

'Toxic waste' is topic for LWV open meeting

Management and disposal of toxic materials and hazardous wastes will be discussed by the head of an ecology organization when the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile. John Sobetzer, executive director of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council, will speak to the group.

The meeting is open to all area residents who want to attend and/or participate in the discussion.

Dr. Sobetzer, a University of Michigan graduate and member of Michigan Bar Association's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, has headed EMEAC for the past three years.

In this capacity he is charged with the responsibility to review and prepare commentaries on the rules and regulations promulgated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

His discussion will include an overview of the topic, problems identified in the past and the provisions of recent federal and state legislation designed to insure the quality and safety of the environment.

Oakland County, declared an emergency area by the Michigan Toxic Substance Control Commission, will bene-



Nanette Hough and John Sobetzer work together in East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC).

fit from a \$1.2 million appropriation for toxic waste cleanup. The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan organization that promotes political responsibility through active and informed participation in government.

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Neva Carter, 661-5474.

Be confident Attitude important tool for job seekers, she says

By JACKIE KLEIN
Sheryl Feldman of Southfield says all persons, from housewives to top-



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level executives, should strive to better themselves for the job ahead.

Ms. Feldman, 33, is a communications counselor with her own business, "Executive Images."

"I believe in moving on instead of sitting still worrying about an uncertain future," Ms. Feldman said. "A person whose job is terminated may have fantastic knowledge but feels devastated. There's no reason to call it quits."

Ms. Feldman conducts workshops in verbal, non-verbal and written communication skills, values clarification, goal setting, assertiveness training, decision making, inter/intra personal organization development, employee-employer relations, conflict resolution, discussion techniques and stress management.

During the workshops, she videotapes participants so they can hear how they speak and appeared to others. That helps them decide if they're satisfied with their images.

"Women are competing with men, but they're still women," she said. "Many need help in dressing and their

manner of speaking — a general sprucing up."

"One woman executive in a large corporation gave presentations which went on and on. I helped her streamline her conclusions and she made her point with a lot fewer words."

MANY EXECUTIVES also have limited writing skills, Ms. Feldman said, although they can get by with the help of a well-educated secretary. But some men with top-level positions have trouble writing even letters, memos and intra-company communications.

"I deal with companies and suggest marketing techniques which won't break their financial banks," she said. "These techniques may include helping the boss to be flexible and give employees strokes when they need them. It could be simply learning to function in chaos."

Ms. Feldman said she also counsels women who must go back to work not to be overcome with guilt about leaving their families. Many are more capable of handling work and home responsibilities than they are aware of,

she said. On the other hand, the women's liberation movement has made some women who stay home feel guilty, she said.

"I don't believe woman should be phased out of the job market when they're 50 and older," she said. "They need sprucing up to do things other women want to do and men never ran up against."

"Assertiveness training is an overused concept. They simply need to find their egos, make decisions, use their intuitions and get the job done."

"Decision-making panics people. They may have total control of themselves, but they have zip control over the outcome of their decisions. They need confidence and self-trust and no sitting on the fence."

Ms. Feldman said she doesn't like President Jimmy Carter's presentations and she called the White House hoping to give him some helpful hints. But the secretary informed her the White House was closed.

"There's nothing I won't try," she said.

Art center shows films

The Pontiac Art Center's film series, "The Originals: Women in Art," will feature two films at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 — "Newelson in Process" and "Frankenthaler — Toward a New Climate."

Louise Newelson was in her 40s before she sold a work to anyone other than a fellow artist, and in her 60s before the important art press conceded her stature as one of America's foremost sculptors. In this film Newelson's "process" is dramatically demonstrated on camera as she created two new sculptures.

Henry Frankenthaler is one of the most durable and consistently inventive of contemporary American artists. The film traces the background and evolution of her work. The highlight is a remarkable sequence in which the camera follows the actual creation of a Frankenthaler painting from the mixing of paint to the completion of the canvas.

The Pontiac Art Center is at 47 Williams between Orchard Lake Road and M-59. Tickets for the double feature, are \$3.25. For information, call "33-7849.

Dancers called for marathon

Dancers are needed to join "Dance-A-Thon" Sunday, March 2 on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus. The event is sponsored as a benefit to fight cancer, by American Cancer Society in cooperation with WMJC Radio.

Students from about 200 metropolitan area high schools and junior colleges are expected to dance in the 12 hour marathon to raise funds for the

society's research, education and service programs.

Dancers are encouraged to solicit pledges. Those obtaining pledges of \$95 or more will be eligible to receive a variety of prizes donated by local merchants.

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