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Murder case delayed



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Robert Waucoush, charged with murdering a Farmington Hills man, waved to family members and said "(I love you guys" as he was led in his blue Duke shirt from the courtroom Tuesday.

Waucoush, 22, and Dominic Garcia, 18, were facing a Tuesday preliminary examination before Judge Trudy Duncombe Archer in Detroit's 36th District Court.

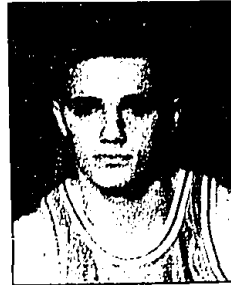
But after Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Michael A. Cox asked and defense attorneys Wright Blake and

Robert Kinney gave no objections, the proceeding was delayed until April 16.

"Day by day" is how Tony Lucej described the way family and friends of his late brother Luvic "Lou" Lucej were handling his loss.

Luvic Lucej, a 20-year-old Farmington Hills resident and Clarenceville High graduate, was shot in the back of the head after he and three friends had pulled over on their way to Windsor near the Ambassador Bridge on Hagley Street March 22.

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Luvic "Lou" Lucej

Farmington officers are life-savers



SHARON LEMKULSKI/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A special thanks: Argentina Azzaretti (center) is alive thanks to quick action taken by Farmington Public Safety Officer Dan Dellar and Commander Maria Putt.

Officers give living proof of job well done

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Several hours of CPR and defibrillator training paid off. Farmington resident Argentina Azzaretti is living proof.

Azzaretti and her family said a special thank you to the officers who saved her life during the Farmington Public Safety Department's recent awards ceremony.

Public Safety Officer Dan Dellar, an 11-year veteran, received the department's Life Saving Award. Though she assisted, Commander Maria Putt nominated Dellar solely for the honor.

As remarkable as the quick response by public safety officers has been Azzaretti's speedy recovery. She bounced right up from her seat to give both Dellar and Putt a hug

— less than a month after she suffered cardiac arrest.

"It was a nice surprise," Dellar said. "I wasn't sure she'd be up and walking. I thought she'd still be in the hospital."

Said Azzaretti: "I'm grateful." Azzaretti collapsed in her home March 9. Her son Mark called for help.

Azzaretti had no vital signs when

officers arrived. Officers delivered a shock with an automatic external defibrillator, which restored a sinus rhythm.

But there was still no external pulse. Dellar inserted an oral airway to her lungs and started CPR. Three minutes later the pulse returned. She was transported to Botsford

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Schools' director of personnel plans retirement

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Somewhere in the metamorphosis from business to corporation, the personnel director turned into something known as a human resource coordinator.

His skills have become refined in acronyms and numbers: W-2s, 401Ks, and IRAs.

The personal side of personnel doesn't require that a form be filled out. So a human approach is often left to fend for itself amidst the bureaucratic paper chase.

That's not the case where he works, said Bob Coleman of the Farmington Public Schools.

"That's the whole ball game," said Coleman, 54, who is retiring as personnel director at the end of April. "If you hire people to work with kids, you have to support them."

Coleman's deft handling of personnel matters for 1,400 school employees drew considerable praise at a recent retirement party.

A large turnout of well-wishers paid tribute. The Farmington High School choir performed and Coleman received several gifts — including a bicycle.

Alameda Early Childhood Center first graders wrote and drew pictures as suggestions for his retirement, which Coleman leafs through in his office.

Recommendations include: He go to work at Kmart, fly a helicopter or become a lawyer. "You should get a new job and rest," said one of the children, which makes Coleman laugh.

Rest has been a precious commodity since he became director of Employee Relations in 1978. A few weeks later the Farmington district had a teacher's strike.

In 1978, Coleman was hired to negotiate contracts on behalf of the Farmington Board of Education. When personnel director Leroy Barmann left, Coleman inherited his job.

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Bob Coleman

Four contend for two school board seats

BY TOM BARN
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In the Farmington School District, it's a four-for-two situation — four candidates for two open seats on the board of education.

Incumbent Joe Svoko, seeking his second term on the seven-member board, will face challenges from Priscilla Brouillette, Ellen Bouchard and Monica Schultz in the annual school election June 10.

The top two vote-getters will serve

four-year terms on the board, which sets policy for a school district with 11,391 students and an operating budget of \$108 million.

Helen Frotow, the longest-serving board member, announced in February that she would not seek a sixth term.

Svoko, a 51-year-old Farmington Hills resident, is the current board president. He was elected to the board in 1992 and has chaired the district's Safety & Operations Com-

mittee and has served on the Community Relations and Finance committees.

Svoko is a consultant for Devont Corporation, which supplies computer software systems.

Bouchard, 47, lives in the portion of southeast West Bloomfield Township that lies in the Farmington District.

A speech language pathologist, Bouchard has been active in the Eagle Elementary PTA, past president of the Warner Middle School Parent

forum and a member of the middle school's Building Leadership.

Schultz, 68, spent 35 years as an elementary teacher and counselor in the Garden City Public Schools. Now retired, she and her husband recently moved to Farmington Hills from Dearborn.

Brouillette, 44, a Farmington Hills resident and a former AT&T employee and software business owner, has

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'Spring' is her season

Taylor Doty of Farmington Hills won first place in the Classical Piano Division of the Michigan Music Association's recent competition in Lansing.

"Taylor, a second-grader at Meadow Lake Elementary School in the Walled Lake District, performed "Spring" from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons." She is the daughter of David and Janet Doty.

More on diversity

A Church's Perspective on Diversity Awareness," is the topic of a talk by The Rev. Moses B. Anderson at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Farmington Training/Conference Center, 33000 Thomas St., Farmington. The event is the April installment of a monthly

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series on racial and ethnic diversity sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council. The talks are open to the public at no charge. Refreshments are served.

Applause for Mary!

Mary Davidson is the "Applause! Applause!" winner for April at Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills.

Davidson has served as a volunteer for Botsford Continuing Health Center, a nursing facility, and the Botsford Commons retirement community

since her mother was admitted to BCHC three years ago.

Volunteering at least four hours a week, Davidson's responsibilities include serving as a greeter, answering phones and assisting with clerical tasks. She also sits on BCHC's Community Council.

"My sisters and I are very appreciative of the care our mother receives," Davidson said. "It means a lot to me to be able to give something back."

Each month BCHC officials honor an employee or volunteer with the "Applause! Applause!" award.

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