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MAYORS EXCHANGE

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi and his wife, Karen, are among honorary event chairs for the second annual Mayors' Scholarship Ball benefiting The United Negro College Fund. The black-tie event takes place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at The Atheneum Suite Hotel in Detroit's Greektown. Other chairs include Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Judge Trudy DunCombe Archer and Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore and his wife, Daisy. Civic, corporate and government leaders will come together with one goal: to endure the doors to higher education remain open for a talented and economically challenged population of aspiring young students. Once again, $50,000 has been earmarked from the ball for scholarships for metro students entering UNCF member institutions. Since its founding in 1944, the United Negro College Fund has raised $1 billion in support of students attending a consortium of 39 private, historically black colleges and universities, which have graduated 250,000. For tickets: (313) 965-5550.

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

The League of Women Voters - Oakland Area is presenting a luncheon and program on "Assisted Suicide — the Debate Continues." The program, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, will feature Dr. Edward C. Pierce of Merian's Friends and Dr. Walter Hunter from Hospice of Michigan. Doors open at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 North Woodward in **Bloomfield Hills**, at noon followed by a box lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the program at 1 p.m. To register, send a $10 check to Margo Polidori, 30525 Timberbrook Lane, **Bingham Farms** 48025. For more information call Polidori at (248) 540-4031 or Dorothy Conrad at (248) 649-6804.

SPRING ARBOR CLASSES

Students interested in bachelor's degree completion programs may now register for fall and winter classes at Spring Arbor College - Troy Office, 667 E. Big Beaver Road, Suite 111, **Troy**. To be considered, students must have a minimum of 60 transferable credits. All programs meet once a week for four-hour sessions. Each program includes internships or independent study projects in the community. Students may earn as many as 30 college credits for life learning experience. Programs are offered in family life education, beginning Sept. 9; management and organization development, beginning Thursday, Oct. 9; management of health services, Tuesday, Feb. 3; management of health promotion, Tuesday, Feb. 24. For more information call the college at (800) 298-8930. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Be a positive adult role model for a child, age 5 to 16, in need of a one-to-one mentor. To learn how to become a mentor, join **Oakland County** Youth Assistance from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Oakland County Courthouse (north entrance), 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac 48341. For more information, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041.

ZOO WALK

The Detroit Zoological Society and the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association are sponsoring Run Wild, a 5K run or a 1 mile non-competitive walk at the **Oakland County**-based zoo at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. A body aerobics team will lead a pre-race warm up at 8:20 a.m. Proceeds support veterinary equipment for the Detroit Zoo Hospital. The 5K run is a flat course around the outside of the zoo and through Huntington Woods; the 1 mile walk is inside the zoo. Entry fees for the run are $15 for an individual or $12 each for families of three or more on or before Sept. 12; $17 individual or $14 each for families on or before Sept. 18; and $20 each on race day. Registration begins at 7 a.m. For the 1-mile walk, entry fees are $10 individual or $8 each for families of three or more on or before Sept. 12; $12 for an individual or $10 each for families of three or more on or before Sept. 18; and $15 each on race day. Entrants may register by faxing (248) 641-2489. Checks and credit cards are accepted, but no credit cards are accepted on race day. Entrants will receive a T-shirt; trophies will be presented tot he top three finishers in each category of the run and a raffle will be held. The zoo is open at 10 a.m. 362 days a year, and it is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Regular admission is $7.50 for adults; $5.50 for senior adults age 62 and older and students; $4.50 for children ages 2 to 12; and free for children under age 2.

DOG RESCUE CONFERENCE

The fourth annual state-wide conference for anyone involved with or interested in pet rescue will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial Road, on Sunday, Sept. 21. The day-long event will feature a variety of speakers addressing issues of pure and mixed-breed dog rescue. Speakers include Ron Fischer, director of Canine Behavior Consultants in **Farmington**. Following the educational sessions, the annual membership meeting of the Michigan Purebred Dog Rescue Alliance will be held at the site.

MANUSCRIPTS CRITIQUED

Manuscripts and poetry will be accepted for critique through Wednesday, Oct. 1, by the Detroit Women Writers for the 36th annual writers' conference, set for Oct. 17-18, at **Oakland University** in Rochester Hills. Fee is $48 for individual critique, $38 for workshop critique. Both will be conducted on Friday, Oct. 18. For submission guidelines, for a brochure or to register, call the College of Arts and Sciences Continuing Education Department at (248) 370-3125 or E-mail gjboddy@oakland.edu. On Saturday, 40 concurrent sessions will cover all types of writing and how to deal with agents and publishers. Featured speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Betty A. Prashker, executive vice president and editor at large of the Crown Publishing Group.

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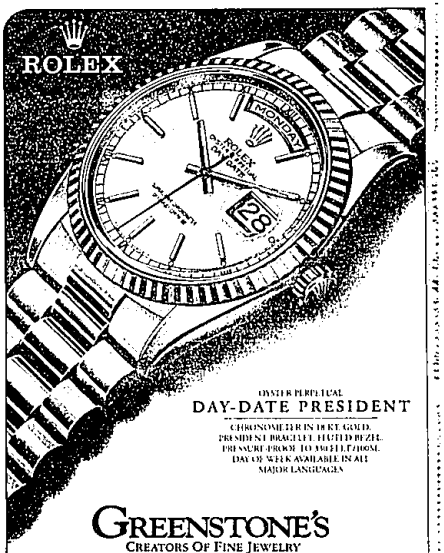

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