editorial opinion

Farmington area needs senior citizens housing

"It's contagious. We might all catch aging."

Some Farmington Hills resident acted as if Benior citizens have some disease which could be spread by contact when a church proposed build-ing a senior citizens housing project.

The Farmington Hills planning commission

supported the plans but city council approval is needed.
The project, and other similar private developments, fulfill a need for senior citizens housing, with a minimum of government involvement.
Residents who argued against the project before the planning commission used a variety of ex-

cuses—the proposal is too near a school, it won't pay taxes, it will increase traffic, it will lower property values, and finally "persons of any na-tionality, race or creed would be living there." That there is little decent and affordable hous-

ing for senior citizens available in the Farmingto area is shameful enough. The city council shoul not dignify arguments against the presence of sen ior citizens in a neighborhood by voting agains the proposal.

Stadium roads pose dilemma

Blackmail isn't a nice word. But, it andescribes the feelings of Oakland County residents who oppose the Pontiac stadium on the basis of increased vehicle traffic.

The stadium is here. That's a fact.

Our streets and highways will be crowded with sports fans going to and from the Pontiac stadium. Just how crowded these streets will be depends on the degree of emotion in our decision to spend money to improve roadways.

IF WE take the position that we did not want the stadium in the first place, so we won't pay for the roads, we cut off our nose to spite our collective face.

The traffic will spill down Opdyke road on Sundays and residents will be blocked from their driveways.

Oakland County Commissioners are scheduled to vote Thursday on spending \$250,000 to widen Opdyke Road in front of the stadium

Approval or rejection of the project may set a precedent for other scheduled road widenings.

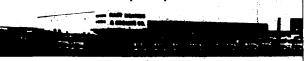
WE BELIEVE spending county funds to help pay for road improvements needed to handle stadium traffic is the lesser of two evils.

Commissioners still must make deter-mined efforts to get state and federal support for road construction. But, in the meantime, we should act to lessen the impact on residents of what will become a major inconvenience and safety problem.

Commissioners should approve funds for these roads with one criteria primarily in mind. Will this project divert traffic from residential areas in the most effective manner?

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Dan McCosh's Column



The 2,000-pound torque wrench lunch

usiness writers always get fed

The business writers always get fed well.

This is a "given" when you are standing in a small group of business reporters while the glants of industry explain their latest gimo.

Public relations men are sensitive to the possibility of being waked out on, particularly sensitive to the notion people get borde easily by engineers. So they always promise a good funch. About 20 members of the business press showed up in Farmington the other day for the unveiling of a new liber of automated assembly tools being announced by a local division of agersoli-Rand Corp. Ingersoll-Rand is probably bigger than Farmington, just as General Motors is bigger than most countries. If it is one of those companies which use the ractions to make little things out of metal.

A smaller gadget automatically adjusted the valves on a new enginer block as it came down the assembly line. Sight of these were lined up at one station on the line. Each cost about \$80,000, together with the electronics which kept them running automatically, hour after hour. "I'm glad they don't have any electrical engineers talking.—I hate electrical engineers." one guy who spent a lot of time at this kind of thing said.

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shipped to the Soviet Union—the deal had been made in Paris. "The higherups are a little sensitive," someone
confided. "They fly courtesy flags
from all the countries we do business
with at our certral headquarters. I
guess they didn't know what to make
of it when they put up that one."
Two more assembly lines—apparently U.S. Government contracts for
weapons—were being shipped to a
plant, in the Midwest.
Some kind of fantastic economic leeverage was being demonstrated. The

it would support a city of some 500,000. The shought came that this is when 500,000. The shought came that this is when 60 best, making these intricate things out of steel. This expressed by at least one of the Rand sales people, who said "This is the center, every-body in the whole world wants to know how we do things here." Heady still—visions of hisps carrying trade goods to the far corners of the earth.

Big machines labeled with small metal plaques stamped in foreign languages shipped out from 10 Mile and Grand River.

All this before lunch.

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From our readers

LWV backs millage

Based on our studies, the West Bisomfield-Parmington Area League di-Women Voters supports a public sufficient system which provides each difficient proportionity to develop to his old-potential as a contributing member of society. The League of Women Voters also supports adequate financing from federal, state and local sources to insure a quality education which meets the varying needs of students.

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Editor
SOS means someone is in trouble.
In this case, the ones in trouble are
the students of Farmington Public

West Bloomfield-Farmington Area
League of Women Voters supports a
'yee' vote on both proposition I and
If in the April 29 school millage election.

We particularly endorne passage of
Proposition I—the four mill proposal—because it would insure a wellrounded program to meet individual
needs of Farmington students.

ANN EREVERLE

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President of paging an instrument, playing in a sports activity, being a cheerleader, or even singing in a choir.

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Please vote yes. Save our schools.

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