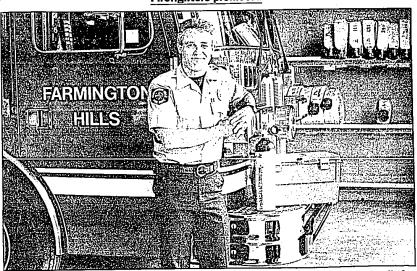
Firefighters promoted



Belsky and Bersche: Veteran Farmington Hills firefighter Kevin Bersche (next to Farmington Hills fire truck) will as-sume the department's new full-time po-sition of EMS coordinator. Bersche, 34, sition of EMS coordinator. Bersche, 34, and married with two children, joined the department in 1982. "Tve already done this part-time," he said. "This will be a natural progression for me." Bruce Belsky (holding mask), 36, and married with three children, will become a full-time firefighter. He has a different backtime prepighter. He had a algerent odder ground. He worked for New York Carpet World for 18½ years and has been a paid-on-call firefighter for the past three years. "I got the bug," Belsky said of firefighting. "It's a great feeling to help people and I wanted to do it as a ca-



Gill sidewalk off until spring

One resident calls Farmington Hills' decision not to build a side-walk this year on Gill Road from Nine Mile to Colfax a good start,

Name Mine to Colfar a good start, but only a start.

"We feel like we've won the first round," and Gill resident Jan Jay. "We feel that they didn't put any thought into this at all." The city had \$40,000 budgeted to build the sidewalk on the east side of Gill this fall. The city's master plan calls for building sidewalks along "major" roads.

To the surprise of some city officials, the plan has had no support and plenty of opposition. For that reason, city engineers and director of public services Tom Biasell met with about 30 residents whose property would be affected by the sidewalk Sept. 7.

"Since cityhood, any time the city can put down a sidewalk on a major road, it's done," Biasell said.

said.
Binsell said residents had so
many concerns about the design,
location and upkeep of the sidewalk, that the city decided to
meet with residents again and not
build it before next spring.
Day said the city and residents

did not see eye to eye on almost any aspect of the proposed side-walk.
While the city says the side-walk will improve safety and access to Gill Elementary School for young children, residents say the side-walk will not be safe because pedestrians could be hit by drivers backing out of driveways. Residents also point out that the school is on the west side of Gill while the sidewalk is planned for the east side.

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Residents say that Hi-lows, trucks and other equipment operating at Fendt Builder's Supply would pose a danger to pedestri-

ans. In addition, many residents are elderly and would have trouble maintaining their share of the sidewalk.

sidewalk.

Biasell said that with only 30-45 days where snow stays on the ground in any significant amount, that shouldn't be a problem to maintain. He also said that although a resident must continue to keep a sidewalk cleared once he clears it once, if he does nothing it at all, he is not liable.

Day said residents paid for the paving of Gill Road, unlike other "major" roads where the city paid.

Historical panel seeks items on 1-room schools

Anyone with information about or photographs of one-room schools in the Farmington area—especially the old Noble School, the one that burned down in the 1920s—the Farmington Hills Historical Commission would like

Historical Commission would have to hear from you.

The Historical Society of Michigan has initiated a new society, the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association, and the local historical commission has joined.

The local group seeks recollec-

tions, memorabilia and any pertinent material from anyone who attended one of the former Farm-

attended one of the former Farmington-area one-room schools: Coleman (or Stone), Fairview, German, Green, Nichols, Noble, Thayer or West Farmington, Anyone with information should call Kay Briggs (474-4608), or write the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, c/o City Clerk's Office, 31555 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington area police incidents fire calls and court cases report-ed during the past week.

AUTO THEFT
A 1979 white GMC pickup
worth \$2,500, a red steel and wood
flathed trailer worth \$3,500, an
orange Ditch Witch trench tractor
worth \$25,000, two wire detectors
worth \$3,500, two drills worth
\$3,500, two drills worth
\$1,600, and \$20,000 worth of hand
tools belonging to Sonitec Co. of
Southfield were stolen from
Huntsmun Drive in Farmington
Hills Sept. 13-14.

BREAK-IN

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A \$500 car stereo was stolen
from a 1988 maroon Mercury
Tracer parked on Beauford in
Farmington Hills during a break
in Sept. 13-14 in which the driver's window was smeshed, causing \$200 in damage.

A \$400 Fender electric guitar, a A \$400 Fender electric guitar, a \$50 acoustic guitar and other items totaling \$190 were stolen during a break-in on Clairview in Farmington Hills Sept. 14. A screen in the bathroom window was broken out, causing \$10 in

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A stereo outfit worth \$900 was stolen from a 1993 GMC pickup parked at Bob Sellers on Grand River in Farmington Hills Sept. 10-13.

