

# Today's special: A leaflet with lunch

By CARL STODDARD

State and federal politicians traditionally tell folks back home what's going on in government via newsletters addressed to "local postal patrons."

One local state representative has opted for a new way to reach his constituents. He gets them where they eat. State Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, a Republican whose district includes western Southfield and all of Farmington and Farmington Hills, distributes a weekly report entitled "Coffee Break News" to certain restaurants in Southfield and Farmington.

The newsletter includes a photo of Brotherton and carries several brief descriptions of current state legislation and his views on various matters. "I'm not too proud of it," Brotherton admits, "but we're not trying to twist anyone's arm with it, and it serves a purpose."

The leaflet is published by the Republican staff of the Michigan House of Representatives. Cost of the publication is paid through general legislative funds set aside for communications from the legislators to their home districts.

One member of the staff estimated that about 30 of the 44 Republican representatives send out local copies of "Coffee Break."

The staff member said the publications "are not political" other than the fact that views of the legislators are included on occasions.

The newsletter also contains notices of upcoming local hearings and other news from Lansing.

Brotherton said about 25 copies of his newsletter go to a number of local restaurants. A few restaurants, like Burger Chef in Farmington, ask for and receive a larger number of copies, he said.

## Coffee Break News

A Weekly Report from the office of State Representative Sandy Brotherton, State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48901



May 10 - May 17

### THE TURNER REVOLT

The first legal tax revolt in Michigan history has started and it is adding by voice to the other property taxes. It is an attempt to establish a new tax system to put a constitutional amendment before the voters to limit state taxing and spending.

The proposed constitutional amendment would limit state government taxing and spending ability to 8.32% of the total personal income in Michigan, which is the approximate present level. This includes personal income taxes, business taxes, sales taxes, plus any other type of taxes or revenues generated by the State of Michigan. The amendment would prohibit further tax increases without a vote of the people.

You may find this leaflet next time you peer over a cup of coffee in a local restaurant. The leaflet is financed with public funds and is to report on activities within the legislature and how local legislators view those activities.

## Painter electrocuted

Funeral services were Monday for the Southfield man electrocuted Saturday afternoon while painting a house. Southfield police said Paul Thomas Rabaut Jr., 18, of 30255 Spring River, was killed when he attempted to "walk" an aluminum ladder while standing on the bottom rung. Henry Gunkle, 30255 Pleasant Trail, Southfield, told police he was painting the house where Rabaut was painting when he saw the ladder go out of control and fall, striking a Detroit Edison power line. Paramedics from Southfield Fire Department's Life Support Unit were called to the scene and Rabaut was transported to Beaumont Hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival shortly after 6 p.m.

Rabaut was owner of Rabaut Contracting Co., which specialized in house painting. He was painting a home at 30214 Northgate at the time of his death.

Rabaut was a 1973 graduate of Groves High School, Birmingham, and a member of the American Youth Hostels. He was a Southfield resident for 18 years.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas Rabaut Sr.; sisters Mary, Patti and Jeanne; brother Tim; and grandmothers Mrs. Florence Gase and Mrs. Dorothy Rabaut.

Funeral services were at the Van-Lynch Funeral Home and St. Bede's Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

## ROTC sets car wash

Air Force Junior Cadets of the ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) will have a fundraising car wash at Southfield High School on Saturday, May 15, all day. The car wash is being planned to raise money for ROTC trips to nearby Air Force Bases to study how the classroom relates to actual aircraft maintenance and careers in aerospace industry.

It will also go toward the purchase of rifles and helmets for the ROTC drill team. Members want to "dress up" their appearance for participation outside the school in parades for the entertainment of organizations, and for competitions with other drill teams.

The car wash will be at the south end of the building on Lahser Road and Ten Mile, and will cost \$1 per car.

Thursday, May 13, 1976 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC (F 18A)(S)11A

## FEW BOOKINGS FOR MEMORIAL DAY LEFT

NO high season spending for motels and restaurants. NO reservation troubles.

