

Williams Elementary School, and Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. Prior to taking her position at Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, she worked part-time at the Giovanni's Pizza Shop. Nominated by Judge Timothy Flanagan, Ms. Moloney has been employed in the court system since 1978. Currently, she serves as Payroll Officer at Domestic Relations Court where she processes payroll and benefits for approximately 105 employees. Ms. Moloney lists playing golf and spending time with her nieces and nephews as her favorite hobbies.***HD***Mary Ann Murray

Mary Murray is employed by the Cuyahoga County Probate Court as Supervisor and Deputy Clerk. She has been employed by the court system since 1967. Her responsibilities include ensuring that journal entries are properly typed, numbered and microfilmed. She was nominated by Judge John J. Donnelly.

Mrs. Murray attended St. Casimir Notre Dame Academy and graduated from St. Francis High School. She and her husband, James Edward, are the parents of James Murray, Jr., and the proud grandparents of Jimmy, Angelina and Al. Mrs. Murray's hobbies include line dancing, horseback riding, bowling and roller skating. She also loves the outdoors and plans to live on a farm someday.***HD***Charles E. Sprague

Charles Sprague was born in Bellow Falls, Vermont. He attended Brattleboro Union High School and graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He also attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law, being admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1982.

During his long and distinguished career in the court system, Mr. Sprague has held a number of positions. The positions include process server, probation officer, intake officer and bailiff. Currently he serves as Magistrate, where he is responsible for the Traffic Department at Juvenile Court. He also works as an Intake Referee at the Court's detention center.

One of Mr. Sprague's most outstanding accomplishments was securing funding to start Second Helping, a county-wide food collection program which is now known as Northcoast Food Rescue. He also initiated a food program within the court, "Food for Fines," which allows juveniles to pay their offenses by donating food to area hunger centers. Mr. Sprague and his wife, Rosanna, are the proud parents of Sarah. His hobbies include serving as a Cross Country Coach and Assistant Track Coach at Regina High School.***HD***James Leonard Toth

James Toth is a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio. For the past 20 years, Mr. Toth has held the position of Costs Clerk in the Criminal Division, Office of the Clerk of Courts. In addition to his cost accounting duties, he provides assistance with regard to criminal bonds and filing of pleadings. Prior to his current position, Mr. Toth was a member of the Armed Forces, where he received the Good Conduct Medal before being honorably discharged. His employment also includes Arter & Hadden as a docket clerk, and was an employee of the Clerk of Courts in the foreclosure department.

Mr. Toth and his wife, Theresa are the parents of three children; Joann, Anthony and Michael. He is active in several organizations including S.S. Peter and Paul Church, the Garfield Heights Little League, the American Legion, and the Benedictine High School Mom &

Dads Club. He also enjoys model trains and baseball.***HD***Thomas F. Washington

Born in Cleveland, Thomas Washington graduated from Benedictine High School and Ohio University. Mr. Washington is employed in the Probation Department where he supervises six officers and is responsible for the oversight and guidance of their duties. Prior to his employment with the Municipal Court, Mr. Washington served as a Probation Officer in the Juvenile Court. He has also had experience as a high school English teacher.

Mr. Washington and his wife, Lugenia, reside in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the step-father of Robert. He is a former Assistant Basketball Coach. He also participated in Catholic Big Brothers for a number of years. In his spare time, Mr. Washington, enjoys fishing and pocket billiards.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud to recognize the 1998 Public Servants Merit Award honorees. I join the members of the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association in congratulating each of the honorees for their commitment and dedication. It is both recognized and appreciated.

REX THATCHER: PUBLISHER,
LEADER, GENTLEMAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, our lives are influenced by many factors. Few equal the daily and life-long power that is provided by our newspapers. And the ability of a newspaper to sway, to promote meaningful dialogue, and to keep us informed of matters of local, national, and international significance is directly related to the individual at the helm of a ship that usually has diverse and sometimes conflicting purposes. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to read the Saginaw News have since 1990 benefitted from the skilled, impartial direction of its publisher, Rex Thatcher, who is about to retire from a stellar career of keeping the public informed.

For nearly thirty-five years, Rex Thatcher has motivated the people of Michigan, starting at the Jackson Citizen Patriot, where he was heavily involved in advertising and marketing efforts. He then came to the Bay City Times as manager in 1973, and then served as publisher from 1983 to 1990 when he became publisher of the Saginaw News.

Throughout his career, he has not just observed what was happening in the community, he directly participated in a number of memorable projects. He was a key leader in efforts to revitalize the Bay City downtown area. In Saginaw, he is a founding member of the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony. He has continued his personal interest in community development with the Saginaw Valley Economic Forum. Rex has also provided strong leadership for our young people, especially with his efforts for youths at risk.

His membership on the board of Directors of the Michigan Press Association extends his influence on journalistic standards throughout the state. His position on the selection committee of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame helps to ensure that responsible and

credible reporting will be recognized by his professional peers.

It has been my personal pleasure to know Rex Thatcher, and his wonderful wife of forty six years, Yvonne. The importance that Rex places on his family, including his grandchildren, is a key demonstration of an individual who not only endorses a style of life, but actually pursues it.

Rex Thatcher has been appropriately generous in his praise of the fine men and women who are part of the Saginaw News family. We all expect that his influence will continue to show in their work. Perhaps he will now have the time to pursue his love for the outdoors, especially fly fishing, and greater opportunities to let his grandchildren know just how special their grandfather is. Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Rex Thatcher the very best in his retirement.

CHINA AND CHARLIE TRIE'S
RECORDS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I don't like being played for a sucker, and I don't like my country being played for one, either.

Well, Mr. Speaker, that's what China's been doing to us for years, taking our money and enjoying privileges that should be limited to civilized states, all the while sabotaging our economy, meddling in our politics, and arming nations that hate us.

Monday's headline in the Washington Times was the last straw, Mr. Speaker. It reads "China won't release Trie's bank records." And we all know who Charlie Trie is, don't we, Mr. Speaker? He was a bag man for the DNC/Clinton-Gore Campaign. And what better place to hide from American justice than China, which has been stifling our investigators from the beginning. China claims that the records our investigators seek belong to the government, and that releasing them would violate Chinese law. Baloney! Since when has China ever shown such a high regard for the rule of law? China doesn't want to release those documents because they would show the extent to which they tried to influence American elections, with the likely complicity of the White House. And that, Mr. Speaker, is what really bothers me even more than the other scandals now dominating the headlines.

This, Mr. Speaker, is what we get for our multi-billion dollar generosity with China, and our willingness to grant her Most Favored Nation trading status.

I call upon China to turn those documents over to our investigators, and to do so now. This is one member who won't forget any failure to do so when MFN comes back to us for consideration next summer.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all members to keep the Times article handy until next MFN vote, and with that in mind I place the article in today's RECORD.