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## Woman jumps out of window of moving car

■ She said she was trying to escape man.

By DAVE STEPHENS  
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SOUTH BEND — George Cosens said he was surprised Sunday when he heard the cries for help coming from the out of

his driveway.

He was even more surprised when the woman — whom he found lying by the side of the road, scraped up and sent to him where she just came from the window of a passing car.

It's not known how fast the car was traveling Sunday in the 2100 block of Jackson Road, but, the South Bend woman

said, she jumped out of the window after the car's driver refused to let her go.

The woman told police she was at the Always Open gas station, near the center of Bendix Avenue and Lincoln Way West, on Sunday afternoon when she asked for a ride in a man's car.

She told police the man then drove her out of South Bend and

refused to let her out of the car, locking the doors.

The woman rode with the man for at least six miles and told police she finally decided to jump out the window, landing in Cosens's yard.

Cosens said he called police and worked to calm the woman, as she was very intoxicated.

The woman was then taken to

the hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

"Her back was scraped up, and she had a knot on the back of her head," Cosens said. "You could see that she hit the pavement pretty good."

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## Tax

payment by July 3, but Coleman stressed it is strictly voluntary. The request has two purposes, he said. First is to help taxpayers by splitting up the payments, and second is to help local government units by bringing in money.

Last year, Coleman had made a similar request through the media and sent out a written request to a few large companies that pay substantial taxes. Those requests yielded a few million dollars, he said. He is hoping for a larger response from the written requests.

This week's mailing will cost about \$10,000, with many coming from reassessment funds that already had been appropriated. Meanwhile, the DLGP said Monday the county is further behind in the process this year than it was at the beginning of June 2007.

The county's ratio study still has not been approved, according to Mary Jane Michalski, DLGP spokeswoman. Last year, it was approved on March 27. On May 22, she said, the DLGP sent the county a checklist of errors or issues that need to be addressed in its latest ratio study, and she is still waiting for more information.

Last year the county auditor sent assessed values to the state on July 5, Michalski said, and the state approved the budget and certified the tax rates on Oct. 25.

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## Urban Youth Services offers summer sports program

Tribune Staff Report

SOUTH BEND — The YMCA Urban Youth Services is looking for youths to participate in a summer program similar to the former National Youth Sports Camp, which had been hosted for several years at the University of Notre Dame.

The deadline for applications is Thursday. And the program is

filling up quickly.

The program will be for youths ages 10 to 16. It will begin Monday and end July 3, with activities at Studebaker Primary Center, 724 E. DuBall St. The cost is \$10 per week to cover transportation, though scholarships will be available for those who cannot afford it.

Applications for the program can be picked up at Studebaker Primary Center

between 1 and 5 p.m. or at the YMCA of Mishawaka, 1201 Northside Blvd., between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Funds from the Carroll Foundation are making the program possible. For the next two years, Urban Youth Services will host the program in collaboration with the Salvation Army, the South Bend Catholic School Corp. and Memorial Hospital.

## Recycling

■ The vote for Borden followed almost an hour of discussion, with SWMD board members asking questions about the full surcharge, the expected volume of materials to be picked up and whether the request for proposals was handled properly.

One issue was that the request was for a five-year contract, but Borden submitted a 10-year proposal. That gave it the advantage of being able to spread the cost of the larger

has over a long period of time, thus keeping it bid lower.

The approval was not unanimous. Five members voted to accept Borden's proposal, but two voted against it.

County Commissioner Mark Dobson, R-1st, was one of the opponents. He said the request for proposal was poorly constructed, and he had issues with the calculation of rates back to the county.

County Commissioner Robert Kovach, D-3rd, also voted against it. Among his concerns, he said, was the provision to negotiate parts of the contract after the bid was awarded.

The two commissioners were concerned that some details about Borden's service remain to be settled in a formal contract is negotiated. Negotiations are to take place over the next 90 days.

Borden's bid, per household offer is \$1.84, which allows the SWMD to keep its current rates. The rates, which have been unchanged for 10 years, are \$16.20 for six months (\$2.70 a month) for county residents. South Bend residents pay \$1.97 a month as part of their water bill. The price includes the cost of the pickup plus an administrative fee.

Borden projected revenue for the county of \$27,625 a year, based on market rates.

