Armenian struggle honored Saturday

Music and speakers bring to life the struggle of Armenia at a special presentation of "The Con-tinuing Genocide" at 8 p.m. Sat-urday at Groves High School in Beverly Hills.

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Sponsored by the United Armenian Committee of Metropolitan Detroit, there is no admission charge. The school is at the intersection of 13 Mile and Evergreen reads.

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"This is a program for Armenians as well as for people who are interested in the Armenian culture and a struggle for independene," explained Dickran Toumajan, an officer with the Armenian committee.

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"The history and current story of Armenia is very interesting. For a two year period (1918-1920) Armenia was independent until the Sovietization of that area. And now since 1990 Armenia is experiencing a second chance at independence and is facing difficulties both economically and politically."

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Turkey. It's quite moving."

Main speakers will be Artem Harutiunian, a poet born in Karabagh and professor of literature at Yerevan Siato University in Armenia, and Vahe Yacoubian, former director of the Armenian National Committee in Washington, D.C.

The program marks the anniversary of the massacres of 1915 that are commemorated each April 24.

Although Armenia is located half-way around the world, Toumajan said that the issues three are of local importance.

"Detroit has one of the largest before are of local importance."

Detroit has one of the largest populations of Armenians in the world outside of Armenia in the world outside of Armenia in the multiple of the Armenian struggle is not only historic. There has been an ongoing unrest between Armenian sund neighboring Azerbaijan. Inside the latter, there is an autonomous Armenian territory called Nagorno Karabagh that is of continuing territorial dispute.

OCC snares state aid for expansion

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW

With a newly approved \$4.5 million state grant, Oakland Community College plans to build a \$9 million addition at its Auburn Hills campus that would add 22 classrooms.

The other half of the money will come from OCC's plant fund, land sales and major gifts, according to Dorothy Buchan, Auburn Hills dean of instructional services.

The state grant was approved by Gov. John Engler along with

\$39 million reported earlier for an Oakland University science building and more than \$200 million in other higher educa-tion construction projects in Michigan.

"I commond the Legislature for moving so swiftly to enact my capital outlay recommenda-tion," Enger said. "As a result, these projects will get a head start in the spring construction season."

The OCC project will be an expansion of F Building, which is a big round edifice containing

four roomy lecture nais.

Each auditorium will be converted for a specific use. One will be for teleconferences, where people at OCC can have a meeting via satellite TV hookup with people in Timbuktu, or wherever. One will be a science lecture hall with room for experiments. One will be a computer-equipped classroom for remedial English, math and writing. And the fourth will be a regular lecture hall.

The 22 additional classrooms will be built in a circle around

the existing building. Also, the walkway leading from F to D building will be enclosed. It's unknown when construction will begin, Buchan said, and the addition hasn't even been designed yet. OCC spokeman George Cartsonis said the college really needs extra classrooms at Auburn Hills because it's a very popular campus. More than 9,000 students enrolled for classes at Auburn Hills last semester, and OCC rents classrooms at area high schools to accommodate them all.

Environmental fair planned with families in mind

The Birmingham-based East Michigan Environmental Action Council is having an event for the whole family. It's called "Eco-Logical Energy for the Future, an Environmental Fair" 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1 at the Franklin Community Church.

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The registration fee is \$5 for
those 12 and older, \$3 for everyone else, and must be paid by
Wednesday. Small children with
their parents will be admitted
free. Call 258-5188.

Organizers have planned six 30-minute workshops for adults as well as events to keep the kids oc-

ture Center, and a puppet show will be staged. Another activity,

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set for 2:15 p.m., is called "Composting for Kids."

Adults don't get any play time, but begin their odyssey with a "Renowable Energy is Ready" by keynote address by Wenona Hauter of the Union of Concerned Scientists. Her topic is "Renowable Energy" by Kurt Martin of Scientists. Her topic is "Renowable Energy" by Kurt Martin of Emergy Economic and Envi

by Eugens Perrin of Wayne State University, "Farmland Loss, En-ergy Use and Global Warming" by Carol Misseldine of the Michigan Environmental Council, "Minim" izing Environmental Effects of Driving' by Jim Bush, EMEAC board member,

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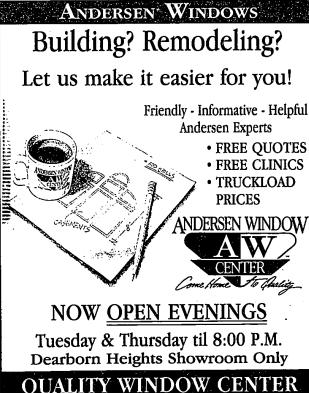
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