

## POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Following are some of the police and fire reports from Farmington and Farmington Hills.

## PURSE SNATCHING

**In Farmington Hills:**  
A 72-year-old Farmington Hills woman was the victim of a purse-snatching in the Kohl's parking lot on Grand River Wednesday, Sept. 10.

The woman was walking next to her vehicle at 11:20 a.m. with her purse hanging from her shoulder, when a car pulled alongside her with the driver's window down, and the driver reached out and grabbed her purse strap so forcefully, it almost knocked her to the ground.

She described him as a white male, about 20, with long brown hair, a tan shirt or coat and a tan trimmed hat.

Witnesses said he was driving a small tan car with a new Michigan license plate.

## TRESPASSING

**In Farmington:**  
Two Farmington High School students were cited for trespassing after both were discovered on the roof of the school district's administration building, 37500 Shilohview.

A 16-year-old Farmington resident and 15-year-old Farmington Hills resident were spotted on the building about 6:45 p.m. Thursday, according to public safety reports. The older boy also was issued a ticket for having a

## pack of cigarettes.

## ATM CARD STOLEN

**In Farmington:**  
A 21-year-old Farmington Hills woman reported that her ATM card was stolen and subsequently used to withdraw a total of \$240 from the LOC Credit Union, on Farmington Road in Farmington.

The card was apparently used six times within minutes, between 10-11 a.m. Sept. 7, with \$40 being withdrawn on each occasion.

## NARCOTICS USE / POSSESSION

**In Farmington Hills:**  
Police with a search warrant investigated an apartment in Jefferson Court Sept. 4 and arrested a 21-year-old Farmington Hills man for suspected marijuana selling.

In addition to the arrest, police confiscated three small baggies and one large baggie of suspected marijuana, estimated at 54.5 grams, a large storage bin hidden under the couch, baggies, various sheets of tally records, a \$426 pager, three marijuana pipes, a mail-scale, and \$431 in cash.

A 19-year-old Farmington Hills female visiting the apartment was ticketed for loitering in a drug house.

## LARCENY / SHOPLIFTING

**In Farmington Hills:**  
A 17-year-old employee of Kohls on Grand River was caught by store security attempt-

ing to undercharge her brother for store merchandise Aug. 28.

The 23-year-old brother collected three shirts, a pair of pants and shoes from store inventory and approached the cash register for the bogus sale, where his sister rang the sale and bagged the items.

The brother was apprehended outside the store with merchandise which totaled \$163.96, but a receipt indicating he paid \$6.11.

In a similar incident in Kohl's Aug. 29, a cashier charged a shoplifter only \$10.39 for a bag full of merchandise, including a pair of Fila shoes, a purse, socks, a jumper and lingerie.

## CAR HITS BICYCLIST

**In Farmington:**  
A 6-year-old Farmington girl, riding her bicycle about 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, injured her arm after being struck by a vehicle at Grand River and School Road.

The girl was riding on the sidewalk when she swerved out onto westbound Grand River. The motorist, a 56-year-old Farmington Hills man, tried but couldn't avoid the bicyclist. He wasn't charged.

## ASSAULT

**In Farmington Hills:**  
Police were called to the parking lot of the Big and Tall Store when a 10-year-old boy had chased his mother into the street and across two parking lots with verbal and physical abuse.

The boy, described as 4-feet, 9-inches and 95 pounds, was punching and kicking his mother and other observers who tried to

quiet him. He even took several swings at police officers called for help.

The boy was handcuffed and taken to Henry Ford Hospital.

## CREDIT CARD FRAUD

**In Farmington Hills:**  
Police were called to TLC Silk Screening Sept. 3 regarding a string of purchases and apparent credit card scams.

According to the store representative, a group of individuals placed at least four orders over two weeks for a large number of T-shirts, and offered various credit cards as payment for the orders, which totaled about \$12,000.

## DOG BITE

**In Farmington Hills:**  
Parents of a boy, 2 1/2 years old, reported their child had been bitten by a neighbor's dog Sept. 3 in the Little Valley mobile home park.

The child suffered three small holes in the stomach and blood in the stomach. The child approached the dog, who was on a leash, to pet him when the dog bit the child.

