New chief says city, SEMCOG will cooperate

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II Detroit Mayor Coleman Young won't talk to suburban officials face to face, the city council is willing.

"I'm asking SEMEOG staff to arrange meetings with the outlying communities for Detroit council members," said Detroit councilman Friday of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"We see a meth-needed dialog between Detroit and our neighbors in all directions," Cleveland said. Young, in his 17th year as mayor, never has attended a meeting of the Sementer SEMEOG, a seven-county regional planning agency more than the sementer of the sementer

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for "sticking his neck out on the De-troit incinerator." Mack argued for state reopening of the trash burner when nearby residents and what Cleveland called "single issue zealots" wanted it shut down for air

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Mack's farewell address also emphasized "comprehensive polley making" for the environment as opposed to "single issue" advocates.

And Cleveland suggested SEM-COG set up a program to train local officials in how to deal with "single issue advocates who want us to make a decision for them without regard for the entire community."

Young, in his 17th year as mayor, never has attended a meeting of the 150-member SEMCOG, a seven-county regional planning agency run by local elected officials. In some of his five inaugurals, including this year's, he has called for cooperation with neighboring communities.

CLEVELAND MOVED up to the chairmanship after Milton Mack Jr., a Wayne County commissioner from the city of Wayne, decided against seeking the traditional second one year term. Mack is seeking another term as county commissioner, and E.A. Jackterna Cieveland lavished praise on Mack

since 1969. About 2,500 of those stu-dent visitors have come to Michigan. Host families are not required to

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AN EXPECTED battle over 30-year population projections fizzled out as a handful of delegates cast to-ken votes against the Regional De-velopment Forecast.

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"By the year 2010, there will be 5
million people, 2 million households
and 2.5 million jobs in southeastern
Michigan," said Gail Kaess, Grosse

Pointe Farms councilmember and chair of the DataCenter Advisory Council.

The SEMCOG report predicted Detroit still will top the 1 million mark in the current census but shrink to 854,000 in 30 years, though most political disagree.

Troy, South Lyon, Dearborn and Ypsilanti.
"SEMCOG is forecasting 71,000 and change," said Troy Counethmerher Handall Husk. "Our own data indicates close to 80,000.
"We agree with SEMCOG on the number of households, but we disagree on the number of persons per household, they say 2,6% We say 3,4."
Other communities also believe there have been population turnovers as young families replace referees.

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SEMCOG executive director John Amberger warned against too rapid

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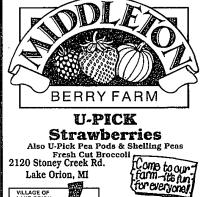
expansion in the outlying suburbs.

"We're going down a road that's going to be very, very exponsive." he said. If current development continues, the eight-lane 1-75 freeway through Ositiand County will have to be expanded to 16 lanes.

Meanwhite, SEMCOG has started a three-year study to calculate the cost of public infrastructure — roads, water, sewer and utilities — if migration to the outer suburbs continues.

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The study was precipitated by the argument over a 2-million-square-floot megamal proposal in Auburn Hills. SEMCOG statfers, Detrofters and officials of outlying citles such as Southfield and Rochester fear megamalis will soak up buge amounts of state and federal money for in-frastructure, leaving them with underused capacity and empty stores.



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Host families are needed for more about 100 French or Spanish teenagers, mostly boys, who are coming to Oakland County in July to experience the American style of living. The teenagers will begin coming to Oakland as early as July 2, with most stays acting the week of July 29. A second group of teenagers will visit from July 29 through Aug 25. Their visits are coordinated by Nacel Cultural Exchanges, a mosprofit agency that promotes personal contact as a means of promoting international understanding. Nacel is the largest summer bome-stay program between the United States and Europe, spanooring more than 80,000 student visits cent visitors have come to Michigan. Host families are not required to speak a foreign language. Most of the visiting teens have already had from four-to-eight years of English. Families are expected to provide food and lodging and to include the visiting teenagers in family activities. The visitors have pocket money and are fully insured. The ideal host family has teenage children, said Jeanne Henderson, one promoter of the program in Oakland County. Additional information on the program is available through Henderson, 642-9824, or through Evelyn and Julian Prince at 628-6641.

for teen exchange

OCC board meets Thursday A revision to a policy on a drug-free workplace and a student reten-tion study will be part of the Oak-land Community College Board of Trustees agenda beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, in the board

room of the George A. Bee Administrative Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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