

## In brief

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### Activist to speak at U-M commencement

The University of Michigan has named a civil rights activist as the speaker at its winter commencement. Robert Moses, who is also receiving an honorary degree from U-M, left his job as a math teacher to join the civil rights movement in Mississippi. In his work as an activist, he helped to register blacks to vote in the 1960s. The commencement ceremonies, to be held Dec. 19 at Crisler Arena, begin at 2 p.m. Live broadcast of the ceremonies will be carried on Michigan Television, channel 22, in the greater Ann Arbor area.

### Chemical accident at Ypsilanti High pool

A chemical accident in the lower pool area at Ypsilanti High School before school on Monday morning sent three custodians to the hospital. The three employees were evaluated and released, according to a press release from the district.

The accident occurred when chlorine was inadvertently added to a tank of muratic acid, which is used to clean pool probes. The subsequent vapor reaction was contained by the custodial staff. The Ypsilanti Township Fire Department, Poison Control and HazMat experts were notified of the incident and said it was handled appropriately, the release said.

### Clark will serve as Scio Twp. consultant

The Scio Township Board of Trustees voted Monday to hire former supervisor E. Spaulding Clark as a consultant for 90 days to help in the transition to a new administration. Supervisor Charles Nielsen defeated Clark in the Nov. 2 election.

Clark will be paid \$21,300 for his work, newly elected Clerk Kathleen Knol said. While he was supervisor, Clark served in a dual role as supervisor and township manager and was paid about \$85,000 a year total. His pay as a consultant will be at the same rate he received for his duties as manager, Knol said.

The township also expects to hire former clerk Gay Konschuh to assist in the transition in the clerk's office, Knol said. Konschuh, who did not run for re-election this year, is expected to be hired as a half-time, temporary deputy clerk at the same rate she was paid as clerk, which was about \$16.50 an hour, Knol said.

The board is expected to vote on the appointment at its Dec. 21 meeting. Konschuh is expected to work through the Washtenaw County Jail millage election on Feb. 22, Knol said. After that, Knol expects to hire a permanent deputy clerk.

In the November election, Democrats challenged the Republicans and took all six board positions for which they ran. Winners included trustee candidates Chuck Ream, James Dries and Jean Ledwith King.

### Conference to look at humanities, disease

The University of Michigan's Institute for the Humanities is hosting an international conference, "Reframing Infectious Disease," Thursday through Saturday to probe the relevance of the humanities to epidemiology, disease models and the global AIDS pandemic.

The institute has assembled panelists from the humanities, anthropology, public policy, public health, medicine, law, journalism, AIDS activism and foundations. The participants' global reach includes Brazil, Canada, Peru, France, South Africa and the United States. A related art exhibition, "AIDS Art/South Africa," from the National Gallery of Art in Cape Town will be on display in the Institute's Osterman Common Room, 0520 Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington St., through Dec. 17.

The event is free and open to the public. All of the panels will take place in the Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. For more information: (734) 936-3518 or go to [www.lsa.umich.edu](http://www.lsa.umich.edu).

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