

## Legal Aid Society hosts free clinic

### Elyria branch will offer legal advice session at Catholic Charities in Lorain

Morning Journal Staff

LORAIN — The Elyria branch of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and local attorneys are offering a free legal advice clinic 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Catholic Charities, 203 Eighth

St., Lorain.

Jessica Baggett, managing attorney for Legal Aid's Elyria office, said its six staff members and five to seven attorneys will be on hand to answer questions concerning landlord/tenant disputes,

domestic issues, foreclosure and consumer complaints and other civil matters in court.

Several more advice clinics could happen this year, Baggett said. "It's my goal to have anywhere from four to eight advice clinics (this

year)," she said.

Baggett said Legal Aid has been working with the Lorain County Bar Association for several months for attorneys who can donate their time to provide free legal advice to the poor.

## Jury awards child injured at birth more than \$600,000

By HEATHER CHAPIN-FOWLER  
Norwalk Bureau Chief

NORWALK — A Huron County Common Pleas jury awarded a child \$640,000 for injuries at birth when her mother was under the care of obstetrician Dr. Joseph Carver when he practiced at Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk.

The child's mother, Pauline Kaltenbach, gave birth to her daughter in February 2001, according to her attorney, Romney Cullers, of Cleveland.

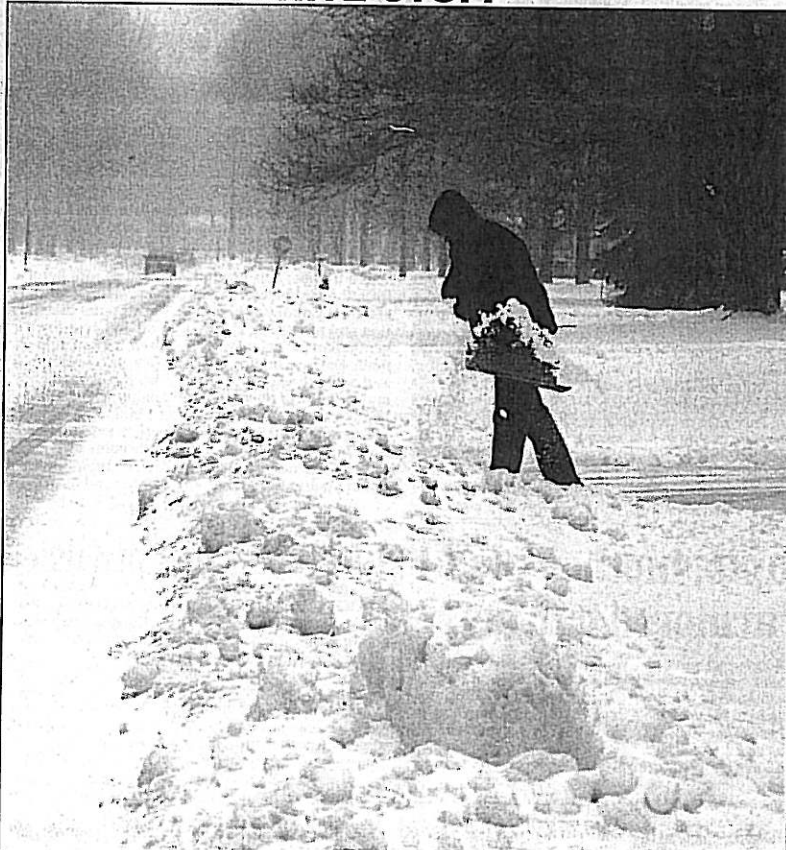
Kaltenbach initially filed a lawsuit against Carver in 2004 naming both Carver and Fisher-Titus Medical Center and asking for awards for both her and her child.

The medical facility was later dismissed because "the nurses did nothing wrong" and Kaltenbach refiled the lawsuit asking for an award for her daughter who is partially paralyzed from injuries incurred during the birthing process, said Cullers.

The child's shoulder was stuck under one of her mother's bones as she was being delivered, said Cullers. Carver was accused of using an antiquated pair of forceps or tool and using excessive force to pull the child from her mother's body, said Cullers.

The child's arm and shoulder subsequently suffered permanent nerve damage from the process.

## TOO MUCH WHITE STUFF



## Police wrap up internal investigation of officer's alleged threat

BY MATT SUMAN  
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ELYRIA — Lorain Police completed an internal investigation of patrolman Corey Earl's alleged threat against Thomas Pruitt, a Lorain County corrections officer.

Lorain police Lt. James Rohner said an internal investigation into the complaint has been completed and forwarded on to Capt. Robert Davey for review. It will be up to Davey to make a recommendation to the police chief of possible charges or disciplinary action.

On Thursday, Pruitt withdrew his complaint for a civil protection order against Earl, but did not say why in the signed document.

Earl's attorney, Jonathan Rosenbaum, declined comment.

Earl is accused of recently going into Scorch's Casual Eatery and Draft House, 900 Broadway, Lorain, while on duty and saying something to a third party what was construed as a threat toward Pruitt. Earl was at Scorch's for police business, Lorain police Chief Cel



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