Patterson flexes muscles, vetoes 2 commision items quires the county Building Au-thority to inform commissioners of major changes in building proj-

The honeymoon seems to be over between L. Brooks Patterson and the Oakland County commis-

sjoners.
With less than five months in office, the new Oskland County executive last week rankled commissioners by vetoing two resolutions they had passed overwhelm-

while some commissioners see the vetos as part of the normal give-and-take between elected of-ficials, some insist they're akin to

field. "I've been a personal friend and political ally of Brocks for years. Many of us feel the same way.
"But this (the vetos) isn't the kind thing you get from an ally it's the kind of thing you get from somebody who wants to fight." While they don't want to fight, Law and others say they're ready. At Thursday's regular board meeting, commissioners voted is 20 to consider an override resolution at the May 27 meeting. An override't requires a two-thirds vote of the board.

In considering that move, commissioners set the stage for the first battle — the first political

showdown — between the new ex-ecutive and the county board.

Patterson, however, doesn't see
the controvery in the same light.

"This (the veto message) isn't a
clearation of war," he said in a
statement released by his office
friday. "This is an attempt to define the relationship between the
county executive and the county
oard. It's a philosophical statement about the separation of
powers."

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At issue are two measures com-missioners previously approved, almost routinely.

One bans incinerators from any future solid waste plan Oakland County may draft. The second returf."
Taub and others say Patterson's veto would, in effect, take away powers and responsibilities commissioners feel duty bound to exercise. To take away that au-

vetces) stand."

Commissioner Marilynn E.

Gosling, R-Bioomfield Hills, said
she is concerned about the vetce
but not overly so. "I see the vetce
as part of the normal process,"
she said. "The new executive is
trying to see what he can do, and

thority, they insist, is to neuter the county board.
"If we allow this veto to stand," said commissioner Sue Ann veto, Birmingham, has yet another stand commissioner Sue Ann veto, "I didn't vete for either of proverbial rubber stamp, Commissioner Kevin Allitter, whose fifth district includes part of West Bloomfield, "This is not Republican vs. Demagrees, "We can't let this (the vetoce) stand."

The water board can da."
Commissioner As far as I'm convenience, af far as I'm convenience, af far as I'm convenience, af far as I'm convenience, and the veto is a good move. Commissioner Lawrence Republican vs. Demagrees, "We can't let this (the vetoce) stand."

Furthermore, said Pernick, the ruthermore, said Fernick, the vetos seem inappropriate. "A veto message ought to be reserved for an extremely important measure. By vetoing something this minor, he needlessly expended some po-litical capital."

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Meadow Brook plans restroom expansion

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Denizens of the Meadow Brook Music Festival this summer should notice almost \$200,000 worth of improvements as they traipse into the facility on the grounds of Oakland University.

Olympia Arenas Inc., the company that took over Meadow Brook from Oakland University a year ago, hopes to have an ambitious roster of changes completed by the time the high school graduation ceremonies begin early next month.

The most ambitious expenditure is \$100,000 to expand the south restroom, adding capacity and making it handicap accessible.

Other improvements in-

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clude:

paving the Adams Road entrance to the main parking lot.

adding a concession window to the Trumbuil Terrace.

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paving a pathway near the south restroom and installing handrails to comply with the Americans with Disabilities

Act.

adding menu boards on the concession building facade at the Trumbull Terrace, which is expected to make the food lines

street ramoun retrace, which is expected to make the food lines move faster.

I hanging more lawn lights from the pavilion canopy.

Stuart Mayer, an events director for Olympia Arenas, sald Meadow Brook "about broke even" financially for last year's concert asson. With decent weather, Mayer expects to do better this year.

"You're crossing your fingers and kind of rolling the dies sometimes," he sald. "So much depends on the weather."

The first Meadow Brook concert will occur June 15 when 10,000 Manieze his town.

when 10,000 Maniacs hits town.

Area residents might also be interested in the Meadow Brook Landscape and Garden Show, scheduled for June 11-13.

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Olympia Arenas, owned by Detroit Tigers and Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch, also runs the Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Hall and the Fox Theater.

V show audience sought

The folks at WKBD Fox 50 are trying to round up an audience for "Straight Talk," taping at 5 p.m. Friday, May 21, for broadcast the

following day at 7 a.m.

The topic of the show, hosted by Amyre Makupson, will be the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

of major changes in building projects.

Those measures seemed relatively innocuous to most commissioners — as well as the staff personnel who helped prepare them.

Commissioner Shelley G. Taub,
R.-Bloomfield Hills, said Patterson was testing the board. "The executive is trying to see if we have the courage to defend our turf."

Taub and others any Patter-



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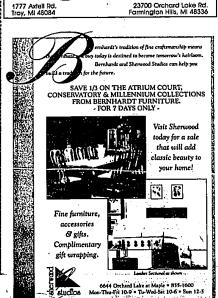
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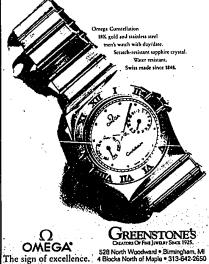
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