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Hills man honored: Marc I. Rich (left) of Farmington Hills and Mohamed S. Gouda of Troy earned the utility's Alex Dow award for pursuing a partnership with a supplier for standardized overhead aerial and bucket trucks that will save the utility \$9 million through 1998. Reduced delivery time for new vehicles and saved maintenance dollars are among the benefits of the agreement. Rich and Gouda were among seven Detroit Edison employees who earned the Dow award for outstanding accomplishments last year.

Shamanism

Cable Info TV-12 looks at spirit world



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As we hit the summer season, are you looking for a different kind of TV program? INFO TV-12 has just the thing: "Reinventing Shamanism."

Shamanism is the study of persons in various cultures who are able to put themselves into an altered state of consciousness and communicate with spirits including animals. It is found in cultures all over the world from Siberia to South Africa.

Today, there are qualified anthropologists with Ph.D.s who offer Shamanism workshops in such places as Detroit, Ann Arbor, San Francisco and Minneapolis. They promise that in three days, you can get in touch with the spirits and animals and become a healer.

In traditional cultures, the process of becoming a Shaman is very long, spanning a number of years. Apprenticing with a recog-

nized Shaman in the particular culture is of the utmost importance. This involves the study of herbs and specific rituals to appease and invoke the culture's spirits.

The INFO TV-12 documentary, "Reinventing Shamanism," produced by professor of health sciences at Oakland University and anthropologist Dr. Philip Singer, with the help of production specialist Todd Whitman, examines this matter. You will hear the story of Rick Siewick, who has attended such a workshop and now considers himself a healer. Included also are extensive descriptions of the spiritual and healing work of Wanita Windwalker, a self-described Cherokee Indian Princess who communicates with her spirit guides as she exorcises bad spirits that have invaded persons, their homes and their pets.

She asserts on the basis of hundreds of written testimonials that among other achievements, she has cured AIDS and stopped raptists from their overwhelming desires. She also attests that she has cured impotency.

The question raised in the documentary is whether this is not

simply reinventing Shamanism in order to satisfy the mystical hunger of ordinary people who are not satisfied with angels, or for unethical anthropologists who want to make money.

This interest in Shamanism comes at a time when the Office of Alternative Medicine at the National Institute of Health is promoting alternative medical therapies which include such things as prayer and spiritual healing.

With three out of 10 upper-educated individuals currently visiting alternative healers and spending almost \$11 billion a year out of pocket, it is no wonder then that the medical establishment is turning its attention in this direction.

Watch "Reinventing Shamanism" on INFO TV-12 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, and 6 p.m. Monday, July 10.

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OCC mulls spending plan

Although Oakland Community College trustees approved a 1995-96 tax levy of 1.8 mills Monday night, taxpayers actually will see bills amounting to about \$165 for a \$100,000 house. That includes the newly approved 0.8 mills, but also reflects a reduction in the previously authorized operating millage due to the Headlee Tax Amendment.

Increases in property tax revenue arising from assessment increases are limited to the annual cost of living increases as defined by the consumer price index, according to the amendment.

In response to requests from board members at a special meeting on Thursday, the administration presented top priorities for repairs at the college's five campus. Chancellor Patsy Calkins cautioned, however, that emergencies could arise that could change those rankings.

Campus priorities and their costs follow: Auburn Hills — investigate exterior cracks in B and D Building, \$11,000; Highland Lakes — repair of roof of health/

physical education building due to leaks, \$90,000; Orchard Ridge — repair unusable swimming pool, \$150,000; Royal Oak — remodel first floor of Building B, \$2 million; Southfield — fix retaining walls, recalc and seal entrances, replace berms, \$135,000.

Funds for the maintenance items will be spread over a five-year period, with the remaining two years of the new millage used for general maintenance, according to Calkins.

Board members told the administration that they wanted maintenance projects done on the basis of safety first, followed by appearance, at the urging of trustee Sandy Ritter of Waterford.

Trustees Carol Crew and Pamela Davis said they needed to look at the list of projects more, but added that they could call and ask questions of the administration. The budget, but not line items, is expected to be voted on by the board July 24.

"I'm a little more inclined to look favorably on it now," Crew said. "When items are put before

us, I have a better idea of how they fit."

But Crew also urged the board to "mold a strategic plan" with the budget.

Trustee Judith Wisner of West Bloomfield suggested that the board meet in small groups for discussion to avoid violating the state Open Meetings Act. Ritter, however, said that she had a "problem with people talking board business individually or in groups."

The strategic plan, generally established by the administration, this year will receive input from the board, faculty and students, under the suggestions developed Monday.

In other business, the board approved attendance at the Michigan Community College Association conference in Traverse City by any trustee who wants to go. While Ritter objected to the \$24,000 annual dues the college pays, trustee Anne Scott of Royal Oak, the college's MCCA representative, said the MCCA was responsible for a \$442,000 increase in state aid to the college.

House OKs voc-tech bill

Capitol capsules: For the second time, the state House of Representatives has passed a high school voc-tech bill. Last year the bill died in the Senate.

House Bill 4196 would set up a state cabinet on professional and technical standards under the Jobs Commission. Its tasks: an information system on what job skills are needed, coordination of training programs and creation of skills standards for various occupations. It also would work on pilot "school to apprentice" programs.

The bill was pioneered by retired Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, and carried on by Rep.

Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis. They developed the idea after trips to Germany's hochschule system of vocational training students who aren't college-bound.

The House vote was 88-0. All area representatives voted yes June 19 except Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills. Absent were Penny Criesman, R-Rochester, John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, and Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak.

on the Move" will run from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 22, in Pomona Central High, 300 W. Huron, with speakers from the Oakland County prosecutor's office and Madison Heights police department.

Said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, who is promoting the program: "Unless we become better educated and really start to focus on giving our youth an alternative to joining gangs, the problem is only going to get work."

The program is designed to help parents and other adults recognize signs of gang activity and help in combatting it.

Youth gangs
A program called "Youth Gangs

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