

# Mercy expands services to northern suburbs

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Officials of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital announced plans for an estimated \$20 million senior care facility in Avon Township.

The project, subject to approval by regional and state health organizations, includes:

- A 120-bed nursing facility.
  - Congregate living space for 50 seniors.
  - Between 30 and 50 personal care units.
  - Fifty garden apartment/condominium structures.
- "We believe this would help centralize care for seniors in the community," said Stephanie McCutcheon, hospital

vice president of planning and program development.

Plans were also announced for recreation and day care facilities designed together with the area's entire senior population.

The nursing home, congregate living area and personal care units are expected to be placed in a single building. The facility would be operated

through the Sisters of Mercy, a Farmington Hills-based religious order. The Sisters of Mercy, a Roman Catholic order of nursing nuns, also operates the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

"The sisters will operate the facility, though St. Joseph will also be affiliated in some way," said Stephanie McCutcheon, hospital vice president of planning and program development.

announced plans for a similar facility in June.

The Peachwood Center, Crittenton's project, would include a 188-bed nursing facility, 50-bed attached home for seniors, senior condominiums and apartments.

No site has been announced for the project.

Local officials hailed the announcement of expanded senior care as good news.

wellent exercise programs, but their main experience is in health care. I couldn't see them offering the total senior program we would be offering," she said.

The older persons commission has bid on Woodward School in Rochester for use as a senior citizens activities center.

**HOME HEALTH**, meals on wheels, transportation, exercise, education and peer group support programs are also being considered for the proposed senior facilities.

Miller said discussion would have to continue with officials of both centers to ensure there would not be a duplication of services with those already offered by the older persons committee.

Both the St. Joseph continuum care and Crittenton's Peachwood Center must receive a certificate of need from the state Department of Health and the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan.

It is not known at this time whether either, or both, projects will be approved, according to Joan Luecke, health department project development coordinator.

"Right now, we're reviewing both applications," Luecke said.

The area to be serviced by both projects is targeted for a maximum 372 nursing home beds, according to health officials.

# Medical aid cap urged to salvage U.S. budget

By Diane Gale  
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Entitlement programs such as Medicaid and Medicare are the greatest portion of the federal budget, and their impact on the deficit is an "albatross" around the government's neck.

That was the message U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, delivered last week to a meeting of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

"They're (approximately) 32 entitlement programs growing at a rate of 11 percent each year, and we're watching them grow out of kilter," said Pursell, who is a member of the budget reform committee.

"All of the entitlement programs have been abused," he said.

Pursell, whose district includes part of Livonia, reported to approximately 40 Chamber of Commerce members and guests, including state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, that Medicare alone costs the government \$7 billion annually.

"The initial step the legislature can take to curtail the escalating costs is to examine the laws which were written in the 1960s," Pursell said.

The government has to "put caps" on this "gigantic problem," he said.

Pursell also spoke about his trip to El Salvador in June. He gives President Ronald Reagan "his total support" on U.S. military aid to the Central American country.

"We've let (Fidel) Castro move through Central America, and we could lose it, if we don't pay attention to our neighbors," Pursell said.

Another issue he raised was the influx of approximately 100,000 Mexican aliens illegally entering U.S. border states each month.

"We can't hire enough border people to control that," he said. "It's an



Carl Pursell  
chamber speaker

enormous impact on that part of the country."

Pursell also gave a slide presentation on modernization possibilities for the St. Lawrence Seaway, which he referred to as the "prime factor in the economic revitalization of America's industrial and agricultural heartland."

Pursell said the Midwest isn't competitive with the south in waterway transportation.

The suggested modernization efforts would include advanced navigation equipment, two-way capability throughout the seaway and new larger locks to permit expensive ships that now are unable to travel between the Midwest and world ports.

More and more ships are larger in size — up to 1,000 feet, whereas in the

1960s the predominant size was 200 to 300 feet.

"The chief drawback of the plan is its price tag. The two-locks plan would cost the U.S. an estimated \$362 million," Pursell said.

"It's expected that the seaway system will experience capacity problems in the 1990s," according to Pursell. "As capacity is strained and excessive delays occur, costs will rise and the seaway will become less competitive."

Exports account for about two-thirds of the international trade through the seaway, which amounts to more than \$4 billion. Waterway transportation is two-and-a-half times more efficient than rail freights and eight times more efficient than truck routes.

