

Condo conversion hearing on Monday

The Legislative Task Force on Condominium Conversions is conducting a public hearing in this area Monday.

The Dec. 17 special public fact finding hearing on the problems of condominium conversions will be 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, south of 11 Mile.

Chairman of the task force is State Sen. Doug Ross, an Oak Park Democrat whose district includes Southfield, Farmington Hills, Lathrup Village and Farmington. Other members are State Rep. William Ryan, a Detroit Democrat, former speaker of the House of Representatives, and State Rep. Joseph Forbes, an Oak Park Democrat and House Majority Floor Leader.

"In the last nine months, more than 60 buildings in Michigan have converted from rental apartments to condominiums," Ross said. "Statewide, greater numbers of apartment renters are being asked to leave or buy their units."

"Those who wish to continue to rent their homes are finding it increasingly difficult to locate reasonable rental residences. That's why Forbes, Ryan and I have formed a special task force to investigate this problem and make recommendations to the legislature."

State Rep. John Bennett, a Redford Democrat, has introduced a bill which would require a three-year lapse between filing an application for a condominium conversion and actual approval of the project by the Department of Commerce.



She's promoted

Patricia J. Gransee of Farmington Hills has been promoted to assistant resident comptroller at Chevrolet's Commercial Accounting Center in Southfield.

Defebaugh predicts property tax hikes

By MARY LOU CALLAWAY

Severe economic problems will face Michigan over the next few years, and property taxes will jump again in 1980—that's the prediction of State Rep. James Defebaugh, a Birmingham Republican whose district includes a section of northern Southfield.

That's just part of the gloomy news he brought members of the West Bloomfield Republican Club last week.

Invited to speak on the Tax Limitation Amendment (TLA) passed by voters in 1978, Defebaugh requested that it should be called "tax limitation, not the Headlee amendment. That name is meaningless."

The tax limitation amendment is not a tax reduction, but a limitation, emphasized the state representative whose district also includes Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake, Franklin and portions of West Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills.

"We are in for very tough times. Cars and both new and used homes sales are down. I'd hate to be a young guy trying to buy a home for the first time," Defebaugh said.

"THE AMENDMENT passed be-

cause property taxes were way too high. The size of government seemed to stifle people. One out of five people works for the government," he added.

"Taxes are tough on the middle class. You're not poor enough or rich enough to take advantage of the deductions. The Robin Hood syndrome of taking from the haves to give to the have-nots for programs is limited by TLA," he said.

"The pressure on the state is mostly for social programs. For example: home heating help for the senior and deprived citizens," he explained.

"TLA is a floating ceiling on state and local revenues. It doesn't speak to individual property. It limits the state to anticipated revenues."

Taxpayers will see the benefits of the amendment in years to come, but it's only partially working, he said.

Combining increasing property assessments with a lowering of millage means some local units have had problems.

"In 1980, you'll probably see more Tish related issues," Defebaugh predicted. He said the Tish amendment, if it had passed last year, would have meant a switch from property tax to income tax.

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