

Court handles bigger caseload, more efficiently

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

According to a mid-year report, 13,405 new cases were filed as of June 30, a 6.4 percent increase over the same period in 1988. Of those, 3,825 were felonies — 844 more than were reported during the same time period last year.

However, the report says the court disposed of 16,044 cases, compared with 14,889 cases during the first six months of 1988.

In another area, the report says Judge Barry L. Howard's courtroom will be the second on the circuit to use voice-activated video cameras instead of a court reporter. The five-camera system already is in use in Judge Jessica Cooper's courtroom.

ONE WAY the court measures its effectiveness is in how many cases are pending for more than two years. In June 1988, 1,249 cases were active in this category, compared with 1,147 this year.

"The Oakland Circuit court is the hardest working circuit in the state. They are an extraordinarily efficient court," said Margaret Horenstein, deputy court administrator. "The judges are working like demons to try to keep abreast of their caseload."

The court has 14 judges and expects to add two more in January 1991 and another pair in 1992. Each judge had the highest number of new case filings — more than 1,900 — 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'fid firms, B'ham schools take honors

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

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.

IBM was honored for local and national contributions to child care. Plante & Moran was honored for comprehensive child care programs provided for its employees.

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

The program honored 100 Michigan businesses that provided child 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 event.

Roughly 450 Michigan businesses provide some degree of child care services to their employees, Bankes said, calling the figure "way too low." Federal statistics, she said,

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

"WHAT WE'RE seeing is that there will be a majority female workforce and it will be a substantial majority," she said.

Businesses honored as child care innovators included Mervyn's, Inc. of Novi, honored for a \$238,000 grant to their Michigan Child Care Coordinating Council Association. The grant is used for recruiting and training child care providers.

The program at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, was judged among the state's best for bringing together senior citizens and young children.

Bronson Healthcare Group, Kalamazoo, like Oakwood, was judged as providing the best program in the state. Its on-site facility is used by an estimated 200 employees.

The city of Ann Arbor was honored for providing financial assistance to parents seeking child care.

Other businesses honored as innovators included Byrne Electrical Specialists, Rockford; Burger King Franchises of Kent and Ottawa counties and Ottawa County Child Care Systems.

Byrne was honored for its on-site facility and transportation program.

The Burger King franchises were honored for direct subsidies paid to employees' child care providers. Ottawa County Quality Child Care Systems was honored for building a child care consortium among area businesses.

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

Steelcase, Inc. of Grand Rapids, was also honored for its long commitment to child care.

Area business whose child care programs were also acknowledged included:

- Consumers Power Corp., Jackson
 - Arboretum Properties, Birmingham
 - Fidelity Bank, Birmingham
 - Children's World Learning Centers, Farmington
 - Chiropractic Federal Credit Union, Farmington
 - Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., Farmington Hills
 - Botoford General Hospital, Farmington Hills
- Businesses were honored at the Livonia Public Library and at a Monday afternoon ceremony, in Grand Rapids.

ANDERSEN WINDOWS

Building a Home? Remodeling? Replacing your worn out windows? WE HAVE THE ANSWERS FOR YOU!

Come home to quality... Andersen!

Quality Window Center

24023 ANN ARBOR TRAIL 362 S. TELEGRAPH
S.W. Corner of Telegraph - Dearborn Hts. S. of M-59 - Pontiac
274-4144 681-6290
HOURS: M-F 8:30-5, SAT. 9-11 **FREE CLINICS**

Custom Draperies

HOME - OFFICE - INSTITUTIONS
Expert decorator will call you at your convenience

One of Michigan's Largest Collections of Drapery, Slipcover & Upholstery Fabrics in Stock.

Largest Selection of Unaltered Custom Made Draperies

LABOR \$8.00 - PANELS

One Week Delivery on Request • Free Estimates • Easy Terms

AERO PACIFIC DRAPERIES

AERO DRAPERIES TEL-EX PLAZA 3711 Telegraph Detroit 353-8000

PACIFIC DRAPERIES CHEVY HILL PLAZA 5010 Telegraph Detroit 565-7420

ETON ACADEMY

FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

- Low student/teacher ratios
- Classes K thru 12
- North Central Association accredited
- Based on positive self-concepts and a structured learning environment

Now Accepting Fall Enrollments

(313) 642-1150

1755 Melton
Birmingham, MI 48009
Mary Diamond Van der Tuik, Headmistress
The only school of its kind in Michigan

For active seniors, come home to...

- Security • Warmth • Friends
- in your own private apartment.

Come to...

the LEATHERWOOD

350-1777
22800 Civic Center Drive, Southfield

Beautiful your living spaces with the distinctive elegance of genuine rattan.

