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F R E E

Worker dies after being crushed under steel beams

A 42-year-old temporary worker went into cardiac arrest and died on Friday afternoon after being rescued from under a pile of steel in the warehouse of Contractors Steel Co., 48649 S. Schooner Drive in Van Buren Township.

At 4:47 p.m., Jan. 18, the VBT Fire Department was dispatched to rescue a man involved in an industrial accident and was trapped under three steel beams.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said Engine 1, Engine 2, Rescue 1, Engine 3, Tac-1, and Chief 1 responded to the call. While responding to the call a medical transport helicopter was requested from the University of Michigan Trauma Center, Chief Besson said.

Engine 2 and Rescue 1 arrived seven minutes later and Firefighter Angela Hayes established the Incident Command System.

Firefighters were quickly escorted to the man who was trapped under three steel beams and was suffering from extensive traumatic injuries to his legs, hips, and chest. The worker was also not conscious.

While company workers brought in another crane and worked to remove the steel from him, firefighters and Huron Valley Ambulance provided patient care and set up Advanced Life Support care.

Survival Flight landed and the flight doctor and nurses entered the warehouse to provide additional care and equipment.

As the man was freed he was quickly moved to the ambulance in order to be taken to the awaiting medical helicopter.

However, before he could be loaded into the helicopter he slipped into cardiac arrest and crews worked feverishly to get his heart started again, Chief Besson said.

Citing cardiac arrest protocols, he was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Trauma Center by ground ambulance being attended to by Survival Flight staff, HVA paramedics, and VBT firefighters.

He never regained a heartbeat and was declared dead shortly after arrival at the hospital.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

34th District Court Judge David Parrott, left, swore in the two new members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at its Jan. 14 meeting. Elected in November and now officially seated are, center, Kelly Owen and Kathy Kovach. The Jan. 14 school board meeting was held in the new updated Commons area at Belleville High School, which used to be its cafeteria. The roof has been raised and lots of windows added, as well the old supports in the room removed. At the board table in back are, left, board Secretary Kevin English and Trustee Scott Russell.

Business owner upset over zoning that requires retail sales

By Bob Mytych

Independent Special Writer

Gary Snarski, owner of the Belvil Realty/Century 21 business at the corner of Third and Main streets, attended the Jan. 10 meeting of the Belleville Planning Commission to express his concerns over the current downtown zoning ordinance.

Currently, a business on Main Street 6,000

square feet or less must have retail sales on the ground floor, Snarski said, noting that the business community should have been made aware of this situation.

He said people owning buildings on Main, like he does, may not be able to sell if the ground floor has to be retail.

Snarski told the planners he was exploring the possibility of selling his building to Coldwell Bankers.

He said the Professional Building at 152 Main Street currently houses service businesses and if it was sold it would have to be renovated to make it retail.

Planner Jill Bahm of Birchler Arroyo

Associates, the city's planning consultant, put together the Central Business District ordinance that he was talking about. It was unanimously adopted by the city council on July 6, 2010.

Snarski also brought his concerns to the Downtown Development Authority's Jan. 16 meeting. Snarski is a member of the DDA and at that meeting he was elected vice-chairman.

"We should have been made aware of this by the DDA," Snarski said.

An amended new business district that would combine the B-2 and B-3 zoning into

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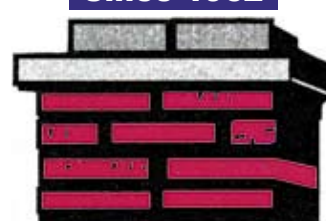
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville DDA sets strict deadlines in 2013 for those seeking grants

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

March 1 is the deadline for community groups to ask for money from the Belleville Downtown Development Authority for downtown events this year.

And, that's a firm deadline.

The DDA had \$15,050 in its budget last year for approved applications. (The Central Business Community returned \$900 it had been given by the DDA since Twisted Rooster had agreed to sponsor the Taste of Belleville.)

At the Jan. 16 meeting of the DDA there was much discussion on how the DDA has been too lenient in the past with last-minute requests for money and they vowed to tighten up the grant rules.

The requests need to be filed when the DDA is preparing its annual budget.

City Zoning

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one is in the works and Snarski's building is a prime location for multi-use tenants.

But, currently the zoning requires retail on the ground floor.

Bahm gave a report to the Planning Commission on the new zoning amendments related to the B-2 and B-3 Downtown Business Districts, including uses and standards, with special attention given to outdoor dining and definitions.

She presented the new language, which would be aimed at combining the permitted uses so that the two districts could become one under the ordinance.

New and amended definitions to the district's uses include business support services, general retail uses, personal service establishments, and professional and administrative office uses.

With the two districts combined, the Planning Commission hopes to have better control and restrictions over mixed permitted uses.

Designations for first floor retail and other floors for retail and residential will also be clarified.

A final report and recommendation is expected back for the Feb. 14 commission meeting.

Commission Chairman Steve Jones also said that the commission hopes to have a final report next month on the city's sign ordinances. A subcommittee has been working on signs since last fall.

