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ness. "I tell you one thing, I get into work long before 8:30 a.m. (when court is expected to begin)."

Gabel spent some time in 47th District Court a few weeks ago. "I saw people sitting in the courtroom for about an hour. Sometimes things happen. But I think you as a judge have a responsibility to be there (on time)."

To avoid delays, Gabel would experiment with scheduling people or cases in 15 minute intervals. "It would help keep things orderly. People also wouldn't have to take a whole day off from work or from their children (to wait in court)."

He believes the 47th District Court needs a third judge — something the state Legislature opposed this year. If elected, Gabel said he would lobby with legislators for a third judge.

Gabel believes room could be made of the existing courthouse before efforts are made to expand the building. He sees two good-sized courtrooms that perhaps could be reduced to provide room for other needs. "To save money, they might be able to move some walls. I'm not sure they need to expand with concrete."

Gabel admits he's not involved with any Farmington-Farmington Hills organizations now though he

believes judges should be active in their communities. But he recently resigned as an advisor for the B'Nal Brith Youth Organization to run for election.

Big bucks is not what Gabel says he wants for his campaign. He doesn't think it's necessary. In the primary race, he expects to spend \$1,000-\$2,000. "I don't think you need \$100 a ticket (for a fundraiser) from 100 people."

"I like to think it's our community and we'll decide who will be our next judge. I don't think we need big money."

Likewise, Gabel says he's not just targeting lawyers in his campaign. He says he's interested in regular people, the voters, and plans to meet with them when he goes door-to-door, particularly in precincts where voter turnout is high.

Gabel, however, is looking for endorsements from organizations such as the Michigan Trial Lawyers and area bar associations. "I would take any organization I can get as long as it's a proper endorsement."

He wouldn't mind a chance to show who he is at debates and candidate forums. But he's concerned about partisan groups hosting forums. "I'm not a Democrat. I'm not a Republican. I would like to see a non-partisan group do it."

Ball greets due at mall

Baseball is among the activities highlighted in July at the Livonia Mall.

Baseball greets Orlando Cepeda, Mury White and Mark "The Bird" Fidrych will be on hand to conduct a free baseball clinic, and provide free autograph and photograph opportunities on July 18 and 19 at the mall's Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

A baseball card, sports collectibles, stamp and coin show will be at the mall on July 10-12. George Kell will appear 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and Willie Horton will appear 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 12.

The World Book Summer Path Reading Program, for parents and children, will be July 16-19. Register at the World Book Encyclopedia booth.

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Bob Saks flag flies for President



Flag welcome: The American flag behind President George Bush when he spoke in Detroit Monday was one of many to fly over the Bob Saks Motor Mall (above).

BY JOANNE MALINZEWSKI
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It's probably a big deal to say you got to sit next to President George Bush when he came to Detroit Monday. But how many people can say their large American flag was used as a backdrop during the chief's visit?

Bob Saks can. In fact, the flag behind Bush when he delivered a speech at the Westin Hotel, Detroit, Monday, was one of the many flown high above the Bob Saks Motor Mall on Grand River in Farmington Hills.

"When we received the call, we were quite excited that one of the local businesses has something to do with the President of the United States," said Marilyn DeMaggio, secretary to dealership owner Bob Saks. "We're loaning it to them."

Seems a Westin Hotel representative — who has driving past the dealership — had long admired the 20-by-30 foot American flag. "It kind of caught her attention," DeMaggio said.

Marilyn DeMaggio
secretary to Bob Saks

■ 'When we received the call, we were quite excited that one of the local businesses has something to do with the President of the United States.'

That was enough. When news arrived that Bush would be in town at the Westin, the representative called the dealership and asked to borrow the flag for the \$1,000 plate dinner where Bush would say a few words. No question about it. Saks was willing to loan the flag.

Actually, there's more than one flag because after about six months the flag takes quite a beating from the weather. The Westin Hotel got one of the replacement flags to use.

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