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Peabody Event Builds Community, Addresses Gang Violence

By Paula Martinac
The Bulletin

On Saturday, May 12, more than 800 East End community members convened at Peabody High School in East Liberty to take part in "Excellence for All," a free, all-day community-building event addressing issues such as health, safety, jobs, housing, and gang violence.

"This is a new day for Peabody, and a new day for our community," announced Peabody Principal John Vater, as he greeted an auditorium packed with parents, students, community activists, political leaders, and concerned citizens.

Following a complimentary breakfast, the program kicked off with remarks by Principal Vater and Pa. State Reps. Joseph Preston and Jake Wheatley. To the students in attendance, Preston, a graduate of

Westinghouse High School, said, "You can do anything you want to do, if you believe you can. I'm a living example of it." Wheatley impressed upon the parents in the audience that "the future of our children depends upon the actions of adults today."

The representatives shared the dais with Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and School Superintendent Mark Roosevelt. The mayor emphasized Pittsburgh's new school safety zone program (see page 2) and stressed that "the success of a community depends on a good public school system." To hearty applause, Roosevelt pledged that, beginning with the class of 2008, any student who graduates from a city high school will not be held back from attending college for lack of funds.

Roosevelt introduced the keynote speaker – and the man many had come to hear – Cle "Bone" Sloan, an inactive member of the L.A. Bloods gang

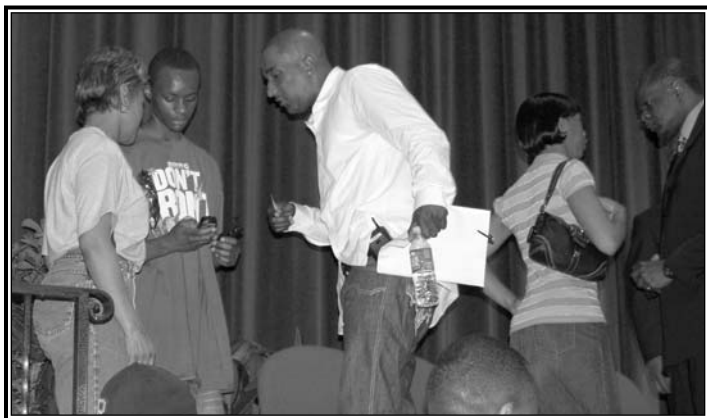


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CLE "BONE" SLOAN (CENTER) TALKS TO ATTENDEES OF "EXCELLENCE FOR ALL" AT PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL.

and author and star of the award-winning HBO documentary *Bastards of the Party*. Although technical difficulties prevented the audience from

viewing a clip from the film, Sloan proved a powerful, yet unpretentious speaker who told his own story and

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Garfield Gators Hope Barlow Will Impact Young Athletes

by Michelle Burton-Brown
For The Bulletin

While the coaches and players in Garfield prepare for another intense season, the talk around the neighborhood is about former Garfield resident Kevan Barlow signing with the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Peabody High School and University of Pittsburgh star will compete with Najeh Davenport for the role of backup to Pro Bowl running back Willie Parker.

The Gators' program director, Bob Jones, who helped start the league when he was only 24, expressed frustration with his efforts to introduce his young athletes to professional players. "More often than not, the professional athlete is far removed from the inner

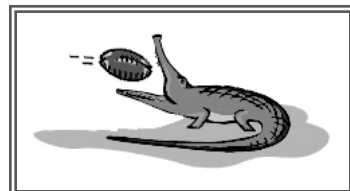
city, the very place from which many of them come. Despite the fact that a lot of talent has come out of Western Pennsylvania, since our league's inception 15 years ago, we have not been able to get a professional athlete to agree to speak at our annual awards banquet. With the exception of Charlie Batch, there has not been a great deal of giving back to the community."

Jones is quick to give credit to the

other men who worked to start the league. "We worked as a team to get the League started and to get it to where it is today. We all share in the success that we've had." The other founders of the league are Frank Chatman, who died two years ago,

Tony Walls, Chris Woodward, Harold Hamlin, and Garth Taylor.

The Garfield Gators belong to an organization that represents youth from the neighborhoods of Lincoln, Homewood, North Side, East Liberty and the Hill District, plus clubs from suburban Clairton and Wilkinsburg.



The players are grouped by ages, ranging from five to 14 years of age. Jones said that the Gators also work with children from the East Hills. "We've worked out a deal with a local bus company to transport the players from East Hills, but what we really need is our own van," stated Jones.

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**JULY
DEADLINE!**



The **FINAL DEADLINE** for the **July 2007** issue of The Bulletin is **Friday, June 15, 2007**. This includes ALL classified ads, Bulletin Board announcements, story submissions and ad space reservations. Information is accepted on a space-available basis.

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PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

The following is a summary of some of the recent work of the city's Impact and Vice Squads in dealing with street-level crimes occurring in the Garfield and adjacent areas.

- On the night of April 12, Impact detectives arrested a 17-year-old male for possession of a controlled substance (Ecstasy) in the 5200 block of Hillcrest St. after detectives made a routine traffic stop. Shuman Juvenile Detention Center declined to admit the arrestee, and he was released to his parents following processing.
- On the afternoon of April 13, Vice detectives placed a 32-year-old male under arrest for possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine in the 6200 block of Broad St. The arrest was made following a search of his vehicle. Detectives identified the suspect as a recent parolee from state prison.
- On the afternoon of April 20, Impact detectives arrested a 19-year-old male for providing false identification to officers in the 5100 block of Columbo St. The detectives had observed the individual engaged in gambling activities, and upon making the arrest, learned of other outstanding warrants against him. The suspect was then taken into custody.
- On the evening of April 20, Impact detectives arrested a 28-year-old male for possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine in the 5300 block of Cornwall St.
- On the evening of April 23, Vice detectives arrested a 43-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at the corner of Penn and N. Atlantic Avenues.
- On the evening of April 23, Vice detectives arrested a 24-year-old female for prostitution and loitering for the purpose of prostitution at Penn Ave. and N. Graham St.
- On the night of April 26, Vice detectives arrested a 20-year-old male for possession of a controlled substance (heroin) in the 1100 block of N. Negley Ave. in the Highland Park neighborhood. The suspect had earlier been observed in the Garfield neighborhood attempting to purchase a controlled substance.

