

Executive is in running for health care award

Joseph Damore, executive vice president of Sisters of Mercy Corp. (SMHC), Farmington Hills, was selected by The Healthcare Forum as a semifinalist for its 1989 Emerging Leaders in Healthcare Award.

The Emerging Leaders Award, co-sponsored by The Healthcare Forum and Kohn/Ferry International's Health Care Division, was established in 1985 to honor young outstanding leaders in the health care industry.

Damore directs the delivery of health care services in the seven hospitals within SMHC's Western Michigan Region. While in this position, he negotiated and directed the implementation of a joint venture resulting in the merger of SMHC's Leila Hospital with Community Hospital of Battle Creek. The hospitals now form Battle Creek Health System.

SMHC is the major subsidiary of Mercy Health Services (MHS), a Farmington Hills-based multi-hospital health care system sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Province of Detroit.

In addition to serving on a number of hospital and subsidiary boards within the MHS system, Damore is chair of the boards of trustees of Amicare Home Health Services and Amicare Home Health Resources.

Damore was recently appointed to serve as a member of a Delivery Effectiveness Work Group, part of Gov. Blanchard's health care cost-containment team.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Damore formerly served as vice president of the Western Reserve Care System, Youngstown, Ohio, and as vice president of the Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, S.C.



Joseph Damore award semifinalist be profiled in the May/June issue of the Healthcare Forum Journal.

Broomfield is reappointed to Ukraine Famine Commission

U.S. Rep. William S. Broomfield, R-Birmingham, was reappointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Commission on the Ukraine Famine.

The Congressional Commission on the Ukraine Famine was established in 1988 by the Congress to conduct a detailed investigation of the 1932-33 famine in the Ukraine. After taking extensive testimony from eyewitnesses (the inescapable conclusions reached by the commission were that the famine took the lives of millions and was the result of a deliberate policy of genocide by the

government of the Soviet Union," said Broomfield, who said district includes the Farmington area.

"Under the current two-year extension of the Commission," he said, "we have the equally important responsibility of disseminating the results of the Commission's research. Gorbachev must be given some credit for advances in human rights, but it must never be forgotten that the political regime that rules the Soviet Union today has its roots in the regime that perpetrated this evil event."

The Ukraine Famine Commission

consists of 15 commissioners. Four members of the commission are appointed from the House of Representatives, two from the U.S. Senate, three from the administration, and six from the Ukrainian-American community at large.

During its investigative phase, the commission took testimony from 87 eyewitnesses to the famine; in-depth interviews were conducted with 209 other survivors of this tragedy.

A detailed report was filed with the Congress in 1988, discussing the findings and many aspects of the famine.



Hills dentist elected to state dental post

Dr. Ronald Paler of Farmington Hills was elected secretary of the 5,000-member Michigan Dental Association.

Paler, a general dentist in Westland, is a member of the Michigan Dental Association Board of Trustees and an executive committee member of the executive committee. He is a member of the American Dental Association and a member and past president of the Detroit District Dental Society.

He is a former director of the Tri-County Dental Health Council and a member of the Westland Kiwanis Club. Paler has also been active with Farmington Hills Mercy High School parent activities.

Paler is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Society of Dentistry for Children.

Tax credit bills introduced

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, reintroduced three bills that would give certain tax credits to senior citizens and provide an additional tax exemption to people who own intangible personal property.

The bills mirror legislation introduced during the last legislative session. However, the proposals expired when they were not acted on before the session ended.

"Senate Bills 346 and 348 are aimed at Michigan's aging population, which is growing at an increasingly rapid pace," said Faxon. "They address problems already confronting senior citizens: These problems will only get worse if we sit back and do nothing."

Senate Bill 348 will expand the state property tax credit for seniors as well as other renters and homeowners. The bill has three important elements: It would double the limit on the homesteaded property tax credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400, it would

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increase the rent threshold from 40 percent of rent in excess of household income to 33 1/3 percent and, finally, it would increase the standard renters' credit from 17 percent to either 20 percent if heat is included in the rent or 23 percent if heat is excluded.

Senate Bill 346 would provide affordable housing alternatives for seniors by allowing a taxpayer who has a senior citizen living in his or

her home to claim a credit against the state income tax equal to 100 percent of property taxes above 3.5 percent of the taxpayer's income. The bill increases the homesteaded property tax credit from its current level of 60 percent above 3.5 percent of the taxpayer's income.

"If passed into law, both of these bills will provide an added protection to independent seniors living on fixed incomes," said Faxon.

Senate Bill 347 will increase the amount a person can exempt from his intangibles tax. The proposed legislation would increase the exemption from \$175 to \$250 for a single person filing a return and \$350 to \$500 for a husband and wife filing a joint return.

"Right now, persons who own intangible property are being double taxed," said Faxon. This bill is a step in the right direction toward mitigating the losses due to this double tax."

Mechanical Museum at Tally Hall to re-open

Lovers of turn-of-the-century and later vintage children's play toys, merry-go-rounds, up-and-down carriages, take note.

Marvelous Marvin's Museum of authentic childhood playground rides and games will re-open in two to three months at Tally Hall in Farmington Hills.

Long a delight with children of all ages, the mini-museum also has been a refuge for doting parents and grandparents.

"We will open on the south side of Tally Hall with three times our former space," said Marvin Yagoda, proprietor, an expert in finding and authenticating the increasingly rare devices that elevate and tilt little

kids to their pleasure. Not only do Yagoda maintain his collection of rare play devices, but he plans to provide a snack bar and more space for children of all ages.

"Other new services will include an emporium selling jukeboxes, slot machines, etc., all in the name of fun," Yagoda said. "We will sell and service these fun-time games and rent them, too."

Yagoda, a long-time Detroit pharmacist, combines many hats in his busy life. He carries on the tradition of his father's Sam's Drugs at 14200 Fenkel. There he not only dispenses pills but has led the northwest area local merchants group for 18 years.

business briefs

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BACK ON BOARD
Shareholders of Farmington Hills-based Douglas & Lomason Co. re-elected four directors: Richard Vandell, to a one-year term, and Harry Lomason II, Gary Walther and Gerald Macdonald, to three-year terms.

They also approved an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the company to authorize a class of preferred stock.

Harry Lomason II, president and CEO, announced the promotion of Dan Smith to vice president and operations analyst.

SHE'S PROMOTED
Farmington Hills Harrison High School graduate Carol (Kiki) Shatzman was promoted to partner by Shafsky, Seltman and Fuchs, Ltd., Chicago, Ill. She has been with the firm for four years.

Shatzman is a University of Michigan undergraduate and a graduate of the University of Indiana Law School.

Michigan Bell "kept the customer in mind" when designing the 1989 Ameritech PagesPlus Farmington Hills Neighborhood telephone directory, said Mary Jo Pifarek, local Bell public relations director.

Pifarek said delivery of the directory began in late April. "We want customers to find the information they need quickly and easily," she said. "This directory will enable them to do just that."

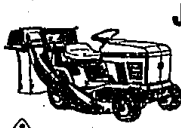
The Customer Guide pages in the front of the directory include rates for many types of local telephone service and options, and step-by-step directions for using Custom Calling features, she said.

Customers also will find information on how to order telephone service and how to make local and operator-assisted calls. The directory also lists the times when discounts are in effect for zone and long-distance calls.

A special Senior Citizen Information section identifies a variety of services available in the community for those 65 years and older. It includes information on housing alternatives, meal service, energy assistance, Social Security and Medicare. Businesses which offer special discounts or services exclusively to seniors are marked in the directory with a "Senior Savings" logo.

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