

**Moral perspectives**

**The fact is we live in a region**

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When initiating a long-distance conversation, I pause or stumble trying to identify where I am calling from. I live in one city, work for an institution named for another, and do my daily work in yet another.

A single city in Southeast Michigan serves the total needs of few people. We earn a living in one, worship in another, find education in others, get specialty items or repairs in still-a-third places, shop in several, and call yet another home for visiting and family life.

Governments and vested interests perpetuate the separated pockets called municipalities and counties. But the historical fact is that we live in a region. The fundamental reality of media communication, transportation and commerce is regionalism.

THERE ARE GOOD prospects about regionalism. It is a step toward

idea, and reports of how well it works in other places.

But there is no real movement to give focus to financing and governing the many people in our wide geographical area.

Maybe we could each review our thoughts and feelings. Suburbanites need the financial, commercial, educational, recreational, and cultural strengths in our central city.

Acknowledging our dependency is healthy. Anybody can take but progress requires people who give. And we can give to the city only if we love it.

CHRISTIANS could try a fresh look at Jesus as a model. Some events in Jerusalem were crucial but most of his ministry to the city happened in suburbs. He loved the city enough to sweep over it, think profoundly about life in it, and act ethically for its sake.

All of us can rethink history. Jerusalem, Constantinople, Rome, Berlin, or London rose to greatness by coordinat-

ing the flow of life in a region. City and suburbs interacted with vitality.

The renaissance cities of the world since suburbs. Cities of the world renaissance liberally means reveal the best of the most as a new life. In French it is the word for what we call "born again."

The renaissance period in history was a vigorous release of classic values in fresh forms. It was new vitality in art, education, commerce, recreation, and government. Such possibilities in our time feel exciting enough to start us seeking re-renaissance, new life.

WE CAN CREATE new life in specific places, suburbs, if we love the whole metropolis. We can share new life in the central city, Detroit, if we get regionalism moving in realistic, functional action.

Sports and recreation relate us to each other across many lines. Solving crime or enjoying art requires priority to other values than municipal boundaries. We dare not let Sema come uninvited just when the energy problem is making it essential.

The unity of Southeast Michigan is no longer a luxury to toy with but a necessity we must pursue with vigorous dedication.

**Rose society sets meeting**

The Detroit Rose Society will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Eliza Hall, Fenkell and Telegraph Road.

Jerry Brancin from the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service will speak on pesticides, insecticides and

fungicides and their use. All meetings of the society are free and the public is invited to attend.

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**3 superwalks aid March of Dimes**

The eighth annual March of Dimes Superwalk will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 30, at three locations: the Belle Isle Casino, Eisenhower High School and the Pontiac Silverdome.

Superwalk 78 is the number one walk for the charity in the country. Rock star Bob Seger, a native Detroit, is serving as honorary chairman for the second consecutive year, and Charlie Sheen, a well-known Los Angeles actor, is the special attraction. The community event last year drew more than 30,000 people to contribute to the fund to prevent birth defects through prenatal care, education and research.

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Celebrities, local people, clubs, the Detroit Lions, the GM Motors and Girls Clubs, the Macys Home Goods group, construction and other city officials, Michigan Football Association, Michigan Entertainment Fund handling organization, and the youth of Metropolitan Detroit are joining to participate.

The Department of Public Health will have river buses in Northland, Eastland and Woodland Counties at 6:45 and 7:45 a.m. on days before the walk to the Belle Isle Casino. They will return from the casino at 11 and 1 p.m. Bus fare is 75 cents one way.

One Tower and one Tower bus will shuttle people to and from the Fair royal parking lot on East Jefferson in Belle Isle from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free of charge. Two additional buses of this

type will pick up three walkers at checkpoints starting at 11 a.m. DSR shuttle service for the Casino to East Jefferson will start at 3 p.m. and continue every 15 minutes until 6:30 p.m. for 15 cents or 45 cents with transfer to another coach.

Michigan Bell is installing extra telephones at the Belle Isle Casino and at the bridge. Restrooms will be located at the General Building, City County Building, Greyhound Bus Depot, Cuba Hall, restaurants along the route and at the Casino.

Vendors will provide refreshments at the City County Building, Cuba Hall and the Casino. Bob-Lo will provide a certificate for a free boat trip to Bob-Lo with half-price rides available on the island to each walker completing the 20-mile route. Edgewater Amusement Park is also giving a free pass to the park and five free rides as well.

Pre-registration is required to obtain sponsor forms and one may register by calling the superwalk hotline at 863-2000. After registering, each walker receives sponsors among friends, family

ily, business acquaintances, co-workers and neighbors. Walkers under twelve years of age must be accompanied by an adult. All walkers are encouraged to walk with a friend, dress for the weather, wear socks and comfortable shoes, travel light and bring just enough money for immediate needs such as snacks, bus fare and

**Bikers will pedal to fight diabetes**

Bikers throughout the state are getting their bikes in shape now for the American Diabetes Association. Michigan affiliate's annual Bike-a-Day along nine routes.

In this area, bikers who will pedal the fight against diabetes will be following a route along Hines Drive May 13 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Sponsor sheets have been distributed and can be picked up in area bicycle shops, all Jack in the Box restaurants and all AAA offices. The sheets then are copyable to Jack in the Box, where representatives will distribute free food coupons along the route.

Bikers may begin riding at any of four checkpoints: Hagerly and Howell Drive, Rankin Mills on Hines Drive east of Joy, Par Knot on Hines west of Telegraph, and Meridian Hollow on Hines west of Meritcon

When the bikers are ready to stop riding, they will check out at any checkpoint, pick up their certificate and pledge, receive and be ready to collect the amount of money pledged.

Rules are spelled out on the sponsor sheet but use with questions may call the diabetes association at 342-4000.

Assisted by the event will be to find a cure for the disease. The association's support of the event is for educational programs to educate the public about the seriousness of the disease and for the diabetes testing.

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