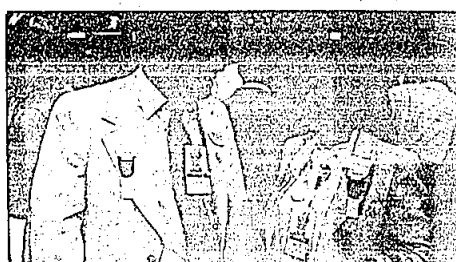


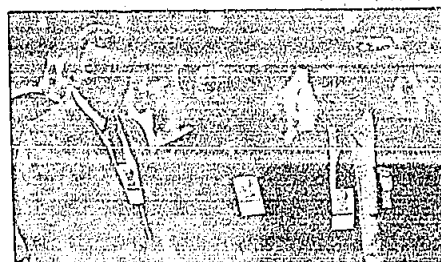
Faces at the national GOP convention



Alternate delegates to the GOP convention are (from left) Dallas Haun of West Bloomfield, Yvonne Strother of Rochester and Steve Bruce of Farmington Hills.



Michigan delegates Dr. Clare Johnson (left) and Nanig Manoukian exchange pleasantries. Manoukian is a delegate from Farmington Hills.



Enjoying an off moment are Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson (left), former Supreme Court Justice Mary Coleman and Michael Casaz of Southfield, an alternate.

Lousma enjoys delegate fanfare, talks taxes

DALLAS — In San Francisco the band made a mistake at the Democratic National Convention and played "The Victors" — the University of Michigan fight song — for Gov. James J. Blanchard, whose bachelor's degree came from Michigan State.

At the Republican National Convention here Tuesday, the shoe was on the other foot. The band played the MSU fight song for Jack R. Lousma, a U-M engineering grad.

But Lousma, the GOP nominee for U.S. Senator from Michigan, still rallied the applause he got from the convention platform. He was one of five candidates singled out by the Republican National Committee for national exposure.

Lousma talked taxes. "Last year Michigan voted to recall from Lansing two state senators who preferred raising taxes to cutting spending," he said. "This November Michigan will recall from Washington the senator who supported Jimmy Carter more than any other, opposes Ronald Reagan more than any other, was against the Reagan tax cut and is for the Mondale tax hike."

Departing from his prepared text, the man who hopes to unseat Democrat Carl Levin said, "A president should never say never (to a tax hike). But a senator can say never — and I do."

IT BEGAN with a shout of protest and ended with a "so what?"

The 15th Congressional District delegates "faced a credentials challenge because of Chairman Patricia Ganzberger's parliamentary



Jack Lousma

tactics at the Jan. 27 state convention.

Aulo (Al) Gonano, a Ganzberger supporter, said the national convention's contests committee heard the protest last week but recommended seating Ganzberger, Gonano and John Millard of Ypsilanti as delegates.

"They chose not to appeal," said Gonano, a 32-year-old lawyer from Southgate. "The dispute was fundamentally ideological," he said. "Our delegation represents a

convention capsules

more moderate wing of the party, their's a more conservative wing."

But he acknowledged there were personalities involved, and that there were moderates and conservatives on both sides.

The protest had been launched by Bob Padgett of Canton Township and Harry Greenleaf of Livonia.

Ganzberger denied a Detroit newspaper story that he "skipped town" for party of the proceedings.

"My son was being married in Maui," she said. "It was planned a year ago."

GETTING A first-hand civics lesson at the convention was visitor Lorraine Hesley, a fourth-grade teacher at Wess Elementary School in Troy.

She got a guest pass to the convention from delegate Dorothy Harrison of the 14th Congressional District.

"I was interested in what they had to say on education," said Hesley. "I was really enthused."

Her favorites: Senate hopeful Jack Lousma, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole and state Sen. Doug Cruce, who has spoken to her class.

NANCY McCONNELL, Oakland County commissioner from Bloomfield Hills, killed two birds with one stone, or one trip.

She drove daughter Mary to school at Southern Methodist University.

"I came a week early to haul her junk — that's my excuse," she laughed.

ELAINE DONNELLY, at-large delegate from Livonia, revealed she had received a committee appointment from the Reagan Administration.

She was named to DACOWITS — the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

"We're making sure women in the military are treated fairly," Donnelly said, reporting she had heard briefings from generals and first-person stories from women military personnel who had been raped.

"DATELINE — HELL," gasped Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson during Sunday's 107-degree heat.

Said a transplanted Texan: "We call anything under 90 degrees 'sweater weather.'"

When the air is quiet, Texas heat is like an

oven. When there's a breeze, it's like a blast furnace.

Only one delegate could remember even seeing a bird, let alone hearing one sing.

Any trees on the flat landscape were planted as landscaping by developers, not by nature.

The Marriott Quorum, in suburban Addison where the Michigan delegation is staying, has no sidewalks nearby. Virtually no one walks anywhere. The lifestyle is to rush from an air-conditioned building to an air-conditioned bus or automobile.

