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 DETROIT

Off-duty cop kills boyfriend in fight

An off-duty Detroit police officer killed her boyfriend Wednesday night during a fight near a home in the 16700 block of Fielding on the city's west side, police said.

Richard Craft, 23, of Detroit, shot twice, died in the emergency room at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital. Homicide detectives said witnesses reported hearing the 23-year-old officer say, "don't hit me anymore" and then shots being fired. Police said she fired two shots in the air before shooting Craft.

The officer, on the force 11 months, is assigned to the 3rd (Vernor) Precinct. Police would not release her name pending an investigation.

In another shooting by a Detroit police officer, authorities said a 40-year-old man was wounded Wednesday as he ran from a west side house he burglarized. The suspect is in stable condition in Detroit Receiving Hospital, police said.

2 wounded: An 11-year-old boy and a 17-year-old youth were wounded by gunfire Wednesday in separate shootings on Detroit's west side, police said. Larry McGee, 11, was shot about 11 a.m. at Whitcomb at Florence when he tried to run away from a young man who wanted his coat, police said. He was in stable condition Wednesday night in Sinai Hospital, police said. No one was in custody. In the other incident, Christopher Luke, 17, was wounded about 11 a.m. at Wyoming and Seven Mile. Police said Luke was shot by a 14-year-old boy with whom he argued last week. The suspect was held in the Wayne County Youth Home pending charges in Juvenile Court, police said.

Citizen applications: A small but steady turnout in Detroit of illegal immigrant farm workers applying for temporary residency was reported by Lonnie McDaniel, deputy director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regional office. The deadline for such applications was midnight Wednesday. Some 242 people applied for residency; 235 of Mexican descent and 7 of Yugoslavian heritage, McDaniel said. The agricultural workers had until midnight to apply for amnesty under a provision of the Immigration Control and Reform Act of 1986.

Power grab: The Detroit City Council made a power play Wednesday to wrest some of City Clerk James H. Bradley's authority. Criticizing Bradley's staff for inadequate record-keeping, the council passed a resolution asking that 13 clerical workers who report to Bradley be brought under the council's control. The move, subject to approval by Mayor Coleman A. Young, would shift \$600,000 from the clerk's budget to the council for 1989-90.

Weapon search: An unannounced search for weapons at Detroit Cody High School on Wednesday turned up four students with knives. Six more knives were found near the inspection area at the school, near Cathedral and Penrod on the city's west side, police said. The two-hour search of 2,220 students was the latest in a series of sweeps by school security officers using metal detectors.

METRO

Polluters listed: A Macomb County landfill remains Michigan's most serious pollution problem. But a Chippewa County tannery site jumped to second place on a list of 2,050 pollution sites, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources said Wednesday. G and H Landfill in Shelby Township has topped the list for four years and has contaminated ground water, plants and animals with hazardous chemicals, according to the list released by the DNR.

Fine paid: A Macomb County insurance agent, who pleaded no contest to bribery charges in a scheme to get names and telephone numbers of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan subscribers in order to sell them insurance from another company, paid a \$250 fine. Van C. Burns, 42, of Shelby Township, was sentenced Monday to 20 days in jail or a \$250 fine by Shelby Township District Judge Herman C. Campbell. The charge stemmed from an investigation by Blue Cross agents after a Blues' employee told a supervisor he got a bribe offer for information about subscribers.

Pay assured: Wayne County's 5,200-plus employees will receive their paychecks on schedule, although County Executive Ed McNamara and the county commission have not reached an agreement on a budget, officials said Wednesday. Both sides agreed the general fund budget, which was to take effect today — the first day of the county's new fiscal year — will total \$251.3 million. But they differ on how the money is to be apportioned.

Taxpayers quizzed: Two Warren councilmen said Wednesday that they are spending \$1,100 for a full-page advertisement in a weekly newspaper to determine if residents would support a tax increase. Council President Cecil St. Pierre and Councilman Charles Busse said the ad is in reaction to voter rejection Nov. 8 of a 5.85-mill property tax increase, months after 60 police officers and firefighters were laid off. Busse and St. Pierre said they want to know if Warren residents now would approve a smaller tax increase to restore those cuts and others.

Compiled from News staff and wire reports.

Blanchard's school tax plan clears Senate in tight vote

Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. James Blanchard's plan to cut property taxes by \$810 million a year and raise the sales tax a penny won approval in the state Senate Wednesday.

However, the chamber rejected a Republican measure to guarantee 12 percent of the state's general fund budget for schools. The state now spends about 7.4 percent of its budget on education.

The Senate action represented only a small step forward in the effort to revamp school finances and provide property tax breaks in Michigan.

