

In northern Oakland

Sewer crack threatens system

Residents of northeast Oakland County, including West Bloomfield, Avon, Oakland and Waterford townships, won't know for another "eight to 10 days" whether their sewer and water service will be interrupted.

According to County Drain Commissioner George Kuhn, that's how long it will take Detroit officials to eliminate a potential major sewer break in the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor sewer located near 15 Mile Road and Schoenherr in Sterling Heights.

If the cracked 12-foot-diameter sewer line breaks, service could be disrupted to 300,000 residents in Macomb and Oakland counties.

KUHN, WHO attended a "closed door" meeting with Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) officials last week, said a 3,000-foot section of the pipe has cracks. In at least one area, chunks of concrete have fallen from the pipe's ceiling.

Oakland County residents have not been asked to curtail water use, Kuhn said.

'It could be faulty construction or maybe soil is the problem. We don't know what the problem is.'

— George Kuhn, county drain commissioner

To relieve pressure on the cracked pipe, a smaller pipe may be installed within the damaged line, according to Kuhn, or pumping stations to de-water portions of the sewer area may be set up.

Kuhn called a potential sewer break "very serious and scary."

The damaged area is located under a Detroit Edison easement, about 25 feet from a steel tower carrying high tension lines. There is also a Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. feeder line above the interceptor.

Kuhn said he hoped DWSD "can resolve the problem by stabilizing the pipes." Donald Ringler, an engineer

with the drain office, is part of a city-suburban committee that is advising DWSD officials on what to do, Kuhn said.

THE CONSTRUCTION firm that built the seven-year old interceptor, Michigan Sewer Construction Co., of Southfield, has been retained by DWSD to repair the line.

"The same contractor that built the job is called in to repair it. We question that," Kuhn said.

Michigan Sewer and the state Department of Transportation sued each other recently because of a sewer collapse that closed part of the I-96 free-

way in Macomb County for six months. The cause of the cracking apparently hasn't been determined.

"It could be faulty construction or maybe soil is the problem," said Kuhn. "We don't know what the problem is."

The damaged site is about two miles west of 15 Mile and Hayes in Fraser where a section of the same sewer line collapsed in July 1978. DWSD spent \$12 million to repair the Fraser collapse, the bulk of which will be paid by Macomb County users.

Kuhn called the current problem "potentially more dangerous."

"They are probably going to be asking us to pay the bill," he added.

Kuhn is leading a petition drive to create a regional authority to operate the sewer and water system, which serves more than three million in 76 area communities.

Thursday, February 7, 1980

(R0-9C)07A

Lincoln event spotlights presidential candidate

Ben Fernandez, self-made millionaire but little known Republican presidential candidate, will be the featured speaker at the Oakland County Republican Club's annual Lincoln Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 in the Pontiac Silverdome.

Fernandez, of California, owns a management consulting firm and has not held prior public office, according to Mary Beattie of the county Republican Committee. A Hispanic American, Fernandez announced his presidential candidacy in November 1978.

Tickets for the dinner are \$15. Reservations can be made by calling 646-8414.

The Republican announcement of the banquet says Fernandez's "strong belief in the private enterprise system enabled him to rise from poverty to a self-made millionaire (and) has moulded him into an electrifying and deeply moving speaker."

Ms. Beattie said Fernandez was trained by General Electric in "finance, marketing and management." She said he has a small campaign staff in Michigan.

Troy airport hopes to land Orion castoffs

General Motors' proposed \$300 million auto assembly plant in Orion Township may speed up plans to allow the Oakland-Troy Airport to handle more traffic.

The Troy airport, at 15 Mile Road between Crooks and Coolidge, may pick up the air traffic now using the Oakland-Orion airport which GM needs to buy for the auto plant.

The county's airport committee has recommended the Orion airport be sold, presumably to GM, and that the revenue be used to maintain adequate aviation facilities in the county.

The county's largest airport in Pontiac had 300,000 take-offs and landings last year. Troy had 40,000 and Orion 25,000.

ACCORDING TO J. David Vanderveen, aviation manager for the county

airport system, the Troy airport will "never be large" but planned improvements could double its present air traffic.

The airport covers 64 acres compared to the 620-acre Pontiac airport. Some 75 private business planes — "single engines and light twins" — use the Troy airport.

Vanderveen said the plant announcement may get a \$500,000 improvement plan for the Troy airport moving faster. That plan, which will include \$250,000 in county funds, awaits county board of commissioners approval.

Proposed for Troy is a new taxiway, parallel to the east-west runway, new lighting, a rotating beacon and airplane hangers.

The additions were planned for this summer "in any event," Vanderveen added.

