GOP reps seek Reaction predictable more state day Pro-choice happy, pro-life wants appeal And he was dismayed the appear between the was dismayed the appear between the was dismayed the ban appear between the was dismayed the the appear between the start dismayed the start dismayed the start dismayed the appear betwe Leaders in Oakland County's pro-choice and pro-life movements were equally stunned by the Michigan Appeals Court ruling Wednesday triking down a state ban on Medlecare inspection

By Tim Richard

State inspection of child care homes should be more frequent — not eliminates — several suburban Republican legislators agree. "Even if they restore the full 33 million (for inspections), they can't get the job done." Rep. Lyn Bankes of Livonia, charwoman of a GOP task force on child care, said Tues-day.

task torcy on cana can day. "Either we've gotta give a lot more cavalry (inspectors) or deregu-late. We've got to do something," gaid Rep. Bill Martin of Battle Creek.

Creek. ... "If you don't have licensing, you'll have warchousing of klds," said Ted Ewald, who heats the licensing and regulation program of the state De-partment of Social Services and its scheduled to lose his job March 16.

scheduled to lose his job March 16. INSPECTION of 17,000 child care , docilities is tied up in a parisan budget battle that Republican Gov. John Engler's administration and legislative leaders are waging be-hind closed doors. Bankes and Rep. Sue Munsell of Howell blame, House Democratic leaders for the geed to cut an al-ready underfunded program. The battle unfolded tike this I n December the Legislature and outgoing Gov. James Blanchard tor almost everything but school and and colleges.

approves a severithing but school and and colleges.

 In mid-January, Engler sub-gnitted budget proposals that would have restored many programs, in-cluding child care home inspections and AOC welfare payments. But ma-jority Democrats on the House Ap-proprior Committee regetted proprior proposals. That put the proprior proposals. That put the proprior proposals. That put the effect on same payments, the licensing, director, says that in order to main-tain welfare payments, the licensing, and tegulation of child care facilities must be dropped.

and regulation of child care facilities must be dropped. "The DSS was made ineffective by the 9.2 percent cut," said Munsell. "It (cuting inspections) is not the governor's suggestion. For the most part, the public agrees with the gov-ernor."

JOINING BANKES and Munsell for Tuesday's task force meeting were Reps. Jan. Dolan of Farming-ton Hills, Barbara Dobb of West Bloomfield and Gerald Law of

"Diss's loward told war stories of children being abused and a girl burning her hand on an unprotected wood stove. "The father said, with tears in his eyes, 'flow could you let

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Plymouth Township. Dobb raised questions about the parents' duty to inspect child care facilities themselves. DSS's Ewald told war stories of



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them to this to my daughter? I said, We're in here (to inspect) once a year, you're here every day.'' "Remember that when people tell you parents can inspect.' said Bankes. The fourth-term lawmaker-made it clear state inspection is the only way to assure safer child care facilities. But she said that even with an inspection program, DSS was 1.400 casts behind and has only half the inspection staff it needs.

the inspection staff it needs. MARTIN OF Battle Creek sug-gested that state inspection "is a good deal for the insurance compa-tions. We the state for all their inves-tions of the insurance is in "Insukes constructed." A major pro-vider of child care insurance is in sparsely populated areas could be multiply trained to check foster care having the programs were too different. Law is among a growing number -

different. Law is among a growing number • of male legislators taking an interest in the child care issue. "Staffsitleally, employees will show up better, be more motivated and less agitated and nervous if they know their kids are secure." he said.

know their kuds are secure," he said. EWALD SAID 235,000 Michigan wongsters are in some kind of state-licensed child care. There are: • 2.000 day care homes with up to six children apiece. These are only tregistered with the state, operators are given a three-hour orientation and their backgrounds checked. They are inspected once, 90 days af-ter their certificates are issued. State-law says a sampling must be inspected annually, but Ewald said. Worken to 12 children and at least two workers. These are licensed and in spected. • 3.500 larger preschool centers such as KinderCare, also licensed

such as kinderCare, also increased and inspected. Ewaid said there is a one-third an-nual turnover among child care fa-cilities. Because of the shortage of inspectors, there are long delays in registering new facilities, hence a shortage in some areas of the state

