

# Brooks in limbo

## Prosecutor frozen out of GOP rites

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There was a void in the Republican state convention.

And there has been noticeable voids in a number of traditional party activities and fundraisers since the August primary.

Last month's well-orchestrated state convention at Cobo Hall and recent fundraisers for the Republican Party's headline campaigns have left no room for Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson.

Patterson, Oakland County's top law and order man and one of the party's most charismatic elected officials, did not attend the convention, as he has in the past.

His repeated attacks on U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin in the race for the Republican Senate nomination and his charges of bossism in the party leadership sealed his fate.

Had he not stirred an intraparty tempest, party regulars said, Patterson could have still strolled into the convention with the nomination for attorney general secured.

Instead of Patterson, who was popular with voters of both parties, the Republicans will send a relatively unknown Steve Barsadoff to Grand Rapids into the fray against incumbent Frank Kelley.

THE PROSECUTOR refused to comment about his absence, but in an Aug. 16 letter to Republican county chairmen he refused to even accept a draft at the convention.

"At this point," he said, "it becomes a matter of credibility. As a candidate for future office and an elected official I have enjoyed a high amount of credibility."

"I will not sacrifice that no matter what the opportunity," Patterson said. So as not to spark a grass roots movement to draft him for the nomination, he said he would skip the convention.

IN SPITE OF the letter, there was some sentiment to draft him to challenge Kelley. Several district caucuses discussed the possibility. One caucus passed a resolution praising him for his contributions to the party.

According to Arlene Bush of Bay County, convention chairman for District 8, "We had considered drafting him. He had substantial support among the delegates, but the county chairman said 'absolutely not.'"

COUNTY LEADERS are not saying "absolutely not" to any future partic-



pation in Republican affairs by Patterson.

"He just didn't want to be a factor in this convention," said Oakland County Republican Chairman Arthur Elliott. "He'll be coming back to campaign for the ticket. That'll help reinforce his image as a team player."

"He's good man in the Republican Party. He's young guy. He's got plenty of time," Elliott said.

Despite Elliott's olive branch, some Oakland County regulars say privately Patterson would be a liability.

"He's up to his armpits in raw sewage," said one delegate.

Patterson has been in the news recently.

Television news reporter Jerry Star-

neck recently filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court claiming the prosecutor slandered him.

In addition, Patterson's Organized Crime Strike Force received a serious setback when a Pontiac district court judge dismissed charges against persons arrested in a much-publicized bust of an Oakland County fencing operation. The judge said the strike force and undercover cop Vincent Mazzara did not obtain a search warrant before they set up a rival numbers operation.

Also, county officials are wondering what happened to profits from county-funded "illegal" operation.

L. Brooks Patterson sent out this gag publicity shot during his unsuccessful U.S. Senate primary campaign to prove he wasn't politically "dead"—but some GOP politicians say he is, at least for now.

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The Oakland Health Education Program is sponsoring a symposium entitled "Bioavailability: Update '78" to provide physicians, pharmacists and nurses with the most current research on drug interactions.

The program will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Northfield Hilton Inn, Troy. Registration is \$40 per person, including luncheon. Deadline for receipt of registrations is Friday, Sept. 29. Registrations received after this date will be honored on a space available basis.

The symposium will feature four authorities on bioavailability who will present a series of lectures and work-

shops on the topic. They are: Frank Asione, assistant professor of pharmacy at the University of Michigan; Beth Derwin, R.N., district supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association of Metropolitan Detroit; Bert N. LaDu, Jr., professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology at the University of Michigan; and Gerald Shumacher, dean of the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions at Northeastern University.

The Oakland Health Education Program is an educational association formed by Oakland County hospitals to develop and coordinate regionalized health education.

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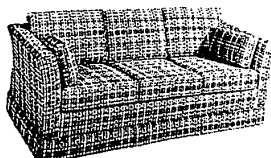
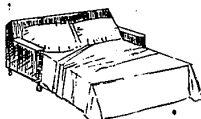
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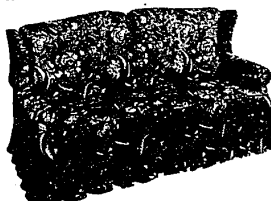
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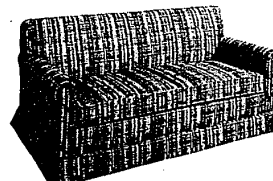
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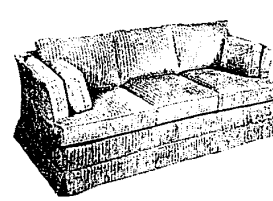
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