

## What's your view of drug check lanes?



*'I don't think it is right to stop anyone without a preceding incident. If there are designated areas that everyone goes through, there are pros and cons. I don't think those check lanes have been too successful.'*

— Hope Sadowski  
Rochester Hills



*'I don't know that much about it. But I think they're probably a good idea in an area where there's a lot of (suspected) drugs.'*

— John Rosier  
Bloomfield Township



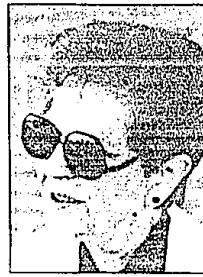
*'If you're taking (or selling) drugs, you obviously aren't going to go through check lanes. You'll avoid the area. It's a waste of time.'*

— Cynthia Ford  
Farmington Hills



*'I don't think it's right. They have let Big Brother go too far.'*

— Kenneth Crane  
Farmington



*'Anything they can do to stop drugs, I'm in favor of. I think drugs are a dreadful thing. I don't think they (roadblocks) are an invasion of anybody's privacy.'*

— Norma Eckley  
Farmington Hills

## ...and here's what county officials say

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staff writer

Traffic roadblocks — like those being tried in Wayne County — are not expected to be part of Oakland County's war on drugs.

At least not yet.

"We haven't even talked about them," said Oakland County Under-sheriff Billy J. Nolin, referring to the controversial roadblocks initiated last week in Inkster by Wayne County Sheriff Robert A. Ficano.

That could change, however, if the roadblocks prove effective and legal questions are resolved, said Roy Hewold, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"But right now, I don't know if anybody is even discussing the possibility of roadblocks in Oakland County," the sheriff's department and county officials were asked about the possibility of Oakland County using roadblocks in its war on drugs in the wake of the experiment last week in Inkster.

ON SEPT. 18, Wayne County sheriff's deputies and local police set up four midday roadblocks around a single block of a residential area in Inkster.

Officers stopped every car, demanding to see the drivers license, registration and proof of insurance required of every Michigan driver.

The roadblocks had been requested by Inkster officials, according to Nancy A. Mouradian, director of public information for the Wayne County sheriff, to reduce traffic congestion in areas of alleged drug activity.

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## Oakland group joins rally for mentally ill

The Oakland County chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan will be part of a noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4 rally on the Capitol grounds in Lansing.

The rally commemorating Mental Illness Awareness Week — Oct. 1-7 — is sponsored by the State Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan and the Michigan Psychiatric Society.

The alliance is a patient advocacy group who works to better the conditions for the mentally ill in hospitals and afterwards in the community.

The Michigan Psychiatric Society recently released a report stating that in Michigan, there is "an appalling and disgraceful lack of services for the mentally ill," according to Dolores Howell, second vice president of the Oakland County chapter.

The Oakland County group, based in Birmingham, has filed a class action lawsuit to compel the Michigan Department of Mental Health to provide adequate services for the men-

**The rally takes place at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4, on the Capitol grounds in Lansing.**

tally ill as mandated by law.

Other activities during Mental Illness Awareness Week are an ecumenical service at 10 a.m., Monday Oct. 2 at Clinton Valley Center, psychiatric hospital for Oakland and Macomb counties. It's located at 140 Elizabeth Lake Road near Telegraph in Pontiac.

And on Wednesday, Oct. 4, Channel 58 presents "The Panic Prison," first in a series entitled "Let's Talk About Mental Illness" put on by the American Psychiatric Association. For further information, call 557-6440.

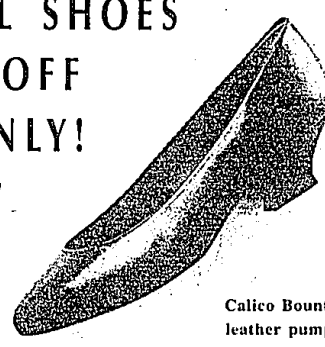
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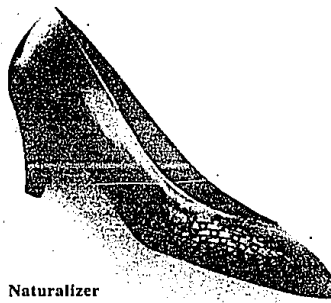
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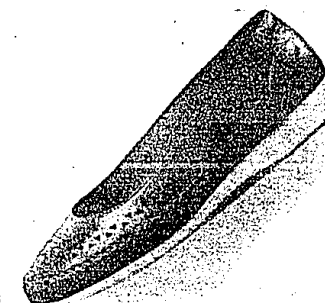
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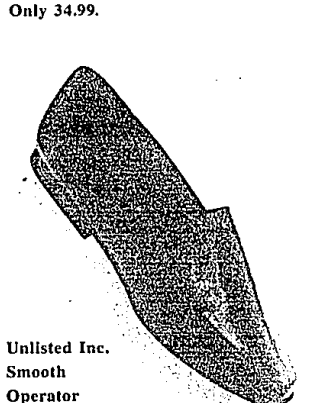
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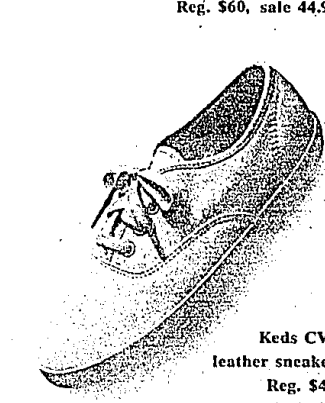
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