

# Crossing 8 Mile

## Barrow involves suburbs in mayoralty bid

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Detroit, the sixth largest city in the nation, is in need of a conciliatory mayor capable of forging a truce with suburbanites while stimulating downtown development and Tom Barrow is the man for the job.

Barrow, a candidate for mayor in November elections, carried this message to the suburbs Tuesday, during a press luncheon in Farmington Hills aimed at "spreading the word."

"Detroiters means black and white. Us-vs.-them pits us against one another. We have to realize the suburbs and Detroit are inexplicably intertwined."

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"As Detroit goes, so go the suburbs," Barrow said. He said the gap between the two is an unfortunate consequence of May-



or Coleman Young's "abrasive, confrontational and divide-and-conquer style." Barrow and Young, who squared

off against each other four years ago with Young the handy winner, have yet to file for November's race. Detroit City Council president Irma Henderson, Charles Kosta and James A. Williams Sr. have filed and are also candidates in the fall election.

DECLARING A "TRUCE" with the suburbs, Barrow said "let's start talking about regional transportation, the extension of water and sewer systems and a revival of business development along Washington Boulevard."

"Quality of life in Detroit is poor. In the next census, we'll have fewer than a million residents for the first time. We face economic catastrophe. Solutions will require the help of everyone — the city and the suburbs, black and white."

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Humane Society officer Mike Killian tries to break up two pit bulls locked in deadly combat at a home in Detroit where coincidentally last year a dog was hung from a basketball hoop.

# Animal abuse may lead to human abuse

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One of Walter Quarrels' more vivid memories as a youth in Pontiac during the 1950s is the day the neighbor's cat was found hanging from the front porch of its owner's home.

Quarrels, a detective with the Bloomfield Township police, said residents of the area pointed to the neighborhood bully as the culprit. A large boy noted for taking pleasure in teasing small animals, the cat's mistress had scolded him for the inappropriate behavior just days before the unfortunate feline was killed.

"It was never proven, but we all knew who did it," Quarrels said, in recalling the incident some 30 years later.

Today, the neighborhood bully whose first acts of violence included animal cruelty, is serving a life sentence in Jackson State Prison for the premeditated murder of his wife.

HE IS NOT alone. Other notorious modern-day murderers also harmed animals in their youth.

- Albert DeSalvo, the self-confessed Boston Strangler who killed 13 women, trapped dogs and cats in boxes and then shot them with a bow and arrows.

- David Berkowitz, who as Son of Sam killed or attempted to kill 13 people in New York City, shot the neighbor's Labrador retriever.

- Brenda Spencer, who fatally wounded two and injured nine others by firing 49 shots into a San Diego school yard, repeatedly set cats and dogs afire.

- Carroll Cole, one of the nation's most prolific killers who, prior to his execution in 1935 was charged with 35 murders, strangled a puppy in one of his first acts of violence.



"OUR TREATMENT of animals serves as a sociological mirror. It literally reflects how we treat each other," said David Wills, director of the Detroit-based Michigan Humane Society. Wills, who lives in Birmingham, has been active in animal protection for 16 years.

"Cruelty to animals," he added, "is a signal of insensitive behavior. It's a sign of coldness and callousness."

Former Oakland County prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson calls "the suffering of helpless animals at the hands of man... a weakness in the morality of those who cause the suffering." Patterson's statement is contained in the forward to the Humane Society's Handbook of Animal Cruelty Laws.

Wills maintains cruelty to animals is a forerunner of violence against humans. "It is the front line of criminal behavior. The whole progression of crime begins with it."

A study on the subject in 1984 by the World Society for Protection of Animals, in conjunction with the University Texas Medical Branch and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, supports the premise.

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# Michigan Humane Society services:

- It is the largest animal society in the state, as well as one of the largest in the U.S., based upon the number of services offered and the number of animals that are assisted.

- In 1988, over 47,000 domestic and wild animals received services.

- To adopt a pet, potential owners must successfully complete a two-page questionnaire assessing suitability. Last year, 7,000 pets were adopted. A nearly equal number of applicants were denied as unsuitable.

- Most people convicted of animal abuse or cruelty may never again own pets in Michigan, based on state no-pet-ownership law.

- Killing a neighbor's dog constitutes a felony, punishable by up to four years in prison and a fine of up to \$4,000. Killing your own dog or a stray is a misdemeanor, pun-

ishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

- Larger dogs like German shepherds, pit bulls and Rottweilers are most often the targets of abuse and violence.

- In 1988, 52 percent of the society's budget of \$4 million, was generated by donations or society membership. The remainder was earned income from shelter and clinic services or trust accounts. This year's budget is \$4.9 million.

- Memberships range in price from \$10 to \$1,000, depending upon type. The society currently has 77,800 members, including 15,000 in southeastern Oakland County and 10,000 in western Wayne County. Another 1,200 live in states other than Michigan.

For membership information, call 872-3400 in Detroit, 721-7300 in Westland or 852-7420 in Auburn Heights.

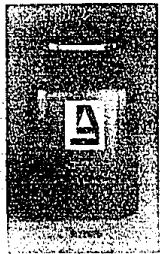
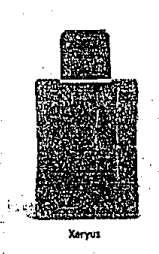
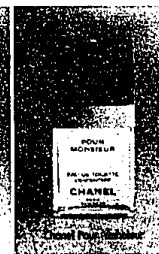
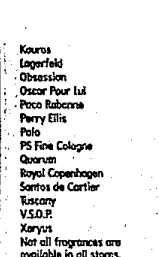
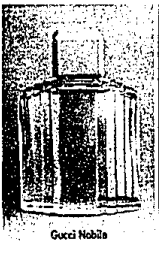
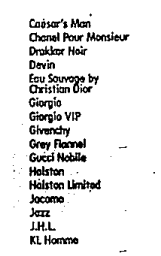
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