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The Detroit News: 'Extraordinary situation' causes conflict in Detroit murder trial deliberations

"Deliberations hit a snag Tuesday in the murder trial of a man accused of fatally shooting a 12-year-old girl in a dispute over a cellphone. Members of the jury sent repeated notes to Wayne Circuit Judge Vonda Evans complaining one juror refused to discuss the evidence, while the man at issue fired back his own notes to the judge, asserting that he's already made up his mind about the case."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Oakland County medical examiner set to resume testimony in murder trial

"Oakland County Medical Examiner L.J. Dragovic will be back on the witness stand in two weeks -- picking up his testimony in a murder trial where it was cut short last month by his heart attack in court. Wayne County Circuit Judge Rickard Skutt set Sept. 24 for the resumption of Kelly Slominski's second-degree murder trial in the 2009 death of neighbor Robert Hackney of Brownstown Township."

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Detroit Free Press: Flint council members sue over emergency manager

"Members of the Flint City Council are suing the state-appointed emergency financial manager for the cash-strapped city, seeking to block his actions.... Emergency manager Ed Kurtz says he plans to continue his work unless a judge orders him to stop."

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Also see:

The Detroit News: Flint council members sue over emergency manager

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Flint Journal: Flint City Council members seek to halt emergency financial manager

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Detroit Free Press: Jury trial next month in suit over ex-EMU student dismissed after declining to counsel gay client

"A nationally-watched lawsuit pitting religious freedom versus discrimination against gay people is back on the front burner, with a jury trial scheduled for next month in federal court in Detroit. Former student Julea Ward is suing Eastern Michigan University, claiming EMU dismissed her from its counseling program because of her religious beliefs after she declined to counsel a gay client."

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Flint Journal: Michigan Court of Appeals judge upholds dismissal of lawsuit against Grand Blanc Township

"After two years a law suit between Grand Blanc Township and a former township engineer has come to an end. Former Grand Blanc Township engineer Roger Buell first filed a lawsuit against the township in February, 2010, for wrongful termination citing the Michigan Whistleblowers' Protection Act."

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The Macomb Daily: Proposal could rekindle court relocation plan

"An oft-discussed, but dormant plan to relocate the 41A District Court from Shelby to Macomb Township may gain new life. Shelby Township recently sent a proposed 'inter-local agreement' to its Macomb Township neighbors that outlines a plan to share long-term health-care funding obligations associated with the move."

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Lawmakers to look at legal aid for poor defendants

"Michigan's public defender system is consistently rated one of the worst in the country. But this week, the House Judiciary Committee will consider creating a commission to establish standards for indigent defense."

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Group says driving-while-texting laws don't help, calls for complete ban

"All states should ban drivers from using hand-held cell phones, according to a new recommendation by the Governors Highway Safety Association. Only 10 states ban the use of handheld cell phones while driving. Michigan is not one of them. But it does have laws against sending a text while driving."

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The Times Herald/Port Huron: James Adair retiring from bench

"After nearly 18 years on the bench, St. Clair County Circuit Court Judge James Adair is looking at hanging up his black judicial robes. The 75-year-old Port Huron resident can't run for judge because of age limits."

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Also see:

Times Herald/Port Huron: [John] Adair, West burn up shoe leather in circuit court chase

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