### police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the ed stolen from a house on High-fermington-area police inci- meadow Jan. 17. Farmington-area police inci-dents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

O THEFTS REPORTED

A color TV and jewelry valued at 1650 were reported stolen from a house on Chatgo Jan. 11-12.

Tools valued at \$3,000 were re-

ported stolen from a van parked at Country Ridge Apartments Jan. 15-

Country Hidge Apartments Jan. 18Computer equipment, a VCR and a video camera valued at \$21,900 were reported stolen from a house on Bond at \$1,000 were reported stolen from a louse on Greenbord Jan. 18 could be used to the control of the stolen from a magelo's Supplies, 2920 Eight Mile. Jan. 18 lb.

dler and jewelry valued at \$6,550
A radar detector and an in-dash
stereo valued at \$839 were reported
stolen from a house on Woodridge
front Jan. IT.
A color TV, jewelry, two muss
bases, a mink coat, a lamb coat and
a radio valued at \$4,940 were reported
taken Jan. 19.

dler and jewelry valued at \$4,550
were reported stolen from
Shiawassee near Renselaer Jan.
19.

A 1988 Pontiac Bonneville valued
at \$18,000 was reported stolen from
the color of the color o

ed stolen from a house on High-meadow Jan. 17.

A color TV, Googne and jewelry valued at \$2.50 were reported stolen from Cedarbrook Apartments Jan. 18.

Coins, jewelry, a wooden candy box and a cassette player valued at \$5.503 were reported stolen from a house on Salem Jan. 18.

An in-dash radio and cassette players valued at \$259 were report-ed stolen from a house on Lancaster Jan. 18-19.

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A celtular telephone and a pager valued at \$3,400 were reported stolen from a car parked at Woodbury Office Park, 32811 Middlebelt, Jan. 19.
A VCR, a color TV, a bass gultar,

A VCR, a color TV, a bass gultar, a stereo mixing board, a stereo receiver, camera equipment, a toy soldier and jewelry valued at 46,550 were reported stolen from a house on Shiawassee near Renselaer Jan.

VCR recording tapes, jewelry and clothing of undetermined value was reported stolen from a house on Glemmoer Jan. 19.

A video recorder, a camera, an equalizer, a VCR, video cameras, money and jewelry valued at \$4,450 were reported stolen from a house on Astor Jan. 20.

A buck knife valued at \$40 was ported stolen from a garage on Orehard Lake Road near 11 Mile Jan. 20.

Cassette tapes valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a car parked at Warner Junior High, 30303 14 Mile, Jan. 20.

A 1986 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$15,000 was reported stolen from D. Dennison's, 27909 Orchard Lake, Jan. 20-21.

DAMAGE REPORTED
 Damage was estimated at \$350 during an attempted break-in at a house on Old Timber Jan. 5-12.

Damage was estimated at \$70 when three cars parked on Lilac were vandalized Jan. 7-11.

Damage was estimated at \$50 during an attempted break-in at a house on Rockwell Jan. 12.

Damage was estimated at \$500 during the attempted theft of a 1986 Cadillac from Gateway Apartments Jan. 14.

Caninae from Gateway Apartments
Jan. 14.
Damage was estimated at \$175
during a break-in of a house on
Shlawassee Jan. 15. Nothing was reported stolen.
Damage was estimated at \$200
when two cars parked on Power
were vandalized Jan. 16-17.
Damage was estimated at \$1,000
when the plastic in the lighted-entrance sign at Polo Club Apartments
was vandalized Jan. 16-17.
Damage was estimated at \$300

Damage was estimated at \$300 when aluminum sheeting was ripped off an out-building at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 14 Mile, Jan. 18-20.
Damage was estimated at \$200 when a fence on Middlebelt near Liberty was driven into Jan. 19-20.

Damage was estimated at \$300 during the attempted theft of a 1986 GMC truck parked at Diamond Forest Apartments Jan. 20.

