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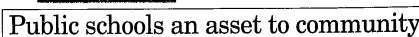
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before losing his battle with cancer lost March.
Light's portrait — unveiled at the June dedication ecremony by his wife. Elizabeth — hungs adjacent to the enter hat bears his name.

Postor Gordon Light was a lumble, loving, Christian man Just to knuw him was a gift, recalled Relsey. 'I feel very loss and the Light Center sits there as a benchmark to be the light Center sits there as a benchmark to be the light Center sits there as a benchmark. The new sinclify and proposed projects have sent a wave of excitement through a congregation intent on increasing its membership through evangelism and community outreach programs. Plans are under way to open a day care center on church premises in September.

The hardword of the completion of the Family Life Center everyone is starting to see that it's real, it's happening, and we're moving forward,' said Bloomfield Hills resident Dona Ulmer, a commercial real estate developer who chairs the church will be a commercial real estate developer who chairs the church office and the smetture phase."

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It has been rare indeed for

that there need be no threat in various ethnic groups holding on to their traditions or passing them on to new generations. The nation in richer for that.

Still, there is a distinct American identity that grows out of our history on this continent, and there are values rooted in that history.

It is important that Americans of whatteer background be able to recognize and work within the value system of this society.

Not necessarily to conform

Whatever you choose for your own children, public schools are an asset to the whole community — far more of an asset than English-only laws can ever be in the sustaining of a common cul-

paign on a program of offer-ing vouchers to parents who would then be free to use them to contribute to tuition costs in private schools. While parents — and spe-cific religious communities — have always been free to cre-ate educational institutions of their own, in this country the costs of separate schools have been borne by thuse who elect to use them.

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The rationale has been that everyone — whether they had children to send to public schools or not — has a stake in public education.

Taxes to surport public schools have not been considered as payment for direct services to the taxpayer, but as an obligation to support the common good.

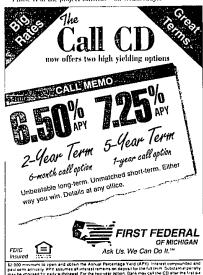
A voucher system defice that consensus, and diverts public funds to institutions,

which are only minimally accountable to elected representatives of the people. I would argue that a voucher system will inevitably weaken the public systems. They will not only divert public resources to private and sectarian schools, but will also lead the public to disinvest from these remarkable American institutions. In a time when society seems more and more fragmented, it would seem wiser to find ways to support these institutions that have contributed so substantially to the formation of a common American culture.

It's good that our children should know as friends people of other religions, races, ethnic backgrounds, social class, and abilities. This exposure happens most consistently in public schools. Whatever you choose for your own children, public schools. Whatever you choose for your own children, public schools are an asset to the whole community — far more of no asset than English-only laws can ever be in the sunining of a common culture.

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