Reverse Phone Book Warning

Did you know? There's a feature on the Web that enables you to type a telephone number into a search engine and find out not only the person's name and address, but get a map to his or her house - a nationwide reverse telephone book!

The safety issues are obvious. In particular, if a child gives out his or her phone number, and the number is a listed one, the accompanying house address can easily be found and mapped.

You can look up your number and block it from being listed. First, go to <http://www.whitepages.com/10583/search/ReversePhone>, type in your 10-digit number (area code + number), and hit enter. To block your information, go to the lower righthand corner and click on "Is this you? Remove your listing." Then follow the instructions for removal, which takes takes approximately 3-5 days.

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City Crew "Redds Up" Around Fort Pitt ALA

On Friday, May 4, a "Redd Up" crew came to Ft. Pitt Accelerated Learning Academy in Garfield as part of the Pittsburgh Safety Zone Partnership (SZP). On hand was Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, who, along with Superintendent Mark Roosevelt, had announced the creation of the partnership in March. The SZP will maintain a 1000-foot "safety zone" radius around all city school buildings, looking in particular at problems such as abandoned houses and cars, overgrown lots, cracked steps and sidewalks, hypodermic needles, and crime.

A key component of the SZP is to improve each school community's physical safety by cleaning up vacant lots, removing debris, and demolish-

ing vacant buildings. Ft. Pitt ALA was one of the first schools on the list to get the "Redd Up" treatment. The public works crew cleaned up considerable debris from Brown Way, an alley within the school's safety zone. Unfortunately, within just two weeks, landscaping debris had once again been illegally dumped in the alley.

The public works crew also "redd up" N. Winebiddle and were back two weeks later demolishing a flight of hazardous steps leading up the street to the school. The second flight of concrete steps will be repaired and put in good working order.

Thanks to the "Redd Up" crew for a job well done - and to the city and school system for this important initiative to make our schools safer!



Photos by Rick Flanagan

"REDD UP" DAY AT FORT PITT ALA INCLUDED A CLEAN SWEEP OF N. WINEBIDDLE STREET AND BROWN WAY, AND A VISIT FROM THE MAYOR.



Photo by Paula Martinac/The Bulletin

BROWN WAY AFTER "REDD UP" DAY

Zone Meetings

If you would like to stay up-to-date with police efforts in your area, then please attend one of the monthly zone meetings, held by each zone's police dept.

The Zone 5 Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Zone 5 Police Station in East Liberty. For more information, call Zone 5 at 412-665-3605.

The Zone 2 Public Safety Council Meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hill House. For more information, call Zone 2 at 412-255-2827

Bloomfield-Garfield Neighborhoods Make Electoral History on Primary Day

Readers of *The Bulletin* who voted in the May 15 primary election helped write a small part of Pittsburgh history. For the first time in more than 50 years, Pittsburgh City Council will have three new members when it begins its 2008 session in January, and two of them will represent neighborhoods in the Bloomfield-Garfield area. City Council hasn't seen such a sweeping change in membership since the early 1950s.

Patrick Dowd of Highland Park is currently a member of the Pittsburgh School Board, but will be leaving that post in January to take his seat on City Council, representing District Seven. He defeated incumbent Leonard Bodack by 92 votes out of 6,165 votes cast, according to the final count. District Seven includes parts of Bloomfield and Friendship.

By P.J. Maloney
For The Bulletin

In District Nine, which includes Garfield, Ricky Burgess out-pollled incumbent Tawanda Carlisle by a wide margin. Burgess got 50 percent of the votes; Carlisle came in second with 16 percent. There were six other candidates on the Democratic ballot. (Since there were no Republicans running in either District Seven or District Nine, and no opposition is expected in November, it's assumed that the primary winners in these districts will be automatic winners in the general election.)

"I'm grateful for all the support I received in Garfield," Burgess told *The Bulletin*. "I think we can do much better in this Council district if we all work together."

Burgess acknowledges that public safety is a primary concern among the residents of Garfield and says he hopes "to be a part of the solution through a district-wide strategy." He calls it a "Boston strategy" composed of four principles: prevention, intervention, prosecution and re-integration. "We need to take steps to prevent crime, intervene in areas where crime is taking place, prosecute the criminals, and return former criminals to our neighborhoods as productive members of society through support services, education and jobs."

Burgess says he will also concentrate efforts on economic development. "We need to work as a community to make economic development and jobs the cornerstone of a revitalized neighborhood."

Dowd says he is "humbled and hon-



PATRICK DOWD



RICKY BURGESS

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A Message from Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

It is truly an honor to be recognized as the number one city in America. As Pittsburghers, we already appreciate everything our city has to offer. Now, thanks to the "Most Livable City" designation bestowed upon us by *Places Rated Almanac*, people outside our region will know it as well. Much of the credit for this designation is owed to the people of Pittsburgh for the care and hard work you commit to your neighborhoods. Whether it is taking part in a "Redd Up" clean-up, calling 3-1-1 to alert how we can better serve you, or using the anonymous C-TIPS line to make our streets safer, you are making Pittsburgh the most livable city.

