

People with disabilities encouraged to vote

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Some 43 million Americans are disabled, making up a large untapped group of voters.

Fear of rejection and physical inaccessibility keep many away from the polls. In Detroit alone, only 38 of the 309 polling sites are accessible to people who use wheelchairs, according to Awareness Communication Team for developmentally disabled.

"Everyone is important and everyone's vote is important," said Joe Dzenowagis, a Farmington Hills resident and a "homefinder" in Family Foster Care at Michigan Department of Mental Health, Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC).

Last month, he received the EDI Award for Best Broadcast Television Feature Story from the National Easter Seal Society for "You Can Vote," his 1988 documentary about voting rights for people with developmental disabilities. These are people who may have autism, epilepsy, mental retardation, cerebral palsy or be visually or hearing impaired.

Dzenowagis, a co-producer, accepted the award in late Septem-



Dzenowagis

ber at the Hudson Theater in New York City. The awards program was hosted by actor Cliff Robertson, who 20 years ago starred in a movie whose main character, "Charlie" had a developmental disability.

Through the EDI Award, which stands for Equality, Dignity and Independence, Dzenowagis is recognized and honored as one of the nation's "most outstanding communicators" who cover disability issues and positively and accurately portray people with disabilities.

"You Can Vote," a half-hour, closed-captioned, documentary has been broadcast on Detroit's public television station, WTVS-TV (Channel 56) and on East Lansing's United Cable. It encourages people with developmental disabilities to vote by helping them overcome the barriers to voting.

It features many local Wayne, Macomb and Oakland county residents, including Esther Hulsing, Plymouth Township Clerk, and has scenes inside both Plymouth and Plymouth Township Hall.

Others are featured

Also featured are Kim Cornelius, a disabled Livonia resident, and Beverly Thomas and her disabled son, Mark, both Birmingham residents.

The film also portrays people

with a variety of disabilities, elections workers, parents, direct care staff and human service professionals.

The documentary will be rebroadcast at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1.

"The EDI Award is a tremendous honor for everyone involved in 'You Can Vote,'" Dzenowagis said. "It underscores our belief that all people, no matter how severe their disabilities, can think, make choices and communicate their choices. And as Americans, people with disabilities have a right to vote and be fully included in the community and mainstream of American life."

"The award challenges us to work harder to end segregation — to get people with disabilities out of nursing homes and institutions and into real homes, to replace sheltered workshops with real jobs and to end Special Olympics and special education so kids can play on the same playgrounds and learn in the same classroom with the kids next door."

Dzenowagis also received the TASH (The Association for Severely Handicapped) National Media Award for "You Can Vote," which was produced under a grant from the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council by the Awareness Communication Team for Developmentally Disabled and the League of Women Voters

of Michigan. It was co-produced with Denise Mogus, a Plymouth Township resident, with Wayne Community Living Services and Stan Smart, a Mt. Clemens, a director of Macomb - Oakland Guardianship. The host/narrator is Lois Luellen, a Westland resident.

More awards

Dzenowagis has won awards for covering disabilities, including the First Place Television Award from the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

For the last 13 years, Dzenowagis has worked with MORC finding foster families for children and adults.

Dzenowagis is also a free-lance producer and videographer for ABC News, Primetime Live, Entertainment Tonight and ESPN Sports. He's the seven-year volunteer host and co-producer of "Citytalk," a weekly interview-format radio program on WDR-FM and is a volunteer host and producer for "Arthritis Today."

Recent projects include subjects like prenatal care for high-risk mothers, AIDS prevention for IV drug users, and two documentaries about World War II B24 Liberator Bomber air and ground crews.

'Before Disaster Strikes'



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Making a boom: Chris Irons prepares pyrotechnics for a mock disaster scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 5, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jon Grant at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtman, Marks, Severs, Smith and Vagnozzi. Others Present: City Manager Costello, City Clerk Dorman, Assistant City Manager Call, Assistant Brock, Directors Countean, Potter and Rosch and the Parks and Recreation Commission Members.

COUNCIL:

- Received reports from the Major Sports/Family Complex and Woodland Hills Ad Use Committees.
- Authorized the City Manager to pursue negotiations for land acquisition for property located north of the sod farm property.
- Set date of October 12, 1992, at 6:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Farmington City Council and Library Board to discuss a joint library facility at OCC.
- Set a study session date of October 15, 1992, to discuss the Coppercreek Golf Course clubhouse site plan/liquor license issue.

APPROVED:

- Installation purchase contract for property located at Orchard Lake Road and 145th.
- Purchase agreement for property adjacent to Fire Station No. 2 on Middlebelt Road.
- Bid for grading and landscaping the retention pond berm at Thirteen Mile and Farmington Roads to Marline City Nursery in the amount of \$46,612.
- Construction contract for Phase I site development of the sod farm property to DeAngelis Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$543,274.
- Special event license for Mulwood Shopping Center's Octoberfest Sidewalk Sale for October 9-10, 1992.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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