

In Order To Treat It...You've Got To Understand It.

## Botsford General Hospital Is Offering A DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

Thursday, October 8, 1998 • Livonia Mall

Why depression? Because it affects over 17 million Americans of all ages. Because it is often missed or misdiagnosed. Because people believe it is something to be ashamed about. Botsford General Hospital is participating in National Depression Screening Day because we believe this is about mental health – not mental illness. Caring for your emotional health is as important as taking responsibility for your physical health. Did you know...one out of every five Americans may experience depression at some point during his or her life. And like high blood pressure or diabetes, if not diagnosed and properly treated, the long-term consequences can become life-threatening. Depression is a disease – not a fault, falling or weakness. If you or someone you know experiences the signs or symptoms of depression – depressed mood over prolonged period of time; loss of interest in activities; changes in appetite or weight; sleep disturbances; feelings of worthlessness; lack of concentration – an anonymous, free, confidential screening test may help identify if treatment would help. Botsford General Hospital will be conducting information sessions and screenings at Livonia Mall (near the Sears court, by the fountain), Thursday, October 8, 1998. The sessions will begin at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information please call Botsford General Hospital Community Relations Department (248) 442-7986.



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## Clean Michigan

Parties satisfied with proposal

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"This is a particularly good time to bond," begins Russell Harding, director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

He also the Engler administration's chief point man on Proposal C, the Clean Michigan Initiative, a \$875 million bond issue that voters will decide Nov. 3.

"We have surpluses. The cost of borrowing is down to 6 percent. Will there be any extra cost? No. We'll be setting aside \$40 million a year, a very small part of the (\$8.8 billion general fund) budget. It will take no new revenue, taxes or fees," Harding said in an interview.

Engler proposed \$600 million last February. House Democrats hiked it to more than \$800 million, threw in subsidies for some counties and changed the name. In a compromise, the Legislature pegged it at \$675 million and restored the original name – "a very good job," said Harding. The vote to place it on the ballot was far greater than the necessary two-thirds.

Both parties are satisfied. Lana Pollack, former Democratic senator who heads the Michigan Environmental Council, is satisfied. "There is no organized opposition," Harding said.

The exception being Democratic gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger, who calls it a "corporate bailout." "He's absolutely incorrect," said Harding.

Top target: \$335 million for "brownfields" cleanup. The DEQ chief said about 300 to 400 sites will be treated, "the worst public health risks."

A bone of contention was the 1995 Republican-led rewrite of the 1992 "Polluter Pay" law sponsored by then-Sen. Pollack. Mayors of Michigan's 10 largest cities complained that liability was so strict that developers were leaving city sites behind and paving over the "greenfields" of outer suburbia.

"You couldn't get a cleanup (with the 1992 law) because there was strict retroactive liability. It was a 'deep pockets' law. Even if you didn't cause the contamination, you were liable."

"We changed it (in a bill sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton) to a causation standard with very strong bipartisan support. Now we have a 'polluter pay' law."

Here are the main elements of Proposal C:

■ \$335 million for statewide environmental cleanup at problem sites with redevelopment potential.

■ \$165 million for water protection – \$50 million for non-point pollution control grants; \$90 million for the Clean Water Fund; \$25 million for cleanup of contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers and streams. This was added by the House.

■ \$50 million for local waterfronts – recreation and environmental quality.

■ \$50 million for state park for health, safety and environmental needs.

■ \$50 million for local park grants to enhance recreation.

■ \$20 million for pollution prevention.

■ \$5 million to reduce exposure to lead.

In the grants programs, local units must put up 25 percent of the cost.

The \$25 million for cleaning up contaminated sediments is aimed at removing three million cubic yards of sediments in nine target areas. In southeastern Michigan, these include the Rouge, Clinton, Detroit and Raisin rivers; in mid-Michigan, the Pine River; near the Lake Michigan shoreline, White Lake, Muskegon Lake and the Black River; and in the Upper Peninsula, Deer Lake and Carp Creek near Menominee.

State funds will be used where there's no "financially viable person" – either a human or a corporation – who can bear responsibility. Otherwise, said Harding, the state "will aggressively pursue cost recovery. Some say we're merciless."

There's a minor amount of political tugging. Engler asked U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, a fellow Republican, to head the Proposal C campaign. Democrats topped retiring state Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, as their designated "co-chair."

But Harding is doing most of the selling.

## Birmingham Temple fund-raiser deemed success with ballet attendance

Some 80 patrons of the arts took part in last Saturday's Birmingham Temple fund-raiser, attending the matinee performance of Les Ballet de Monte Carlo's presentation of "Romeo et Juliette" staged at the Detroit Opera House.


Farmington resident Charles Paul, father of tour production manager Vincent Paul, called

the endeavor successful. Takers paid \$100 for the opportunity to see the show, which received rave reviews during its weekend engagement, as well as visit backstage following the performance.

"It included a backstage tour and the opportunity to meet some dancers," said Paul. "We also saw the ongoing reconstruction of the opera house."

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Paul says he was thrilled to see the production twice: Saturday with the Birmingham Temple group and the Thursday evening gala which featured Monte Carlo's Princess Caroline. The show continues its run in Boston this weekend.



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