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Hopkins man convicted in death of unborn baby

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A jury on Friday, Oct. 30, convicted Hopkins resident Dameron Deshay Gatson of murder for ordering a friend to punch his pregnant ex-girlfriend in the stomach two years ago to kill their unborn child.

Gatson, 25, was found guilty of first- and second-degree murder and first-degree assault. He faces a sentence of life in prison at his sentencing hearing Thursday, Nov. 12.

Accomplice Paul Andrew Petersen, 21, of Hopkins previously pleaded guilty to second-degree murder without premeditation and first-degree assault, according to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

According to court documents, Gatson offered Petersen \$200 to assault the infant's mother in order to cause a miscarriage. Gatson ended up paying Petersen \$40 after he carried out the assault, Petersen told authorities.

Shortly after the assault, the woman, who was 19 at the time, gave birth to a 1.9-pound girl who later died.

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Costumed canine

Lee Ann Gustafson of Edina holds Edith Dina during Galaxy Drive In's Doggie Dinner & Halloween Doggie Costume Contest Tuesday, Oct. 27 in St. Louis Park.

District strategic plan announced

A group of 30 developed goals by consensus

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A group of 30 St. Louis Park district staff, parents and community members spent long days debating each word of a strategic plan they presented to the school board Oct. 26.

The core planning team spent about 50 hours over five days during the past year working to get all 30 members on board with plan, said Rolf Peterson, a member of the group who also serves as chair of the school board.

"It was phenomenal," Peterson said. "I really should have videotaped it secretly and put it on my iPod and listened to it every day on my way to work because it was that inspiring."

Superintendent Debra Bowers took a risk when she committed to abiding by the results of a consensus approach, Boardmember Bruce Richardson said.

"I think for Dr. Bowers to do that is pretty brave and I appreciate that," Richardson said.

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Park Nicollet halts H1N1 vaccine appointments, citing short supply

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After quickly booking appointments for H1N1 vaccines, Park Nicollet Health Services almost as quickly quit taking further appointments.

Demand for the vaccine exceeds the supply allocated to Park Nicollet by the Minnesota Department of Health.

The health-services group shut down both a phone line

and e-mail it had been using to schedule appointments. Park Nicollet said patients with appointments already scheduled will get the vaccine.

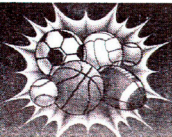
Park Nicollet will administer its limited supply of vaccine to patients with appointments and to those:

- Pregnant
- Age 6 months through 4 years

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