## Jobs, jobs, jobs

## Community colleges to help retrain, employ 1,000

Presidents and representatives from eight area community colleges will help launch a state-led effort to retrain and find jobs for 1,000 displaced work-

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An announcement was to be made to-day from the downtown campus of day from the downtown campus of Wayne County Community College, one of the 29 Michigan community colleges that will share \$4 million in the plan.

The money, made available under the newly formed Michigan Job Opportunity Bank, will be used to fund job training at area community colleges.

To receive their shares, the schools must develop course plans for jobs where there is an immediate employment demand, said a state spokesman.

The governor says that our most important resource is the people and that's what we're investing in, said a marketing analyst for the program, Lampr Richardson. We're trying to look to the future.

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gun planning a curriculum for dis-placed workers. Schoolcraft College in Livonia, for instance, has been promised \$84,000 and will use the mon-cy to train 42 people in auto glass in-stallation.

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Under a program designed by the National Institute of Auto Glass Installiers, training will run for eights weeks starting in mid-March. This will be the first time the program has been undertaken in the country.

"Apparently, there's a crying need for this," said Schoolcraft's Bruce Sweet, director of the college's Business and Institutional Services division.

"Actually, it's pretty exciting," he said, "leapeet some people will get decent jobs right away."

ACCORDING TO Sweet, people trained in the field can expect to be paid \$6 an hour to start and could work up to \$16 an hour with a journeyman's

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"This program is an opportunity to get a specialized skill in a short period of time. The state is offering scholarships to these people, and I think it's

great, "Sweet said.

Richardson, who works for state program director Joe Forbes, called the program director Joe Forbes, called the program a new approach to government efforts at job training for several reasons. Unlike previous federally sponsored programs, this one "custom-trees training for Michigan businesses and its "employment focused," he said.
Funding to the schools, for Instance, will be held back until the time the student is on the job and working, Richardson explained.

ANOTIER restriction on the college's reinbursement is that the enployment position must pay the trained student at least \$5 an hour. Such restrictions serve as incentives for finding people work, he pointed out.

Richardson as yas most of the participating colleges are developing quick-training programs in high-tech fields

To that end, colleges in the Upper Peninsula, for instance, will train stu-dents in wastewater treatment as well as heavy equipment use in the lumber industry, he said.

WAYNE COUNTY Community College will likely select a training program in "rapidly emerging fields" such as computers, robotics, plastics or the math and sciences," said college president Ronald J. Temple, adding no selection has been made yet.

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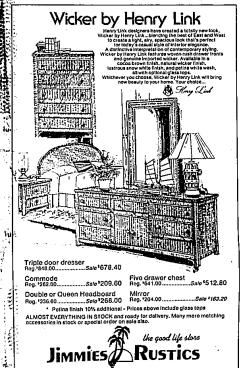
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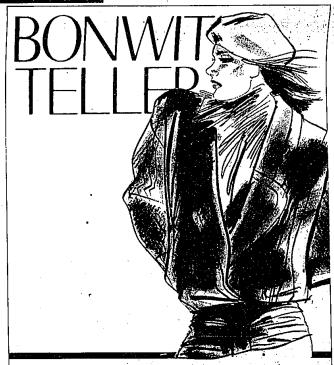








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