The bill still must make it through the House before the Dec. 8 scheduled end of the legislative session.

"We've got time to resolve it — whether we can reach agreement is another thing," said Rep. Lynn Jondahl, D-Okemos, and chairman of the House Taxation Committee.

On a vote of 29-9 — exactly the two-thirds vote needed to put the measure on the ballot — the Republican-controlled Senate approved Democrat Blanchard's tax plan. If approved by the full Legislature, the proposal would go on a special election ballot March 7.

It would cut school property taxes by at least 25 percent and limit a homeowner's school taxes to 28 mills. It would cut school taxes for businesses by 10 percent and limit them to the reduced level.

The \$810-million tax cut would be offset

by an increase — needing approval of Michigan voters — in the state sales tax, raising it from the current 4 percent to 5 percent. The state would use that money to reimburse school districts for money lost in the millage drop.

However, a dispute arose over assertions by Blanchard's aides that he intended business property taxes to rise with inflation along with homeowners' taxes. The Senate Republican plan sent to the House would permanently freeze business property tax rates following the 10 percent cut.

"If business is going to accept less property tax relief up front, they should be allowed to stay where they are" once the tax was cut, said House Minority Leader Paul Hillemonds, R-Holland.

Can't jail Christmas spirit



Peggy Smith, 66, of Royal Oak, helps wrap 3,000 toys Wednesday at the Salvation Army in Warren. The toys were purchased from a local wholesaler and will be delivered to children of inmates in the Michigan prison system. Prisoners were asked what their kids would like for Christmas and the gifts will contain a card signed by the inmate.

EPA sets hearings on drain proposals

By Howard Warren
 News Staff Writer

Several Michigan communities would need special permits to keep track of the flow of rain water under proposed federal regulations for storm drains.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Wednesday in Washington that it will hold public hearings early next year on the proposed rules.

The regulations would require all cities with more than 100,000 people to apply for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for storm drains that discharge into waterways. In Michigan, the rules would affect Warren, Sterling Heights, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Flint, Grand Rapids and Lansing.

THE REGULATIONS — mandated by 1987 amendments to the federal Clean Water Act — would not affect combined sewer systems, which carry both storm water and sewage to sewage treatment plants.

Many pollutants are washed into drains along with rain water, including fertilizers, pesticides and petroleum and industrial wastes.

A.C. Davanzo, assistant director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, said all of Detroit's storm water flows into combined systems. Many of the older suburbs also have combined systems, but they are regulated under another section of the Clean Water Act.

Officials of Livonia, Warren and Sterling Heights said they could not comment on how much they would be affected because they had not seen the proposed regulations. However, all three cities have separate storm water systems.

DOUGLAS PAKKALA, public utilities manager for Livonia, said 95 percent of the storm water in his city flows through separate storm drains, either into the Rouge River or into larger Wayne County drains.

William McCracken, chief of the permit section of the state Department of Natural Resources' Surface Water Quality Division, said the state already requires permits on many of the major storm drain systems in Michigan.

"We just don't know how many more drains will be affected," McCracken said.

The EPA announcement said the regulations would not call for the construction of new treatment facilities. Instead, the agency said, they would emphasize the elimination of pollution from illegal connections to storm drains, runoff from construction and industrial sites and public education.

State wins legal fee case

Judge rules in life-support hearing expenses

By Gene Schabath
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The state won't have to pay \$93,940 in legal fees, an Oakland Circuit judge ruled Wednesday. The fees were sought by a law firm, representing parents of a comatose 12-year-old girl who sought to have her taken off life-support systems after she suffered injuries in a traffic accident.

Judge Richard D. Kuhn said Andrew J. Broder, attorney for Jacqueline and Francis Rosebush, and his law firm, Plunkett, Conroy, Rutt, Watters, Slanczyk & Pedersen, are not entitled to the payments under state law.

Kuhn ruled July 29 after a long, bitter court battle that the Rosebushes' daughter, Joelle, could be taken off life-support systems. Broder contended the state should pay the \$93,940 in

attorney fees and costs because it was the county prosecutor's office that tried to block the action.

Broder further accused prosecutors of grandstanding for the news media during court hearings and said the prosecutor's office should pay the fees, in part, because of the prosecutors' conduct during the trial and "post-trial tactics."

Kuhn disagreed. "While acknowledging that the prosecutors' trial conduct was overzealous, and harsh at times, the court declines to impose a sanction," he said. He called the issue a public question that was initiated by the Rosebushes — not the prosecutor — when they said they would take their daughter off life support.

Broder was not available for comment.

