

Political correctness v. due process

Dear Mr. Brock,
I have just read your article "False Allegations of Sexual Abuse, What Can Be Done?" (<http://truthinjustice.org/false-allegations.htm>) and I'm in shock. You have outlined in this article a pattern that we have witnessed firsthand in the case of my boyfriend, who sits in a maximum security prison with a harsh 35 year sentence on bogus molestation charges against his own daughter (who was age 3 at the time of the allegation). Dad was never married to the birth mother, and in fact they lived in different states.

This nightmare began in 2011 when the false allegation was made just 3 days after a court ordered counselor had reinstated full visitation of the [the child] with her father, determining that it was in the best interest of the child and that he was no threat to her in any way. (The birth mother had previously suspended visitation because she claimed the child had anxiety around Dad...the counselor determined that her anxiety was not specific to her father and that it was best for them to resume visitation.)

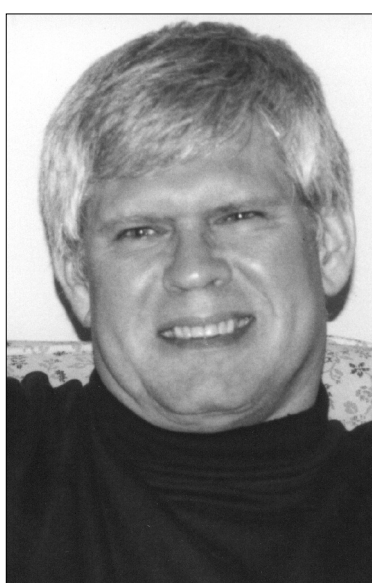
The child's birth mother and new husband had been attempting to alienate Dad from [the child's] life for two years and finally used a false allegation to accomplish their goal. After awaiting trial for 3 years, during which time the child was being coached by a state counselor, Dad's conviction came in February 2014. Professional misconduct of the female detective assigned to the case, who was working with prosecutors, along with incompetent defense counsel contributed to the false conviction. There was withholding of exculpatory evidence by prosecuting attorneys and 22 months of inappropriate interviewing tactics (coaching) with [the child]. In fact, in a similar case, an expert is on the record criticizing these tactics of the same counselor that interviewed [the child]:

"Ms. Smith, an expert in the assessment and treatment of sexual behavior issues in children, testified before the family court. Ms. Smith reviewed the DSS files; the written reports from [the child's] sessions with [the therapist Ms. Jones]; the written reports and videos from [the child's] sessions with Ms. Jones; treatment records from [the child's] pediatricians; Father's polygraph results; interview reports and affidavits from Mother, Father, and Father's two daughters; and the GAL's reports. Ms. Smith disapproved of the therapist's interviewing techniques, specifically her continuing to have therapy sessions with the child about the sexual abuse allegations until a full assessment was conducted. Ms. Smith stated a child of this age is easily influenced, and repetitive sessions and questions about the allegations could inadvertently and inappropriately reinforce those allegations with the child. Ms. Smith also opined that Ms. Jones inappropriately led the child, and continued to repeat the same questions to the child until she was satisfied with the child's responses" (<https://www.judicial.state.sc.us/opinions/HTMLFiles/COA/4891.htm>)

Of course, there are many details of the case (too intricate and complicated to explain here), that were complete travesties of justice and that would make most Americans wonder how it could ever happen in our justice system.

Dad is of course pursuing appeal but just had his conviction affirmed through direct appeal and must raise it to the State Supreme Court of Appeals before pushing it through as a PCR Appeal, which is really his best changed of a reversal of conviction due to the extreme negligence of his defense council in this case. All the while, he sits in a cage as convicted child sex offender absolutely devastated and heartbroken over the losses. He's lost his parental rights to [the child], visitation with his other 3 children, his successful career, his belongings, his reputation and much more. His parents and sister are broken and exhausted from this experience.

I'm reaching out to you to see if you have any suggestions at this point that could help Dad and his family. If you can help us in any way by providing resources or guidance, it is most appreciated. I'm so thankful you are raising



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awareness of this particular type of injustice and I pray that it will help other families as well.