Every Pittsburgher is an asset to this city, from our youth to our senior citizens. This month I launched the Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment Program to provide our local youth with job opportunities, a sense of community, and the skills necessary to prepare them for a lifetime of success. I have also partnered with EMS Chief Robert McCaughan to unveil our life-saving "Envelope of LIFE" program, a pilot program that promotes an on-hand standardized medical history form to combat the time-wasting lack of information common emergency scenes.

I am strongly committed to making our streets among the safest and cleanest in the country. Police Chief Nate Harper and I have doubled our efforts to go head to head with crime as part of our Public Safety Initiative. We've reintroduced beat cops and announced the formation of an Anti-Crime Cabinet, aimed at increasing the flow of crime-fighting information coming into police through support from religious leaders.

We, the political leaders, educational institutions, religious leaders, neighborhood organizations, business owners - every Pittsburgher - must rise up together and say, "No More. Not in our streets. Not in our

backyards." To move Pittsburgh forward, we must make public safety a priority; we must all take ownership of the safety of our streets. I encourage you to take part in the Citizen Observer program, participate in Adopt-a-Block, and anonymously report a crime with C-TIPS or the 3-1-1 response line.

By finding ways to increase the economic development activity in our city, we are making fiscal recovery a top priority. Saving the historic Pittsburgh Brewing Company is another achievement in which compromise was garnered in order to keep a brewing tradition up and running and on our tax rolls.

This month we are seeing the impact of our work over the past year to bring Pittsburgh into financial stability. The City of Pittsburgh's first quarterly financial and performance report projects that the city will end the year with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$4.9 million. Our strong financial outlook is a direct result of our commitment to streamlining city operations while maintaining high quality service. We continue to closely monitor the funds in our public trust, enabling us to dedicate more funding to keep the public safe and our streets clean.

You confirmed your faith in me during the midterm elections, and I want to thank you for your overwhelming support. You have given me the mandate to move forward with my initiatives for a brighter future for Pittsburgh. As summer finally comes to America's most livable city, I hope everyone will take advantage of our attractions. The *Almanac* compared Pittsburgh with 378 other metropolitan areas in key areas, including recreation, in which Pittsburgh ranked in the top 5 percent! I hope you will enjoy the beautiful outdoor activities Pittsburgh has to offer, from our 37-mile-long riverfront trail system, to our five regional parks.

For more info on these initiatives, visit pgh.gov.



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THE BLOOMFIELD-GARFIELD CORP'S SHOWCASE PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight either property owners
whose neglect hurts the neighborhood or those
who have admirably maintained or renovated
their properties. Properties are nominated by
community members. To nominate a property
for either Eyesore or Showcase Property of the
Month, please call Aggie Brose at 412-441-
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Storybook Charm on Aiken Avenue in Garfield

This month, we congratulate Nadine
and Leon Smith, owners of 111 N.
Aiken Avenue in Garfield, who were
nominated as the Good Neighbors of
the month. Mrs. Smith said her hus-
band has resided at this location for
the past 35 years.

When the staff of the BGC visited
the site, they knew that this nomina-
tion was well-deserved. The property
is a picture out of a storybook. Mrs.
Smith told us that when folks pass by
they say, "Surely not hard on your
eyes."

Not only are the Smiths good neigh-
bors for the way in which they are
investing and maintaining their prop-
erty, but they encourage other folks to
be more inclined to take care of their
property. Mrs. Smith also tells
passersby to "make sure you throw

your things in the garbage" and not on
the street (a message we could all
heed).

The house is combination of red
brick and siding, trimmed in white,
and has lots of windows with great
window dressings and a magnificent
front door decorated with a beautiful
flower wreath.

The home is accented with potted
flowers and a small garden, and the
grass is manicured and surrounded
with a white picket fence that adds a
cozy charm to the look of the house.

We are appreciative of the time,
energy and effort Mr. and Mrs. Smith
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Local Summer Youth Program Earns National Award

Summerbridge Pittsburgh, a nonprofit academic enrichment program for urban youth, located in Sewickley, received the 2007 Excellence in Summer Learning Award from the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University's School of Education. The Excellence in Summer Learning Award honored Summerbridge Pittsburgh for its outstanding work with middle-school students in Allegheny and Beaver Counties. Every summer, high-achieving students from the Hill District, Homewood, Hazelwood, Garfield, East Liberty, and the Northside travel to Sewickley Academy, five days a week, for summer enrichment classes.

"Summerbridge Pittsburgh is an exemplary summer learning program," declared Ron Fairchild, executive director of the John Hopkins University Center for Summer Learning. "With its dedication to using feedback from students, teachers, and parents to drive program improvement, Summerbridge Pittsburgh is constantly evolving to meet the needs of its participants. Our 2007 award winners exemplify the type of

high-quality summer learning experience that should be accessible to all young people."

Summerbridge Pittsburgh has a solid record of success. Ninety-two percent of Summerbridge students graduate from high school, and 80 percent are enrolled in college, which is double the rate of their peers. Former CAPA student and Garfield resident Lila M. Robinson attended Summerbridge Pittsburgh for three years. "I learned so much during my time at Summerbridge. I started as a student and then advanced to an instructor my final year. I recommend the program to all middle school students who are interested in higher education. I'm now registered for college and scheduled to travel to Costa Rica for a 16-week study abroad program in the fall."

Since 1994, local students who participated in Summerbridge Pittsburgh have benefited from the support of its independent educational partner, Sewickley Academy. "We are thrilled that Summerbridge Pittsburgh has been recognized for its outstanding

by **Michelle Burton-Brown**
For The Bulletin

work with middle school students and for its successful col-

laboration with Allegheny and Beaver County Public Schools," said Kolia O'Connor, Sewickley Academy's headmistress.

"Summerbridge Pittsburgh has benefited tremendously from its partnership with Sewickley Academy. This type of passionate commitment to public education should be a model for all independent schools nationwide," maintained Summerbridge Executive Director Kevin Brezler.

