

WINNING AHEAD: St. John Lutheran School in Rochester won the Engineering Society of Michigan's annual Michigan Regional Future City Competition Monday in Novi. The contest challenged students to envision what Detroit would be like in 2160. Other top schools were Arthur K-8 University Academy in Southfield, second place; St. Joseph School in Orion, third place; University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, fourth place, and St. Valentine School in Redford Township, fifth place.

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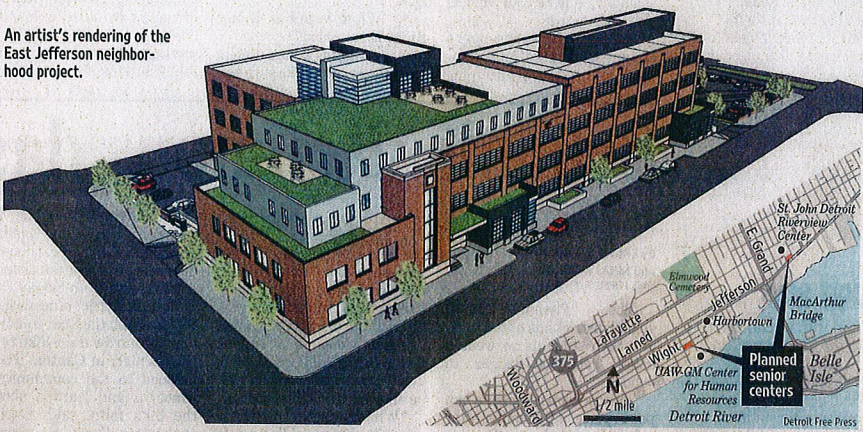
**Oakland's
future is
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... 8 new
plans to start

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STAFF WRITER**
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Executive L. Brooks
will introduce
programs tonight
at the 17th annual State of
Michigan address.
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He wouldn't
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An artist's rendering of the East Jefferson neighborhood project.



SENIOR HEALTH, ASSISTED-LIVING COMPLEXES PLANNED

RIVERFRONT REVITALIZED

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Two prominent parcels in the East Jefferson Avenue corridor in Detroit will become senior citizens health complexes under deals announced Monday.

In one, three major nonprofits are teaming to create a major senior assisted living center in Detroit's east riverfront corridor. The center will convert two empty industrial structures just north of the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources on the riverfront at McDougall about a mile east of the Renaissance Center. The senior center will be located about midway between the river and Jefferson Avenue.

In the second project, St. John Providence Health System said Monday it had finalized the transfer of its former Riverview Hospital property in Detroit to an investment group that will renovate the large campus to create a senior citizen complex.

In the first project, Henry Ford Health System, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and United Methodist Retirement Communities will form the collaborative effort to build and operate the center. In addition, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan contributed a \$2-million investment to enable the three partner institutions to purchase the necessary property and begin broader fund-raising.
In addition to that grant, the collab-

oration is working to finalize funding commitments for an initial \$24.6-million community investment that includes tax credit allocations, loans and grants from the State of Michigan, Wayne County and the City of Detroit, and investment by the three partners.

The center will offer both affordable assisted living for seniors as well as facilities for daily outpatient services.

The collaboration estimated that the project will create 183 health care jobs and more than 350 construction jobs. About 80 residential units will be created in the first phase of the project, and a similar number in a second phase.

The first floor of the complex will feature health care services for seniors who are living at home but visiting for health care services. The floors above that will contain assisted-living units.

A second phase of the project will include residential units with 24-hour

skilled nursing services available.
The sale of the St. John Providence site followed approvals last week by the Detroit City Council and Mayor Dave Bing to allow the transfer.

The investors, known as DRSN, of Franklin, will create a nursing home, wellness and rehabilitation centers, urgent care and dental services, a pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, primary care doctor's offices and a beauty and barber shop.

The sale includes the purchase by the investor group of the St. John Senior Community, a 180-bed nursing home on Detroit's east side.

Renovations are to begin immediately on the site, located on East Jefferson, east of Belle Isle.

St. John Providence, headquartered in Warren, will continue to operate the urgent care center, along with other programs such as the wellness center.



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An empty industrial building will be renovated and used as part of the collaboration to redevelop parts of Detroit's east riverfront for senior assisted living and health centers.

snaving his neck to make him appear sick.

Concerned residents in Roseville and nearby communities raised funds and gave gifts totaling about \$10,000.

Schnuphase was to be arraigned Monday afternoon in the Macomb County Circuit Court, where she will be tried. But her lawyer, Dominic Greco, was absent. He did not return a call for comment Monday.

According to family members, Schnuphase's son turns 13 today. He is in foster care and has had no contact with his mother or her family as he is considered a key witness in her trial.

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MORENCI
Update due today regarding missing boys

A news conference is planned for 4 p.m. today in Morenci regarding three young brothers who went missing in November.

The Morenci Police Department plans to update the status of the investigation and "a shift in the investigative focus," according to a news release sent Monday.

Andrew, Alexander and Tanner Skelton — ages 9, 7 and 5, respectively — were last in the custody of their father, John Skelton.

Skelton, who police said attempted suicide in his home, has been charged with parental kidnapping. Skelton has said he gave his sons to an organization, but has not released the name.

A spokeswoman for the family also is expected to speak today.

Morenci Mayor Keith Pennington said he will speak at the news conference about the reward fund set up for information that leads to the safe