Bahm also noted that the city is moving forward in the process of having a clear zoning designation, which, once adopted, would compile all of the city's complex ordinances and make them interactive and user-friendly, she said.

The DDA will be requiring the group that gets the grant to report back at the next DDA meeting after the event to let the DDA know how it went.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson proposed revisions for the new budget year, including requiring a letter of support from a participating local business as part of the application.

The DDA turned that down after discussing how the businesses on Main were against the Cruisin' on the Bayou car show at first and now support it. They didn't want opposing businesses to be able to scuttle a request to the DDA.

Thompson said they are working on how to encourage more events that bring people into the downtown and into the stores. She said the budget committee wants relationships with the businesses to be established and to grow.

She said they want to work on getting groups to seek funds from businesses and "in a couple of cases we're the only one they are seeking funds from."

"Seems like we're always lacking information," said DDA chairman John Hoops, "and the due date should be emphasized. There's no reason to be dragging in a month later with 'Oh, I forgot.'"

DDA member Gary Snarski said, "They come to us for seed money..."

"And there's a drought every year," Hoops finished the thought.

Hoops said if there was more detail given on the application the committee could see the whole picture.

DDA member Denise Baker said last year the DDA was the sole giver of funding to some groups.

"We're to help, not be the only provider," Baker said.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who sits on the DDA, said how the grant from the DDA is publicized is important. She said it's not good enough to put it on the Community Events sign, since Carol Thompson does all the work on the sign postings.

"Cruisin' on the Bayou didn't ask for money, just for the road to be closed," Conley said. "Businesses were fit to be tied and they would not have written letters of support."

Councilwoman Kim Tindall spoke from the audience asking about those receiving grants, "Did they report back? Did they publicize the way they said they would? ...You need to hold them to that, with proof."

Conley said they could ask on the application if this event has been funded before by the DDA and, if so, what's



Photo by Bill Rhodes

Posing for a photo at the recent Go Further with Ford Night at Atchinson Ford were, from left, Craig Atchinson, VB Education Foundation President Steve Quinn, and Vice President Sheila Patton. At the event Atchinson presented a \$1,000 donation to the foundation.

different about it this year?

"It drives me very crazy when people come in after the deadline," Conley said. "We've been very lenient."

"I think we should adhere to the deadlines this year," said DDA member James Higgerson.

Conley said there could be an exception when something turns up that they didn't know would be happening.

Someone gave as an example the 100th anniversary of the Belleville Fire Department last year. That request for funds came very late, just before the event.

Everyone agreed that was a bad example because the fire department knew for a long time the 100th anniversary was coming — like 100 years.

Last September, the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library asked for \$650 for a petting zoo and pony rides for the Oct. 13 Harvest Fest. For the 2011 Harvest Fest, the Friends submitted their request before the set deadline and received \$500.

The 2012 request from the Friends was received at 4 p.m. on Sept. 18, the day before the DDA meeting and two weeks before the event.

No one from the Friends attended the meeting to support the request. The DDA took no action on the request which meant no money was approved, but the pony rides went on as scheduled at Harvest Fest.

Thompson said while reports on the funded events have been requested, she has no final reports from last year. She said the old reports come in after the new application forms are sent out.

It was suggested that the DDA not give them next year's money if they don't report on the previous year's grant.

Thompson said she works with the organizations filing for grants and since they are all volunteer organizations the

same person doesn't file every year.

"Final reports at the end, make it possible for the future," Hoops said.

In other business at the 50-minute DDA meeting, the DDA:

- Heard a synopsis of the DDA audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 as presented by Molly Goike of Plante Moran, who said the DDA got an unqualified opinion (which is like an A+) and is available on the state's web site for study. She said there was a fund balance of \$1.4 million as of June 30 with \$797,550 unrestricted. The tax revenue of \$881,565 was down from previous years. "I hope to hear pretty soon where we'll be in the years of 2014, 15," Goike said;

- Re-elected John Hoops as chairman and Sabrina Richardson-Williams as treasurer. Gary Snarski was elected vice chairman and James Higgerson secretary. Ken Voigt, whose term has expired, asked not to be reappointed because of his busy personal schedule and he was not present at the meeting;

- Approved keeping the meeting time of 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at City Hall;

- Heard City Manager Diane Kollmeyer say she planned to drive the streets after the meeting to get a list of all the street lights that aren't working. She was informed some of the lights over the water at Doane's Landing were out; and

- Heard Snarski tell of his concerns over the current downtown zoning that requires retail sales on the first floor of buildings that are less than 6,000 square feet. He said the building owners should have been informed since they may not be able to sell their buildings with such rules. "We need to work a little together and let people know," Snarski said.

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Letters

Regretful farewell to VBPS teacher Bradley

To the Editor:

I note with a good deal of regret that Mrs. Lynn Bradley, a science teacher at BHS for the past twelve and a half years, has left BHS "for personal reasons". (*Belleville Independent*, Jan. 17)

Over the last few years I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Bradley on a number of occasions involving in-class and field activities, and had come to have a very high opinion of her abilities as an experienced, skilled, caring teacher.

