

Ferency criticizes transportation bill

By TIM RICHARD

Republican William Milliken and Democrat Sander Levin may be backing the \$1.1 billion transportation bond issue that will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot. But Zolton Ferency says it needs to be revised to help people more and business less before he'll back it.

Ferency is the Human Rights Party candidate for governor who is a gadfly in the otherwise drab contest between Gov. Milliken and former State Sen. Levin.

Ferency spoke last week at a fund-raising effort of the HRP (\$15 a person, no discount for wives) in Livonia's Roma Hall, the only experienced orator on the HRP ticket. Ferency is the star attraction of the "radical, democratic, socialist" group.

In an interview, Ferency cited two reasons for opposing the transportation package — financing and the use of the money.

"I'M NOT WILLING to buy the whole package," he said. "When you stop to think about it, what's in it for people?"

There's \$100 million for airport development and \$50 million for port development. If a major portion of the bond issue went to road beds and rail lines... to move ordinary people from place to place... then we would support it. We don't have to subsidize trade and commerce.

Levin wants to cut welfare. Well, this is welfare for corporations.

"I'm not willing to buy the whole package. They should come back with some more realistic programs for people."

"I'm not for buses, I'm not for internal combustion engines, and I'm not for concrete. It's time to get away from that and admit we made a mistake," he said, referring to the \$382 million portion of the plan for "rail and bus systems" outside and the \$540 million southeastern Michigan portion which would also include rapid transit and buses.

There's not a dime in there for hydrofoils. Here, we're the Great Lake State and no hydrofoil transportation. The Europeans have been doing it for years."

GOV. MILLIKEN says the bond issue will cost no additional taxes; that the water quality bond issue is being paid off; that the tax funds which supported it could be used to pay the transportation bonds; and that economic growth will provide enough tax revenue to meet the bond costs without strain.

Ferency dissents.

"One thing the public hasn't been told," said Ferency "is that this bond issue would terminate in 2016. By then it will have cost \$2.1 billion (when interest is added onto the \$1.1 billion principal).

Schools offer open swims

A number of recreational activities are available on a one-time or occasional basis at the Birmingham Schools.

Family open swim is offered four evenings each week from 7:30 to 9:30 at the following schools: Seaholm, Mondays; Derby, Tuesdays; West Maple, Wednesdays, and Groves, Thursdays.

No children in diapers will be allowed in the water and no more than four children per adult.

Special groups can call and get permission to bring their groups to the pools. All children through 17 years of age must be accompanied in the water by a parent.

Adult open swim is open to anyone 18 years of age and older at Covington Junior High School on Wednesdays from 8:30-10 p.m.

Adult open basketball is for men 18 years of age and older who want to play basketball with their friends. It meets Wednesday at West Maple Junior High from 7 to 10 p.m.

Adult open gym is planned for both men and women over 18 years of age who want an opportunity to participate in self-directed exercise. Activities include games and general conditioning. This activity meets from 7 to 10 p.m. at the following schools: Seaholm, Mondays; West Maple, Tuesdays; Covington, Wednesdays, and Groves, Thursdays.

Republicans raise funds

James E. DeFebaugh, incumbent Republican candidate for the 65th district state representative seat and Ruth B. McNamee, Republican contender for the 63rd district post, held a joint fund-raising breakfast Oct. 2 at the Raleigh House, Southfield.

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"I don't believe Milliken is correct that the natural growth of the economy will provide sufficient revenue. How can he say that when we're in a depression? How can he say that with the petroleum situation the way it is? Economists are predicting a no-growth situation."

"I'll predict right now: We'll either have to cut back other programs to pay for those bonds or raise taxes."

FERENCY IS "looser," to use baseball jargon, than in 1966 when he was the Democratic candidate for governor. His '66 battle against George Romney was on behalf of a major party and was an uphill fight. This time he has more freedom to be himself.

While HRP is considered the "fourth party" and may wind up with the ninth slot on the ballot, Ferency is entrancing newsmen across the state with his jibes at Levin, the man who ousted him as Democratic state chairman in 1969.

Ferency pokes fun at the baby pictures in Milliken's television commercials and at the imagery of Levin's TV trips down the state capital building steps. He lectures them both for lack of discussion of substantive issues.

He told the Roma Hall group the HRP would be fortunate to get five per cent of the vote. That would make it the No. 3 party in Michigan and entitle it to conduct an August primary in the next election. (Only the Republican and Democratic parties are on the August ballot; HRP, the American Independent Party, Socialist Workers and others all nominate at conventions.)

While HRP candidates have won only a few council seats in the college towns of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, three of its top four state candidates are on the public payroll: Ferency as associate professor of criminal law at Michigan State University; the multilingual Reggie McNulty, a clerk in the Oak Park local court; and James McCure, political science instructor at Lansing Community College (and a former deputy secretary of state under James Hare until his opposition to the Vietnam war got him fired). The attorney general candidate is Clarice Jobes, partner in an all-woman Detroit law firm.

FERENCY DESCRIBES HRP as a political "coming together" of many sorts of radical activists — anti-war demonstrators, civil rights workers, persons attacking drug problems, grape boycotters.

One unusual characteristic, Ferency said over dinner, is that "the people here tonight are either in their 20s or their 50s. There's hardly anyone in their 30s or 40s."

An exception was the person responsible for the dinner arrangements: Jeaneane Havstad, a Livonia matron in her early 30s.

Family programs offered

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—The Bloomfield Youth Guidance Committee is sponsoring a parent education-child management training program for residents of the area.

A series of public lectures will begin Wednesday and continue each Wednesday through October. The lectures will be given at 8 p.m. in the little theater of Andover High School.

Dr. Ralph Gonzales, a child psychoanalyst, will open the series Wednesday discussing "Behavior Management and the Educational Process."

THE SPEAKER on Oct. 23 will be Saul Cooper, director of community mental health for Washtenaw County, who will speak on "Community Mental Health and the Family."

Dr. Paul Pearsall, director of the Problems of Daily Living Clinic at Sinai Hospital, will conclude the series on Oct. 30 discussing "Parent-essence-Adolescence."

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