

# New leadership

## Crake, Gosling front-runners to head county board

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

Commissioners Larry Crake and Marilyn E. Gosling of Bloomfield Hills are reportedly

the front-runners as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners prepares to elect a chairman, vice chairman and committee leaders for 1992.

Officially, board reorganization

won't take place until commissioners meet for the first time in January.

But actual reorganization will take shape Tuesday when Republican commissioners caucus at the Holiday Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Republicans, who outnumber Democrats 19 to 8, are scheduled to caucus on the board chairman and vice chairman as well as committee assignments.

If Republicans vote along party lines as in previous years, they will have enough votes in January to ratify the results of Tuesday's caucus, regardless of how the eight Democrats might vote.

The outgoing chairman and vice chairman, both Republicans, are Roy Revold and Nancy McConnell, respectively.

Revold, of Oakland Township, announced in October that he would not seek re-election as chairman, although he would likely seek re-election in the 16th District.

McConnell, of Bloomfield Hills, said she is not seeking re-election as vice chairman, and may not seek re-election as a commissioner.

"I'm not seeking re-election as vice chairman because I was very much identified with Roy," said McConnell.

"I also believe that leadership roles should be shared."

"If you believe in term limitation at all (as McConnell does), you must also believe in limiting leadership."

As far as running for commissioner in 1992, McConnell said, "I may, but I believe I will be moving on."

Under the recently adopted reapportionment plan for county commissioners, McConnell is in the same district as Gosling. Thus, if she decides to seek re-election, McConnell would be going head-to-head with Gosling.

Both are popular with voters and respected by their colleagues, and a head-to-head primary battle would likely be hotly contested.

Gosling has already said she will likely run again.

"I don't necessarily relish the idea of going through another election," said McConnell, who lost a tough primary election in October, when she ran unsuccessfully in a special election for state representative in the 65th District, which includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township.

She lost in a tight and sometimes bitter campaign against fellow Republican John Jamian, who had never before run for office.

## Amoco stations now recycle oil

By Wayne Peal  
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There are now more places to recycle motor oil.

Amoco Oil Co. announced recently it would begin accepting used motor oil at selected stations in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Participants are asked to drop off up to five gallons of used oil in sealed containers. No purchase is necessary.

Local motor oil recycling is an expansion of a company program already operating in Chicago, St. Louis and central Illinois, as well as Florida, Maryland and Virginia.

The metro-area program was announced in Livonia during a program featuring Gov. John Engler.

How locally recycled oil will be used is unclear.

"It's a little hard to say because it's going to be picked up by independent contractors," Amoco spokesman Walt Brown said. "But used motor oil can be used for a number of petroleum-based products, even fuel."

Firms picking up the oil are licensed by the state.

"This isn't something you can just walk in off the street and do," Brown said.

While Amoco stations aren't the only places accepting used motor oil, recycling opportunities have been limited.

"Judging from the response we got on hazardous household waste day, I'd say there aren't too many places," said Bill Sturgeon, Livonia solid waste recycling manager.

More than 4,000 gallons of motor oil were deposited at the Livonia Recycling Center during the October 19 event.

Environmental danger occurs when oil is improperly disposed. Used oil shouldn't be placed in the trash, poured down drains and sewers or dumped on the ground.

Participating Oakland County stations include:

• Birmingham — North Hunter and Oak; East Maple and Adams and Southfield and 13 Mile.

• Rochester — West University and Main.

• Southfield — West Nine Mile and Evergreen, Telegraph and 10 Mile and 12 Mile and Evergreen.

• Troy — Crooks and Big Beaver and East Maple and John R.

## Area authors sign their books

Seven Oakland County authors are among 13 Detroit area writers who will sign copies of their latest novels during a "Book Loves Celebration" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Southfield branch of the Books Connection.

The event also offers customers a 20 percent minimum discount on all new books, door prizes, refreshments and many other giveaways, reports Patricia Franks, owner.

"We've planned this event in recognition and celebration of the mutual affection which exists between Detroit-area novel authors and readers," Franks said.

The Books Connection is located at 29211 Southfield, in the Southfield Commons just north of 12 Mile. The

recently expanded store has been in business nine years and features more than 40,000 new and used book titles.

The Oakland County authors who have agreed to appear include West Bloomfield residents William Klenze, a mystery writer, and Jill Gregory and Elizabeth Turner, historical romance novelists.

Others are Julie Grice, a fiction writer from Auburn Hills; and romance novelists Marianne Willman and Ruth Langan, both of Farmington, and Linda Lang Bartell, of Troy. The authors will spend two hours at the store. For specific signing times or other information call the Books Connection of Southfield at 559-3780.

## Secretaries meet at Townsend

The Detroit Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will hold its annual Christmas luncheon at noon Saturday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

A social hour begins at 11 a.m. This will be a joint holiday event with five other chapters of PSI: River Park, Oakland County, Macomb, Town & Country and Tri-County chapters.

It is requested that all attendees bring two canned food items, which will be donated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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