Her departure represents a serious loss to Belleville-area students and raises some questions in my mind about what is going on in the Van Buren School District.

Is the problem poor student discipline? teacher burnout and high teacher turnover? lack of support of the teachers by the administration? inadequate financial support? no student texts for some classes? no texts at all for others? insufficient paper? all of the above?

In 2012 our BHS students ranked far below the state average in every category: reading (43%/56%), social studies (33%/41%), science (14%/26%), writing (34%/49%), and math (15%/29%). The school received a Great Schools Rating of a mediocre 4/10 on the basis of its MEAP and MME scores.

In the face of this situation school board member Scott Russell was quoted in the *Belleville Independent* (Jan. 17) as stating that "Our responsibility as a board is quite limited" and that it is for public relations. If this is the case, why do we bother with a school board?

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Mrs. Bradley, I wish you well in your new position.

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Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: School Board Trustee Russell also said the board's job is to provide policy and discipline.

Where is the money for the zoo going in VBT?

To the Editor:

Where is the money going in Van Buren that was meant for the Detroit Zoo? We voted for the money to go to the zoo whereas citizens of Wayne County could have free access to the wonderful world of animals.

If township fathers planned on using the money for other projects -- they should have informed the voters. What happened to integrity, honesty and transparency?

I want to know whether or not I can trust our officials when they ask for my vote. Please help.

P.S I heard the news from our local TV station.

Concerned,

Marian Caldwell

Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: You probably were too busy over the holidays to read all the reports in the *Independent* on this subject. The City of Belleville and VBT Downtown Development Authorities both decided to keep capturing the zoo millage, as did the VBT Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). The two DDAs joined in with a group of about 13 municipalities to fight having to give the zoo millage to the zoo because they have a different interpretation of the state law on such captures. The millage passed for the Detroit Institute of Arts would be in the same category as the zoo. The VBT LDFA decided not to spend any money on the legal fight and to wait to see what happens. It's still capturing the zoo millage, but putting it aside in a special fund, about \$2,465 last year. The Belleville DDA withheld \$2,498.54 of zoo millage in 2011 (the last audited figures) and VBT DDA withheld \$10,324.39. It's the DIA that offered free admittance, not the zoo.

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More Letters

Dive Team member needs Polar Plunge help

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Feb. 9, I am participating in this year's Polar Plunge representing the Van Buren Public Safety Dive Team at the Belleville Moose Lodge.

Dive Team members take such great pride in working with law enforcement and Special Olympic representatives to make our local event a success that annually one of us volunteers to raise money and "take the plunge".

The team is comprised of seven dedicated police officers or firefighters that train year-round, regardless of weather conditions, in order to be prepared to respond to any water-related emergencies in Van Buren Township. This year I am very excited to represent the team. (Just wait until you see my costume!)

I am hoping that everyone can help me out by sponsoring my plunge into the frigid temperatures of Belleville Lake. Even the smallest amount will help me reach my goal.

You may donate online via this website <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/vbpddiveteam/belleville2013>. The site is 100% secure with all proceeds going to the Michigan Special Olympics and it also gives you a tax ID number with your receipt.

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Obituaries



James E. Burdick

JAMES E. BURDICK

(January 15, 1942 - January 12, 2013)

James Edward Burdick, age 70, of Belleville, MI, passed away Saturday, January 12, 2013 at his home. He was born January 15, 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland, son of the late Harvey E. & Catherine F. (Griffin) Burdick.

Jim worked as a tool & die maker for Ford Motor Company for over 30 years. He enjoyed being a ham radio operator. He loved breeding and raising English Setters and being outdoors, especially fishing and hunting.

He is survived by a brother Richard (Grace) Christensen of Ringgold, Georgia; a sister Kitty (Richard) Whiteman of Newark, Ohio; also several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Ann Roberts, also a brother-in-law Myrnice.

Visitation was Noon until 3 pm Sunday, January 20, 2013 at the David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with a 3:00 PM Funeral. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Please sign his on-line guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

SILVANA HOLLY MOSSER

(September 6, 1958 - January 13, 2013)

Age 54, of Ypsilanti. Survived by 2 children Rodney W. Mosser and Amanda L. Smith; 1 grandson Bryce Smith; 2 sisters Rondell Norris and Denise Hobbs. Service was Jan. 19 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel.

JUANITA MARIE MCGOVERN

(May 2, 1931 - January 19, 2013)

Age 81, passed away at her Ypsilanti home. She had three children Ronnie Easton, Danny Easton, and Tamira Easton. Also survived by 2 grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and a sister. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Jacob Daniel Wrobbel

JACOB D. WROBBEL

(October 9, 1993 -- January 18, 2013)

Mr. Jacob Daniel Wrobbel passed away Friday, January 18, 2013. He was born October 9, 1993 in Garden City, MI a son of Jason P. Wrobbel and Rachel Lynn Elmore. Jacob was a lifetime resident of the Belleville area. Jacob had attended Lincoln Consolidated High School. In his younger days he enjoyed playing football and skateboarding. Jacob loved going to the beach and swimming. He was known as a daredevil. He enjoyed any activity in the out-of-doors.

