

Vlaich bids for circuit bench



JUDGE MILDRED VLAICH

Mildred A. Vlaich, a Rochester resident who serves on the Rochester District Court, is a candidate for one of three newly created Oakland County Circuit Court judgeships.

Mrs. Vlaich, who began her public career in 1948 as an assistant prosecutor, has served in district court since 1974.

"I am concerned with the effect in our society of the breakdown of the family unit, causing deterioration of individual responsibility in society and an increase in crime," she said.

Mrs. Vlaich is graduate of Wayne State University and Wayne's law school. The 55-year-old mother of five daughters is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the Michigan State Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar, the National Association of Women's Lawyers, the Oakland County Women's Bar, and the Michigan District Judges Association.

New piece is set in crib death puzzle

University of Michigan scientists are inching closer to the cause of crib death.

Earlier this year epidemiologists of the U-M School of Public Health announced they had discovered antibodies in the lung tissues of infants who had died from nontraumatic causes. Children dying suddenly from an accident, a fall, or injury do not show antibodies on autopsy.

It is now believed that mothers of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) may have been exposed to the disease-causing agents before the birth of the infant. This exposure, causing the mother to develop protection (antibodies) against the disease agent (antigen), may make the unborn child disastrously sensitive.

The U-M investigators speculate that a parallel between measles and crib death has a "theoretical basis." They do not claim that crib death is caused by measles virus, but rather that maternal exposure to the cause of crib death resembles the hazards of measles exposure during pregnancy.

"IT SEEMS highly probable that the mother had contact with the antigen (agent) before the birth of the infant, and, as a result, she developed antibodies (defense). We found antibodies in the blood of both mother and the expired infant," states W. Wilbur Ackermann, Ph.D., U-M professor of epidemiology and head of the SIDS study.

"There is no evidence, however, that the cause of crib death is a single virus," he adds.

Dr. Ackermann states that there are three more critical steps in unravelling the riddle of crib death: to determine whether one or a group of antigens is involved; to provide more precise diagnosis of SIDS; and to try to recognize high risk groups by prenatal examinations.

"ONE THING is clear from our studies to date, and that is that the presence of antibodies proves that crib death is not mysterious but caused by specific even though complex agents," Ackermann states.

The U-M team includes Nick H. Mavroukis, Ph.D., assistant professor; Warren E. Eveland, Ph.D., professor emeritus; and Clara Raven, M.D., former deputy chief medical examiner of Wayne County.

They present their findings, along with a scientific exhibit, at a meeting of the American Society of Microbiology this month.

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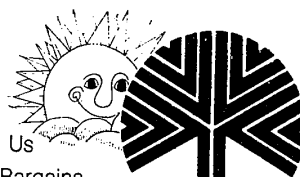
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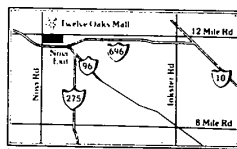
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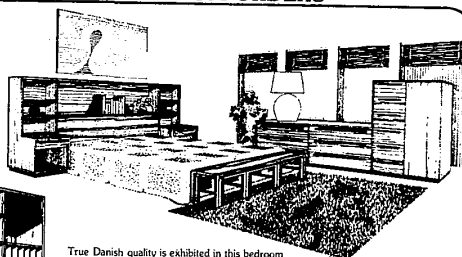
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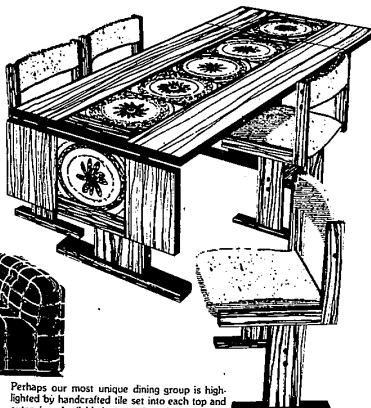
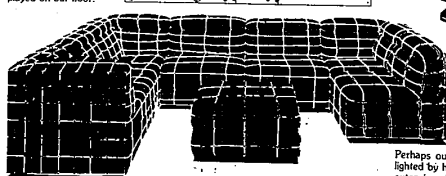
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