

Owners can seek homestead exemption

Homeowners who owned and occupied their homes prior to May 1 and did not previously apply for the homestead exemption on their school operating tax may submit an application to their local government in time for the December board of review.

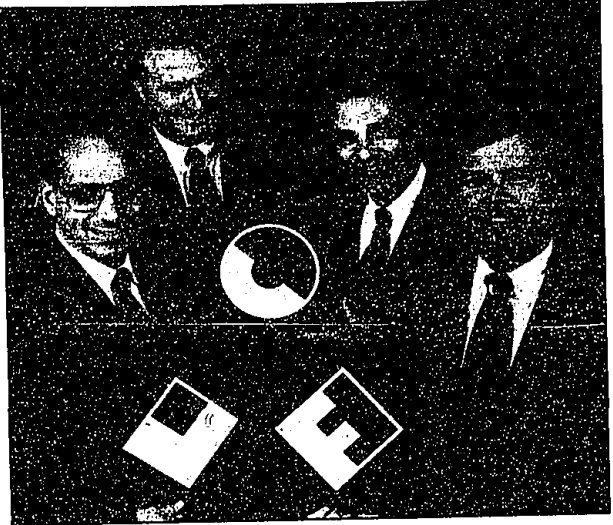
to qualified homeowners and will apply to all regular school operating taxes for the tax year 1994. The exemption allows owner-occupied property to be taxed at 6 mills for school operations instead of 24 mills, which is applied to business and non-homestead property.

non-homestead school operating tax rate in the summer, the excess tax paid will be applied to the homeowner's winter tax bill or refunded by the local government.

Homeowners should check with their local assessor's office to determine the deadline for application in each local community.

The exemption will be granted

If a homeowner has paid the



Name change: Franco Public Relations Group officials Steve Friedman (left), Dan Ponder, George Sepetya and Farmington Hills resident Chuck Ragains show off new corporate logos.

Hills resident says new name reflects changes in company

Farmington Hills resident Charles Ragains has announced a name change for the company he's president and partner in. Detroit public relations firm Anthony Franco Inc. is now Franco Public Relations.

"The new name communicates that we have expanded our capabilities and services in recent years, in response to the

changing needs of clients," said Ragains in a written statement. Ragains is an equal partner in the Franco Group, which also includes: George Sepetya, president of The Comark Group; Stephen Friedman, president of The Covideo Company; and Daniel Ponder, who serves as general manager and chief financial officer. The group bought the compa-

ny from Ross Roy Communications last year. Anthony Franco, who founded the company in 1964, serves as chairman and adviser to the ownership group.

Fransco Public Relations Group provides public relations counseling and services in marketing communications, media relations, internal communications, community relations, fund-raising and public affairs.

LWV offers state government information

Looking for information about state government? The League of Women Voters has a toll-free telephone service (1-800-292-6823) that may be helpful.

tion Center in Lansing offers to help people find out about such things as pending legislation, the state constitution, election laws, voting regulations or tax information.

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. The telephone service is paid for by the league's education fund. The League of Women Voters is a non-profit organization that works to keep voters interested and informed about governmental issues.

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