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# Savio co-workers tell of Peterson threats

Witnesses don't hold back about alleged abuse; jailed ex-cop drops wisecracking antics in court

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Looking and acting nothing like the courthouse jester who cracked jokes at his arraignment eight months ago, a somber Drew Peterson listened Tuesday as prosecutors called witnesses meant to help his ex-wife testify from the grave.

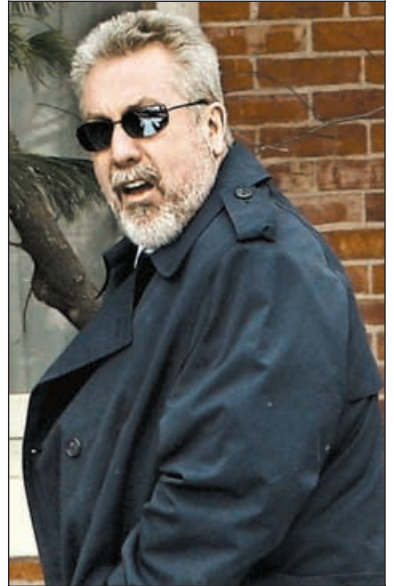
The day's most chilling testimony came from two former co-workers who recounted statements Kathleen Savio allegedly made about Peterson's sadistic behavior months before her March 2004 death.

One colleague said Savio, with a bruised arm, detailed a home invasion in which Peterson held a knife to her throat and threatened to kill her right there, but it "would be too bloody." Another told the

judge that Peterson stalked Savio at the office, sitting in the parking lot for hours and waiting for her to leave.

Neither called the police to share their concerns before — or immediately after — Savio's death because they said she told them that the Bolingbrook Police Department protected Peterson, a decorated sergeant with three decades on the job.

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Drew Peterson, seen a year ago, was more subdued Tuesday for the first day of a hearing about hearsay statements being allowed as evidence. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO



Supporters decry the takeover of Mike Kelly's FBOP Corp.

## Failed banker hailed as hero

**By Michael Oneal**  
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If you knew Mike Kelly only as the secretive billionaire who lost his Oak Park-based banking empire, you might easily lump him in with all the other failed financial wizards now blamed for wrecking the American economy.

But that wouldn't explain the hue and cry that has erupted on Chicago's West Side among people from all walks of life — white, black, rich, poor — since regulators seized his nine banks Oct. 30 and handed them over to U.S. Bank in Minneapolis.

Impassioned testimonials in Oak Park's local paper have called him a hero, the rare financier who funded new schools, low-income housing and countless small businesses in downtrodden places such as Austin and West Garfield through his Park National Bank. The paper itself decried the takeover, naming him "Villager of the Year."

The uproar has led to hearings scheduled for Thursday in Washington chaired by Illinois Rep. Luis

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# CHILDREN SWIMMING IN MEDIA

Does it seem like teens are constantly plugged in? The popularity of handheld gadgets contributed to a rapid rise in media use among young people in the last five years, a new study found.

The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 8- to 18-year-olds listen to music, play video games and use the computer for fun a whopping 7 hours, 38 minutes a day on average — more if they use more than one medium at a time, like Molly Kirsh, 14, (above), who is texting while on the computer in her Lombard home.

Though the study didn't establish cause and effect, it found a strong correlation between media use and school performance, with heavy users reporting lower grades. Parents aren't helpless, however: The study found that when parents set boundaries, teens reported much lower usage. NEWS FOCUS, PAGE 4

## Brown wins in Massachusetts

Republican Scott Brown wins big in Massachusetts' Senate election, a victory that throws a wrench into President Barack Obama's legislative agenda. **PAGE 14**

## EDITORIAL Obama's decline

He is now viewed as an old-fashioned, big-government Democrat — not an open-minded innovator. **PAGE 16**

## Thousands of Haitians flee capital

A week after a deadly earthquake struck Haiti's capital, people line up along the banks of the main wharf in Port-au-Prince seeking a way to escape. The exodus began shortly after the earthquake a week ago, and hundreds of thousands of people are leaving the city for regions where food and shelter are more plentiful. **PAGE 11**



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## Kraft-Cadbury deal a win-win?

Kraft's agreement to buy Cadbury for \$19.5 billion may be a victory for both firms, some experts say. But now the challenge: making the marriage work. **BUSINESS, PAGE 19**

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