Jacob is survived by his loving parents Rachel and William Lindberg and Jason P. Wrobbel. Dear brother of Luke Lindberg and Justin Wrobbel. Fond grandson of Walter and Maryann Elmore, Daniel Wrobbel, Maggie Downer and William Lindberg, Sr. Great-grandson of Anna Faye Elmore. Many loving aunts, uncles and cousins also survive. Special friend of Melissa Missy Gay. Jacob leaves behind countless friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Visitation was on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 1 - 6 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in the family's name.

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Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Jan. 24 -- Van Buren Township Cultural Advisory Committee, 11 a.m.

• Monday, Jan. 28 -- Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

• Monday, Feb. 4 -- Van Buren Township work-study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Feb. 5 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WILLIAM 'BILL' GROVES

(January 23, 1943 - January 20, 2013)

William "Bill" Groves, Sr., age 70, of Brownstown, a member of the Belleville High School class of 1961, died January 20, 2013 after a long illness.

He was born January 23, 1943, the son of Zeneath R. and Genevieve Groves. He lived on Martinsville Road in Van Buren Township for many years.

He is survived by his wife Sandy; a son William, Jr.; a daughter Jennifer (Rudy) Flores and one grandchild Achilles Flores.

A luncheon memorial gathering will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 26 by the Kentuckian Club at Liberty Park Clubhouse, 28391 Bredow Ave., Romulus. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Correction: That was a quote by Pres. Roosevelt

The *Independent* published a letter to the editor on Jan. 10 that contained a quote: "The only thing we have to fear is FEAR itself." The writer attributed the quote to Sir Winston Churchill.

A reader called on Friday to advise us that the quote really was from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She is correct. The quote came in FDR's First Inaugural Address on March 4, 1933 in the middle of one of the worst economic crises in history.

Thank you to the unnamed caller for setting us straight.

-- Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Jan. 25** -- Potato Pancake Supper, 4:30-7 p.m. in the new fellowship hall at St. John's Lutheran Church, west side, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. \$9 donation for adults; \$4 for children 6-12; children 5 and under, free. Carry-outs only after 6 p.m. Sponsored by St. John's Ladies Aid / LWML.

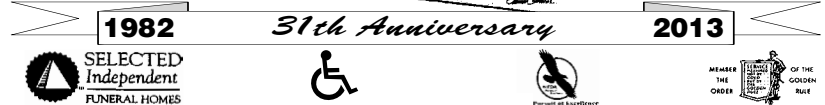
• **Saturday, Jan. 26** -- The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library are holding their General Membership Meeting at 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with the theme "There's No Time Like Snow Time". Election of officers and plans for 2013. Public invited. Light refreshments.

• **Saturday, Jan. 26** -- Young Life Bean Bag Tourney. Registration starts at 2:15 p.m., games at 3 p.m., at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

• **Monday, Jan. 28** -- Keystone Academy is holding its Kindergarten / Young 5's kindergarten information meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (weather permitting).

• **Monday, Jan. 28** -- State Rep. Dian Slavens will share a cup of coffee with constituents from 11 a.m. to noon at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Then, she will meet with constituents from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

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Court Watching:

Accused Tin Pan burglar's trial set for April 10 before Ewell

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Charles Clifford Craig, 20, of Van Buren Township was more than an hour late for his court session on Tuesday morning before Circuit Court Judge Edward Ewell, Jr. at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Judge Ewell set Craig's pretrial exam for March 12 and his trial for April 10.

Craig is accused of breaking into the Tin Pan Saloon in Sumpter Township on Dec. 29. The breaking and entering with intent charge is a 10-year felony and the larceny from a building charge is a 4-year felony.

A not-guilty plea has been entered on Craig's behalf by public defender Donald Johnson. Craig was released from the Wayne County Jail after posting the reduced bond of \$5,000 or 10% (\$500) set on Jan. 7 by 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley. This was down from the original bond set for him on Dec. 30 of \$25,000 or 10%.

Belleville appoints new Construction Board of Appeals members

The City of Belleville has some buildings that need to be torn down and the owners have a right to appeal that action to the city's Construction Board of Appeals.

The Construction Board of Appeals can reverse a decision of the city's Building Official and can interpret the building code. The board's word is binding.

It costs \$500 to have an appeals hearing before the Construction Board of Appeals, but the members do not get paid.

The problem was that the city hadn't used the state-mandated appeals body since Victoria Commons was being constructed in the early 1990s.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, DPW Director Keith Boc explained that it was time to reappoint an appeals board. Boc said the board has only been used twice in all the time he has worked for the city, during the construction of Victoria Commons and Harbour Pointe subdivisions.

