

Carlin's stance: Nonviolent inmates should be working

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Nonviolent inmates in the county jail should be put to work rather than allowed to play cards or watch television, according to Republican sheriff's candidate Jerry Carlin.

Carlin, of Rochester, is one of six Republican candidates seeking the GOP sheriff's nomination in the Aug. 6 primary election. The others are William A. Goodfellow of Ponca, Raymond B. L'Esperance of Davisburg, Paul A. Molin of Farmington Hills, John F. Nichols of Northville and Michael L. Odette of Clarkston.

The winner will face Democrat Matt Hogan in the Nov. 6 general election. Hogan, a Michigan State Police commander, is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Carlin is the former commander of the sheriff's Rochester Hills substation who was charged as part of the infamous 1993 case the prosecutor characterized as the "largest political corruption" case in county history.

Carlin, then mayor Billie Ireland of Rochester Hills and nine other people — including other sheriff's officers and deputies — were charged with a total of 71 felonies. All the felony charges were eventually dismissed in district or circuit court, although some are

under appeal.

Carlin admits the charges — although dismissed — cost a pail over his reelection bid. "But Sheriff Nichols (the incumbent he intends to oust) was grooming me to replace him before. I don't see any reason I shouldn't go through with plans to replace him now."

While assigned to jail duty, Carlin said he saw some disturbing things he'd change as sheriff. "I saw inmates sitting around playing cards and watching television," he told about 120 well-wishers Monday at a \$20 fund raiser at Diamonds and Spurs in downtown Pontiac.

Nonviolent inmates, insisted Carlin, should be put to work picking up paper or cleaning graffiti from buildings. "It wouldn't be the same as a chain-gang," he said. "We use inmates charged with drunk driving, nonsupport or writing bad checks. No violent felons."

Sheriff Nichols, whose duties include overseeing the 1,600 prisoner jail, declined to comment Tuesday. Under sheriff Henry Buffa, however, termed Carlin's remarks as "without merit."

Buffa said many inmates charged with nonviolent crimes are already on work release programs or working voluntarily on

"I saw inmates sitting around playing cards and watching television."

Jerry Carlin
Republican sheriff's candidate

projects like cleaning up county parks.

Carlin said as sheriff, he'd discontinue another policy in the jail — that of allowing prisoners unrestricted television viewing. "I'd restrict their television to informational channels, such as A&E, and maybe religious channels," he said. "There'd be no R-rated television."

One of Carlin's supporters was Billie Ireland, the former mayor of Rochester Hills who was also charged in the 1993 corruption probe.

Ireland has a civil suit pending against the prosecutor's office and other officials claiming she was wrongfully accused. "I can't tell you how hurtful those charges were to people," she said.

Innocent defendants and their families were "terribly hurt" by the groundless and malicious accusations, she said.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Oakland Kaleidoscope is a roundup of Oakland County news and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Write: Oakland Kaleidoscope, County Editor, The Eccentric Newspapers, 806 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

AGING SEMINAR
"Caring for Aging Parents" will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 8, in Room 308 of the J building at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Conducted by Diane Margolis-Baum, M.A., the women's seminar will address coping skills, management of difficult behaviors and situations, support and educa-

tional resources and an overview of normal vs. abnormal aging. The cost is \$30. The program, sponsored by the OCC Women-center, is open to the public. For more information, call (810) 471-7602.

MEDIATION TRAINING
The Bloomfield Hills-based Oakland Mediation Center, formerly The Settlement Center, will conduct a 40-hour mediation training session on June 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, and 30. The training session follows the guidelines of the Michigan State Court Administrative Office and includes lectures, videos, audio tapes, simulations, role-plays and critiques. Oakland University Professor Burdick and Oakland County Bar attorney Mrs. N. Klein will instruct the session. The fee is

\$400. For more information and an application form, call the Oakland Mediation Center at (810) 338-4280.

