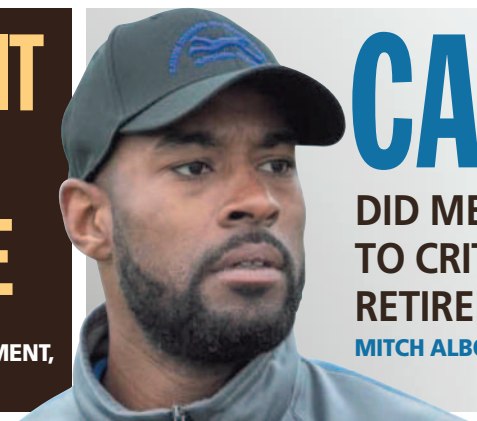




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Beaumont plastic surgeon takes on what others said couldn't be done, gives patients new life



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Dr. Kongkrit Chaiyasate greets Charlotte Ponce, 14, of Spring Lake before explaining her latest surgery to her and her family at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Charlotte's face was disfigured by a raccoon when she was a baby.

By Allie Gross
Detroit Free Press

In December 2016, Tim McGrath laced up his skates and slowly began padding himself with his hockey gear: shoulder pads, a chest protector, elbow pads, protective gloves, a helmet — equipment athletes don to shield their bodies from potential trauma on the ice.

Previously, McGrath, who lives in Sterling Heights, wouldn't have given the task

much thought. It was part of the hockey rigamarole, something he learned to do at age 11 as a precaution, without much thought about why — like putting on a seat belt in a car.

This winter morning, however, the skate session was different.

It was McGrath's first time on the ice in two years, and the day was anything but an afterthought. It was planned with meaning and intention, finely focused on the then-37-year-old's

safety, body and, most notably, his resilience. This day would demonstrate how much a gutsy and compassionate surgeon at Beaumont Hospital, Kongkrit Chaiyasate, had been able to help McGrath overcome what seemed like the impossible: the loss of his human shield, the skin on his face.

For three years McGrath had been battling cancer. There had been sleepless nights, stressful decision-making, dispiriting

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Mich. pot campaign attracts diverse donors

Critics are worried over Big Tobacco's influence

By Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press

A campaign to once again try to fully legalize marijuana in Michigan is getting big support from a Washington D.C. nonprofit activist group and from a tobacco store company that has talked of opening a chain of marijuana shops in the state.

The donor list, revealed in the

latest campaign finance statements filed by the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, alarmed critics who have long contended that marijuana's nationwide march toward legalization is being funded not by the idealistic stoners and medical-marijuana users long linked to the politics of cannabis but instead by a pack of profit-minded investors and corporate types said to be similar to Big Tobacco — the nation's cigarette and cigar industry.

"It's obvious that these tobac-

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co guys are making a play for the marijuana money," Jeff Zinsmeister, executive vice president of Smart Alternatives to Marijuana, based in Alexandria, Va., said Friday. The group argues that Big Marijuana is "following the playbook of Big Tobacco," hoping to get young people addicted to pot

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Detroit '67

Simmering tensions



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Kids sing to Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, who was Irish, in March 1967 in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

City's black community reached a breaking point

Police harassment fueled anger; officials thought progressive reputation would curb unrest

By Bill McGraw
Detroit Free Press special writer

Editor's note: This is the first installment in a three-part series exploring the 1967 Detroit riot. Today's story looks at the building tensions leading into the riot. Next Sunday, the 50th anniversary of the start of the riot, the Free Press will look at the five days of violence that tore apart the city beginning on July 23, 1967. The following Sunday, we'll explore the aftermath of the riot and its long-term effects on Detroit.

In May 1967, Jerome Patrick Cavanagh was Detroit's young, white, vigorous, New Deal Democrat mayor. He had a glowing national reputation but an increasingly unhappy police department and a growing number of frustrated black constituents.

The cops wanted higher salaries. They protested with a ticket-writing slowdown and, later, a "blue flu" strike in which 20% of the 4,380-member force called in sick one day in June, a stunt that put a nervous city further on edge.

The mayor was forced to take the unusual action of going on local television to defend his officers.

"The police, obviously, are doing their job," Cavanagh said. "And doing it well."

Not everyone thought so. About 200 leaders in Detroit's black community debated that month filing a lawsuit against the police because of constant complaints from residents about brutality and the failure of the department to take black crime victims seriously.

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