

Farmington drivers benefit by I-275

Dedication ceremonies for the final link in the I-275 freeway—the first bypass around Detroit—are set for 11 a.m. Friday at the I-94 interchange in Romulus.

The new freeway is 38 miles long, extending from the I-94-I-275 interchange in Novi all the way to I-75 at Newport in Monroe County.

The work cost a total of \$145 million (exclusive of engineering fees and right of way purchases), or about \$3.8 million a mile.

Main speaker at the dedication will be Weston E. Vivian, of Ann Arbor, a member of the State Highway Commission. Many other federal, state and local officials will also attend.

A WHOLE NEW era of commercial and industrial development is anticipated by officials from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Van Buren, Romulus and Huron Township.

So far, all freeway development in the metropolitan area has led into the

center of Detroit. Traffic from north to south has had to use either the Lodge to Detroit and south on I-75, or fight the lights and stop-start driving of Telegraph Road (US-24).

The link to be opened Friday runs from Ford Road (M-58) to Telegraph. The segment from I-94 to Telegraph was opened last Nov. 10. Also already opened is the segment from Telegraph to I-75.

Michigan's freeway network is now 1,665 miles long. The state is within seven per cent of completing its 1,811-mile portion of the national Interstate freeway system.

"IT'S ONE OF the safest ever built in Michigan," said Peter B. Fletcher, chairman of the State Highway Commission, of the new I-275.

It was designed with wide medians, split-level roadways to avoid headlight glare, concrete bridge barriers, flat roadside slopes and obstacle-free roadways.

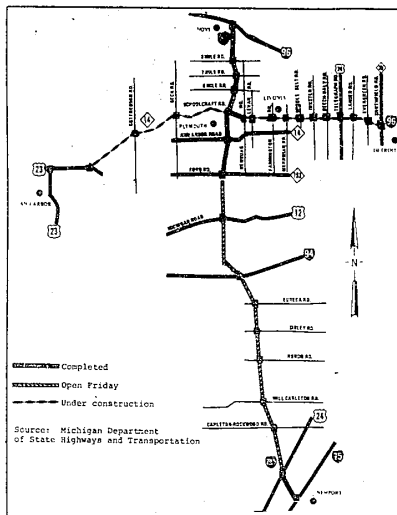
Bridges over the freeway have long spans with one central pier to reduce roadside accidents.

All signs are on wooden supports that will break when struck by a vehicle. Roadside trees and wooded areas were preserved where they didn't conflict with safety standards.

An extra feature is an eight-foot-wide paved path for bicycles and pedestrians at the outer edge of the right of way. The bike path will be dedicated in summer.

The northern segment, from I-94 to Schoolcraft Road, is eight lanes wide. It is also designated I-96.

The segment south of Schoolcraft is six lanes wide.



Eisenhower dinner set at Glen Oaks

The 17th Congressional District Republican Committee will sponsor the Eisenhower Dinner, set for Jan. 27, in Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club. The club is located at 3600 Thirteen Mile in Farmington.

Joseph Knollenberg, president of the Southfield-Lathrup Republican

Club, is co-chairman for the dinner. Tickets, at \$15 each, are available by contacting Knollenberg at 642-9193. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

Speaker for the evening is Robert Criffin, U.S. Senator from Michigan.

New task force studies switch to middle schools

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reactions of middle school age students to the change, in accordance with the concerns of some members of the school board.

"I would hope for input by young people," said Trustee Gary Lichtman. "Specifically, the sixth to ninth grade students."

"The only difference between a child and an adult is that a child is smaller and has fewer problems," he said.

LICHTMAN'S CALL FOR student participation in the study concurred with remarks by Trustee Michael Shpiece.

Shpiece would like to see students as full-fledged members of the task force.

Although Schulman doubted that students should be members of the force,

he concurred that there was a need for their opinions.

"Please understand that although there are no formal student members on the committee, that doesn't mean that the group will have no connection with young people."

Friedman is speaker

Tickets may still be purchased for a Livonia Town Hall lecture by Sorey Friedman, psychologist, author and TV personality, set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 in the Mal Kai Theater, Farmington and Plymouth, Livonia.

Individual tickets at \$5 may be purchased at the theater before the lecture.

Mail a check for \$5 to Livonia Town Hall, Box 2143, Livonia 48154.

Brodhead visits Farmington area

US Rep. William M. Brodhead (D-Detroit) has scheduled a get-together with Farmington and Farmington Hills residents Jan. 15, at the Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The congressman, whose district includes Redford Township, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills and part of Detroit, holds open houses regularly throughout the 17th district.

Members of his district office staff will be present to assist constituents with problems involving agencies of government.

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Benjamin at MIT

Michael H. Benjamin is among the freshmen who began their first semester at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this year.

He is a Harrison High School graduate and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Benjamin, 2372 Chapelgish, Farmington.

Benjamin is one of 1,000 students who were accepted by the school, from more than 5,000 applicants.

Institute has 14th art show

The 14th Annual Sholem Aleichem Institute art show and sale will be presented Feb. 4-6 at the Sholem Aleichem Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Susan Bolt, Chloe Boehm, David Cote, Peggy Sayed, Laszlo Steiner, Ralph Wolfe and Henry Raskin are scheduled to show their work at the show.

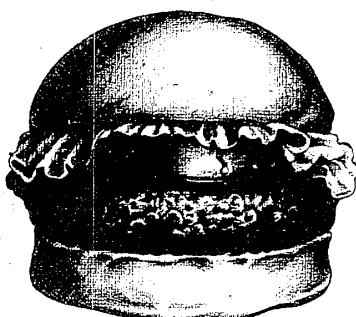
Friday evening, Feb. 4, the show will feature a sip and shop time, from 8 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, at 8 p.m., "a happening" will include original art awarded as prizes.

The show is open to the public for \$1. There will be free refreshments.

The Sholem Aleichem Institute, 28555 Middle Belt, Farmington, is a cultural and educational organization which is active in all facets of Jewish life related to literature, drama, philosophy, festivals and customs.

The show will be open, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Evening hours that day are from 8-10. Feb. 5, the show will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday hours will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

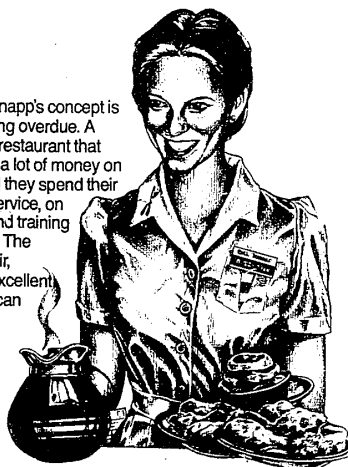
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