

# Senate throws support to U.S. boycott of summer Olympic Games in Moscow

State Sen. Doug Ross, D-Oak Park, has introduced a resolution that would put the Senate on record in support of a U.S. boycott of the summer Olympics in Moscow.

"I am confident the Senate will pass this resolution in the next few days and forward it to the President," says Ross.

He introduced the boycott resolution to counter claims by athletes and some media commentators that the Olympics are above politics and shouldn't be used to demonstrate U.S. displeasure with Soviet aggression in Afghanistan, says Ross.

"From the Soviet view, the opportunity to host the Olympics in Moscow is an enormous political asset. It offers that totalitarian regime an opportunity to gain increased legitimacy in the eyes of the world and to place a human face on a brutal and oppressive government," he says.

Ross admits that boycotting the Olympics won't, by itself, restore the geopolitical balance of power in the Persian Gulf.

"But it is an effective way to show to the world and the Soviets that the Soviet's seizure of an independent nation by

armed force isn't acceptable to the U.S. and won't be received by us with a 'business as usual' manner," he says.

"I can understand the desire of many American athletes to participate in the next Olympic. But these athletes are Americans first and foremost, who depend on a secure nation and peaceful world for their freedoms like the rest of us."

"I believe they can and should be expected to accept personal sacrifice in the pursuit of reasonable national goals."

Ross believes America made a terri-

ble mistake participating in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin which, he says, promoted the Nazi state.

"It is not a mistake we should repeat this year by sending our athletes to Moscow," he says.

## Kennedy drops fund-raiser

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's scheduled appearance at fundraisers yesterday in Southfield and Birmingham was cancelled last weekend.

The Democratic presidential candidate decided to concentrate his energies in New England, according to Michigan campaign coordinator Ken Kruly.

"We're shooting for (a Detroit appearance) around the 10th of March," Kruly said, "but we haven't pinned anything down yet."

Important dates for the Kennedy camp are March 10, the date of the Feb. 10 caucus and Feb. 26, date of the crucial New Hampshire primary.

Campaign workers at state Kennedy for President headquarters in Southfield spent most of last week contacting people to show up at the \$100-per-plate champagne reception fundraiser at the Sheraton-Southfield, or a \$1,000-per-plate dinner at the home of a Birmingham developer Ivan Bloch.

## obituaries

### HAROLD C. SWEET

Mr. Sweet, 76, of Mears, Mich. died Jan. 23 in Pensacola, Fla.

The family suggests memorial tributes be sent to the Class of 1925 Alumni Fund, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

He was a resident of the Farmington area for two years and lived in South Lyon for 10 years. He was born on July 29, 1903. Mr. Sweet was a retired manufacturer's representative. He was a member of the 1925 graduating class of Dartmouth College. Survivors include: wife Kathryn M.; sons, James, Ronald; sister, Mrs. Marion Foster; five grandchildren.

### ELIZABETH (BESSIE) PATTERSON

Mrs. Patterson of Farmington died Jan. 24 in St. Mary Hospital.

She was a Farmington resident since 1974.

Survivors include: sisters, Mrs. Nancy Lencione, Margaret LaLonde; several nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 28 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington and St. Mary's of Redford Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

## Living with cancer meeting is planned

A Focus on Living With Cancer meeting will be held on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington.

The purpose of this self-help group is to bring together patients and family members who have questions or are experiencing problems as a result of living with cancer. Participants are encouraged to discuss their mutual problems in a positive manner.

In addition to regular resource persons, Jo Wharrf, an American Cancer Society nurse volunteer, will be on hand to answer questions.

For additional information, contact the American Cancer Society at 557-5353.

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## Historical society searches for Germans of Russian roots

A search for Farmington-area residents, whose German ancestors may have lived in Russia, is being conducted by a new ethnic historical society.

"We feel certain that 'Germans from Russia' families live here and may be unaware that this exists and can assist them in compiling their family histories," said Mrs. Susan Hoffman, spokesperson for the Greater Metropolitan

Detroit Chapter of AHSGR. AHSGR — American Historical Society of Germans from Russia — is the parent organization of the new chapter here, she explained. The organization, which has headquarters in Lincoln, Neb., has members in all 50 states.

A national convention will be held in July in Dearborn.

The Greater Metropolitan Detroit

Chapter held its first meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at Lawrence Institute of Technology on 10 Mile Road in Southfield.

The purpose of AHSGR and the new chapter is to preserve the cultural heritage of Germans from Russia.

They trace their ancestry to the 1700s when the German princess, Catherine the Great, invited Germans, especially farmers, to settle in the Volga River region of Russia.

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