

Fund-raiser helps witnesses to speak

Crime takes its toll on everybody. However, there is a way to strike back. The Silent Observer Program will let a person report a crime while remaining anonymous. The program's organizers are asking the community to cash in on crime prevention by purchasing Silent Observer raffle tickets. The raffle not only provides a chance of winning \$4,000, but also a chance to combat crime in Oakland County.

The Silent Observer Program, started in 1971, is an anonymous witness program offering rewards to people providing information directly resulting in the conviction of crimes committed in Oakland County. Rewards of up to \$2,000 are paid by the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce Division of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce to those providing the information. Since the program began, over \$135,000 has been awarded and 251 crimes have been solved including 53 murders, 29 armed robberies and 35 drug-related cases.

According to Agnes Wisner, executive director of the chamber, the program has helped law enforcement officials crack cases that may not have been solved otherwise.

Lt. Jeffrey Werner, of the Bloomfield Township Police and chairman of the chamber's Crime Prevention Committee, agrees. "Silent Observer takes over when most investigative leads have run out, he explained. "It supplies the extra information needed to solve the case."

Wisner said funding for the rewards is provided solely through the raffle and donations. Net proceeds from the raffle, as well as donations made to the fund, are used to pay rewards and are not used for administrative expenses.

Tickets are available for \$50 per person with one entry in the raffle or \$75 per couple with one entry in the raffle. The grand prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,500, third prize is \$500, fourth, fifth and six prizes are \$100. Only 500 tickets will be sold. If less than 500 are sold, 25 percent of the ticket sales will be awarded in cash prizes.

The Oct. 27 raffle will be held at the Pontiac Waterford Elks Lodge No. 810 in Waterford. For more information, contact the chamber office at 456-8600.

The Silent Observer Program is sponsored by the Oakland County Chamber, The Oakland Press and the Oakland County Criminal Justice Association.

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berg, Levin, Ford, Voting No: Carr.

Grazing Fees: The House voted 314 for and 109 against in support of sharply higher government fees for ranchers who graze livestock on federal land in the West. The non-binding vote urged a House-Senate conference committee on the Interior Department's 1994 budget (HR 2520) to embrace an administration plan to more than double the fees. The Senate voted recently to shelve the plan by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Supporter Mike Synar, D-Okla., said: "The taxpayers of this country lost \$1 billion into the Treasury during the decade of the 80s, subsidizing two percent of the cattle industry of this country. . . . It is time to give our western ranchers a good dose of free enterprise."

Opponent John Doolittle, R-Calif., said: "The fence is responsible. We are not giving a reward here, considering that the users have to build their own fences, provide their own water, plus buy their grazing permits."

A yes vote was for higher federal grazing fees. Area representatives voting yea were: Carr, Klidde, Knollenberg, Levin, Ford.

keep funding for the Superconducting Supercollider in the Department of Energy's 1994 appropriations bill (HR 245). The SSC is under construction south of Dallas as a 54-mile circular tunnel in which protons would collide at high speeds to unlock secrets of the origin of matter. The project is estimated to cost more than \$10 billion in federal funds when it is completed several years from now. The House voted recently to kill the SSC and its fate rests with a conference committee.

Supporter Dianné Feinstein, D-Calif., cited American scientific progress from the telephone to genetic engineering. "If we wish to remain a great power, we must support the basic research from which the breakthrough results will come," she said.

Opponent Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., said that in the Senate "the politics is always on the side of spending. It is not on cutting. I hear a lot of lamentations around here about pork. There has never been a piece of pork come through here like this."

A yes vote supported the Superconducting Supercollider. Michigan's representatives voting yea were: Carr, Levin, D, and Don-

ald Riegler, D, voted no.

Nuclear Reactor: The Senate voted 53 for and 45 against to fund the proposed Advanced Liquid Metal Reactor, keeping \$30.4 million for the program in HR 2445 (above). The ALMR would use recycled plutonium for fuel. Backers call it a promising technology for disposing of nuclear waste while producing energy. Foes argue an ALMR could be configured to breed plutonium for weaponry.

Supporter Carol Mosley-Braun, D-Ill., said the technology "has the potential to guarantee a solution to the plutonium waste problem, because there is no other technology that can guarantee that plutonium will not leach into the ground, into our water and into our air over the next 1,000 generations."

John Kerry, D-Mass., said: "So much of what hinges on this vote is the signal we send to Russia or to Japan or to any other country that proliferates, whether it is South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Pakistan, Israel — all these countries about whom we have expressed concerns about bombs and bomb proliferations."

A yes vote was to fund the ALMR. Levin and Riegler voted no.

Abortion: By a vote of 40 for and 59 against, the Senate refused to permit widespread Medicaid funding of abortion. The vote affirmed language permitting Medicaid abortions only when the mother's life is at stake or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. Medicaid is a federal-state program that pays medical bills of the poor. The vote occurred during debate on a Department of Health and Human Services appropriations bill for 1994 (HR 2518) that was sent to conference with the House.

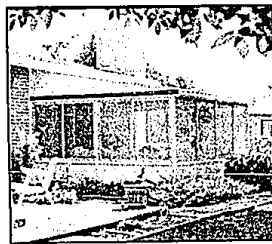
Supporter Patty Murray, D-Wash., said: "Let's face it, there is no threat of a presidential veto this year. We have a pro-choice president. . . ."

Opponent Robert Smith, R-N.H., said: "this is human life we are talking about" and restricting abortions "will save hundreds of thousands of American lives."

A yes vote supported widespread Medicaid funding of abortions. Levin and Riegler voted yes.

SENATE

Supercollider: The Senate voted 57 for and 42 against to



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Please cut this bulletin out and use it for a reference if you are contemplating Refractive Surgery. The Michigan Eyecare Institute has 4 offices in Southeastern Michigan. Call 1-800-676-EYES for further information.

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