## His creations lend humor to the air waves

Continued from Page 1

While growing up in Detroit, he started taking clarinet lessons at age 8, which evolved into learning to play the piano and saxophone. When he was 15, he began to write music

ways popular, ne said.

BUT YESSIAN said he was, and
has remained, a jazz and elassical,
rather than a rock and-roll fan.

As a teen, he preferred to listen to
Miles Davis and John Coltrane. He
said he was not even intrigued by the
Beatles, although, "I probably should
have been. They were ahead of their
time."

play the pinno and songs.

In addition to playing in the Cody High School band, Yeasian put to-gother a jazz group that played at school parties. Since they did not play rock and roil, they were not always popular, he said.

BUT YESSIAN said he was, and has remained, a jazz and classical, rather than a rock-and-roil fan. As a tech, he preferred to listen to Miles Davis and John Coltrane. He miles Davis and John Coltrane. He will be supported to the control of the con

AFTER GRADUATING in 1967, Yessian taught at Redford High School in Detroit for four years. While teaching, he nearly completed

tions degree from Wayne State. Altions degree from Wayne State. Although he did not give up the idea of
parlaying his writing and composing
skills into a career, he studied communications because it was a more
marketable degree.

"Music is still one of those professions that is good to a select few," he
sald.
"I really didn't have the academic
knowledge to pursue music in college," he addee.

For instance, he sald, reading and
writing music on paper is not his
strong point. "My abilities come

Ti was rough going at first. I had

business.

"It was rough going at first. I had to really divide myself between beling an artist, and being a business person," he said. "Being in musices attitude with what you are still the said that it is a suit of the company has grown to mine employees and produces about 100 commercials a year.

Jingles and sound tracks have "Seamne Streel" and "The Electric been produced for both local and national cilents, including the top three automobile companies, the Detroit Tigers, Little Caesar Pizza, and Wihirlpool.

Commercials composed and produced by Yessian include "Whirlpool.

Making Your World a Little Easier," and "Dodge Boys Have More Itsing award.

HIS BACKGROUND in education served him in writing music for actionally syndicated children's shows the status quo."

The creative aspect is what he entionally syndicated children's shows that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The creative aspect is what he entionally syndicated children's shows that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The creative aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform with the status quo."

The tractive aspect is what he encounts that don't have to conform

He has also created music for the past Academy Award winner, The "Crunch Bird," and TV shows, in-cluding "Hanna Barbara Cartoons,"

YESSIAN AND his wife, Kathy, have two sons, Brian, 9, and Michael, 7.

"I have a very supportive wife," he said. "My wife has a great sense of humor. She understands music is time-consuming." Although Yessian does not work weekends, saying, "Weekends are for my family." the muse does sometimes strike while he is at home. For that reason, "we've got tape."

times strike while he is at home.

For that reason, "we've got tape," recorders all over the house. It's, very helpful."

In fact, sometimes a melody will, pop into his head in the middle of the night, and he will start singing into, one of tape recorders. Although, he, said, "My wife thinks I'm nuts," she has also grown accustomed to it.

In his spare time, Yessian enjoys: fishing trips.

Yessian plans to expand his business to cover the Midwest. But in general, he said, his company will do "more of the same."

## Kiwanis will vote on allowing women into clubs

ing among our club members is that they would like to see the proposal passed."

ing among our club members is usat they would like to see the proposal passed."

Fablan, who voted for women membership at last year's convention, noted that admission of women has been "a perpetual issue" and voted on for many years.

"The prevailing thought of those against it seems to be that the Kiwanis is a wonderful society. It has flourished all these years. If it's not broken, why fiss it?"

"I personally feel that it's time for "years have been year that it's time for my women are fully viewed as cquais in all areas of our society. I don't see a real reason for them not becoming full and equal members of the Kiwanis and helping is in our community-oriented good works.

"I think they will be wonderful Kiwanians and belp us to do what we do as Kiwanians in the community."

Fablan said it was not yet determined whether a member of his club would be attending the convention. But, he said, national issues are discussed with the club before a member attends.

THE KIWANIS Club of Farmington, which has 25 members, is main-

taining a more low-key approach.

"The Farmington club hasn't taken an official stand. We're thinking the stand of the sta

women.

As his club, Dahlstrom said he neither promotes nor opposes Riwanis membership for women.

The club will be sending several delegates to the convention. "Who knows what will happen?" he said.

THE JAYCEES, which long had active women's auxiliary groups, made women full members in 1984. Currently, about 20 percent of Jaycees members are women.

Louise Coleman, newly elected president of the Farmington Area Jayces, said, "I feel that I've been given an opportunity to do more for the community than I would have for any other outlet."

On that basis, she said, "Certainly, I agree with it. I think it's fair all the way around."

Coleman said that admission of women to the Jaycees has worked well. "It's quite a complement. Their group works very well together. We are far more flexible now. It just works well all the way around. "There are organizations that are only men, or women, if you are look-ing for that," she added.

