## City losing fight to tax institute

The state underwrote it. The city of Ann Arbor wants to tax it. But the Michigan Legislature intends to say

Michigan Legislature intends to say "no."

It is the Industrial Technology Institute (TII), a non-profit enterprise bankrolled by the state's Strategic Fund.

"It's a local control issue," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, who wants her home town to be able to levy property taxes on ITI.
"It's a question of whether the

"It's a question of whether the state should be able to establish non-profit scientific institutes anywhere and remove property from the local tax rolls.

"Ont-of-formula school districts (those getting no state aid) need this revenue," said Pollack.

PCLLACK FAILED, however, to block a Senate bill that would clear-ly exempt non-profit, incorporated scientific institutes from local prop-

scientific institutes not not not perty axation.

The bill, sponsored by Sen, Dick Postumus, B-Lowell, last week was advanced to third reading on the Sende calendar after senators in a voice vote almost unanimously rejected Pollacks' arguments.

The problem arose when a 1982 state law established research centers to create "centers of excellene" — non-profit research and de-

CONFERENCE committee hedded by Brown and Nichols agreed to set the age at 15 and reported the bils back to the Legislature for final

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Child witness bills readied

velopment enterprises. Three were created, including one in Ann Arbor. They work on new substances, processes and products that could have commercial value — and create jobs.

"They are of benefit to 'rust belt' industries. They help make Michigan import-competitive," said Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Southgate, in defending IT's role.

THE ENABLING act failed, how-ever, to specify that a "scientific in-stitution" was exempt from property taxes.

The city of Ann Arbor sought to assess it, carried the battle to the

Four bills are necessary, Nichols

"ON THE SURFACE that's calling," replied Sen. Willam Se

State Tax Tribunal and won a favor-

pealing," replied Sen. Willam Seder-burg, R-East Lansing.
"But this institute was built on state land that was never on the tax

"it was built with state dollars.
"It was built with state dollars.
"It provides a state benefit.
"And it was built in response to
the state governor's proposal."
"The state is undertaking a lot of
initiatives," Seedroburg stald in a rare
Republican tribute to Gov. James
Blanchard's economic program. "We
should sustain them."

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House and Senate conferees reached agreement on four bills designed to protect Michigan children testifying against abusive adults. The House bills, sponsored by Rep. Mary Brown, D-Kalamazoo, had set he age for protective treatment at 17 and under. The Senate Judiclary Committee, chaired by Rudy Nichols, R-Water-Wichigan and Senate Protective treatment at 18 and under. The Senate Judiclary Committee, chaired by Rudy Nichols, R-Water-Wichigan and Senate Protective Triangle Protectiv

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Bloomfield, has been promoted to
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secretary for two years and was
campaign press secretary for Blanchar's 1986 reclection campaign.
The 25-year-old Michigan State
Dilversity graduate will coordinate Grayson worked as an account assistant for PR Associates in Detroit before joining the governor's staff. Sie also served as a public relations intern for the U.S. Olympic Committee Control of the U.S. Olympic Control of the U.S. Olympic

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said, in order to cover proceedings in criminal courts, juvenile courts, teacher tenure and administrative

The bills, if enacted and signed by the governor, would allow use of an-atomically correct dolls, allow the presence of a "support person" such as a protective easeworker when the child is testlying and in some in-stances permit the use of videotapes.

USE OF videotapes would make it unnecessary for children to repeat their horror stories of sexual abuse seven or eight times — to a princi-pal, police officer, detective, case-worker, prosecutor, district court and circuit court juries.

Experts told the legislative panels that the repetition makes children feel guilty, causing some to turn to psychological jelly by the time the case reached open court.





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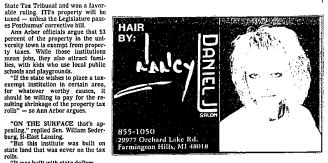
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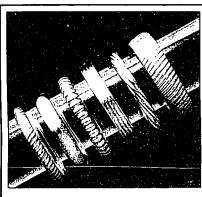
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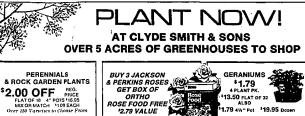
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