

Republican youth held in slaying

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have the boy tried for first-degree murder as an adult.

Family, friends and neighbors grew apprehensive during the week as police searched for the girl, but the news that she had been killed almost overwhelmed many of those who knew her.

"I've known her since she was a little girl," said a visibly shaken neighbor. "She was a quiet girl, very nice. Her family never bothers anyone. They mind their kids."

Rhonda would have been a junior at Garden City High School this fall. Her former principal Mark Gutman, said that Rhonda had been in summer school and had just recently completed her driver's training course.

He said the girl was an outstanding student. "She was definitely college material. She had the potential for great success," Gutman said.

RHONDA LIVED with her family on Marquette. The family includes her parents Frank and Janet Glover, a younger brother, Todd, and a younger sister, Carrie.

The Grovers told police Rhonda was last seen leaving her house about 5:30 p.m. Sunday on her way to see a boyfriend.

Police think Rhonda may have met the 16-year-old suspect and been killed Sunday night.

Rhonda's body was badly decomposed when found, said Westland police Sgt. Emory Price. The body was identified through dental records.

Westland police, who are handling the joint investigation with Garden City police, were awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine the cause of death and whether she had been sexually molested.

The section of Hines Park where the body was found is in Westland between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. The area is just northeast of the Riverbend Apartment.

SGT. PRICE said that it may be some time — up to a year — before it is decided whether the 16-year-old can be tried as an adult.

He said the youth may have to be evaluated by psychiatrists and social workers before juvenile division of probate court will decide whether to waive authority.

Price said the boy told officials at Boys Republic that he had discovered a body and officials notified police.

Mark Sperling, director of professional services at Boys Republic, said the 16-year-old had been placed in the home by the Wayne County Department of Social Services about two years ago.

He said the boy had been granted home visits during the past two years and was on such a pass last week.

Sperling added that the youth was a status offender, which means he was disobedient or incorrigible but not delinquent. He said the boy was a management problem for his parents, but that there was no indication that he had ever been violent in the past.

Farmington schools set registration dates

The Farmington Public Schools list the following opening procedures for registration.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Sept. 1 — Registration packet pickup (9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Sept. 6, senior high registration.
- Wednesday, Sept. 7 — Teacher prep day, morning; students, starting at 11:30 a.m. and running through the afternoon
- Thursday, Sept. 8 — students report all day.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Sept. 1 — Registration (schedules) pickup (9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Sept. 7 — Sixth-grade orientation (morning). All students report in afternoon.
- Thursday, Sept. 8 — students report all day.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Tuesday, Sept. 6 — students morning only.
- Wednesday, Sept. 7 — students all day.

Walled Lake teacher wins award

A Walled Lake Central High School teacher was selected as one of Michigan's nominees for the first Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Dr. Phillip L. Cox, who teaches mathematics at Walled Lake Central, is one of four teachers nominated for this honor by the state Board of Education.

Cox and Patricia Fraxe of Ann Arbor Huron High School are Michigan's nominees for the national mathematics awards. The Michigan nominees for the science awards are Ferne Ellis of Addison High School in Lenawee County and Walter Scheider of Ann Arbor Huron High School.

Cox has taught in the Walled Lake school system for the past 12 years.

"MICHIGAN HAS a lot of very strong classroom teachers, but I felt I had a chance to be nominated because I've been involved in a lot of activities," Cox said.

Michigan has more than its fair share of extremely good mathematics teachers so it's a real honor to have received the nomination.

Cox has been in education for 21 years. Before coming to Walled Lake Central, he worked as a junior high school teacher in Ann Arbor and also worked for Oakland County schools on a federally-funded, curriculum-writing project. He also worked at the Fort Custer Job Corps Center in Battle Creek.

Cox is the author of a textbook, "Geometry in Easy Steps — An Informal Approach."

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Hospital plan nixed

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moving the penthouse equipment area. "That (south tower addition) could still be started by mid-November if everything falls in place," he added.

Although the height controversy of the proposed south tower addition is drawing the most attention, a smaller \$3 million expansion of the medical

office building is scheduled to begin within 60 days.

The medical office building will be expanded to three floors from the present 30,000 square feet to 42,000 square feet, Cooper said. The renovated building also will feature an atrium. A third hospital project scheduled for 1990 includes expanding medical service areas such as emergency, surgical and obstetrics, Cooper added.

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