GOP sheriff's candidates take aim at issues

By Kathy Parrish staff writer

One of the candidates almost didn't abow up for the abordown. Despite a few tense moments for GOB, organizors, all three Republicans who want to be theriff made it to the party's official "Shoot Out."

About, 50 members of the Oakhand Compty Republican Party's prestigious 300 Citub got a chance to hear sheriff's candidates John F. Nichols, Bill Ortman and James Stewart. The fundraiser was held in the Main Event at Poniles Climber of the Compty of

Liac Silverdome.
Democratic candidates James D.
Coutu, Henry I. Hansen and Niles E. Olsen were not invited.

BUT THE THREE-MAN "Sheriff's Shoot Out" almost became a dual when Farmington Hills Police Chief Nichols threatened to pull out because the ques-tions were to be submitted ahead of

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Candidates were interviewed by newspaper reporters who cover the county for the Daily Tribune, Detroit, Free Press, and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The journalists were originally asked to submit questions ahead of time so that there would not be duplicates. When Nichols objected, the rules were changed to allow questions to be asked on the spot.



campaign manager.
"Prepared questions wouldn't have allowed reporters to get off-the-culf answers. We just wanted to make sure it was like a standard debate."

ALL THREE CANDIDATES were allowed three minutes at the opening and closing of the event. The time was used to quickly extol virtues and out-line experience.



Nichols said he's been advised by supporters to "soften up" — and even let his hair grow. But the crew-cut former Detroit police commissioner won't "slip and slide."
"I will do none of those things. What you see is what you get," he told party contributors.

Like Nichols — who stressed his ex-perience — attorney Bill Ortman out-lined his background with Ford Motor Co., the Department of Defense and Carysler Corp. The Farmington Hills resident then went into law practice with his father. "I've been a lawyer and a good law-yer," Ortman Ball. Later, during ques-tioning, he said his legal experience is a plus. contributors.

"I believe the issue is not what we think but how each of us is equipped to handle a job that's tough."

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ALSO A LAW officer, Hurtington Woods Public Safety Director James Stewart outlined his goals. As sherilf, he would establish a table of organization, restore fiscal responsibility, work harminously with compt commissioners and township officials, and work to "close the gap between north and south Oakland County cities." During questioning, Stewart interested his 35 years of Oakland County law enforcement experience. He also sees an advantage in not having been part of the sheriff's department.

"I bring continuity. And I can say I

CANDIDATES WEEK asked circulous about their experience, goals for the department, the possibility of townships forming their own regional police salps forming their own regional poince force, and whether they would keep this new jail administrator, on. All were not naked to answer each question. All three said they would get rid of the jail administrator appointed by Sheriff Johannes Spreen.





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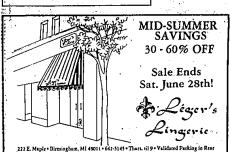
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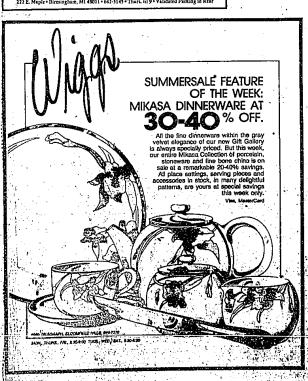
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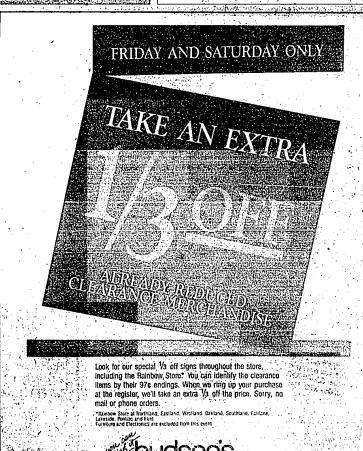
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