## Zimmerman gets vote of support from audience

■ School board criticized for decision to oust superintendent.

By TOM MOOR  
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SOUTH BEND — School trustees received harsh criticism from community members after they voted 5-2 to oust Dr. Robert Zimmerman as South Bend Community School Corp. superintendent Monday night.

"What a shame," one woman said. "I'm appalled at the vote," added another woman.

Although the majority of trustees apparently didn't agree with the job Zimmerman was doing, several parents, teachers and teachers union representatives lined their support to the superintendent, minutes after it became public the board's decision.

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"We're not going to feel the same after what you've done to Dr. Z," teacher Candy Korkhouse told the board.

Jean Zook, vice president of the National Education Association-South Bend, commended Zimmerman for his hands-on approach with teachers and students in the classroom, something Zook said was missing when Dr. John Raymond was superintendent.

"He cares about his employees and students," he said. "I heard teachers say, 'I've never heard of a superintendent doing that.'"

"Dr. Zimmerman was a collaborator, more than a dictator," resident Jim Banister added. "He brought a breath of fresh air."

"I hope you (the board) develop vision. If you do not, I ask for your resignation."

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## Moor: Friendship was their goal

■ gathering spot for the neighborhood kids ... the playground for future doctors and teachers

the spot where Clay Middle and Clay High students often exchanged glances and insights.

When you heard the ball bouncing out there, you knew all was well," Patrick says.

But kids eventually leave home, driveways slowly crack and unmet basketball goals rust away.

They didn't all their old buddies to come into town to get weekend and pay homage to their old stomping grounds and the goal that rose above it.

Including some spouses and the Rooney brothers' little sis, Kristin from North Carolina, 22 showed up — including Jacob Stogdole and John Wind from California and Matt Boyko from Washington, D.C.

They shared their stories, smiled out in the Rooney's backyard and kept from injuring themselves in the various tournaments that went on for

playoffs and then rush out onto the court and play our own games," recalls Mark, a basketball player for the Colts.

"We played day and night, in the heat and cold and even after we would shower the snow off the driveway," Patrick says.

"Sometimes we would still be out there after midnight under the floodlights."

"I'm sure it kept us out of trouble on many nights."

So, of course, they couldn't let their beloved basketball goal be torn down with hardly a notice.

Without checking with their parents — heck, Mom and Dad hadn't consulted with them about knocking down the goal — Patrick and Mark decided to have one last get-together and monument to their issue and in the driveway.

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most of Saturday.

It was like old times — with a few jump shots rebound and old friendships reaffirmed.

"I don't think you could ask for a better lunch of kids," Mary Rooney says.

"Maybe now they can close out their youth phase," has heard Pat adds.

Maybe. Maybe not.

After the day of competition and camaraderie was finally over and former neighborhood kids Matt Boyko and Mark Calwell claimed final victory in the second round of play, Patrick took the last shot.

Swish!

Then he and brother Mark got up on baskets and took their old basketball goal down.

They left the naked pole for the driveway people to remember this summer.

"I don't think any of us cried, but it was kind of emotional," Patrick admits. "It was like losing an old friend."

But don't get it wrong — and a testament to boyhood bond — that they had so many other old friends come share the moment with them.

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—Joann Whetstone, gynecologist

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE 2009 APPLICATION FOR CDBG, HOME & ESG FUNDING TO BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2009 ACTION PLAN**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the St. Joseph County Housing Consortium will have available the 2009 application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program funding for the cities of Mishawaka, South Bend and St. Joseph County. The application addresses housing and community development needs and strategies for the one-year use of ESG, HOME and CDBG funds.

**HEARING TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

Hearings to begin the application process for the development of the 2009 Action Plan will be held in two locations on Thursday, June 13, 2008. In Mishawaka, the hearing will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Mishawaka City Hall 600 E. Third Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544. In South Bend, the hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference room in the Trigon Building, 224 West Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601. Both locations are handicapped accessible. Applications will be available at the hearings and on the City of South Bend's web site on June 13, at [www.southbend.in.gov](http://www.southbend.in.gov), click on living, the community development, then Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME and CDBG app.

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on the public hearing by contacting TDD Terminal (574) 235-5557. Also, if special assistance is needed at the public hearing please contact the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Community Development at (574) 235-9660, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

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