

JANUARY/NEWS

FROM PAGE 6

her testimony has been arrested in Utah.

Debra Parmentier, who also went by the name of Brienna Herrick, was arrested by FBI agents just outside Salt Lake City without incident Sunday, said Dawn Clenney, special agent for the FBI's Detroit office.

An extradition hearing could be held later this week, Clenney said.

Parmentier is expected to be brought back to Otsego County, where she faces eight counts of perjury stemming from her testimony in the murder trials for Mark Canter and Walter "Terry" Moore, said Sue Sanford, an assistant attorney for the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Canter and Moore both served nearly eight years in prison after being convicted of second-degree murder in Tobias's death, based largely on Parmentier's testimony.

Their convictions were later overturned.

JAN. 28

Cigarette started fire

TRAVERSE CITY — Investigators believe a Jan. 3 fire that took the lives of an elderly couple was the result of a cigarette that ignited a chair.

Joseph Schmidt, 86, and Elaine Schmidt, 82, died from smoke inhalation as a result of the fire at their home at 1131 Anderson Road.

According to a Traverse City Fire Department report, the fire started accidentally when a cigarette ignited a chair where Elaine Schmidt had been sitting. According to the report, Elaine Schmidt was known to occasionally smoke.

JAN. 29

TC may allow buskers

TRAVERSE CITY — Busking — street entertainers from mimes to musicians performing for tips from passers-by — may soon be part of the city's downtown landscape.

The city's Downtown Development Authority is doing a survey of performing artists in the region to get their ideas on a proposal to allow busking in the city's downtown area beginning this summer.

The city has historically prohibited street performances unless they are connected with a special city events, such as the DDA's popular "Friday Night Live" series in the summer.

Otherwise, street performers presently fall under the city's peddling rules, which require individuals who are selling goods or services to either be on private property or to keep moving — and pay a \$50-per-day peddling fee.

Busking traditionally takes place on public property like sidewalks or town squares, and performers like to stay in one place to draw a better crowd and collect more tips.

JAN. 29

2 students face felonies

TRAVERSE CITY — Two Traverse City St. Francis High School students face felony charges stemming from a late-night brawl last year between students from their school and students from Traverse City Central High School.

Under sentencing guidelines, the men likely would face three months in jail if convicted.

JAN. 30

Bill aims to resolve dispute

GLEN ARBOR — A bill enabling the National Park Service to buy almost 105 acres of Homestead Resort property along the Crystal River for inclusion in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has been re-introduced in Congress.

Congressman Dave Camp, R-Midland, introduced legislation Tuesday that would revise the boundaries of the Sleeping Bear Dunes park to include 6,500 feet of frontage along the Crystal River. The Homestead property has been described as "globally rare" by the U.S. Fish and



U.S. Rep. Dave Camp

Wildlife Service.

Since 1986 the land has been part of a golf course planned by the resort, but more recently has been considered for a housing development. Both proposals have drawn concern from environmentalists and area residents.

JAN. 30

Ex-officer is acquitted

MANISTEE — A fired Manistee city police officer accused of slamming a 17-year-old suspect into a wall was acquitted of a misdemeanor assault charge Wednesday.

The trial for Jerome J. Osga lasted one day, and the jury reached its verdict after two-and-a-half hours of deliberation.

Dan Hubbell, one of Osga's attorneys and also his uncle, said the prosecution's primary evidence against Osga — a security videotape purporting to show the alleged assault — proved that an assault did not take place. Instead, it showed Osga had no intention of assaulting Matthew P. Anaya of Manistee while booking him into jail last August on a drunken driving charge.

Anaya told police that Osga

forced him up against a wall at the jail.

JAN. 31

Commerce secretary visits

TRAVERSE CITY — U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans strode into I & W Manufacturing amid a phalanx of black-suited federal aids, pumping the hands of plant workers and later speaking to employees about the president's economic package.

The commerce secretary was in Traverse City on Thursday to tout the economic and job recovery plan formally laid out by George Bush in his State of the Union address Tuesday night. The plan calls for the elimination of taxes on stock dividends, a reduction in income tax rates and an increase in federal discretionary spending.

The Only Fireplace That Heats Like a Furnace!



Ultimate Performance

The Fireplace Xtordinaire clean burning fireplace is rated as the highest heat output fireplace ever tested to EPA standards!

Unique Design

The unique Posi-pressure system uniformly heats your entire home, using a quiet remote blower.

Unmatched Beauty

Customize your fireplace with 24 karat gold or satin black finish. Optional etched glass enhances the huge viewing glass doors.

**901 S. Airport Rd.
Traverse City, MI**

(231) 946-2440

Mon.-Fri. 9:00-6:00
Sat. 9:00-4:00 Closed Sun.

Ferguson's
FIREPLACE & STOVE CENTER

yr 1/18 733641