

Power to speak on world press, freedom at OCC

Philip Power, chairman of the board of Suburban Communications Corp., parent of the 12 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will speak on world press at an Oakland Community College lecture series at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Power, 43, has long-standing professional and personal interests in the future role and rights of the press in international affairs, especially in the Third World.

He will speak in Room 3306 of Turrell Hall, the Orchard Ridge campus student center. Orchard Ridge is at I-696 and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The session is open to the public without charge.

Power, who holds degrees from the University of Michigan and University College, Oxford, ran for the U.S. Senate from Michigan in 1978. His company owns 43 newspapers.

Power is expected to discuss efforts within UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to set up a "world information order." Many American newsmen view it as a threat to press independence, and some diplomats believe the U.S. should withdraw from UNESCO.

Power, who attended several UNESCO conferences, argues for continued U.S. membership. "With no U.S. presence to fight nonsense, provide leadership and assemble a coalition of those nations which actually want to do something constructive about redressing information and communication imbalances around the world, UNESCO would become a powerful, wealthy robot programmed by our enemies and additionally motivated by a sense of spite," he said in recent congressional testimony.

They look alike

Tax plan choice becomes symbolic

By Mike Scanlon
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The U.S. House of Representatives had three tax cut choices to make Wednesday, but insiders agreed one of those had virtually no chance of passage.

And the other two?

Well, the proposals by President Reagan and the so-called Democratic alternative emerging from the powerful House Ways and Means Committee "have become so similar you can hardly tell them apart any more," explained an aide to James Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge. His district includes Troy.

"What we're really talking about is a symbolic vote," the aide added, "a power play. If you will."

BOTH PLANS ended up calling for 25 percent tax cuts over three years. The Democratic plan had initially called for a slightly smaller cut over two years, Reagan's plan for a slightly larger one over three.

Ultimately, the major difference between them was the Democratic version's linkage of third-year cuts to the performance of the national economy.

Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, predicted an "extremely close vote — five votes either way."

Broomfield said Reagan "deserves an opportunity to get this thing through." The 13-term Republican, whose district also includes portions of Rochester, Avon Township and West Bloomfield, said the Reagan plan

would offer about \$140 million more in benefits to Michigan over three years than would the Democratic alternative.

BUT REP. William Ford, D-Taylor, favored the Democratic alternative, an aide explained, because he believes that version offers the state greater benefits through a so-called investment credit carryback. That language would allow six distressed industries — automobiles, steel, paper, railroads, mining and airlines — to carry back investment credits to 1982 and use them to write off tax liabilities for those years.

The carryback period was previously three years, and industries on a long losing streak — such as the automakers — couldn't take advantage of tax

write-offs against profits because there weren't any profits to write off.

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mt. Clemens, whose district includes eastern Greater Rochester, favored the Udall-Obey tax plan, the so-called "liberal alternative."

"I'm going to support the Udall bill because it requires a balanced budget," said Bonior. "It also does not have the oil giveaways in it, as well as the straddle — there's about \$1 billion in commodity straddles (in both the Reagan and establishment Democratic bills). It is the best bill."

"UNFORTUNATELY, it doesn't have the political support to pass." When reached late Tuesday, Bonior

said he planned to vote against the Reagan plan, and hadn't decided on the Democratic version.

"I'll probably vote for the Democratic bill, although I have some reservations . . . about the things that were added on to it to get the bill to the floor, and that is the exorbitant oil tax loopholes and commodity straddle loopholes and the estate tax. The business tax proposal is good in the committee bill."

"Actually, the committee bill is better than the last two tax bills we've had signed into law, (but both the Reagan and the Democratic versions) borrow, to give people tax breaks. I think that's bad policy."

Trucking prices deregulated, so shop around for mover

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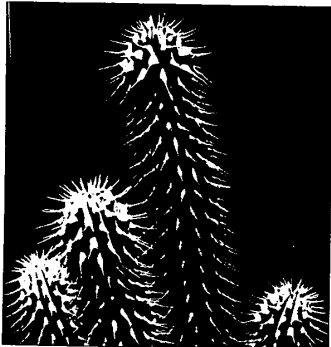
The rulings, part of the phased-in deregulation of the trucking industry, give moving companies wide latitude to raise or lower prices, offer incentives to customers, and engage in competitive marketing strategies.

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- Can charge different rates for similar work.
- May offer binding estimates that fix cost of a move.
- Can use their own formula, rather than an ICC standard, to compute an estimate.

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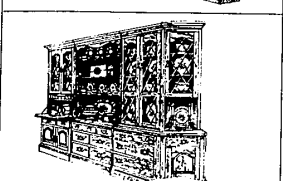
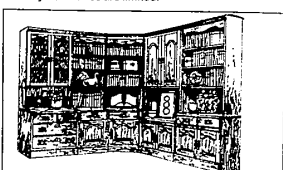
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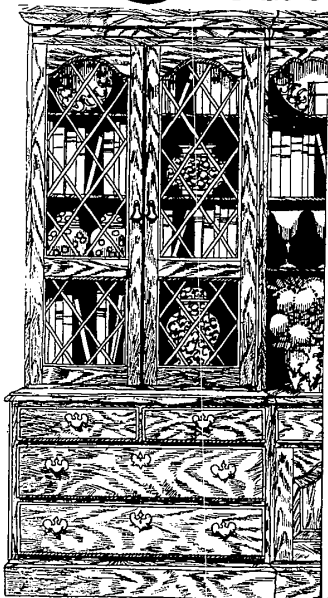
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