



Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer (left) awards state Trooper Gary Nix a valorous conduct

award and a department medal of valor during a brief ceremony last week.

Hills police cite state trooper

A Michigan State Police trooper was honored for his part in helping capture a suspect in an armed robbery of a Taco Bell in Farmington Hills last March.

In a brief ceremony held in Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer's office Nov. 21, Dwyer presented a framed valorous conduct award and a department medal of valor to Gary Nix, a six-year trooper stationed at Post No. 29 in Detroit.

The armed robbery occurred shortly past 9 p.m. March 14 at the Taco Bell, 27740 Grand River.

As Dwyer recounted the incident, Nix — off-duty and traveling in his own car — heard gunshots, then saw Farmington Hills Officer Charles Hubbard chasing a gunman.

Joining in the chase, Nix later handcuffed the gunman after he fell to the ground.

It was later determined the 18-year-old Detroit man had been shot during the exchange of gunfire with Hubbard, according to Dwyer. The man died at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

At the time of his arrest, the man was carrying a bag with money taken at gunpoint from Taco Bell. Two other teen-age suspects were arrested soon after, according to Dwyer.

The restaurant, a target of two sickups earlier in the year, had been under surveillance for three weeks at the time of the robbery, Dwyer added.

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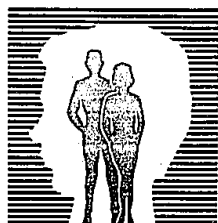
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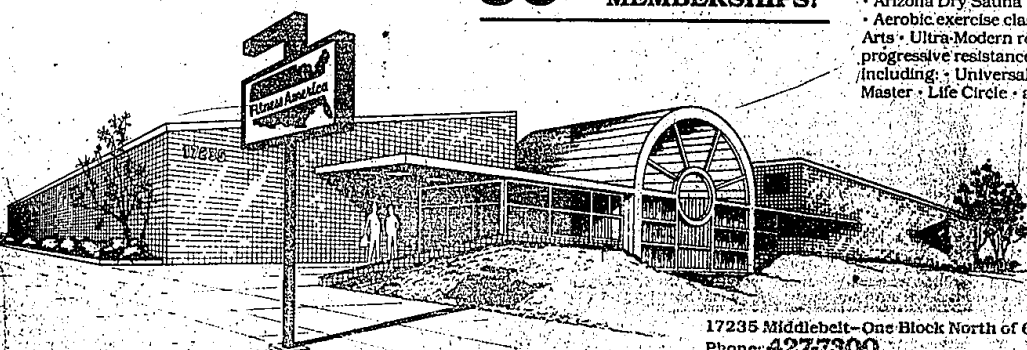
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