



Family ties

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Families got into the act at the Democratic national convention in Atlanta this week. Above, West Bloomfield's Barry Howard found time away from the convention floor to relax with

sons Brian, 12, and Chad, 8. Above right, Birmingham's Larry Deitch and his daughter Sarah chat with state Democratic chairman Rick Weiner.



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"When he was 10," Joan Young said, "we should have stopped him from becoming a killer at 15."

"He was being tried as an adult. I was appointed to defend him on two counts of armed robbery and two counts of assault with intent to commit murder. It was too late for him. Five years and 24 police contacts earlier, he should have been put into one of Oakland County's effective rehabilitation programs. At 10, we could have saved him. At 15, all we could do was warehouse him. He got eight years."

Joan Young began preparing for the job of probate judge when she started her public service career 19 years ago as a social worker. She's been a trial lawyer, a family law attorney, and administrator of Oakland County's Circuit Court, Michigan's busiest.

She wants you to think about the children of our communities. She wants you to think about our responsibility to protect those children from abuse and neglect and mistreatment; our responsibility to provide those children with guidance and hope and opportunity. That's so much of what a probate judge's work is all about. And she's ready and prepared to go to work for you.

If you talk with Joan Young, she'll tell you that children are the biggest concern of the Oakland County Probate Court. More than half the court's cases have to do with the well-being of children, with the stability of their lives, with the illegal things some of them do, and with the possibility of their futures.

Put Joan Young to work for you and your family and all the families of Oakland County. Vote for her for Oakland County Probate Judge, Tuesday, August 2.

TAKE A CHILD WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE.

Joan
YOUNG
for probate judge

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