

Police hunting for suspects in local car arson

A burning vehicle left on a Woodbine Ave. property by an arsonist was discovered by the property owner early yesterday morning.

Police said they had no suspects or witnesses.

Man charged

Metro Toronto Police officers with a warrant arrested a 21-year-old Stouffville man on charges of assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm.

He was arrested Sunday morning near Aurora Rd. and Percy Wright Rd.

Youth robbed

A 15-year-old youth was robbed and assaulted by two other youths Saturday evening about 9:30.

The victim was walking through a park near Burkholder St. and Park St. when he was approached by two males from behind. They called out his last name, indicating they knew him, police said.

They approached him from

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behind, striking him in the elbow with a skateboard.

They demanded he empty his pockets and the victim complied. The suspects made off with a pack of cigarettes and a quarter.

The victim suffered minor injuries. Theft value is \$4.25.

Thief nabs \$3,000

A suspect managed to escape with \$3,000 worth of jewelry and cash before waking sleeping homeowners Sunday at 3 a.m.

The suspect pried open the garage door and moved through several areas of the Executive Dr. house before disturbing the sleeping residents.

They caught sight of the suspect, who was wearing a ski mask, leaping a back fence, police say.

They didn't realize until the next morning items had been removed from the home.

Police continue their investiga-

Council gives \$36,000 facelift to playgrounds

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New playground equipment, valued at about \$36,000, is being put in three parks in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

As well, the tennis courts in Vandorf are being repaired.

The tennis courts in Vandorf are about to get a facelift, while new playground equipment will be installed in the

hamlet's park.

Last week, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council agreed to spend \$37,750 to repair the tennis court.

Play will resume soon.

In addition, playground equipment is also being installed at Stouffville Memorial Park and at Greenwood Parkette located in northeastern Stouffville.

The new equipment will

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replace 11-year-old wooden playground equipment in the downtown park.

Playground equipment must meet the Canadian Standards Association regulations. In the case of the equipment in the Stouffville Memorial Park, staff reported 11 contraven-



SWING TIME: Rosiris Robinson and her twins Samantha and Ryan play in the Memorial Park playground which will be upgraded in the near future. Council is injecting \$36,000 into local parks and another \$37,750 to improve the tennis courts in Vandorf.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Festival on July 19, 20

Look to see many Stouffville area artists at this year's Art in the Park '97, run by The Tribune.

To be held in Elgin Park, Uxbridge, Art in the Park is much more than a fine art show and sale. There will be weekend-long activities for young and old alike, including a full production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, featuring the Driftwood Theatre company. Art in the Park runs July 19, 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is just \$5 for adults, \$10 for a family, \$3 for seniors and students and children under 5 are admitted free.

Stouffville students make the grade

This year, 16 Stouffville District Secondary School students earned the title of Ontario Scholar.

Top SDSS Ontario Scholar is Meghan Kirby, with a score of 93.3 per cent average from her top six grades.

Kirby is the local high school's nominee for the provincial Carter award, the competition for highest average in Ontario. Raymond Woo, also an Ontario Scholar with an average of 89.8 per cent, won the school's

Chapman Award for math. Woo earned 93.3 per cent total, made up of a calculus grade of 100 per cent, 92 per cent in algebra and geometry, and 88 per cent in finite math.

Here's a list of the SDSS top students from each grade:

Grade 9: Stephanie Jull - 90.4 per cent; Anna Neprily - 89.7 per cent; Rachel Shanahan - 87.4 per cent.
Grade 10: Jeanne Carey - 92.3 per cent;

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Laura Boyd - 89.5 per cent; Lisa Gaston - 86.5 per cent.

Grade 11: Michael Evans - 92.3 per cent; Duane Epp - 91.8 per cent; Stephen Klugman - 89.5 per cent.

Grade 12: Michael Jammer - 93 per cent; Ian Hazlewood - 89.3 per cent; Melanie

Hutchinson - 88.3 per cent.

York Region's top public school student was Adrian Mucalov, graduating from John M. Denison Secondary School in Newmarket with an astounding 99.83 average.

Mucalov performed perfectly in French, calculus, algebra and geometry, finite math and music. The board said 1,386 of its students this year are Ontario Scholars, meaning their marks in six school courses were 80 per cent or higher.



MEGHAN KIRBY
93.3%



JONATHAN CHO
92.3%



CAMERON RIBBLE
90.8%



RAYMOND WOO
89.8%



DAVID ROBINSON
89.5%



ZOE LIADIS
88.3%



DANA ANN COX
85.2%



JAMES BOWEN
84.5%



JENNIFER EASTER
84.5%



REBECCA MORRISON
84.2%



ERIKA HAEFELE
83.3%



JASON KALMBACH
82.3%



LUKE ANDERSON
82%



JORDAN BUTCHER
81.7%



CHRISTINA FOSTER
80.3%



JOCELYN GEENSE
80%