

## OAKLAND JOURNAL

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## GRANT PROPOSALS

Ameritech invited employees who serve in leadership roles with non-profit organizations to submit proposals for special cash grants to fund unique programs in the metro Detroit area. The new proposals from employees are rich in programs and activities to help youth, seniors, women, the homeless, minorities and people with disabilities as well as plans for school and community events. Ameritech will give \$100,000 to help nine Detroit-area non-profit groups implement the programs. Among the new ideas selected is a \$9,000 grant to the Detroit Performing Artists to underwrite a special concert choir performance of Mozart's Grand Mass and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms at a Bloomfield Hills Church; a \$15,000 grant to Pontiac-based HAVEN, to recruit and train Ameritech employees to serve as HAVEN volunteers providing assistance to victims of domestic violence; and a \$10,000 grant to sponsor a "Hands on Detroit Day" fund-raiser, when an Ameritech volunteer team and a team of students would take on a community service project.

## FUNDING CHANGES

Oakland Schools is presenting information on changes in the funding of Special Education programs in Oakland County during two open forums. Parents of students with disabilities, school personnel and interested parties are invited to attend either of the two sessions on the Oakland County Special Education Public Act 18 millage. The first session will be hosted by the Pontiac School District Special Education Department from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 11, at the Whitmer Human Resource Center. The second session, hosted by the Southfield Public Schools Special Education Department, will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southfield Education Center. For more information, call Greg Gwizdala, senior project manager, Oakland Schools, at (810) 858-2089.

## DEPRESSION SCREENING

A "Depression Screening Day," will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at Oakland Family Services, 2351 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. This is a free Oakland County service for teenagers, adults and seniors provided by professional consultants. All screenings for depression will be processed with total confidentiality. A video on depression and other handouts will be provided. For information, call Neal Metheny at (810) 644-4004.

## 25 YEARS

"Weaving the Threads of Women's Lives," a celebration of the OCC Womencenter's 25 years, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. The event will be held in the Studio Cafe located in the campus J building. The cost for the evening is \$19.72, representing the year the Womencenter began. Emceed by Dr. Natalie Rice, the program will honor Dr. Mary White, one of the Womencenter's founding mothers. Also featured will be entertainment by the musical group, "Me, Her and Her," a dessert buffet, poetry and prose readings and remembrances of the Womencenter's "herstory." Reservations are required. Call the Womencenter at (810) 471-7602.

## POISON PREVENTION

National Poison Prevention Week is March 16 to 22. All F & M Pharmacies will be distributing phone stickers with the phone number of the Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Stop in for your free sticker at the following F & M Drug Emporium locations: 2105 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 288 John R. Road, Troy; 1260 Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; 31006 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; 29088 Southfield Road, Southfield;

and 30100 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills.

## PISTON TICKETS

Watch the Detroit Pistons take on the Toronto Raptors and donate to a good cause at the same time. Life for Brandon Bone Marrow Donor Registry, a Farmington Hills-based non-profit organization, is selling \$18 Pistons' tickets for \$10 for the game at 7:30 p.m. on March 19, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The tickets are being sold as a fund-raiser. Life for Brandon is a chapter member of the American Bone Marrow Donor Registry, which has access to 1.6 million

donors in the U. S. and around the world. For ticket information, call 1-(800) 7-DONATE.

## SECOND-HAND SALE

The Farmington Area Community Women is sponsoring a "Mom's Second Hand Sale" from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 5, in the Activity Center, formerly the Mercy Center, on 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, (Gate 4, Door A) Farmington Hills. Children's clothes, toys, furniture and maternity items will be featured. Admission is \$1. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds support the Farmington

Emergency Fund. Rent a table for \$25. For information, call (810) 489-0803, or (810) 788-2735.

## YOUTH SERVICE

National Youth Service Day gives 4-H Clubs the opportunity to provide a community service. It will be held Tuesday, April 15. Over 2 million young people in 2,700 communities nationwide will demonstrate their creativity and goodwill by engaging in service. Plan a project in your community, and let the 4-H office know about it. Other clubs may want to help, volunteer at the Pontiac

ac mural painting project, or other 4-H service projects. The "National Youth Service Day tool kit" is available in the 4-H office to help plan your project. To register projects or volunteers, call Christy at (810) 858-0890.

## ART COMPETITION

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township) launched an art competition for high school students in the 11th Congressional District of Michigan, which includes Oakland

County. The contest is part of "An Artistic Discovery," the 16th annual art competition sponsored by the House of Representatives and designed to recognize the creative talents of young Americans across the nation. First-place winners' works will be displayed in a national exhibit at the U. S. Capitol. The contest is open to all high school students who attend 11th Congressional District High Schools. Artwork must be an original concept.

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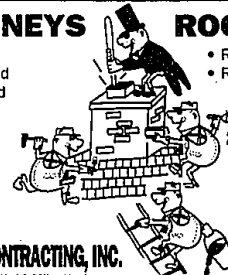
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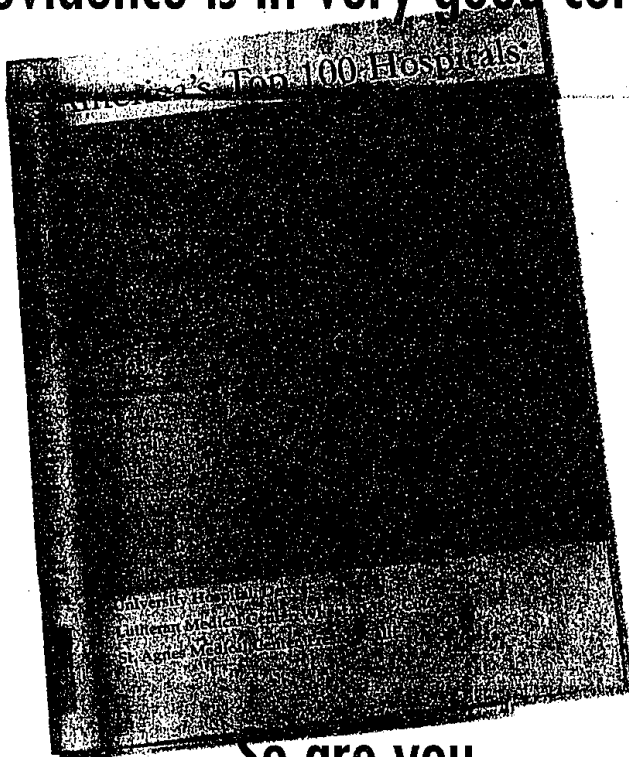
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