

# State Senate unanimous in its vote to ban cloning

## State Capitol capsules:

Senate Bill 864, part of the package to prohibit human cloning, was passed unanimously, 37-0, by the Senate, but only after a brief floor fight on whether to "sunset" the law.

Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, offered an amendment to let the bill expire in five years. It was rejected 13-23. Here is how area senators voted on the amendment:

YES - Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township.

NO - Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, Bill Bullard, R-Milford, Mt. Dunaskias, R-Lake Orion.

The bills provide for heavy fines and loss of licenses for persons who attempt human cloning.

Paul A. Long, of the Michigan Catholic Conference, praised the Senate for "boldly stating that human life is more important than scientific research on the fringe ... In our view, Congress should pass a national ban."

The package also includes

House Bills 4846, 4962 and 6475.

## Bids wanted

Community colleges may make competitive bids for \$30 million in state money to build five technical training centers.

Gov. John Engler made the announcement last week in Plymouth. "These new centers will help ensure a steady supply of both skilled workers and high-paying jobs in our increasingly high-tech state," he said.

The centers may be satellite facilities off-campus or other locations attractive to employers for hiring.

Skills covered would include computer programming, computer technician, machine tool operator, CAD-CAM designer and others that don't require a four-year degree. Part of the program would cover student scholarships.

Applications are available from the jobs commission and must be submitted by Aug. 14. Awards will be announced late

in 1998. Construction will begin by June 1999.

## Panel action

The Senate Judiciary Committee has reported out bills to increase prison sentence for sexual predators who use the Internet. Sponsors included Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township. The bills would allow a judge to tack two years on the sentence of a sexual predator who uses Internet. The bills go to the full Senate for action.

## New bills

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield - to license birthing centers and monitor care given to women. Birthing centers are an alternative to hospital care for a normal pregnancy and birth, at lower cost than hospitals. Birthing centers are licensed in 31 states. Peters acted after meeting with Dr. Henry Malick and Mary Lou Langeway, RN, founders of the Family Birthing Center at Providence Hospital, Southfield.



Road improvements could cause delays on the following Oakland County Roads this week.

Roads are open unless noted. Alternative routes are advised in all instances.

## AVON ROAD

From: East of Livernois Community: Rochester Hills Resurfacing is expected to begin May 8.

## BALDWIN ROAD

From: I-75 to Delevan Communities: Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus The road is being widened from two lanes to a six lane boulevard.

From: Seymour Lake to Oakwood Community: Brandon Township at the Oxford Township line The road is being resurfaced. The project is expected to be

## ROAD WATCH

completed by May 15.

## BRIDGE LAKE

From: Rattalee Lake Road to Davisburg Road Community: Springfield Township A road paving project is being conducted until August.

## COOLEY LAKE

At: Glado Community: Commerce Township

## DEQUINDRE ROAD

From: Big Beaver to Wattles Community: Troy Dequindre is being widened from two to five lanes

From: School Road to Hamlin Community: Rochester Hills The road is being reduced to one lane, beginning May 11, for repairs.

## ELIZABETH LAKE

From: M-59 to Cass Lake Road Community: Waterford This section of road will be closed through mid-June to

repair a damaged sewer line.

From: Telegraph to M-59 Community: Waterford Concrete is being repaired. One lane will be closed at all times through July 3.

## 14 MILE

At: I-75 Community: Troy The I-75 northbound and southbound ramps are being widened. Work should be complete by May 15. A township sewer project is in effect until May 15.

## UNION LAKE

From: Cooley Lake to Commerce Community: Commerce Township A township sewer project is in effect until May 15.

## WALTON BOULEVARD

From: West of Sashabaw to Clintonville Community: Waterford Walton is being widened from three to five lanes. It is limited to one lane each way during construction.

# Movie event to benefit Gilda's Club programs

The Star Southfield Entertainment Centre presents "Gilda Meets Godzilla," Wednesday, May 20, a premiere screening of the new movie, "Godzilla."

Sponsored by General Motors, proceeds for this premiere benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the movie showing at 7:30 p.m.

This premiere at Star Southfield will feature food and refreshments, as well as a short film presented before the movie providing guests with information about Gilda's Club.

The film and festivities will be held in the theater's Old Detroit Lobby.

Opens since January, Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a five non-profit cancer support center named for the comedian and former Detroit, Gilda Radner.

Proceeds from this event provide social and emotional support

for people with all types of cancer. It is for people of all ages as well as for their families and friends.

Star Southfield Entertainment Centre has been integral in helping raise over \$400,000 for dozens of charities since its June 1997 opening. "Gilda Meets Godzilla" will be Star Southfield's 11th charity benefit.

Tickets for "Gilda Meets Godzilla" are \$25 or \$100 for reserved seating. To purchase tickets contact Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800.

Checks and Visa/Mastercard will be accepted. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is located at 3517 Rochester Road, just north of 13 Mile in Royal Oak.

Star Southfield Entertainment Centre is located at 25333 W. Twelve Mile, between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway.



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