

State selling excess land parcels

Twenty-four parcels of excess state highway property in Wayne and Oakland counties will be offered for sale at public auction April 9 in Southfield by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDT).

The auction will begin at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the city's Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road.

A brochure containing sketches, descriptions and locations of the parcels may be obtained from MDT's Right-of-Way field office, 12800 W. Ten Mile Road, Huntington Woods, phone 545-5322.

Following are general descriptions and minimum opening bids for the larger parcels:

- 76.8 acres in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, on the north side of M-14, three mile west of the city of Plymouth: \$300,000.

- 5.3 acres in the City of Novi, Oakland County, on the southwest corner of I-96 and Haggerty Road overpass: \$35,000.

- Four acres in Van Buren Township, Wayne County, on the southwest corner of I-275 and Hanan Road overpass, ¼ mile northwest of the I-275-I-94 interchange: \$4,450.

- 36,836 square feet in the City of Detroit on the southeast corner of I-96 (Jeffries) and Mark Twain Avenue, ¼ mile west of Schaefer Avenue: \$8,100.

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roll call report

VA medical programs remain reduced

Here's how Michigan's senators voted on major roll call votes March 26-April 1. The House had no closely contested votes.

The following votes dealt with a resolution directing Senate committees to cut spending for programs within their jurisdiction. The so-called reconciliation resolution was headed for final passage and the House.

VETERANS SPENDING: The Senate rejected 44-56 an attempt to restore \$330 million that the Reagan administration wants to cut from Veterans Administration medical programs in fiscal 1982.

Supporter Lawton Childs, D-Fla., said he is "an enthusiastic supporter" of cutting federal spending but that "I do not believe the American people want us to cut back on those who cannot fend for themselves — disabled veterans, low-income elderly or hungry children."

Opponent Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., said: "As much as I regret to see veterans programs cut even one dollar, I believe that they are willing to share their part in this time of crisis and emergency."

Senators voting "no" supported President Reagan's cut in spending for veterans' medical programs. Democratic Sens. Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted "yes."

INDEXING PENSIONS: By a vote 12-86, the Senate rejected an amendment to soften the cost-

of-living escalator that automatically increases pension benefits under Social Security, the military and civil service pension system, and other federal annuity programs.

Social Security and other federal pensions now rise in step with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which critics say overstates inflation because it measures housing costs. The amendment sought to peg pension increases to the slower rising federal wage index. Supporters said this would save \$17 billion over six years.

Supporter Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., said: "I know of no greater financial cancer on the body politic... than excessive cost-of-living adjustments which have overstated by billions and billions of dollars the real impact of inflation."

Opponent Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said tinkering with the CPI would slow action on the pending budget measure. He said President Reagan is aware of the CPI's distortions "but he asked us not to consider it at this time."

Senators voting "yes" wanted federal pensions no longer pegged to the Consumer Price Index. Levin and Riegle voted "nay."

SOCIAL PROGRAMS: The Senate rejected 40-59 an amendment to restore about \$1 billion in proposed fiscal 1982 budget cuts for elementary and secondary education, home-heating payments to the poor, urban mass transit and other social programs.

Supporter Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said that if the \$1 billion is not restored "the poor in our country will become poorer, and those families struggling to get by will be unable to adequately heat their homes, buy groceries... or afford basic health-care services."

Opponent Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the amendment represented "too much of the business-as-usual approach that we do not need" in times of fiscal crisis.

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"WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE": By a vote of 43-53, the Senate rejected an amendment directing the Governmental Affairs Committee to recommend an additional \$1.7-billion cut in government spending in areas such as travel, public relations, filmmaking and advertising. It was said in debate that the Agriculture Department has 1,000 public relations and press aides and the Department of Defense more than 1,500. The amendment also sought improvement in collection of unpaid debts to the government.

Sponsor Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., called his amendment "a golden opportunity to vote up or down on whether we are really serious about cutting waste in a number of areas that have been well documented as major ingredients in the government's multibillion-dollar waste, fraud and abuse problem."

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April 18 LUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

A special children's lunch will be offered at the Cafe Renaissance on Saturday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - with very special prices! The Easter Bunny will be there to have lunch with all the kids and to award the prizes to the winners of the Coloring Contest at 1:00 p.m.

April 22 FASHIONS FOR WORK OR PLAY ON SECRETARIES' DAY

To help celebrate "Secretaries' Day", April 22, we'll present a fashion show for the busy secretary, featuring the latest fashions for wear on and off the job, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Level 2, between Towers 300 and 400, adjacent to Whaling's and Ramayan Arts. After the show, models will circulate through the open cafe-type restaurants. At 2:00 p.m., there will be a second show in the same location as the 11:30 a.m. presentation.

April 27 SPRING TO LIFE!

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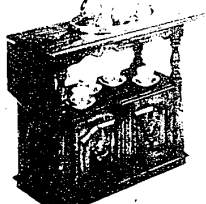
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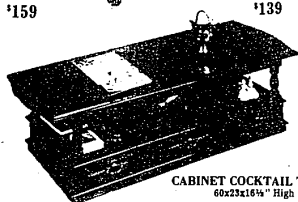
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