

McAninch eyes SEMTA seat

Beverly McAninch, Plymouth City Commission member, is on her way to a board seat on the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA)—the first for western Wayne County in about four years.

Mrs. McAninch won a 179 endorsement from the executive committee of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Her victory came on the third ballot, after Glenn Shaw, a Westland assessor, and Bloomfield Township Supervisor Homer Case were eliminated on earlier ballots.

FINAL APPOINTMENT is up the SEMCOG general assembly, where every member government has a single vote. It will meet March 25.

General assembly approval is not automatic. A year ago, the SEMCOG executive committee, backed Robert FitzPatrick, a former Wayne County board chairman and former SEMCOG

chairman, for a SEMTA seat, but the general assembly gave the post to Julie Evans, Birmingham League of Women Voters member and former Regional Citizens chairperson.

Mrs. McAninch's victory was engineered by Jerry Raymond, Livonia city councilman and SEMCOG executive committee member.

Raymond argued that western Wayne County—with a population equal to or greater than Detroit, Oakland County or Macomb County—had not a single seat on the nine-person SEMTA board.

THE SEMTA board has two members from Grosse Pointe, two from Detroit, two from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area of Oakland County and one each from Macomb County and the Ann Arbor area.

Mrs. McAninch has served as mayor of Plymouth under its commission-manager system. With SEMCOG,



BEVERLY MCANINCH
Is she SEMTA-bound?

she has been chairman of the housing committee, which two years ago wrote one of the major components of SEMCOG's 1990 plan. She has also been on SEMCOG's executive committee.

She is seeking the seat vacated by Walter Douglas, who quit the SEMTA

board in January to apply for the general manager's post. Douglas had been proposed only a year earlier by Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young.

THE VACANCY will be one of the last at-large vacancies on the SEMTA board to be filled by the council of governments. A new reorganization law, proposed by Young and Gov. William G. Milliken, will take effect April 1 and strip SEMCOG of most of its appointment powers, giving those powerful appointments to Mayor Young and various county boards of commissioners.

That change is far from popular. Oakland County commissioners are threatening to pull out of the weakened SEMCOG.

SEMCOG Executive Director Michael Glusac told the executive committee that legislative leaders say they will not consider changing the law to restore SEMCOG's appointment powers unless pressured by local elected officials, who are the chief losers because they have the SEMCOG votes.

At present, SEMCOG names nine members to the SEMTA board and the governor three. The new law will expand the SEMTA board to 15.

OU scientists get grants

Nine Oakland University faculty members have received grants ranging from \$1,100 to \$7,715 to support research in the biomedical sciences.

The awards were made by Frederick W. Ober, academic vice president and provost, on the advice of the OU Biomedical Sciences Research Grant Advisory Committee. The funds were provided by a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

Two of the winners are from the department of chemistry. Denis M. Calawaert received \$2,000 for research on the "Influence of Chemotherapeutic Agents on Cellular Immune Function in vitro," and Donald D. Young received \$3,500 for the research of "Kinetic Models for Nitrate Reduction."

The remaining seven awards went

to members of the department of biological sciences. The winners are: Frank M. Butterworth, \$3,500 for the research of "Plasma Cortisol in Multiple Sclerosis (MS)"; Thomas B. Friedman, \$1,182 for research on "Further Observations on a Developmental Clock"; Charles B. Lindemann, \$1,100 for research on the "Role of CAMP in Human Infertility"; Brian P. Livermore, \$7,715 for research of "The Establishment of a Gas Chromatography Facility"; Virinder K. Moudgil, \$3,000 for research of "Progesterone Receptors in Reproductive Tissues: Mode of Action"; Asish C. Nag, \$2,500 for research of the "Regulation of Cell Proliferation in Mammalian Heart"; John T. Romeo, \$1,147 for research of "Non-Protein Amino Acids of Antineoplastic Tree Saps."

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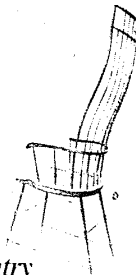
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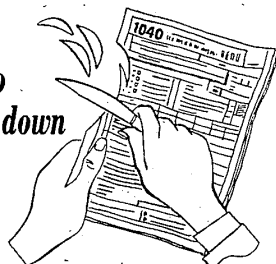
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