Thompson making bid for third term

Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson has made it official.

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While many prosecutors in Michigan and the nation pleas hargain routinely. Thompson has a policy of going to trial on the original charge rather than negotiating – something critics claim clogs the courts.

Even with his no plea bargaining policies, Thompson said his office has a conviction rate of nearly 90 porcent – statistics both Goreyca and Kaplan say whey challenge.

As if to acknowledge his prosention of Dr. Jack Kavorkian may be a campaign issue, Thompson reiterated his claim that charging the retired pathologist known as "Dr. Death" for violating state laws against assisted suicide was his duty as the county's chief law enforcement office.

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Thompson said his tenure in office has been characterized by more than being tough on crims and enforcing state laws against ansisted suicide. Among the accomplishments he cited are developing a video conferencing warrant request procedure saving an estimated \$1 million and office has been characterized by more than being tough on crims in the court of the



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In a joint pross conference announcing the special day, the residential builder was joined by Benate candidate Ronna Romnoy, who bills horself as a strong fiscal conservative advocating a meaningful reduction in the size and scope of the fodoral government by reducing spending and cutting taxes.

The efforts of Lockwood, who was the first to come up with the paid day off plan, have caught the attention of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

At least one Lockwood employee agrees. "It's a great way to make people understand how tax policies affect them and the

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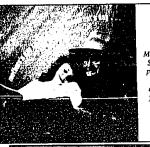
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