

SEMTA, M-275 are issues

Commission candidates speak out

Candidates for the office of county commissioner for the 25th district were asked the following questions by the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington in a questionnaire.

What are your views regarding a regional mass transportation system, and

Wiesel speaks

Elie Wiesel, author and lecturer, chairman of the President's Holocaust Commission will address a group of communal leaders at the Education Center in Farmington Hills at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6.

The lecture is by invitation only and isn't a fund-raising effort. It is sponsored by Friends of Lubavitch to provide a background into the Chassidic experience and its historical roots to better understand the Chabad-Lubavitch Organization and its aims.

The Education Center is located at 28555 Middlebelt, north of Twelve Mile in Farmington Hills. It was recently purchased by the Lubavitch organization from the Labor Zionist Association.

Wiesel is the author of such books as "Four Hassidic Masters," "A Jew Today," "Night," and "Gates of the Forest."

what is your position on membership in Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA)? Also, what other issues do you consider important? How do you propose dealing with them?

DR. G. WILLIAM CADDELL, the Republican candidate from Walled



ELIE WIESEL

Lake, has degrees in business administration and is a doctor of chiropractic. He is active in professional organizations on the state and national levels.

"I believe we must have input to a regional mass transit system. SEMTA is part of the solution to communication relative to a transit system and other regional problems. Thus we cannot pull out of SEMTA without giving it a full hearing. We must maintain a strong position that will benefit Oakland County. We must also be prepared with alternatives. Programs that will fulfill the community needs. I oppose SEMTA subways.

"M-275 is the most vocal problem. The transportation commission will make the ultimate decision. As a commissioner, I would involve all elements of the community to seek direction. The modified version of 275 seems to be the best answer to date. The new county budget must be perused. Must open lines of communication with local units of government. The question of safe roads must be addressed. Better state trunk lines are necessary in Oakland County.

GEORGE F. MONTGOMERY, 6690 Buffalo Dr., Union Lake, is the Democratic candidate. A graduate of Wayne State University, he has bachelor's and

master's degrees and is a doctoral candidate.

An associate professor of political science at Oakland Community College, Montgomery served six years in the Michigan House of Representatives.

"Sky-rocketing fuel costs make regional mass transportation essential. Oakland County participation in SEMTA is most efficient way to meet this need. Defects in current enabling legislation can be cured through cooperative efforts of Oakland County Commissioners and state legislators. If Oakland County receives its 'fair share' of SEMTA funds for local bus service, we should not object if Mayor Young pours Detroit's SEMTA funds into a hole in the ground.

"Effective management of Oakland County's \$87 million budget is primary concern. I support consolidation of errant agencies under the county executive. Costly lawsuits between elected officials and other partisan bickering must cease. The county commission should utilize the knowledge and abilities of all its members. Next apportionment of commissioner districts should not divide communities needlessly as existing districts do. This fragmentation obscures public perception and inhibits voter ability to hold county commissioners accountable."

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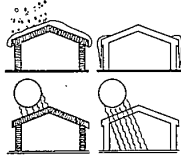
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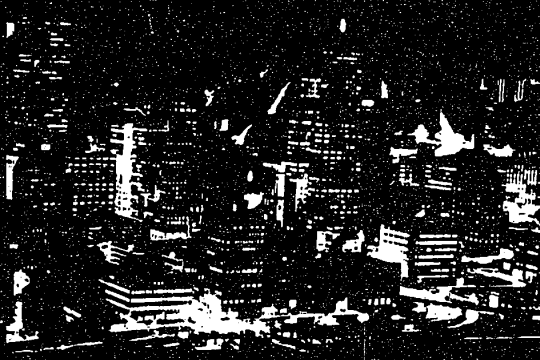
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