## Neighborhood fights to preserve special home

In an ironic turn of events, residents of McClung St. in Southfield are fighting to keep a home for the retarded in their neighborhood.

The nine-bedroom home with 6½ baths is located east of Lahser, one-qhalf mile north of Nine Mile. The house wag the subject of a heated city hall controversy five vears ago.

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The owner of the house, Stanley Juzenay of Southfield, was found guilty in 1975 of violating the city's single-family residential zoning by running a "boarding house" for six unrelated tenants.

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Six mentally retarded young men and two full-time supervisors moved into the house at 20999 McClung on Oct. 21, 1977, and soon became "good neighbors," according to people who live on the street.

Integrations, accounting to people minimum the other than the men have shed their institutional behavior and are making great strides. Now the neighborhood is concerned about the possibility of losing their neighbors because the owner, Juzenas, has put the house on the market, asking \$149,000 for the home and one-acre lot. Church groups and other non-profit agencies have toured the home but none have made a purchase offer in the two wears the house has been on the

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JUZENAS said he wants to sell the home to the state; but the state doesn't want to buy. Juzenas receives \$875 per

month from C.B. Residential, a non-profit agency licensed by the state and run by Collene Brayon of West Bloom-field. But the yearly lease on the resi-dence expires next month. Mrs. Bray-ton said Juzenas is asking for a month-ly payment of between \$300 and \$1,000 under terms of the new lease. "Selling would be better," Juzenas said. "Today want's \$4752 If I look for myself for an apartment that apart-ment costs \$425 and has only two bedrooms."

Juzenas said he has inspected a home for the retarded on Burgess St. in Detroit which the state built for \$220,000 which, he said, is not nearly as big as the house he built on McClung and has no backyard. Juzenas forbids the home's residents from using his yard, explaining that "theyshave playgrounds in schools."

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"Compare It for yourself," he said. "I want to sell. I am getting older and older. It is too much worries."
Ms. Brayton said she would buy the house if she had enough money or if she can locate someone willing to buy the house for investment purposes and lease it to the retarded for at least three years.

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"BUT I AM not into real estate, just running the house. (Juzenas) did tell me at the very beginning he would put the house up for sale. He's not being sneaky about this. (But) he's not at all sympathetic to the cause, "Ms. Fraylon said.

Ms. Braylon runs a similiar residential home for the retarded on Bull St. in Farmington and is trying to open a third home on Green Lake in West Bloomfield in the face of stiff opposition from homeowners in that area. Nearly 4450 worth of windows had to be replaced at the home on Green Lake, said Ms. Braylon. One of the major reasons she wants to keep the home on McClung open is that it is so well-received by the people in the area, she said.

"Three neighbors back up that claim. "They are retarded," said Mrs. Mar-

ie Sulich, next-door neighbor to the residential home for the retarded. "They are slow in mind and slow in physical manner. They are not wild, not crazy, There is no noise during the night like before, when it was a boarding house. These young men mind, they behave. "They take the garbage out, you see them helping. Here they are treated like people, not like a bunch of something in an institution. Here they are treated like people, and I know flouse manager) Cherie's good with the boys. They are nice people doing good work." Mrs. Sulich thints the state should by the house and eliminate the uncertainty about this thurse for the resident. "The state should by the house," she said. "Absolutely. They know institutions of the state of the said. "Absolutely. They

ALL THREE neighbors said the home's appearance and inhabitants have improved since the retarded moved in.

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Joan Cullen, of 20920 McClung, said she didn't even know it was a home for the retarded until she saw a TV story

said. "I just notice them working in the yard weeding and things. Are they good neighbors? In a sense, but to me a good neighbor is someone you communicate with and we don't have much contact with them. However, I am not opposed

Another neighbor said that one of the things that may have improved neigh-borhood relations was an open house held at the home.

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"I went over there once," said Mrs. Irnen Unsleber of 20980 McClung, "It was nice. I spent the time talking to her (Ms. Frisby), tying to be neighborly.
"This is a hig house. How can just one family live there? For those kids, that house's great."
Kathy Harris, director of community services for the state agency for the retarded, the Macomb-Oatkand Regional Center (MORC), said the center is trying to locate a private investor willing to buy the home from Juzenas as an investment and continue to lease it to Ms. Braydow's non-profit organization, C.B. Residential. She admitted that the threat of sale is 'kind of a constant hassle."

out the home.

According to a real estate agent familiar with the home, it would cost an

investor \$1,430.73 monthly to pay for a mortgage at 20 percent down, including taxes and insurance.

Ms. Brayton said she receives \$37.90 per day from the state per resident which is expected to cover staff costs, food, rent and utilities. The state pays high is a payer for administrating the program. And she said she isn't adout to crowd more related residents into the home to make up the difference. "I don't want to run a ministitution."

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Miller's (as in beer) and even the street "Livernois." Bob brings out his bowling bag and

his trophies.

Terry struts proudly in his new corduroy pants.

They talk about their trips to Custard's Last Stand ice cream parlor and the movies they've seen lately—

"Love at First Bite" and "Smokey and the Bandit."

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"It's very important that we not be broken up," said Ms. Frisby. "They're family. When one of 'em's gone they're missed."

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For Provencial, director of MORC, said: "the neighbors are really great and wed hate like helt to lose the home but the state doesn't get into real estate."

How long does Ms. Frisby. "How one of "em's gone they're family. When one of "em's gone they're the house with her 7-year-old retard-estate."

How long does Ms. Frisby, who lives and the house with her 7-year-old retard-ed daughter, Kelly, expect to be house the house with her 7-year-old retard-ed daughter, Kelly, expect to be house with Kent — are oblivious to the politics of keeping the home open.

Terry shows a visitor how he can flawlessly spell words like chicken,



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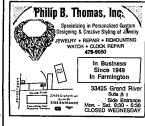
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