

# Arts booster gains honors

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, a longtime arts patron as well as a performer and artist, received an award from the French government for his contributions toward the advancement of culture and the arts.

The award's title literally means "Knight in the Order of Arts and Letters." Faxon joins such celebrities as playwright Arthur Miller, actor Clint Eastwood and writers William Styron and Norman Mailer among its recipients.

During his career in the Legislature, Faxon has sponsored a variety of arts-related bills. He is responsible for the beginning of the state's funding for the Detroit Institute of Arts, as well as the creation of the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Arts in Public Places Commission.



Jack Faxon state senator

Michigan and at the State Capitol. As a performer, he has appeared in productions with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the International Symphony at Saratoga, the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, the West Shores Symphony in Muskegon and at Interlochen.

He has also performed in productions with the Michigan Opera Theater, the Lansing Ballet and Detroit Dance.

Faxon received the special award during a reception in his honor Nov. 25 at the official residence of the French Consul near Detroit.

With 200 nominations chosen annually throughout the world, the award commends those who have consistently distinguished themselves by artistic or literary accomplishments, or who are instrumental in the advancement of arts and letters.

FAXON ALMOST continually served as chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Arts from its inception in 1972 and of its current successor, the Select Committee on the Advancement of the Creative Arts and Humanities. It was from this committee, one of the first of its kind established in the United States, that Michigan was able to move to the forefront in state-supported funding for the arts.

Faxon is also the founder and president of the Lycee International, a private, non-profit French-English school in Southfield.

Faxon has exhibited his personal paintings with the Cranbrook Art Academy, Wayne State University Arts Gallery, the University of

# Car tests required

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 pair shops, Priem added.  
 "Reviews are mixed as to how long this program should last, or whether it really works," James said. "The EPA was chastised last year for not studying the effectiveness of the program."

JAMES FORESESES program extension in 1987 because of "political concerns."  
 The continued program will allow for uninterrupted economic growth and industrial expansion in southeast Michigan, he said.

## Where to get your car tested

Six outlets in Farmington and Farmington Hills have been approved for auto emission testing by the state, according to information from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).  
 They are:  
 • King's Garage, 31690 Grand River, Farmington, 476-5454.  
 • Benner's Farmington Amoco, 32410 Grand River, Farmington, 474-7446.  
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32663 Grand River, Farmington, 476-8863.  
 • Bill Cook Porsche-Audi, 37901 Grand River, Farmington Hills, 471-0044.  
 • Bill Cook Buick Inc., 37911 Grand River, Farmington Hills, 471-0800.  
 • Schultz Standard Service, 29435 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 628-4079.  
 Additional facilities are being approved weekly, according to Ted Starbuck of SEMCOG.

## Who's exempt from the tests

Michigan's Auto Exhaust Testing (AET) Program is effective from Jan. 1, 1985, to Dec. 31, 1987.  
 Vehicles registered to addresses in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties must be inspected before license plates/tabs are issued.  
 The following are exempt from the 1980 law:  
 • Diesel or electric-powered vehi-

cles.  
 • Motorcycles or mopeds.  
 • Vehicles with a gross weight of more than 8,500 pounds.  
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