Retarded get plenty of candidate sympathy

They told the Association for Re-tarded Citizens pretty much what they wanted to hear. And the 21 candidates sounded alike — against institutionalization

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State Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, said, "I support the Department of Secial Services and Department of Mental Health efforts to place of the secial services and Department of Mental Health efforts to place of the secial services and Department of Mental Health efforts to place of the secial services and Department of Mental Health efforts to place of the secial services which would set population limits and establish local site selection committees. His 16th Senate District includes Troy, Birmingham and part of the Royal Ook area. His Democratic opponent, Martha Kinney of Pleasant Ridge, said, "Unfortunately, there is a still a lot of bigotry out there" against group homes. She said the Department of Mental Health should select sites.

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Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, a veteran of more than 20 years in Lansing, said, "It was there when it was passed" — meaning the policy of placing the mildly retarded group homes in residential neighborhoods rather than in state institutions.

"De-institutionalization was very, very good stop in Michigan. We did the right thing," Faxon said.
His Republican opponent, Frank Brock of Lathrup Village, did not attend. The 15th Senate District said the state "should not the first thing." Faxon said.
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REP. MAXINE Berman, D-South-ield, said she "whemently opposes such bills" to allow local govern-ments to restrict group home sites. "When I purchased a condo, I don't recall being told where I as a Jewish woman, or I as a single woman, could locate," she said, "Within months after group homes have opened, the probloms disappear." Her Republican opponent in the 6th House District, Shella Molnar, did not attend.

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obtain touse District, Shelia Mojnar, ide not attend miller, R-Birmingham, said, "Twe always been a strong supporter of group homes." The supporter of group homes. The supporter of group homes of communicates before localing a group home in order to head off potential trouble. She wants the location process "fine-tuned." Her Democratic opponent in the 5th House District, Joan Hill of Bloomleid Hills, did not attend.

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WILFRED WEBB, Democratic challenger in the 66th House District, sald, "It's too bad this question has to be asked. They (retarded) have a right to live where they want.
"Local communities should not have the right to control locations any more than where I locate," said Webb, a Hazel Park resident. A retired school superintendent, Webserved one term in the House before he was defeated in 1984 by Rep. Gregory Gruse, R-Madison Heights.
Gruss did not attend. The district includes southeastern Troy.

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Sen. Cruce, incumlent Republican in the 16th, said, "The family unit is important to foster, A strategic plan has to be appropriate." Cruce added that more funds would have to be predicated on the "cost effective ness" of services.

REP. BERMAN, D-Southfield, said it's proper for the state to subsidize parents who keep children at home, adding, "More services must be given to those people who live at home."

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On the question of a strategic plan, she said, "We collect data on everything else."

Rep. Miller, R-Birmingham, said, "A strategic plan is very important when you have too few dollars."

While it would be nice to promise ARC members "everything you want," she said services could be expanded "as dollars are avaitable."

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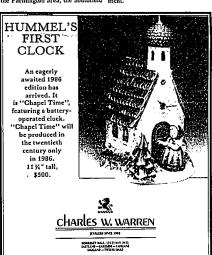
Webb added that "many people

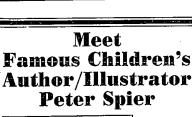
clarification

Rep. W.V. Brotherton, R-Farming-m, voted in favor of the wine cooler deposit bill when it was passed by the state House of Representatives. Some editions incorrectly reported

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