DEFICIT DISORDER
Bethann Kalt, M.A., of Southfield Mental Health Associates, was among professionals throughout the world attending the National Attention Deficit Disorder Association conference in Pittsburgh. The conference addressed current information on assessment, treatment and management of ADHD symptoms, which may include a difficulty to retrieve information, hyperactivity and a lack of control impulses. Those attending were introduced to a new instrument for assessing the presence of ADHD in adolescents and adults. The use of a

combination of medications to treat individuals with attention difficulties was also discussed.

PHYSICIANS HONORED
The Michigan State Medical Society honored 115 physicians for 50 years of service to patients and the medical profession at its 131st annual House of Delegates session at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Among those honored were Roy S. Haxen, M.D. of Beverly Hills; Frederick F. Shevin, M.D., of

See KALEIDOSCOPE, 7A

Lisa Loeb



Saturday, June 29 8 PM

\$33, \$30, \$26, \$23

Alternative singer and guitarist Lisa Loeb topped the charts with her hit "Stay" from the *Reality Bites* soundtrack.

No lawn seats.
No nose bleed seats.

Tickets on sale now!

Call (313) 764-2538

WILLIAM RANDALL CASHMERE ANNUAL CASHMERE SALE

WOMEN'S CLASSIC STYLES
2 FOR \$139.00
OR \$79.00 EACH

100% Silk & Cotton Knitwear
'28.00 & Up

Men's Cashmere Sweaters
up to \$100 OFF
(select styles & colors)

Sale Starts Friday, May 24, 1996



WILLIAM RANDALL CASHMERE
SOMERSET COLLECTION
(810) 637-7510

Price reductions do not apply to previous sale items.

It's Easier than Ever to Get Fit in Birmingham...

Oh!



When it comes to personal fitness, the Oakland Athletic Club is Birmingham's most exclusive address. We offer you certified personal fitness trainers, computerized fitness logs, state-of-the-art equipment from Life Cycle, Stair Master, Trotter, and Schwinn, plus amenities like Bose stereo and hardwood lockers.

Now through May 31, take advantage of our Grand Opening Special:

- Special initiation fee
- 3 complimentary personal training sessions
- Logo Shirt, Gym Bag & Personalized Luggage Tag
- Certificate good toward massage, training and merchandise.
- Pay for a year in advance, save an additional 5%.

Call 810-540-9596 today for information.

OAKLAND ATHLETIC CLUB

Zaske Sarafa Financial Center
355 S. Woodward, Suite 290
Birmingham, MI 48009



Grand Opening Membership Special Now through May 31

"But it looked really easy on the handyman show"

POWER TOOLS—
Several kinds. Only slightly used. Best offer.

Sell power tools or anything else faster in The Observer & Eccentric.

Sell it in three ads guaranteed, or we'll run your ad three more times free. *Just call the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds (313) 591-0900 or (810) 644-1070

*Limited time offer. Private parties only. Real estate sales and rentals not included in this offer.

We'll sell it in three or we'll run it for free.

Observer & Eccentric
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Call (313) 591-0900 or (810) 644-1070 today.

EMPTYING BUILDING NO CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN



WE MUST SELL... YOU WILL SAVE!

Hepplewhite's
FINE FURNITURE

210 W. University Drive, Rochester, MI 810551-4710
Mon., Tues., Wed. 10-6 • Thurs. & Fri. 10-6 • Sat. 10-6 • Sun. 12-5

Sections of Store WILL CLOSE...

REMODELING SALE \$1,000,000 FURNITURE INVENTORY SELL-OFF!

EVERYTHING MUST GO! Nothing Held Back.

SAVE up to 70%

NOW YOU CAN AFFORD PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE, CLAYTON MARCUS, HICKORY CHAIR, HICKORY WHITE, LEXINGTON LAKE, HICKORY, NATIONAL MOUNT AIRY, CAPEL RUGS & MORE! ... But Hurry!

*CREDIT TERMS AVAILABLE • 30 DAYS SAME AS CASH