

Suicide attempt halts hearing

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A 33-year-old man was slightly injured in the incident after he dove head-first out of a second-story bedroom window to escape the assailants, police said.

Two female occupants of the house and a 30-year-old male occupant were uninjured in the incident, police said.

Three occupants of the house, on Polonica north of Seven Mile, told Redford police that they were sitting at a kitchen table shortly after 10 p.m. when two knife-wielding men

burst into the house through an unlocked front door. They demanded money, and one of them grabbed the older male resident.

They fought briefly, but neither was injured during the struggle, police said. During the struggle, a 48-year-old female resident ran out of a back door, while the other assailant held his knife to the throat of the male resident, 24.

The struggle ended after the male resident said he'd go upstairs to his bedroom and get some money. But the man jumped head-first out of the bedroom window, suffering minor

injuries to his hands, and ran to a neighbor's house to call police.

The younger male resident was in the upstairs bedroom during the incident and saw the other man leap out of the window, but he told police that he didn't see anything else.

The assailants fled before police arrived without obtaining any money. The suspects were arrested by Redford police the following day.

The men had visited the house in the past as casual acquaintances of at least one of the residents, who identified the suspects, police said.

North gives shaky hello to letters for scholarship

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enrolled in five classes, are eligible to receive the letter.

The letter has a "lamp of knowledge" in the background. In future years, a bronze bar will be given to the students to attach to the letter.

TRUSTEE JANICE Rolnick, also a parent, said she attended the North Farmington ceremony and felt negative feelings from the students.

But she said many students had changed their feelings following the ceremony.

"You're right, the student population was very negative about it," she said. "It's really a shame that is the atmosphere in those buildings. I think we have to solve the problem."

Rice said she thought the academic letter concept would take a few years to grow on the student body.

"If we try and get the point across,

If this year's juniors and seniors get a few jackets, by the time the freshmen are seniors, maybe it will be as popular as band jackets," she said.

"It may take a few years."

STATE SEN. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, was keynote speaker at the North Farmington ceremony.

He said he thought the Farmington policy was a good one. A big supporter of education, Faxon said all districts should honor their achievers.

"I think it's a very positive thing to give recognition to scholastics as we do to any exemplary behavior," he said. "Today, it's a new world of information and knowledge. There's no substitute for what one can achieve."

Academic letters and such recognition bring "a great sense of equality to all people who constitute the

school community," he said.

IN ADDITION to discussing student concerns such as academic letters, Rice said the Student Round Table had already developed an active agenda for the school year.

Some of the goals include:

- having written reports from and about each school from Student Round Table representatives.
- forming subcommittees to handle student issues more in-depth.
- sponsoring activities, possibly a spring dance, and discussing how to finance such activities.

- working with community groups such as the YMCA to set up a Teen Night for high school students.
- setting up an article exchange between student newspapers, so news about each of the three schools could be read by others. Also, they suggest selling students newspapers from other schools in school stores.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

DRUGBOX TAKEN

A box containing potentially dangerous narcotics and other cardiac drugs was stolen from a Community EMS ambulance equipment van parked in a lot near Farmington Road and 12 Mile between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Nov. 3-3.

"The contents of the box are extremely hazardous to those not knowing how to use the drugs," according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The drugs were contained in a beige and brown Plano-brand drugbox. They were valued at \$1,500.

MAN SENTENCED

The former Michigan Department of Social Services supervisor who pleaded guilty for his part in a scheme to defraud the state out of day care money intended for needy children was sentenced to one to 10 years in prison.

Oakland County Circuit Judge James Thorburn sentenced Terry Dale Brenner, 41, of Lansing Thursday. Brenner pleaded guilty to conspiracy Oct. 24.

Also Oct. 24, Recorder's Judge William Leo Cabahan of Detroit sentenced Brenner's accomplice, Dominic Palmieri, 30, of Farmington Hills to a similar sentence for his part in the scheme.

Palmieri received \$306,000 in pho-

ny day care payments from Brenner, but kept "about 10 percent of it," said his attorney, William Bufalino II of St. Clair Shores. The rest of the money was kicked back to Brenner.

Overall, the scheme cost the state some \$238,000, said Robert Lanni, assistant state attorney general.

Brenner, former director of the DSS' Family and Child Services placement services division, pleaded guilty to similar fraud charges in Ingham and Livingston counties.

Between August 1987 and June 1988, Brenner allegedly turned checks over to at least 10 men who posed as DSS day care operators. He then accepted kickbacks from those phony operations in Ingham, Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties.

TAMPED CANDY

Sewing needles were found in the trick or treat bags of two youngsters in Farmington Hills Hunt Club subdivision, 11 Mile and Halsted, on Halloween Oct. 31, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

THEFTS REPORTED

Tools valued at \$125 were reported stolen from a storage box behind the Downtown Farmington Center in Farmington Oct. 28.

Railroad ties valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a back yard on Elm Grove Nov. 1.

A 1988 Chevrolet Silverado valued at \$16,000 was reported stolen from Greenhill Apartments Nov. 1-2. It was recovered near Lake Orion.

A 1988 Jeep valued at \$25,000 was reported stolen from Kotila Chiropractic Center, 28800 Eight

Mile, Nov. 2. It was recovered in Detroit.

A 1988 Jeep Cherokee valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from Chrysler Corp. Purchasing Center, 30500 Northwestern Highway, Nov. 2. A 1988 Dodge Shadow reported stolen from Warren was recovered at the same location.

A 1988 Chevrolet pickup valued at \$7,000 was reported stolen from Bonaventure Skating Center, 24505 Halsted, Nov. 2.

A 1983 Cadillac Seville valued at \$12,000 was reported stolen from along Westcott Crescent Circle Nov. 3.

A gym bag with clothing, books and equipment valued at \$220 was reported stolen from behind the Radio Shack in downtown Farmington Nov. 3.

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