A red and white Little Wonder gas-powered blower worth \$640, a red and green Power Trim gas edger worth \$300, a red Troy Built gas shredder, a red Troy backpack gas-powered blower and a black and green Craftsman 18-inch gas powered chain saw worth \$240 were among items worth \$3,170 stolen from a garage on Parker in Farmington Hills Sept. 11-12.

Two personal checks were stolen from North American Life on 14 Mile in Farmington Hills between July 10 and Sept. 10 and written for \$450 and \$400 and cashed.

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A gold necklace worth \$450 was stolen from the Muirwood Apartments on Woodridge End in Farmington Hills Sept. 16.
Wheel covers worth \$560 were stolen off a 1992 Plymouth Voyager parked near T.J. Maxx in Farmington Sept. 16.

Farmington Sept. 16.

A 37-year-old Detroit man was arrested for receiving and concealing atolen property under \$100 attentiving to cash in \$72 worth of pop bottles at Perry Drugs in Farmington Sept. 14. The bottles were believed to have been taken from a Coac-Cola delivery truck parked at 7-Eleven. He was also cited for possession of drug paraphernalia after a search of the man's pickup truck turned up a three-inch glass pipe.

N VANDALISM
A garage window was broken on

Saxony in Farmington, causing \$10 in damage Sept. 14.

One complete wheel cover and se centerpiece of another worth \$250 were stolen from a white 1990 Buick Regal parked at Klei-man, Carney and Greenbaum on Northwester in Farmington Hills

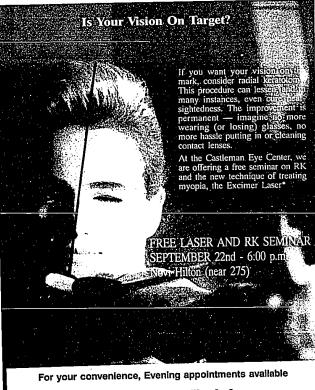
A diamond ring worth \$475 was reported stolen from a black 1991 Eagle Talon left for service at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farming-ton Hills Aug. 31 or Sept. 1.

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Four checks written for a total
of \$986.47 to Loehman's on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills for
ladies clothing between Aug. 1115 by a 27-year-old Oak Park
woman were from a closed ac-

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY
A frustrated bandit left emptyhanded in an attempted robbery
of a Tubby's Sub Shop on Grand
River in Farmington Sept. 14. At
250 p.m. a man entered the store
and ordered subs and handed the store
clerk a note asking for money.
The clerk called the manager, who
was told, "You better do this now,
I don't want to have to do this."
The man held his arm behind his
back as if he had do weapon, according to police roports. The
man went to bolk the door who
the manager dialed police. The
men left and field in a white car,
driving through an alley to Liliac
Street.

ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY
A Livonia man, who was driving with a suspended license, escaped police custody while being transported to the Farmington Public Safety station Sept. 11.
The man was pulled over for driving without headlights on Farmington Road around 3:50 a.m. A check revealed the driver had a suspended license. He was placed into the patrol car and driven to the station. Upon arrival, the officer went to ppen the door and the man ran around to the front of the city offices. He was not hand-cuffed. A search enaued but was later called off. Police are seeking a warrant.



Eye Center 14050 Dix-Toledo Southgate 283-0500

Castleman

Watch for us on WXEIN TV20 Sun. Sept. 26 8:30 a.m.

The Excimer Laser is investigatory in the United States and Canada.

A 28-year-old men has been ar-reigned on a charge of breaking and entering a vehicle Thursday.

Man charged in car break-in

and entering a vehicle Thureday.
Todd Zimmer, whose address is unknown, appeared before Magistrate James Brady at 47th District Court where a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. Preliminary examination is 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.
Bond was set at \$2,500. Maximum penalty for breaking and entering of an auto is five years in jail.

At 4:05 p.m., a man was seen leaning in through a window of an Ford Aerostar van parked in the Metro MLS parking lot on Drake.

When confronted, he fled south

When contronces, he true sour on foot. A police chase ensued through a wooded area between Chatham Hills and Heritage Con-dominiums, but the man escaped. Zimmer was arrested after being identified through a photo

line up.

Some 11 burglaries have been reported since Aug. 29 in the Chatham Hills area. The perpetrator has entered homes through an unlocked door or window and made off with purses or wallets containing cash and credit cards.