

## Benefit at B'ham Theatre goes to aid county parks

A performance of "South Pacific" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Birmingham Theatre benefits the Oakland Parks Foundation. Tickets are \$30 per person for the Rogers and Hammerstein musical classic and are tax deductible as allowable by law. Ticket holders will become eligible to win reservations for two for a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

Showgoers also can attend a champagne afterglow hosted by

Ted Fuller, president of Oak Management Corporation and an Oakland Parks Foundation board member, at the theatre following the performance.

Funds raised by the Oakland Parks Foundation are used to preserve and enhance parks and recreation in Oakland County.

For reservations or more information, call the Oakland Parks Foundation office at 335-2771 or 335-7670.

## Honigman attacks residency rules

By Tim Richard  
Staff writer

State Sen. David Honigman is challenging some political Goliaths — Detroit, rural townships and unions — with a bill prohibiting residency rules for governmental employees.

His Senate Bill 271 moved forward in the state Senate this week, though with little prospect of House passage.

"What private employer would require residency in a certain city? Only government would be so stupid," said Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

With nearly party-line support from Republicans, Honigman fought down crippling amendments Tuesday.

ABOUT ONE-FOURTH of cities, townships and villages in Michigan require employees to live within the local boundaries, he said.

Detroit even requires applicants to be city residents. Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said a residency requirement "allows local units to have some ability to have some response time."

Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo,

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have dozens of Berlin Walls in Michigan."

He said residency requirements are "oppressive, offensive" and an assault on personal liberty. His examples:

- A female police officer and a male firefighter can't marry because they work for different cities with residency rules.

- Parents employed in cities with residency rules can't send their children to schools of their choice because they can't move into the district.

- Husbands and wives can't sleep together because residency rules say one employed in a particular city must spend the night in that city before going on duty next day.

- Residency rules enable black-run cities to exclude whites from employment, and white-run cities to exclude blacks.

SEN. CHRIS Dingell, D-Trenton, sought an amendment to allow unions to bargain collectively for residency rules.

Honigman called it "even worse, more oppressive and offensive" than a city-imposed rule.

The Dingell amendment lost, 10 to 16, in another unrecorded vote.

and most local units have mutual aid pacts for major fire and police emergencies.

Welborn's amendment lost, 13 yes to 15 no, in a hasty, unrecorded vote.

"GOVERNMENT should not tell people where to live," said Honigman, who produced the bill in the Labor Committee he chairs. "We

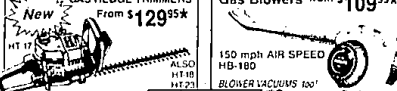
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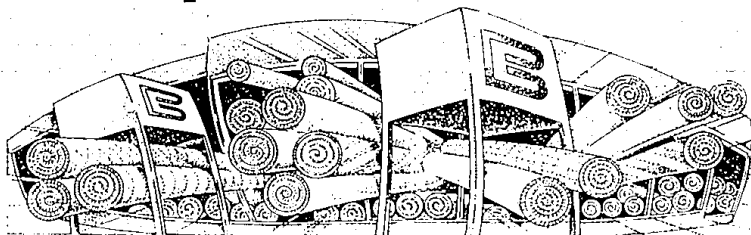
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