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## Lions, Seedlings aid the blind

Farmington Area Lions recently helped sponsor a grant through Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund to provide "Hooray for Braille" kits from Seedlings Braille Books for Children to visually impaired infants and pre-schoolers in Michigan. The Farmington Lions are shown in photo with 200 kits ready for delivery. The kits are intended to expose families to braille using various braille materials. The kit makes braille easier for families to learn and use in order to help their children become readers. Early intervention specialists in every school district in Michigan were able to reserve kits for infants and pre-schoolers. Seedlings Director Debra Bonde (left) with Farmington Lions President Marion Prover, founded Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a non-profit dedicated to braille literacy for children. Bonde originally designed the kits in memory of her father, Ray Stewart, who played a key role in Seedlings' development. Also pictured are Farmington Lions Walt and Evelyn Kesseler, Dick Carvell, Beulah Gray, Tom Horton, Florence Nauman, Don Prover, Carolyn Schoen and Hank Verleye.

## Police find plastic pellet guns, marijuana on teens

Farmington police who responded to a call about men with guns at Shilwassee Park about 1:30 p.m. Sept. 24 found the suspects had plastic pellet guns.

They arrested the 17-year-old and petitioned the 16-year-old to Oakland County's juvenile division. Both teens live at the same Farmington Hills address. When police responded, they found a pellet gun in the back seat of the vehicle which resembled an automatic weapon, according to the police report. Police removed another pellet gun from the 16-year-old's pocket.

During the incident, the police officer who smelled marijuana recovered a wooden box with 32 plastic bags several of which had marijuana stems and seeds; one, three-inch corn cob pipe, one metal pipe and tobacco rolling papers.

### Vandalism

A Farmington High School student reported that about 3 p.m. Sept. 19 when he was in the student parking he saw his ex-girlfriend and two of her friends putting toilet paper and some type of foam all over his car.

They were gone when Farmington Police officers arrived. The boy immediately took his car to the car wash and said some marks remained.

He said he would be satisfied if the matter was handled by the school.

### Breaking and entering

The site foreman at the

### POLICE CALLS

Burger King reconstruction site on Grand River told police that sometime between Sept. 25-26, someone cut the padlock off the construction trailer. The foreman was compiling a list for police of equipment taken.

### Clubs stolen

In the 27240 Winchester Ct., a \$900 set of golf clubs were stolen from a garage between Sept. 27 and Tuesday. There were no signs of forced entry.

### Locker break-in

At the YMCA on Farmington Road, a Redford man said his locker lock was broken and \$75 in cash was taken from inside his locker between 6-7 p.m. Tuesday.

### Drunken driving

Police pulled over a vehicle along Haggerty and Grand River around 12:25 a.m. Tuesday for speeding. The driver, a 41-year-old West Bloomfield man, had a .13 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along 13 Mile and Drake around 9:40 p.m. Thursday for weaving. The driver, a 47-year-old Zionsville, Ind., woman had a .21 blood/alcohol level.

Police pulled over two vehicles who were drag-racing along 12 Mile and Halsted around 1:50 a.m. Friday. The driver of the Mustang was a 38-year-old West Bloomfield man.

The driver of the Grand Am was a 22-year-old Wheeling, Ill., man. Each had a .12 blood/alcohol level.

### Break-in

At the construction site of the San Marino golf course, an office trailer was broken into Monday night.

Stolen inside was a dual slope laser worth \$15,000 as well as \$5,300 in other miscellaneous tools.

Another construction company had its van broken into the same night at the course and \$4,470 in tools were stolen from inside.

### Chair stolen

In the 21800 block of Rockwell, a wicker chair worth \$160 was stolen from a front porch on Wednesday.

### Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along M-5 and Drake around 1 a.m. Thursday for a loud exhaust. The driver, a 19-year-old Novi man, had crack cocaine in his possession.

### Motorcycle stolen

In the 27700 block of Cass Avenue, someone broke into a shed and stole a motorcycle worth \$700 stored inside on Thursday.

Compiled by staff writers Paul R. Pace and Sue Buck from reports on file with the Farmington Hills Police and Farmington Public Safety Departments.

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## Psychiatric patients charged in break-in

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Two residents from the Northville Psychiatric Hospital were caught in Farmington Hills around 10:15 p.m. Monday and are being charged with breaking into a woman's home on Folsom Road near Parker.

The men, missing from the hospital for about two days, were arraigned on a charge of home invasion in the first degree, a 10-year felony.

According to Hills Police Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus, a 46-year-old woman in the home heard glass breaking. She screamed and called police.

Shortly after, Hills police noticed two suspicious-looking men in the area who were sweating. One was bleeding. Douglas S. Warden, 33, was arraigned in 47th District Court Tuesday. He remains in custody with a 10 percent cash bond of \$150,000.

Charles Navarro, 36, was arraigned Wednesday in the same court. The magistrate granted Navarro a personal bond and ordered him hospitalized under maximum security.

## No one injured in playground gun incident at Lanigan

BY PAUL R. PACE  
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Farmington Hills police chased down two boys, ages 6 and 13, Saturday after one of them allegedly discharged a semi-automatic pistol on the playground of Lanigan Elementary School around 4 p.m.

No one was injured in the incident, said Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus.

The boys, both from Pontiac, got the gun from the 6-year-old's father's nightstand and also found a single bullet to load the weapon, Nebus said after interviewing the boys.

Police were called by a parent of a child who was at the playground with the two boys at one time and saw the gun.

"This could have been the making of a horrible tragedy," Nebus said. "At various times the gun was pointed at the others."

There were about seven other children, stu-

dents at the school, at the scene at different times ranging in age from 7-13 years, the assistant chief said.

The two boys were reportedly visiting a resident in the neighborhood, located east of Middlebelt and south of 10 Mile.

The bullet and its casing have not been found, Nebus said.

The report of the incident has been turned over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review and its possible the owner of the gun could be charged with reckless endangerment by not having the gun secured or locked.

The 13-year-old could be charged with reckless use of a firearm, Nebus said.

The school's principal, Marva Tuner, sent a letter home to parents Monday describing the incident and assuring parents that the school continues to "remain a vigilant to assure a safe school environment for students and staff."

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