The city council approved the following professionals, as recommended by Boc in conformance with the Michigan Construction Code:

- John Hennessey, registered design professional;
- Rick Rutherford, registered building with over 20 years of experience;
- Bob McCraight, mechanical contractor with over 10 years of experience, Building Official City of Romulus;

- Rich Evans, registered master electrician with over 10 years of experience; and

- Mike Evans, registered fire inspector, plan reviewer for State of Michigan, certified fire officer for the State of Michigan, Deputy Director/Deputy Fire Chief Wayne County Airport Authority.

Two alternates are required. They are:

- Joe Watts, electrical inspector and contractor with over 20 years of experience; and

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VBT hires Zaenglein as Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An employment agreement with Jennifer Zaenglein to serve as Van Buren Township Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation was approved by the VBT Board of Trustees at a special meeting on Jan. 17.

And, Zaenglein's hire was just in time, since Jennifer Wright, Director of Parks and Recreation, is very pregnant and has a scheduled delivery date of Feb. 1.



Zaenglein

The board approved an annual salary of \$45,000 for Zaenglein, which was included in the approved 2013 budget. She will be a full-time, at-will employee.

Zaenglein has worked for ten years for Wayne County as a naturalist / environmentalist at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township. She has worked in the recreation field for over 20 years designing and presenting interpretive programs as well as designing and running major recreational events.

Zaenglein has also worked for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

She has a bachelor of science degree in

biology from Northern Michigan University and currently resides in Westland with her husband and five-year-old daughter Ryann.

Director Wright told the board that she has had the privilege of working with Zaenglein over the years since the VBT Recreation Department has taken many field trips to Crosswinds Marsh where Zaenglein has led many interpretive programs for the Van Buren groups.

Wright said Zaenglein also worked with the Recreation Department when the township received a grant for a tree interpretative program for summer camp in 2010.

Former Deputy Director Andrew Burns resigned last fall to take a job at a recreational therapy company in Clawson.

Correction: Nasser paid \$40,000 for first site

On page 8 in the Jan. 17 issue of the *Independent* we reported that several years ago Joe Nasser has purchased the property for his gas station / pharmacy / market at the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads for \$10,000.

That is incorrect. Nasser paid Sumpter Township \$40,000 for the property. We regret the error.

Nasser now agrees to pay the township \$125,000 for the vacant medical center building and 1.538 acres at 19130 Sumpter Road.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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Court Watching:**Gonzalez gets another pre-trial conference before trial on Feb. 21**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

Kara Lynn Gonzalez, 42, of Sumpter Township returned to Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on Friday, Jan. 18.

Gonzalez stood with her attorney Murray

Duncan before Judge Ulysses W. Boykin to request an additional final conference since her lawyer had been unable to make contact with the prosecutor.

Judge Boykin ordered a final pre-trial conference for Feb. 1, and ordered all motions be filed by Feb. 13. Trial date is set for Feb. 21.

Boykin asked, "Is there an offer from the People?"

An alternate Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor, Rolland Davis, presented a plea

offer for Gonzalez in which aggravated assault and habitual offender would be dismissed in exchange for guilty pleas to unarmed robbery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

According to Sumpter Township Police, charges against Gonzalez stem from an alleged assault and robbery on Oct. 5, 2012 that sent her friend to the hospital for five days. From kicks and punches to the face, her friend suffered a fractured nose, broken orbital bone and had minor brain trauma.

Gonzalez is out on personal bond, on a tether and must submit to random testing

She is charged with unarmed robbery, with a possible sentence of 15 years; assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm less than murder, which could bring 10 years; aggravated assault, which could bring one

year behind bars; and habitual 3. The prior convictions were all drug offenses.

Sumpter Township Detective John Toth said a 911 call was received from a witness at 5 p.m., Sept. 1, when a female stumbling and falling was reported on Creekside in Rawsonville Woods. The caller thought the woman might have died because she was a bloody mess when she fell, Det. Toth said.

Officer John Ashby responded to the call and gave aid to the woman until she was transported to University of Michigan Hospital. Det. Toth said the victim had existing medical conditions at the time of the fight.

He said the victim and Gonzalez were on-again, off-again friends who lived in the same mobile home park. Their relationship was estranged for a while, but then rekindled, Toth said.

The two were believed to have been drinking and using drugs the day before and into the night. They were together during the next day and there is no reason to believe they were under the influence when the fight occurred, Toth said.

One attacked the other and allegedly Gonzalez took the woman's purse and wallet. The woman recovered her purse, but the wallet and the money was stolen.

Court Watching:**Hearing set Feb. 28 in VBT vs. Delaney on disrupting meeting chg.**

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

On Thursday Jan. 17, John Delaney returned to 34th District Court with his attorney James Fifelski to request a motion hearing.

The hearing will be held at 11 a.m. Feb. 28 in Judge Brian Oakley's courtroom. Then a trial date will be set.

