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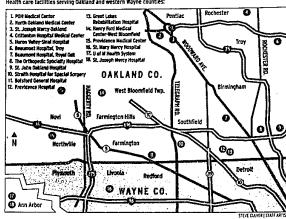
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County, there's only one in the western half, Huron Valley

That means many residents —

and ambulances — must travel considerable distances when inpatient bospital care is required. It also means patients may have to face unfamiliar doctors when an emergency forces a hospital admission.

Richard Clark, the mayor of Novi, knows the problem all too when the control of the cont

than once.
The last time it took the ambulance 50 minutes because he hit rush-hour traffic," Clark said. "He made it, but barely. Next time he may not be so

lucky.

"Time is critical when you have a medical emergency.
Minutes translate into lives."

STATE LAW MAY HELP

Proposals to relocate existing hospital beds to western Oakland County are at the heart of a debate going on in Lansing this month. Recent revisions to

state law offer a tantalizing, one-time opportunity to shift some beds without going through a procedure that's been in place for three decades.

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Since 1972, a state Certificate of Need Commission has held sole authority to decide whether hospitals beds can be added or moved. But late last year, the Legislature created an exemption which allows hospitals in cities with a population of 750,000 or more to transfer a limited number of beds to free-standing facilities may own in other communities. Those facilities must already provide 24-hour emergency care and at least four specific clinical services in order to qualify. Previously, such transfers required a certificate of need from the CON Commission. Under the revisions, seven ment-

required a certificate of need from the CON Commission must find that the transfers 'may cause great harm and detriment to the access and delivery of health care to the public' before June 15 or else the trunsfers can be made without going through the CON process. Henry Ford and St. John hospitals both hope to transfer the maximum number of beds allowed under the new law. Henry Ford wants to more unused beds in Detroit to West Bloomfield. St. John wants to transfer unneeded beds in Detroit to West Bloomfield. St. John wants to transfer unneeded beds at

Providence Hospital in Southfield to Novi.

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The two hospitals argue that not only will the transfers provide better services to residents of western Oakland County, they will help ease the financial crist they face in Detroit, where fully half the patients are uninsured or underinsured.

Opponents of the revised law, for the Detroit of the revised law, North Oakland Medical Centers in Pontiae and Trinity Health, say the CON law was working just fine as it was. They say new beds aren't needed in Oakland County, where plenty of beds are currently empty, and adding new beds will drive up health care costs for everyone. They also say the profits that could be realized by the new beds are to a small to solve the financial problems in Detroit and will only drain money away from existing Oakland County, sopitals, which will then have to cut services.

to cut services.
Stuck in the middle of the argument are the members of the CON Commission, six of one CON Commission, six of whom were only recently appointed by Gov, Jennifer Granholm. The legislation, which was signed into law by former Gov. John Engler, expanded the commission to 11 members.

FEA awards scholarships to 3 students

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Education Association, the teachers union for professional staff in the Farmington Public Schools, this year continued its 35-year tradition of awarding scholar-ships to Farmington students. The association awarded a \$1,700 scholarship to a student at each of the three high schools.

schools

"We're happy to demonstrate our support for higher educa-tion," said Tom Chrzanowski,

tion, said Tom Chrzanowski, association president.
The selection committee was composed of three counselors, one from each high school in Farmington. Chrzanowski selected the recipients. This year's scholarship winners are:

Errysten Marcus
(Farmington High School)

**Shantia Gatson (Harrison High School)

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■ Sari Adelson (North ■ Sari Adelson (North Farmington High School) Individual contributions made by teachers and other school personnel, including administrators and support staff, helped to fund the schol-arships. This program gives our school employees the opportunity to give something back to the community," Chrzanowski said.

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Michael Cospilf

Services for Michael Cospilf,
62, of Farmington Hills, were
held May 30 at St. Fabian
Catholic Church in Farmington
Hills.

Mr. Cospilf was born in
Detroit and died May 27, 2003
at Henry Ford Hospital in
Detroit. He worked as a car
salezman and had spent countless hours speaking for the
cause of organ donations.
In November, 1998, the
Farmington Observer profiled
Mr. Cospilf, who spoke at St.
Fabian on National Donor
Sabbath Weekend, observed at
churches throughout the country. The purpose of the event
was to encourage people to
become organ donors.
Mr. Cospilf was a transplant
patient who had received a
new heart in November of
1994, after being on a waiting
list at Henry Ford Hospital for
three years.
He told a reporter, 'My thing

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list at Henry Ford Hospital for
three years.
He told a reporter, "My thing
is to get people out there talking about organ donation and
to say, 'Hey, life's a great thing.
Why not pass it on?"
Mr. Cosgriff is survived by
his wife, Audrey, daughter,
Kelly (Gary) and one sister.
Memorial contributions may
be made to the H.E.A.R.T.
Emergency Needs fund.
Arrangements made by

McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

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Elaine M. Keefer Services for Elaine Mary Keefer, 70, 67 Novi, were held May 31 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Highland with the Rev. Leo Lulko officiating. Burial will take place Monday, June 2 at \$1, Joseph Cemetery in Maple City, Mich. Mrs. Keefer was born Sept. 17, 1932 in Detroit and died May 26, 2003 in Sharon Township, Mich. Site was a homemaker. She is survived by her sons, Frank (Cindy) Luckas, Mike (Lori) Luckas, Robert (Rebeca) Luckas, Boatt (Rebeca) Luckas, Boatt (Rebeca) Luckas, Boatt (Robeca) Luckas, Boatt (Ro

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute

Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Robert J. Marok

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Scrvices for Robert James
Marok, 68, of Farmington
Hills, will be held at 11 a.m.
Monday June 2 at St.
Alexander Catholic Church in
Farmington Hills with the Rey,
James Wright officiating.
Burial will follow at Holy
Sepulchre Cemetery in
Southfield. Visitation will be
held 1-8 p.m. today, June 1 at
Heeney-Sundquist Puneral
Home in Farmington.
Mr. Marok was born Aug.
26, 1934 in Detroit and died
May 29, 2003 at Botsford
Hospital in Farmington Tills.
He worked for Ford Motor
Company.

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Company.
He is survived by his son,
Michael (Suzanne); daughter,
Hieras (arg.) Kuhnlein;
hortone, Anthony, sister,
Mariene Balicki, grandchildren, Amanda, Gregory,
Michael, Robert and Cherrie;
and cherished friend, Phyllis
Zembäkl. He is preceded in
death by his wife, Yvonne.
Memorial contributions may
be made to Ducks Unlimited
Inc. 1 Waterfowl Way,
Memphis, TN 38120.