

# Riley, Griffin campaign in Wayne

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Dorothy Comstock Riley and former U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin brought their campaigns for the Michigan Supreme Court to western Wayne County, stressing the need for an independent judiciary that will interpret, not rewrite, laws.

"We have a crisis on the Supreme Court," Riley told some 50 guests at a breakfast fund-raiser sponsored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee.

"The court desperately needs to regain and recapture the respect of the citizenry. It needs to dispose of cases in a definitive fashion and issue opinions in clear and concise language," Riley said.

Riley criticized the partisanship she said exists among some current members of the high court. As evidence of that partisanship she pointed to her ouster from the Supreme Court in February 1983.

The first woman to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals, Riley, who lives in Grosse Pointe, was re-elected to a six-year term in 1978. On Dec. 9, 1982, she was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by lame-duck Gov. William Milliken. He named her to Blair Moody Jr.'s unexpired term and a full eight-year term to which Moody was re-elected before his death.

After three months on the bench, the Supreme Court ousted her on the ground that Milliken lacked authority to make the appointment. Gov. James Blanchard put U.S. District Judge Patricia Boyle in her seat.

"I was ambushed," said Riley.

But Riley is not running against Boyle. She is challenging Justice Thomas Giles Kavanagh; Griffin is running against Boyle. Riley, Griffin and Justice James Brickley were nominated in September by the Republican party at its statewide convention. The candidates will appear under the non-partisan section of the Nov. 6 ballot.

A former U.S. Senator, Griffin said the Riley ouster exposed the court for "the blatant, partisan court it is."

Griffin pledged, if elected, to go on the

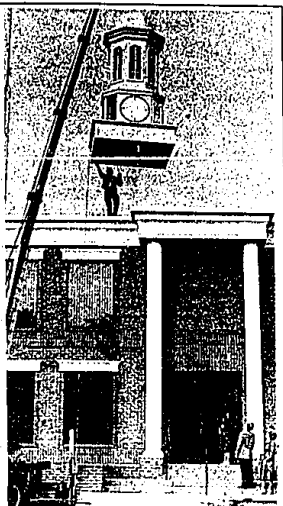
court without bias against business or for unions.

"I'll go on the court and call 'em as I see 'em," said Griffin urging the electorate to "turn it (the court) upside down and do something about it."

Griffin said he is running for the high court because "I'm one of those old-fashioned lawyers who believes that service on the court is the pinnacle of the profession."

Griffin, who grew up in Garden City and now lives in Traverse City, said it "adds him that people don't know or realize the importance of the Supreme Court."

"It's more powerful than the executive or legislative branch (of government) because it (the court) has the final word," Griffin said.



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## Tall order

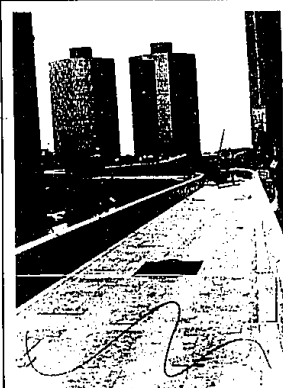
Township Hall in Redford got a recent facelift courtesy of last year's Sesqui-centennial Committee. Money raised went toward columns, a cupola and a clock designed to give the building "a quaint, antique look."

## Communication program slated at Lahser High

Parents can learn how to develop their children's communication skills and recognize problems by attending "Kids and Communication."

Sinai Hospital and Bloomfield Hills Community Education Department sponsor the free program at 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in Lahser High School, 3455 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills.

Speech pathologists will discuss the development of children's speech and language skills and danger signals of communication disorders. The presentation will include videotapes of children coping with communication problems.



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## Greektown sight

Greektown, the restaurant-shopping area that is one of downtown Detroit's major attractions, will be accessible to visitors by the new People Mover which is under construction. A free-standing Trapper's Alley Station (just south of Monroe Street) is planned. When it begins operations in 1988, SEMTA's 2.9-mile elevated rail system will transport people to and from key activity areas in downtown Detroit. Included in the stops are Times Square, Grand Circus Park, Cadillac Center, Bricktown, Renaissance Center, Cobo Hall, the Financial District and the new Millender Center.

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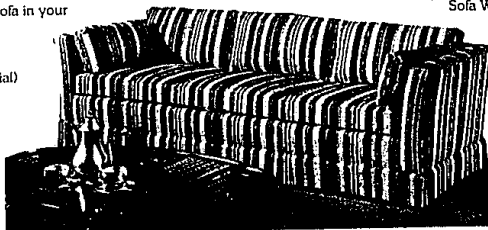


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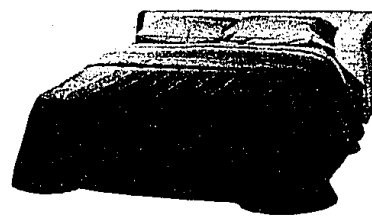
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