Summerbridge Pittsburgh uses a high-energy, hands-on approach to learning and leadership to create an exciting process of personal and intellectual discovery for its teachers and students. Middle school students gain academic and leadership skills critical to educational and personal success.

The program engages more than 250 students each year. Program participants are admitted based on academic ability and limited opportunity. All students are required to take classes in mathematics, language arts, wellness, and public speaking. Summerbridge



Photo courtesy of Summerbridge Pittsburgh

KEVIN BREZLER, SUMMERBRIDGE PITTSBURGH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (LEFT), RECEIVED THE EXCELLENCE IN SUMMER LEARNING AWARD FROM JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR SUMMER LEARNING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RON FAIRCHILD.

Pittsburgh also provides academic and personal support through high school in the form of tutoring, financial aid workshops, and career development opportunities.

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Local high school students are learning the skills of glassmaking in a free after-school program offered at the renowned Pittsburgh Glass Center at 5472 Penn Avenue, one of the leading glass studios in the country.

As the culmination of the 12-week session that began in January, 23 students participated in an exhibit May 4 and 5, and then demonstrated their acquired expertise in glass blowing and casting for family, friends, and the community in the center's state-of-the-art hot shop.

Pittsburgh Glass Center, a nonprofit glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching and promoting glass art, offers two of these semester-long sessions for students a year, called "SiO2: An Exploration in Glass for High School Students." Working with top glass artists, students of all skill levels learn the science and art of working with hot glass, and obtain hands-on experience from their very first day in the program. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided free of charge to the participants.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship for the next session, which begins in September, is August



Photo courtesy of Pittsburgh Glass Center

JOHN CONTURO OF EAST LIBERTY/HIGHLAND PARK DEMONSTRATES GLASSMAKING TECHNIQUES HE ACQUIRED DURING THE PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER'S AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, "SiO2."

1. Students must complete an application form, submit one letter of reference, and include images of any artwork they have created.

To receive an "SiO2" application, please contact Pittsburgh Glass Center at 412-365-2145 x201, or visit www.pittsburghglasscenter.org.



Dumping in Garfield!

As the staff of the BGC toured parts of the Garfield area recently, they found evidence of illegal dumping, mainly from landscaping work, in the alleys of Alhambra and Jordan, and also in Brown Way, which had just recently been cleaned by the "Redd Up" crew (see page 2). And there may be other sites.

And also, as reported last month in *The Bulletin*, BGC has become aware of an illegal "contractor" who has been stripping vacant houses in this

area, claiming that he is preparing them for demolition.

We are calling upon all residents to be on the lookout for violators like these. Please write down, for example, the type of truck/car, color, license plate number, and any identification of the driver, and report the information to Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950, ext. 15. Let's send a loud and clear message that these activities will not be tolerated in our neighborhood!



JORDAN WAY

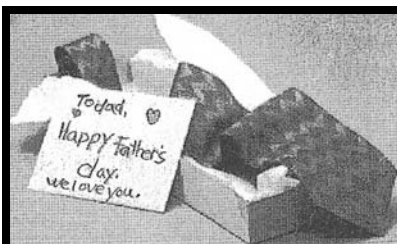


ALHAMBRA WAY



BROWN WAY

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A Celebration to Honor All Fathers

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad.

It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life—whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

It's a time of breakfast in bed, family gatherings, crayon scribbled "I Love You's," and, of course, that lovely new tie!

But Father's Day can be a sad time for those whose fathers are no longer living.

Whether this is your first Father's Day without your father, or if it has been years since he has died, please take a few minutes to remember all that he has done for you.

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asserted that Pittsburgh could "turn around" the violence plaguing the city.

"Kids don't join gangs," Sloan stated. "Gangs join kids." The murder of a good friend or relative, he said, often pulls kids into violence; if they see that the perpetrator isn't being prosecuted, they want to avenge the loss of their loved one themselves. "The higher the death toll," Sloan added, "the harder it is to bring kids back" from gang life. He encouraged adults to address young people's grief early on, letting them express their emotions and voice their frustration. "Go to the funerals, see the kids who are hurting, talk to them then," before their emotions set them on a path of violence.

To the young people in attendance, Sloan said, "Homeys, you got to stay in school." He also urged them to find activities that would keep them off the streets. "The arts turned my life around," he said. He took a low-paying job as a production assistant on a movie crew and found he loved it, and has been working in film ever since. "Write your stories," he told the students, "even the negative stuff you saw."

When asked why he stopped being active in the Bloods, Sloan replied simply, "I had enough of it. I was tired

of it. I was done with that foolishness. I was tired of burying my homeboys." When one gang member decides to leave, he noted, "then the next man can say, 'I'm done, too.'"

Following the speakers, 80 community-based organizations offered workshops on a wide range of topics. For students, there were hands-on workshops such as "Graffiti No, Public Art Yes," in which young people helped create a mural for the International Children's Festival; and "My Money, My Life," in which they learned the basics of financial management, like balancing a checkbook and filling out deposit slips.

Workshops geared toward adults included "Beyond 50: Opportunities for Employment," and "Landlord-Tenant Relations." In the afternoon, attendees enjoyed a free lunch, followed by a performance by S.U.N. Hip-Hop Music Tour 2007.

Principal Vater said he has gotten a lot of positive response about the event, suggesting that "the community wants to be involved and to turn around the situation." He is considering making it an annual happening or hosting smaller events throughout the year. The first follow-up event will be a community clean-up of a 1,000-foot "safety zone" around Peabody, tentatively scheduled for June.



Photo by Rick Flanagan



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(TOP) COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PROVIDERS STAFFED INFORMATION TABLES IN THE PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL GYM AS PART OF THE "EXCELLENCE FOR ALL" EVENT.

