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GREATER DETROIT

12 historic buildings to be razed

DETROIT — The City Council voted 8-0 Wednesday to authorize the demolition of 12 of the 13 buildings of the historic Monroe Block. An estimated \$1 million will be used for demolition and to secure the National Theatre building.

The council also approved a November ballot proposal asking voters to approve \$25 million in general obligation bonds to complete the Cobo Hall project.

McNamara drops jail bid

DETROIT — Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has dropped a bid to take over the county jail. McNamara decided he could spend more on lawyers than he could save by taking over the jail from Sheriff Robert Ficano, a spokesman said Wednesday.

School open for first day

GARDEN CITY — Schools opened Wednesday for the first day of classes. A school official said teachers showed up with "marvelous" attitudes. A judge Tuesday ordered them back to work. Bargaining resumed Wednesday in Garden City and in Pontiac.

Career criminal gets life

DETROIT — James (Red) Freeman, acquitted of murder in a drug-related triple beheading in 1979, faces life in prison as a career criminal after being convicted Wednesday on drug and gun charges. Freeman was then tried and convicted in Detroit Recorder's Court under the habitual offender law. Freeman has convictions for manslaughter and other felonies.

POWs, MIAs recognized

NOVI — Veterans captured or reported missing in action will be remembered Friday during nearly 50 ceremonies held statewide as part of a national POW/MIA Recognition Day. The state government observance will begin at 5 p.m. at the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 Twelve Mile.

Unidentified man killed

DETROIT — Police shot and killed an unidentified man who met them Wednesday at an apartment door with a revolver, police said. They said two officers had followed a wanted man to an apartment building in the 9700 block of N. Martindale.

4 arraigned in murders

DETROIT — Four Detroiters were arraigned Tuesday on charges of first-degree murder in the slaying of three people during a robbery of a west side crack house.

Kenneth Simpson, 19, Reginald Bell, 21, William McKinney, 18, and Vernell Chatman, 17, also were charged with using a firearm to commit a felony.

Willie Heard, 31, Tammie White, 25, and Kenneth Jones, 35, were killed Sept. 7 in the 3100 block of Annabelle.

IN BRIEF

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DEARBORN — David Earl Fowler Jr., 23, of Detroit, was charged Wednesday with attempted murder for allegedly starting a gunfight with police. Fowler was shot three times Tuesday night when an officer spotted him in Hemlock park. Fowler was sought in the slaying of his mother, Vivian Fowler, 40, in her home Monday.

PEOPLE

Donald Beam has been named secretary of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the regional park agency serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Beam has been with the authority since 1961 and its chief of natural resources since 1973.



Southfield lawyer fired for remark on religion

The head of the Oakland County Bar Association said Wednesday that a Southfield law firm acted properly in dismissing a lawyer who made an offensive remark about the religion of a judge and another lawyer.

Attorney Michael J. Walter was fired from Sullivan, Ward, Bone, Tyler, Fiott & Asher after an unidentified person circulated copies of a letter sent to a client in which a reference was made to the faith of Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert and lawyer Barry Fagan.

Walter wrote the letter to the Oakland County Corporation Counsel's Of-

fice and an insurance company representing the county in a lawsuit. In it, he referred to a possible delay in the case because of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, the "Jewish plaintiff's attorney Mr. Fagan" and the "Jewish Judge Gilbert." The Sept. 1 letter was signed, "your Gentile attorney."

Association President Henry Baskin said the bar would not take punitive action.

"The bar has not met officially on this. But the consensus of the lawyers that I spoke to felt that it was appropriate that this person leave the firm, that the letter was incredibly naive, it was

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so ill-advised. The firm did the right thing," he said.

"But I think that is the extent. You can't criticize the firm, because they have hundreds of employees, and they are not responsible for each person's thoughts," Baskin said.

WSU talks break down as faculty blasts offer

BY PATRICIA ANSTETT, Free Press Staff Writer

State-mediated talks between Wayne State University and its faculty and academic union broke down late Wednesday after the union lowered its pay proposal, a major bargaining dispute in the 9-day-old strike.

Art Antisdal, communications director for the WSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors, called the administration's salary proposals "outrageous." He said President David Adamany seems in-

tent on "keeping the AAUP on strike in order to destroy it, regardless of the impact on students."

The union's latest financial offer calls for a 6.5 percent across-the-board pay hike with an additional two percent merit raise to be determined by peer committees, plus 1.1 percent to be determined by the president and deans and a small amount for anyone promoted within a one-year contract.

The administration's latest offer calls for two percent across the board raises and a two percent one-time

bonus.

Faculty and academic staff also would receive a 1.5 percent merit pay hike determined by peer committees, two percent merit pay determined by the administration, and an additional small sum for those promoted to associate or full professor.

The administration offered an additional 5.2 percent across-the-board hike in the second year of a two-year contract, Antisdal said.

Program promises jobs, money

BY DARRYL FEARS, Free Press Staff Writer

The Detroit Chamber of Commerce Wednesday proposed a program that would promise Detroit public high school students jobs and money for college if they performed well in school.

The program, called Detroit Compact, is supported by 35 metropolitan Detroit businesses that would promise summer and long-term jobs to high school students who maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, a 95 percent attendance rate, are punctual and well-disciplined, said S. Martin Taylor, president of New Detroit Inc. The civic organization developed the plan in cooperation with Detroit Renaissance and the chamber.

Students would sign contracts with compact workers in the schools and would be provided tutors, mentors and various financial aid.

Richard Van Dusen, chairman of the chamber, said he hopes the program can be implemented in four Detroit high schools by January. The chamber has yet to negotiate the plan with Detroit schools and many details have not been ironed out.

The number of students involved in the programs depends on available funds, he said.

School officials were not available for comment. At least \$300,000 was raised by businesses affiliated with Detroit Renaissance and an additional \$300,000 was provided by the state, Van Dusen said.

The program "is based on the belief that many urban youth have lost hope," Taylor said.

Participating students are expected to come from schools with low average college entrance test scores and with students who tend to flounder after graduation.

Cops question a suspect in woman's death

Detroit Police said a suspect was being questioned Wednesday night in the death of a former aerobics instructor from Mt. Clemens whose decapitated body was found Monday in a trash bin in Detroit.

A sister of Aida Gonzales who had reported her missing to Mt. Clemens Police on Sunday identified Gonzales Tuesday night from rings and a bracelet on her left hand, police said.

Police said her left hand had been severed.

Acquaintances said Gonzales, 34, was recently an aerobics instructor at Ford Motor Co.'s Chesterfield Trim Plant in Macomb County and about five years ago taught at the Slim Gym Exercise Center in Clinton Township.

"She was quiet but very likable," said a manager at Slim Gym who asked not to be identified. "The counselors were always talking about what a good instructor she was."

Another Slim Gym employee said Gonzales was a single parent who lived with her two teenage sons.

"She was a really sweet person," the employee said. "I find it totally shocking. ... She didn't associate with the kind of people who would be involved in something like this."

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