Victor outspends in 4-way county prosecutor race

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Richard Thompson outspent his closest competitor in the Republican primary for prosecutor by almost \$150,000, according to campaign finance reports filed Thursday with the Oakland County Clerk's Office.

Thompson, who won the Aug. 2 primary by getting more votes than all three GOP rivals combined, spent \$223,100. He raised \$232,400 for the campaign, including \$145,000 he loaned his campaign.

Oakland County Commissioner Jack McDonald, who finished second in the primary 20,174 voices behind Thompson, spent \$80,8220. Editery. McLing \$130.00 his high similar than \$150.00 his high similar \$150

director of the clerk's elections divi-sion.

Barry E. Kraemer, who was unop-posed for the Democratic nomina-tion, raised \$9,110 and spent \$1,025.

The GOP primary — likely the most expensive in county history— featured four prominent attorneys hoping to succeed outgoing prosecu-tor L. Brooks Patterson, who did not seek re-election after 18 years in off-lee.

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"I'm not suprised at the amount of money the candidates spent," said Patterson, referring to the more than \$500,000 report by all candidates combined. "That's a reflection of the high cost of a good media campaign and the ravages of inflation. I spent about \$40,000 on my first campaign on the report of the primary of the primary of the primary. His campaign finance primary. His campaign finance report of the primary of the primary of the primary including Lillian Hopkins, a house-wife in Brighton, who gave \$2,325.

McDonald, a Farmington Hills attorney and member of the Oakland County Commission, received 16,037 votes in the primary. His report list-ed about 75 contributors, with \$1,000 from the Political Action Committee of the Oakland County Future Fund and \$1,000 from Farmington Hills contractor Michael C. Suffivan.

Letb, who lives in West Bloomfield Township and practices law in Southfield, loaned his own campaign about \$17,000. His report listed about 126 contributions, including \$1,000 each from Mx. Klein, an executive with Max Klein inc., Southfield, Joel D. Tauber of Tauber investments in Southfield, and Southfield aftorney Leslie Nell Greenwald.

How to pick president? College class offers tips

Warren G. Harding was lousy. Abraham Lincoln one of the best. And how do Michael Dukakis and George Bush rate?

To find out, time in to "Perspectives on the Presidency," a new class offered by Schooleratt College beginning Sept. 22.

"People generally have some background on the Issues," said Con-rad Behler, instructor. "We're going to fecus on what's involved in being president. We'll look at men who did the job well and those who didn't."

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BEHLER, WHO cites curriculum innovation as one of his strong suits, sees the class as both a historical review of the nation's highest office and a contemporary pollical science class.

"We'll be looking at a few interesting election years where the outcome was decided by a quirk of some kind," he said. "Finally, we'll be examining the issues and candidates of 1986."

Behler has faught high school history and government for more than 20 years, mostly at North High in Grosse Pointe, and has served as chairman of the school's social studies department for reversal years.

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THE SCHOOLCRAFT class will meet Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. for 12

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weeks. Course fee is \$52 plus a \$3 registration fee, Senior adults pay \$4 for the course, plus the \$3 registration fee. Students who successfully complete the course receive 2.5 continuing education credits.

"Why would people pay money to take a course they're not getting credit for? There's a real desire to be better informed on key issues. It's, an election year," Behler said.

Noreen Thomas, assistant dean of Schoolcraft's continuing education services, backed Behler's assertion that more adults are clamoring for education for its own sake.

"Adults are taking classes for en-richment — not because they have to but because they want to," Thomas said. "It's a real delight to teach peo-ple who are in class because they want to be there; they're not obligat-ed."

BEHLER'S CLASS will stretch be-

yond a basic lecture routine. An evening will be spent viewing one of the best private collections of campaign buttons and paraphernalla in the country, he said. The collection includes materials more than 100 years old.

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"There will be a variety of audio," tissual materials and I'll provide copies of various materials. There work be a textbook," Bether said.

Behler plans to line up a Lincoln scholar to speak one evening.

ALTHOUGH HE plans to keep his opinions on the current race for the white House a secret, Behler calls Franklin Delano Roosevelt "the most effective president of the 20th century."

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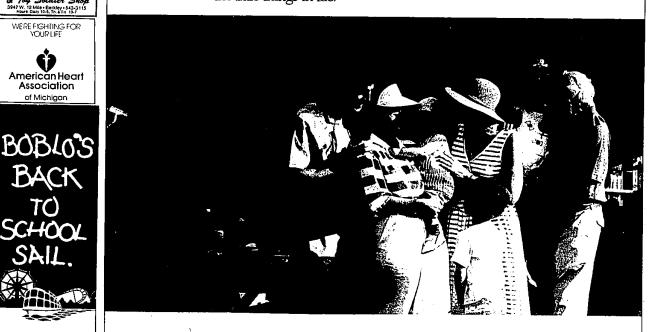
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BEHLER IS hoping for a class of active participants, not passive listeners. Students will go to the polis in November fully informed, he

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"The views of class participants are welcome. It's only hoped they hold their views loosely enough to listen to other points of view," he said.

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