

Open housing center receives Kellogg grant

A \$10,000 W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant has been awarded to the Oakland County Center for Open Housing.

The grant will assist the center's countywide volunteer family program. The program encourages diversity and interaction between po-

tential home seekers and suburban families.

The one-year program began Aug. 1.

The Oakland County Center for Open Housing is at 30600 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Additional information on the center is available by calling 647-0576.

Dyslexia group meets up north

The Michigan Dyslexia Institute, with a branch in West Bloomfield, is sponsoring a week long math workshop for parents and teachers of students in grades 4-6, Aug. 10-14 in Petoskey.

Fractions, decimals, division, multiplication, statistics and other

related topics will be covered. Graduate credit is offered through Central Michigan University.

For additional information, call 1-800-832-3535 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"Being a Better Board Member", a workshop for members of public and private bodies, is scheduled 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Bloomfield Township Library.

Fee is \$39. Registration is open through Monday, Aug. 24. To register, or for additional information, call 370-3033.

Anti-female remarks

Attorney seeks court clerk's ouster

By WAYNE PEAL
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Results from Tuesday's county executive primary might not end the controversy surrounding Democratic candidate Phillip Marcuse and his allegedly anti-female campaign statements.

A Detroit-based attorney said she will try to have Marcuse removed from his job as law clerk to Oakland Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien based on statements made in news articles.

Marcuse was quoted in a July 23 Observer & Eccentric article as saying: "Women are not leaders, they're supporters." In comparing his candidacy with that of Democratic rival Elizabeth Howe,

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Attorney Mary Dresbach said she believed the statement should disqualify Marcuse from serving as a court clerk.

"As far as I can see, you can't take something like this up with the Judicial Tenure Commission — he (Marcuse) isn't a judge," Dresbach said. "But I do want to meet with Judge O'Brien."

O'Brien was out of the country as of deadline and unavailable for comment, a spokeswoman said.

Marcuse first said he didn't make any such statement.

"That would have been a foolish

categorical statement which is obviously untrue," he said in a letter sent to Observer & Eccentric offices the day the article appeared.

"I said that I thought the gift women have of understanding and compromise were best suited to the legislative area and not the executive."

However, in later statements to other media, he amplified his reported comments.

"I can overlook what he's done because he apparently doesn't know any better," Howe said. "But that a circuit court judge would allow this in his office . . . Why wouldn't Judge O'Brien have told him, 'Why don't you debate the issues?'"

Dresbach said Marcuse's statement pointed to a bigger problem: "open and obvious hostility toward women" in courtrooms.

But while Birmingham-based attorney Shirley Saltzman, president of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association, also criticized Marcuse's statements, she disagreed they were part of a larger problem.

"I haven't found it to be true," she said. "I know that of the few times I was before Judge O'Brien my clients and I were treated well."

As for Marcuse — in his letter he claimed to be the victim of a media double standard.

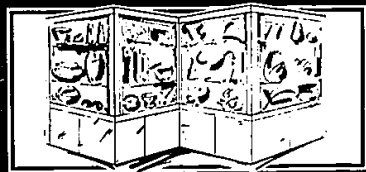
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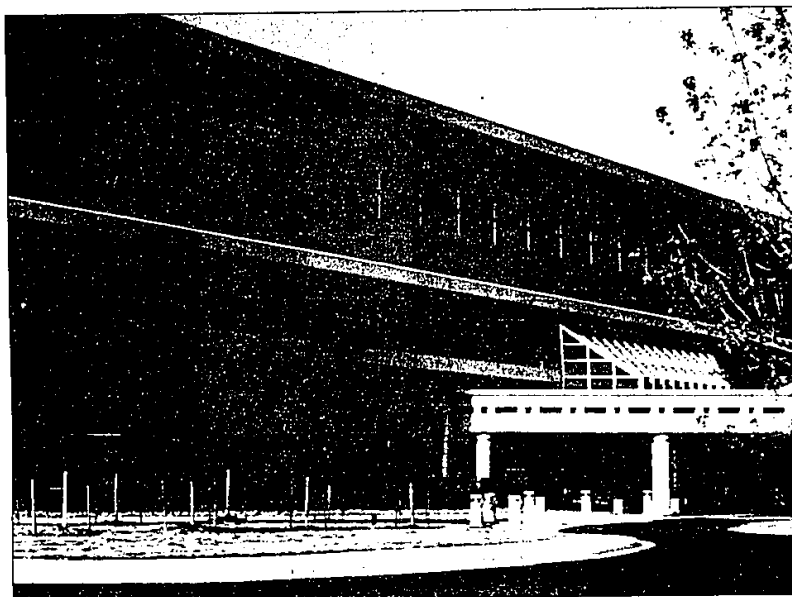


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