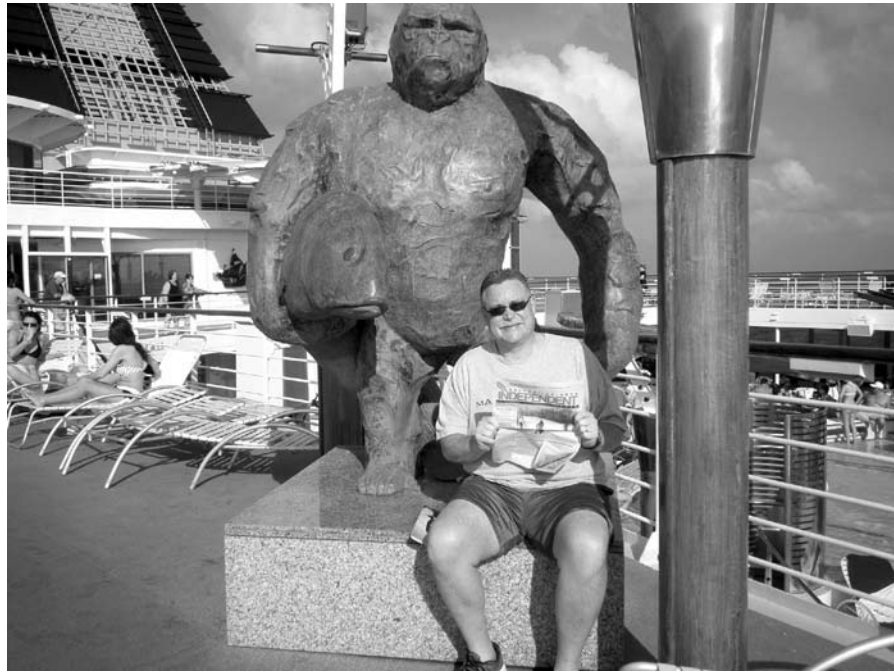
Former Van Buren Township Supervisor Paul White had Delaney arrested on Sept. 18, 2012 for disrupting a VBT board meeting, a misdemeanor.

In Judge Oakley's courtroom Thursday were White, VBT Clerk Leon Wright, VBT Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Terry Carroll, and vice chairman of the VBT Planning Commission Donald Boynton.

Delaney is demanding a jury trial. After a discussion with VBT prosecutor Carol Murray, Delaney's attorney requested a discovery order and believes there may be some 404(b) issues that should be dealt with prior to the trial to better understand how to defend his client.

According to the Legal Information Institute, 404(b) adds "a pretrial notice requirement in criminal cases and is intended to reduce surprise and promote early resolution on the issue of admissibility."

Both sides say they have plenty of video evidence for review.

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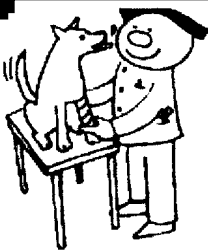
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By Angela Nettro

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Question from Larry of Van Buren Township: I have been hoping to help my daughter and son-in law purchase a home. It appears that I will have to finance the home for them. If I do finance a home, can I sell it back to them on a land contract after I close on the home?

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It would be better to find an affordable home that you could buy for cash and then you could sell it to your in-laws on a land contract legally. -- Angela

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
For more detailed police logs, see www.bellevilleareaindependent.com.

Sunday, Jan. 13:
0019 – suicide or attempt, 10766 Oak Lane
0652 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
1122 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter Rd. / Hull Rd.
1307 – fraud, 43480 S. Timberview Dr.
1939 – retail fraud, Walmart
2011 – mental, 42901 Tyler Rd.
2027 – harassment call, 8841 Parkwood Dr.
2315 – assault & battery, 9205 Parkwood Dr.
Monday, Jan. 14:
0157 – noise complaint, 48051 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0339 – fraud, Walmart
0644 – malicious destruction of property, 13526 Pinewood Ln.
0952 – shots fired, Beck Rd./Van Born Rd.
1017 – agency assist, 223 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1119 – fraud, Kmart
1151 – fraud, Walmart
1315 – larceny, 41111 E. Huron River Dr.
1413 – juvenile complaint, 47097 McBride, school
1436 – narcotics crime, 47097 McBride, school
1537 – fraud, 9195 Parkwood Dr.
1538 – felony assault, Savage/Martinsville
1554 – intimidation threat, 41431 S. Bellridge Dr.
1712 – larceny from auto, 48641 S. I-94 Service
2115 – missing person, 41107 S. Woodbury Dr.
Tuesday, Jan. 15:
0437 – private property accident, 1900 Rawsonville
0946 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse
1303 – property damage accident, I-94 / Mile Marker 210
1419 – property damage accident, 42849 Fairfield
1446 – juvenile complaint, 37 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1457 – agency assist, E. Huron River Dr./RR tracks
1651 – malicious destruction of property, 6206 E. Adams
1708 – disturbance, 41358 Ecorse Rd.
1816 – assault & battery, 45322 Ecorse Rd.
2103 – assault & battery, 45322 Ecorse Rd.
2139 – intimidation threat, 9147 Parkwood Dr.
2152 – juvenile complaint, 9304 Westlake
Wednesday, Jan. 16:
1215 – malicious destruction of property, 48911 Denton Rd.
1220 – larceny, 48011 I-94 Service
1300 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1347 – larceny, 6759 Rogers Ave.
1402 – suspicious person, 9783 Jackson St.
1442 – assist fired dept., 48 N. Ponderosa Trl.
1522 – suspicious person, Savage/tracks
1534 – juvenile complaint, 49000 Denton Rd.
1630 – harassment call, 10638 Oak Ln.
1814 – assault & battery, 41900 Arthur St.
1943 – fraud, 48511 S. I-94 Service Dr.
2232 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
Thursday, Jan. 17:
0811 – larceny from auto, 43679 Arborview Ln.
0857 – larceny from auto, 46111 Village Green Ln.
1003 – larceny, 13162 Vista Dr.
1124 – malicious destruction of property, 8908 Parkwood Dr.
1222 – juvenile complaint, Belleville/Tyler
1424 – larceny from auto, 6356 E. Sadie Ln.
1636 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/Denton
1644 – juvenile complaint, Victory Used Car Lot
1713 – fraud, Walmart
1717 – assault & battery, 6418 Western St.
1723 – assault & battery, 51226 Sylvia Dr.
1818 – property damage accident, Belleville / N. Service Dr.
2241 – agency assist, 128 Carmell
2321 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln./Ponderosa Trl.
Friday, Jan. 18:
0049 – noise complaint, E. Cherry/S. Ponderosa
1104 – property damage accident, 11480 Monterey
1543 – shots fired, 46200 Hull Rd.
1645 – assist fire dept., 48649 S. Schooner
1745 – larceny, Walmart
1818 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 12300