Please let me know if you need any other information and I hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks,
Candace

Dear Candace,

The article you cited was written many years—perhaps 20 years ago—and I still receive at least weekly letters like yours from people who say they have been wrongly convicted, or from loved ones who feel their loved ones have been wrongly convicted. Are they all innocent? I doubt it. But I believe a substantial number are because of my own experience handling these cases in the courts.

I write a monthly article for the Legal News. I wrote this one when I was doing some expert witness work regarding child custody recommendations and forensic interviews of children suspected of being sexually abused. I no longer do this work, but refer these cases to this organization:

National Child Abuse Defense and Resource Center

PO Box 638 Holland OH 43528

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Website: www.falseallegation.org

Email: NCADRC@aol.com

If anyone can help you, they should be able to. They will help you find lawyers and experts who testify in these cases and know what they are doing. I wish you well, but I am not optimistic. Unfortunately, these cases depend mostly on evidence provided by the child, and children can easily be coached by malicious parents or guardians. Once the child believes that he or she has been molested, there is little that can be done to convince the child, a jury, or a court otherwise. Moreover, there are rarely any penalties for making false allegations, so people keep doing it. It is like being able to go down into the street and shoot anyone you want with impunity.

And this is America, where in a sex abuse case you are "presumed guilty until proven innocent beyond all doubt," as one of my attorney friends likes to say. I am truly sorry for your situation, and for the many people who now sit in prison on false allegation charges. I also feel badly for the students who are being kicked out of college without any semblance of due process of law. But our presumptive next president has stated that, "Survivors of sexual abuse have a right to be believed." (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz_2118MyH0)

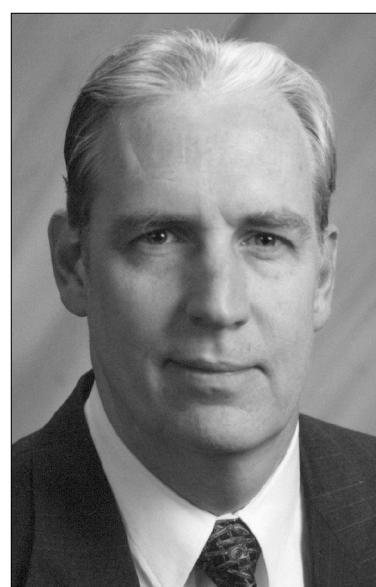
I guess she means all except those who have been victimized by her husband. However, regardless of the allegations made by those who have been victimized by our next "First Man," the simple statement that someone claiming to be a victim deserves to be believed reverses the fundamental principle of due process of law that says the accused of any crime has a right to be presumed innocent.

These two statements are irreconcilable. You can have one or the other, but not both. Add to this that men on college campuses—the elite males of our society you might argue—are not even entitled to a court hearing, a trial by jury, the ability to present exculpatory evidences, or many other due process protections before being found guilty of rape and expelled from college, and you have the complete disregard of the foundations of law and American Democracy in favor of political correctness. (<http://video.foxnews.com/v/4711>) (See BROCK, on Back Page)

THE EXPERT WITNESS

A view from the bridge of spaceship earth (part one)

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"All of humanity now has the option to 'make it,' successfully and sustainably, by virtue of our having minds, discovering principles, and being able to employ these principles to do more with less."

—R. Buckminster Fuller, *American architect, systems theorist, author, designer, and inventor, "Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth" (Simon and Schuster, 1969)*

In our column for the next four months, we will take the intellectual high road during this bizarrely interesting election cycle—a period that has drawn the focus of attorneys, economists, and others. Many attorneys take time off from their practices to oversee polling stations, work for their candidates of choice, and sometimes run for office themselves. In our view of the best and worst of humanity at this time, we will have the company of R. Buckminster Fuller, through his classic book "Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth." Many of us may have read this work when it first appeared between the Summer of Love during the escalation of the Vietnam War in 1967 and the Kent State Shootings in Kent, Ohio, during a campus protest in 1970. The words of Fuller, meaningful for those times, are just as relevant today.

