

OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

Oakland Kaleidoscope features a roundup of Oakland County news and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Write: Oakland Kaleidoscope, County Editor, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

NEW OFFICERS

Southfield-based Myasthenia Gravis Association has named new officers for the 1995-96 term. They are businessman Gary Weisman of Franklin, president; Ilene N. Montgomery, attorney for Kobi and Associates, Troy, vice president; Victor Coen, attorney for Sommers, Schwartz, Silver, and Schwartz, Royal Oak, secretary; and Realtor-associate Leo Bonner of Coldwell Banker Schwitzer, Bloomfield Hills, treasurer.

STUDY UP

Oakland University in Rochester Hills will offer workshops to prepare for the ACT exam on Saturdays, Nov. 11, 18 and Dec. 2. The next ACT test is Dec. 9. The first workshop meets 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$125. For information, call (810) 370-3120.

JAIL FOR CHARITY

The Birmingham police will nab 74 area business people during the MDA Lockup on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Seegerpeople, a Birmingham photography studio.

With "warrants" in hand, officers will seize the suspects and deliver them to Seegerpeople. Those apprehended will have one hour to call friends, family and business associates for \$1,000 in pledges to MDA in Southfield. Cellulose will donate telephones and phone time to the fund raiser.

Through other local lockups last year, MDA generated more than \$1.1 million for clinics at Children's Hospital in Detroit and the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders in Farmington Hills. To recommend a jailbird to MDA, call (810) 354-0950.

CELEBRATE U.N.

The United Nations Association Oakland County and Detroit chapters will celebrate the sev-

enth annual United Nations Day Celebration, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Southfield Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Building, 2600 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

Keynote speaker James M. Olson, the association's vice president of national programs, will discuss the United Nations' future.

200 LIGHTS UP

A quarter-million twinkling lights will illuminate the Detroit Zoo's Wild Lights exhibit during the holiday season, 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 16 to Dec. 30. The light show includes 50,000 more lights than last year, reports the Royal Oak Zoo. The display is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New figures this year include tigers, penguins, a hummingbird, a jumping frog, an active volcano and a whale. The one-half mile trail starts at the zoo's front entrance, winds through the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum. Trees and shrubs along the path will also be wrapped in lights.

Admission to the zoo is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Parking is free.

ASSIST RESEARCHER

A graduate student in nursing at the University of Michigan is looking for people who've decided to limit treatment of a seriously ill family member confined to a hospital intensive care unit within the last year.

The researcher, Denise Jacob of Bloomfield Hills, says interviews will last about an hour and will be confidential. For information, call Ms. Jacob, (810) 639-7860.

ANGER AND STRESS

The Womencenter of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will hold Saturday workshops on anger and stress Nov. 4 and 11, respectively, in J Building, Room 308. There is a fee. Times are 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 4 and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11.

On Nov. 4, Cynthia Kopplin, a licensed professional counselor, will lead the interactive workshop. On Nov. 11, Amy Tachibana will focus on stress, exploring personal strategies in stress resistance and management.

guled imagery, muscle relaxation, and deep breathing exercises.

To register, call Arlene Frank of OCC at (810) 471-7602.

FLU SEASON

To head off what might be a severe flu season, Visiting Nurse Association based in Waterford said flu vaccinations will be more accessible and more affordable than in past years. The flu shot costs \$10. Medicare B will be billed for shots given to senior citizens.

VNA will provide flu shots at the following Eccentric area locations:

■ Oct. 26 — Farmer Jack, West Bloomfield, 4-7 p.m.

■ Oct. 27 — Farmer Jack, Rochester, 4-7 p.m.

■ Oct. 28 — Farmer Jack, Rochester, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Nov. 2-3 — Kroger, Bloomfield Hills, 4-7 p.m.

■ Nov. 3 — Kroger, Rochester, 4-7 p.m.

■ Nov. 4 — Kroger, Rochester, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Nov. 5-6 — Kroger, Troy, 4-7 p.m.

