Party for 50 for inflation fighters

Free bus and train rides for a year are the top grab in an essay, contest co-sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

The writer of the best maximum 25-word piece on coping with high prices will also get a free private screening of the movie, "How to Beat the High Cost of Living."

The winner may invite up to 50 friends to the

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The winner may invite up to 50 friends to the movie. SEMTA will provide the winner and guests a bus ride to and from the screening as well as pick up the theater tab for refreshments.

The contest also offers 100 second prize winners a free monthly SEMTACARD, the authority's discounted pass.

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"It's (the promotional contest) a joint venture,"
said Joan Kołodziej, of SEMTA's marketing department. "It helps them (the distributor) too.

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Free rides, too

"From time to time, we do have promotions to Il attention to our service . . . we need to market our services as much as any company that sells a

product."
Results of the contests, Ms. Kolodziej said, "are nebulous. You can't say we get 10 new riders be-cause of this.".
Because a small percentage of the total metro-politan area population rides SEMTA buses, she said, "We clearly want our names in front of the

ALSO PART of the promotion will be a week of 'mystery riders' on buses. If the mystery rider, one of 10 celebrities from Detroit television and radio stations, is spotted, all the riders on the bus will get two free tickets to the movie. Mystery riders will be on the buses for a week starting July 2 to most write in 28 words or less.

State to air M-24 plans

Proposals for reconstruction of 1.5 miles of M-24 in Oakland County will be aired at a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. July 24 in

Lake Orion.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) hearing will be in the Lake Orion High School cafeteria, 455 E. Scripps

ing from \$3.9 million for widening to five lanes to \$7.9 million for a six-lane boulevard.

Brochures explaining the pro-posals are available free at the Lake Orion Village Hall, 21 E. Church Street, and at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn



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