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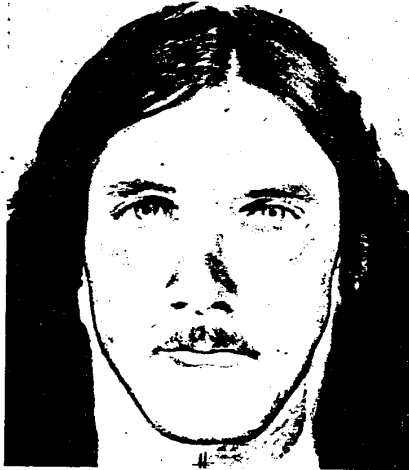
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Police sort tips, seek murder suspects



Police have drawn up this composite drawn of the killer's accomplice after talking to witnesses who were at the murder scene. The killer was wearing a ski mask. Persons who recognize this man should call the Farmington Police Department.

By MARY GNIEWEK

Farmington Police Chief Daniel Byrnes said Tuesday his department is bound and determined to capture two men who robbed four grocery store employees, then shot and killed one of them before escaping on foot early Saturday morning from the Great Scott supermarket at 24053 Orchard Lake Road.

The death of Julius Schnoll, 62, of Southfield, was the first homicide recorded in Farmington in 15 years. Schnoll, a stock crew inspector for the supermarket chain, was killed by a single bullet to the head as he pleaded with the gunman for his life.

About \$250 was taken in the holdup. "If hard work and determination count for anything, we are confident we will solve this case," Byrnes said.

"We've had over 100 tips. They're slowing down and we are beginning to sort them out. We've been getting calls from as far away as Indiana and Tennessee, and we hope to develop some additional information from these."

According to police, the two suspects hid inside the store until after it closed at 10 p.m. Friday, then surprised the night employees about 4:30 a.m. Police did not speculate as to why the culprits waited several hours to attack.

Three stockboys were ordered into a back lunch room and bound hand and foot by the suspects. When Schnoll entered the store on his nightly rounds, he was also bound.

Schnoll was shot after he was unable to open a safe. The bullet ricocheted off the floor and grazed another

employee's shoulder. A third victim was pistol whipped.

The stockboys believed the two intruders were high on drugs. They spoke with slurred speech. It was also reported that the gunman laughed and walked away after shooting Schnoll.

One suspect, wearing a blue ski mask with red circles around the eyes, was armed with a handgun. He was described as being in his early twenties, about 5 feet, 7 inches, slim build and spoke with an unrefined southern accent.

His accomplice, also in his early twenties, had shoulder-length hair, curly at the bottom, a slim build and wore hiking boots. His face was not covered and police have released a composite drawing of him.

The victims of Saturday's robbery were discovered in the backroom by the store manager at 7 a.m. The stockboys were not identified by police.

In a bizarre coincidence Sunday evening, a Great Scott employee was shot in the back by a masked gunman as he closed the store at 5025 Schaefer, Dearborn, at 6:30 p.m.

John Wroblewski, 28, of Canton, told Dearborn police he saw a man wearing a red and white ski mask approach the store carrying a sawed off shotgun. Wroblewski reportedly locked the door from the inside, but the gunman shot through the window.

Wroblewski was in fair condition in Oakwood Hospital Tuesday after doctors removed 40 pellets from his back. The assailant was described as being in his early twenties, about six feet tall and medium build.



This Great Scott supermarket on the corner of Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road was the site of Farmington's first murder in 15 years. (Staff photo)

Report cards get high mark

By MARY GNIEWEK

It's that moment of truth time again for Farmington public school students—high schoolers received their report cards yesterday and elementary students will follow suit Friday.

The event would not be noteworthy except that it marks the 10th anniversary of a new card marking system that still rates high with students, parents and teachers in the Farmington School District.

Gone are the A through E letter grades in kindergarten to sixth grade. They've been replaced with in-depth progress reports designed to give student and parent a true picture of individual development in several categories of learning.

"In 1969, literature indicated a national trend to something other than letter grades," said Gill Elementary principal Frank Kasun, chairman of the report card committee.

After extensive surveys, input from parents and studying other systems, we devised our own method of grade marking. We're always trying to make it better."

THE KINDERGARTEN progress report has seven categories: social and emotional adjustment; work habits; art; music; academic development; skills and motor development and language development. Several sub-categories are under each heading.

The kindergarten report is designed to show parents exactly where their child's strengths and weaknesses lie. At all levels, students have four report card markings at 10-week intervals. Parent conferences are held twice, at the first and third card markings.

A survey shows that more than 70 percent of the teachers in the district prefer the new system, though it entails more work at each marking period.

"It's harder for teachers because it's very time consuming, but it's a much more accurate evaluation for students," says Arlene Scheiber, third grade teacher at Lakeshire school.

"It breaks down attitudes and behavior, things that can't be dissected in a A-E format," she continued.

Students in grades one through three receive a primary progress report tailored to their learning experiences. Youngsters are graded on attitudes; work habits; language arts; reading; speaking, listening, spelling and writing; math; science; social studies; art; music and physical education. Subheadings are listed under each area.

THE LATER ELEMENTARY progress report has 10 categories with sub-headings. In each division, a child is graded with the terms "needs to improve," "making progress" or "high achievement" in relation to the level of growth from the beginning of each period. A long column on one side of the report allows teachers to elaborate with additional comments.

From grades seven through 12, the traditional A through E letter system is still used. Kasun doesn't believe the transition between systems is a problem for most students.

"For some students, it's a cause for a few rough moments," Kasun admitted. "But students know better than anyone where they stand and they can swing with it."

Some high school classes are graded on a pass-fail system. At Harrison High, students are graded pass-fail for beginning typing and independent study programs.

