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Coin dealer feared 'execution'



Armed robbery defendants Michael Alan Weaver (left), 40, and Naal Ashak Butris, 18, at their preliminary examination Friday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington. Schaeffer ordered the pair to stand

trial on armed robbery charges stemming from a shootout with a coin dealer in Farmington Hills. Butris also faces two counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

Security at exam extra tight, 2A

By Casey Hans staff writer

Two men will stand trial on robbery charges following an April 9 incident in which a bullet grazed a 15-year-old boy during an exchange of gunfire between a coin dealer and a man armed with a semiautomatic weapon in Farmington Hills.

One of the men also is charged with two counts of attempted murder following the incident outside Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

"He slammed the end of the gun against the glass, like he was trying to break it. Then he stopped back and said he was going to shoot," said the 52-year-old Taylor coin dealer, who testified Friday about the attempted theft of his \$40,000 collection as he was about to leave the parking lot in his van following the coin, stamp and baseball card show.

"I was afraid it was going to be an execution."

The other attempted murder charge involves the teenager, who was climbing out of

the Mercy Center pool when struck in the chest by one of three bullets fired by the gunman. He was not seriously hurt.

AT THE defendants' preliminary exam Friday, defense attorneys pleaded with District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington to bar newspaper and television photographic coverage of the preliminary examination of 40-year-old Michael Alan Weaver of Madison Heights and 18-year-old Naal Ashak Butris of Detroit. But Schaeffer denied the motion, saying "Nothing I have heard requires... the media to be excluded."

The two men were brought to court Friday under heavy police guard, courtroom visitors were screened for weapons and searched. The men are being held in the Oakland County in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond pending arraignment and trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Weaver is charged with one count of armed robbery. Police suspect him of driving the getaway car following the aborted robbery.

Butris is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder, one count of armed robbery, two counts of possessing a firearm while

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MOTHER grinds

Proposals of a day care center for downtown Farmington have angered another bundle of voters. Farmington City Council members voted unanimously April 17 to allow the Vista Palace Center to continue planning for the center in the city's central business district.

The proposed site is the former building on Grand River in the West End. Farmington Board and the city have the development authority earlier approved several permits and care

NEW

Farmington resident Edward C. Hand, 70, was appointed April 17 to complete a term on the city's Board of Health. Hand is a resident of Farmington Hills and has served on the board since 1986.

BOBBI

The Farmington and Farmington Hills City Councils will meet in May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington City Council Chambers.

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Memory lane

25 years ago:

Detroit bus service, which had been extended on Grand River to downtown Farmington, is being discontinued at the end of this month. John Deaton, executive director of the Michigan Public Transit Association, says that the service will be replaced by the D & S. Public Transit service.

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Veteran judge to step down

Judgeship hopefuls lining up, 4A

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Veteran District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington has long been satisfied with being, as he puts it, a "big frog in a small pond."

After 20 years as a district judge, the well-known, affable Hand, 70, will seek calmer waters with his announced retirement, effective May 1, 1 1/2 years before his fourth term expires.

Watching district judge friends lose a happy and productive retirement because of illness prompted Hand's decision.

"I've been looking at all the people around me. . . I figured why wait until something happens. I might as well retire while I have good health and I can enjoy it," said the 34-year Farmington resident.

The only thing he is sure of about his planned retirement is that he will remain in Farmington. "I'm kind of going to survey the scene about what I want to do," he said.

Hand expects quite a scramble for his 520,000-year job on the 17th judge 47th District Court bench. And he won't make any recommendations to Gov. James Blanchard, who will appoint an interim judge to serve through 1990, when Hand's term expires.

"I know so many well-qualified people. If I were to recommend one and not someone else, it wouldn't be very fair," Hand said.

A SPOKESWOMAN for the governor's personnel office said she is already receiving applications for the appointment. Until someone is appointed, visiting judges will take Hand's place. Though the state Supreme Court administrator actually appoints a visiting judge, fel-

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District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington looked back on his years of judicial service during an interview Thursday.

39 Farmington teachers pink-slipped

By Casey Hans staff writer

Thirty-nine Farmington Public Schools teachers received pink slips last week in the district's recent annual notification of possible layoffs for the 1989-90 school year.

Nine teachers are from the high school level, seven from special education and special services programs and the remainder from middle and elementary schools. The list

was approved by the school board April 18, as required by the collective bargaining agreement with the Farmington Education Association.

If positions remain open in early June, teachers will be called back according to certification and seniority, according to personnel director Robert Coleman.

Callbacks this year will be affected because of 12 high-seniority teachers returning from leaves and another 12 who are being trans-

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ferred involuntarily because of changes in school programs. They all have a chance at jobs before the 30 on the list are called back.

"This is the 15th year I've come to the board," said Coleman in presenting the information. "I like to call it a 'recall list.'"

COLEMAN SAID he could not speculate on how many teachers might be called back, because so much depends on situations in the district each year. "I prefer not to comment on it (because) you raise people's expectations," he said. "Any given day. . . or point in time, the number changes."

One name remains on the 1988-89 list.

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Mayor's poll shows concerns

City hall to survey residents, 3A

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Many Farmington Hills residents didn't mince words in expressing concerns about the city to Mayor Terry Sever.

"The city council has done little to change its poor public image developed over the last year. It seems not one month goes by without some controversy, which draws attention to a council in trouble with the public and themselves," said a Hektik Drive resident.

"(Council members) seem to be

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Teaching life skills high on his agenda

By Casey Hans staff writer

His work day is like a never-ending print run. In one corner of the room, students do typesetting and design. In another, the presses roll out a variety of jobs. Other students are selecting grades of paper, contacting customers or handling a phone call.

Dennis Zaleski is in the thick of it all.

The graphic arts veteran is supervising a business run completely by his students, to whom he teaches not only graphic arts but life skills. His base is at Farmington High School, but he has students from all three of the district's high schools.

"They learn to manage their time and basically manage things — that's what life is all about," said Zaleski, excusing himself to help

people

another student with a job order. "I try to give them as many experiences as humanly possible."

Zaleski was recently named Teacher of the Year by an organization of secondary school coordinators for special needs, the first time he has received the award, which puts him at the top of his field in the state.

IN HIS three levels of graphic arts courses, Zaleski works with all types of students — from those who will choose a career based on it, to others who simply want to learn graphic

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