

# Ross sees major consequences with Headlee

By JACKIE KLEIN

The final interpretation of the complex Headlee amendment may come from the U.S. Supreme Court because state legislators can't agree on the effects of the tax limitation measure.

That's the assessment of State Rep. Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park) whose district includes Southfield and Lathrup Village.

"The legislature is in a quandary over provisions of the Headlee amendment," Forbes said during Monday's legislative breakfast with local officials in Southfield.

Gov. Milliken appointed a 17-member state commission of tax experts to

evaluate the impact of Headlee on various levels of government and even the experts couldn't agree," Forbes complained. "A joint senate committee is dealing with the state mandated cost provision and members differ. The final opinion will come from the Supreme Court."

Southfield's proposed 1979-80 city budget will be submitted in April, said Councilwoman Vicki Golubow, but services could be cut when a decision on the amendment is finally made.

Of major concern to local municipalities is the mandated costs issue. That means the state is obligated to pay local units of government for legislative

actions which generate a demand for local services.

LEGISLATORS are questioning whether money from the state on mandated cost issues will be advanced up front or reimbursed. Still to be decided through legislation is when mandated costs will become effective and available to communities.

"The sooner the legislature passes something, the sooner it will go to court," quipped Rep. James Defebault, (R-Bloomfield Township).

Major decisions on the Headlee amendment will have profound, political consequences for state and local government, said Sen. Doug Ross (D-Oak Park) whose district includes

Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"We'll have to decide if we're fundamentalists or broad interpreters of the devine document," Ross said. "Headlee isn't specific and there are multiple interpretations of the amendment. The measure has nothing to say about individual property assessments but it talks about a rollback of property taxes."

"I believe the courts would be hesitant to jump into the fray as long as the legislature does its job within the bounds of reason. It's time to make a case and implement it."

Rep. Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington Hills) said he believes under

Headlee local government will have more control over state actions.

"WHATEVER the rules of Headlee are, they affect our finances, credit ratings, ability to borrow money and to maintain services," said Southfield City Administrator Peter Cristiano. "Our tax rate is beneficial to the state but allows fewer dollars for local taxpayers."

"The state constitution says property should be assessed up to 50 percent of true cash value. The state legislature and tax commission interpret this to mean 50 percent on the nose and the state is the biggest benefactor of increased assessments."

Al Kujala, former senior director of

Southfield staff services, maintained the amendment — which limits state and local taxes to about eight percent of total state income — wouldn't significantly affect public services in Southfield for at least two years.

The city's services and tax rate wouldn't be affected as long as the cost of living is within the consumer price index, he maintained. Rapid inflation could tighten the limit, he said, and Southfield could have a moderately lower level of taxation and services.

If Southfield's \$910 million tax base increases 10 percent and the consumer price index goes up seven percent, the city would cut its 15.65-mill tax rate by three percent, Kujala said.

## Hills cheerleader chosen

### She's a Choo Choo for Express

Georgette Said never thought she would become a Choo Choo.

But the 19-year-old Farmington Hills resident beat the odds and won a spot on the Detroit Express cheerleading squad last year. This month, she will begin her second season on the sidelines at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"She dragged me along to the tryouts last year," said Mary Said, Georgette's mother. "I didn't think she had a chance. There were 300 girls, they narrowed it down to 40 after the first tryout."

Added Ms. Said, "I was surprised that I made the squad. There are only 25 of us."

Ms. Said, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, was even more surprised to learn she would be rooting for a soccer team. "I thought it was going to be for the Detroit Lions," admitted the pretty, wide-eyed brunette.

The Choo Choo girls lead cheers at each home game the Express plays in Pontiac. At half-time, they perform a variety of dance routines in center court.

The Express debuted in Detroit last year with a successful season. They won 20 of 30 league games to finish with the best record in the American Conference and the Central Division title.

"My brothers play soccer so I was familiar with the sport," Georgette said. "I really think soccer is going to take off in this country soon."

Most of the Express players come from England and Scotland, countries where soccer is the king of sports. The team also has players from Austria, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Canada and the U.S.

"My husband and I were brought up in Malta, so we're big on soccer. We go to each game," Mrs. Said said.

Though cat calls aren't unusual, Georgette said fans are more apt to shout, "get out of the way, we came here to see soccer, not girls."

Express management have clear cut rules the Choo Choo must follow. Personal appearance is important. Weight gains aren't tolerated. Neither is dating the players.



GEORGETTE SAID

Last year, the Choo Choo weren't paid for cheering, but this season they'll get \$10 a game, plus two tickets to each game. They may also go on the road for a game, like they did last summer when the Express played the Cosmos, North American Soccer League champs, in New York.

Georgette said superstar Trevor Francis, like the rest of his Detroit teammates, is unpretentious.

"Most of the players are down to earth, and very friendly. They don't think of themselves as stars."

After games, players, management, fans and Choo Choo mix at the Silverdome's Main Event restaurant.

"We have a great time," said the former Stevenson High School cheerleader. "It's a good way to meet people."

Georgette said she has no desire to become a professional model or entertainer. A student at Oakland Community College, she is waiting to get accepted into a hospital radiology program. She also has a part-time job at McDonald's.

## Tee-off time set for early April at San Marino

Weather permitting, the San Marino public golf course in Farmington Hills could be open by the beginning of April, according to recreation officials.

At this week's city council session, the 1979 fees were established and a contract was signed with course manager Al Marmion.

