

Woman attacked by knife-wielder

FARMINGTON HILLS — A fifteen-year-old Farmington Hills boy, who police said threatened a woman with a butcher knife, has been freed on a \$5,000 bond.

Police said the boy jumped into the car of a woman and her three-year-old child in the Chatham Supermarket parking lot April 19.

The woman jumped from the car and screamed, police said, and the boy dropped the knife and fled. Police apprehended him later in the area.

The boy was turned over to juvenile authorities and released after posting a \$5,000 bond. No court date was set.

Democrats are running hard for 17th district election

Just about every prominent Democrat in the northwest Detroit section of the 17th Congressional District has been looking longingly at the congressional seat which will be up for grabs this year following the retirement of U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Detroit).

At least one Democrat from Redford Township has been looking over the district and analyzing it to determine whether to throw in his hat.

State Rep. John Bennett, who has served in the State House since 1964, admits that after several weeks of studying the heavily Democratic dis-

trict, he still has a longing eye on the seat.

"I'm still studying it," Bennett said last week. "I think I could make the best congressman around. But whether or not to get into it, I just don't know."

The district also includes Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Lathrup Village.

State Rep. William Brodhead and Sen. Jack Faxon, both Detroit Democrats, have already announced for the election.

Those rumored to be considering the race include Robert FitzPatrick, chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners; State Rep. Josephine Hunsinger, Detroit Democrat; and Patrick McDonald, Detroit school board member.

Local Democrats think that a candidate from Redford Township might capture the seat if several Detroit candidates split up that vote.

The race would be expensive, Bennett admits. Also, if he seeks reelection to his House seat, he will be eligible for a considerable pension for his long service.

Should he enter the race, he'll be seeking the seat which has been held by the first person to inspire him to enter politics.

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Sen. Faxon enters 17th District race

State Sen. Jack Faxon, a Democrat from northwest Detroit, announced his candidacy for the congressional seat in the 17th District, calling for "accessibility, responsibility and sensitivity" in government.

Faxon, who has served in the Legislature for 10 years, is seeking the seat which will be vacated by the retirement of U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-Detroit). The district includes northwest Detroit, Redford Township, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"More than anything else in government today, we need accessibility, responsibility and sensitivity to the concerns of the people," Faxon said. "That's what I am offering as a congressional candidate. That's what I believe my record in the State Legislature has demonstrated."

Faxon said that as a congressman, he would attempt to minimize the inequitable effects of the energy crises by proposing or supporting legislation to tax "heavily" the excess profits of the oil industry, control the price on crude oil and review oil depreciation allowances.

He also called for a cost of living increment for the nation's senior citizens because inflation has "shoved most retirees to the brink of poverty."

If elected, Faxon said he would support the Mondale bill in Congress which will guarantee pension protection and regulate "arbitrary" plant closings that threaten people's jobs.

He also pledged support for federal legislation to clean up campaign practices.

A native of Detroit, Faxon holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from Wayne State University and a second master's degree in history from the University of Michigan.

He was instrumental in starting the Bagley Community Council and was active in the PTA as a member of the Detroit Federation of Teachers.

In 1967, Faxon was selected as one of the two outstanding legislators in Michigan by the Eagleton Institute of Rutgers University.

Planners approve 315 acre project

FARMINGTON HILLS — A 315 acre planned residential community moved one step closer to reality at the Farmington Hills Planning Commission meeting April 25.

The commission voted to recommend to the city council that the site be rezoned from residential (RA-1) to planned residential development (RP-1).

The site is located on the north side of 12 Mile Road at Drake Road.

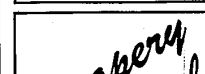
Under the Farmington Hills zoning ordinances, the RP-1 zone would permit a mixture of one, two and multiple family dwellings. There is a density limit of eight bedroom an acre.

Final approval of the rezoning must still be given by the city council.

In other action, the commission:

- Recommended the approval of a rezoning request for a lot on the southwest corner of Bramwell and 12 Mile Road from residential (RA-2) to office service (OS-1).
- Approved a cluster housing development at Nine Mile and Drake roads.
- Gave site plan approval for a motel on Grand River between 10 Mile and Haggerty roads.

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