

3 generations rallying for world peace

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 too Hills, said becoming an activist help to her connect the issues of motherhood and peace.
 "For me the definition of being a mother has broadened in concept to include my duty of protection," Flannagan said.
 This family's activism began two summers ago. Jackie, now a 22-year-old University of Michigan junior, saw Australian Dr. Helen Caldicott speak about the threat of nuclear war. Caldicott, who founded WAND, told her student audience that Aus-

trallians have no control over the situation, but Americans do.
 "She told us to put on our suits, get elected and go to Washington. I was not in any position to do that," Jackie said.
 Instead, the next day the political science major on break from school joined the Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy and spent the summer canvassing door-to-door for the cause.
 "These people are telling me with 63,000 nuclear warheads that the world is not going to be destroyed,

and they're telling me I'm being naive," Jackie said. "Somehow, something is going to go wrong. I just don't think it's naive to see the need to reverse that."
 "I WAS very moved by her reaction," said Jackie's mother, Arlene Victor. "She had such a variety of responses when she was canvassing. A lot of them were saying, 'Don't be silly, little girl. Let the big boys take care of it.' The adults were saying, 'It's not a problem. Forget it and read your books.'"

The complacency of many adults toward the nuclear issue could not be ignored by an impassioned youth.
 "It was very frustrating," Jackie said. "I expressed that to my mother in a lot of ways, not all positive for our relationship."
 Arlene said her daughter was angry and frequently acted miserably. One time just after returning to Ann Arbor, Arlene began to write a letter telling her to respect other people's feelings.
 "Suddenly, I realized what she was going through," Arlene said. The let-

ter turned into a support letter and soon Arlene had called about a dozen friends to get together and talk about nuclear issues.
 What evolved was the local chapter of WAND. Currently, Arlene is co-chairwoman of the group, with her mother, Flannagan, working on the telephone tree set up to notify members about important issues and lobbying for them.

The fact that it is a women's group — which evolved from the more male-dominated Physicians for Social Responsibility — is important, according to Flannagan.
 "Women tend to feel more helpless and more ignorant, which they're not," she said.
 Her daughter agreed.
 "You don't have to have a lot of technical knowledge," Arlene said. "We're way beyond mutually assured destruction. So many people think that the status quo is fine and other people are minding the store."

Arlene said her husband is not a member of WAND, but supports them. An attorney and a businessman, she said, "He's so capable, but he's not the one that's active."
 In the end, Arlene said, "The biggest hurdle is getting people to realize they can make a difference." And her daughter, Jackie, is an example that hurdle can be cleared.

District faces millage choice

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 at the beginning of last year needed help to the tune of \$10 million.
 • Meet the district's goal for a 10 percent "fund equity" or surplus, which Flanagan said would operate the district for 18 school days.
 "What I want to focus on here... we're really oriented to the final product, which is kids," Flanagan

told the board. "The number of kids is the biggest variable on the expense side of the budget this year. It's a gigantic variable."
 HELPING TO prepare this year's budget were building principals, who estimated the number of students for the coming year. Based on a cost-per-student budget they then listed

their building needs.
 While preparing this year's budget, district officials are looking ahead to several problems that may face the district as early as next year.
 The Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment, which effectively lowers the district's tax levying au-

thority, will probably have an impact on the district next year, according to Flanagan.
 And the issue of tax equity facing all Michigan school districts will hit during the coming years. "We are looking at dramatically different funding in the next 10 years," Flanagan said. "It will either go administratively, legislatively or through the courts. It's a matter of time."

"We're going to end up sharing this (money) with other districts. It doesn't matter if the legislature does it or not. That makes a 10 percent fund equity even more important."

The district began focusing on the needed \$10 million in building improvements during the past school year — an emphasis Flanagan would like to see the district continue.

"I believe we should be doing as many of the \$10 million in projects as we can," he said. "We're running out of time to do them."

Senior awards competition planned

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, in cooperation with the Office of State Exposition and Fairs, announced its annual Senior Citizen of the Year Awards competition.
 The awards — one in the category of service, the other for leadership — will be presented at the Michigan State Fair on Senior Citizen Day, Monday, Aug. 31.
 Applications have been distributed

to senior organizations and agencies throughout Michigan. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, July 31. Any Michigan resident age 60 and older is eligible.
 "Those people who have been recognized for this award in the past," said OSA director Olivia Maynard, "are among the most hard working and dedicated individuals Michigan communities have to offer. While the more than a dozen individuals who

share this distinction may not be familiar names to the public at large, it is these unsung heroes who provide a sterling example for our youth to follow."

Application forms are accepted from organizations, but not from individuals. Copies of application forms can be obtained from any Area Agency on Aging or from the Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing 48909.

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