"We had physical education on a pass-fail basis for three or four years," said principal James Geiger. "But the teachers wanted to return to the grade system. They get a greater response from the students."

Geiger favors the letter system in high schools.

"The system is good if sound judgment is used. We don't put excessive emphasis on the marking system."

STUDENTS ALSO SEEM to favor grades over pass-fail, including those who are not college bound.

"I like grades because they let me know how I'm doing as far as grade point average is concerned, even though I'm not going to college," said Harrison senior Julie White.

Added Farmington senior Doreen Favro: "I don't know if I'll go to college, but I like the letter grades because they let you know how you're doing better than with pass-fail."

One dissenting vote came from Nick Palise, band teacher at Farmington.

"I don't like putting students into a caste system as far as music is concerned. In this area, the A-E system classifies a student. It can either put him on a trip or bring him down morally. If we had more time for marking, I would prefer a pass-fail system with commentary."

According to school surveys, about 70 percent of the teachers prefer the marking system as do 60 percent of the parents.

"It tells parents more about their children and removes the stigma of failure. Generally, good and bad points are balanced," said Kasun.

When the district changes to a middle school format in 1980-81, Kasun will be at the helm to decide if the students will be graded with progress reports or letter grades.

"We'll have to see what format evolves and what courses will be offered before we decide which way to go," says Kasun. "Some districts with middle schools have letter grades, some have commentary and others use computers. I'm not going to make any value judgments."

Library plans for Valentines

The Farmington Community Library will present its annual family Valentine's Day program at both branches. At 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, the Farmington Hills branch will present the program. Registration begins Feb. 5 by calling 553-0300.

The Farmington branch will present the program at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15. Registration begins Feb. 5 by calling 474-7770.

The story hour will feature the amusing skit, "Miss Nelson is Missing," from the book written by Harry Allard and James Marshall. The skit will be performed by the children's librarians: Denis Albrecht, Jill Locke, Denise Moll, Barbara Shumer and Phyllis Alpert. This children's story relates a classroom's escapades with a substitute teacher and a detective sent to find Miss Nelson whom the children miss.

A musical slide presentation, performing clown, special Valentine refreshments and poetry presentations will highlight the program.

Rep. Brotherton lands new posts

State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington) has been named to four House committees and will serve as vice-chairman of the Economic and Energy Committee for the upcoming legislative session.

Brotherton, who is beginning his third term, will also serve on the City Government, Urban Affairs and Public Health committees.

He has served on the Urban Affairs and Public Health committees for the past four years.

Brotherton, whose 64th district includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and parts of Southfield, said he is especially pleased with his vice-chair position on the Economic Development and Energy Committee.

"Michigan being a northern industrial state is faced with several challenges in the areas of attracting new business, developing a strong economy

and developing new energy sources," he said.

"I am gratified that I am being given an opportunity to play a key role in the future of Michigan's business climate."

Although representing a suburban area, Brotherton says he can be of good use on the Urban Affairs Committee.

"I believe that I am knowledgeable enough in the area to offer some viable suggestions concerning alternatives where I think the system needs changing," he said.

The urban affairs committee will most likely deal with the question of a mass transit system for Detroit sometime in the near future, he said.

"We'll have to see what happens first with the statewide petition drive to roll back gas tax and license plate tax, but we'll probably deal with the mass transit proposal sometime during this session," he said.

Schoolcraft board adopts new policy

A new small business management program and a refrigeration engineers apprenticeship program have been added to the Schoolcraft College curriculum.

Meanwhile, a real estate degree program and some problems for non-residents of the community college district were eliminated by board of trustees action Jan. 24.

The only controversy was over the policy on non-residents.

The new admissions policy says, "Preference will be given to residents of the community for admission to those programs with waiting lists. Non-residents will be admitted to such programs when openings exist."

Eliminated is a special registration time for non-residents. A memo from President C. Nelson Grote said the old policy "created a real hardship on new non-resident students and... has contributed to our inability to serve students and our declining enrollment."

VOTING AGAINST the change was trustee Mark McQuesten, who objected to any preference to resident students.

"It's one of the most arrogant policies this board has adopted," McQuesten said. "We are the only one of 29 community colleges in the state to have such a discriminatory policy."

Trustees Rosina Raymond, Harry Greenleaf and Paul Kadish disagreed.

"We get 1.77 mills from our own district residents," said Mrs. Raymond. But she asked the administration to get an attorney's ruling on the continuation of the residents-first policy on programs with waiting lists.

Grote said the college has had an increase in non-resident enrollment after

one decline. "This policy came about in 1976 because of our waiting lists. We are one of the few colleges, or perhaps the only one in the state, to have this rule."

Edward McNally, vice president for student services, said non-resident enrollment stands around 28 per cent. The college district includes the K-12 districts of Clarencville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton, plus a small fraction of Novi.

APPROVED 6-0 was a small business management program leading to the degree of associate in applied science.

It was developed by business instructor Greg Worosz, who used last spring's semester to do a feasibility study. The program is expected to appeal to persons already in a small business as owners and employees who want to do a better job. It is also aimed at persons who want to get into their own small business.

Enrollment is expected to be 25-30 the first year and 50-75 the second.

Besides general business and economics courses, the curriculum will include several small business management courses. Board vice-chairman Greenleaf urged that attention be paid to the problems of local government regulations and ordinances.

THE REAL estate degree program was dropped effective at the end of the winter semester.

"The number of students who have completed the program has been negligible," said an administration memo. "It is felt by all concerned that the two or three courses in demand by the stu-

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IS WILLING TO TRY NEW ACTIVITIES		
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Report cards aren't anything like they were in the old days. In beginning grades, the trend is going away from an alphabetical system to a more thorough assessment of the student. This is the report card used for kindergartners in the Farmington School District.

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