(BOTTOM) STUDENTS TRIED OUT MURAL PAINTING IN THE WORKSHOP "GRAFFITI NO, PUBLIC ART YES!"

Bulletin Columnist Succumbs to Cancer

Pittsburgh dogs and dog lovers lost a dear friend on May 17, when Jay Bernard, 49, longtime contributor of *The Bulletin's* "Good Dog" column, died after a struggle with stomach cancer.

Bernard was perhaps best-known as co-owner of Jay Design on Butler Street in Lawrenceville, a purveyor of handmade soaps. A neighborhood enthusiast and advocate, he spearheaded such events as the annual Lawrenceville House Tour and the Joy of Cookies Tour, and founded The Boys of Lawrenceville, a gay men's benevolent group.

But many *Bulletin* readers will remember most his devotion to finding homes for shelter dogs. Bernard's "Good Dog" column became a regular - and popular - feature of this paper in July 2003. Featuring a photo and description of an adoptable dog each month, the column also originally offered tips for dog owners on topics such as crate training and communicating with pets.

The Bulletin's advertising representative, Martin Pochapin, summed up how many people in this area felt about Bernard: "He was just the finest man you would ever want to meet."

GATORS, From Page 1

Kim Long, Garfield resident and longtime fundraiser and supporter, whose nephew, Melvin Gay, coaches the Gators, said she remembers that when Barlow was drafted into the NFL in 2001, "Gator Country" turned from orange and blue to a sea of gold-and-red San Francisco 49ers Barlow jerseys. "You couldn't buy a Barlow jersey for months. Kevan, returning to Pittsburgh as a Steeler, is an opportunity for him to give back to the community that rallied behind him."

Garfield Gator registration will be held every Saturday during June, and the first week of July from 2-4 p.m., at the Community Activity Center on N. Pacific Avenue. The first practice is July 9. The organization is seeking sponsors to provide scholarships for the children whose parents may be unable to manage the \$35 registration fee. The Gators are also planning a fundraiser to raise money for uniforms, equipment and transportation for away games.



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Neighborhood Legal Services Assn. Helps Provide "Justice for All"

"Equal justice for all" - that's the motto of the Legal Services Corporation, a nationwide organization that promotes equal access to justice and provides high quality civil legal assistance to low-income Americans. The local office providing "equal access to justice is Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA).

NLSA is a private, non-profit Pennsylvania corporation established in 1966 to "meet the civil legal needs of the poor and vulnerable in our community through effective legal representation and education." The program serves residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties with a staff of 55 attorneys, paralegals and support personnel. In Allegheny County, residents of the Greater Pittsburgh area are served from one central location - 928 Penn Avenue. In Beaver, the office is in Aliquippa; in Lawrence County, the office is in New Castle; and in Butler County, the office is in the city of Butler. Free translation

By Frank Pistella
*Neighborhood Legal
Services Association*

services are available for clients with limited English abilities or who are hearing impaired.

NLSA services are free. To be eligible, most clients must have incomes at or below 125 percent of poverty, but in some instances, services are provided to those at or below 200 percent of poverty. Services are provided to individuals regardless of income in Protection from Abuse matters and for clients over the age of 60 in some elder law matters, i.e. Powers of Attorney and Living Wills.

Approximately 43 percent of NLSA's cases involve family issues, including assistance in securing Protection from Abuse Orders, help in maintaining physical custody or visitation, or help with divorce. Twenty-five percent involve housing problems, including fighting wrongfully threatened lock-outs or evictions, improper application denials

for subsidized or public housing, and mortgage foreclosure. Fifteen percent concern consumer issues, such as bankruptcies to prevent the loss of a home/personal property/termination of utilities, predatory lending, debt collection, and tax sales. Eleven percent involve employment law issues, such as expungements, wage claims, unemployment and Social Security denials or terminations, and health and welfare problems resulting from the reduction, denial or termination of state subsidies including cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid or childcare, while six percent relate to issues particularly affecting the elderly. The low-income elderly age 60 and older can get help if they are the victims of physical, emotional or financial abuse and the subject of guardianship or protective services proceedings.

Help from NLSA comes in a variety of ways. Program services include advice, counseling, referral, community education, representa-



tion before administrative bodies, and representation in court, as well as legal advice and assistance provided through NLSA's Helpline. Assistance from the private bar enables the program to stretch its own limited resources.

NLSA has a toll free number for its Pittsburgh office, which can be accessed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (1-866-761-6572). For more information on NLSA, please visit us at www.nlsa.us. At our website, you will also find a link to www.PaLAWHelp.org, which provides valuable information on a multitude of legal topics.

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Preschool Storytime

For ages 3-5. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., June 7, 14, 21, and 28.

East Liberty PC Center:

Introduction to Computers

Do you know how to use a mouse? Do you know where the Enter key is? What about the different parts of the computer? If you are unsure about any of these questions, this class is for you! Learn the basics of a computer, mouse and keyboard as a prerequisite for all our other computer classes. NOTE: This class is designed for those who have little or no computer experience.

Saturday, June 2, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or Wednesday, June 13, from 4:30-6:40 p.m. or Tuesday, June 19, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Do you want to make your own flyers, business cards, banners, or greeting cards? This class will show you how to use the basic features of this easy to use, multi-dimensional program.

Prerequisite: *Intermediate Word* or solid Word experience. Thursday, June 14 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

To register for these classes or for more information about our free computer classes, call the PC Center-East Liberty at 412-363-6105. This service has been funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds administered by the Office of the Commonwealth Libraries.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Monday, June 11 at 5 p.m. This month's title is *The Keep*, by Jennifer Egan.

