

## County endorses housing center

After nearly two months of sometimes stormy debate, Oakland's new Open Housing Center has been endorsed by the County Board of Commissioners.

By a vote of 19 to 6, commissioners Thursday adopted a resolution supporting the "concept of the Oakland County Center for Open Housing to build community understanding and support fair and open housing," and urged other communities to adopt similar resolutions.

Commissioner Lillian Jaffe, D-Southfield, who sponsored the initial resolution on behalf of the center, said she is "very pleased," even if getting the approval took more than two months. "I think some of the opponents were concerned that passing the resolution would interfere with free enterprise," she said. But once they understood the center's goals — and realized it wouldn't duplicate the work of other agencies — they approved.

The center, funded with grants from the City of Southfield and the Southfield School District, opened in Farmington Hills as an agency to promote integrated housing.

THE CENTER sought endorsement from commissioners in February as a vote of confidence.

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Commissioner David Moffitt, R-Bloomfield Township, concurred. "I was initially concerned," he said, "I wondered about the criteria we use before endorsing any agency." But now I'm satisfied with the endorsement," said Moffitt, an attorney.

Commissioner Lawrence R. Pernick, D-Southfield, thought the endorsement took more time than expected because commissioners were exploring relatively new ground.

"I think some of the newer commissioners weren't sure about a number of things and it took longer than usual," he said. "I'm sure they are all concerned about the welfare of the county."

## Coke ring cracked

### Four men indicted by county grand jury

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

A 19-year-old man from Southfield was among four people indicted last week by the Oakland County Citizens Grand Jury.

Angelo Boji of the 29200 block of Briarbank was indicted and arraigned last week on a charge of conspiring to deliver more than 50 grams of a mixture containing a controlled substance, namely cocaine.

He faces a minimum sentence of five years in prison if convicted, according to Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, who talked about the most recent indictments at a press conference Thursday.

Accompanying Thompson were Capt. Glenn Watson of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Lt. Dorothy McAllen of the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Three other men, arrested independently of Boji, were indicted for conspiring to possess and deliver in excess of 650 grams of cocaine. They

face possible life terms in prison, Thompson said.

THEY ARE Haltham Kafanden, who turns 30 Thursday, of Sterling Heights; LeRoy Arquette Jr., 25, and Arthur Webermin, 29, both of Pontiac.

Bond was set at \$50,000 for Boji and \$2 million each for Kafanden, Arquette and Webermin.

Boji is a "good example" of how the grand jury can compel testimony from witnesses who otherwise might be reluctant to testify, said Thompson. The grand jury indicted him after hearing testimony from another man, Jerry Hays, arrested for selling drugs.

"His testimony (the seller's) led us to Boji," said Thompson. Boji supplied the narcotic to Hays who in

turn sold to undercover officers from NET, he said.

THE PROSECUTOR said Kafanden, Arquette and Webermin are charged in connection with a multi-million dollar cocaine operation that entailed frequent trips to Florida to pick up two or three kilos of cocaine for subsequent sale in Oakland County.

Prior to making the Florida trips to pick up cocaine, their operation was supplied with cocaine by the so-called "Kafasho" organization in Detroit, Thompson said.

Its alleged leader, Harry Kafasho, was killed last February in Detroit. The recent arrests bring the total number of people indicted by the grand jury to 35, including four for murder and one for perjury.

### Domestic violence probed

Michigan Women Psychologists are sponsoring a conference on domestic violence called "Love and Terror: Violence Against Women and Children" from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Oakland University's Oakland Center.

The fee is \$65; \$30 for college students. Oakland University is at the corner of Squirrel Road and Walton Boulevard in Auburn Hills. For more information, call Rose Partin at 258-3254.

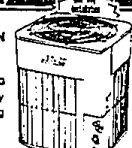
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