TEXAS CITRUS FRUIT SALE

by "BERKLEY INSTRUMENTAL BOOSTERS"

ITEM	SMALL BOX	LARGE BOX
Juice Oranges	40 - 50 \$7.00	80 - 100 \$13.25
Grapefruit	18 - 24	36 - 48

542-2333 • 548-8592

We're going on an Observer & Eccentric

Caribbean Holiday.

Won't you join us?

Call the Observer Travel Desk

591-2300 Ext. 244 for details.

WE HAVE A HEART OF GOLD!

VALENTINES DAY THURS. FEB. 14th

"ALL ITEMS FAR BELOW CURRENT GOLD PRICES"



14Kt. Yellow Gold Polished Open Heart Pendant. A. Only \$185.00 B. Only \$28.00 C. Only \$49.00



14Kt. Yellow Gold Heart Shape Diamond Stud Earrings Only \$250.00



14Kt. Yellow Gold 4 Page Heart Locker Only \$235.00



14Kt. Yellow Gold Polished "Love Arms" Bangle Bracelet Only \$495.00



14Kt. Yellow Gold Polished Double Heart Pendant with Chain Only \$49.00



14Kt. Yellow Gold Polished Slide Heart on Neck Chain Only \$150.00

FOR THE KING OF HEARTS... a large selection of chains, bracelets, Carrier Tank Watches, 14Kt. Retractable Toothpicks, 14Kt. Car Keys and much, much more... come in and see!

SEYMOUR KAPLAN & CO.

30355 Southfield Rd., Congress Building, Suite 100 One Block S. of 13 Mile 645-9200 Open Daily 10-5, Thurs. til 8, Sat. til 4

COME "L.A.T." YOUR CONVENIENCE "C.A.R.E." (CUSTOMER ACCESS) THE DIAMOND PEOPLE FOR OVER 30 YEARS

WE HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF WATCHES AND FINE JEWELRY

WATCH REPAIRING JEWELRY REPAIRING

Better late than never

The Republican party is meeting again in Michigan this year after a brief lapse of 126 years. On Feb. 22, 1854, anti-slavery factions of the Whig

and Democratic parties met in a small Michigan town to form a new party. A few months later it took on the name Republican and, in 1860, elected its first president, Abraham Lincoln.

Fine Furniture Since 1917

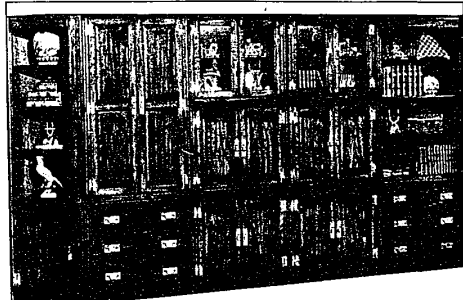
Visit Our Pennsylvania House Gallery

SALE! SAVE 20%

on wonderful space saving Pennsylvania House wall systems



OAK WALL SYSTEM



CHERRY WALL SYSTEM

Now more than ever, your home is important to your family's life. So, center everyone's activities beautifully around a sturdy, functional wall unit crafted in the Pennsylvania House quality tradition from the finest cherry and oak solids and veneers. Create the arrangement you desire for display, for storage, for music and entertainment. It'll be the focal point of any room! And now's the perfect time to buy them—on sale at 20% off.

Sale ends March 1

STEWART-GLINN CO. "YOUR FULL SERVICE STORE" has no extra charge for:
• Careful Inspection and Set-Up
• Courteous Delivery Service
• Generous Storewide Parking

Stewart Glinn

Ask our Interior Designers to help you with your decorating problems

Use our 4 Pay Plan (no interest) or use your Master Charge or Visa

Sheet Music

Pop and Method Books
from "Bach to Rock"

HAMMELL MUSIC
Middebelt Rd.
between S & 6 Mile
427-6040

Repeat of Our Once-A-Year Special Custom Shirt Offer

Now through Feb. 29, we lower our minimum order to just 2 shirts. Here's a great opportunity to get acquainted with our fine product. Select from over 400 distinct fabrics, most of them newly found in ready-made shirts. Custom fitted and styled to your preference at a surprisingly reasonable price.

executive custom shirt makers, inc.
207 S. Woodward
Birmingham, Michigan
HOURS: Mon.-Sat. 10-5 p.m. 642-0460

Kingsley Inn

HOTEL

Would like the pleasure of hosting your next banquet or party. Call us today. Our experienced staff, headed by Mr. Frank and Mr. Petrides, will personally oversee all arrangements and details.



Woodward and Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills

644-1400

564-5144

Free! WIN! free!
DINNER & THEATRE for TWO
at
MACHUS RED FOX
&
MAPLE THREE THEATRES
with each purchase from a Bloomfield Plaza Merchant you receive a chance to win. Five (5) winners will be drawn each Saturday from Feb. 9th-April 28th.
BLOOMFIELD PLAZA
Telegraph at Maple Road