Family Program Celebrating Dads

Thursday, June 14, from 5-6 p.m. Bring Dad or Grandpa to the library for a special storytime, play games and take home prizes.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

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I have found that most people are not successful because they choose procrastination over action and perfection over progress. Can you see these traits in yourself? Have you ever noticed that when you put something off until tomorrow it becomes easier to put it off to tomorrow, too?

Most people who are procrastinators live in fear of what they have to do. People are afraid to fail, or afraid to succeed. What I have found is that you can't become something by studying it. You can only become that thing by actually doing it.

The universe rewards our actions. Sometimes we get rewarded with a job done well. Sometimes we get rewarded with falling on our face. Most of the time we get rewarded with information that helps us get better and better. However, we can't get this information unless we do something first. If you wait for the conditions to be perfect, you will never get anything done.

I remember the first time I spoke to a roomful of people. I thought I was going to die. I truly did not know that a piece of paper could make so

By Carol Briney
Professional Organizer

much noise as I held the notes from my speech in my hand.

However, I had to give the talk. The person who was supposed to do it could not, and I was the only one left to fill in. Did I do a spectacular job? No, I didn't; however, I didn't die either. When I was finished, I spent time going over what happened, and I made notes on what I did well and what I did not do so well. Now today, because I had the guts to get up on stage once, I get paid really well by many companies and organizations to share what I know.

As you are reading this article, please ask yourself what else could you be doing in your life that you are not because you are procrastinating. What could you be doing right now instead of feeling fear and worry? I urge you to approach every day with a ferocious desire to end it a better person than you were when you woke up.

Go out and accomplish your dreams. Live your life without limits. I double-dog dare you! Until next time, I wish you the true riches of life, love, peace, happiness, and the time to enjoy it all.

Carol Briney is a speaker, trainer, and home-based business coach. She can be reached at universalorder@comcast.net or 412-781-8773; or visit her website: www.universolor.com.

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F'SHIP HOUSE TOUR

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Friendship House Tour will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2007 from 11am-5pm. As 2007 is the "Year of Glass" in Pittsburgh, the tour will begin at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, right in the heart of the Penn Avenue Arts District. Many of the homes on tour have interesting glass amenities as well. For more information, please contact Sarah at 412-441-6147 x 7.

DREAMING SPRING AT L'VILLE GARDEN TOUR

Come join us for the 3rd Annual Lawrenceville Garden Tour, Sunday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be part of the free tour! The tour starts at the Community Garden at 42nd and Sherrod Streets. If you would like to be one of the gardens on the tour, contact Liz: elizabethpascarella@yahoo.com

FREE POTTERY DAY FOR HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Did your student make the Honor Roll or High Honor Roll? Kiln-N-Time, located at 3801 Penn Ave., Lawrenceville, is now accepting registrations for your child to enjoy a fun-filled day of painting pottery for FREE. That's right...FREE! All students need to do is come in and fill out a registration form, and bring along a copy of their report card, showing that they actually did make the Honor Roll or High Honor Roll. The actual date of event will be announced later. Call 412-687-0383 for more information and ask for Sandy or Danielle. This program is sponsored by Lawrenceville United and Lawrenceville Weed & Seed Program.

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL "ALL CLASSES" REUNION

Come join your former classmates and friends for a Peabody High Class Reunion for "ALL Classes." on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. The theme will be "Remembering Garfield, The Way It Was." The reunion will take place at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Center, located at 140 N. Atlantic Avenue in Garfield from 6 p.m. til 12 a.m. After you've had the picnic with your families, join us for an evening of "Remembrance, Dance and Song." Hors d'oeuvres will be served; event is BYOB. Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. For more information, please contact Michelle Glass-Franklin at 323-496-0412 or by e-mail at LHFFranklin@msn.com; or Roxanne Miles-Thomas at 412-661-2710. We hope to see you all there!!!

PANIC-ANXIETY / DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

A panic-anxiety / depression support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at U.C.P. Community Center, 4638 Centre Avenue at Neville Street in Oakland. For information, call 412-255-1155, or just drop by. NO FEE.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH FREE TUTORING

The school year is coming to a close and our program will also be closing to prepare new activities and class projects for the fall. Classes will resume Saturday, September 15, 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration information may be obtained by calling 412-728-4046 or e-mail: nicitamoses@verizon.net. Please include: name, age, grade, and school your child is attending, plus your home address and phone number, and forms will be mailed to you. Forms must be returned before August 15 to ensure space in our classes.

"ALMOST AUTHORS" YOUTH WORKSHOPS

Almost Authors is a week-long writing program for youth, centering on fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. We work on exercises that challenge us in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere, and we welcome writers of all abilities and interests. Almost Authors is now celebrating its 15th year; come join us for some summertime writing!

WEEK ONE: JULY 16-20

Students entering 3rd and 4th grades: 9 a.m.-noon

Students entering 7th and 8th grades: 1-4 p.m.

WEEK TWO: JULY 23-27

Students entering 5th and 6th grades: 9 a.m.-noon

Students entering 9th through 12th grades: 1-4 p.m.

Each group contains no more than 10 students. Classes will only run if 5 or more students sign up. (Tell your friends!) Cost: \$125 for the week (checks payable to The Writing Studio or Julie Albright). Classes take place at the Kentucky Avenue School, corner of 5th and Negley Avenues in Shadyside (entrance on Kentucky Avenue). All writing materials will be provided, as will a snack and drink each day. To register, call 412-362-4714 with the name and age of the student and week you'd like to attend, or mail payment to: 153 S. Fairmount Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. All payments are due by the first day of the workshop.

CAMP "R" FOR KIDS

Parents, are you hunting for great childcare? Worried about the kids being bored this summer? Then start thinking about beautiful Camp "R," located in Laurel Hill State Park. Horseback riding, archery, boating, swimming, and team sports are just a small number of activities offered for the 67th year. Camp "R" is accredited with the American Camp Association. For a brochure, call 412-621-3342.