20% off all Rattan

Palm Beach
Patio Furniture

NOVI 4328 Novi Town Center Grand River & Novi Rd. South of 96 347-4510

WATERFORD 7350 Highland Rd. (M-59) 7 miles West of Telegraph near Pontiac Airport 656-2880

Hours: Mon., Thur. 10-8; Tues., Wed., Fri. Sat. 10-6; Sun-Closed

WANTED!

YOUR USED HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND DECOR ACCESSORIES

We are now acquiring quality furnishings... bedroom sets, dining room sets, sofas, tables, chairs, lamps, crystal, brass, art work etc. for resale to discriminating buyers.

PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY and Avoid the Hassle, expense and disappointment of home sales. We do the pricing, pick-up, display and advertising to Sell Your Goods! Fast and worry free!

For more details and an in-home appraisal, call 478-BELL

Re-Sell-It ESTATE SALES

34769 GRAND RIVER AVENUE, FARMINGTON, MI

HOURS: MON., TUES., WED., SAT. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
THURS., FRI. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., SUN. 12 - 4 p.m.

Bavarian Village

SUMMER **SKI SALE**

IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE A YEAR-ALL STORES TREMENDOUS SELECTION-YEARS BEST PRICES. ALL THE TOP BRANDS. OVER 2 MILLION DOLLARS OF GREAT SKI GEAR AT SAVINGS UP TO 50% OFF AND MORE. SHOP TODAY-SURE IT'S CRAZY TO BUY SKIS & SKIWEAR NOW, CRAZY LIKE A FOX!

THE BEST SKI BUYS OF THE YEAR

- BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 2640 WOODWARD at Square Lake Rd. 338-0202
- BIRMINGHAM: 101 TOWNSEND corner of Plante 644-5511
- LIVONIA/REDFORD: 14211 TELEGRAPH at the Jeffers Ferry 834-8200
- MT. CLEMENS: 1218 S. GRATIOT half mile north of 18 MI 403-5820
- EAST DETROIT: 22301 KELLY between 9 & 5 MI 719-7025
- ANN ARBOR: 3338 WASHTEAW west of U.S. 23 873-3340
- FLINT: 4201 MILLER across from Geneva Valley Mall 313-722-8560
- TRIVERS CITY: 7777 FRONT ST downtown 610-941-1659
- DUGAR LOOP: SKI AREA 18 miles NW of Travers City 616-320-0700
- GRAND RAPIDS: 2036 28th ST. S.E. between Burton & Eastman 616-452-1103
- FARMINGTON: 27847 ORCHARD LAKE RD. at 12 MI. 563-0504

SHOP DAILY NOON - 9, SAT. 10 - 5:30, SUN. 12 - 5. SALE ENDS AUG. 28, 1992.

Twice a week is better

Panasonic JUST LOST WEIGHT!

40% Smaller • 40% Lighter

With the capability of converting from a cellular mobile phone into a transportable phone or vice versa.

CELNET MOBILTRONICS DRIVE-IN CELLULAR

Featuring Amartech Cellular Service

EAST 31051 Stephenson Hwy. Macleod Heights Just W. of I-75 505-4520

WEST 20825 Northwestern Hwy. Farmington Hills Just S. of I-480 626-8480

DINE ON A STAR!

1989 Cruise Schedule
Cruising May - Mid-October

Monday-Thursday	
Lunch	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Friday	
Lunch	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Brunch	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday	
Brunch	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Dinner	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Brunch	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	
Brunch	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Early Dinner	3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Dinner	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

***Three Star Rating by Molly Abraham - Detroit Free Press, 1989

For More Information & Reservations Call Groups (25 or more) Call
(313) 259-9161 (313) 259-9160

Major credit cards accepted.
Gift certificates are always available. Reservations accepted year-round.

THE STAR OF DETROIT
Experience the City Like Never Before

Sligh Desk Sale

Distinctive Furniture for Your Office at Home

KNEEHOLE DESK AND CREDENZA

- Dark Brown bonded leather 60" top with 22 karat gold tooling on desk, wood top available
- General locking system in desk
- Matching credenza with wood top, locking drop-front center drawer for computer keyboard
- Cherry solids and veneers
- Also available in mahogany or oak

CHAIR

- Solid hardwood frame
- Blue hand-picked leather
- Dual wheel hooded casters

NOW \$899 SAVE
Suggested Retail \$1179 \$480

NOW \$2498 SAVE \$130

Sligh Glass
OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2220 N. WOODWARD
400' SOUTH OF SQUARE LAKE RD.
FINE FURNITURE SINCE 1912

352-0040
OPENING: MON. - SAT. 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM