

# College forum looks at urban crisis

The city and suburbs will continue to be examined in a series of forums through April and in May.

The forums, part of a project billed as "Metropolitan Detroit: Community or Cul-de-sac," are addressing a number of important issues facing the metropolitan area, including education, race relations, housing, employment and city planning.

Upcoming presentations will deal

with corporate power, redevelopment, and crime.

The free forums are co-sponsored by five community colleges: Oakland, Wayne, Henry Ford, Highland Park and Macomb.

Friday's presentation, at 8 p.m. in the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd., Wayne, is titled, "Urban Crisis and Corporate Power: How Have Detroit's Major Corporations Affected Our Quality of Life?"

Saturday's forum at 2 p.m. in the

University of Detroit Student Center, will tackle the issue of industrial flight and urban redevelopment. U-D is located at the corner of McNichols and Livernois in northwest Detroit.

Speakers at the U-D forum include Edward Williams, manager of local government relations for Chrysler Corp.; James Bush of the City of Detroit's Human Rights Department; Marietta Baba of Wayne State University and Ronald Walcke of Wayne

County Community College (WCCC).

A forum at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at WCCC's Greenfield Center Auditorium, will study unemployment and crime.

Speakers include U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Detroit), Bill Black, reporter for WJR radio; Richard Lobenthal of the Coordinating Council for Human Relations; and Jean Dietrich Rooney of the Michigan Inter-faith Full Employment Committee.

## Bass anglers club hits bill to limit boat access

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If you want to talk to an angry man, meet Tony Prainito. He's president of the Southeastern Michigan Bass Association, a fishing club whose special interest is the lightening waterwarmer fish in the Great Lakes State.

Prainito is sore about a bill that would have the effect of allowing no more public access sites on Oakland County lakes—and on lakes in many other counties of Michigan.

The twin bills are SB 1343, by Sen. Don Bishop (R-Rochester) and HB 4979 of Rep. Rick Fessler (R-Union Lake). Bishop's bill got an unfriendly hearing in a senate committee earlier this year; Fessler's bill is nowhere.

"OUR MEMBERSHIP vehemently opposes HB 1343," said Prainito, for openers.

"We feel that the management of

our lakes and access sites should be left to the Department of Natural Resources, whose personnel have been trained in the methods of fish management and the placement of these sites."

Then he hits the significant point: "DNR is much more likely to consider the interests of the general public than

are local interest groups. We view HB 1343 as a 'carte blanche' to local government and interest groups in yet another facet of a continued effort to completely restrict any and all access to our inland lakes."

The Bishop-Fessler bill, as we've reported in the past, purports to set criteria for access sites. One criterion is that the state could acquire a public access site only on lakes where less than 75 per cent of the existing frontage is in residential usage.

In Oakland County, according to the DNR, which opposes the bill, it would mean acquisitions could occur only on lakes with a huge swamp or where the state already owns property.

If you're one who thinks the bill is an honest attempt to preserve the environment and not another gimmick by property owners to get theirs and keep everyone else out—well, tell it to the Southeastern Michigan Bass Association and Tony Prainito. The address is 26279 Grix Road, New Boston 48164.



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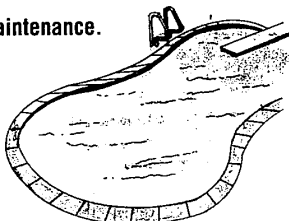
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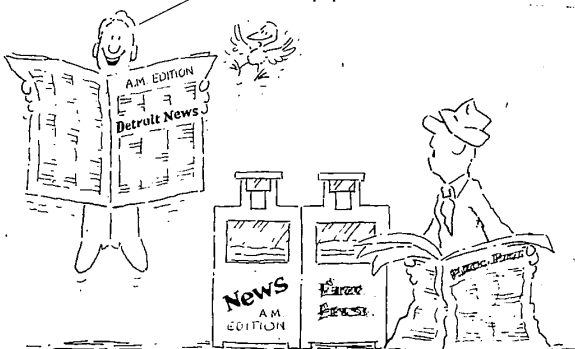
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