### GO BY MOTORHOME.

Discoverer Deluxe Motorhomes are fully self-contained • have lots of room and privacy • sleep 6 in two compartments • travel 12 for any journey.

RESERVE NOW • Rent for Days, Weeks or Month

For Information Call 645-7950



Inspired at 777 Towers, Birmingham • Planned State Transportation

**MEIJER**

thrifty acres

**Why Pay More?**

**UP TO \$2 OFF**

## Pharmacy Dept.

## OUR REGULAR PRICE ON ANY NEW PRESCRIPTION WITH COUPON BELOW\*

\$2.00 will be subtracted from the price of any new prescription totalling \$2.00 or more. Any new prescription under \$2.00 will be filled at no charge with coupon.

SAVE \$2

**UP TO \$2.00 OFF**

**OUR REGULAR PRICE ON ANY NEW PRESCRIPTION AT FORD ROAD MEIJER THRIFTY ACRES \$2.00 OFF WITH COUPON Good thru 5/22/76**

EARLY AMERICAN GUMBALL MACHINE OPERATING MODEL

**SPECIAL \$24.95**

SOLID METAL AND GLASS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE ONE?

**HOUSE OF MAPLE & PINE**

LIVONIA 32000 Plymouth Rd. Bel Merriman and Farmington 421-0706

"Our Only Policy is Serving You"

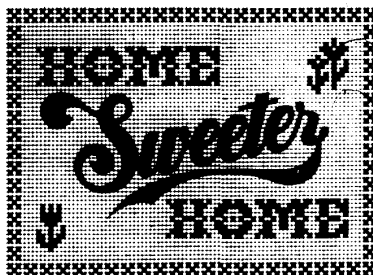
**20% OFF DRAPERIES & REUPHOLSTERY** (Labor Included) On Selected Fabrics

SALE ENDS JUNE 4th

**PLYMOUTH DRAPERY**

1313 ANN ARBOR ROAD • PLYMOUTH

# Sample our



# Improvement Loans.

Make your home a sweeter place to live with a Metropolitan improvement loan. Choose a new kitchen, bath, or family room ... add a garage, pick a swimming pool, or anything at all!

When you decide, stop in or call your nearest Metropolitan office to talk over your requirements. We offer two loan packages: FHA, and Conventional up to \$10,000. Our prompt service and speedy loan approval will get you started. Do it today!



**METROPOLITAN SAVINGS**

CENTRAL TELEPHONE NUMBER 681-8300

Open All Day Saturday (except Cadillac Square)



Northwestern-Middle Belt, 851-0708 • Van Dyke-20 Mile, 731-4500 • West Warren-Hartwell, 584-7630 • Southfield-14 Mile, 644-0440  
Coolidge-Sherwood, 547-4400 • Tel-Twelve Mall, 358-4511 • 7 Mile-Evergreen, 537-3400 • 7 Mile-Tracy, 864-0100  
Cadillac Square, 963-7600 • Greenfield-9 Mile, 968-3000 • Van Dyke-23 Mile, 739-7200 • Rochester Road-Auburn, 852-6460

**SAVE 15% to 35% on LEES**

## Major Selling Styles

Save on famous Lees Broadloom, select from luxury plush, mini shags, cut & loops, twists, plushes, rylons, antrons, dacrons, soryles. We guarantee to save you money on these high quality carpets. Also save on padding and installation too and we mean it! Don't buy until you've checked our deal. We will not be undersold.

**Rite CARPET.**

### Let Us PRE-MEASURE Your Rooms

By pre-measuring, we can have this information on file at the time of selection. Also ... we'll bring Lees Carpet Samples to your home in all the vibrant colors. If you find it difficult to come to our "Look Alikes" showroom, Call for an appointment today. No obligation, of course.

476-8360

Brighton Store  
8497 W. Grand River  
Brighton Mall  
227-1314

7 Mile & Middlebelt  
Across from Livonia Mall  
476-8360  
9-9 Daily  
9-6 Tues. & Sat.

BANKAMERICARD  
MASTER CHARGE • BANK FINANCING