"Because most locks in the St. Lawrence Seaway, and some sections of the seaways channel, permit only one-way traffic, delays can be serious," Pursell said. "Nowhere is the saying, 'time is money' more true than in transportation."

He said building new locks parallel to the present ones would increase the efficiency and total capacity of the seaway. Also, it would make the U.S. a stronger competitor in world trade.

Another compelling disadvantage is that the St. Lawrence Seaway is the only U.S. waterway with tolls. Also, it is the only waterway that is required to pay back construction costs to the government. Oil tanker waterways are built as public facilities, similar to toll-free interstate highways, he said.

The last phase of the review involves environmental studies and a final assessment of all the factors involved, which is expected to be finished by 1986.

"If the decision is to proceed, construction could be as early as 1988, and would be completed by the year 2000," Pursell said.

**HOSPITAL OFFICIALS** appeared before Avon trustees Wednesday night to highlight their plans.

St. Joseph officials announced a 31-acre site near the Livonia/Avon Road intersection is being considered for the facility. The site is located east of the township offices. Negotiations are continuing with Citicorp Inc., the New York-based agent for the property, McCutcheon said.

Demographics helped hospital officials select Avon for the project.

"Avon has the fastest-growing 65-plus population in the area we service," McCutcheon said.

The type of services to be offered were determined through a 1981 survey of 5,500 Oakland County residents, she added.

The continuum care project is the second such project announced for the Avon/Rochester area this year.

Crittenton Hospital of Avon and the Farmington Hills-based Arbor Corpo-

"THE CONCEPT is excellent," said Avon Treasurer Mildred Knudsen. "With the RARA senior program, we have always tried to stress independence, but it often takes a network of people to ensure seniors maintain their independence."

Knudsen, the township board representative to the Rochester/Avon Older Persons Commission, was selected by trustees as a governmental liaison for the St. Joseph project.

Marye Miller, director of the Rochester/Avon Older Persons Commission, also said the planned facilities would fulfill a community need.

"I have felt we have needed this kind of residential living in our area for a long time," she said.

Planned drop-in senior centers, however, would not eliminate the need for a senior citizens activities center, Miller said.

"They would be able to run some ex-

# Strike looms in Walled Lake

By Patricia N. Bowling  
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Negotiations between the Walled Lake Board of Education and the Walled Lake Teachers Association (WLTA), the teachers' union, remain in a state of collapse.

The teachers' contract expires Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Negotiators indicated both sides were "positioning for fact-finding," — trying to eliminate as many "simple issues" as possible before fact-finding is under way.

All major issues, including salary, school calendar, fringe benefits, seniority, layoff and recall policies and class size, remain far from settlement, according to spokespersons from both sides.

Teachers are adhering to their demand for a 17-percent salary increase over three years, while the board continues to insist on a 10.9-percent salary reduction for teachers.

Walled Lake's district faces a \$1.6-

million budget deficit in 1983-84.

"FAILURE To reduce wages will result in drastic cuts to programs currently provided district students," Rita Thomas, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) negotiator, said.

According to Thomas, the board is considering the 19-percent wage increase teachers received over the past two years in conjunction with the 10.3-percent decrease requested of teachers this year.

The 10.9-percent decrease for 1983-84, subtracted from the 19-percent increase from the 1981-83 school years, leaves a remaining 8.1-percent increase that can be divided among all three years to produce "an equitable 2.77-percent wage increase each year from 1981-84," Thomas said.

WLTA negotiator Karen Flar described the explanation as "rationalization after the fact."

"There are no quick fixes," Flar said. "Even if teachers took a decrease this year, it would not solve the district's (financial) problems next year."

(The board) must face up to the problems this year."

**SUGGESTIONS FORWARDED** by the teachers to cover the district's \$1.6-million deficit and proposed teacher raises included implementation of summer-tax collection, staff layoffs and program cuts, Flar said.

"It would be my guess that the original layoff list (suggested by Superintendent Don Sheldon in April, but rejected by the school board) would have, in fact, balanced the budget," Flar said.

Thomas said the board's goal is to protect current student programs and staff.

"If fact-finding will help us reach that goal, the board will agree to the union's proposal to bring in a third party," Thomas said.

