

Denim contest winners named by library

An American eagle embroidered on a denim shirt by Paula Woelke won first place in the "Denim Yesterday-Today" contest sponsored by the Carl Sandburg Library.

Second prize went to Anna Herb who made a carry-all bag of denim patchwork lined with a gay print.

Julie Hennard received third place honors for the designs she embroidered on her denim shorts.

The contest was one of several special bi-centennial programs conducted by the Livonia library this year.

The success story of Levi Strauss, a Bavarian immigrant who first made pants out of denim and began a business that today ranks among the 300 largest corporations in America, typifies the American dream, a library spokesman said.



PAULA WOELKE

Goose management program starts

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that a wildlife share the wealth plan to distribute Wisconsin's geese will get underway.

The most federal state plan is being fostered by the Service and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to reduce the massive concentration of Canada geese at Horicon Marsh, a pristine waterfowl complex in east-central Wisconsin.

The crux of the management strategy is to make government wild lands less attractive as goose habitat. Although the plan is not expected to be completed before 1980, early changes are beginning to appear in the marsh, officials said.

The Horicon complex is a traditional way station for Canada geese that invade Wisconsin every fall after migrating from summer territories near James and Hudson Bay, Canada.

The geese no longer obey their ancestral migratory timetable, said Ellis Klett, assistant regional director of refuges and dikes.

Klett said the flock is in jeopardy because the area's attractiveness has created an artificial holding pattern that is not working for the best interests of the birds.

The area is so attractive as goose habitat that it holds the flock by voluntary self-restriction, from seeking other feeding and nesting areas in Wisconsin and the Mississippi Flyway. The upshot is that an unusually high artificial holding pattern exists as a threat to the geese.

The potential of a disease outbreak in the flock is becoming increasingly likely, the agencies claim.

Encouraging the geese to move out of the area would not adversely affect consumptive and non consumptive use of the wild resource they added.

Early stages of the plan have been in motion at Horicon this summer. Around 700 acres of government land traditionally planted in winter wheat and corn were left unseeded this year, thus eliminating attractive agricultural crops. Natural moist soil plants are now growing on the 700

acres, Klett said. This fall the geese will be less inclined to linger at the dinner table and they're expected to move out sooner in search of other food sources.

To further discourage a fall residential pattern at Horicon Marsh, the Service has initiated drawdown operations to lower the marsh water supply. Klett said water management is recognized as a useful and available tool in waterfowl management. We're making adjustments in the water supply with care, he said, adding that both water and land management practices will be changed in transitional stages of the program.

Scouts see Olympic games

Nearly two years ago Boy Scout Troop 888 out of Randolph School in Livonia made plans for a trip to Montreal and the Summer Olympics.

Funds were raised through fertilizer sales and donations. Various area merchants added the scouts toward food supplies for the week trip.

On Saturday, July 17, 13 boys, second class eagle, classed as scouts left for Toronto to visit the Ontario Science Center and spend the night at the YMCA. The group left for Montreal to spend the week at Camp Tamarack, a Canadian scout reservation.

Each scout will be attending three Olympic events and also be working toward further skill awards and merit badges. Boys will all have special bi-centennial Olympic shirts and scarves to wear as part of their uniform while attending the events.

Sunset District scout representatives accompanying the boys are Rusty Hynes, Dennis Hannon, and Wayne Hastings, along with group leaders Bob Richardson, Jerry Gies, Bill Dobson, Don Gehring, and Dick Miller, who helped plan the trip.

Markes backs school aid reimbursement

State Rep. John F. Markes (D-Livonia) has sponsored an amendment to the State School Aid Act which would provide for dollar-for-dollar inventory reimbursement to school districts for revenue lost because of the state's passage of the new single business tax (SBT).

"When the tax on business inventory was removed under the SBT, each school district was promised that they would not lose any revenue under this change," Rep. Markes pointed out.

"In actuality, however, many school districts will be hurt very much by the removal. Many districts in this area will not receive dollar-for-dollar return on their lost revenue. In other words, for the schools of the Livonia district the state has taken away a major revenue source and failed to replace it."

MY AMENDMENT simply fulfills the commitment we made to local districts in returning to them dollar for dollar their loss. This amendment will mean an additional \$546,000 for the Livonia School District.

"This amendment is the very minimum we can do to help the schools of Michigan," Markes said.

Stempien backed by AFMSCME union

Marvin Stempien, Livonia attorney running for Congress, has won the political endorsement of Metropolitan Council No. 20 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Stempien, seeking the Democratic Party's nomination in the Aug. 3 primary, said the endorsement was announced by Council President Robert Johnson. So unions have now endorsed the candidate, a former state legislator.

Stempien said the endorsement "reflects the support that my campaign is continuing to receive from rank and file working people because of my years of work in the Michigan Legislature."



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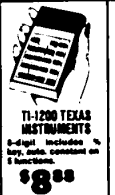


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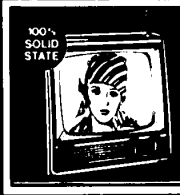
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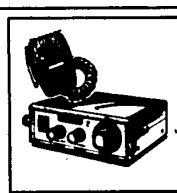


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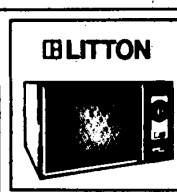


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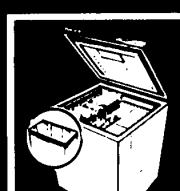


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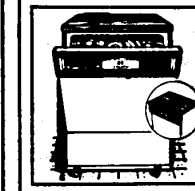
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