

# New Federalism meeting pessimism

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result of this. They'll be spending relatively less and getting more of the taxes. For the states that are losers, it's going to be difficult."

It is unclear whether Michigan will be a winner, but the state will be hard-pressed, Brodhead said.

"Obviously, if the net effect of shifting programs is adding to costs for Michigan, it's going to mean higher taxes, cuts in appropriations to education and other areas or the elimination of programs, he added.

FROM A business perspective, Economic Development Corp. President Robert McConnell sees "initial difficulties and hardships" with New Federalism.

"I don't think the funding will be there for the transition from the feder-

al government to state and local government," McConnell said.

"I think for businesses, it may help reduce unemployment, particularly in the higher-skilled areas, by increasing the labor pool.

"The people with limited skills, however, will find it very difficult."

If New Federalism translates into the deprivation of needed short-term benefits for Michigan's unemployed, the president's program will obviously be viewed as a loser for Michigan, said Farmington City Manager Bob Deadman.

"These aren't the typical hard-core unemployed, either," he said.

"A couple of folks in Michigan are suddenly finding themselves without jobs. In anybody's estimation, Michigan is a state in a state of depression.

"There's not going to be as much

money in the future to do what we've been doing in the past, and I don't see how raising state taxes would be any more palatable than raising federal taxes," added Deadman.

THE VICTIMS OF New Federalism will be the current beneficiaries of social programs, said Jim Wibby, president of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington.

"Unless states raise taxes or cut existing programs, states will say 'We're not have the money,' and cancel programs."

"The real battle I see is the philosophy of types of services states will provide and how they'll provide them," said Wibby.

"It'll be the last of the dismantling of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society."

New Federalism is a source of optimism for state Rep. Sandy Brotherton, R-Farmington; Bill Costick, Farmington Hills assistant city manager; and Richard Headlee, the Farmington Hills insurance executive expected to declare his candidacy for governor.

"Reagan's proposals will increase efficiency by removing the middle man," said Brotherton.

"Shifting responsibility for programs to state and local governments will give us greater control and flexibility in administering programs."

Brotherton's main concern is with financing.

"The only thing we're edgy about is whether the amount of money sent to us, especially in the early stages, will be enough to cover the costs of the programs."

"A lot will depend on whether or not we can be more efficient in operating and reducing costs," he said.

Shifting the responsibility for Medicaid to the federal government should be a plus for Michigan, according to Brotherton.

"Medicaid has been the most rapidly growing part of the state budget," he said.

"More and more people, including unscrupulous doctors, use and abuse the system very badly. Its growth rate has been greater than that of food

stamps and aid to dependent children."

NEW FEDERALISM will eliminate the big brokerage fee states pay to have the federal government administer programs, Headlee said.

"For 40 years we've tried it the other way and it hasn't worked," he said. "Decentralization is the best thing."

Headlee said Michigan potentially is well-equipped to administer programs, but he charged that state government currently is bogged down by mismanagement and the misuse of funds.

"We need people who understand management and accounting, not ideological people."

Costick sees the proximity of the state capitol as a big advantage, should New Federalism become reality.

"For a long time, municipal officials have thought it would be preferable to bring programs closer to the people who have to administer them," Costick said.

"We've had to deal with a considerable amount of red tape in the past."



## MacKinnon retiring

Donald J. MacKinnon of Farmington Hills, general manager of Dearborn Federal Credit Union, has retired after 29 years of service.

MacKinnon began his career as Dearborn Federal Credit Union's first full-time manager in October 1952. Since then, Dearborn Federal Credit Union has grown from \$400,000 in assets to assets exceeding \$165,000,000. Membership has increased from 2,900 to more than 85,000.

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MacKinnon organized more than 100 credit unions and pioneered Service Centers Corporation. He served as the first president of ICU Services Corp.

## Bats have nothing on people anymore

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usual quackery proposed to lessen back pain.

"This is absolutely not to be considered a fad," George insists. "The 1 1/2 million new cases of back pain each month should keep us busy for a long time."

A former salesman of medical equipment such as adjustable electric beds, defibrillators and intra-aortic balloon pumps, George found out about inversion boots following a serious auto accident that pitched him through his windshield.

"I SPENT many days recovering from the injury," George says. "I went to an orthopedic contractor but nothing works as well as this. I have a bar and boots at home. And my racketball game's never been better."

Each morning, before showering and dressing for work, George says he does a couple of sit-ups suspended upside-down and a few trunk rotations of his torso.

Aside from the benefits to the back, George claims the contraption also helps curb sagging jaws which makes people look older. He shows pictures of people in their 70s hanging upside down in inversion boots but cautions that anyone with high blood pressure should avoid it.

The other danger, he says, comes about when people fasten the metal bar to plasterboard or drywall instead of a solid wood doorjamb and fall on their head.

George's shop at 38245 10 Mile Road opened last week. It's located behind the Sun-Glo tanning studio. If you're looking to be browned and flipped, it's one-stop shopping.

## Minister turns religious sleuth

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HOWEVER, RITTER said he is more concerned about the effect such dramatic disruptions have on his congregation.

"There's a shaken reaction, especially from older persons."

"The church is a personal security system for some people. A church is a sanctuary for some people and sanctuary is just what the name implies. And it was violated."

Leaders of both churches have filed police reports about the incidents but at this time neither has moved to prosecute the intruders.

Efforts to contact members of the religious group for comment through Ritter have been fruitless.

THE BOOTS and bar cost \$113. More elaborate versions than the doorway-mounted bar are the oscillating beds available at prices ranging from \$170 to \$1,300. All operate on the same principle espoused by Dr. Martin in his book, "The Gravity Guiding System."

To wit:

"One of the great needs of the body is to be stretched and elongated (traction) so as to counteract the compressive effects of sitting and standing. An excellent way to fulfill this need is to exercise while hanging by the legs."

The device has elicited raves from the trainer of the Boston Celtics pro basketball team and is found in the weight room of the Detroit Pistons.

Inversion boots were worn by actor Richard Gere in his starring role in the movie, "American Gigolo," a study of modern emotional shallowness.

On George's desk is a purchase order for the professional model oscillation bed from Mercy Hospital of Muskegon.

These unsolicited testimonials convince the Farmington Hills businessman that inversion boots are more than a novelty and far removed from the

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