Although the possibility of an expedient settlement appears slim to spokespersons from both sides, the first day of school for students is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7.

# INSIDE ANGLES

**MADONNA COLLEGE** will offer a workshop this fall of interest to individuals in, or anticipating, supervisory positions. It will meet from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 17, to Saturday, Nov. 5. Arnold Gray, adjunct professor, will teach the classes. Fee is \$125. A group rate is available and so are continuing education units. For registration, call the Continuing Education Office at 591-5188.

**THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION** has announced that the Lawrence Simmons House, Farmington Hills, has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places. The commission has judged the site to be historically and/or architecturally significant.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael T. McClintock, of Farmington Hills, who has been appointed a district representative for the Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Co. in this area. He will be an associate of the Bernie Alter Agency and Senior field. Lutheran Mutual Life, with life, health and group operations in 29 states and the District of Columbia, has more than \$4 billion of insurance in force.

**THE WATERFORD OAKS** Court Games Complex will host a Tennis and Crumpets Charity Tournament to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Sunday, Sept. 11. Starting at 10 a.m., the charity tournament is open to mixed doubles teams, age 18 and older. Practice begins at 9 a.m. Cost for the event is \$12.50 per person, which includes a light lunch and souvenir glass. Deadline for entry is Thursday, Sept. 1. For further information, call Debby Jones at 692-4632. Waterford Oaks is on Scott Lake Road, between Pontiac Lake Road and Dixie Highway, adjacent to the wave action swimming pool.

**KUDOS** to David Demko, Theresa Kleplinski, Jill Moran, Andrew Ferrin, Paul Rauch and Christopher Belling for making the dean's list at Kalamazoo College. Students named to the dean's list must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

**JUDITH P. ROBINSON** of Farmington Hills has been appointed to the newly created position of manager, human resources management for General Motors Acceptance Corp. at the company's headquarters in Detroit. She has been assistant director of personnel. A graduate of Wells College, Judith joined GMAC in the personnel department at the company's headquarters in 1959. After serving various positions, she was promoted to supervisor of personnel records in 1969 and appointed supervisor of salaried personnel administration in 1972.

**DAVID L. ALATI**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Alati of Farmington Hills, has been accepted as a freshman student at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Palmer College, founded in 1899, is the world's first and largest chiropractic college.

**LEARN WAYS** to combat illness and pain without using drugs at Herbals on Friday, Sept. 2, at Independence Oaks County Park. A park naturalist will discuss how to grow herbs in a backyard garden and how they're used in medicines such as aspirin and cough syrup. Participants will see which herbs are safe to use, and which aren't. Plants will be used from the parks garden, and "Granny Herbal" will share some of her secret remedies. The program is 7:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 858-0903. Independence Oaks is on Sashabaw Road, north of I-75 in Clarkston.

**WHAT NAME** would you give a self-service, bulk food store with fresh, better quality foods ready to be scooped out of plexi-glass bins, where you can buy any amount you wish at great bulk savings? If you have any ideas, Natural Ingredients of Farmington Hills, will be glad to have them. You could win \$500 if your suggestion for a new name is chosen. Official entry blanks can be obtained at the store (no purchase necessary) in the Orchard Place Center on Orchard Lake Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

**MOORE DRIVE** residents parlied together last Saturday for the 25th consecutive summer with the street blocked off and the assurance that it has never rained on their block party. Moore Drive's first block party was planned for the 41 children in mind who lived on that block. There are only two children who live on the block now, but the fun and games for the young set is carried on by the children and the grandchildren of the residents who still come back for a reunion with their former neighbors. It's become routine for the city council to issue a permit for the block party that begins with a potluck Saturday night and winds up with a cleanup crew Sunday morning. Of the 22 houses on the street, about half are occupied by the same residents who helped plan Moore Drive's first block party.

**A WEIGHT WATCHERS** September Savings Special, Sunday, Sept. 11, through Saturday, Oct. 1, gives the public an opportunity to visit a Weight Watchers meeting at no charge and offers 50-percent savings on registration and first meeting fee. A variety of special events are planned during the three-week promotion; motivational speakers, cooking demonstrations, free low-calorie recipe handouts. For information on the Weight Watchers meetings and locations nearest to you, call toll-free 1-800-463-7456.



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