bathrooms.

#### POLICE BEAT

- Firefighters responded to a small fire at Autzen Stadium early Wednesday morning. Around 1:12 a.m., the Eugene fire department received a call about a generator at the stadium that was smoking and shooting sparks. Firefighters put out the small fire by 1:25 a.m.
- A University student reported a stolen bike around 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. The bike was stolen from outside Villard Hall.
- A 22-year-old Eugene man attempted to steal a book from the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th Avenue, on Tuesday. He tried to steal the book by tucking the book inside the waistband of his pants and walking out of the library. The

man told police he had to steal the book because he couldn't afford to pay his overdue library fines. The library did not press charges

■ Police arrested a man for attempted burglary at about 10:30 Wednesday morning. The man allegedly threw a brick into the window of a house near 7th Avenue and Madison Street and entered the house. A neighbor called to alert police. An officer entered the house and heard running in the basement. A 48-year-old Eugene man was arrested after a short pursuit on foot. The man has been lodged at the Lane County Jail.

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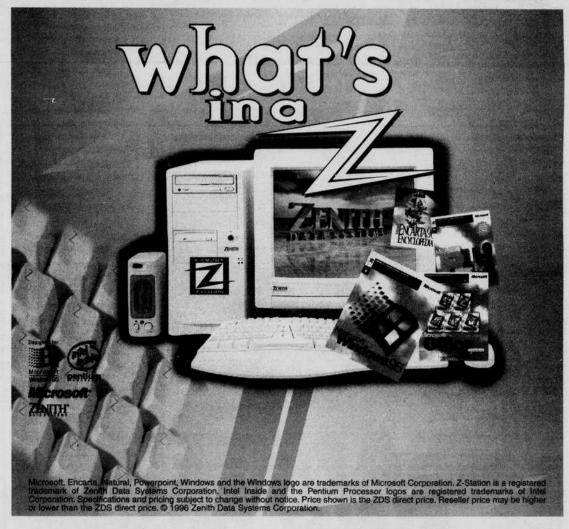
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