■ Nov. 11 — Kroger, Farmington, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ WRITER'S CONFERENCE
Oakland University's division

of continuing education and Detroit Women Writers hosts its 34th annual writers' conference at Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28.

Attendees can choose from 36 Saturday workshops led by journalists, authors, editors, playwrights, screenwriters, a poet, an agent and a publisher. The Saturday conference is \$30, plus \$8 for an optional lunch. Manuscripts will be critiqued 1-5 p.m. Friday. The critique fee is \$45.

Registration deadline for the conference is Oct. 18. To have a manuscript critiqued, register by Oct. 13. For a brochure, call con-

tinuing education at (810) 370-3120.

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

Oakland Family Service needs volunteers to join a new program that assists families of the monthly ill. Volunteer options will include home visits, providing transportation, assisting group activities and offering companionship.

For more information, call the respite care program (810) 544-4004.

— compiled by
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ROLL CALL REPORT

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 13

HOUSE

Science Funding: By a vote of 248 for and 161 against, the House passed a bill (HR 2405) authorizing \$21.5 billion in fiscal 1996 for the civilian science activities of seven agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Department of Energy. The bill, which cuts spending by about 12 percent from 1995 levels, embodies the new Republican majority's approach to funding non-military science in times of tight budgets. For example, it combines what had been seven separate bills into a single measure, and it gives priority to basic research while de-emphasizing applied research that could be undertaken by the private sector. Democratic critics said the cuts will hurt domestically in areas such as health and the environment, while benefiting Japan and other foreign competitors that invest more heavily in government-funded research ventures.

Sponsor Robert Walker, R-Pa., said the bill recognizes that "a

strong basic research foundation is essential to the future of our nation" but that "we do not have the luxury, and it is not a wise use of resources, to continue steering taxpayer dollars in the direction of applied research which can and should be market driven and conducted by the private sector."

Opponent George Brown, D-Calif., called the bill "the first installment" in the Republican plan to reduce science spending by 33 percent over five years as part of its balanced budget timetable, adding: "It is ironic that the Republican plan requires that in order to pay for a tax cut, we must sacrifice the very thing that we know leads to long-term economic growth."

A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham. Voting no: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and Lynn Rivers, D-An Arbor.

Global Warming: The House rejected, 199 for and 215 against, an amendment by Democrats to continue an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) research program into the long-term climate changes known as global warming. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would kill the program, leaving global warming research up to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration. Defenders of the new policy said it would eliminate costly EPA-NOAA overlap, while foes said it gives short shrift to the threat posed by slowly rising temperatures.

Amendment supporter Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said "We are talking about taking another step into the realm of anti-science."

How do you stop (the EPA) in its tracks from reducing some of these manmade chemicals that are causing this problem?" Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., said: "Global warming should not be handled in EPA... long-term climate research is something that should be done in NOAA... the (Democratic) amendment would take funding away from all other areas of EPA in order to fund something that it should not be doing."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA's global warming research program. Area representatives voting yes were: Dale Kildee, Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers. Voting no: Joseph Knollenberg.

Indoor Air: By a vote of 195 for and 218 against, the House rejected an amendment to preserve Environmental Protection Agency research into indoor air pollution. The vote occurred during debate on HR 2405 (above) which would end EPA's responsibility in this area and put the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

in charge of indoor air research.

Amendment sponsor Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., said: "Viruses and bacteria that thrive in air ducts have been proven to cause influenza, pneumonia, tuberculosis and dozens of other diseases... Yes, folks, believe it or not, the bill that is before us today would eliminate the EPA's nonregulatory indoor air research program."

Opponent Robert Walker, R-Pa., said: "The American people made a fundamental change in Congress because of some of the lousy policies we passed in the past Congress and, in fact, mandated us to do something towards balancing the budget... We think that one of the ways to do that is by rationalizing what agencies do. EPA is in fact not that place that regulates indoor air, OSHA is."

A yes vote was to preserve EPA research into indoor air pollution. Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Levin and Rivers. Voting no: Knollenberg.

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