A Brief Biography

Born in Milton, Massachusetts, in 1885, Fuller was named for his father, Richard Buckminster Fuller, a Unitarian Minister, and also was the grand-nephew of Margaret Fuller, an American Transcendentalist. "Bucky," as he was called, was the product of an early Froebelian education (based on the theories of Friedrich Froebel, the progressive German educator who created the concept of the kindergarten) and that of the Milton Academy in Massachusetts, which counts T.S. Eliot, Robert F. and Ted Kennedy, and singer/songwriter James Taylor among its alumni. Fuller entered Harvard College and was associated with Adams House, in which Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Robert Frost, and William S. Burroughs resided, among others. Though he was one of the great minds of the twentieth century, Fuller was expelled from Harvard twice. The first incident was in response to his spending all of his money partying with a vaudeville troupe. After his readmission, he was ejected again for his "irresponsibility and lack of interest," according to Harvard records. Per his own appraisal, Fuller was a nonconforming misfit in the fraternity environment. Following service in the U.S. Navy during World War I, he entered the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

In the 1920s, Fuller built lightweight housing that was weatherproof and fireproof before moving to Greenwich Village in New York City, where his associates included Eugene O'Neill and architect Isamu Noguchi; with the latter, he collaborated on various design projects. While continuing his design work and inventing, Fuller taught at colleges and universities.

issues such as global ignorance and hunger.

We continue to fail due to an ongoing belief that specialization remains our key to success, ignoring the realization that "specialization precludes comprehensive thinking." This means that the techno-economic advantages that should accrue from specialization are not realized in positive ways. Since the time that Fuller first wrote these words in 1967, our universities progressively have organized curriculum into increasingly finer specializations. Generalist-polymath programs foster growth in which students spontaneously apprehend, comprehend, and coordinate an expanding universe of experience. However, these remain scarce in the 21st century.

The roots of this intense focus on specialization can be traced to the Age of Exploration (15th to 18th Centuries), when the world began to grow from local to global through sea trade. Fuller reminds us that 99.9% of the human population resided upon 25% of the surface of the Earth. At that time, the few existing generalists who possessed great anticipatory vision, ship-designing capabilities, original scientific conceptualization, and mathematical skills for navigation and exploration became the Masters of the Sea. These few venturers, to whom Fuller refers as the Great Pirates (G.P.s), discovered that the seas interconnected all of the lands and the peoples of the world. The G.P.s found that the resources of the Earth were unevenly distributed, spread across the globe among human beings who often were ignorant of these foreign resources or even of the existence of other peoples. The sea-masters took advantage of the disparity in the production of tools, services, and consumable goods. By integrating and redistributing these resources, the G.P.s generated massive amounts of wealth. In order to grow their global empire, these generalists were aided by individuals with specialized knowledge, information that could be compartmentalized and hence controlled through separatism. These specialists included mathematicians, inventors, and designers, among many others.

Origins of Specialization

The Masters of the Sea continued to prosper until the first quarter of the twentieth century due to their comprehensive capability, which was supported by the compartmentalized talents of specialized minds-for-hire. The G.P.s subjected themselves only to the natural laws of the universe, not to the sovereign laws of land-rulers whom the G.P.s patronized in order to fulfill their own agendas. Fuller offers the example of the Duke of Milan. The Duke extended the patronage from the seafarers to Leonardo da Vinci, whom Fuller calls a "comprehensively anticipatory design scientist" (in addition to an accomplished artist). Leonardo designed fortified defenses and weaponry as well as tools for the production of goods. Acting as admirals, the G.P.s outside the Duchy of Milan enlisted the help of other "Leonardos" through their own puppet rulers. This modus operandi

enabled the Sea Masters to become the Masters of the World.

Scientifically designed secrecy of naval operations hid all of the Leonardos from public view and recorded history while the Masters of the Sea developed a global-trade network, designed industrial facilities and mining operations, and erected naval bases for the production and maintenance of even greater trade- and attack-vessels. Fuller explains that the G.P.s manipulated the people who learned to cheer as they were told of the great world power of their respective nations, sovereignties unknowingly controlled from the shadows. The obfuscation of this system was accomplished by the grand strategy of "anticipatory divide and conquer." The G.P.s realized that the less-gifted people in these lands were innocuous. However, the masters realized that the brighter ones may contrive to displace the G.P.s from their positions of power. The process of anticipatory divide-and-conquer dispensed with this possibility.

