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from the PAR staff will facilitate the group.
Post Adoption Resources (PAR) will sponsor the group in the Lutheran Adoption Service offices at 20700 Greenfield Road, 6th floor of the North Center Building on the northeast corner of Greenfield at Eight mile Road in Dax Park. A fee of the Common C

# County chamber hosts Perry

Lowell Perry, director of the Michigan Department of Labor, will speak at the Oakland Evonous-lei Forum sponsored by the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce at noon, Feb. 12, at the Hollday Inn In Bloomfield Hills.

Perry will discuss how government and business can work in a new summer of the prepare work. In a part of the prepare work.

# Mental illness group meets

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# Fuel tax stand hurts county roads

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stride with his no-tax position."
"I'm deligible he's not going to ask for a gas lar, 'sald frestimant, 'sald restimant, 'sald senders, 'sald freshman-Rep. Barbara Dobb, 'Rwest Bloomfield, repeating Engler's line: "Now is not the time."
An accountant with small business clients, Dobb warmly praised Engler's proposal to lighten the single business tax burden for small business. "I know first hand the impact it can have on small business."

REP. JAN Delan, R-Farmington Hills, underlined an Engler theme that few others noticed "Rebuilding citites, our distressed areas. They're costing us either way," she said, re-ferring to social services versus at-tracting new business. In a news conference, Senate mi-nority leader Art Miller, D-Warren, said Engler's "rhetoric is geared to

the corporate board room — the country club — not neighborhoods." But Engler Irred his own taiwo, citing his conversations with 400 individual Michiganians hast year in his open door chals. "I listened to a factory worker . I listened to a factory worker . I listened to senfor citizens . I listened to a factory worker . I listened to a factory worker . I listened to a mother of three in a Salvation Army shelter, he sald. "I know people want change."

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DEMOCRATS JAMES KOSTEVA.
of Canton and William Keith of Garden City won starring roles in their
party's reply to Gov. John Engler's
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to "arredding the safety net" of soclal services for the poor.
Kosteva chair of the House Colleges: and Universities Committee
Trust (MET), the prepaid college tuition program Engler is trying to shut
down.
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signed up, but we currently have 1,300 students in Michigan colleges and universities today who are there largely because of MET." Kosteva said.

He accused Engler of "political motivations" in trying to "discredit" MET.

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MEIT III, de facto chait of Speaker
Lewis Dodak's commission on worker training, said the goal is to bringbusiness into vocational education so
it's "no longer a dumping ground"
for the cachemically weak.
Ketth added, "Many of these middic class people are one psycheck
away form disaster.
"And with massive layoffs and
massive cutbacks such as we're facing in the state of Michigan, many of
those people need to be retrained so
that they could get jobs, even in their
own fields, today, with more technical knowledge."

But as Democrats bashed Engleron behalf of the middle class and
poor, one Republican bashed back.
"What we don't need is people think.

ing in terms of one class against another," said Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

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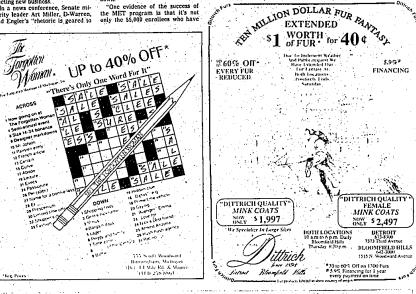
REP. MAXINE BERMAN, D. Southfield, found one line in Engler's speech to praise.

"The governor struck the right chord on Michigan workers being quality workers. He may have learned from last year that if he comes waving a machete, people are going to wave a machete back," she said.

"But I don't like his (property) tax proposal. First, it will decimate our budget — there's no money to replace that. Second, the residential property tax payer has been paying more (than business). It supect it won't win at the polls."

Bennett found much more to agree with. A \$1,000 per job tax credit for business? "Pais's pretty good. I like that."

Staff writer Judith Doner Berne contributed to this report.





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