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Gundella

In dream, she has an ill-fitting coat

Dear Gundella: I am a widow, 54 years old. My only daughter is married, but lives near me, and we are very close. But I am terribly lonely since my husband's death.

Lately, I have had the same dream several times, and it puzzles me greatly. I'm writing to you with the hope that you can tell me what it means.

In this dream, it is winter time. I want to go outdoors. But it is cold, and I must wear a coat. However, when I go to the closet, my coat is not there.

The only coat there is my daughter's, so I put it on and go outdoors. But the coat does not fit me well, and I am very self-conscious and uncomfortable.

At this point, I always wake up, feeling frustrated, unhappy, and more lonely than before.

I hope you can help me understand the meaning of this dream.
Mrs. R.H.N., Farmington

Dear Mrs. R.H.N.:

Many times when children become adults, they tend to reverse roles with their parents. And for some reason, many parents allow them to do so.

Since your husband's death, have you become more dependent upon your daughter? Does she perhaps give you more advice on what to wear, what makeup to use, where to go and what to do? Have you been making decisions to please her rather than yourself?

If so, this could explain your dream, because you cannot comfortably "wear her coat" or assume her ways.

You need to do your own thing. Go out and meet new people your own age, and be yourself.

Dear Gundella: Can you give me a spell to bring peace and harmony into our home?

Rosemary G., Canton

Dear Rosemary:

There are many old, traditional things you might do: bury a dove's egg under your front door step, burn wisteria incense in your home daily, or hang little bundles of yerva in your clothes closet.

But, really, one of the best ways to maintain a peaceful atmosphere in your home is to treat those people you live with and love, with the same amount of consideration and courtesy that you would give to other people outside your home.

Try saying nice things to each other once in a while, instead of concentrating on the not-so-nice ones.

For some reason, we all seem prone to show our worst side to those we love the best and act in the most unlovable way when we need loving the most.

County spurns southern office

By TOM LONERGAN

A request for a satellite clerk's office in southern Oakland County was rejected last week by the county Board of Commissioners.

A county Democratic proposal to set aside \$250,000 of the county's \$1.9 million budget surplus of 1979 for the office was defeated 15-8. Two board Democrats joined 13 Republicans in defeating the proposal.

"I DON'T think it will affect enough people to make it worthwhile," said Commissioner Henry Hoot, R-Bloomfield.

"Except for lawyers, the average citizen in the county makes very few trips to the (Oakland County) service center in Pontiac."

Other area Republicans opposing the south county office included Lillian Moffitt of Bloomfield Township, Paul Kasper of Bloomfield Hills, John McDonald of Farmington, Joseph Montante of West Bloomfield and G. William Caddell of Walled Lake. Absent were Commissioners John Peterson, R-

Rochester, Ralph Moxley, R-Birmingham, who is ill, and Robert Page, R-Birmingham.

Southfield Democrats Alexander Perinoff and Lawrence Pernick voted yes.

"PEOPLE FROM the south end have been promised this service for a number of years," said Pernick, "and it has always been dropped."

Perinoff proposed the office include clerk, register of deeds and treasurer's services. The county treasurer has a satellite office in the Oakland County Road Commission building at 13 Mile and Lahser in Beverly Hills.

Rather than build, Perinoff suggested the county lease space to include the clerk's operation.

Mrs. Moffitt, county board vice chairperson, said the Democratic proposal was a political move, not a serious one.

"If they were sincere," she said, the Democrats would have sought her support. "They wanted me to vote no on it," because she's a south county commissioner, Mrs. Moffitt said.

COUNTY CLERK Lynn Allen, a Republican, said

he's "sort of neutral," on a south county office. "I'm not opposed to it. I'm not for it," he said.

"I've heard it mentioned for 25 years. I've yet to see a real outpouring of citizen problems that result from the office being out here (in Pontiac)."

Allen said until more of the clerk's and register of deeds business is computerized, a south county office "would be an added burden as far as tax goes. We would not generate more income."

The clerk's office has an elections division, issues marriage licenses, birth and death certificates and handles name changes. The register of deeds operation is also part of the clerk's office.

Defeat of the office proposal led to the placing of \$1.3 million in a county tax reduction fund, which was created by a unanimous vote last week. The other \$700,000 of the county's surplus will be spent as part of this year's county budget.

A DEMOCRATIC proposal that the county tax rate for 1981 be fixed at 4.75 mills was referred to the board finance committee on an 11-10 vote. Republicans objected to the proposal but needed 14 votes to kill it.

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Oakland Dem files to take on Murphy

The first Democrat to consider taking on Republican Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy this election year has formed a campaign committee.

F. Thomas Lewand, a county commissioner from Royal Oak, "is not an announced candidate," for the top county job, according to his committee treasurer, David Paruch of Royal Oak.

Lewand notified the county clerk's election division last week that the "Lewand for County Executive Committee" has been formed. State election law requires candidates to file campaign committee statements within 10 days after announcing their candidacy or after spending or receiving \$200 in campaign contributions.

LEWAND, 34, could not be reached for comment Friday. He is an attorney with the Detroit firm of Jaffe, Snider, Raitt, Garratt and Heuer, and practices corporate law.

Lewand is a one-term county commissioner. In 1978, he defeated 11th District Republican incumbent James Lanni.

Paruch said Lewand doesn't expect to make a final decision to run for the four-year county executive post until mid-March. "He thinks he's got a chance," Paruch said.

ACCORDING TO Kathy Brown, chair of the Oakland County Democratic Party, a Democratic primary for county executive "is possible."

"A lot of names have been mentioned" as possible candidates, she said,

including state Sen. Bill Huffman, D-Madison Heights, and Madison Heights Mayor George Suarez. Suarez is director of purchasing for the Oakland County Road Commission.

Ms. Brown said neither Huffman nor Suarez had contacted the county party about running. The party does not endorse candidates until June or July, she added. The primary for county offices is Aug. 5.

Barr named OU director

Ronald L. Barr, former director of the Indiana University Alumni Clubs, has been named alumni director at Oakland University, Rochester.

Barr received his bachelor of science degree in journalism and English education from IU in 1978, and he has completed 15 hours towards a master of science program at the university.

As a graduate student he researched and developed a highly acclaimed campus career day student alumni program involving more than 1,000 participants.

He is a past national president of the Student National Education Association. Barr was a Hoosier State scholar, outstanding undergraduate member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Delta Xi Chapter (1975), and the 1978-79 Alumnus of the Year.

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