The G.P.s picked local "strongmen" and instructed them to proclaim themselves as the rulers of these lands supported by the shadow regimes. These self-proclaimed heads of state received secret lines of supplies in order to enforce their sovereign rights. Fuller continues by explaining that the critical elements of the plan included the appointment of teams of compartmentalized specialists to manage the business of state and to create royal tutorial schools that formed the root of an educational system that focused on the development of intellectual specialization. Subsequently, this turning of the best and the brightest into specialists secured a pool of brain power for the puppet sovereigns while extending great advantage to the G.P.s, who endowed the whole show.

However, Fuller underscores that this systemized and compartmentalized specialization evolved into a form of slavery in which the "expert" accepted the yoke in return for social and cultural preference and a highly secure life-long position. In contrast, only a few in the inner elite of the ruling family received a wide—but still limited—scope of education, while the all-encompassing knowledge of the global economy, its resources, and its secrets remained in the hidden exclusive domain of the G.P.s. Their knowledge base included the navigation arts, ship design, logistical strategies, and internationally deceptive trade-balancing stratagems within a global-exchange network. In effect, these "Pirates of the Caribbean" did devour the tourists in their global "Jurassic Park."

Next month, we will explore Fuller's ideas about Comprehensively Commanded Automation and the concept of Spaceship Earth. During World War I, a group of out-pirates challenged the established in-pirates—the G.P.s—through the invisible realm of electronics and chemical warfare. Technology went from "wire to wireless, track to trackless, and pipe to pipeless." In part, these changes led to a fuller awareness

that our planet is not the center of the universe. We are on a finely designed and balanced vessel, Spaceship Earth, which travels within our solar system in orbit around our galaxy. However, we continue to misuse, abuse, and pollute this system, which successfully regenerates all life aboard.

The Closing Statement

Without naming names or taking partisan sides, what can Fuller teach us about our current malaise on our Spaceship Earth? Attorneys, economists and political theorists understand that a thorough knowledge of the global economy coupled with skill in diplomacy, especially as it relates to international affairs, is essential. This is why many of us believe that a background in law is essential for holding higher political offices. Add to that a fundamental understanding of the inner workings of both the economic and political systems. Most of us are products of a myopically specialized educational system. In order to survive and to thrive in the future, Fuller suggests that we progress to a more comprehensive and polymathian approach to education. As we will discuss in future columns, our ancestors left us with a now-antiquated educational system that is inadequate for our future needs on Spaceship Earth.

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Obituary

Anthony J. Bellanca

Anthony J. Bellanca, 78, succumbed to his three year battle with Cancer on August 14. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marianne (Holowski); four children, Rosalie Marie Ruebelman (Charles), Helen Bellanca, James V. Bellanca II (Lisa), and Marie Antonette Bellanca; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Emily, Anya, and Jocelyn.

Bellanca practiced law for more than 50 years in the firm founded by his late father, James V. Bellanca Sr. in 1935, where he joined his brother Peter Bellanca (deceased 1998) in 1964. His brother, James V. Bellanca Jr., joined them, followed by Anthony's nephews, Steven J. Grobbel, and James V. Bellanca III.

He graduated from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, received his law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1963 and pursued a Masters at Law at the University of Michigan Law School.

Bellanca was dedicated to numerous educational and professional organizations. Active with the Macomb County Bar Association since 1974, he also served as their president. He recommended the formation of and did some of the initial work to establish the Macomb County Bar Foundation where he served as trustee, director and ultimately president.

Bellanca was on the St. Clair Shores Planning Commission for more than a decade. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Lawyers' Society and the CYO for many years. He served on the Italian American Cultural Society Board of Directors from 1969 until 1995, serving as its president from 1973 to 1978. He was the first recipient of the Medaglia D'Onore Life



Anthony J. Bellanca

Achievement Award in 1987. He was the founding trustee and president of the NOI Foundation from 1996 until his death.

