## : 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

— Cynthia Ford Farmington Hills



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

Kenneth Crane



'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

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

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Traffic roadblocks — like those being tried in Wayne County — are not expected to be part of Oakland County's war on drugs. Al least not yet. "We haven't went talked about them," said Oakland County Undershriff Billy J. Nolls, referring to the controversial roadblocks initiated that week in Inkater by Wayne County Sheriff Robert A. Fleazo. That could change, however, if the roadblocks prove effective and legal questions are resolved, said Roy

roadblocks prove effective and legal questions are resolved, asld Roy Rewold, 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. 19, Wayne County sher-if's deputies and local police set up our midday roadblocks around a lingle block of a residential area in

single block of a residential area in Inster.

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 Inster officials, according to Nancy A. Mouradian, director of public information for the Wayne County shortiff, to reduce traffic congection in areas of alleged drug activity.

Of the drivers stopped, 44 were ticketed for a variety of offences, Mouradian said, including 15 for not having a valid operator's license in their possession and 10 for not having the vehicle registration.

One driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant for drunk driving, she said, and one 47-year-old man was detained at gunpoint after officers saw a pellet gun partially concealed under the front sextled. Reaction to the readblocks varied, according to Mouradian, with sorrepeople applauding and others condemning.

The Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has threatened to file suit against the readblocks as a violation of individual rights.

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Even so, Wayne County Sheriff
Robert A. Fleano Intends to continue
using the roadflocks, Mouradio
add. Two personally received about
a dozen supportive telephone calis.

Two other communities in Wayne
County have asked the sheriff to set
up roadflocks in their areas, Mouradian said. "But before that could
happen, we'd have to evaluate their
situations to find out if roadblocks
would work," she said.

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OAKLAND OFFICIALS, however, don't think the roadblocks would help that much.

"For one thing," said Nolin, "we already have the AE (Alcohol Enforcement) units."

Those are full-time patrol units working from 8 p.m. to 4 s.m. at random locations to catch drunk drivers, Nolin explained. "There are no legal bassies with the AE units," he said, "and they've got a 99 percent conviction rate."

County commissioners are not necessarily against exceptional measures to combat drugs, said Rewold, as indicated earlier this year where support — including \$50,000 in open commissioners are not necessarily against the great purpose the concept and nobody seven the illegal drug network.

"From what I've seen, nobody supports the concept and nobody's even discussing the matter," he said. "But that could be subject to change, of course."

## Oakland group joins rally for mentally ill

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

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

The alliance is a patient advocacy group who works to better the conditions for the mentally III 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 tack of services for the mentally III," according to Dolores Howell, second vice president of the Oakland County group, based in Birmingham, has filed a class action lawnit to compel the Michigan Department of Mental Health to provide adequate services for the men-

The raily takes place at 4. on the Capitol grounds in Lansing.

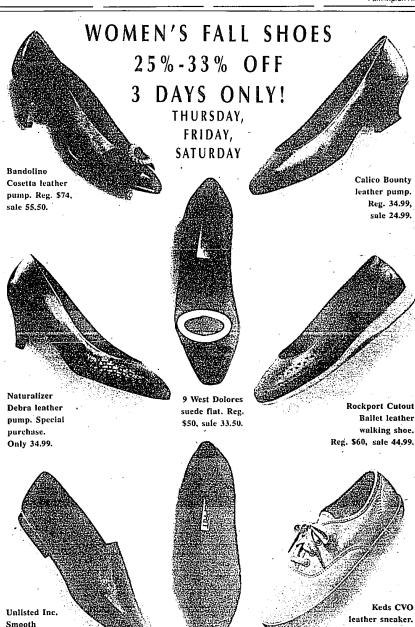
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Other activities during Mental Illness Awarreness Week are an ecumenteal service at 10 a.m., Monday
Oct. 2 at Clinton Valley Center, psychiatric boxpital for Oskiand and
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Elizabeth Lake Road near Telegraph
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And on Wednesday, Oct. 4, Channel 55 presents "The Panie Prison",
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