Surrogate mom loses bid to keep baby near

By Gene Schabath
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A surrogate mother suffered a setback Wednesday in her attempt to obtain a court order preventing a Bloomfield Hills couple from leaving Michigan with the 19-month-old boy she bore them.

Patricia Foster of Monroe left the courtroom in tears after Oakland County Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien refused to extend an earlier order that prevented Michael L. Stein from taking his adopted son, Andrew Hyde Stein, out of the state.

Stein is the husband of Hayat "Heidi" Stein, owner of a national chain of beauty salons.

Foster, 33, filed a lawsuit in October against Stein, seeking visitation rights to the boy while she tries to have the adoption overturned in a Florida court.

Foster was paid \$10,000 by Stein under a surrogate contract.

Stein fathered the baby through artificial insemination.

Foster, who said she needed the money to pay bills, now says she regrets giving up the child for adoption.



Heidi Stein



Patricia Foster

Wayne faculty council censures administration

By James Tobin
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Wayne State University's faculty council censured the school's administration Wednesday, saying its handling of a department reorganization displayed "a disregard of faculty expertise, professional opinion, and formal actions."

The censure resolution, approved by a 33-7 vote, was the latest move in a long-running conflict between Wayne State President David Adamany and faculty who say he often slights them when making policy.

The issue is the transfer of the Department of Speech, Communication and Journalism from the College of Liberal Arts to the School of Fine and Performing Arts. The administration recommended the transfer to Wayne State's board of governors over the objection of the faculty council.

Faculty members conceded that the administration's action did not violate university rules, but they said it ran counter to a strong tradition of faculty predominance on academic issues.

Provost Sanford Cohen, acting as university president while Adamany takes a three-month sabbatical, said the transfer did not involve issues calling for academic expertise.



GEORGE WEEKS
 POLITICS

Lakes states want a bigger slice of U.S. pie

WASHINGTON — In this town, Great Lakes states are Uncle Sam's weak sisters.

Compared to the sultans of clout from the South and West, they get a relatively low return on federal dollars.

Their collective voice on Capitol Hill is feeble.

About the loudest noises heard here from the Great Lakes states were the cries of protest from Michigan and Illinois over the Reagan-Bush (California-Texas) administration awarding the superconducting super collider project to Texas.

AND THERE is a decided Texas tilt in home states of the early round of announced and anticipated Bush Cabinet officers.

But the lakes states are starting to kick up their heels in unison, and they see encouraging signs of support from Bush and Capitol Hill.

Consider, for example, what's happening with the Council of Great Lakes Governors. It started late in the Bill Milliken era as an informal group of mostly Republican governors who met occasionally to map common action to improve their common habitat.

Subsequently, the class of '82 Democratic governors resolved to set up a full-time staff. It's now located in Chicago and getting state, corporate and foundation financing.

The founding states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota are about to be joined on the council by New York and Pennsylvania.

THAT WILL GIVE the council more collective clout to pursue the Great Lakes federal agenda.

Great Lakes states already have some allies in the Northeast-Midwest Coalition. That alliance has reason to be encouraged with the outcome of Tuesday's Democratic caucus vote on the selection of Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine.

It's not that Mitchell is committed to a northeastern agenda. It's rather that in beating out senators from the South and Hawaii with more seniority, he promised a fresh approach to many issues, including the environment.

ALSO IN THE SENATE, Michigan's Don Riegle is moving up to chairmanship of the powerful banking committee.

The immediate concern of Great Lakes governors is how the Bush administration will view their environmental and economic development concerns in drafting the new budget.

Gov. Jim Blanchard's initial reaction to the incoming administration is that, in general, it will be more receptive to concerns of the states than the outgoing administration. Tom Martin, Blanchard's point man on Great Lakes issues, said Bush's environmental emphasis during the presidential campaign bodes well for the lakes states.

Much of the federal agenda of the Great Lakes states is environmental. Part of it is for funds for toxic cleanup and maintaining annual federal funding of about \$20 million for Great Lakes research labs, including those at Ann Arbor and Grosse Ile.

MARTIN HOPES the quest for Great Lakes funding will be helped by the fact that it was on the Lake Erie shore in Michigan that candidate Bush proclaimed: "I am an environmentalist."

To underscore the point, Bush met here Wednesday with environmental leaders, and his transition office said it is a subject he will be touting even before he takes office.

Campaign vows and transition media events do not an environmentalist make. But, unlike President Reagan, Bush has highlighted environmental priorities.

In part, Bush's late-blooming environmentalism as candidate and president-elect is due to the influence of Ann Arbor pollster Bob Teeter, a campaign strategist who now is co-director of Bush's campaign team.

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