

Edward Hopkins' defense attorney, says his cilicni abid and killed two Detroif men-in self defense May 31 at a bouse in Farmington Hills. "The aggressor in this particular case was not the defendant," attorney Tom McGinnis of Birmingham said of his cilent Edward Hop-hins. "He could barely walk. He had just been released from the hospital." Despite the argument for self-defense, Judge Fred Harris of the 47th District Court of Parmington bound Hopkins over for trial Tuesday afternoon in Oakland County Circuit

Court on two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of felony firearms. Hopkins is charged with shooting to death Laterrie Lee Carter, 19, and Ricardo Preston, 11, a week alter the two reportedly beat Hop-kins — as his brother Mikel watched — in front of a Detroit crack boase over a drug debt, and Hen on a car Hopkins gave the two for reavment.

and lien on a car Hopkins gave the two tor repayment. Oakland County assistant prosecutor Gene-view Mazru and McGinnis gave closing argu-ments Tucsday afterneon — the third court ression in the preliminary examination on the charges against Hopkins. Hopkins will remain in the Oakland County Jail without bond. He stood mute to the

THROUGHOUT THE three court dates for the examination, seven prosecution witnesses and one defense witness testified. Both McGinnis and Mazur referred to testimony that described the shootings that began at 2013 Insister.

20733 Inskter. McGinnis argued that not only did Hopkins shoot Carter and Preston in self defense, but that the two Detroiters were fleeing felons who had beaten Hopkins a week before. He also argued that Carter and Hopkins were not invited into the Hopkins home.

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Marur disagreed. "We do not have self-de-fense here. What we have at best here is the defense of obtes." Hopkins' brother, Mikel, testified that Hop-lins borrowed a abeigun when he was released from Botsford General Hospital for lightes suffered in the beating because he wanted to protect his family if Carter and Preston came to the home seeking payment of the drug debt. Marur quoted Mikel Hopkins' testimony that his brother told Carter and Preston, "You're not beating anybody no more." Arguing against self defense, Marur said that after Hopkins shot Carter in the stornach

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Woman raises awareness of Croatian plight By Joanne Maliszewski the Serblan-led soldiers)

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MI O'ORISTS, who use Orchard Ridge cam pus of Oakland Drive on the Orchard Ridge cam pus of Oakland Com-munity College lake note: Hered these two new stop signs. Oaklad Drive, an eastwest route through the Farmington Hills campus, has become a popu-lar alternative for drivers with ing to avoid ruth-hour insfile on busy 1666 and 12 Mile Road to be north. But many drivers were exceed-ing the 25 mph speed limit, said SqL Earl Bills of the OCC Public Salety Department; so two stop

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signs were put of average of the inter-weeks ago. The stop signs are at the inter-sections, of Farmington Circle near the eastern end of campus and at Quakertown Circle near the western end.

Sleigh has rotors instead of reindeer.

p.m. Downtown Farmington will be aglow this holiday season with thousands of white lights, green garland, red ribbons and window displays. Many downtown, busi-nesses will offer holiday gift drawines.

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EMORY. LANE — From the Dec: 6, 1931 Forming to the provide Angus Lelich regards his 3000-ayear Jostion, as Parm-ington city manager; cling ill health. Mayor Ken Loomis was appointed acting city manager by the city council. Lelich, was Farmington's second city manager ger since a new city charice took effect earlier that year.

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Terrs come to Jeannette Sharpe's eyes when abe reads letters from rei-tives in Croala who are eaught in the mildle of death and destruction as war is wared by a Serblan-led Yu-goslavian (federal army. "In Petinjah they have taken over the area and continue to ruin, burn and destroy everything that is Croa-tlan. There are two massive grave sites just below Petringia, toward Kretima, and next to the Petrincica Creek, in which they have thrown the bodies of those they shughtered and hanged, hundreds, openig and public-ly, after they buildazed two huge ditches." and at! Quakertown Circle near the weigene and. "We had to slow down the traf-tic so that our students and em-ployees could get out of the party-ing low," also discuss the added that officers will be on the watch (or drivers who don't slow. Bluts, also "reminds moloristig", that the speed limit on Oakland Drivels 25 mph. Li relader / Santa arrives by helicop-ter in domoira Farmington at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. in the parking, loi, of, the Farmington Center, Grand River cast of Farmington Reat. Children will be able to escort Santa to, has Farmington head deniter Tire Santa will be via has with the youngeters until about 3 p.m.

ditches." That paragraph was one of many in a letter to Sharpe and her mother Cecilia from a relative describing the terror and destruction at the bands of Cetniks (the name used for

support of the Yugoslavian army in their hometown of Petrinja.

their hometown of Petrinja. "There are no easy answers," said Sharpe, a Farmington Hills resident. "But somehow the bloodshod has to stop. My heart bleeds for all the peo-ple there, regardless of their ethnic background. They are all suffering." The need to stop the bloodshod is one reason Sharpe has contacted the media and translated letters from her relatives. The American public the cald

The American public, she said, needs to be informed about the de-struction of Yugoslavian provinces, such as Croatla, which declared its independence June 25.

Slobdan Milosevic responded to the declaration with war fought by a Serblan-dominated national army. Please turn to Page 6



destruction of a war raging in their Yugosla-vian province, which declared independence in June.

Undercover Hills police warn of coming liquor sting

By Joanne Maliezowski staff writer

It's that time of the year again. If you're licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar in Farmington Itilis, you can rest as-sured that sometime in the next few weeks — before the year's end — the police will conduct its 10th under-cover liquor law enforcement opera-tion.

ever liquor law entorcemens opera-tion. We re always concerned about the boliday season. People have a tend-ency to over imbibe. There appears to be more alcohol consume more at the holidays. Parmington tillia po-lice Chilet William Dwyer said. In the second planned effort of the year, the undercover police crack-down will target Class C (bars and

restaurant) or on-premise licensees, Dwyer warned licensees in late No-vember of the planned sting through personal letters, which were sent registered mail. "The commitment of licensees and their enployees not to sell or serve alcohol to minors is an important component that adds to the general safety and welfare of the entire com-munity." Dwyer wrote. The planned sting is part of the de-partment's conlinuing efforts to cur-tait ten drinking and the sale of al-cohol to minors.

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THE CRACKDOWN will again in-volve the use of an undercover po-lice cadet under 21 years of age who will attempt to buy alcohol. The legal drinking age in Michigan is 21. Please turn to Page 8





Bob Yackley places his voterans hat on his head. He said he discarded his Army unifo long ago.

War memories recalled See Page 1C for more Pearl Harbor stories

By Susan Buck stalf writer

Bob Yackley still remembers the shock and fear he elt when he heard the news that Pearl Harbor had n bombed been bombed. He was a soldier stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., when the broadcast of the Japanese attack in far-away Ha-waii came over the radio.

neighbor "We were all afraid," said Yackley, a Farmingtor resident. "We were going to war, and we weren't look ing forward to it. But, we decided that it was some Please turn to Page 2

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SERBIAN COMMUNIST dictator obodan Milosevic responded to the

Jeannette Sharpe of Farmington Hills has translated letters from relatives in Croatia. They describe their plight amid the death and