

# Dealer feared he would be executed

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committing a felony and one count of possessing a firearm.

Witnesses testified they saw Butris carrying the "Uzi-like" semiautomatic pistol during the Mercy Center incident. Farmington Hills detective Darnel Krause said fingerprint and ballistic tests on the gun are not yet complete.

THE ASSAULT and robbery charges could bring penalties of up to life in prison upon conviction; a felony firearms conviction carries a mandatory two-year prison term.

Eight prosecution witnesses testified during the two-hour exam, all identifying the two men as those involved in the incident, which occurred shortly after 5 p.m. April 9.

But a defense witness, at Mercy Center that day for Naval training, said he could not identify the two defendants charged even though he had witnessed activity in the parking lot that day.

At their attorneys' request, the two defendants were seated in the audience for the first portion of the exam, since Schaeffer had refused an earlier defense motion for a lineup. When asked to identify them, witnesses had to search the courtroom to make an identification. Family members of the defendants were also present for the exam.

"The fact that there was gunfire in an area where people were standing... is enough for

purposes of examination and for trial," argued Oakland County assistant prosecutor Jean Gibson.

THE BULLET that struck the teenage swimmer had pierced the pool window, near the doorway from where the coin dealer fired first in hopes of disabling his van. The robber returned the gunfire but couldn't find the van's keys so fled with the man he had come with.

The suspects were arrested shortly after 5:30 p.m. April 9 when they bailed out of a car on a dead-end street near Grand River and Middlebelt. Police from Farmington Hills, Farmington, Livonia and Detroit gave chase from the Mercy Center and surrounded the area.

The incident was brought to local law enforcement attention by an off-duty Detroit police officer who also sells coins and was at the show. He heard the shooting and described the getaway car.

Weaver has prior felony convictions, including a killing and a robbery in Warren, and escaped April 1 while hospitalized in the custody of the Wayne County Sheriff in connection with a Detroit fight. He also faces charges of armed robbery, assault with intent to rob and felony firearm charges in connection with the holdup of a Westland restaurant last November.

Butris is a resident alien from Iraq. Both men stood mute at their district court



RANDY DORST/courtesy photographer

Assistant Oakland County prosecutor Jean Gibson makes a point while addressing District Judge Margaret Schaeffer during the defendants' preliminary exam Friday in Farmington.

arrangement April 10; Innocent pleas were entered for them.

The FBI is investigating to determine if similarities exist between the Farmington Hills robbery and other coin dealer robberies in Michigan or nationwide, FBI special agent John Anthony said.

# Security at examination extra tight

Farmington Hills Lt. Gordon Ross gave several reasons why security — involving uniformed and plainclothes officers — was extremely heavy at the preliminary examination Friday by Michael Alan Weaver and Naal Ashak Butris.

The men were brought into 47th District Court in Farmington in handcuffs and leg chains.

Butris is charged with two counts of assault with intent to murder in connection with a Farmington Hills armed robbery April 9. The gunman in that incident sprayed a doorway

where several people were standing.

Weaver is charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with a gunfight with an off-duty Detroit officer outside a Detroit lounge Dec. 15. He fled from a Detroit hospital while the Wayne County deputy guarding him went to dinner April 1. He had been returned to Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit March 28, when his wound became infected.

While being held in the Farmington Hills Jail, one of the defendants tried to unscrew a vent plate in an apparent attempt to pry the cell

door.

While being held in the Oakland County Jail, one of the defendants was found with a handcuff key.

Farmington Hills police received anonymous calls that the defendants would try to escape.

Weaver faces robbery and assault charges in connection with the daylight attack of a Westland restaurant Nov. 7. A man and a woman got away with several thousand dollars. Police fear the female could try to spring Weaver.

# Teaching life skills top his agenda

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arts as a sideline or want the chance to design and create. He said his pro-

gram, which he started for Farmington schools 15 years ago, "bridges the gaps between 10 different industries."

"I think it's a fun learning experience," he said. "We do a lot of 'doing' here. They work and they create things and they can take something home with them when they're done."

Besides enjoying the outdoors and life with his family during his free time, Zaleski keeps tabs on the graphics industry outside of the classroom. He is active in several organizations, including the Detroit Printing House Craftsmen and the International Graphic Arts Education Association.

Zaleski learned his trade by attending Macomb County Community College and Wayne State University, which both have good graphic communication programs. The district has allowed him to expand his program, which has increased enrollment.

## clarification

A caption in the April 20 issue of the Observer said a recent 24-hour radio telethon was the brainchild of North Farmington senior Beth Goldberg. In fact, this was the second year of the telethon event, coordinated by all the students who work at TV-10, use education cable channel.

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## obituaries

### 'CEDRIC FRANCIS BROWN

Mr. Brown, 70, of Redford Township died April 18 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Delwin, Mich., Mr. Brown was an inventor and developer. Survivors include his wife, Aletha; sons, Cedric Jr., John and Robert; daughters, Mary McDonald, Patricia McGilchney, Geraldine Parker, Bonnie Marie Degen and Sue Anne McGilchney; brother, John; sister, Bonnie Brown Adler, 31 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Redford, with the Rev. Timothy Scott officiating. Burial was in St. Henry's Cemetery, Verdon Township.

Arrangements were made by the Charles H. Step Funeral Home, Redford.

### ney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

### ROBERT (AL) ELWOOD ROEHRIG

Mr. Roehrig, 85, of Farmington died April 17 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Mr. Roehrig was a foreman in the automotive industry. Survivors include his son, James Overcashier; daughter, Frances Schindwolf; brother, Richard; friend, Helen Ryanko.

Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Keas Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

### WESLEY L. HOOD

Mr. Hood, 89, of Southfield died April 16 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Capac, Mich., Mr. Hood was a postal clerk. Survivors include his wife, Elsie; nephew, James Hood.

Services were April 19 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Dr. William R. Ritter officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by the Hee-

### MABEL LOUISE MARTIN

Mrs. Martin, 79, of Milford died April 18 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Harrisville, Mich., Mrs. Martin was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Daniel; a daughter, Joyce Dangelor; one brother and two sisters; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were April 20 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Arthur Hunt of Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia, officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer or American Heart Association.

# Hills resident honored by Brighton hospital

Ken McQuillan of Farmington Hills was among 33 volunteers honored by Brighton Hospital at a dinner at the hospital April 13 in observance of National Volunteer Week.

The hospital specializes in treating and preventing substance abuse and has become nationally recognized for its programs after almost 40 years of work in this field.

The purpose of the dinner was to call attention to the important role the volunteers play in the work of Brighton Hospital and to thank them for their help. The dinner was also an opportunity for the volunteers to get to know each other and to learn the many ways they are contributing to the hospital.

During the dinner, the head of the department in which each volunteer works introduced that person and explained briefly the importance of his or her contribution to the department and to the hospital.

McQuillan helps with the Children's Support Group, a program offered by the Counseling Services Department.

"Volunteers have played an extremely important role in our work for almost four decades," said Ivan Harner, the hospital's president, at the dinner.

Individuals who are interested in volunteering can contact the hospital on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 227-1211, ext. 228.

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