Cost for playing nine holes at the course, located on Drake south of 12 Mile Road, will be \$4.25 on weekdays and \$4.75 on weekends. Eighteen holes will cost \$7.50 on weekdays and \$8.50 on weekends.

Senior citizens will be charged \$1.75 for nine holes if they tee-off between noon and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The same rate applies to students, 17 and younger. League rates will be \$4.25 for nine holes.

Non-residents will pay the same rates as residents.

The rates were established after examining rates of green fees at municipally operated golf courses in the area, according to City Manager Larry Savage.

"In analyzing the results of this study, it is felt that the fees for the most part that were charged last year at San Marino are competitive and should be continued for the 1979 season," Savage said in his report to council.

The only rate changes made were for senior citizens and students. Last year, those groups paid \$2.50.

Glen Oaks, a county-owned golf course, also located in Farmington Hills, charges \$4 for nine holes on the weekdays and \$4.75 on the weekends. Non-residents, those residing outside of Oakland County, will be \$4.50 and \$5.25 respectively.

Eighteen holes will cost residents \$5.50 on weekdays and \$7.50 on weekends. Non-residents will pay \$7 and \$8, respectively.

Senior citizens playing before 4 p.m. on weekdays will be charged \$2 for nine holes and \$3 for 18 holes at Glen Oaks. Non-resident seniors will be \$2.25 and \$3.50 respectively.

Students playing at Glen Oaks will be \$2 if playing prior to 4 p.m. on weekdays. League rates at Glen Oaks will be \$3.

Marmion, manager for San Marino, will be paid \$5,000 10 months at the course. He also will receive \$1,700 in Blue Cross-Blue Shield benefits, the same as other Farmington Hills employees.

The course manager will be responsible for operation of the course and the food concession, as well as the pro shop concession, the golf cart concession and permits. He also will conduct private golf lessons.

## THE INSIDE \* ANGLE

VINCENT ZEIGLER made a 4:30 a.m. stop last Wednesday in Green's Restaurant on Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. While Zeigler was eating, someone relieved his car of a cap and a briefcase. Naturally, Zeigler would love to have them returned. In this case, it's fairly easy to spot the stolen merchandise. Zeigler's briefcase included a fingerprint dusting kit, ticket forms, two three inch knives and an assortment of pens, pencil and tape measures. His hat's pretty easy to spot, too. It's blue and has a Farmington Public Safety Department badge pinned on front and center. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Patrolman Zeigler's possessions, call the Farmington Public Safety Department, 474-1386. The incident freshens the memory of the time someone's enterprising soul managed to pry the shield off the side of a Farmington patrol car. (How come this sort of thing never happened to Sgt. Friday?)

THE RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR will appear at 4 p.m. March 25 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington on Grand River and Warner. Tickets for adults are \$2.50; for students and seniors, \$1.50. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the church office, 474-6873. The choir will sing selections from Handel's Messiah, spirituals and show tunes.

HILLEL DAY SCHOOL will conduct its annual benefit at 8:30 p.m. March 31 in Ford Auditorium. Alan King and Rubi Navon, an Israeli vocalist will appear. For ticket information, call 851-2394.

THE PLIGHT OF THE middle-aged woman entering the working world for the first time is one of the topics addressed by the PBS documentary, "Who Remembers Mama?" The difficulties faced by women after a divorce or death of a spouse will be part of the documentary to be shown at 10 p.m., April 18 on WTVS-TV, Channel 56.

RECORDKEEPING FOR THE small business owner is the theme of a weekend workshop at Madonna College in Livonia. The workshop will meet from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. on April 6 and from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 7 in room 117 of the college. Registration for the workshop can be completed before April 6 in the administration building at the Registrar's Office between 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. during the week. The workshop can be taken for credit for \$47 or for non-credit for \$35. Madonna is at the corner of Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan.

A FOUR HOUR session on basic investments for women will be presented from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on March 23 in the Northland Inn. The session is aimed at helping women determine which types of investments best suit their needs and to provide insights into making informed financial decisions. A registration fee of \$10 covers the seminar and

lunch. For more information, call Eleanor Brainin or Ellen Shell, 569-3200.

HENRY FELD CENTER Volunteer Services Department is sponsoring a program at 7 p.m. Thursday for women looking at the generation gap and its causes. A second session from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 22 will deal with problems arising from life and family changes. Both sessions will be at the hospital's West Bloomfield center, 6777 West Maple, west of Orchard Lake Road.

A SMALL BUSINESS TAX preparation workshop will be conducted from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 24 at Madonna College in Livonia. The workshop will focus on changes in the tax laws and provide an explanation of all schedules and forms related to the proprietorship, partnership and small corporation. Registration for the workshop will be accepted in the administration building before March 24. The Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. A \$25 fee will be charged. For more information, call 591-1200, ext. 14.

A TIP OF THE ANGLES to Bob Petroff and his parents, Eleanore and Ronald Petroff of 30927 North Park Drive in Farmington Hills. Petroff placed on the dean's list of Eastern Michigan University. He is a freshman majoring in accounting and has earned a 3.79 grade point average. He is a 1978 graduate of North Farmington High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a three-year letter winner on the wrestling team.

FR. KEAN CRONIN of Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington will receive the Monsignor Harold Markey Award in recognition of his work with youth. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit and was on the Catholic Youth Organization staff in recruiting and training adult advisors before he entered the seminary. He was also a member of the campus ministry at Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College and Wayne State University and is a former archdiocesan director of campus ministry. He is also a member of the CYO Board of Directors. His mother, Katherine was a long time member of the CYO Board and received the Joe Glaser Award in 1970.

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