

Program helps epileptic students prepare for equivalent diploma test

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A new program is being initiated by a Southfield teacher at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit.

The plan concerns the preparation of emotionally and mentally impaired epileptic students for their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED).

Marcey Frishman Auster, who teaches at the Lafayette Clinic, is launching GED within the Neurology School Program on June 1.

"According to Ms. Auster, students are admitted to Lafayette Clinic's Neurology Department for 6-8 weeks, and provided with academic, diagnostic and educational services. They also receive recreational and occupational therapy while their medication is being reviewed and adjusted for the control of seizures.

By doing this, continuity and stability maintain a balance during the students' stay, she said. Depending on the severity of the students' impairments, they are placed into one of three programs—supportive, basic skills-remediation and GED.

The supportive program focuses on students with a fairly normal academic range.

"These students are seen on a supportive basis in connection with the school they came from prior to their hospitalization here," Ms. Auster said. Basic skills-remediation is the second program which, Ms. Auster said, "concentrates on skills below academic level according to chronological age."

THE THIRD and newest program, GED, is devised to assist the student in preparing for the General Equivalency Diploma test.

GED emphasizes five major areas in special preparation until Ms. Auster and her co-worker, Perry Mallette, feel the students (age 18 and over) are ready and confident to take the exam, at which point they are referred to an agency which administers the written test.

The five major areas covered concern natural sciences, general mathematics, social studies and expression. Lower level materials are used to gear the students toward vocational interests that may be reached once they acquire their GED.

GED delineates reading and writing skills as a necessary means of survival for these students. Filling out forms, following traffic signs, selecting products in the supermarket, reading a map and managing money are just a few of the objectives outlined by Ms. Auster and her co-worker to help their students pass the GED exam, and become literate enough to handle themselves as consumers and family members. Because of these and other programs, epileptics are managing to participate more in society.

Interested persons should call the Oakland County Health Division, education office at 424-7068 before June 1 to register for classes.

A written statement from the diabetic's physician is required for attending classes and should be presented at the first class session.

Free classes

A series of six diabetic classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Oakland County Health Division 27725 Greenfield in Southfield.

The classes for adult diabetics and their family members will begin June 15 and finish July 20. Oakland County Health Division sponsors the classes, which are taught by a registered dietitian and a public health nurse.

Topics that will be discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary man-



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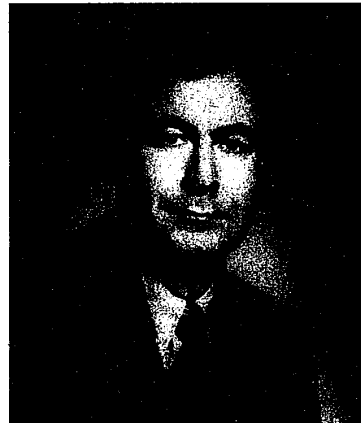
Shamanta Najor, 69, of Southfield died May 14 in Detroit. Mrs. Najor, originally from Iraq, was born September 22, 1909 and had lived in Southfield for eight years as a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Zia, of Southfield; her children, Mike of San Diego, Ramzy of West Bloomfield,

Fred of Southfield, Edsel of Birmingham, Winston of Florida, Mrs. Shirley Abou of Farmington Hills, Fousia of Detroit and Delores of Southfield; her brother, David Abbo of Southfield; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, May 17 at Mother of God Church in Southfield. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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