SMART seeks U.S. cash for aging buses



Patrick Nowak (left), SMART chairman, 'has good standing with President Bush's Administration,' said general manager Albert Martin, adding, 'I used to get beaten up.'

SUCII RESTRICTIONS, passed at the turn of the century or as late as the 1950s, still are found on deeds across Michigan and the nation, Al-lensaid.

Nancy Havilland, chairwoman of the Michigan Association of Registerars of Deeds and the register in Livingston County, sald she was un-familiar with racial or religious re-

strictions on newer deeds.

Racist deeds are legal dead wood

(AP) — Property deeds discrimating against minorities may be offensive but will stay on the books in Michigan because they're non-bloding and too difficult to remove, officials say.

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JAMES HORN, spokesman for Michigan's Department of Civil Rights, said, "I'm auc, with the federal regulations out there as well, those deed restrictions are better of left dead than to try to enforce (them). I'm wendering why the counties haven't, some through the books and cleaned up laws to the law of the land?"
"Basically, the complaints we get in housing are flied in renting on the basis of martial status, children or race."

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A section of 1946 deed restrictions for Rolling Acres in Oakland County says: "None of the said lois . . . shall be used or occupied by any person . . . other than the caucasian race, except servants of other races may be employed as such."

"I was shocked," said Lori Cholo, a White Lake Township resident who learned of the restriction when she became secretary of the 100-home Rolling Acres Beach Association last year. "My mother-in-law lived here for 40 years and she didn't even realize it was there."









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"Monies were diverted from line buses to the downtown Detroit) People Mover. The average years left went down from eight years to two years," said Ben Glanpettroni, a Machanda and the seek of the s

SMART, BY state law, is the suc-



ecssor of SEMTA, the Southeatern Michigan Transportation Authority. As the officials told it, SEMTA budgeted the People Mover, a 27 mile elevated electric car line circling Detroit's downtown, at \$137 million. "It came in at \$200 million." aid Martin, who became SEMTA's general manager late in that period. "SEMTA had to commit the capital costs. We were prohibited from the compilal tunts (for buss) in 1982-1-5."
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Eventually, SEMTA turned over ne People Mover project to the city

of Detroit.
Last year the Michigan Legislature dissolved SEMTA, created a
small umbrella agency called the
Regional Transit Commission, and
left Detroit to run its system and
SMART to run suburban buses.

DESCRIBING how federal Urban Mass Transit Authority (UMTA) offi-cials greeted him, Martin said, "I used to get beaten up."

But be said SMART chairman Nowak, a deputy Gakland County executive and active Republican, "Bass good standing with President," Bass administration. "I'm optimistic. Until we put a different face on our governing board, we couldn't get anywhere with the administration. Now there are some case so the horizon, "Bush will tighten even more than Reagan, about the county of the coun

vice.
Glanpettroni added the SMART
board will not ask taxpayers for new
money "until it satisfies itself it has
made the most effective use of the
present muney."

SEMTA WAS an umbrella agency for the seven-county region, receiv-

ing \$90 million in federal operating grants. It kept \$31 million to run suburban buses and service to downtown Detroit and passed the rest on to the city of Detroit.

SMART, which stands for Suburban Mobility Authority Rapid Transit, has a fleet of 200 buses. Because of the recession and federal aid cuts, Glanpettoni said, the suburbs saw bus service scaled back 50 percent in 1982-3.

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But the suburbs need bus service, he went on. During the 1980s, daily work trips have declined from western Wayne County to Detroit and from Macomb County to Detroit, but they have increased within Oakland County, within Macomb County and between Macomb and Oakland counties.

Meanwhile, in the economic recovery of the last six years, the suburbs have gained 527,000 jobs — 231,000 in Oakland, 126,500 in suburban Wayne and 126,500 in Macomb.

Top walker due at Beaumont

Rob Sweetgall, author and fitness advocate, will brings his message to the area Saturday, March 18, in a program sponsored by the Commu-nity Health Education department at William Beaumont Hospital.

To attend, register by March 10 by calling Beaumont's Community Health Education department at 258-3758. The hospital is at 3601 13 Mile (west of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Sweetgall will discuss walking and weight control 1-3 p.m. in the auditorium of Beaumont's Corporate Serices Building. Admission is free and open to the public.

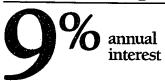
Sweetgall will also speak in conjunction with Beaumont's annual cardiac patient breakfast and awards ceremony, to be held earlier that day.

"Rob Sweetgall is the founder and dean of fitness walking in this countries would be supposed to the same of the company for schools, corporations and health care organizations.

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