

# County refuses to zap moths

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Like a man turning his empty pockets inside-out for emphasis, Oakland County public services director Mike Zehnder said recently that county government can't afford to coordinate a gypsy-moth control campaign.

Zehnder was responding to a group of little communities — distressed by leaf-eating gypsy moths — that asked county government for help earlier this year. Many of these communities are already spraying or planning to spray for the moths, but fear their efforts will be wasted if neighboring cities don't follow suit, something county government might make more likely by assuming the administrative cost of an eradication campaign.

In a Sept. 9 letter to each city,

village and township in Oakland County, Zehnder cited an expected county budget deficit in explaining why County Executive L. Brooks Patterson opposes a countywide management program for gypsy-moth spraying.

In a feasibility study of countywide management, Wayne Nierman of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service estimated that the program would cost \$362,000 a year, not including the cost of spraying. The county's anticipated budget deficit for the current fiscal year is more than \$20 million.

Word has it that Nierman's staff will be cut when the budget is finally balanced, making it next to impossible that he could take on the management program, probably requiring additional per-

sonnel.

The gypsy moth has been in Michigan for several years and is capable of defoliating nearly every tree for miles around if left unchecked. With no natural enemies in this country, the gypsy moth has been a real problem.

Zehnder seems to believe this is the end of the issue for the time being, that the county can't take on any additional expenses right now.

However, Beverly Hills assistant village manager Pat Sullivan is skeptical that the county tried very hard to find a workable solution.

"I think we're going to encourage them to be a little more creative," Sullivan said. "There are other things they can do other than have a gypsy-moth depart-

ment."

Beverly Hills is part of a consortium of seven communities that pool their resources for gypsy-moth eradication. The other six members are Bingham Farms, Franklin, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Farmington Hills.

West Bloomfield needs to start spraying "an area of heavy infestation" beginning next spring, said that township's environmental management planner, Mark Taormina, whether the county helps or not. "We've got to move quickly."

The consortium members are supposed to meet with Zehnder and Nierman Sept. 23, when Sullivan hopes to change a few minds.

## OBITUARIES

### BRENDA BENO

Mrs. Beno, 44, of Farmington Hills, died of cancer Sept. 10. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Mrs. Beno was a homemaker. She was a longtime resident of Farmington Hills.

Survivors include her husband, Tom; daughters, Kristin, Karolyn; son, Ryan; parents, Brian and Sadie O'Boyle; in-laws, Larry and Ruth Beno; three sisters and one brother; many nieces and nephews.

Mass was celebrated Sept. 14 at Holy Family Church, Novi, the Rev. Bob McGrath officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Cancer Society, 2611 N. Woodward, Berkley, Mich. 48072. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Bredley C. Carson of Troy, Douglas C. Carson of Brighton, and their mother Gloria Carson of Royal Oak; brother, Lennard Carson of Tallahassee, Fla.; sisters, Regina Leonard of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, Connie Angelos of Tampa, Fla., Erica Dutton, Ypsilanti; and two grandsons.

Services were Sept. 16, at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home with burial at White Chapel Cemetery.

### BOB OWEN SCHOENBERG

Mr. Schoenberg, 60, of Casewille, Mich., formerly of Farmington, died Sept. 11 in St. Mary Hospital in Saginaw. He was born in Detroit.

Mr. Schoenberg was a self-employed automotive mechanic. He was a graduate of Farmington High School.

He is survived by his mother, Jane of Casewille; daughters, Cynthia Spitznas, Casewille, Candice Siskleraki, Farmington Hills; sons, Rob Schoenberg of Redford, Eric of Farmington Hills, Quinn of Redford; six grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 13 at Thyer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Brian Tweedie of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

### CHESTER S. CARSON

Chester S. Carson, 67, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 13.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, Mr. Carson was a Real Estate broker for Weir-Manuel-Snyder-Ranke Realtors in Birmingham. He was a resident of Farmington Hills since 1985. He was in the Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his sons, about the prevalence of prostate cancer, the importance of early detection and the treatment options for men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

# Free prostate cancer screening offered

Providence Hospital, Southfield, is joining forces with Sinai Hospital, Detroit, during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, today through Sept. 30.

Though rarely talked about, prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men.

Providence is offering free prostate screening for men 40 and older 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 22, at the new Providence Medical Center, 7416 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield.

Sinai is hosting its free screening on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sinai Family Medical Center, 13361 West 10 Mile, Oak Park.

Approximately 35,000 men will die from prostate cancer this year alone and another 165,000 men will be diagnosed with the dis-

ease. Prostate cancer can be cured if detected early.

The first Prostate Cancer Awareness Week was held in 1989 and the public health education effort has grown dramatically each year thereafter. Last year, more than 800,000 men were screened nationwide.

In addition to providing screening, the week is used to help increase awareness among men

about the prevalence of prostate cancer, the importance of early detection and the treatment options for men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

To schedule an appointment or to obtain more information on Providence's free screening, call 424-3183, and for Sinai's free screening, call 547-0700. Advanced registration is required due to a limited number of tests.

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## Prostate Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer can be successfully treated when detected in the early stages.

### The facts about prostate cancer:

- It is the second most common cause of cancer death among American men.
- An estimated 165,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1993.
- About one man in four, or 35,000 men, diagnosed with prostate cancer will die from the disease this year.
- Many of these deaths could have been avoided if the cancer had been detected at an early stage when available treatment stands the greatest chance for success.

### Minimize your risk with a free prostate cancer screening

Providence and Sinai hospitals will participate in Prostate Cancer Awareness Week by providing free prostate screenings to men over 40 years of age. The screenings will include an examination and a prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Prostate Cancer Awareness Week is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Prostate Education Council and the American Urological Association.

### Providence screening information

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will offer free prostate screenings on Wednesday, September 22, 1993 at Providence Medical Center-West Bloomfield, 7416 Haggerty Road at Fourteen Mile Road, West Bloomfield from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Due to limited availability, please call 424-3183 to find out more about this program or to schedule an appointment at Providence's screening site.

### Sinai screening information

Sinai hospital will offer free prostate screenings on Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at The Sinai Family Medical Center, Parkwoods Plaza, 13361 West Ten Mile Road at Coolidge Road, Oak Park from 9:00 am -4:00 pm. Due to limited availability, please call 547-0700 to find out more about this program or to schedule an appointment at Sinai's screening site.

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