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**Local briefs**

## Ex-MSU, EMU coach Boisture dies at 82

### Notable: Ex-MSU, EMU coach Boisture dies at 82

**Danny Boisture**, a former Michigan State assistant and Eastern Michigan football coach, died Friday from complications stemming from a blood disorder. He was 82.

Boisture was a standout receiver at the University of Detroit before entering coaching. He coached four seasons in the Detroit Catholic League, the last three at Detroit St. Mary's of Redford. In 1959, he became an assistant at MSU under **Duffy Daugherty** and remained the offensive backfield coach there until 1967, when he became the coach at Eastern.

In his seven seasons ('67-'73) in Ypsilanti, Boisture had seven winning seasons and in '71 guided the Hurons to their first postseason appearance, the Pioneer Bowl against Louisiana Tech. Boisture's last coaching stop was in '75 with the Detroit Wheels of the World Football League.

Visitation is today at the Nixon Funeral Home at 2544 Biddle in Wyandotte. The funeral is Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, at 353 Elm St. in Wyandotte.

Middleweight **Ronald Hearn**s of Detroit, son of **Thomas Hearn**s, improved his record to 14-0 with a unanimous, eight-round decision over **Dennis Sharp** (17-5) Saturday night at Memphis, Tenn.

Olympic swimming champion **Michael Phelps** lost for the first time in six individual finals at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix in Ann Arbor, finishing second to Club Wolverine teammate **Erik Vendt** in the 1,500 freestyle. Vendt won in 15 minutes, 31.29 seconds; Phelps swam a 15:34.18.

Michigan State, needing a season-ending victory over Illinois to earn a spot in the Big Ten baseball tournament, squandered a 7-0 lead and lost 8-7 at Champaign, Ill. Illinois (29-26, 16-14) scored three in the fifth, two in the sixth and three in the seventh. The Spartans finished 25-26, 15-16.

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**Zach Putnam** hit a grand slam in the top of the third and visiting Michigan (39-14, 21-7 Big Ten) beat Iowa, 7-2, in the regular-season baseball finale. U-M will host the Big Ten tournament, which starts Wednesday.

Oakland lost in baseball, 7-5, at Centenary. **Drew Jenison** had three hits for the Golden Grizzlies.

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