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Today's Chuckle

Just when you think you've graduated from the school of reporters, someone thinks up a new course.

Presidential Primary: Threat to Old-Line Politics

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

Mr. Miller has called for Michigan to adopt a presidential primary this year and if the Legislature accepts the proposal, it is likely to change the state's established political system. Such a primary would be a dramatic shift in the balance of power in the state who might see their parties strengthened in a threat of differing political philosophies.

The establishment politicians who now share in controlling the system might think there is just a change in change that does a very sophisticated change which also reforms the system.

Michigan's existing law elects the presidential delegates when the primary every two years before national parties hold their convention in these conditions for President.

A News Analysis

Because new national Democratic Party rules forbid more parties from entering the process before Jan. 1, 1972, Michigan Democrats began pushing hard last year for an April election of new presidential delegates — at a time when voters focus on presidential politics.

The current method of selecting presidential delegates starts with the election of those delegates by Michigan voters in party primaries.

The second step is for party delegates to elect presidential delegates at county and congressional district conventions.

Under the present system it is possible for a Michigan voter to vote for a presidential delegate who votes for another person for presidential delegate.

That would be the main problem in the average citizen, but it is perfectly and agreeably clear to the well-informed, some party politicians.

It gives him a relatively small number of other party delegates.

How "Zimbabwe House" helped College in state's 1972 presidential primary, Page 10C.

Leaders as important to virtually hand-pick presidential delegates in their political behavior and together ultimately to name the state's presidential delegates.

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS were content to live with the system — even the outdated practice delegates electors — until the Democrats, after failing with political efforts for 35 years, began to act toward the end of last year.

The Democrats had to maneuver, for under the present system they had a challenge at their party's national convention in Miami Beach in July.

Fearing that the new crop of young voters might turn in large numbers against them for refusing to open up the political process to these voters, they decided to act.

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It's happening everywhere: An east side driver goes to work on a stubborn auto

Cold Misery? You're Not Alone

BY TOM NUGENT

Now, Sunday, the temperature, zero on the nose. And for Tom, Gray, 34-year-old Chrysler auto worker, the moment of truth has arrived.

"This started five days ago," says Tom. He studies his clock-like 1962 Mercury Monterey, which now sits, toothed and rusted on the snow at 26th Street. There is hope. With a little, practice starts, he slides behind the wheel and gently inverts the key.

The key turns. The Monterey makes three careful clicking sounds.

"She's not going to," says Tom. His face settles into a slow, glacial smile. "Guess I better call the garage."

He should have turned his head. An unnamed man in this area people call the garage handy, as the temperature plummeted down to a record-breaking 14 below zero and every car and battery ground with ice.

"We've been waiting," said the mechanic at Tom's Shell Service on East Jefferson. "The phone's ringing every seven minutes. We need the car now. A man looking in the late stages of age. Behind him on the telephone, another mechanic said: 'Look, that's a '64 Chrysler. See it won't start.'"

THROUGHOUT THE COLD DAY, as the temperature slipped toward zero, it was as if the city had been hit by a cold front. A red-headed lady in a bulky coat stood gleefully about peering up three times and shivering for car during the night. Morning came, the lady said, and the car didn't start.

Among some of those, as they stood beside green taxis and battery chargers, there was a feeling, heavy, congealed rage.

"I had a hunch," said 44-year-old Chuck Levin, who had a Cadillac last winter's winter. "It was coming from the car. It was coming from the car."

"We can drive it," he said. John R. — the Cadillac's owner — said he would not. Levin would not. Levin would not. Levin would not.

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Preventive medicine: Trash can double as truck warmer

Effort Renewed to Ban Sale Of Fur of Endangered Animals

Detroit furriers argued that the bill would cause them to lose business to suburban fur dealers.

They carry few skins of endangered species because they are rare and costly.

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CLOSINGS FEARED Parks Agency Fights Cutback

BY BILLY BOWLES

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Federal Funds Finance Anti-Riot Arsenals

BY MARY ANN COCHRAN

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It is similar to many which have been approved in Wayne and Oakland counties and elsewhere in the nation.

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