State action asked on ambulance rerouting

Farmington Hills elected officials are reaching to the top to put the skids on rerouting of ambulances in southeast Michigan.

The well-publicized problem with

The well-published problem with rerouting ambulaness to hospitals that can accommodate critically it and injured patients drew the city council's attention last month. Rather than follow other communities and draft resolutions criticizing the local hospital, such as Botsford General Hospital, such as Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, the council agreed to urge wholesale changes in the health care industry. The council's resolution, adopted March 14, addresses industry problems: nursing shortage, inadequate critical care, emergency department capacity, the state's required certificates of need.

"... all hospitals in southeastern

Michigan (should) take all appropriate steps to limit and hopefully bring to an end the necessity of rerouting critical care patients by expanding: both facilities and staffling necessary to serve the growing population," according to the resolution. The resolution will be sent to state legislators, county commissioners, public health officials, the Michigan Hopital Association and the Michigan Municipal League.

THE RESOLUTION also has Botsford hospital officials' blessings. "Treally believe it will help us and "Treally be

ral Hospital, Farmington Hills, council agreed to urge wholesale ges in the health care industry, he council's resolution, adopted to 14, addresses industry per solution, adopted to 14, addresses industry per solution, adopted to 14, addresses industry per solution, adopted to 15, increases the problem more effectively. Said William Scheuber, cal care, emergency department of the council and support services. Botsford administrator of professional and support services. Botsford was ranked fourth as of need.

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a patient is not as critical but must still be monitored.

Hopital officials also plan to renovate the emergency department, which won't necessarily enlarge it but will make it more efficient, Scheuber said.

THE COUNCIL'S resolution addressed renovation plans, such as Boatsord's, that are delayed by the state's required certificate of need. Requiring certificates of need for projects of more than \$150,000^has hindred the efforts of hospitals to increase critical care and emergency department capacity," according to the resolution.

The Botsford emergency department altique that the rational average threshold" for certificates of need is more than \$150,000^has hindred the requirement altogether, according to the resolution.

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line. Eleven states have eliminated the requirement altogether, according to the resolution.

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Some problems, particularly the nursing shortage, "are not going to be solved by our resolution," Vagnozzi added.



Leader to yield reins

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have children. Their twins, born in
1985, were conceived through in vitre fertilization, and they were
blessed last July with a son
conceived naturally.
His close family ties stem from
his lifelong whit to help others.
Chrzanowski originally considered entering the seminary to
study for the priesthood, but ultimatchy deedled teaching would be
the best avenue to help young peopie.

He taught in a parochial school for one year before coming to Farmington schools in 1972.

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He taught fifth and sixth grades at Wooddale before being elected FEA president and has taught at both Kenbrook and Forest elementaries. He spends the mornings at the FEA office, then teaches kin-

dergarteners at Kenbrook in the afteroon.

HE LOOKS forward to the chal-lenge of teaching again full time, despite some of the recent pressures placed on educators.

"Teachers are under a lot more pressure today," he said. "In some respects, it's positive because it keeps us on our toes.

"Every teacher looks for parent support," he added. "We're in a community where that happens." During his tenure as FEA presi-dent, Chrzanowski saw the district change from a juntor high school

dent, Chrzanowski saw the district change from a juntor high school system to one of middle schools, watched enrollment decline and then increase again, and saw teach-ing ranks move from a high of 850 to just over 700 today. "Life's been interesting — filled with challenges," be said.

Had he not taken on the chal-lenge of union leadership, he may not have met his wife, whom he married in 1981. The Chrzanowskis met at a social function where she married in 1981. The Chrzanowskis met at a social function where she recognized him as an FEA negotia-tor. His wife was teaching at Harri-son High at the time and is now on

son High at the time and is now on leave.
"You're always walking a lightrope as a president," Chrza-nowski concluded. "I feel for the most part, people have been pleased.

Lawmaker to discuss hunger

State Rep. David Hollister, chairman of the House Appropria-tions Subcommittee on Social Ser-vices, will address government's responsibility to reallocate its re-sources to feed the hungry and house the homeless.

He will speak at Our Lady of Sorrows Church hail, Power and Shiawassee in Farmington on Weilnesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Detroit chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Honor Society is sponsor-ing the event.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a survey that indicated hunger and homelessness show a steady increase each year. In 1987, one-third of the homeless persons

steady increase each year. In 1987, one-third of the homeless persons in the survey citles were families with children. The demand for emergency food assistance increased an average of 18 percent in 1987 in all but two of the 25 major citles surveyed. The problem is not only in the big cit-

ies.
Oakland County has 67 emergency food providers. In the tricounty area, food pantries alone provide

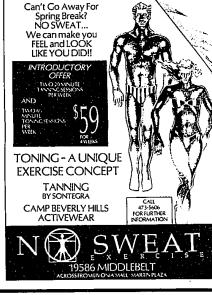
over 1.2 million meals to 34,500 families each month: counting soup kitchens and other resources, 1.8 million meals are provided monthly to hungry families.

The committee which Hollister chairs is responsible for recommending to the State House each year the money to be allocated to the Michigan Department of Social Services. The MIDSS is the primary conduit for federal and state funds that address the needs of Michigan's poor clittens. Hollister represents the Lansing area.





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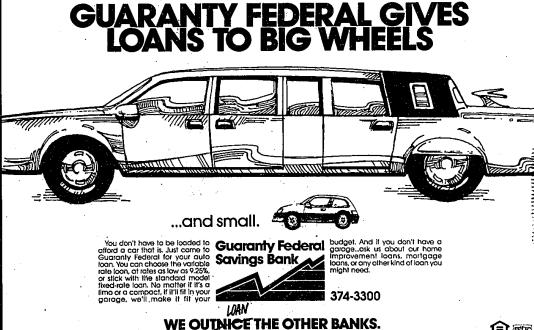


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