Exercise? Forget cycling or jogging. Go to an air-conditioned exercise studio to work up a sweat.

A bus bringing Michigan delegates back from the convention center had a tire blowout at 60 mph on the freeway Tuesday night. The bus wavered until it stopped at the edge of an embankment. Michael Legg of Livonia said there was a nervous silence. "I was standing in front and announced 'Michigan's delegation is being held hostage — Day 1.' This brought a laugh from the delegates including former Gov. William Milliken. The driver radioed and in five minutes they had another bus to pick us up." Legg said.

District plans program for preschool children

A new preschool program is being offered to Walled Lake School District residents who have youngsters entering kindergarten in fall 1985.

The program, approved by the school board Aug. 13, is designed to serve families with low- to low-middle income. The preschool costs \$300 for a 15-week session, but discounts will be available for poor families. Eligibility guidelines are available from elementary education director Hugh Davis.

Two 15-week sessions will be offered both at Glenway and Twin Beach elementary schools. Davis said he hoped to have the program in operation by Oct. 1. Enrollment will be limited to 4 year olds who will be candidates for kindergarten in September 1985.

"We would like to bring them into the public school for their preschool experience. We want to coordinate this with the child's kindergarten experience," Davis said.

FIVE SCHOOLS have room available for the program, Davis said. If there is a demand, then the program could be expanded to a third building, he said. "We're fortunate to have this kind of space."

Both schools will have one morning and one afternoon session, with each session serving 20 children. The fees are expected to cover all operating

costs, including a program coordinator, a teacher, an aide, supplies, fringe benefits and some equipment for each session.

Most of the classroom equipment and instructional supplies, however, will come from \$6,620 per classroom budgeted from the district's general fund.

Davis is seeking a program coordinator, he said. The coordinator will plan, direct and staff the start-up classrooms and secure equipment and supplies. In addition, the coordinator will assist with curriculum development, conduct training for staff and plan parent orientation.

THE PROGRAM is not intended to replace Head Start, which serves low-income families, or to compete with private-school nursery schools, Davis said. The intent was to provide a preschool for families who "fall between the cracks."

Discounts are offered based on family income. For example, a family of four with an annual income of \$12,750 or less would be eligible for a 50-percent discount on the program costs. Families applying for the discount will have to document their income, Davis said.

For more information, call Davis at 624-4801.

Community education director is tapped

David L. Dursum, formerly the assistant director of community education for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, recently was hired as community education director for Walled Lake Schools. Dursum, 44, replaces interim director Jerry Sutton. Sutton managed the community education department since former director Robert Duff was fired in November 1983 for alleged involvement in a computer software marketing business. The business was established by former community education regional coordinator Gerald Beers, who was fired for allegedly converting school district property for his own profit.

Sutton's work was praised by Walled Lake board member Patricia Jackson. As the board's representative on the community education advisory council, Jackson noted Sutton's enthusiasm, his accessibility to the community and his willingness to work with people and try new ideas.

Under Sutton's leadership, the community education department formed a task force to assess community needs, added a part-time senior citizens coordinator and completed a consortium agreement with Huron Valley Schools to aid the adult education program.

DURSUM WILL earn \$44,617 annually as director of the community education department. Before becoming assistant community education director in Plymouth-Canton, Dursum was a teacher and then a principal in Royal Oak Schools.

The school board also recently approved a athletic director contract.

John Fundukian, 42, will replace Tom Evans as director of athletics and physical education. Evans resigned this spring.

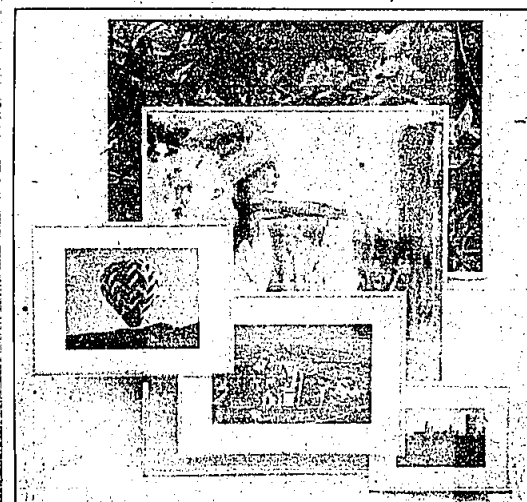
Before coming to the Walled Lake district, Fundukian was director of athletics (1967-68) and director of physical education (1969-71) for Highland Park High School. Fundukian came to Walled Lake schools in 1971 and has been coaching social studies at Walled Lake Western High School.

In all, the district has hired six administrators. Earlier in the summer, contracts were approved for a secondary education director, assistant superintendent for business and two principals.

Donald Edward Toba, hired in July, will replace Decker Elementary School principal Janet Gehrton, who resigned last February.

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