Nobel Prize fight

Reaction to peace award mixed

It was a controversial choice:
Paleatine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat for the
Nobel Peace Prize.
And it was debated from Oslo,
where the awards were given, to
metro Detroit, where thousands of
Middle Eastern natives daily
await word from loved ones on the
still troubled peace process.

While area Arabs and Jews were divided, even among them-selves, on whether Arafat, isrneli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Isrneli foreign innister Shi-mon Peres deserved the award, they stand united in their hope for peace.

Allen Zemmel, president of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit, headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, said Arafat, Rabin and Peres may very well deserve the Nobel Peace Drize — but it's too early to tell.

"Zemmel, who said he was at the

peace treaty signing in Washington, D.C., Sept. 13, 1993, said:
"My view is that both deserve
normous credit for initiating the
process leading to peace in the
Middle East. But it's still in the
very early stages and there are a
tot of others involved.
"It's hard to make a confiden
ray or yea as to if they should get
it. There's no doubt it (the peace
accord) is of critical importance.
It was an enormous initiative, but
we don't know who ultimately will
emerge as the peacemakers in the
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Over the years, Arafat often had been considered a terrorist teader by Israella. Conversely, Palestinians have called Iraael's leaders terrorists, often after reprisals by soldiers following suspected Palestinian bombings or shootlings. "I'm of the opinion that some nike Mother Tereas should get an award like that. And ahe did," said Terry Ahwal, a member of the America-Arab Anti-Discrimi-

nation Committee in Detroit and a representative on local and national Palestinian boards.
"Arafat and Rabin have done enough damage," she said. "When it takes 30 years to come to poore and then you reward them? That's horrible."
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Dr. Radvan Khoury of Livonia,
a Paleatinian who works for a
non-profit, non-political organization in Lathrup Village that repreacuts Arab and Chaldean Americans, said it is his personal viewpoint that "both men were
courageous enough to win the
hearts of the people who sat the
standarda" for the prize.

"I am for peace in the Middle East. It's been in misery for so long. They've lost a lot of people on both sides. Negotiations are the best way to go."

Osama Siblani, publisher of the

Arab-American News in Dear-born, said awarding the Nobel to Arafat and Rabin would be "great." But he'd like to hear what the objections would be. Arafat "deserves recognition on the international scene," he said. "They say he's a terrorist, but so is Rabin. Your terrorist is my here."

Arafat, Rabin and Peres will share the prestigious prize and its \$933,000 cash award, given by a panel of Swedish judges.

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One member of the Nobel committee, Kare Kristlansen, meanwhile, threatened to resign if Arafat got the price, said a report in the Oalo, Norway, newspaper Aftenposten. The newspaper reported early last week that Arafat and Rabin would be the winners, although an announcement want made official until Friday in Oalo, which was under Swedish control when Swedish industriallat Alfred Nobel created the prizes.







Program to focus on handling anti-Semitism Family Awareness Project next

What should you do when your child comes home from school, shaken and confused after an anti-Semile incident?
The Michigan Office of the Anti-Defamation League, based in Southfield, believes your best defense is learning what to do before anything happens. To help achieve this, the organization will present the first program in its

This seminar will be led by Richard Lobenthal, regional director of the ADL and noted consultant and speaker on intergroup relations. Along with reviewing video vignettes and timely and useful materials, Lobenthal will conduct a discussion of strategies

and methods to use in responding to children confronted with subtle and not-so-subtle anti-Semitic incidents.

Parents, teachers and others who are interested may attend the seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Jewish Community Center (Maple/Drake campus), Shiffman Hall, West Bloomfield. A dessert

reception starts at 7 p.m. The program runs 7:30-9:30 p.m. For reservations, call (810) 355-3730.

"Often, as parents, we don't know what to do," said Fran Gross Linden, ADL Michigan Ad-visory Board president. "This will be an outstanding opportunity to share and learn with others in the

State Rep. Dolan's topic: 'Politics and Posies'

Jan Dolan, a Republican state Representative from Farmington, will be guest speaker when the Community House Senior Wom-èn's Club meets at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday.

Her topic is "Politics and Po-bies." Lunchen follows. Club members may make reservations

by calling 642-7665.
Dolan is a former hospital dietitian, accondary achoelteacher and sadut day care administrator. She graduated from the University of Akron and took additional course work at Madonna College and Michigan State University.
Elected to the House of Repre-

aentatives in 1988, ahe is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Council, Legislative Art Caucus and Republican Majority Council. Dolar is active in the American Association of University Women, plus other area groups, particularly the Federated Garden Clubs of Mich-

igan, where she is a flower show judge.

Dolan was recipient of the 1985
AAUW Community Enrichment
Award, the 1983 Rotary Vocational Service Award and Woman of
the Year award from the Broadview Heights, Ohlo, Kiwanis
Club.





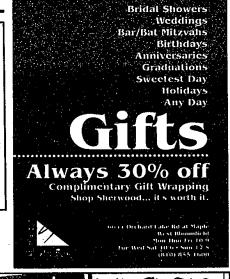
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