Court handles bigger caseload, more efficiently

the circuit court administrator's office.
According to a mid-year report, 13,405 new cases were filled as of June 30, a 6.4 percent increase over the same period in 1988. Of those, 3,825 were felonies — 644 more than were reported during the same time period last year.
However, the report says the court disposed of 15,044 cases, compared with 14,889 cases during the first six months of 1988.
In another area, the report says Judge Barry L. Howard's court-room will be the second on the circuit to use volce-activated video cameras instead of a court reporter, The five-camera system already is in use in Judge Jessica Cooper's courtroom.

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Even though Oakland County Circuit Court's caseload has increased 20 percent over last year, long-term perfoling cases have designed to the circuit court is running at a more efficient level, according to the circuit court administrator's office.

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of their caseload."

The court has 14 judges and expects to add two more in January 1991 and another pair in 1993. Each judge had the highest number of new case filings — more than 1,000 — of all circuit courts in the state, the report says.

At the end of the second quarter, the number of jury trials is also used to measure the court's progress. There have been 287 jury trials as of June 30, compared with 213 last year. Of those, criminal trials are up 34 percent; civil trials are up 15 percent.

A's for child care

2 S'fld firms, B'ham schools take honors

Two Oakland County businesses and Birmingham Public Schools were among those honored for their child care programs during a House Republican Task Force awards ceremony Monday in Livonia.

IBM Corp. and the accounting firm of Plante & Moran, both based in Southfield, were among those honored for their long commitment to child care.

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Birmingham Public Schools was bonored for its in-district child care program.

The program honored 100 Michigan businesses that provided child care services to employees in the past year.

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care services to employees in the past year.

"We believe volunteerism is the way to go," said state Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, chairwoman of the GOP task force and host for Monday's even.

Roughly 21: Michigan businesses Roughly 21: Michigan businesses and the said, calling the figure "way too low." Federal statistics, she said,

show an increased demand for child care coupled with a rise in the num-ber of female workers in the job market.

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The Burger King franchises were honored for direct subsidides paid to employees' child care providers. Oithours are subsidies paid to employees' child care providers. Oithours are subsidies.

Sparrow Hospital, Lansing and Davenport College, Kalamazoo, were honored for child care programs developed within the pastycar.

Steclease, Inc. of Grand Rapids, was also honored for its long commitment to child care. Area business whose child care programs were also acknowledged included:

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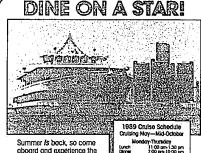
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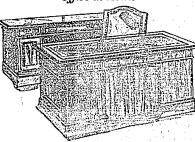
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