SONLIGHT ACADEMY SUMMER PROGRAM

SonLight Academy is a not-for-profit organization in Bloomfield that provides childcare for children ages 6 to 12 years old. SonLight Academy's goal is to provide safe and affordable childcare that is fun and educational. Currently registrations are being received for the summer program that begins June 11. Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and the cost is \$75 per child per week. For more info: 412-687-3643.

GLASS ACTION JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Glass Action is a stained glass restoration social enterprise that will employ low-income individuals in the art of stained glass restoration. We will target historic structures in need of stained glass restoration that may not be able to afford going-rate restoration and contract with them on an application-based sliding scale. Glass Action will promote historic preservation, community and economic development and job creation and training. We are issuing a call for applications from ex-offenders who are interested in FT employment with benefits. Prospective employees must have demonstrated a commitment to recovery, employment and teamwork. No skills in stained glass restoration are required, though people who are good with their hands and able to learn new skills in manual labor are preferred. Please send resumes, references and cover letters to: Glass Action, Union Project, 801 N. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 Fax: 412-363-1216.

MODERN DANCE TECHNIQUE CLASS

Attack Theatre offers an intermediate/advanced level modern dance class every Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m., taught by Michele de la Reza and company members. There is always live accompaniment for the class. Cost is \$8 and walk-ins are welcome. Location: Attack Theatre, 4805 Penn Avenue. Call 412.441.8444 for more information and updates.

F'SHIP AND L'VILLE PARTNER ON "ART2"

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative and Lawrenceville artists are teaming up to host Art2, a weekend of art featuring PAAI's Unblurred and Lawrenceville Artists' Studio Tour on July 6-7 and August 3-4. Each weekend kicks off on Friday, when various galleries in the Penn Avenue Arts District (4800-5500 Penn) will open their doors and showcase a variety of artwork and performances. For a complete list of venues, visit www.pennavenuearts.org closer to the date and click on the Unblurred icon. The celebration continues on Saturday, from 12-5 p.m., with the Lawrenceville Artists' Studio Tour. Artists will open their work studios to the public for free, self-guided walking tours. The focus is on seeing firsthand where artists work, the tools they use, and the steps they take in the creative process. Artists will be in their studios to talk to visitors. A list of participating artists will be available on the website closer to the date.

RESEARCH STUDY USING VIRTUAL REALITY

Does your child enjoy learning about nature, using computers, and making art? Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh are putting together a series of real and virtual reality field trips for August and September for elementary-aged children to engage and inspire independent exploration, inquiry, scientific learning, and artistic experiences. All volunteers will participate in a research study of the usability of the computer simulation software Trillium Trail. The software is like a computer game, but designed for learning. All children will have a chance to design and build their very own virtual world ecologies. In addition to exploring and learning about our local ecology, all children will be helping us to design new fun, child-driven, knowledge-based technologies.

Elementary-age children in the third, fourth, and fifth grades are being asked to participate in this study. We will give priority to fourth grade and fill openings on an as-needed basis. We have 16-20 openings for the smaller studies of Group One and Group Two, and 64 openings for

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Group Three, a larger study on the software. Parents are invited to be present at all times.

This project is part of a doctoral dissertation study by Maria C.R. Harrington, a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Maria C.R. Harrington, at (412) 606-2170 or send an email to mharrington@pitt.edu.

JOB CORPS SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Pittsburgh Job Corps Center's free Off-Center Training Program has immediate openings for eligible students for the summer semester at CCAC. Job Corps provides: college tuition, fees, and books; PAT bus weekly transportation; living allowance; and clothing allowance. A childcare center is available on the Job Corps campus. Earn a 2-year associate's degree or 1-year certificate in: Business Career Programs; Computer and Information Technology; Health-Related Career Programs; Careers in Technologies; or Social Service Career Programs. Eligibility: You must be 17 to 24 years of age, have either a high school diploma or a GED, and meet specific income requirements. Call 412-4418665 for more information, or visit <http://pittsburgh.jobcorps.gov>.

PAAI'S CELEBRATION OF PENN AVENUE

Rock down to Penn Avenue with the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative, local artists, and neighborhood supporters at our video release party June 14 at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Avenue. Celebrate the transformation of our "electric avenue" with the release of Phase II of the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative (PAAI) video. Enjoy art by Penn Avenue artists, who will be donating the proceeds to PAAI's Artist Loan and Grant Fund, which offers low-interest loans for interior improvements and matching grants for façade improvements to interested Penn Avenue stakeholders. The evening will also include giant puppets, popcorn, music and fun for all! For more information, call 412-441-6147 x 7.

"DOLLARS AND SENSE" DISCUSSION SERIES

The Union Project reopens its quarterly evening discussion series with a focus on financial health, "Dollars and Sense." The Monday Evening Conversations will take place over five evenings throughout the summer, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topics will range from budgeting and home buying to funding college. All discussions will be held at the Union Project at 801 N. Negley Ave. and are open to the community free of charge. For more information, visit www.unionproject.org.

KIDS CAMP AT PENN AVE. POTTERY STUDIO

Registration for Kids Camp 2007 begins...NOW! Want something fun to do this summer? Want beautiful pieces of artwork and pottery? Want to meet new friends? Sign up now while space is available. Kids Camp (for ages 6 through 12) takes place at Kiln-N-Time pottery studio, 3801 Penn Avenue (38th & Penn), June 19-July 19 (Tuesdays through Thursdays) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is just \$30.00 per day per child (which includes a snack, drinks, and lunch). WHAT A DEAL! Call now for reservations: 412-687-0383. Or go to www.KilnNTime.mysite.com for more details and a schedule of events.

