Broaden Dems' base — Corbin

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Labor, the biggest faction in the Michigan Democratle Party, likes Gary Corbin because he's a former UAW factory worker.

Loyalists of ex-Gov. James Blanchard like Corbin because he served faithfully in the Labor Department.

Rank-and-file Democrats like Corbin because he's an experienced legislator and orator "He's got more experience debating John Engler than anybody." Said party treasurer Larry Delich, a Birming ham attorney. "Labor is the heart and soul of the Democratic Party, but I think we need to expand our base."

ANOINTED BY the labor caucus and AFL-CIO chief Frank Garrison

and AFL-CIO chief Frank Garrison as the "preferred candidate," Corbin, 49, won across-the-board acceptance as state Democratic chairman at last weekend's convention in Detroit.
"They want a resurgence of grass-roots activity," said Corbin in an on-the-troi interview between congressional district caucuses saturday. "The role of the party changes with the loss of the governorship. They want someone to communicate the vision of the party,"

CORBIN TOLD the labor-orient-

ed 15th Congressional District how he worked his way through divinity school. "I worked in an auto plant in Anderson, Ind., as a member of UAW Local 662. I worked the sec-

UAW Local 662. I worked the sec-ond shift, from 4 p.m. 'Ill 1 a.m., "My friends used to say 'll's too bad you can't spend more time in the library.' I told them I learned more on the second shift than on the first."

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"I knew what it meant to walk a picket line. This is my home — the trade union movement." Corbin told the labor caucus, whose endorsement typically assures victory in a Democratic convention.

"THERE ARE a lot of divergent groups in the Democratic Party, and Marvin Melizer, Birmingham executive recruiter and new vice chairman of the 18th Congressional District. "There's a general assumption labor controls the Democratic Party. Not true — vastly overdone." Said Melizer, who belongs to a Democratic business for a Democr

rum

CORBIN SUCCEEDS F. Thomas
Lewand, Bloomfield Township attorney who dropped out after one
two-year term as a part-time
chairman. Lewand was Blanchard's personal tawyer and choice
for chairman two years ago.

Consent pact paves way for mall

An out-of-court settlement appears to clear the way for construction of the Auburn Mills megamail.

Lake Angelius, a city of 400, in April filed suit against the Auburn Mills developers and the state Department of Natural Resources over the planned mail. The case was set for trial Feb. 25.

"We recognize the right of the property owner to develop a retail center. This settlement will make the project acceptable to Lake An-

ments.

• Relate occupancy to demonstrated traffic capacity.

• Provide more funds for envis

**TIM HINDERT, vice president of Washington, D.C. -based Western De-

gelüs," sald Mayor Francis C.
McMath.

AUBURN MILLS Associates Limited Partnership said it agreed to
Protect scenic vistas from
Lake Angelus.

Monitor wetland habitats in the area.

Study regional traffic improvements.

Relate occupancy to demon-

velopment Corp., which is develop-ing the Auburn Mills retail park, called the settlement "an example of good dialogue,"

"I am pleased that our difference has been stated. The Auburn Mills

"I am pleased that our differences have been settled. The Auburn Mills development team has expressed from the outset that we want to be a good neighbor to the surrounding communities. We look forward to bringing the value-oriented Mills concept to southeastern Michigan consumers."

Few complaints heard on county raises

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sioners received a \$1,766 pay raise this year, those in Wayne County got an \$11,426 increase. The base pay

for the 14 Wayne County Commissioners went from \$29,970 in 1990, to \$41,396.

Tom Law has a theory on why he and other Oakland commissioners

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and other commissioners should be very concerned.
He contends Jensen and other

county commissioners have abused public trust in several ways. One is their decision to sell bonds for the county's \$500 million solid waste program without first holding a vote of the people.

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Another breach is the \$2.percent pay increase. McMaster said processes. McMaster said processes. McMaster said so for commissioners know the salary last fall when they ran for office. Voting for a pay thic five eeeks later is a breach of confidence, and the public won't toterate it. Especially

County sets recall hearing the way it was done . . . out of sight of the public."

> THE PAY INCREASE was one of several measures approved at the last board meeting of the year, as the commission took care of unfin-ished business.

> It was approved by voice vote, without any roll-call that would put commissioners on the record as favoring or opposing increasing their own pay.

The increase was sponsored by two lame-duck commissioners, John P. Calandro, R-Novi, and Mark W. Chester, R-Troy.

haven't been criticized about their

"COUNTY GOVERNMENT is more visible than state government." he said "Voters see the work we do."

we do." Commissioner Marilynn E Gosling, Bloomfield Hills, said the reason voters have not voiced strong objections to their pay raise may be that county finances are not as bleak as the states.

We're not laying off people," said

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Another Bloomfield Hills Republican commissioner, Nancy McConnell, said raises for commissioners are justified in light of pay increases granted to other county workers over the last two years.

In 1989 and again in 1990, Oakland County employees received pay rais-es of 4.5 percent, she said. "Our in-crease is justified."

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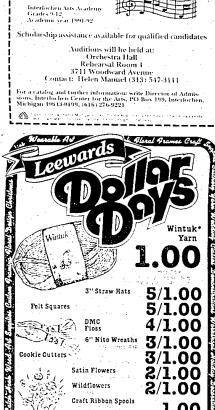
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