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## State

### Wendel feared contract on life

HOWELL — Otto Wendel, the Detroit Teamsters official whose death from bullet wounds was declared a suicide by police, twice told his personal physician there was a contract out on his life, the doctor testified as an inquest opened. Dr. R. Fred Hauer of Fowler-Miller, Wendel's physician for 16 years, said Wendel told him in August and again in October that someone was trying to kill him. Wendel, 62, scheduled for imminent retirement as secretary-treasurer of volatile Teamsters Local 299, was found wounded in his car along a rural Livingston County Road last December.

### Plymouth Center employees fired

NORTHVILLE — Three attendants at the Plymouth Center for Human Development have been fired and action may be taken against two others in connection with alleged abuse of retarded residents at the facility, officials said. Ella Crumpler, Beverly Ford and Rhonda Elum were among 18 employees at the center's Kennedy Hall suspended last month in a probe of suspected abuse. The three were notified by telegram they were fired. The three were dismissed for failing to report abuse of residents, "not being attentive to the needs of residents" and "unauthorized use of residents' property," the telegrams stated.

### No-fault needs tune-up, chief says



Photo by Russ Kopyov

## Sworn in

Five newly elected Ypsilanti City Councilmembers were sworn in by City Clerk Robert A. Stone Monday night. Elected in the April 3 election, from left, are: Ray A.

Paige, D-3rd Ward; Stanley L. Harbison, D-2nd Ward; Douglas J. Harris, D-1st Ward; Peter J. Murdock, D-5th Ward, and Ronald J. Frederick, D-4th Ward.