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They've been friends since high school, and now they're together in running a Blimpie restaurant franchise in Farmington Hills. /3A

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# Farmington's Deadman to retire



Robert Deadman, Farmington's longtime city manager, announced his retirement at Tuesday's council meeting. He's been part of city government since 1957.

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Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman announced Tuesday that he would retire in January, saying his years of service to the city have been a "labor of love."

"I think it's time for me to do something else," said the veteran manager who has served the city in that post for 20 years. "I've been at this a very long time."

His retirement will be effective on Jan. 4.

Deadman moved to Farmington with his wife, Virginia, a Farmington native, in the mid-1950s and went to work in July of 1957 as one of the city's first public safety officers. He served as director of that department from 1966 until the city council offered him the manager's job in 1972.

"All of Farmington is losing an outstanding professional, and I'm losing a

friend," said Mayor William Hartsock, who has known Deadman throughout his tenure as manager. "He leaves the city well-financed and well-maintained."

"I think this is going to be a tremendous loss for the city," added councilwoman Shirley Richardson. "We have been most fortunate."

A city council study session is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 21 to discuss options in searching for a new city manager.

Deadman credits elected city officials for much of the progress made in the city over the years.

"I'm part of the team," he said. "But I really believe this has been a team effort. You can't do what they (the council) won't allow you to do."

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He is proud of having watched the city grow from dirt to paved roads and septic to sewer system, but said he is especially proud of the widening of Orchard Lake Road — which took more than 30 years to accomplish — and the special relationship which the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills have built over the years.

Being a city manager was never Deadman's goal — he believed he would end up as police chief of a major city. He still holds a soft spot in his heart for police work.

But the city council approached him, offered him the job, and he never looked

See DEADMAN, 2A

# Teen's trip is mission accomplished



By CASEY HANS  
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Karen Magee was one of 1,200 "teen maniacs" to roam the world on religious missions this summer, carrying a Christian message.

She was so influenced by her one-month visit to Nicaragua through the Tulsa, Okla.-based "Teen Mania Ministries" that the 1992 Farmington High School grad said she plans to devote her life to teaching and missionary work.

About 80 teens and young adults aged 13-26 went to the Central American country with the five-year-old ministry group, where they found open hearts, open doors and just generally warm feelings from people who lived there.

Karen said the group touched an estimated 6,500 people during their stay from July 11 to Aug. 11. A total of 1,200 visited 10 locations around the world.

"The neat thing was everybody had their own religion and we all united as Christians and worked together," said the 19-year-old Farmington resident. "It changed my life."

The students spent most of their days going out into the city and village streets to do Christian-oriented skits with "good versus evil" themes and to minister to people. They also had quiet time to reflect and read their

Many souvenirs: Karen Magee shows off some of the items she acquired in Nicaragua. She was there this summer on a religious mission.

See MISSIONARY, 2A

# Convicted murderer gets life term

By SUZ BUCK  
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Edward Hopkins, a Farmington Hills resident convicted of murder, was sentenced Tuesday morning — to life in prison without parole — but not before the two mothers of his victims had their say in court.

The mothers of Latrice Lee Carter and Ricardo Preston stood shakily together Tuesday morning as they issued their statements to Judge Robert Templin in his Oakland County Circuit courtroom.

"I'm a mother with a hole in my heart," Sandra Carter said as Ricardo Preston's mother stood at her side with her arm around Carter. "Throughout the course of the trial, I have had a lot of grief."

But, Carter said, her grief was compounded when she heard Hopkins say: "At least I'm alive," as he was led out of Templin's courtroom after the verdict was read in July.

Hopkins' statement drew angry words from Carter's father, Maurice, who had to be held back by deputies. Maurice Carter did not speak Tuesday.

"Take it (that statement) into consideration that he is alive, but that he not walk the Earth a free man," Sandra Carter said Tuesday.

Hopkins, 25, was found guilty on two counts of first degree murder and two

counts of felony firearms in the 1991 shooting deaths of Detroiters Carter, 18, and Preston, 17, at his house on Inkster Road near Eight Mile in southern Farmington Hills.

Hopkins has begun appeal proceedings, according to Tom McGinnis, his attorney.

"I still don't have my son," said Ricardo Preston's mother, who wouldn't identify herself to the press. She said that she wasn't pleased with Hopkins' outburst and told Templin that it showed that Hopkins had no remorse.

Templin sentenced Hopkins to two concurrent life sentences with no parole in Jackson Prison, where he will also serve time for two counts of felony firearm charges.

Legally, because Hopkins was con-

victed of two first-degree murder charges, no leniency or discretion was possible, according to court information.

Hopkins said Tuesday that he had been threatened with sexual attacks. "I was the victim first in this crime," Hopkins said.

The shotgun slayings — reportedly drug-related — occurred May 31, 1991. One killing took place in front of neighbors and motorists driving on Eight Mile. One of the men was found dead in front of the Inkster Road house. The other was shot as he ran from the house across traffic on Eight Mile.

According to witnesses, the victims had severely beaten Hopkins over a \$250 drug debt about two weeks before the shootings.

## Raising the parents

Comedian Pat Hurley will use humor in an attempt to suggest better ways for children and parents to communicate with each other at a program "How to Raise Your Parents" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the auditorium of Farmington High School, 32000 Shilohswan Road.

Hurley will speak on the several child-parent subjects: respecting each others' right, the freedom to fail, applying constant standards, building self-esteem, dealing with peer pressure and modeling for excellence.

Hurley, who has performed in more than 4,000 schools and to more than 4 million students and parents, was the resident comedian for ABC-TV's "Kids Are People Too."

He has won Emmys for hosting teenage talk shows in Los Angeles and Chicago. Currently he is syndicating radio and TV programs for teenagers.

## FARMINGTON FOCUS

No admission will be charged for the Farmington show. For more information, call the sponsoring Farmington Youth Assistance at 489-3434.

### Lives on video

Get out the camcorder, pop in a tape and let that camera roll. Cable TV is sponsoring a contest with a "day-in-the-life" video format.

As part of a plan to introduce viewers to Community Access Television, officials of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission has announced the home video contest.

The videos should show "day-in-the-life" scenes of the Farmington area and its residents. They should be no longer than 20 minutes, self-edited and sub-

mitted to SWOCC by Nov. 6.

Entries will be judged and prizes awarded. First prize is \$300. Qualified entries will be shown on cable Channel 12, the CATV station.

"The great thing about community access television," said SWOCC's Mark Adler, "is that you can stop being passive about what you watch. You can decide what will appear in each second of your video. You're allowed freedom of expression."

For more information, call SWOCC at 473-7266.

### Memory Lane

From the Sept. 4, 1952, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

A record crowd was expected at the four-day Our Lady of Sorrows Fall Festival Sept. 4-7 at the former school grounds on Grand River west of Orchard Lake Road. Highlight was to be the special turkey dinner served in the former school building.