Due to his commitment to the Italian culture and particularly the Italian language, the President of the Republic of Italy first awarded him the title of Cavaliere of the Order of Merit in 1977 and then conferred upon him the title of Commendatore in 2003, one of the highest awards given by the government of Italy to a non-citizen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests the consideration of a donation to the NOI Foundation, 20480 Vernier Road, Harper Woods, 48225; or to Sacred Heart Parish, 1739 Ferry Ave, Camden, New Jersey 08104. Visitation at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, 36900 Schoenherr Road in Sterling Heights, will take place today from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Services will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 18, at St. Mary's Queen of Creation Church, 50931 Maria St. in New Baltimore, with visitation at 10 a.m. followed by mass at 10:30 a.m.

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This term—political correctness—is a polite way of saying a grab for absolute power by the feminists who now control the party that controls America. Their story of perpetual victimization by men in this country has been repeated so often that it is now believed by a large percentage of men as well as the majority of women in America, and perhaps the West. I heard a former Michigan Governor and a speaker at the Democratic Convention make reference to our current "rape culture" on college campuses—a myth with no statistical basis—like it was established fact.

The result is the demonization of nearly half of the American population by the other half, who are more likely to vote and can therefore control the lawmaking and judicial processes of the entire country. If the judicial processes can't be sufficiently reshaped, they created quasi-judicial processes by executive edict with a lower burden of proof to get what they want.

I do not know what the end of this will be, but I fear for my country. A house divided against itself cannot stand, and democracy without protection for all of its citizens is not likely to endure. Moreover, I do not see any likely outcome of the political process that will change this trend of increasing inequity anytime soon.

Recently, I discussed this matter with a judge I used to do some work for in Family Court. He said that he thought I was right about the current situation, but that the balance of power had weighed in favor of men for the first two hundred years of this nation's history.

This is an argument I have heard often, but I don't believe it is a valid comparison. While it is true that men have held power, not only for the last two hundred years, but since the beginning of recorded history and probably before that, I don't believe that men have consistently used that power to demean women. It derived initially out of the need for women to bond with physically stronger males for protection, and evolved into separate and clearly defined roles. It was not a malicious conspiracy.

Alan Dershowitz, prominent scholar on United States constitutional and criminal law, and a leading defender of civil liberties, said

recently in an interview that whereas intolerance used to be the province of the right, today it's coming mostly from the left and is premised on the notion that any ideas that counter the entrenched political correctness of the left should not be tolerated as they create an "unsafe space" on college campuses. He said that, "The fog of fascism is descending over America's universities," to the extent that free speech or an exchange of competing ideas is no longer acceptable. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpzD5E9GZXY)

Ultimately, it is now up to the fair minded of both sexes to decide if we will ever achieve a just and equitable society. To deny justice to men as the other and the oppressor, is to deny justice to the sons, fathers, husbands and brothers of all women. Ironically, when it comes to justice in the court, those most likely to be denied due process are not the well healed and well-connected like our future president's husband, but the poor and disproportionately black, examples of which I have written about in previously published articles called, "Presumed Innocent Until Proven Broke, Parts I and II" (http://legalnews.com/macomb/1375044 ; http://www.legalnews.com/detroit/1382843). This is a group about whose rights the left is ostensibly concerned, but apparently not when they conflict with agenda of the true power brokers.

Is due process of law just a matter of deciding whose turn it is to be discriminated against, or is it about trying to establish a more just society? If the latter, that cannot be achieved by denying any group of citizens fair treatment under law.

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Man lunges at defendant during courtroom sentencing

KALAMAZOO (AP) — The uncle of a slain southwestern Michigan teen tried to attack a man being sentenced in the shooting death.

Willie Warren was giving a statement Monday in Kalamazoo County Circuit Court when he lunged at Bruce Embry, The Kalamazoo Gazette reported.

"He never cursed you. He never did nothing to you," Warren said before moving toward Embry, who was standing nearby.

Warren was restrained and tackled by deputies as Embry, 52, was rushed out a side door.

A shouting match followed in court between Embry's relatives and the teen's family.

