

Saginaw Voters Approve Open Housing Act

SAGINAW -- Voters in Saginaw have approved an open housing ordinance by a two-to-one margin as Mayor Henry G. Marsh admitted that while "confident of the outcome, I am surprised at the margin."

Saginaw, with a 100,000 population, became the fourth Michigan city to approve an open housing ordinance by a vote of the people this year. Flint, the third largest city in the state, and the near-Detroit cities of Plymouth and Birmingham, previously adopted open housing ordinances, but by closer margins than in Saginaw, which is about 20 per cent Negro.

OAK PARK -- The city council last Monday approved an open housing ordinance based on the federal model.

Mayor Joseph Forbes said the city had a "moral commitment to pass a law uniform" with the federal model.

The council rejected a bill based on a Birmingham ordinance that allows no exemptions or deviations. It also rejected a request to hold a referendum on the measure.

KALAMAZOO -- Last Monday, the city stiffened its fair housing code to provide a fine of \$500 or 90 days in jail for persons convicted of discrimination in housing sales or rentals.

The revised ordinance still exempts owner-occupied houses of two units or less and any religious or nonprofit group wishing to give preference to a member.

The ordinance now allows both oral and written complaints to be made to the community relations board within the next 30 days to try to mediate. The board previously lacked investigative power.

Unresolved complaints are forwarded to the city attorney for study and possible prosecution.

State And Local

News Round Up

LANSING -- The State Administrative Board faced the question of when a political candidate is not a candidate last week, after noting that both Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and former Vice President Richard Nixon plan appearances in Lansing next month.

Sec. of State James Hare urged the board to set a government-wide policy on whether state employees should be given time off to hear the visitors speak or whether they should be required to dip into accumulated leave time.

The board finally decided to talk the matter over with the State Civil Service Department before stating a policy.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley noted, however, it would be difficult to determine whether a prominent person appeared in Lansing as an official or as a candidate. "I don't welcome the assignment," he said.

YPSILANTI -- David H. Stockham, Eastern Michigan University administrator in charge of housing, met with eight representatives of married students who are unhappy over announced increases in the cost of married student housing on campus.

The students were told that the projected increase were non-negotiable. The increases have already been approved by the EMU Board of Regents.

Stockham said the increase was needed because of increased construction and maintenance costs. He commented that he was inclined to believe the student representatives were convinced the university was not stealing their money, but there were indications there might be another peaceful demonstration this week.

A one-bedroom apartment would go from \$85 to \$100; a two-bedroom apartment would be \$115; while other apartments would climb as high as \$135.

LANSING -- A bill forbidding secret votes on most issues by county boards of supervisors went into legislative approval last week and was sent to the desk of Gov. George Romney for signing.

Also sent to his desk for final approval were bills increasing allowable interest rates on municipal bonds and abolishing boards of canvassers in cities and villages with five or fewer precincts.

BENTON HARBOR -- Benton Harbor High School was closed last Tuesday for a third consecutive school day while teachers met to discuss working conditions at the school.

In attempting to resolve the school crisis, the school board announced that State Rep. Lionel J. Stacey was named acting high school principal, succeeding Calvin Cleveland, who resigned. Stacey said he would immediately resign from the House post.

Teachers began their series of meetings last Friday and issued a statement citing poor building conditions, lack of confidence in school administration and need for what they termed a fairly enforced discipline policy.

ATLANTA, Ga. -- A body found in the trunk of an automobile at the Atlanta airport has been identified as that of Robert Joseph Dunaway, a Detroit bar owner sought on charges of murder and kidnaping.

Police said Dunaway, 37, was the subject of an intensive search in the beating death of Sam Dimaggio, 37, in March. Three others have been arrested in the gangland slaying of Dimaggio, a manager of a Detroit produce market.

MIDLAND -- Hundreds of demonstrators gathered in Midland mid-last-week to protest the making of napalm by the Dow Chemical Co., but the firm said it would continue to make the jellied gasoline bombs to support American troops in Vietnam.

DETROIT -- With the attempted intervention by Gov. George Romney and a special legislative committee set up to investigate the newspaper strike out of the way, negotiators for the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press continued to bargain Wednesday with the Pressmen's Union, one of four on strike, in an attempt to end the 175-day shutdown of the papers.

No indications were given to the progress of the talks.

ANN ARBOR -- At least two potential heart transplant recipients at the University of Michigan Medical Center have died while awaiting suitable new hearts which couldn't be found in time, it was disclosed last week.

"Both patients considered for Michigan's first heart transplant had irreversible heart failure," said William Bender Jr., public information officer at the Medical Center.

DETROIT -- Sex hormones and contraceptive pills may curb skin bacteria. Laboratory experiments show that virulent staphylococci have been inhibited in their growth when exposed to therapeutic doses of contraceptive pills or sex hormones.

The finds by a research team at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Hines, Ill., were discussed at the 88th annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Detroit.

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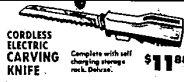
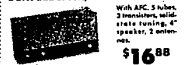
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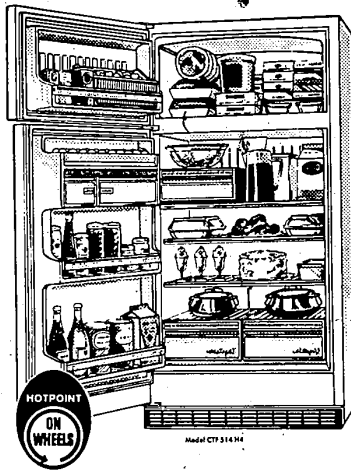


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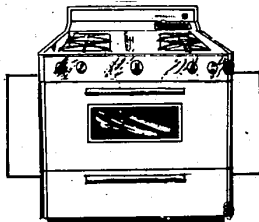
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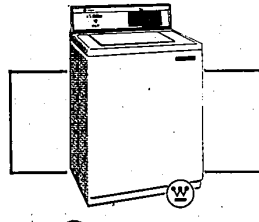
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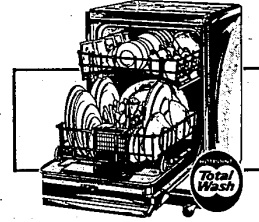
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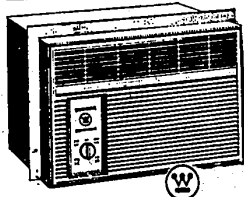
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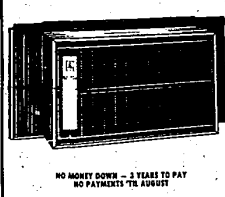
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