Medical examiners have 'ill feelings'

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Ill feelings between the medical examiner's offices in Oakland and Wayne are obvious from testimony in the trial of three police officers charged in the beating death of Detroiter Mailce Green, according to presiding Recorder's Court Judgo George W. Crockett III.

But it's difficult, if not impossible, to say which side inreponse to an objection raised during Monday's proceedings, the second day in which the Oakland medical examiner said the office in Wayne County is inept and subject to pressure.

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brought out any feelings of animosity came up late Menday
during cross examination of
Ljubisa J. Dragovic wow
worked in the Wapovic County
medical examiner's flow of the
fore becoming Oakland County
medical examiner in 1991.

With Drigovic on the witness stand, defense attorney
Fred Walker referred to the
prosecution "bringing up ill
feelings" between the offices in
Oakland and Wayne counties.
Assistant prosecutor Douglas Baker objected. "He (Dra-

govic) brought it up in his tes-timony," said Baker.
"But he did so in response to your questions," countered Walker.

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Crockett put the dispute to rest by saying, "It's difficult to say who brought up the ill feeling. But they're definitely there."

In testimony last week, Dragovic said he was "very unfortunate to have worked with Dr. Bader Cassin." That was after Cassin was named Wayne County Medical Examiner, a job Dragovic said he applied for, but really didn't want.

Dragovic makes no secret of his opinion that Wayne County Medical Examiner Bader Casain is inept, particularily in his concurrence with the finding that the death of Malica Green was caused by "Multipart of the man to the head" with cocaine playing an "insignificant role."

Dragovic is one of several ex-Dragovic Is one of several ex-pert witnesses called in the tri-al that began in early June and is expected to continue through much of August. Jurors don't have to accept testimony from expert witness-es, sald Crockett, without re-ferring to Dragovic specifically.

Coping with college stress

The Oakland University Continuum Center is offering a workshop titled "Stress and the College Student: Added Tension at

It's set from 7-9:30 p.m. Mon-day, Aug. 16, on the Rochester campus of Oakland University. Stress management expert Rober-ta "Jeff" Dailey will teach partici-

pants how to cope with the stress of balancing their social and academic lives.

Fee for the evening is \$39; if taken with the workshop, "Study Power and Test Success," beginning Aug. 10, the two programs will cost \$99 — a savings of \$19. Registrations will be taken through Aug. 12; cell 370-3033 for information.

Neiman's

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The Neiman Marcus shoppers interviewed all had rave reviews for the store and its attiff attentiveness. Stories were told of scaryes being added at no charge to finish off a sult purchase, handbags being stain-protected for free before being packed away, and buttons being moved while still on a customer in the dressing room.

"I was just purchasing a box of candy, but the service was excep-tional," said Marion Fell of Ro-chester Hills. "It made the candy taste twice as good."

More than one shopper, however, said that a feeling that they had to get dressed up to go shopping kept them from visiting the store on a regular basis.

"If I'm home all day and I need a pair of hoslery or something quick, I don't go to Neiman's because I feel that I need to be dressed up to shop there," said up to Hudson's at Oakland Mall in my shorts or running sult instead. Neiman's just strikes me as a fancier place, I guess."

Taking exception to the words "fancy" and "trendy," McClure defined Neiman Marcus her way.

"Whether it's Anne Klein, El-n Tracy or Donna Karan, when whether it's Anne Klein, El-len Tracy or Donna Karan, when we do something basic, we do it with a twist. Take the black skirt. Everyone sells one. At Neiman Marcus we may slit it, add a spe-cial button, back treatment, or belt, but you wan't get just a plain, black skirt."

Community benefits

Marilyn Connor, director of public relations at the Somerset

Collection store, assists McClure in the corporationwide effort to have Neiman Marcus give back to the community that supports it.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Connor ran through the list of local beneficiaries since the store opened last summer:

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"We've been involved on many
different levels with Michigan
Opera Theatre, Michigan Cancer
Foundation, hospice, the
Thanksgiving Day parade, the
Music Hall, Children's Hospital,
HAVEN, Links, the Detroit Art
Institute, Michigan Artrain,
Cranbrook, Pewabic Pottery, St.
John Hospital, AIDS research,
and Oakland Family Services,"
abe said. "Our top shoppers are
philanthropic individuals whose
interests touch all aspects of life
in metropolitan Detroit. Neiman's is likewise committed to
supporting the surrounding communities."

This is evident in the way the store has chosen to celebrate its first year in business in Michigan. Friday, Neiman Marcus will host a benefit for the experimental Loyola Academy. This new school will be run by the Archdiocese of Detroit to serve 40 students considered "at risk" in the traditional educational system.

Sally Victor, marketing director of the Somerset Collection, con-gratulated Neiman Marcus on its success.

"We're'thrilled to have them as part of the collection," she said. "There's definitely been an in-crease in shoppers since our reno-vation and expansion."

Victor said weekend traffic surveys indicate 17 percent of the mall's shoppers are not local, coming from outstate Michigan, Toledo and Canada.

dollars were leaving Michigan each year for stores elsewhere. That's some market. I have found Michigan shoppers to be trendy, savvy, and even more sophisticated than Chicago shoppers.

Barbara McClure Neiman Marcus manager



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