## Candidates react to Kevorkian

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

Oakland County's next prosecutor isn't enthusiastic about inheriting — and prosecuting — the latest charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"I will dismiss those charges," said Democrat Steven Kaplan, referring to most of the 19 charges lodged last week against the Weat Bloomfield pathologist knewn as "Doctor Death." Republican David Gorcyca declined to be that specific. "It would be inappropriate for me to

comment," he said Friday. "For one thing, I haven't seen the

one thing, I haven't seen the police reports.
"But on Jan. 1, I would look at the cases," Goreyen said, "and I'd clean up the mess."

Both candidates have previously stated their opposition to Michigan's law on assisted suicide.

"My opposition isn't philosophical," said Kaplan, "it's pragmatic. Juries won't convict. I wouldn't waste tax dollars on a case we can't win."

we can't win." Kaplan had one qualification,

however. Five of the 19 charges against Kevorkian pertain to practicing medicine as an uniccessed health professional. "I'd have to look at those charges before making a decision," he said.

Throughout the campaiga, Goreyca has classified Keverkian as being "out of control."

Goreyca has asked the governor and state legislators to either pass a law that is enforcable or make assisted suicide legal. "The status quo isn't working." he said.

Knplan, 43, is graduate of Southfield Lathrup High School, Oakland University and the Detroit College of law. He lives in West Bloomfield and works in Macomb County, where he has been an assistant prosecutor for

Goreyca, 34, is a graduate of Brother Rice High School, Michi-gan State University and the Detroit College of Law. A resi-dent of Royal Onk, he was an Oakland County assistant prose-cutor for 26 months before going into private practice.





## Oakland County drain commissioner hopefuls share their views

Unless Oakland County voters have been living in a cave for the past several weeks, they have likely heard about Dave Goreya and Steve Kaplan, the two contenders for the hotly-contended county prosecutor race. That may not be the case, however, with the candidates for the county Drain Commissioner sent.

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Republican incumbent George
Kuhn and Democratic challenger
Martha Blom are the choices for
the four-year position, earning
\$90,646 annually.

Kuhn, also 71, earned his
bachelor's degree from Central
Michigan University then
attended Harvard University,
Wayne State University and the
University of Michigan A West
Bloomfield resident, Kuhn is a

former state senator and Ford Motor Company employee before

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Blom, 71, earned her bache-lor's degree from the University of Illinois. An Orchard Lake resi-dent, Blom worked as program coordinator, school of Human and Educational Services, Oak-land University. The retiree also served as Oakland County Democratic Parly Treasurer.

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\$38 million in federal grants, the \$84 million project would 1) eliminate flooding in homes and 2) improve the water quality of the Rouge to a level that is safe for body contact and drinking.

Blom would prefer to see the improvements made at the Twelve Towns sewage system in

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Madison Heights (despite it's Macomb' County location, it is used sololy by Oakland County residents.) She suggests replacing the combined system with a larger capacity, separated system, which would better purify the water used by Oakland County residents and stop the pollution of Red Run Drain,

which runs through Macomb County. The problem occurs in heavy rains, which fill the curj-rent system and forces ray swage into the Red Run Draidy. The multi-million dollar repair, which has been considered, is, stalled due to lack of state fund-way and bickering believen. Its

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