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## Residents seek recall of Lichtman

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They've had it up to here, and they're not going to take it anymore.

A group of residents angry over a proposed development at 12 Mile and Middlebelt and Mayor Larry Lichtman's support of the project have launched a recall campaign.

Sharon Stein, who lives near the proposed project and has led the fight against the project, said residents opposed to it are going to get respect from the council — one way or another.

"We were all set to deal with this as a referendum issue," Stein said. "But after (city attorney) Mr. (John) Donohue explained that there are no guarantees that someone wouldn't challenge that, based on his advice, we went for a recall."

Stein said the recall concerned the issue of the council initially approving a shopping center and subdivision development on 92 acres and was not meant as a personal attack on Lichtman.

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## Raczkowski nets support



Richard Headlee

Andrew Raczkowski, hoping to unseat incumbent Jan Dolan in the Republican primary for the state House, has a powerful supporter in tax fighter Richard Headlee, who endorses the challenger.

BY BILL COUTANT  
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Andrew Raczkowski has gotten a big lift in his uphill fight to unseat incumbent state Rep. Jan Dolan in the 37th District.

and his endorsement — to Raczkowski's aggressive campaign.

"He's (Raczkowski) a good man, an entrepreneur and a businessman," Headlee said. "I think he has a great future in politics and has the leadership from his (U.S. Army) Reserve experience that we need."

Although the 26-year-old Hills resi-

dent has won the endorsements of 20 out of 37 precinct delegates, the endorsement of one of the state's most recognized political figures is a big help.

But Raczkowski said he thinks his door-to-door campaign approach is probably what will put him over the top against Dolan, who is seeking her fourth term in Lansing.

"I think I'm still behind," he said Tuesday. "But I'm closing the gap and keeping up the pressure."

Raczkowski is just the type of legis-

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## Checking out the neat stuff at Joe's



AND HAZLET/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rockets and trains: Wally Jurewicz of West Bloomfield and his 6-year-old son Robert are shopping at Joe's for rockets, but get sidetracked by the model trains.

## Model market: Hobbyists craft store's success

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

Their world is often plastic, traveled vicariously on scaled-down trains, planes and automobiles.

A hobbyist's passion, though, seldom melts away with age. Just ask Joe Dallaire.

Dallaire, 76, founded Joe's Hobby Center on Grand River in Farming-

ton, one of several outlets in the Detroit area.

He sold the business to the Josephs family in 1985, concentrating instead on his wholesale venture, Dallaire Model Supply. He closed that business in 1991.

A few days a week, Dallaire still helps customers with model planes or trains at the Grand River outlet.

It's to see the old gang and catch up on what's new in the industry, he said.

Added Dallaire: "I spent my whole life in it. I can't get away from it."

Neither can the legion of hobbyists who come into Joe's Hobby Center during lunch time.

Most are adults. A few toddlers

and grandchildren.

Together, they survey scale model trains, remote-controlled planes, jet rockets and model cars with equal curiosity.

"It's something I can do with my son," said Rob Owens, who's into

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## Dolan proud of her accessibility



Jan Dolan

BY SUE BUCK  
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There's an adage that says you can assess your position in life by the friends who visit.

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, believes her accessibility in Lansing is also a defining gauge.

"I'm very proud of the fact that city managers Frank Lauffoff (Farmington) and Bill Costick (Farmington Hills), public safety Director Gary Goss (Farmington) and police Chief William Dwyer (Hills), never hesitate to call and express concerns," said

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Dolan, who's facing a Republican challenge in the Aug. 2 primary.

"I consider myself the local lobbyist for this area," Dolan added.

Her tasks might be arranging a meeting with Lauffoff and the DNR, helping Costick get funding for Pioneer Park or listening to Hills Fire Chief Rick Marinucci's worries about recruits' fears of HIV exposure.

Dolan pushed through a bill allow-

ing first responders to learn if the person they assisted has hepatitis B or is HIV positive.

"It allows for hospitals to test and let the first responder know," Dolan said. "They (hospitals) will test for their own employees, but they can't test for non-employees."

Her success comes from life experiences, local participation, and being a former Farmington Hills City Council member. But, she's the first to insist

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## Low Internet price catches O&E On-Line customers

BY EMORY DANIELS  
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The response is overwhelming to the new version of O&E On-Line with complete Internet access.

System operator Greg Day said volume was so heavy the first week (July 6) that the number of incoming lines had to be increased by 50 percent to eliminate a problem with busy signals.

Of those users contacted by the Observer & Eccentric, the primary reason was the low flat rate price of \$9.95 a month for one year's connection with no add-on or premium charges. A free on-line user's manual is readily accessible.

The low price was one of the attractions for Gary Gilmore, 45, of Dearborn, a guitar technician for

the band Bad Company of England.

"My friends just cannot believe I am getting full Internet for \$9.95 a month," said Gilmore.

"Our lighting director in California is thinking about signing up with O&E and paying the long-distance phone connection because it may still be cheaper for him."

One of the enthused O&E Internet users is George Kewicz, 40, of Plymouth, a programmer/analyst.

"What I've seen of the new O&E On-Line I like very much. Lynx and FTP are great for surfing around this reworked super-duper info highway. Lynx is a popular tool to access data bases, bulletin boards and other computer information source-

es. File Transfer Protocol (FTP) is the tool to obtain free software and text files on the Internet. The files are discovered using a search tool known as Archie.

"I basically use Internet for IRC and the news groups," said Joshua Weible, 14, of Livonia. "I get new and exciting friends and stuff to do in my spare time." IRC is an international instantaneous chat feature in which users talk "live" to others using the keyboard. News groups are hundreds of discussion groups on shared interests of users.

"I use the Internet for everything," said Gilmore. "With e-mail I contact friends all over, some of

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