Embry was convicted of first-

degree murder in July in the January slaying of Temetrian Hegler, 17. The conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

Embry is married to Hegler's grandmother, Iquilla Hegler. Temetrian Hegler lived with them.

Iquilla Hegler has said Temetrian was shot after telling her he overheard Embry speaking by phone to another woman.

She said Monday that Warren and Temetrian were like brothers.

"I apologize for my son's actions, but then again I don't," Iquilla Hegler told reporters.

"That was his little brother, and for this man to take his life, it hurt us. It devastated us. It left us in pieces."

MLK Jr.'s Bible, Nobel medal to be released to his estate

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge on Monday signed an order ending an ownership dispute over the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s traveling Bible and Nobel Peace Prize medal that had essentially pitted the slain civil rights leader's two sons against their sister.

The consent order signed by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney says the items are to be released to Martin Luther King III as chairman of the board of his father's estate but does not indicate what will happen to them after that.

The parties released a joint statement Monday saying the details of the settlement are confidential.

King's three surviving children — Martin, Dexter Scott King and Bernice King — are the sole shareholders and directors of the estate. Dexter is its president and CEO.

During a board meeting in January 2014, the brothers voted 2-1 against their sister to sell the two artifacts to an unnamed private buyer. The items had long been in Bernice's possession, and the estate filed suit about a week later asking a judge to order her to surrender them.

Bernice King said at the time that the idea of selling two of their father's most cherished items was unthinkable. King won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The Bible was his personal traveling Bible and was used by President Barack Obama during his second inauguration in January 2013.

A lawyer representing the estate said during a hearing in February 2014 that the brothers voted to sell the two items because the estate needed money. That same month, McBurney ordered the items to be placed in a safe deposit box with the keys controlled by the court.

On Monday, McBurney signed an order submitted by the two sides that dismissed the lawsuit and said the keys to the safe deposit box are to be turned over to Martin. The bank is also to release the Bible, Nobel medal and its accompanying certificate and box to him.

McBurney earlier this summer

ruled that the Bible belonged to the estate, and Bernice's lawyers had filed a notice of appeal of that ruling. A trial on the question of ownership of the Nobel medal had been set to begin Monday. In a court filing last week, the chances of a settlement were described as "fair/poor."

The dispute over the Bible and Nobel medal was originally set to go to trial in February 2015, but McBurney halted all action in the case to give the two sides a chance to talk and see if they could resolve their differences outside of court. Lawyers for both sides told the judge in May 2015 that they were close to an agreement but not quite there, and McBurney ordered mediation at the request of Bernice's attorneys.

Former President Jimmy Carter in October confirmed he was working as a mediator in the case.

Carter in a statement Monday said he was pleased to work with the King family "to resolve some difficult and long standing issues."

"While Bernice has always believed that the Peace Prize and Bible should not be sold, I am grateful that she has agreed not to stand in the way of the Estate's decisions about how to handle the items," Carter said. "As in any mediation, compromises were required, and I am glad that the parties resolved the issues in the interest of the greater good and their parents' legacy."

McBurney said at a hearing in June that he had been willing to allow the long delays in the case because the issues at stake are very important. But he added that it's vital for the court to keep pending cases moving.

He issued an order dated July 1 ruling that the Bible belonged to the estate, but he said the issue of ownership of the peace prize medal would proceed to trial because "genuine issues of material fact" remained.

The case was the latest in a string of legal disputes that have divided the slain civil rights icon's children in recent years.

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968. His widow, Coretta Scott King, died in 2006. Yolanda King, the Kings' eldest child, died in 2007.

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17 The Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC) will enjoy an evening out at a ball game when the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The cost to attend is \$90 per person and the price includes a buffet dinner in the Tiger Club from 5:30 to 7:08 p.m. and a ticket for the 7:08 p.m. game in lower deck, right field box seat Section 116. There will be a cash bar available during the picnic in the Tiger Club. To order tickets, send name, address, phone number, and number of tickets with check payable to ADTC for total amount to ADTC, 4315 Kiefer Avenue, Warren 48091-5003. For additional information, call Chuck Trickey at 586-465-8203 or Diane Hirshey at 313-237-0610.

