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Killers sentenced, grief remains

By Susan Buck
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2 get life in teacher's slaying

Justice was served when teacher Andre Poux's killers were sentenced to life in prison Thursday.

But nothing can take away the grief felt by his friends and co-workers at O.E. Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills.

"When you lose a colleague, a fine individual, the loss is there," said Tom McConaghe, assistant principal at Dunckel. "It doesn't go away. Tears still well up in the eyes."

The two Detroit men convicted were given

life terms — one to a lesser sentence — in the November murder of Poux, a popular Dunckel teacher.

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Michael Talbot sentenced 26-year-old Eugene Posey to mandatory life imprisonment. Posey is not eligible for parole, although he can be released by the governor's commutation, said Doug Baker, assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

TALBOT ALSO sentenced 19-year-old James Lee Johnson to life imprisonment. He

has the opportunity for parole at a later date.

"We are gratified with the sentences and feel they are just," said Baker. "We hope that they are not on the street again. This crime represents our worst nightmare — having your home invaded by strangers at night. It's truly traumatizing."

Said Maria Mannarino, Johnson's attorney, "Mr. Johnson will be a very old man before the parole board ever has a chance to review his case. I was hoping for a sentence that would give him a chance to rehabilitate. Nobody

wants to minimize these crimes. These were horrible crimes."

Thomas Deinek, Posey's attorney did not re-

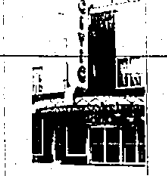
spond to phone calls.

Poux, 58, a resident of Detroit's North Rose-dale Park, was gunned down shortly before 6 a.m. last Nov. 25, as he confronted intruders in his house.

He taught math in the Farmington Public Schools for 17 years, most recently at Dunckel on 12 Mile Road, where students remember him as a challenging teacher and co-workers thought of him, as the ultimate educator.

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THE NEXT time someone says, "Let's do lunch," suggest the Hedgeswood, the student-run restaurant on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

But don't be late because the Hedgeswood, on the second floor of J Building on the Farmington Hills campus, is open only from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

The restaurant, which features food prepared by the students, puts on a special buffet once a month. The next buffet begins 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21. Parking is available in the faculty parking lot, which can be reached by taking the second right off Oakland Drive while driving west through campus.

"The buffets are very popular," said Eve Ann Dillon, secretary to the college's Hospitality Department. "At \$5.75, you really can't beat it. I think we draw more business from the town than the school."

The Orchard Ridge campus is south of I-96 between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. Oakland Drive runs east and west through the campus.

MARCH IS Reading Month in Michigan and Farmington-area elementary school students seem to be taking full advantage.

The Kenbrook Elementary youngsters, for example, are involved in reading activities with a theme: "Kenbrook Goes Westward Ho!"

They began the month with an assembly featuring Jerry Maxwell, a North Farmington High School teacher who is an authority on the Old West. Old West trails are posted on Kenbrook walls and students are reading at home for mileage along those trails.

They all hope to reach California by the end of the month. Each school day starts with Reading Roundup where students read for 15 minutes. The showcase in the lobby is filled with interesting old items that students are trying to identify.

Hanging on each classroom door is a quilt-banner containing squares made by the children depicting favorite books. On Monday, March 25, a closing assembly is planned. Students, dressed in western garb, will sing western songs, and some classes will present western skits.

MEMORY LANE From the March 22, 1951 Farmington Enterprise

• Clarence Aldrich, Farmington nurseryman, proudly displayed a 7-foot swordfish he caught on his 71st birthday off the Florida coast.

• The assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the city of Farmington was set at \$3,218,580, according to Mayor Delos Hamlin.

• "City Lights" starring Charlie Chaplin and "Dynamite Pass" with Tim Holt were the attractions at the Civic Theater in downtown Farmington.

• "Build For Keeps with concrete masonry" was the advertising slogan used by Fremont Builders on Gill Road.

