

O&E names retail ad chief

Monica DiCola is the new retail advertising manager for Oakland County editions of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, according to Dick Isham, O&E general manager.

A Pittsburgh native who has been with the organization six years, she previously worked for the March of Dimes in New Jersey and the Suburban News in Redford Township.

DiCola attended the University of Pittsburgh and Oakland Community College, studying both liberal arts and business. She has two daughters and lives in Novi.

In her new position, she oversees the staff which handles retail ads for the six Oakland County papers in Birmingham-Bloomfield, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield.



Monica DiCola

Child-support bills are hailed

State Sen. Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, praised the Senate Judiciary Committee for reporting out an 11-bill package to strengthen the enforcement of child-support rulings.

In a bipartisan effort, Nichols sponsored the package in the Senate while state Rep. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, was sponsor in the House.

"We've passed an important first hurdle in setting up stronger, more streamlined, child support enforcement, and in strengthening the visitation rights of non-custodial parents," Nichols said.

The first-term senator, whose district includes the Rochester area, said more than \$500 million in child support arrearages is owed to Michigan families on public assistance. He said the alarming rate of poverty faced by households headed by women, forcing them to go on welfare, is due in part to these arrearages.

THE STATE legislation was prompted by Congress' amendments last summer to the federal child support enforcement program, which mandates states to improve the collection of child-support payments.

The package is now headed for the Senate floor. "The bills include automatic, mandatory withholding of income to collect child support whenever an arrearage of four weeks or more occurs," said Nichols. "This withholding can only be appealed on a 'mistake of fact.'"

"Each state is required to enact an 'interstate income withholding act.' These acts will better ensure that, regardless of where the payer moves, his income could be withheld if an arrearage occurs."

The statute of limitations in paternity cases has been increased from six years to 18. Paternity actions will be made civil rather than criminal so that the accused father will not have a criminal record. The accused will still be entitled to a trial.

"THE PACKAGE is a balanced approach, which considers the rights of custodial parents, supporting parents and especially minor children," Nichols said.

Among the facts prompting federal-state action, he said, are:

- Two out of every five Michigan marriages end in divorce.
- In the 1970-82 period, the number of families headed by women increased 41 percent. The majority of these live at or below the poverty level.
- The public assistance caseload has increased nearly 200 percent since 1979. Many are women and children, who have failed to receive court-ordered child support payments.
- Only 35 percent of supporting parents are living up to their child support agreements.

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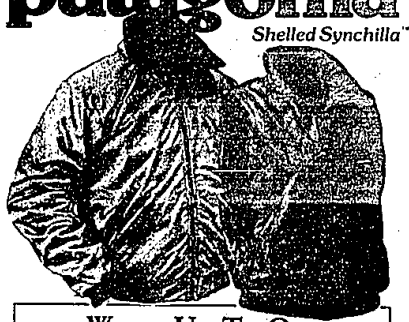
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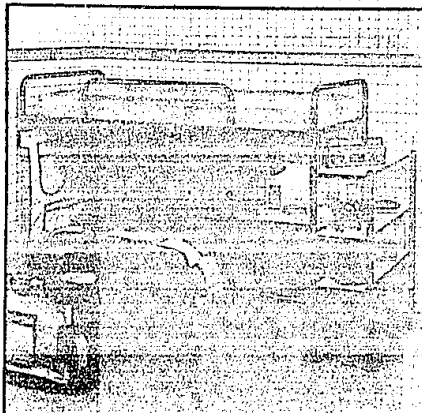
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