Haggerty Rd.
2025 – assault & battery, 42034 Filmore St.
Saturday, Jan. 19:
0148 – assault & battery, 48611 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0259 – assault & battery, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0431 – private property accident, 49071 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0642 – misc. complaint, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0722 – intimidation threat, 44401 S. I-94 Service
0947 – malicious destruction of property, 11731 Meadows Cir.
0959 – trespassing, 46161 Village Green Ln.
1114 – fight, 500 Sumpter Rd.
1139 – hospice, 44401 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1246 – private property accident, 10760 Belleville
1354 – assault & battery, 48691 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – private property accident, Walmart
1618 – shots fired, Bemis/Renton
1731 – trespassing, 6174 Gilmore St.
2034 – suicide or attempt, 9288 Parkwood Dr.
2334 – property damage accident, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
2347 – assault & battery, 46145 Village Green Ln.
Also on this week’s log are 305 traffic stops, 82 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 13:
0102 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0320 – intrusion alarm, 31 E. Huron River Dr.
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1459 – disorderly conduct, 161 Church St.
1700 – domestic assault, 285 Victorian Ln.
1709 – property check, 590 E. Huron River Dr.
1940 – suspicious situation, Hillside Cemetery
2038 – assist fire dept. 275 W. Columbia Ave.
2327 – breaking & entering, 35 Carmell St.
Monday, Jan. 14:
0351 – noise complaint, 380 N. Liberty St.
1640 – malicious destruction of property, BHS
1658 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Main St.
1721 – breaking & entering, 590 E. Huron River
1848 – malicious destruction of property, 590 E. Huron River Dr.
2015 – intrusion alarm, 843 Sumpter Rd.
2310 – intrusion alarm, 883 Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 15:
0136 – suspicious situation, Main St./Fifth St.
1214 – malicious destruction of property, 47 Madelon
1328 – disorderly conduct, 149 N. Liberty St.
1426 – intrusion alarm, 409 E. Huron River Dr.
1936 – property check, Hillside
1951 – assist fire dept., 351 W. Columbia Ave.
2131 – suspicious vehicle, BHS
Wednesday, Jan. 16:
0900 – misc. complaint, 504 Main St.
1056 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1358 – abandoned auto, 104 Potter Dr.
1638 – fraud, 5 Main St.
2022 – serve warrant, 41546 Hamlin
2035 – serve warrant, 41641 Village Green
2311 – intrusion alarm, 31 E. Huron River Dr.
Thursday, Jan. 17:
0117 – information, 598 W. Thornhill Ct.
0235 – noise complaint, N. Liberty/Second St.
1035 – assist fire dept., 60 Main St.
1150 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave./ Church St.
1228 – property check, 598 Victorian Ln.
1304 – E-911 hangup, 241 Henry St.
1547 – vehicle lockout, 601 E. Huron River Dr.
1626 – background investigation, 6 Main St.
1648 – assist fire dept., 9 Capistrano Ct.
2229 – suicide or attempt, 128 Carmell St.
Friday, Jan. 18:
0015 – suspicious person, Carmell/Belle Villa
1018 – mental, 168 N. Liberty St.
1203 – private property accident, BHS
1253 – all other traffic, Main/Denton
1451 – ordinance violation, 104 Potter Dr.
1623 – mental, 168 N. Liberty St.
2227 – suspicious vehicle, 875 Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, Jan. 19:
0318 – suspicious situation, 25 N. Liberty St.