ELPC LAUNCHES SPEAKERS SERIES

The East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) has inaugurated a new speakers series, "Prophetic Voices Today." The series begins by addressing the topic of "Uprooting Poverty" on Saturday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m., with a keynote presentation, "Heeding the Call," by Karen Olson, president of Family Promise. Dr. Ralph Bangs of the Univ. of Pittsburgh and Esther L. Bush of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, will then discuss the roots of poverty in Pittsburgh. On June 3, a worship service begins at 11 a.m., followed by a forum, "Framing Our Response: Where Do We Go from Here?" The weekend event is free and takes place at the church at 116 S. Highland Ave. For more info, call 412-441-3800 x22 or visit www.cathedralofhope.org.

UNION PROJECT COMMUNITY DAY

Join Union Project on Sunday, June 3 for a Community Day at 801 N. Negley Ave. Running concurrently with the Highland Park Yard Sale, the Union Project Community Day will feature live music from Joy Ike, Morgan Stewart and Sonji (acoustic), as well as offering food specials, a craft fair and kids activities. Also, Ceramics@UP will be selling its pottery during the event. Come by and see what pottery is coming out of our basement studios. The events begin at 9 a.m. and run throughout the day until 2 p.m. For more information, contact hilary@unionproject.org or call 412-363-4550 x26.

UNBLURRED: FIRST FRIDAYS ON PENN

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative hosts Unblurred: First Fridays on Penn, Friday, June 1. Unblurred is a monthly event that opens the Penn Avenue Arts District (4800-5500 Penn) for exploration by adults and children. For a complete schedule visit www.pennavenuearts.org.

OUR LADY OF ANGELS FLEA MARKET

Our Lady of the Angels Parish will be holding its annual GIANT Flea Market on Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parish social hall located at 256-44th Street in Lawrenceville. (A bag sale will be held on Sunday, June 24, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.) There will be something for everyone! Toys, books, games, housewares, linens, collectables, small furniture, and so much more! This is one flea market you won't want to miss! Light refreshments will also be sold. For more information please call the parish office at 412-682-0929.

GARFIELD FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

The Garfield Family Support Center provides free services to parents of young children to keep them abreast of their early childhood developmental expectations, as well as having the opportunity to enhance their parenting skills. The Support Center will focus on bringing families together to promote unity, leadership and awareness of the Garfield community. All Garfield residents who have children ages 0-5 years will be offered this free program, and a full spectrum of services will also be available to school age children including homework and tutoring assistance. In addition, vocational training, educational programming and recreational activities will be offered to teens and young adults. For more information about the Garfield Family Support Center, contact us at 412-661-9560, or just stop by the Garfield Family Support Center located at 5315 Hillcrest Street in Garfield.

SCHENLEY REUNION

Schenley High School Class of 1967 is having its 40th year reunion on August 17 at the Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road. Terrace Village reunion, August 18. A \$45 check or money order can be mailed to P.O. Box 9048, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15224 and should be made out to Elliot Coleman/Schenley Class of 1967. For more information, call 412 782-5281.

SUMMER BALLET ACADEMY

East Side Ballet Academy presents summer ballet classes at the Nuin Center, Wednesdays, June 20-July 26. Ballet Basics (ages 4-6) 3-4 p.m.; Ballet Basics (ages 7-11) 4:15-5:15 p.m. \$25 registration, \$85 tuition. Classes taught by Andrew Blight, former dancer with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. Please call 412-441-0845 for additional information.

ROVING ART CART

Let your creativity run wild when the Citiparks Roving Art Cart visits your neighborhood this summer! Children become instant artists through a variety of hands-on activities. Pick up a paintbrush...sculpt with clay...create 3D objects with paper...and much more, all summer long. The Roving Art Cart visits neighborhood parks, playgrounds, community festivals and citywide special events throughout the City of Pittsburgh, and will be in our communities on these dates: June 20, Osceola Park, Bloomfield; July 19, Friendship Park, Bloomfield; July 24, Arsenal Park, Lawrenceville; and August 1, Dan Cohen Playground, Mellon Park (near Tennis Bubble). For more information, call 412-665-3665.

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ored" by the support he got during his campaign to unseat Bodack. "I had more than a hundred volunteers working on my behalf during the campaign, and about 200 on election day. And I want to thank all of the people who voted for me. I'm dedicated to giving them the best possible representation on city Council."

Dowd also pledged to work toward re-investment in neighborhoods. "I know that people are concerned about public safety," Dowd says, "especially with regard to vacant and abandoned

properties." He says that we need re-investment in our neighborhoods and to place a major effort on "a lot of infrastructure work that needs to be done."

He promises to work closely with the Water and Sewer Authority on neighborhood repairs and upgrades.

He says he'll be closely watching issues related to the Penn Avenue reconstruction proposals with an eye toward "learning more about what needs to be done and what resources are available."

SUMMERBRIDGE, From Page 5

Senta M. Robinson, parent of Lila and a former Garfield resident who now resides in Northern California, said that she is pleased that Summerbridge is being recognized for its innovative summer program. "My daughter Lila is stronger, more focused, and independent because of her years at Summerbridge. Enrolling in the program was, by far, the best decision we made during a very critical transitional stage of her life. Summerbridge not only strengthened her academically, but it gave her the

confidence to 'raise the bar' when it came to her goals. Summerbridge is an invaluable program in a city where many promising teens simply never have a chance."

The 2007 enrichment program will run for six weeks. All interested students and parents are invited to visit Summerbridge Pittsburgh over the summer break. To schedule a visit, contact Kevin Brezler at 412-741-2230. Check out the Summerbridge website at www.summerbridgepittsburgh.org.

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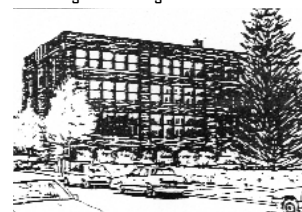
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