18 Area investment advisors, registered representatives, and trust officers are invited to join for breakfast and a presentation on "Succession Planning – The Next Generation" at the next Before the Bell Breakfast Forum hosted by Miller Canfield. Miller Canfield lawyer Gary Glenn will discuss who to sell/transfer the business to, how to assure a continued stream of income, possible estate and income tax implications, how to guard against the loss of wealth in the event of a divorce, and more. The forum will take place on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. There is no cost to attend. Space is limited to registered representatives, investment advisors, and trust officers. Advance reservations are required. To register, visit www.millercanfield.com and click on "events." For additional information, call Sandy Bera at 248-267-3345.

18 Oakland Mediation Center will offer the 8-hour Advanced Training "Facilitation Skills from Mediations to Meetings" on Thursday, Aug. 18, by Zena Zumeta of the Mediation Training & Consultation Institute. In this multi-faceted, SCAO approved training, participants will gain the facilitation skills necessary to run successful mediations and meetings. Participants will receive a copy of the book "Great Meetings! Great Results" by Dee Kelsey and Pam Plum. The training takes place at Oakland Mediation Center in Bloomfield Hills and includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and course materials. For additional information about this training and others, contact the OMC training department at 248-338-4280, ext. 216.

22 The Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association will host its **2016 Judges Banquet and Golf/Tennis Outing** on Monday, Aug. 22, at Wabek Country Club, 4000 Clubgate Drive in Bloomfield Hills. The Golf & Banquet combo costs \$160 a player. Registration and practice begin at 11 a.m. and a lunch buffet will be concurrently served in the ballroom. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. The Tennis & Banquet combo costs \$100 a player. Registration and practice begins at 11 a.m. while a lunch buffet is served in the ballroom. Players should bring their own racquet. Tournament starts at 1 p.m. with prizes. The Banquet Only option costs \$55 a person. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6 p.m. in the Wabek Clubhouse followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Registration is requested by Friday, Aug. 12. To register or for additional information, visit www.mipla.org.

23 Three senior advocates and one organization from the Southeast Michigan area will be honored Tuesday, Aug. 23, at **Elder Law of Michigan's 8th Annual Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Awards** reception at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The honorees to be recognized for their significant contributions to the fields of law and aging are: Oakland County 44th District Court Judge Derek Meinecke; Rhonda Powell, director of Macomb Community Action; Robert Spada, deputy chief of the Special Victims Unit, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office; and First Step, the Western and Downriver Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Call to Justice Awards reception will begin

at 6 p.m. and includes a cocktail hour featuring hors-d'oeuvres and cash bar, followed by an awards ceremony. Reception tickets are available at www.calltojusticeawards.org at a cost of \$99 per ticket, including a tax deductible contribution of \$49.

25 The New Lawyers Committee (NLC) and the LOCA (Lawyers of a Certain Age) Committee of the Oakland County Bar Association will host a **Summer Splash** on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at One-Eyed Betty's, 175 W. Troy in Ferndale. The event kicks off the NLC's fund raising efforts which will support the Frank C. Perez Youth Fund this year. The Summer Splash will feature appetizers and a cash bar will be available. Cost of admission is a cash donation to the Frank C. Perez Youth Fund. Registration is not required but appreciated for planning purposes. Contact Merri Lee Jones at mjones@ocba.org or 248-334-3400.

25 The Oakland County Board of Commissioners will conduct a series of **Finance Committee budget hearings** in August. The county departments appearing before the committee on Thursday, Aug. 25, are: Treasurer's Office, BOC/Library, Clerk's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Parks and Recreation Commission, and sheriff. The budget hearings will be conducted at 10 a.m. in Committee Room A located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac. All meetings are open to the public.

31 The Friends of Jennifer Callaghan for Judge will host an event to support Callaghan's candidacy for Oakland County Probate Court on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$100-\$250.

