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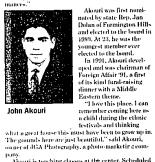
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Elected to second term

ohn Akouri will serve a second three-year term on the Farmington-Farmington Hills Commu-nity Center board of directors. The center's unanimously re-elected Akouri at its recent

nanual meeting.

Akouri said he hopes "the community center can soutine to facilitate the needs of our area citizens with first-class programs, classes, rentals and continued support of the center's amphitheater performances.



Akouri was first numi-

Akouri is teaching classes at the center, Scheduled

GOP, Dems both claim 11th District



Listen to the Republicans, the newly created 11th U.S. House district is their hub. Talk to Democrats and they'll say the 400,000 registered voters are primed to east a ballot for their party. The upcoming Ang Anginery and New 2 alection will fell the advantage of the state of Aug. 4 primary and Nov. 3 election will tell the story.

By GIEG KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

The new 11th U.S. House district is saidily Republican. It's also a prime Democratic benchhead. Each candidate — depending on which party he or she blongs to — be-lieves chances for a victory in the up-coming Aug. 4 primary and Nov. 3 elec-tion are good.

"This is just right for a Democratic vote," said a confident Donald Tucker, chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

The newly created district covers hold 580,000 residents and about 400,000 voters.

It's a big chunk of area that traditionally has voted Republican under the reign of U.S. Rep. William Broaufield, who announced his retirement after 37 years in Congress.

The redefined district adds South-field and Redford, which have substan-tial Democratic voting blocs.

"There is clearly a tendency toward the Democratic party," Tucker said en-

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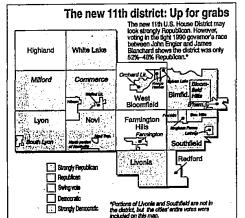
continued on by President George Bush is fuding as the economy limps along.

In the 1990 gubernatorial race, Southfield leaned heavily toward the Democrate with a 16,570 vate, while the Republicans garnered 6,457 vates. West Bloomfield voters also gave incumbent Go, James Blanchard the edge, 19,386 to 8,724 over John Engler. Whom and Lathrup also voted Democratic, but their tallies were measured in the hun-dreds of votes.

District while, Engler beat Blanchard

District-wide, Engler beat Blanchard 61,144 to 59,667.

James Alexander, chairman of the Republican Committee for Oakland County, wasn't disturbed by the new Democratic voters in the district.



race. He is running against fellow Republicans Alice Gilbert and Joe Knol-lenborg. Democratic contenders are Walter O. Briggs IV and Michael Meyer.



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