

# Holocaust Center may move

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No one is quite sure what will happen at the current location of the Holocaust Memorial Center on the Jewish Community Center campus, but one thing seems certain — the museum itself won't be there.

Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig, director of the HMC located at 6602 West Maple Road in Bloomfield, said the museum is in the process of negotiating to purchase the 8.5-acre site of the

former Old Orchard Theatre on Orchard Lake Road north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The proposed site is approximately five miles from the JCC campus.

David Sorokin, executive director of the Jewish Community Center, said last week he doesn't know any of the specifics of the museum's pending move.

"I've only heard through the grapevine so far that the museum may maintain their presence on the JCC campus even after it moves," he said. "I don't know the details."

Rosenzweig said that while the museum leases its space from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, the non-profit museum designed and constructed its current building.

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**Rabbi Rosenzweig**  
—Holocaust Memorial Center

It had planned to build two additional wings, the Museum of European Jewish Heritage and the International Institute of the Righteous. But because the JCC has plans to expand, there isn't room for the museum's own expansion proposal.

The museum rests opposite the main entrance to the JCC building on Drake Road just north of Maple.

"The JCC was going to build two new entrances, but now they aren't going to do that," the

rabbi said. "Our additional wings would have blocked the main entrance to the JCC. We had no choice but to move. The only other choice was to remain where we are, which is impossible."

Rabbi Rosenzweig said the museum will appeal to the entire community, state and nation for contributions to pay for its new location. He estimated the cost will be about \$15 million.

"We are still negotiating," he added.

The Holocaust Memorial Center has earned an international reputation since its inception 17 years ago. It has attracted more than a million visitors from all over the world.

"From the letters we've received from students who have visited the museum on tours, their visits have invariably had a major impact on them," Rosenzweig said.

He said the original museum will be duplicated at a new location, but will be larger.

"It will house more exhibits and will have the two additional museums," he said.

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the early hours of Saturday, May 26. The two businesses victimized were American Cucumber Nutritionals, Network, 32891 Hamilton, and Covansys, 32805 W. 12 Mile.

One Southfield business — Plante Moran on Northwestern Highway, was also a "sledgehammer burglary" victim. Hills police detectives have turned over information to Southfield police.

On June 7, Hills police detectives and South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium officers searched Buzle's parents' Livonia residence and recovered evidence allegedly linking him to the burglaries. He was arrested that evening at the residence.

Assistant Police Chief Chuck Nebus said Buzle, a native of Romania, lives in Livonia with his family but is not a U.S. citizen.

"If he's convicted, we will report the matter to (Immigration and Naturalization Services)," Nebus said. Police are unsure how long Buzle has been in the country, he said.

Buzle was ordered to surrender his passport upon paying bond. Nebus said he does not believe him to be a flight risk.

"I would hope that since he is 17 and doesn't have excessive

amounts of money and lives with his family that it's not the case," he said.

Nebus said police are investigating the possibility that a second suspect may have been involved. Police recovered a two-way radio during the search of Buzle's home.

Police credit the alert actions of security guards, who described a white pick-up truck for police. In turn, SONIC undercover officer Richard Wehby remembered seeing a white pick-up truck driven by a janitor two miles away, and detective Ron Shankin remembered a white pick-up in connection with another case he investigated.

Buzle has no prior criminal record. He attended Clarenceville High School for a couple months this year, said Annette Schwed, administrative secretary at the school.

Buzle was known by the nickname "Levi" during the time he attended Clarenceville. When he left Clarenceville, no other schools requested his records, Schwed said.

If you have any information regarding the sledgehammer burglaries, please call Farmington Hills Police at (248) 474-6181.

## Jetski accident injures Farmington Hills man

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Benjamin Gergis said his days of riding personal watercraft are over.

"I think I'll stick to boats," he said.

Gergis, 23, suffered a broken fibula on his left leg and two sprained ankles Thursday after the Bombardier SeaDoo XP Jetski he was sitting on exploded on Cass Lake in Keego Harbor.

Gergis has owned and used personal watercraft for six years. His Jetski burst into flames as soon as he switched on the ignition. The explosion sent him flying 30-feet into the air, he said.

"I went back down into the water like a pencil, feet first. After I came up, I was able to get myself over onto land. Then I ran as fast as I could by the side of the house and crouched down. It was all pure adrenaline," Gergis recounted from his bed at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac.

The Farmington Hills resident was scheduled to be released from the hospital Friday afternoon.

The accident occurred at 3 p.m. at a private residence on Park Circle, Gergis said he was sitting on the Jetski and had just turned it on when it exploded. He was wearing a life jacket.

Neighbors called 911 as

soon as the explosion occurred, according to Keego Harbor Police Chief Dennis Watkins. The Tri-City Fire Department, AMR and Keego Harbor police responded to the call.

The fire department extinguished the fire on the watercraft and the dock, which also caught on fire.

"In my three years here as police chief, I've never seen this happen before," Watkins said.

Watkins has safety tips for anyone preparing to ride a Jetski or other personal watercraft. He advised people to make sure they open the engine hatch cover and let any fumes vent out. Also make sure the device is properly maintained and don't refuel it while it's running.

The Jetski Gergis was trying to ride had been sitting in the heat Thursday under a cover before he switched on the ignition.

Gergis said he is a cautious rider.

"I've taken the safety classes at West Bloomfield High School. I've always followed every rule. I've never gotten into any trouble before riding one," he said.

Was he conscious of anything while he was being propelled through the air?

"I was thinking, 'God, please don't let me die,'" he said.

Gergis is an independent contractor who works as a handyman for homeowners.

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tribute to Lois, acknowledging her interest and love for the community and her loving nature.

"One has to wonder what truly God-pleasing thing we did to know someone as wonderful as Lois Vagnozzi," she said.

Aldo commented that his wife would be "real proud" of the tree planted in her memory.

"She would rather be working in her garden than watching a council meeting," he said with a laugh, but added Lois was always very interested in politics and the community.

He also acknowledged the council's special role in her life, particularly toward the end.

"While she was ill at home, they held a 'hug in' around the house and sang 'Lois, we love

you," he said. "She would have been proud of this crowd."

Then Barnett stepped up to explain the crowd wasn't only to honor Lois, but also the man who had been so welcoming to residents and visitors to the community.

After the ceremony, when he'd had a chance to digest the news, Aldo found his trademark smile and commented, "This is fantastic. Usually you have to be dead to have something named after you."

He also noted he'd like to see the visitor center open more often, but declined to indicate whether he'd now be willing to staff it.

The ceremony was videotaped and will be broadcast on the city's Channel 8.

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#### DEALING WITH THE MUSCLE PAIN OF FIBROMYALGIA

If you have fibromyalgia, your goal should be to get your muscles before your muscles get to you. The same point holds for myasthenia, and chronic fatigue syndrome.

In all three conditions, muscles are the source of pain. The reason for the aching and tenderness is unclear and makes rational treatment difficult. What is known is that anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxants, anti-depressants, and anti-anxiety medications are inconsistent in their results.

What works best is exercise. However, the exercise needs to be consistent, vigorous enough to work up a sweat, and done early. That is the message in the statement: get to your muscles before your muscles get to you.

Physical therapy is often prescribed for fibromyalgia. However, if you schedule it for the end of the day, or even early in the morning but after chills, you compromise the good effect of activity. Even a few hours delay suffices to bring muscles to a state that leads to aching and discomfort. Once started, the pain will grab you through the day and disrupt restful sleep.

Exercise in overcoming the pain depends on being able to raise in the morning and immediately undertake the walking, jogging, bike riding, or exercise that suits your temperament and situation.

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