Appeals Court ruing Wednesday striking down a state ban on Medie aid abortions. But while pro-chaice forces arge provide groups waved to fight on. "It's been a long time since there was a pro-choice victory," said Mary Otherdoorf of Planned Parenthood, "It's is even more special because it helps the needlest people." Planned Parenthood operates, family clinics in Royal Osk and Bloomfield Hills The Michigan Abortion Rights Act tion League, that claims to represent more than 30 old prochaete baoas-teen and the special because it women who have been denied their constitutional rights. "The court agreed that women do have because or or rich," the South field-based agency said in a state event reliedsed by Carol L. King, ex-

OCC's new boss takes reins early By Pal Murphy staff writer

Faculty and staff at Oakland Com-munity College will meet with their new boss Friday at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

runge trainpus Patsy J Fulton, who becomes OCC chancellor on March 1, will speak at the school's "discipithe" meeting, die of two meetings annu-ally at which faculty and staff dis-cuss internal concerns such as cur-riculum and text books. It will be the school's first meeting which disc an since mid-locenher which disc an since mid-locenher which disc an since with resigned in May

"Im looking forward to it, "Fulton said in a phone interview Tuesday from her office where she is winding down her duties as president of Brockhaven College, Texas, part of the Dallas County community-sys-tem

"Basically I intend to tell people who I am - what my values are and how I'm "going to introduce myself to the system," she said.

ecutive director. "Tragically, for the bast two years, poor women have been denied access to that right," the statement contin-ued. "Having a constitutional right rings hollow if you can't exercise that right. "We have seen that this issue was never, ever about taxes. Our opposi-tion has since said their motives were never about taxes. And, in fact, the cutoff has not saved this state one dime. All it has done is force women: into dispersite and life-the cutoff has not saved this state one dime. All it has done is force women sind dispersite and life-throughly, this will all come to all throughly, this will all come to all the cutoff how Yey in the life. THAT INGVEYER, in it likely. Right to Life of Michigan plans to appeal the ruling, said director Bar-hara Lusting. "We will file an appeal to the Mi-Transplacilly, for the last two years, poor women have been denicid access to that right. We have seen that this issue was were never about taxes. Our to provide abortions. We have seen that this issue was the studies their motives the cutoff has not saved this state were never about taxes. Our opposi-tion has since said their motives were never about taxes. And infe-tive dime. All thas done to some dime. All thas done to the cutoff has not saved this state women into desperate and life-the cutoff has not saved this state the tratement states. Thopfully, this will all come to state of Mchigan phase to spread the ruling, and director Bar-thar latting. We will file an appeal to the Min-thar latting. We will file an appeal to the Min-thar latting. We will file an appeal to the Min-thar latting. We will file an appeal to the Min-st the situation tight now. State Sen Doug Cruce, R-Troy. Method abort thar stronger than the feder-ment that poor people must have

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Incinerator foes attack newsletter

By Pat Murphy staff writer

What one county publicist termed a "mistake" is prompting county commissioners to consider, yanking funds for a newsletter designed to tell Oakland residents about the pro-pood solid waste program The mistake is an artifle that appeared in a mid-Janary issue of "Solid Waste Management News," and the county startice pub-lishing in Janary, mainly for public officials involved in implementing the controversial solid waste pro-gram." Her values are those usually shared by most professional educa-tors, she said, "a commitment to ed-ucation and to serving the student."

AMONG IER HIGHEST pror-tics is assessing the extent to which CCU is fulfilling its mission of de-livering educational services to stu-dents. "Are our students succeeding when they funds up?" she asked. "Are they successful when they transfer to four-year institutions? Are they getting skills useful in the the controversal sould wave pro-ram." The article under the headin-"Tips for goiding emotional public meetings." offered suggestions to public directs One part of the arti-care title. "Seasure houses sometimes meeting so as not to detract from other business at hand." A number of residents?- particu-larity those opposed to the incinera-

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TI LOOKS LIKE the newsletter is advising public officials to stift criticism." said Sherry Clair, a Re-classer Hills resident who is critica if the article severative the right to offer entriesm yettisms article ad-press official, about how to nation the and others opp-soil to the studies. That also resorts are implication she and others opp-soil to the two in-nementors, included in the plan art, were catefully research our argu-ments. Clair and The day's using the present them as object vely a presche.

possible The projected fiber million solid waste plan includes two upply con-the versals with the second comparison tory a new one in Aubath Hills and another in Modey in Heaths. Opponents have been vocal



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