September

8 The Oakland County Bar Association will kick-off **OCBA U**, its innovative continuing legal education program aimed at new attorneys and law students at the OCBA offices in Bloomfield Hills. Seminars begin on Thursday, Sept. 8, with attorneys J. Matthew Catchick of Catchick Law PC and Lisa Stern of Hertz Schram PC discussing family law, and Thomas E. F. Fabbri of Clark Hill PLC and Molly Giles of Prince Law Firm presenting probate law. Seminar fees are \$20 per seminar for OCBA members and \$40 for non-members. Register online at www.ocba.org/events.

9 The 20th Annual Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) Open Golf Tournament will be hosted on Friday, Sept. 9, at the Mystic Creek Golf Club and Banquet Center in Milford. Registration for the event, a modified scramble format, begins at 9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Fee includes: practice range balls, greens fees, card, deli sandwich lunch at registration and a tenderloin/chicken breast combo plate dinner at 5 p.m. The cost is \$165 per person if registration is completed by Aug. 24; the cost after that is \$175. Dinner only costs \$50. Further event details and a registration form can be obtained by visiting www.mdctc.org and clicking on "Upcoming Events" or by calling 517-627-3745.

12 The 2016 Rochester Bar Association Golf Outing will be hosted on Monday, Sept. 12, at the Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club, 455 Twin Lakes Drive in Oakland. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow. Golf starts at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$80. To register or for additional information, contact either J. Douglas Otlewski or John K. Maloney at 248-651-6040.

12 The Oakland County Bar Association, the League of Women Voters-Oakland Area, and the Detroit Free Press will sponsor a **judicial candidate forum for the 52/1 District Court** on Monday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. The candidates are Gary Klein and David Law. The community is invited to attend and submit questions for responses by the candidates.

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ACROSS

1 What might be used with a "Giddy-up!"

5 Unexpected problem

9 King Julien in "Madagascar," for one

14 Words of dawning realization

15 Go bad, as milk

16 Bakery output

17 Stat shared by many pitchers?

19 Order for a "D, E, A, N, S" list?

20 Bent

21 Wash

23 Bird with large green eggs

24 Lady of La Mancha

26 "Leave that lady's tomb alone!"

29 "Welcome" sights

31 Politico who said "Buck up or stay in the truck"

32 Gardner who played the Barefoot Contessa

35 Boo-boo

37 Another order for a "D, E, A, N, S" list?

40 Exam that's losing popularity in high schools?

44 Be a greeter

45 Release, as gas

46 "That's so...!" (compliment, sort of)

47 Rendezvoused near

49 Not so much

52 Example of bad parenting?

55 Grouchy pants

59 "It's no..."

60 Favored ones

62 Partner of odds

63 Limber

DOWN

1 Some puppets

2 Give a buzz

3 Deprive of courage

4 "Sleepless in Seattle," for one

5 Nine-digit ID

6 Rhyme for "Israel," in a carol

7 Hearing-related

8 Serious danger

9 Palmas (province of Spain)

10 Before, to a poet

11 Characteristic of the present

12 Savory sensation

13 Accumulated, as debt

18 Vegetable that's a good source of protein

22 GPS calculation

25 On

27 Flair

28 Band at a wedding

30 Honeybunch

32 Spots before your eyes?

33 Through

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LABATT ORCS ANT
ALLPRO ACAI POE
SLIPANDFALL POX
EIS FEES CEMENT
RESTFUL SUNRA
VIP MATTED
HASAC GOTTI STU
ACAD RUMBA BIAS
LET BALDY DANK
TRUELIFE GUS
RYANS MURKIER
INDEBT OONA OXO
PEA BROKENBONES
AMY EERO ELVIRA
DOS REEK REACTS

PUZZLE BY TOM MCCOY

34 Difference between two sides

36 Affirmative response

38 Author Umberto

39 Good name for a guy who's seething?

41 "I'd like to make a point..."

42 Bread with a pocket

43 Couple

48 Turn (up), as intensity

50 Look

51 File menu option

52 1998 movie with the song "I'll Make a Man Out of You"

53 Shoe brand that sounds like a letter and a number

54 With lance in hand

56 Prefix with transmitter

57 How the confident may solve

58 Op-ed, e.g.

61 Geol. and phys.

64 Nest builder

65 & 67 Tool for getting out of a window, in brief

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