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Cops describe '91 slaying site



Several police officers were first to testify in the trial of a Detroit man accused in the 1991 murder in Farmington Hills of two men over a drug debt. The trial continues this week in Oakland County Circuit Court.

By SUF BUCK
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Livonia and Farmington Hills police officers who responded to a double murder of two Detroit men in May 1991 were the first to testify in the murder trial that began July 16.

An all-white, 14-member Oakland

Circuit court jury which includes five males will decide whether Edward P. Hopkins, of Detroit, shot and killed two black Detroiters in self-defense last year at 20753 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills.

Hopkins is charged with two counts of first degree murder and two counts of

felony firearms alleging that he shot to death Ricardo Preston, 17, and Leticia Lee Carter, 10, after the two reportedly beat Hopkins — as his brother Mikel watched — in front of a Detroit crack house over a \$250 drug debt and lien on a car Hopkins gave the two for repayment.

If convicted, Hopkins faces life in prison. The trial is before Judge Robert Templin.

Allegedly, the two men arrived at the Farmington Hills house early evening

May 31 and went into the house. Reports conflict whether they were uninvited or invited in.

Edward Hopkins had been released from Botaford General Hospital earlier that day. He was hospitalized with a severe head injury following the beating, according to his court-appointed attorney, Tom McGinnis of Birmingham.

Hopkins remains in the Oakland County Jail, where he has been in custody for the last 14 months without bond.

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Marilyn Quayle delivers pep talk

By CASEY HANS
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Marilyn Quayle swept through Farmington Hills Friday, leading Michigan Republicans in their bid to take over majority status in the state House this November.

With a rousing rendition of "God Bless America" and a family valise

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platform, the wife of Vice President Dan Quayle appeared with Michigan's first lady Michelle Engler and other key Republicans at a \$100-per-plate breakfast fund-raiser at the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile Road.

She spoke about family roles, educational choices and the women's movement.

"It brought tears to my eyes," said Republican activist and local businesswoman Sally Hill of Madison Heights, talking about Friday's fund-raising rally with a patriotic theme. "She was very attractive, very gentle and very bright. It encouraged me as a woman. I thought it was very well received."

Both Engler and Quayle took shots at Hillary Clinton, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, for her much-criticized comment about women staying home and baking cookies. In introducing Quayle, Engler called Quayle a "devoted and concerned parent" and joked that "I also hear she can bake one heck of a good cookie."

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A swinging summer



GLY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Push from a friend: Brian Dunn, a recreation worker at the Summer Fun Center at Olde Town Park in southeast Farmington Hills, has a push for Bob Babcock, one of his youthful charges. Summer fun activities will continue at the parks through Aug. 7.

Fair, efficient court promised

Editor's note: This is the sixth in a series of stories about recent attorneys vying for an open seat on the 47th District Court bench. The two top vote-getters in the Aug. 4 primary will square off for the job in the Nov. 3 general election.



Election '92

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Sole practitioner Shirley Saltzman

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says she had a good chance to see how a court should run when she worked as Judge Thomas Foley's clerk.

"He read the material beforehand and he was well-prepared," said the 45-year-old attorney, who believes court should begin at 9:30 a.m.

If elected, Saltzman said she "will be fair, and efficient with the court's time and public's time. I will be prepared and work very hard. As a judge, I would get input from the court's employees to see what we can do to make it more effi-

cient and cost-effective for the public."

Saltzman, a former teacher, believes it would be her responsibility to ensure that no one's time is wasted. That rule would start with her.

"Whether it's a motion on a civil case or a trial, I have the responsibility to read the file and the applicable law so time is not wasted unnecessarily."

Practicing law was a goal Saltzman, who is single, had always set for herself even as a teacher in Detroit and Livonia.

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Shirley Saltzman

Plaster 'n' paint

From plaster to paints, Farmington's second-annual Summer Fun Series provides just about everything young artists need to create their own masterpieces on Wednesday, July 29.

The event — "Create Your Own Masterpiece" — is part of the 10-week Summer Fun Series sponsored by Farmington's Downtown Development Authority. Involved is a local business, Fun With Plaster, a downtown Farmington business that allows would-be artists of all ages to have fun while painting a sculpture they can take home.

The activity runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the last admission being 1:30 p.m. There will be a \$2 charge for each masterpiece. No reservations are needed.

Tamara Peysakhov, owner of the Farmington and West Bloomfield Fun With Plasters, said her daughter inspired her to start the business. The idea, at-

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ways popular with children, is catching on with adults, she added.

The business recently hosted a surprise birthday party for a woman and more than 60 adults.

Peysakhov said the appeal is the relaxation some people get from working with their hands. "When I paint, I get so involved that the rest of the world disappears," she said.

Last year, the "Create Your Own Masterpiece" event drew more than 500 people. The summer series takes place every Wednesday under the green-and-white tent in the parking lot of the Downtown Farmington Center on Grand River, east of Farmington Road.

A day of fun

Employees of Allied-Signal Automotive recently held a barbecue for residents of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, a Farmington Hills facility for neglected, abused or emotionally disturbed children ages 8-15.

Rain forced activities indoors, but didn't stop the fun, an observer said.

The event started with games — bobbing for apples, kickball and tug-of-war — and then Allied-Signal employees served hot dogs, chips, veggies, pop and ice cream to 37 children.

Also provided were "goodie bags" containing fishing gear, baseball caps, disposable cameras, candy and McDonald's coupons.

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