• Eighth-grader Bonnie Lou Sovereign won the annual Farmington High School Spellhew. She advanced to the district competition also held in Farmington.



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Barry's back

Author has hard work message for students

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Hillside Elementary students Thursday got to meet the author who writes the stories they read in class.

Barry Rudner, a Keego Harbor resident who grew up in the Farmington area, visited Hillside in the Farmington District for the entire day. The 36-year-old graduated from North Farmington High School in 1972 and Albion College in 1976.

Rudner immediately got down to the youngsters' level. Dressed in orange print slacks, white socks in sandals, he sat on a bright floral beach chair and fielded questions.

Rudner read an unpublished story, "Will I Still Have to Make My Bed in America?" It's a modern day fairy tale about undying child-

hood friendship between two boys, one of whom is dying.

The story was commissioned by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization which grants the wishes of terminally ill children.

"It's not the most pleasant subject, but it is a fact of life that there are those children who will not see adulthood," Rudner said.

ALTHOUGH RUDNER'S stories tend to rhyme, that is not his intent when he writes them.

"I'm not a poet," Rudner said. "I don't mean to write everything in rhyme. Rhyming is very easy to write because it polices itself so well. If it doesn't rhyme well, you know it. If it doesn't read well, you know it."

At 24, Rudner finally realized what he wanted to do in life.

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Students Tom Close (top left) and Diego Jimenez listen intently as author Barry Rudner (below) reads an unpublished manuscript Thursday at Hillside Elementary.



Towns delay signing contracts, stall county's solid waste plan

By Pat Murphy
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Oakland County's solid waste program appears to be in serious trouble.

The county has sent proposed contracts — called intergovernmental agreements, or IGAs — to more than 60 Oakland villages, townships and cities to be reviewed and, hopefully, ratified.

But the response has been less than enthusiastic. As of Friday afternoon, just 17 communities had ratified and returned the IGAs, committing more

"Handling trash is a complex problem, and each community is trying to do what's best for its residents."

— Robert Block

than 400 tons of trash. Most are outlying communities like Holly, Walled Lake and Commerce Township. None of the bigger communities — like Birmingham, Troy, Southfield, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak

or Huntington Woods — have signed. "We're not going to sign the IGA until we get more information about the cost," said Fred Korzon, Bloomfield Township supervisor. "We want to participate in the county program. But not until we get more information about the cost."

Cost is important, but the trouble also stems from reasons as varied as the communities the \$500 million program is designed to serve. Rochester Hills, for example, along with a vocal contingent of residents, opposes the program because

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Gun buff out on bail

By Joanne Maliszewski
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The attorney for Farmington Hills weapons buff Brian Owsia Lang, who could face indictment on federal weapons charges, believes his client isn't perceived as great a threat to society — now that the Persian Gulf War is over.

But police Chief William Dwyer disagrees.

"There was no correlation with his arrest and the war in the Gulf," Dwyer said. "I think there has been an effort by his attorney to try this case in the news media."

Lang, out of jail on a greatly reduced bond, is back to work as a goldsmith and jeweler.

His attorney, Seymour Posner, said he believes there isn't much of a case against the 26-year-old, whose home was raided by Farmington Hills police and Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents early Feb. 11.

Police and federal agents seized a cache of firearms, weapons, explosive devices and other weapons-related materials in the basement where Lang lived in his parents' house on Brainerd in the Franklin Knolls subdivision, south of 14 Mile east of Northwestern Highway.

"These people won't care because of the war," said Posner of Birmingham. "It was wartime hysteria. The war is over. It's not important."

LANG FACES trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on a state felony charge of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 for two two-way Motorola radios police say were stolen from Detroit Board of Education-owned school buses. The charge is unrelated to weapons confiscated from Lang's house. If convicted he faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$2,500 fine.

Lang also faces a federal charge of possession of an unregistered short-barrel rifle, a 2 mm (.2) that was confiscated in the raid on Lang's parents' house. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine.

But more federal charges are expected against the 1987 Harrison

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