

# 1 convicted of murder

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McMinn, 46, guilty on one count of armed robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

After the prosecutor rested his case, the judge dropped a first-degree felony murder charge against McMinn because of a lack of evidence. McMinn pleaded guilty to a habitual offender charge, according to the judge's court clerk.

**THE THIRD** defendant, Anthony Jerome Parks, 24, was released Tuesday after Cooper dismissed a first-degree felony murder charge and acquitted the Detroit resident of armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Parks had requested a bench trial.

Cooper scheduled sentencing for Tipton and McMinn for Tuesday, Nov. 10. Tipton faces a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole for the first-degree felony murder conviction and a mandatory

two-year prison term for possessing a firearm in the commission of a felony.

On the conspiracy convictions, Tipton and McMinn face prison terms of two years to life. McMinn faces a penalty of up to life in prison for the armed robbery conviction.

The three were arrested shortly after Chapman's shooting at 11:10 a.m. Feb. 28, in the Hunter's Ridge parking lot. But McMinn was released a day later on orders of the county prosecutor. After she eluded Michigan State Police criminal investigation section's fugitive team arrested her at a friend's house in Detroit in late March.

When police arrived at Hunter's Ridge the day of the shooting, they found Chapman lying on the grass outside an apartment on Hunters Drive. He was on his way to his employer's apartment when he was killed, police said.

# Election report planned

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IN ADDITION to election night coverage, Channel 12 staff has taped and is replaying scheduled public candidate debates sponsored by the Farmington Democratic Club, the Farmington-West Bloomfield League of Women Voters and the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners Association.

The homeowners council-sponsored debate is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday in the Farmington Hills City Council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

# Beautification awards given

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Manor Apartments, Parkview Apartments, River Glen Condominiums, Valleyview Condominiums, Wynest Condominiums, Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club and the Farmington Observer.

Others receiving honorable mentions were: Ken's Shell, Ole Toll Shell, Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington Department of

Public Services, Chatham Hills Apartments, Drakeshire Apartments, Kingsland Co-op Inc. and Kingslane Court Apartments.

Special commendations went to Dimitri's, Duquet Jewelers, Korner Barber Shop, Michelle Marie's Flowers and photographer Jeanne Liming who has worked for both the Farmington Beautification Committee and Keep Michigan Beautiful.



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# Schools to study overcrowding

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Farmington Hills and has two children who attend Wood Creek Elementary. Roeder was nominated by trustee Janice Holnick.

■ Dan Jaksen is the president of the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. He lives on Shady Ridge in Farmington Hills and is the father of three. Jaksen was nominated by trustee Jack Inch.

■ John Washburn is an account executive with Goodyear Tire and Rubber and is a 27-year resident of the city of Farmington. He currently lives on Birchwood. Washburn has three children, all graduates of Farmington High School. He was

nominated by trustee James Abernethy.

■ John Forbes brings a "great deal of concern about education" to the committee, he said. Forbes lives on Edgemore in the city of Farmington Hills and was nominated by trustee Helen Prutow.

■ Paula Creed is a Farmington Hills attorney who has three children who formerly attended Farmington Public Schools. She lives on Summerwood in the city of Farmington Hills and was nominated by trustee Susan Rennels.

**THE PANEL** will receive information from three subcommittees, chaired by Larkshire Elementary principal Al Langlan, Warner Middle School principal Walt Scoble

and Harrison High School principal Clayton Graham and involving parents and school staff at the building level. An administrative committee of seven will also aid in researching the information.

At Renaldi's request, three "Town Hall" meetings will be held with each of the subcommittees so information can be shared and obtained from the community-at-large, according to information from the district.

Each subcommittee will tackle different questions, according to the district.

**AT THE** elementary level, 1988-89 enrollment projections will be researched, plus transportation costs and short- and long-range

boundaries. They will also consider the feasibility of one or two new elementary schools and the possibility of using district-owned land at 11 Mile and Halsted roads.

At the middle school level, subcommittee members will look at the current student balance in the schools, equal opportunities at each and how middle schools should feed into the high schools. They will also address enrollment projections.

At the high school level, boundary changes will be addressed by looking at the entire district because of the current disparity at Harrison High. They will also review equal education opportunities at each school and how these can be balanced.

# 2 U.S. reps are divided on war act

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utilities are imminent. Once the act is invoked, troops must be withdrawn within 60 days unless Congress votes to extend the time.

**REP. WILLIAM BROOMFIELD**, R-Birmingham, said the situation calls for immediate congressional support of the president's actions, not debate over invoking the War Powers Act.

As the ranking Republican on the House foreign affairs committee, he introduced such a resolution Tuesday night on behalf of himself and House Minority Leader Bob Michel.

"This is no time to attempt to invoke the war powers resolution or attempt to legislate on the delicate situation in the gulf," Broomfield said.

"Premature or unwise application of the war powers resolution could have undesirable political consequences at home and abroad."

"When U.S. forces are committed to a dangerous mission overseas, disputes over war powers at home can harm their morale, divide the country, communicate uncertainty to our foreign friends, and send a signal of vacillation to our opponents."

**U.S. REP SANDER** Levin, D-Southfield, termed Monday's attack by U.S. Navy destroyers on an Iranian oil platform a "necessary and appropriate response" to last week's silkworm missile attack on a U.S. flagged tanker in Kuwaiti waters.

"What is critical now," Levin said, "is to get the president and Congress together to define a Persian Gulf policy that will protect our interests in the free flow of oil while reducing rather than increasing the level of hostilities there. But one-time retaliation does not represent a policy."

**The Act, passed in 1973 in reaction to the Vietnam War, requires that a president seek congressional approval for any long-term commitment of troops in a foreign region where hostilities are imminent. Once the act is invoked, troops must be withdrawn within 60 days unless Congress votes to extend the time.**



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