County Democrats rally in B'ham for Harkin Carol L. King, executive director of the Michigan Abortion Rights Ac-tion League, said she enthusiasticily supports Harkin because she researched his background and de-cided, "He's perfect on all the right issues" Democrats — possibly New York Gov. Mario Cuomo or New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley — will change their minds about seeking the presi-

By Pat Murphy staff writer

It was like old times for Oakland County Democrats Tuesday when they gathered at the Birmingham Community House on behalf of pres-tdendial hopeful Tom Jlarkin. There were signs, bumper stick-ers, pleas for money and, most of all, jenty of heated discussion about is-sues and candidates. "This is great," said long time Democrat Aldo Vagnozzi, a Farm-

state of the union." One highlight of the evening was a

years." About 100 people turned out for the gathering timed to coincide with President Bush's State of the Union

video ilarkin mado in Ann Arbor summarizing his populist message. "There's a hunger in the Democratile Party: 'he said. ''A hunger for a real Democrat to take on Goorge Bush." Harkin promised policies that, armong other things, would institute a national health care system and "make millionaires and companies pay their fair share of taxes." Trestatent Bush 3 state of the Onlon message. The meeting was one of 113 held Tuesday in Michigan on behalf of Harkin, sald William M. Brodhead, state coordinator. "They're designed to enable Harkin to give the real

THE EVENING was just what Ethel Schwartz of Southfield had hoped for. She classifies herself as a

video Harkin made in Ann Arbor committed Democrat who hasn't yet decided which of the candidates she will support. "I came here tonight to learn more about Harkin," she said. Molile Cooper of West Bioomfield said sessions like Tureday's are needed because discussion on the Is-sees — and the candidates — han based to the candidates — han based to the personal affitutions of Arkanass Gor. Bill Chinga. "We know too much about one candidate (Chinton, and not enough about the others," Cooper said.

Education and performants right to chose an abortion and he's against the death penalty, she said. And he's highly supportive of fentihist itsues. "I'd prefer Pat Schreder (US, Rep-resentative from Colorady)," King joked. "Dut she's not running." porce. musues not running." WHILE KING'S COMMENTS brought cheers and chuckles from many in the crowd, one couple from Bioomfield Village walked out. Too much "single-issue" rhetoric, said James G. Pyrros, a lawyer. Pyrros said he hopes that other

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their minds about secture, preserving the process of the shares many of Harkin's philosophies, including his view on women's rights issues. But i'm not necessarily against the death penally." But my other the necessarily against the death penally." But myst of those attending Tuess-day's rally seemed pleased with Har-was Michelle Fischer, a 1985 gradu-ste of Andover High School who now lives in Ann Arbor. "I particularly like his compassion," she said, "and his respect for all people." Maggie Tyson, of Bloomfield Hills, said, "I'm thrilted about Harkin. I'm wanted him to rug four years ago." wanted him to run four years ago.

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Meltzer, a Birmingham business-man, said he is encouraged by news stories Wednesday showing that Clinton may have pleked up votes – as well as financial support – in the wake of his appearance on national television Sunday.

Area supporters for Arkanass for Bill China believed to be the Democrats front-runner, have been trying to assess the damage to his campaign from allegations of marti-tal infidelity. "I think Clinton and his wite have for the Clinton may have had an affair out-toalt with the allegations the Arkanass governor's press contact in Michl-gan "And woters see It that way." Meltizer, a litruinebam business.

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Senate split on local pesticide laws The author is Sen. Nick Smith, R-Addison, whose farm area in Hilb-dale County opposes local ordi-nances. Smith last week said he wanted a look at local ordinances before re-porting the bill out of his Senate Ag-ricultare Committee, but pushed the bill out anyway. "EMEAC opposes SB 643 and will oppose any other amendment which limits local authority's ability to pro-vide for safe and responsible pesti-cide use," said spokeswoman Saily Chandler.

By Tim Richard staff writer

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A floor fight in the state Senate is shaping up in an effort to save local pesticled ordinances. Sen. David Hentgman, R-West Bioomtield, said he would offer amendments to give cities and vil-lages some control over apraying of pesticles. "It's not everything we want," Don Stypula of the Michigan Municipal League said of the amendments. "I'd as soon have Senate Bill 643 go away."

SB 643 would amend the state Pesticide Control Act of 1976 to prohibit local units from enacting any local control ordinances.

 "Allow municipalities to enter-into contracts with the state Depart-ment of Agriculture to let munici-palities enforce state regulations."
 "Allow municipalities to pass ordinances that mirror state law and ordinances into constraints of peti-rules."
• "Allow municipalities to peti-tion the director of Agriculture for the right to enact ordinances if the municipality has a compelling rea-son to go beyond state law." bill out anyway. The village of Millord, West Bioomfield Township, the city of Livonia and other units have public notification ordinances to warn peo-pic with chemical sensitivities. Mil-ford's ordinance survivod a U.S. Su-preme Court review in mid-1991.

Added Stypula: "Those are areas we can live with."

Honigman had that measure shipped to his Local Government Committee, where it is being revised.

ENVIRONMENTAL groups such as Clean Water Action and East Michigan Environmental Action Council denounced the bill. "It was written to benefit posti-cides applicators over the public in-terest," said Dave Dempsey of Clean Water Action He was eavironmental advisor to former Gov. James Blanc-hard. STYPULA SAID the Municipal League, which represents 500 cities and villages, wants amendments to: "MOTIVATE WHEN YOU DONATE" hard Help us help those in need by donating your used car, boat, real estate for charitable purposes. CALL 373-9000 VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA 1+CL1 1 DO H





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