<u>In redevelopment package</u>

Cities get new growth tools

Gov. William G. Milliken has signed a package of bills to allow municipalities to stimulate urban redevelopment through the creation of Tax Incre-ment Finance Authorities.

The bills (SB 1216, 1217 and 1218) were introduced at the request of the Michigan Department of Commerce. All take immediate effect.

The new laws permit a city to "plow back" all of the increased property tax revenue resulting from new private development into rehabilitating the streets, facilities and utilities and clearing land to help continue local economic growth.

rietp commerced economic grown. Cities have the power to create Downtown Devel-opment Authority Districts, keeping the new tax revenue generated by urban perivalization in the area where it was generated and stimulating fur-ther growth. They now can apply the same proce-dures to areas outside of the downtown district.

"This legislation is important to the revitalization and self-determination of our older Michigarcities," Milliken said, "allowing them to influence the re-investment of private dollars into areas of greatest need."

"This package can provide an incentive for pri-vate business to re-invest in our cities, creating new jobs for our urban unemployed and retaining existing jobs," he added.

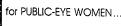
existing jobs," he added.

The most immediate beneficiaries, according to Commerce Department reports, are industrial development projects in Detroit, Ponitiae and Flint Collectively, they are expected to induce aud enion dustry capital investment of \$1.4 billion and create or retain up to 14,000 manufacturing jobs. Industrial development projects in Lansing, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo also are expected to benefit from the new laws.

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Houghten heads road board

Fred D. Houghten of Avon Township has been re-elected chairman of the three-man Board of Oak-land County Road Commissioners.

Houghten, 60, was appointed to the road board by the County Board of Commissioners in 1977. He has been the road commission chairman since 1979. Houghten is director of regional development with the Community National Bank of Pontiac.

A county commissioner for eight years, Houghten was chairman of the county board in 1975. He is a former director and president of the National Radio Albach of Rochester, a former stock and securities dealer, and he owned an Oldsmobile and GMC Truck dealership in Rochester for 25 years.

Houghten's term on the road commission board expires in 1983. As road commission chairman, he is also a member of the county Parks and Recre-ation Commission.

RICHARD V. VOGT of Berkley was elected road

correction



A story on Monday's Observer & Eccentric Travel page incorrectly identified Bruce Himrod as Dick Greenough, founder of Airnet charter information service, and also listed a wrong telephone number. The real Greenough is at left, the telephone number for Airnet is 852-7774.

SILVER REPLATING

commission vice-chairman replacing John R. Gnau of Bloomfield Township.

Gnau, Michigan campaign director last year for Fresident Ronald Reagan, is being considered for a resident Ronald Reagan, is being considered for a rother candidates.

The county board is expected to make an appointment at its Feb 5 meeting.

Vogt, 80, works for Chryster Corp's Defense Engineering Division in cost accounting. He is a unit chairman in the UAW.

Vogt, whose road board term expires in 1985, was a county commissioner in 1973 and 1974 and an appointed member of the county Parks and Recreation Commission for three years.

The three road commissioners are Republicans.

CETA grant writing taught

A workshop in writing Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) grants will be held March 10 at Eastern Michigan University.

The workshop will be taught by Robert Jenks, executive director of the Work Education Council of Southeast Michigan, and Bev Stanton, special projects coordinator for adult and community education for Wayne/Westland Community Schools, Jenks and Ms. Stanton have developed, written, implemented and directed more than \$3.8-million in CETA project proposals.

The EMU workshop will focus on an overview of CETA, linking CETA with adult and community education, how to apply for CETA funds, implementing CETA programs and special emphasis on Title II, III and VI.

Registration for the workshop, to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., is limited to 40 participants. An ergistration fee of \$50 per person includes linch and materials. A 10 percent reduction is available for groups of two or more from the same organiza-tion who attend the workshop. Fur more informa-tion, call Patrick Barley Jr. at 847-8012.

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