Tax break

Hills City Council says no

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Framington Hills City Council,
which set up its own policy for
dolling out tax breaks, unanimously denied Line Precision's
riquent for an industrial facilities
extemption certificate at Monday's
tigetting.

Line Precision, an automotive
and agricultural supplier, has
been in Farmington Hills since
1943. The company is spending
\$1.139 million to expand an exist-

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ing building 11,280 square feet.

"We took on a building that we basically should have walked away from — it would've been icheaper — in order to help with the Eight Mile part," said Jerry Miller, Line Precision owner.

"We're just curlous if the city wants to keep on participating, not just for us but the other people along the Eight Mile corridor and in other areas, the depressed parts."

The company pays \$38,177 in taxes for real and personal property. With the expansion, that figure increases by \$18,696. The company also plans to add 14-16 new jobs.

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Line Precision officials asked the city for a 50-percent abatement for 12 years, which is \$9,298 annually or \$111,576 total. Money abated would have helped with building upkeop, a company official said.

As part of the city's policy on tax abatement, there must be accompanying state or federal money involved. Line Precision desa't plan to seek either.

The city's Economic Development Corporation recommended a

ment Corporation recommended a denial at its Jan. 20 meeting. While saying "no," council members commended Line Preci-sion for its commitment to the

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Council has been against tax abatements but granted one to Boseh Corp. so the multinational firm could qualify for a larger Michigan Economic Growth Authority grant. In February Inst year, the city devised a policy to deal with future requests.

At Monday's meeting, council members also talked about a proposal being considered by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, which deals with tax abatements for obsolete or dilapidated buildings.

"We appreciate everything you do," Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said. "Unfortunately, it's always difficult to say "no' to good corporate citizens.

"But if you start to dip into the treasury, you soon end up with an unbalanced checkbook here as well."

MARIJUANA FOUND

belt Feb. 5.

BREAKINS
In Farmington Hills:
Someone cut the convertible top and stole a cellular phone from a 1992 Chrysler Lebaron during the night Feb. 4-5. Two Lebarons had their convertible tops cut while parked at Strawberry Lane Apartments the night of Feb. 4-5, causing \$500 damage. Nothing appeared to have been stelen.

THEFT In Farmington Hills:

POLICE AND FIRE NEWS Someone lifted a wallet con-taining \$250 cash and a Visa card from an employee's purse at The Gale Group on Drake Feb. 4. The victim confronted a female member of the cleaning The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week. Hills during the past week.

ATTEMPTED RERMAIN
In Farmington Hills:
Burglars used a trailer shaft to break a Plexiglas window but couldn't get inside Mimas Sunce on Grand River during the night Feb. 5, causing \$250 danner.

VFW hosts annual awards

The Veterans of Foreign Wars/Ladice-Auxillary, Post 2289 in Farmington Hills Will host its annual Awards Dinner starting 630 pm.
Saturday, Feb. 13, 'at the VFW Test, VS814
Orchard Lete Road, 'at th

female member of the cleaning crew who was emptying wasto baskets at the time. The cleaning crew supervisor told the victim the company will conduct an investigation.

A guest at the Red Roof Inn on Sinacola reported several pieces of jewelry, including gold bracelets, were stolen from her room Feb. 5-6. MARUJANA FOUND
In Farmington Hills:
Someone found a plastic bag
with marijuana at Farmington
Hills Nursery School inside
Holy Cross Church on Middlebelt Feb. 5.

room Feb. 5-6.

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In Farmingion Hills:
Police arrested a Waterford
woman, 40, for drunken driving
after she was involved in a
three-car accident on 12 Mile
and Haggerty around 7:10 p.m.
Feb. 5. The driver of the 1995
Saturn SL admitted to drinking
four to five glasses of wine. She
had a blood alcohol level of .21
percent. It's illegal to drive in
Michigan with a level of .10
percent.

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Police arrested a Redford man, 39, for drunken driving on southbound Inkster at Eight Mile around 8:20 p.m. Feb. 6. Police stopped the 1935 Plymouth after it ran a red light. The driver had a preliminary blood alcohol level of .14 percent but refused to take a chemical test at the station. Police also arrested the pussenger, a 36-year-old Redford man, who had an outstanding warrant, and ticketed him for having open intoxicants in the car. VANDALIEM VANDALISM

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In Farmington Hills:
Vandals broke a windshield
and bent the antenna on a
semi-market police car parked;
at Diamond Forest Apariments
Feb. 5, causing \$800 damage.
The Ford Crown Victoria was
being used by a Canton Township police officer who lives in
the controput compiler.

STRONG-ARMED ROBBERY
In Farmington Hills:
A 13-year-old girl had her purso stolen after another girl punched her in the face at Green Hill Apartments Feb. 5.
The victim was at a friends apartment when the girl and two males arrived and demand the girls purso. The girl managed to wrestle the purse away and said it was hers. Two male teens held the victim's friend during the assault and later stole items from the apartment. A 13-year-old boy told police another teen slapped him in the face and stole \$20 from his pocket behind the 7-Eleven on Farmington Road around 1:10 p.m. Feb. 6. The victim knew the assailant and his friend. After police went to one of the boys' homes, they received a call from one of the boys, who said the victim voluntarily gave him the \$20 to settle a dispute over a stolen bike.
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Police arrested a Dearborn
man, 39, after they found a
rock of crack cocaine in the
1994 Dodge Intropid he was
driving on Grand River and
Rossevelt around 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6, Police stopped the car
for having only one headlight.

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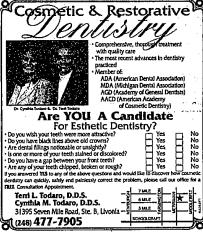
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ASSAULT
In Farmington Hills:
A 22-year-old Westland man said a group of men punched him several times in the head after he got out of a 1998 Ford Mustang in the parking lot at The Alibi on Grand River around 2:10 a.m. Feb. 7. The victim got out of the car after one of the assailants shattered the year window, with his flats, spriying glass on the back seat occupants. The occupants and the men had been in an argument earlier. ment earlier.







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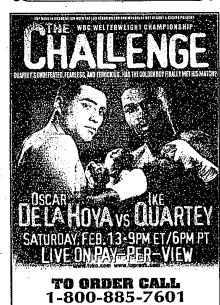
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