Referring to admission of womento the Kiwanis, she said, "With equality in the work place, and equalization is the work place.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL is eager to resolve the issue, in part because public support of the Kiwanis is important.
"The success of Kiwanis depends

"The success of Kiwanis depends on public approval and support."
Williams said. "Numerous and lengthy legal actions will create the impression that Kiwanians are more concerned about keeping women out than in serving community needs."

During the past year, Kiwanis clubs raised \$50 million, and members volunteered millions of hours for community service projects.

"This outstanding record of volun-teerism must not take a back seat to the question of women's member-ship," Williams said.

## Continued from Page 1 dicted Smith, who will attend the convention. "It will be very interest-place and a rock." \ " is a hort floor fight," pre"It will be a hot floor fight," pre"It will be wery interestton." AT LEAST one local Kiwanis club is in favor of admitting women. It don't know if the view ever taken ing among our club members is that ing among our club members is that

Continued from Page 1 commone from Page 1
cation, all-day kindergarten, the use
of educational dollars, curriculum
nanges, involvement of senior citizens, the quality of public versus private education, and the opening of
school facilities to the public in the
evenings and weekends were discussed.

The three also related changes
they expect from the new board duringt he coming year.

The three also related changes they expect from the new board during the coming year.

Inch seeks 'program continuity from K-12" with a consistency of goals and wants to 'molivate underachelvers' with experimental programs throughout the district.

Bilizman mentioned overcrowdig in the elementaries and North Farmington High School, the building in the elementaries and the repair' and the need for the board to work with a parent council and work with the parent council and work with a papent of the board to work with a parent council and work with the parent council and work with the parent council and work with the parent council and work with newly appointed Superintendent Graham. Holding the regularity schools, the couns at all early schools, the expansion of the elementary schools, the expansion of the elementary schools, the expansion of the elementary schools.

Varmington Observer

(USPS 187-840)
Published every Monday and Thursday by Obsorver & Eccentric Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Socond-class postage paid at Livonia, MI 48151. Address all mall (subscription, change of address, Form 3569) to P.O. Box 2428, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 591-0500.

roads,
"We can attract business -"We can attract business — we don't have to go looking," she added. On this topic, the candidates discussed the recent effort by the city of Farmington Hills to establish a tax increment financing authority district along a portion of 12 Mile Road to pay for road improvements. This, in turn, prompted Hillgalion by the school board to halt the TIFA's use, contending the money proposed to be captured was earnarked for local education.

Formation of the authority was eventually rescinded and the suit dropped.

ditional social science at the high school level.

school level.

THE USE of school tax dollars for other purposes — specifically local roads — drew a variety of responses from the candidates, some of it heated.

"I don't know what education dollars are . . . I don't know what road dollars are . . . I don't know what road dollars are . . . I don't know what road see to make the case for the schools as strongly as possible." He called for a "tax mix" for civic and school needs.

Rolinké supported the use of impact fees on developers as "a very creative way to raise dollars" for roads.

"I'M SORRY, but I took great um-

Views offered in final debate

brage at the TIFA." Inch said, noting that the Hills had not levied its full charter millage rate. "If that's deprived (I Mile corridor), I want 40 acres of it — I'll huy it today." Curriculum-related issues involving daylong kindergarten, increases in the district's latch-key program and enhancement of science and cultural programs were all applicated.

and enhancement of science and cultural programs were all applauded by the candidates.

The three candidates raised suggestions about the issue of board communication with the general mubile

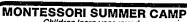
unic. Rolnick and Blizman voiced Rolnick and Blizman voiced strong support for a community council, involving 13 staff and com-munity members at each school, as recently suggested by a local com-munity group.

Inch supported the concept, but questioned the number of people in-volved.

Blizman sald he "didn't think the

Bilizman said he "didn't think the loard is doing an adequate job" of informing the public, while Robnek defended the current beard, but suggested things could be better. Inch said the board was dependent on the local newspaper and the quality of reporting.

Bilizman suggested that board members and high-level administrators be available to speak to community groups and high-level administrators be available to speak to community groups and high-level administrators to educate them about the district.



Children learn year round... Why not try Montessori this summer?

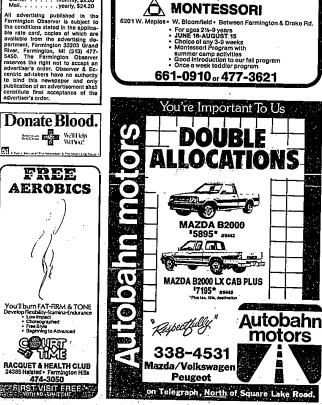
Bloomfield - Maples

MONTESSOR!

6201 W. Maples • W. Bloomfield • Between Farmington & Drake Rd.

- - For ages 2½-9 years
     JUNE 18-AUGUST 15
     Choice of any 3-9 weeks
     Montessori Program with

661-0910 or 477-3621





DEARBORN EAST GRAND RAPIDS EAST LANSING GROSSE POINTS JACKSON RALAMATOD ROCHESTER SAGINAW TOLEDO