

STATE CAPSULES

Airport money
 Sixteen public-use airports will get grants and loans totaling \$25 million, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission announced.
 The lion's share, \$17.8 million, will go to Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport for support of a major multi-year improvement program.
 Willow Run Airport, also a Wayne County operation, will get \$4 million for a fuel storage area, water main, stormwater system, runway resurfacing, new firefighting equipment storage building, and entrance signing.
 Other funds will go to:
 ■ Fitch H. Bench Airport, Charlotte — \$200,000 for land purchase.
 ■ Southeast Michigan Council of Governments — \$65,666 for planning to determine the region's aircraft capacity needs.

Funds are a combination of federal and state grant and loans. Revenue sources are taxes on aviation fuel, passengers and aircraft registration fees.
Corporate board
 April 5 is startup date for the new board of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which will take over the functions of the old Jobs Commission under Gov. John Engler's executive order.
 "A wonderful cross-section of business leader, local communities and educators," Engler said of his 15 appointment. Among area people are:
 ■ Elizabeth Chappell, vice chair of The Chappell Group, Bloomfield Hills.
 ■ David Brandon, Plymouth, retired from Valassis Communications, now with Domino's Pizza and an elected regent of

the University of Michigan.
 ■ Facundo Bravo, Uni-Boring, Inc., Howell.
 ■ James Garavaglia, Comerica, Detroit.
 ■ DeWitt Hoery, Wayne County economic development.
 ■ Paul Hillegonds, Plymouth, former House speaker, president of Detroit Renaissance.
 ■ Jeff Kaczmarek, Oakland County economic development.
 ■ Irvin Roid, president of Wayne State University.
 ■ Peter Walters, Guardian Industries, Auburn Hills.

Dems praise
 For once, House Democrats are praising Engler. The governor rescinded his executive order transferring the Transportation Economic Development Fund money to the Jobs Commission.
 Engler transferred the funds back to the state Department of

Transportation. "We have eliminated local governments' concerns that Transportation Economic Development Funds would be diminished," said Doug Rathwell, CEO of the Jobs Commission.
 The fund was created about 10 years ago to aid counties — particularly Oakland and Macomb — that had great road needs because of job growth.
 Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and two outstate Democrats had called on Engler to rescind the original order, saying it would harm local road efforts.
 They welcomed Engler's change of mind. "Every last dime of this money belongs to Michigan's counties. It should not have been targeted for the Strategic Fund," Kelly said.
Gustafson at work
 Dan Gustafson, the Haslett

Republican who was term-limited out of the House last year, has two new jobs.
 He is chief of staff for Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. And he has been appointed by Engler to the Michigan Capitol Committee, which makes recommendations on the preservation of the State Capitol Building and management of the grounds. The term runs to Jan. 24, 2001.
Juvenile board
 Engler appointed 21 persons to the Committee on Juvenile Justice, which reviews state plans for federally required juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.
 Among area persons are:
 ■ Sean McCallop, a senior at Avondale High School, appointed to represent juveniles.
 ■ David Ballenberger, Oxford, executive director of Rose Hill

Center, appointed to represent private providers.
 ■ Gladys Barsamian, Plymouth, retired Wayne County probate judge, representing the general public, and serving as committee chair.
 ■ Fred Gibbs, St. Johns, court administrator in Clinton County.
 ■ Carl Taylor, Grand Lodge, professor in the department of family and child ecology at Michigan State University.
 Engler also appointed:
 ■ William S. Bloom, West Bloomfield dentist, to the state Board of Dentistry, responsible for the licensure and examination of persons entering dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assistance.
 Compiled from executive and legislative news releases by Tim Richard.

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Grief recovery
 Hospice of Washtenaw (St. Joseph Mercy Health System) will begin their five-week Grief Recovery series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the Hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor. The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Participants are encouraged to attend all five-sessions. Registration



is required, call (734) 327-3409. There is no charge.
Hot flash study
 Women with a history of breast cancer or are concerned about taking hormone replacement therapy who have bothersome hot flashes can partici-

pate in a research study at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor that will help determine whether a low-dose anti-depressant may be effective in reducing or eliminating hot flashes.
 For more information about this study or the other cancer treatment and prevention trials, please call the McAuley Cancer Care Center at (734) 712-5658.

Music classes offered for young kids

The Community Music School of the Michigan State University School of Music is offering a series of music classes, called MSU First Music, for young children (birth to age 6) in Farmington Hills.
 In the class, children and their parents move to music, learn songs and chants with and without words, play small percussion instruments and echo tonal and rhythm patterns.
 The nine-week class, including an orienta-

tion session and parent conferences, will be taught by Kristin Slocum Kreiss and will meet Friday mornings beginning April 9 at Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington.
 Parents may register their children at one of the parent orientations April 7 or 8 at the church if the classes still have space.
 The cost is \$110. For more information or to register, call (800) 648-6167 or (617) 356-7661.

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