By Philip A. Sherman

Six months into civilian life, after 16 years as Oakland County's prosecutor, L Brooks Patterson is still a man of carefully chosen words.

When asked If there was something he'd always wanted to say during those 16 years, but couldn't because he was prosecutor, Patterson didn't hesitate.

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"—you, Judge Thorburn," he said with a big smile. Patterson and James Thorburn, who used to be an Oakland County Octavit Court Judge, had several celebrated, loud disputes over cases and Judicial procedure during Patterson's tenure.

Thorburn has left the Oakland County bench and Patterson is in the litigation section of Barbler and Tolleson, a Troy law firm. "I'm stiff on a learning curve. I was out of civil practice for 15 years," he said.

HE THINKS be left the prosecu-tor's office with a 90 percent success rate. He enjoys his new job. And he hasn't backed away from Issues im-

hasn't bocked away from Issues important to him.
"I'm looking for a petition in the fall," Patterson said in reference to Citizens Unfairly Taxed, a group that wants to decrease school millages to offer homeowners property tax relief. CUT would place the burden for replacing those funds on the state.

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Patterson said he's really just acted as a facilitator for the group, bringing it together and helping give it direction.

He's also supporting U.S. Rep. Wil-He's also supporting U.S. Rep. Wil-lam Schuette for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Carl Levin. Schuette is the stepson of the chair-man of Dow Chemical in Midland, according to The Almanac of Ameri-can Polities.

PATTERSON THINKS Levin can be beaten, but hasn't been yet because the Republicans have thus far supported Lackluster candidate duggestly the seventh initing. Patterson and by the seventh initing. Patterson and pattern the seventh initing. Patterson and pattern the seventh initing. Patterson and party called it a victory.

Patterson said he has "no immediate agenda" regarding his own political career, but added "Til never say over" when saked if he'd eventually make a run for the governor's office.

On other issues, Patterson:

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Thinks Richard Thompson, the Oakland County prosecutor who worked for him for 13 years, "has a nuts-and-bolts approach and ex-tremely high integrity."

• Feels a slight "inability to make things happen. I had authority as a prosecutor, I could solve prob-lems with a phone call. Now I file complaints," which he said is effec-tive, but takes longer.

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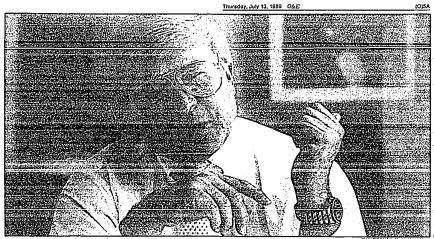
e Misses "the strokes the most." He said on his last day as prosecutor, while he was walking down the hall, a crying woman ran up, bugged him and thanked him for bringing her daughter home. Patterson said it was a case where the woman's divorced husband had taken their child out of state and he'd brought him back with two phone calls — one for a warrant and one to "the feds. I had the child back home within days."

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Expected the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.
 Feels really cheated by only one case — a "classic," he called it, where a killer admitted, on videotape, that he'd murdered someone, but the judge ruled the confession inadmissible.

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And what's it like to have Patterson working for you? "It couldn't be better," said Ralph Barbler. "He works harder than anybody in the firm. I'd love to find something negative to say about him, but I can't."



## Humane society seeks new audit

By Mary Rodrique staff writer

An independent audit will determine the status of the budget- and problem-plagued Michigan Humane Society, Interim executive director Gary Tiscornia said.

Tiscornia, who took over following the resignation of longtime director David Wills, said the society's \$5 million budget is at least \$500,000 in debt.

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers received an anonymous "information sheet" on MHS, alleging charges ranging from embeztlement to mismanagement. No names were attached to the charges, which also included the claim that board mem-

included the claim that board mem-bers don't support management.
"I'm familiar with the sheet; it's been circulated to other news opera-tions," said Tiscornia, who discount-ed the rumers. He said the audit is necessary "because of the adminis-trative transfer. I want to start with a clean slate."

WILLS, OF BIRMINGHAM, resigned at a board meeting along with board members John Kelly, Marilyn Turner, Paul Henecks and Robert Sorock, Attempts to reach Wills and the resigning board trustees were unsuccessful.

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Wills announced his resignation shortly after the board rejected his proposal to create a national center for animal protection to be affiliated with MHS. The idea behind creation of such a center was for it to insure long-term financial security for MHS.

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Board trustee Daniel Mincus said
the resigning trustees made no public statement regarding their depar-

"I can't attribute any motive for their departure," Mincus said.

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MHS employs more than 100 full-time workers operating out of shel-ters in Westland, Detroit and Auburn Hills, MHS also operates animal hos-pitals at each site.

The bulk of its budget is generated through private contributions. Cor-porate dopations and government grants from time to time provide some revenue, as well as service fees.

TISCORNIA, 43, of Milford, worked for the society for 5% years and was director of corporate affairs before leaving to open a business with his wife. Before his first tenure with MHS, Tiscornia was in private law practice in Articona.

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Board trustee Mineus also discounted rumors of discord between
MHS management and board members.

"We have a good working relationship," said Mineus, who has served
on the board since 1985.

The dozen remaining board members will select four replacements to
fill the seats of the resigning trustees, he said.

"The nominating committee has
already received some resumes," he
said.

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The MHS board of trustees must meet once per quarter, by law, but mincus said the board meets more often than that.

White animal related services will not be cut, budget cuts already in place include an employee wage freeze, elimination of some guard services and cubacks in computer training programs.

"We are always looking for ways to trim the budget," Mincus said.

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