0915 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1114 – agency assist, 500 Sumpter
1124 – civil matter, 590 E. Huron River Dr.
1340 – information, 6 Main St.
2250 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
Also on this week’s log are 69 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 13:
0038 – suspicious incident, Dakota
0056 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
0215 – fight, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
0439 – 911 hangup, Dakota
0730 – 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, Karr/Willow
1430 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1709 – shots fired, Sherwood/Arkona
1845 – warrant arrest, Lohr/Bemis
2000 – follow-up investigation, Maple
2207 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Monday, Jan. 14:
0755 – civil dispute, Montana
0910 – fraud investigation, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd
0923 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Elwell
1013 – animal complaint, 7400 bl. Rawsonville
1033 – follow-up investigation, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1119 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1259 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
2054 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 15:
0849 – personal injury accident, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0930 – suspicious vehicle, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville
1104 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1207 – threats complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1651 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2039 – mental health commitment, Butternut
Wednesday, Jan. 16:
0539 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0935 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0955 – breaking & entering report, Hampshire
1107 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Wear
1131 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1234 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1257 – breaking & entering report, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1319 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1327 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1416 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1528 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Texas
1551 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1735 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1758 – citizen assist, S. Huron/Clark
1829 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2000 – civil dispute, New Mexico
2358 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Thursday, Jan. 17:
0131 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0808 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0931 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1355 – reckless driver complaint, Rustic Ln.
1528 – warrant arrest, out of township
1557 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1729 – assist other agency, out of township
2307 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
Friday, Jan. 18:
0437 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow
0517 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0527 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1339 – fraud investigation, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1355 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willow
1420 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Bontekoe
1421 – malicious destruction of property, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1535 – juvenile complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1609 – alarm, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1641 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1728 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1932 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2341 – warrant arrest, out of township
Saturday, Jan. 19:
0054 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0713 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1006 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1025 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Elwell
1027 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1246 – property damage accident, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1328 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1342 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1623 – shots fired, Bemis/Renton
1756 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
1905 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2145 – follow-up investigation, Creekside
2221 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
Also on this week’s log are 30 miscellaneous details, 164 patrol checks, and 74 traffic stops.

VBT man airlifted to hospital after car he was working under fell on him

At 2:43pm, Jan. 16, the Van Buren Fire Department was dispatched to the 40 block of Ponderosa Trail North for an unconscious man that was trapped underneath a vehicle he was working on.

When they arrived at the mobile home park at 8701 Belleville Road they found bystanders had jacked up the car, but the man was still partly under it.

Engine1 (South Duty Crew), Rescue 1 (North Duty Crew), Tac-1 (Inspector Anthony Karver), and Chief 1 (Fire Chief Dan Besson) responded quickly to the scene.

While responding to the call, Chief Besson activated a Survival Flight medical helicopter from the University of Michigan Trauma Center.

Rescue 1 arrived and Battalion Chief Dan McNally initiated the Incident Command System.

The bystanders had jacked up the compact car off the 57-year-old VBT man but he was still lying partially underneath the vehicle.

Rescue 1’s crew began assessing the man’s traumatic injuries while Police Sergeant Mike Moening and Police Officer Scott Griggs, both crossed-trained as firefighters, began stabilizing the car to prevent it from falling on the man or rescue workers.

The man was then stabilized on a backboard to prevent further injuries while Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics initiated Advanced Life Support Care.

Suffering from major chest trauma, he was loaded into the ambulance and transported a short distance, across Belleville Road, to an empty field where he was transferred to the awaiting medivac crew and airlifted to the University of Michigan Trauma Center.

The man had regained consciousness prior to being airlifted to the hospital and is expected to recover from his injuries, Chief Besson said.

All fire units cleared the scene at 3:25pm.

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Mark Twain

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HOUSING REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposals for the operation of the Van Buren Township Housing Rehabilitation Program. Request for Proposals and bid forms are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Bids will be received until 9:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, February 13, 2013, and should be submitted to the Clerk's office. Bids may be submitted by U.S. Mail, personal service, or courier service, and no bids submitted by facsimile or electronically will be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened following the bid deadline. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid. The Township is an equal opportunity contractor, which does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, or physical ability. If you have any questions regarding the bid specifications, please contact Development Services at (734) 699-8913.

Published: January 24, 2013

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2013

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: DPW Director MacDonald, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Senior Director Jordan, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, and an audience of one (1).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the third amendment to the Detroit Water and Sewer Department contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the employment agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Jennifer Zaenglein as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
Published: January 24, 2013

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:35 pm Thursday February 14, 2013, regarding the request for a Rezoning of land parcel summarized below:

NATURE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUEST

The proposed Rezoning is to change the current zoning from R2 (Single Family) to C2 (Community Commercial) to allow for an auto repair.

SITE LOCATION

The site upon which a Rezoning is being requested is located at 25891 Sumpter Road 81-106-99-0015-003, 2.3 acres.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 637 of 1978 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184, 1943) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
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