Gall stones removed Headlee is reported in fair condition

Heart transplant recipient Richard Headlee, president of Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America, was listed in fair condition Tuesday after 3½-bour gall bladder operation Saturday.

The 57-year-old Farmington Hills resident remains in Latter-Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Headlee, who received a new heart Oct. 8 as a patient in the Utah Cardiac Heart Transplant Program, "had several stones removed," said his wife, Mary.

"The gall bladder operation was routine and not related in any way to Mr. Headlee's earlier heart problem, nor was the gall bladder operation a complication of the heart transplant operation. Mr. Headlee will likely be ut of the hospital by the end of the week," said Tim Madden, LDS

week," said Tim Madden, LDS spokesman.
In addition to his political and civ-ic activities, the former Republican gubernatorial candidate is a Michi-gan leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mor-

mons).
The Headlees have taken up tem-

porary residence in a Salt Lake City apartment a block from LDS Hospi-tal to facilitate his outpatient recov-ery from the heart transplant opera-tion.

Headlee remains president and chief executive officer of Alexander Hamilton Life. He has installed a functional communications head-quarters between his apartment and the Alexander Hamilton Life head-quarters in Farmington Hills. Headlee is expected to return to his Farmington Hills office in early February.

Man asks to be taken off ventilator

Continued from Page 1 Breck, "If the judge says no, we can appeal that," McCleary said.

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WHILE TWO bills in the state Sen-ate and House could clarify the right to die issue in Michigan, it's doubtful action will be taken before Culham's cave is decided. In his petition, Culham asks that "a qualified medical professional" remove him from the ventilator, remove feeding tubes and provide pain-relieving drugs to ease suffer-ing.

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he prolonged by any artifical, extracerdinary or heroic measures," according to the petition.

Attorney McCleary said he believes the petition is the first of its
kind in Michigan. Without Miebigan

sease have to base the Culham case on,
McCleary said he is relying on other
states' case law, such as the wellknown New Jersey cases involving
Karen Anne Quinhan. She ided in
June 1985 after being off life support
for nine years. The New Jersey Supreme Court granted her parents' request that she be removed from the
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MICHIGAN IS not among the 38 states that have some type of laws regarding patients' right to die. Commonly called patient rights or living wills, the legislation in other states has provided the means of dealing with the rights of terminally ill patients to refuse artificial life support systems. The two bills in the Michigan Legislature are sitting in committees. A tiving will "bill proposed by state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington

Hills, would provide patients an op-portunity to make a legal declara-tion of their desires. "A hot of doctors and paramedies have regulations to follow," said Paxon staff member Dan Dougherty about current procedures, "The medi-cal field is in the middle. The living will would not hold them liable (for disconnecting patients from life-sus-taining apparatus)."

On another front, a bill scheduled to go to the full House in early De-cember would authorize living wills to include self-determination of health care decisions.

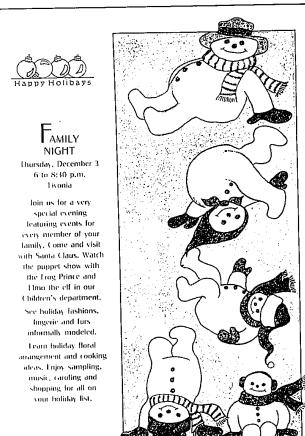
Unlike Faxon's bill, the House blil requires only one attending physician to determine that a patient's death is imminent. Two attending physicians are required under Faxon's bill, Dougherty said.

School marks 25th birthday

Flanders Elementary began the 1987-88 school year with a celebration of the Farmington school's 25th anniversary, which culminated the week of Oct. 26.

All students and staff participated in the celebration, which included the traditional birthday cake and re-

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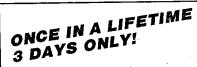


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