# Playgrounds get new equipment

After-school free time will soon be child's play for the younger residents of Farmington. The city will spend \$14,000 to upgrade 20-year-old playgroun coulpment in two parks for safety and aesthetic reasons. New equipment will be perchased for two play areas in New equipment will be perchased for two play areas in Drake Park, according to action taken by the city council Jan. 18.

One of the items, a new climber valued at \$728, is being donated by the Farmington Area Community will be services depart move old equipment at women.

the Farmington Area Community
Women.
"Many of the pieces that are still
serviceable appear to have a worn
look about them," city manage
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year."
Several pieces needed to be re-placed for safety reasons, he add-

ed.

At the center of Shiawassee
Park, swing-set seats and horizontal bars will be replaced, both
sildes-circular climbers will be removed, and a climber slide and spl-

ral slide will be added.

IN THE cast area of the same park, one slide and one swing set will be replaced, a new climber will be installed to replace an old piece, and a combination tot play structure will be installed to replace an old piece, and a combination tot play structure will be added.

In Drake park, both swing sets will be retained, the existing slide removed, and a new climber and combination slide/climber added.

To keep costs down, the city public services department will remove old equipment and install the newly purchased tiems, beadman's report said. Going to an outside source would cost the city approximately \$7,000.

Purchase of the playground equipment is not in the current year budget.

In order to buy the equipment and have it installed for the coming summer season, the council authorized the money be taken from the city sunappropriated surplus in the

ized the money be taken from the city's unappropriated surplus in the General Fund.

The bld process was waived and city administrators authorized to obtain four proposals and accept the best value for the project.

## Suspect arrest in Chatham break-in

A 27-year-old man was arrested Wednesday as a suspect in the break-in of a house on Smithfield in the Chatham Hills subdivision in Farm-inston ington. Kenneth James Roby was later ar-

raigned on breaking and entering and drug possession charges.

and drug possession than gen Police confiscated \$11,000 and a pound of suspected marijuana from the suspect, said Gary Goss, Farm-ington Department of Public Safety deputy director.

Eight residential burglaries have occurred in the city since the begin-ning of the year, other area com-munities have also shown an in-crease. Farmington Hills police investi-

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gated 15 breakins during the first two weeks of the year.

gated 15 breakins during fine first two weeks of the year. A task force of detectives from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, West Bloomfield and Beverly Hills has been formed to in-vestigate the rash of burgtaries.

ROBY was arraigned Thursday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington on one count of breaking and entering and a second count of possession with in-tent to deliver marijuana.

He stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$7,500 cash bond pend-ing a preliminary examination in 47th District Court.

Both charges are felonles. If con-victed on the breaking and entering

charge, the suspect could face up to 15 years in prison. He also faces habitual offender charges and has a drug delivery charge pending against him, Goss sald.

SHORITLY AFTER 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, plainclothes officers from the Livonia Folice Department followed a man into Chatham Hills, south of Grand River between Halsted and Drake, and contacted the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which was assisted at the scene by officers from Farmington Hills, Goss said.

Police watched the man kick down the door, enter the house and later leave with items from the house, Goss said. Westland and Wixom as his address-cs, was apparently staying in motels and hotels in the 10 Mile/Grand Riv-er area, Goss said.

Most residential breakins occur when residents are not home. "B-and-E men don't want to go into a house when someone's home. The last thing they want is a con-frontation," Goss said.

Goss said residents should secure their valuables, especially jewelry, and place it "out of sight and under lock and key" when leaving the house.

Also, if a person knocks at your door and appears suspicious or asks an odd question, the police should be called, he said. The person may be a potential burglar who is simply checking to see if someone is home.

### Edison opens Novi office

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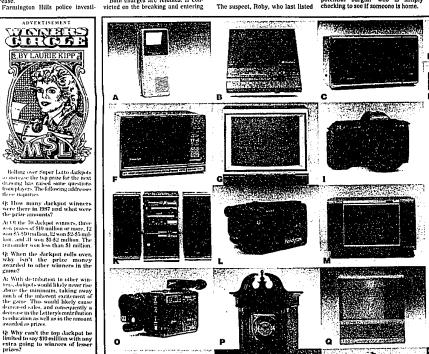
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