

# INSIDE ANGLES

**BUDGET TIME** for all those residents in Farmington Hills who would like to make a comment or two about how their city legislators are spending the bucks. The public hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. on June 9, at city hall on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and Eleven Mile. The budget will be voted on by the council on June 7.

**LIFE IS GETTING BETTER** for Virginia Dickerman who had a sold-out audience for her students who study with her in her Farmington dance studio when they recently staged their end-of-the-year recital this past weekend. She has passed the 60-year mark but she danced in the recital as a performer "with joy for all of the older women who are learning to dance just for the sheer pleasure of it." Dickerman was called upon to choreograph a special number called "Me and My Shadow" for the number of mothers who would not stage with their children for the audience that filled up Novi High School's 1,200 seat auditorium.

**FIRST HE HAD TWO** in a row, then he had 10 in a row. Allow us to explain. John Watkins, head mechanic at Drake's Lanes, is the proud father of twins born May 11 to he and his wife, Karen. The twin girls are named Melissa and Jessica. But the 10 in a row came when dad bowled a perfect game of 300 on May 14 at Bel-Aire Lanes summer league. Watkins has been improving his game by practicing after work.

**IT WAS BOTTOMS UP** in honor of "Diamond" Irene Dillon recently at Diggers in Farmington Hills on the occasion of the Canadian man's 91st birthday. Dillon, a 1912 graduate of Detroit Business University and the wife of the late James Dillon of Limerick, Ireland, formerly was

one of Windsor's highest paid stenographers at \$14 weekly. From 1912-1916, she was simultaneously employed as a bookkeeper, stenographer and piano player in an office shared by the Nordheimer-Steinway Piano Co., and Dr. Gilbert Bass, the city's only optician for several years. Joining in the May 12 celebration at the Hills eatery were many of Dillon's four children, 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**SENIOR CITIZEN** and apartment complexes are on the list of camera location sites for the month of June for the Oakland County Senior Discount Program. The Farmington Senior Center at Mercer Center, 26800 Eleven Mile will be the location on June 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you qualify and would like to obtain a card earlier, you can go on over to the Southfield Senior Center at McDowell Towers at 24400 Civic Center Drive on June 2, from 10 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. These ID cards will enable seniors in Oakland County to take advantage of discounts offered by local merchants ranging from four to 50 percent. Discounts are offered on a variety of items such as automobile parts, roofing, hair care, prescription drugs and eyeglasses. A directory of participating merchants is now available and may be purchased for 65 cents at the camera locations and senior centers. Persons who wish to order the directory by mail should send a check for \$1.20 to Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency, 195 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac 48058. To participate a person must be 60 years or older and an Oakland County resident.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Todd Carpenter, a mechanical engineering major at Michigan Technological University and a mathematics co-

op student with the Army Corp of Engineers who received a commendation from Col. Wayne Hanson recently. The award was given in recognition of outstanding contributions to two projects on which he was working at the Cold Regions Research Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H. Carpenter is the first co-op student to be so recognized. He is a graduate of North Farmington High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Carpenter of Farmington Hills.

**TUNE IN ONE** of Farmington's own educational experts on June 20 on WCZY-FM at 11 p.m. Graham Lewis, director of special education, will be one of the featured speakers in a discussion of the future of special education. With him will be Edward Birch, the Michigan director of special education. The WCZY educational series will begin on June 6 with a discussion with Phillip Runkel, state superintendent of public instruction. He will be discussing the role of parents in dealing with school crisis. On June 13, Michigan Education Association President Keith Geiger will discuss the teachers' role in today's educational system. The series will be wrapped up on June 20 with a discussion on the working parent.

**NATIONAL ARTISTIC RECOGNITION** has been bestowed on some of the students at Our Lady of Mercy High School through the Scholastic Art Awards program conducted by Scholastic Inc. The program was formed to encourage creative expression among secondary students. Recognized was Karyn Butler who won a scholarship to the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit; Colleen Brady, Bridget Ann Collins; Mary Nelson, who also won a scholarship; and Susan Smith.

## Explore the north with geologists

Explore Mackinac Island, the Pictured Rocks, Porcupine Mountains, and the iron and gypsum mines in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula in a special summer field geology course offered by Oakland Community College. The course will meet from Saturday, July 3 through Sunday, July 11. Students who enroll may earn up to four credits. In addition, a course in hiking will be offered in conjunction with the geology expedition.

A second summer geology course will be offered on Isle Royale in Lake Superior from Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15. Backpacking will also be offered on location.

Students will be responsible for all entrance fees and camping permits and will be required to provide their own camping equipment, food, and transportation. Accommodations are being arranged at local universities for those who are interested. In order to reduce expenses, some students are willing to share transportation. A few vacancies are also available for students with families.

Regular registration for the upcoming

summer 1982 semester will be held on June 30 and July 1. For more information about the course, call Auburn Hills Campus Science Department at 855-1000, ext. 333 or 328.

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**It's YOUR Money**  
by Charles H. Williams, C.P.A.

**EMPLOYERS OFFER CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN BENEFITS**  
Years ago company benefits were structured to fit the "average" employee, usually a family man with dependent wife and children. Everyone got the same package, whether it was needed or not; if both spouses worked, there was often overlap coverage, and single workers might have had totally wasted insurance. Many modern employers now offer individualized benefits: everyone gets a core of basic coverage such as sick days and vacation, some medical coverage plus life and disability insurance, perhaps a basic retirement plan. Then there is a wide range of optional benefits that employees may choose with an allowance based on their salary and years of employment. No wonder they call it the "cafeteria-style" plan.  
At Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J., the organization that runs the SAT and other testing programs, additional benefits include increased life insurance, dependent health insurance, dental insurance, extra vacation (up to two weeks more), mutual funds, retirement options — even more cash. At American Can Co., Greenwich, Conn., employees may opt out of their "selectover" into a cash-accumulation fund, which the company will match. After two years, workers can take the money out, leave it in, or reinvest it in other benefits. Flexible benefits can be restructured once a year to adapt to changing needs.  
On the whole, responses to flexible benefits have been positive. In the first year of the new benefit program, 85 percent of American Can's employees felt it suited their needs better than the standard plan. Employers, too, find there is less waste to pay for. As yet, these programs have not spread to unionized employees, and both companies and unions are studying the feasibility of such coverage.  
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