

Ross campaigns to sell tax plan.

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 urses to rebuild the state," said Ross, referring to his fear that a Tish-type proposal would be approved by voters.

On May 19, voters will vote only on the legislative proposal. An attempt to place the Tish proposal on the ballot called in the state Legislature last week.

If approved the tax plan will take effect in July. Under the plan future property tax increases would be limited to 6 percent a year. If municipalities or school dis-

tricts feel they need more money to provide services, they will have to go to voters to ask for increased millage. Property taxes would be cut by 50 percent with a maximum savings of \$1,400 a year per individual taxpayer. "To characterize this as a shift in fate," said Ross. "It is a combination. The sales tax won't do it all so there must be cuts."

The increased 1.5 percent sales tax will raise an additional \$800 million, according to Ross. Presently it raises about \$2 billion annually. "We've tried to come up with a plan which we think has the elements the

people will accept. It has a cut in property taxes, a restriction in the growth of property taxes and a Tish-size cut without a cut in local services," said Ross. But local governmental leaders have been hesitant about the new plan, fearing the state government will wait until next year to pay back the loss in local property taxes.

IF THAT HAPPENED, local municipalities would be forced to borrow

Hills neighbors unite to watch out for crime

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Murphy is sold on Neighborhood Watch, partly because of its proven success.

"WE TOOK ONE of the highest crime areas of the city last year, the south end, and instituted Neighborhood Watch," he said.

"Comparing three months last year to three months this year, crime dropped 43 percent."

Participants mark the neighborhood with signs warning criminals that the area is protected by Neighborhood Watch.

money to maintain services and make the payroll. They also would have to pay interest on those loans at a higher rate than would the state. But Ross says the state is working on a plan to borrow \$700 million so the municipalities and school districts will get a timely pay back. Ross defended the Legislature's action in rejecting a Tish-backed proposal for this May's ballot. The Tish proposal already has been rejected by the voters, he says.

Hills marathoner raises fund for MS

Catherine Piche, a Michigan State University senior from Farmington Hills and her partner Richard Cunningham collected \$962 in pledges to place second in the eighth annual Dance for Strength Marathon, Feb. 20-22.

The more than \$26,000 raised during the marathon will be donated to the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. MS is a disabling neuromuscular disease associated with partial or complete paralysis. Dancers solicited pledges, then

danced for 50 hours over a three-day period. A record 47 couples danced in this year's marathon, sponsored by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Piche and Cunningham won a trip for two to Acapulco for finishing second.

The 1977 North Farmington High School graduate is majoring in business at MSU. She is the daughter of Charles and Bernice Shandor, 28445 Kendallwood Drive.

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