Lawmaker wins oh tax cut plan

John E. Oisen chalked up two victories in one day over proper-

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The Republican from Hunt-ington Woods won 18-9 approv-al in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners of a resolu-tion endorsing Proposal C, "Cut."

tion endorsing Proposal C, "Cut" & Cap" Thursday morning.
That afternoon Olsen won 18-14 in his effort to table (kill) a resolution opposing Proposal C in the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.
"The problem is that this is a political resolution and, in some cases, a partiesn one," Olsen old SEMCOG. Passing a political resolution is fine for general

units of government, he argued, but not for a regional planning agency like SEMCOC.

Pushed by Gov. Joh. Engler and the Michigan Stab Chamber of Commerce, Propisal C, if approved by voters, whild cap assessment increases 1 3 percent annually and ct school property taxes by 36 percent over five years, requiring the state to relimbures lock schools for the loss.

The anti-C resolution was pushed onto the IEMCOG agenda by its Education Advisory Council.

"The EAC felt we vould be sabotaging education if this (C)

passes," said David Hackett, chair of the Oakland Communi-ty College board. SEMCOG's action means it

SEMCOG's action means it neither supports nor opposes C. Supporting Olsen was Richard Skarritt, R. Milford, also modkland County commissioners. "SEMCOG is being more and more political," Skarritt complained. "If Detroit were levying a tax, wed stay out of that, I'm sure."

SEMCOG's members are 140 of the 400-plus local units of government in the seven-county region. Besides doing regional planning, it hoses the U.S. census data base.

U-D High to auction Seger's guitar

Bob Seger's autographed tele-caster guitar will be part of it. So will a trip for two to London and a

will a trip for two to London and a handmade quilt.

They will be among the items up for bids at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School's 21st Annual Auction Saturday, Nov. 7. Founded in 1877, and located

on Jefferson Avenue, uition for that first year was \$40 and books were \$9.37.

Students in attendance then included names that have become landmarks and streets in the city—Grosebeck, Riopelle Campau, Joy, Purdy, St. Aubin.

Today the high school and academy are located on Seven Mile Road near Livernois. Stu-dents from both city and suburbs

Proceeds from the auction help contain costs for students. tickets, call 862-5400, Ext. 244.

Hoop hero to speak at Walsh College

Former Detroit Pistons hoop-ster Dave Bing will be the keynote speaker at a scholarship fund-ra-iser for the Walsh College student chapter of the National Associa-tion of Black Accountants at 2

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p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7
The scheduled decussion is called "Entrepreneurship and the Skills Needed to Succeed in the Year 2000 and

chased by calling 689-6178, Ext.
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The proceeds will benefit the Crystal G. Coleman Scholarship Award, established to assist minority accounting students.

Walsh College is located at 3388 Livernois between Big Beaver and Wattles in Troy.

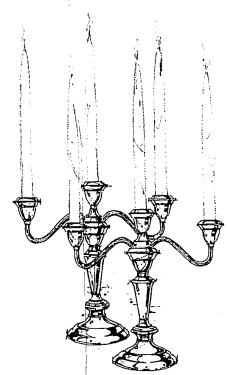


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Champion of justice

Friends pay tribute to Morrie Gleicher

There was more than a little irony Thursday as mourners gathered at the Ira Kaufman Memorial Chapel to say farewell to Morrie Gleicher, the kindly political consultant who shaped careers and championed liberal causes.

Gleicher, 75, died Monday in Beaumont Hospital. His unex-pected death was "an absolute shock," said Michigan Secretary of State Richard Austin, format client and friend and one of about 900 people who gathered for his funeral.

Within hours of the 1 p.m. services — and within miles of the Southfield gathering — both main presidential candidates were to appear in southeast Michigan. President Bush spoke at Macomb Community College and challenger Bill Clinton appeared at Cobo Hall.

Gleicher loved politics. And perhaps if he'd had a wish, it might have been to stick around until after Tuesday's election.

Gleicher was interested in the presidential race, to be sure. But he was also consulting as many as 10 candidates. "That's like having 10 horses in a horserace at the same time," said Detroit City Councilman Mel Ravitz, one of the mourners.

"We couldn't wish Morrie a more full life," said another, Rob-ert Kahn, who first became friends with Gleicher when both were young students at the Uni-

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A second bit of irony had nothing to do with Gleicher's funeral, except in an allegorical sense. It was transpiring hundreds of miles away and involved Alger Hiss, a victim of the kind of paranoia Gleicher detested.

Hiss was imprisoned after being convicted as a Communist spy. A Russian general, keeper of military intelligence archives, said spy charges against Hiss were "completely groundless." Hiss had been an innocent victim of the hateful McCarthyism of the 1950s.

Morrie detested the McCarthy paranoia of that period, according to Rabbi Sherwin Wine, one of 10 speakers, to talk about Gleicher and his life.

Morrie's dislike for McCarth-ism was typical of his commit-ment to cocial ethics, Wine said.

In the same vein he defended— even raise money for— Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed in 1953 as Russian spies.

So as Russian spice.
Gleicher's efforts on behalf of unpopular causes was indicative of his sense of justice. Wine said It was also an indication of his commitment. "It wasn't easy to champion the Rosenbergs in that era."

Another speaker, former Recorder's Court judge and U.S. Rep. George Crockett Jr., remembered that Gleicher tempered his zeal for politics with a keen sense of

In the early 1960s, when he was making a bid for the Detroit City Council, Crockett recalled, he fin-ished the campaign flat broke and unable to pay Gleicher's consult-

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"He told me not to worry," Crockett said, "he'd just tack in onto Jerry's fee."

The Jerry, of course, was become Cavanagh who hired Gleicher to advise him on a second bid for mayor of Detroit. Another Detroit mayor he advised was Coleman A. Toung.

One of the candidates Gleicher was advising in this race is Steve Kaplan, a Southfield Democrat running against incumbent Richy and Thompson. "I had lunch with Morrie lust week," Kaplan said. "We worked on the ada we have going right now."

Gleicher was also an adviser to Deborah Tyner, who last fall was elected Oakland County Circuit judge. "Morrie was so vital," she said. "We'll miss him."

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