## CHILD NEGLECT / ENDANGERMENT

**In Farmington Hills:**  
Police were called to Nine Salvaggio's at noon last Sunday, Sept. 7, when a cart boy, age 14, reported that he had been assaulted by an angry customer who thought the boy had put gum on his hood ornament.

The boy, from West Bloomfield, said he had been dragged by the neck across the parking lot and forced to remove the gum. Police said the boy had a large red welt on his neck and several rips in his shirt.

The boy denied the accusation. Another grocery store cart boy corroborated the assault.

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If the pain is present on arising, increases with the start of activity, and intensifies as you continue to move, then medical attention is in order. You should see a doctor any time swelling of a joint occurs, or the pain, without reason, worsens.

If you already have arthritis, determine the pattern of your pain and discomfort. If you are accustomed to a knee ache that lasts a day and then improves, consider a pain that lasts 2 days and does not resolve, as an indication at least to call your physician. If your joints break out of their pattern, see it as a message that something has changed for the worse.

Often the joint has accumulated fluid, and having your physician remove it, should return you to a stable active state.

It may appear minor to try to carry on when you hurt. However, you are putting undue fatigue on yourself, and often placing a strain on others who must take on the load you cannot share.

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## Rally from page A1

"As I was growing up, my dad Cota McKinnon always talked about how he played baseball in the old Negro League in Alabama, and how he played with the great Satchel Paige," McKinnon said.

But like many young men listening to their father's repetitive stories, the chief questioned its validity. "We tend to not believe our parents' stories, you know how they ran faster, threw better," he said.

As McKinnon tells the story, in 1967 as a second-year police officer working in Detroit, he met Paige when the great pitcher appeared as the half-time star for a Harlem Globetrotters game.

"I thought I was going to be able to go home and kid my father, tell him I had caught him."

"At first, Satchel Paige said, 'son, I played ball with so many people, in so many towns...' and he couldn't remember my dad. But as I was walking away, Paige asked, 'Son, what was your father's name?'"

"Because my father had the unusual name of Cota, Paige did remember him. He told me, 'Son, your father was not only a ball player, but one of the greatest. Had the color line been broken, your dad would have played in the major leagues,'" McKinnon said.

McKinnon said although his father passed away in 1982, he finds that his father's influence is still a daily part of his life.

"As we get older, we recognize our parents as our heroes and one of the most important parts of our lives. I find I'm quoting my father all the time, and I notice that I even speak like him," he said.

Likewise, the chief has enjoyed hearing his own 19-year-old son quote him from time-to-time.

Jim Hall and Karen Bolen, co-chairs for the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council also applauded the event.

Hall said the event was very successful.

"The way I measure the success, is from the responsiveness of the audience. Not only were they very receptive to the speakers, but people lingered afterwards, and asked how they could get involved in the council and where to sign up for commit-

tees," Hall, a business representative of the area, said.

Mary Brown, assistant principal for Harrison High School, spoke to affirm the goals of the council. Other affirming comments were offered by Polly Bachrouche of Oakland Community College, and Hilda Burn, an Oakland Community College student from Tanzania.

Farmington Public Schools Superintendent C. Robert Maxfield said the rally began a series of monthly meetings to put group's ambitions into effect.

"Now that we have established the guiding principles for maintaining a healthy, diverse community, we have to ask so what?" Maxfield said.

"We want to bring people together and work for the equal educational opportunities, equal employment opportunities, equal access to housing and safe neighborhoods," he said.

The council's guiding principal reads, "Racial, religious cultural and ethnic diversity in our community will be respected, nurtured and celebrated. We believe that healthy communities maintain a comprehensive and balanced program of services which are open and accessible to all citizens. We believe in equal educational opportunities. We believe in equal employment opportunities. We believe in equal access to housing. We believe in safe neighborhoods."

Diane Bauman, spokesperson for Farmington Public Schools, said, "The MCMR began in the late 1980's informally as a group of parents, police, school and city officials to discuss religious, race and cultural differences in response to alleged disputes and conflict between high school aged groups."

Performers included the Farmington High School Marching Band section leaders performed under the direction of Norm Logan and the Harrison High School Choir.

Upcoming events for the Multicultural Council include a meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Farmington Training Center to discuss the recruiting, hiring and training of a diverse work force and a Jan. 15 Rainbow Recognition Awards Breakfast at the William Costick Activities Center. For information, call 473-9500.

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