

New 'think tank' promotes business

A Partners in Michigan Foundation, a nonprofit, educational "think tank" concentrating on researching and solving Michigan's problems with business, is aimed at "turning around Michigan's worsening economic climate."

Trustees are conservative activist Richard H. Headlee, president of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America; Dr. Barbara B. Murray, associate professor of business, University of Michigan-Dearborn; and Paul Van Hulle, active in small business organizations, owner and president of March Tire Co.

Vic Caputo, former television newsman and a 1980 Republican congressional candidate, will serve as full-time executive director of Partners in Michigan Foundation. Headquarters will be in the Top of Troy Building.

"THE OBJECTIVES of Partners in Michigan Foundation are to be attained in three phases," Caputo said.

"Phase I is research and will be followed by regional seminars in Phase II.
"Phase III will be the development of an action plan to change the way business is conducted in Michigan and the selling of those needed changes to the people of Michigan.

"Partners in Michigan Foundation will involve hundreds of citizens from around Michigan who are not necessarily 'prominent,' but who can make substantial civic investment of time and intellect in working to turn around Michigan's worsening economic climate," Caputo said.

"We are currently assembling a staff and a 50-person board of directors. Our 1982 budget is \$225,000 and will be raised and administered through Partners in Michigan Foundation, which is registered under the National Heritage Foundation as a public charitable trust," Caputo added.

"We've been kicking each other around for so long that Michigan is self-destructing. If we can utilize our collective brain power, experience and

leadership, we will get Michigan back on the road to a better future for everybody, and for our children."

HEADLEE, 51, of Farmington Hills, is also president of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the board of Oakland University.

Politically, he has been sole spokesman for Michigan Citizens Supporting the Presidency (of Ronald Reagan) and a thorn in the side of Gov. William G. Milliken. Headlee is a possible gubernatorial contender in 1982.

Dr. Murray has taught at Wayne State University, the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit and worked in corporate strategy and analysis for a year at Ford Motor Co.

She is author of "Consumerism: The Eternal Triangle — Business, Government and Consumers" and a board member of Allied Supermarkets, Inc. Van Hulle, 38, of Plymouth, is a director of the Michigan Alliance on Small business besides heading his tire firm.

Indian pow wow is this weekend at OCC

Students at Oakland Community College are hoping to acquaint others with traditions of American Indians during an upcoming weekend pow wow.

Traditional Indian dancing and singing will be featured from noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 16 and 7-10 p.m. Jan. 17 in the H Building gymnasium on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. The campus is on Orchard Lake Road south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

Matthew Hanna, an OCC student and coordinator of the event, said he sent flyers to Indian centers in the area asking for singers and dancers.

"It's a chance to familiarize students in the area with American Indian cultures," he said.

Members of various Michigan Indian tribes will be on hand.

Benny Bearskin Jr., a participant in the Indian community, will act as master of ceremonies. The Blue Lake Singers, led by Jose Marcus, will perform.

The public is invited. Donations are \$1 for singers, \$2 for dancers. Indian crafts, jewelry and food will be available.

Republicans hosting Bush

Vice President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, will be in town for the Super Bowl game Jan. 24 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Bushes and other friends from Washington will be guests of the Oakland County Republican Committee at a private reception, 1-3 p.m. in Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills.

Area Republicans declined to say how they got the vice president as a guest, but did add that it "all came together very quickly."

Following the party, the Washington group will watch the San Francisco 49ers and the Cincinnati Bengals square off for the Super Bowl XVI title.



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