

Trial set for 4 accused of high-stakes gambling

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the basement.

Defense attorneys for each of the defendants dwelled on that fact, with each requesting dismissal of some or all charges against their clients.

"I don't think they proved anything but inference upon inference," said Abro's attorney, Richard Lustig of Birmingham.

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Jose Faneiro disagreed. "It was not coincidental these four people were in this house. Each person by himself did not run a gambling operation. Each came and helped Mr. Abro run a gambling operation."

MONTI TESTIFIED that he saw Samouna at the blackjack table. But he also testified that, unlike Marogi, who was at the crap table, Samouna had no cards or cash on him.

"He was behind the table acting as a dealer," Dwyer testified, adding that he based his categorization on his experience in vice enforcement, including gambling.

Monti read an inventory of items confiscated from Abro's home at the height of the raid. About \$50,000 cash was listed as well as dice, cards, a blackjack table and football betting card.

Monti also described attempts to apprehend some of

the people, including Marogi, after he and Dryer announced the raid. When Marogi saw Monti, according to testimony, he tried to put "a wad of U.S. currency" in his pocket. Monti grabbed his wrist. Marogi then ran toward the stairs leading to the first floor.

"He kept running and his shirt stayed with me," Monti said, describing Marogi's flight. Halfway up the stairs, Monti grabbed the man's pants. "The pants right down to his ankles."

"The last time I saw Mr. Marogi he had his pants around his ankles and was attempting to exit the service door of the garage," Monti continued.

FARMINGTON HILLS attorney Larry Kaluzny, who represented Nash, told the court that his client should not be described as the gambling operation's doorman because he merely opened the door once when Dwyer and Monti asked for entrance.

Kaluzny argued that Nash, who is black, was not part of the gambling conspiracy. He had only \$63 on him when arrested and was not downstairs where the reported gambling was taking place.

Because Nash was the only non-Chaldean in the house at the time, Kaluzny told the court that it's possible that Nash — by color — could have been the housekeeper and not the doorman as testified by the police.

Myers gets FHS principal's job

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MYERS APPEARS ready for the challenge. He was selected from three applicants, all from within the district, and will officially move into the job in June when Potter leaves his post. Myers said that as principal at John Glenn, he never totally dedicated to his assistants, and plans to be a hands-on principal here, sharing responsibility with all staff.

"We're a team," he said, explaining that his philosophy means involving teachers, administrators and other staff. "I share the responsibility and hopefully the rewards too. They work for me, but I work for them too."

"I don't make decisions in a vacuum."

The team will be comprised of Myers, longtime Farmington High assistant principal Jerry Allison, assistant principal Ken Dean, who will move to Farmington from North Farmington, between 75 and 80 percent of the veteran staffers who remain, and between 13 and 15 new teachers, who will be hired or transferred from other schools because of that number of retirements.

Myers said he wants to keep a good thing going, but expects new people to bring new ideas and approaches to the district's oldest high school. "I'm always open to new ideas," he said. "Right now, it's going along the same lines, but it will be fresh, new."

He already has some ideas for new things at the school, including a student orientation week prior to the new school year to handle scheduling, school identification and class pictures, and general information. He would also like to do something

special to welcome the new staff to the school.

As principal in the in-formula district of Wayne-Westland, Myers said he learned to operate a "lean but good program," which may come in handy as Farmington prepares to make some program and staffing cuts. He is also pleased to have an involved parent community here, which he calls helpful. "They don't always bring the problems — they look for solutions," he added.

With the exception of the past year, Myers has spent 10 of his 12 career years with the Wayne-Westland district, both as a teacher and administrator. He also holds a law degree from Wayne State University and served as an assistant Washtenaw County prosecuting attorney before deciding he missed the

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The maximum additional proposed millage rate would increase revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies in 1991 otherwise permitted by Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, by approximately 5.39%.

Presently, the Farmington Board of Education is authorized to levy 32.77 mills for operating purposes. The recommendation for the 1991-92 levy is 32.77 mills. The amounts actually levied during the past several years are listed:

	Operation Millage	Debt Millage	Building Millage	Total Millage	Levied
1986-87	32.7500	1.3000	0	33.8000	
1987-88	31.7500	1.2000	0	32.9500	
1988-89	30.8500	1.2000	0	31.8500	
1989-90	30.8500	1.2000	0	31.2500	
1990-91	32.0500	0.8000	0	32.8500	
1991-92 (Proposed)	31.5153	.6000	1.2547	33.3700	

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levy of an additional millage rate. Not less than seven (7) days following the public hearing, the Board of Education may approve all or any portion of the proposed additional millage rate. The Board of Education has proposed this millage in recognition of the responsibility to maintain and sustain an effective educational program for the community.

CATHLEEN WEBB,
Secretary, Board of Education

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Revenue well runs dry

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A PRELIMINARY planning budget proposed at a May 7 school board meeting shows the district considering a \$93.95 million budget, which includes \$83.9 million in the general fund, \$9.5 million in county special education center programs, and \$3.15 million earmarked in a special building and site fund.

The three areas are being considered as separate revenue funds — a county district accounting practice this year. The district is allowing the district to consider the special education center program budget separately, since the program is totally reimbursed by Oakland County.

Comparing like budget figures, general fund and building and site fund budgets are proposed at \$83 million for the coming year, compared with \$81.6 million spent similarly during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Some highlights of the proposed budget include:

* The operating tax rate of 32.05 mills from 1990-91 will increase to 32.77, with 1.25 mills earmarked for a building and site fund. The state equalized value of property in the district rose from \$2.37 million to \$2.510 million.

* The proposed budget shows an increase of \$4.9 million from the \$92 million budget adopted last June. But losses during the past year caused the district to adjust expenditures up to \$95.5 million using money from district reserves. Considering that, the increase nets out at \$1.4 million.

* Of the \$83.9 million general fund revenue, \$79.9 million is proposed for expenditures. The \$4 million left over is to be put in reserve, or what school officials call fund equity.

* Cuts can be seen throughout the staffing and benefit areas. Textbook budgets have also been cut, but assistant superintendent Mary Lou Ankele said some money has been left in technology areas to make up the difference.

* Program cuts, including

\$64,000 in transportation, and other cuts in athletics, staff training and capital projects, are included in the proposed budget.

"There are reductions in virtually all areas of our budget," she said. "We were selective and careful. We studied much and we argued much."

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