

OAKLAND JOURNAL

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MAKING OF A PARADE

Dennis Carnevale of the Parade Company will discuss the making of the America's Thanksgiving Parade at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the Macomb Room of the Southfield Public Library, Civic Center at Evergreen. There is no charge, but preregistration is requested by calling (248) 948-9170.

CLOTHING, FOOD DRIVE

A clothing and food drive to benefit the Pontiac Rescue Mission is being held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Northwood Plaza, 13 Mile and Woodward. The drive is being sponsored by the Greater Detroit Association of Life Underwriters. The mission provides shelter for the homeless and has a rehabilitation facility.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 years and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service organizations and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. For further information and assistance in finding the right volunteer spot, contact Edna Thoms at (248) 569-1147.

PROBATE COURT SEMINAR

Oakland County Probate Court Citizens Alliance is providing a

free seminar on Removing the mysteries of the Probate Court from 1:30-3 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Oakland County Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph. For more information, call (248) 858-0053.

HUNGER ACTION

The Hunger Action Coalition, a state-wide grass roots advocacy and service organization, will celebrate its 20th anniversary from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette off E. Jefferson. Keynote speaker is newly appointed USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Affairs, Shirley Watkins. For tickets, call (313) 963-7788.

EPILEPSY

"Managing Life & Epilepsy" is the theme for the Epilepsy Center of Michigan's 1997 fall conference, beginning with a reception from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, (\$15), and full day of educational sessions Saturday, Nov. 8, (\$60 includes continental breakfast and lunch) at the Novi Hilton in Novi. Call Bob at (248) 311-2102, Ext. 215 for reservations.

THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

A Thanksgiving festival is being presented in conjunction with The United Way and The Food Bank of Oakland County from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Hilton Hotel, 1-75 and Crooks Road in Troy. Admission is a \$1 donation to The United Way or a can of non-perishable food for The Food Bank of Oakland County. Present will be crafts, sculptures, woodwork, floral arrangement, ceramics, jewelry and more.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Oakland County Community Mental Health is calling for entries for Shadows and Light: First Annual CMH Consumer Exhibition of Art and Writing, a juried exhibit of work by current and former CMH consumers. The exhibit will be held at the

Executive Office Building Galleria at the Oakland County complex in January 1998. In addition to two- and three-dimensional artworks, CMH seeks poetry and prose on themes related to any aspect of mental health and/or recovery. Artwork will be selected by Susanna Dolan Manji, a local artist and psychiatric nurse. Written work will be selected by Kristin Palm, CMH Community Education specialist, journalist and poet. Entry forms are available at the CMH Building, 38 East, at the county complex, 1200 North Telegraph, by calling (248) 858-1562, or by sending e-mail to palmk@co.oakland.mi.us. Deadline for entries is Nov. 15.

PENNIES-A-POINT

Grant Hill and the Detroit Pistons will again team up with Oakland County Special

Olympics for the "Pennies-A-Point" program for the 1997-98 season. The program entails pledging pennies (one cent, five cents or 10 cents) for every point that Grant Hill scores for regular season games. Pledge proceeds go to Oakland County Special Olympics for training, competition, uniforms, equipment and other costs throughout the year. Pledge cards are available at the Special Olympics office by calling (248) 674-4924. Oakland County Special Olympics offers 18 year-round sports for children and adults with mental retardation.

TWYKAA CLASSES

Parents can learn how best to influence their children's decisions about alcohol and other issues by taking Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol classes, a nationally recognized program on what to say and how to say it.

Classes are free and sponsored by Waterford SAFE Center for Prevention Education for Oakland County Parents and Families and AAA Michigan. For specific class information, call (248) 674-6345. Classes are offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 11, at Susick Elementary School, 2200 Castleton, Troy; 9:30 a.m. to noon or 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, at the Rochester Administration Building, 501 W. University Drive, Parker Room-second floor, Rochester; and 9:30 a.m. to noon or 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed by St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland, with openings in the gift shop, surgical lounge among other areas.

Call the hospital at (248) 858-3035 to set up an appointment for a November orientation. The hospital is located at 900 Woodward Avenue just north of Square Lake Road.

TEACHERS HONORED

Observer & Eccentric area teachers receiving Metro Parent Magazine's Outstanding Teacher Awards are Russell Facione, Birmingham Covington; Jackie Klugman, Orchard Lake Middle School (West Bloomfield); Kitty Sweitzer, Westmaple Nursery School (Birmingham); John Swartz, Detroit County Day (Evelly Hills). Each teacher is honored at a luncheon and receives a gold pendant and a custom-designed field trip to a metropolitan Detroit museum.

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2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
3010 W. Walton Blvd.

Bloomfield
Thursday, October 30
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
3900 Telegraph Rd.

Livonia
Wednesday, November 5
9:30 a.m.
at Bill Knapp's
16905 S. Laurel Park Dr.

South Livonia
Wednesday, November 5
2 p.m.
at Bill Knapp's
32935 Plymouth Rd.

Farmington Hills
Thursday, November 6
9:30 a.m.
36650 Grand River Ave.
Thursday, November 6
2 p.m.
27925 Orchard Lake Rd.

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Campaign bill passes Senate

It was an innocent-sounding campaign government bill, but Sen. Robert Geake needed nearly a 60-vote line vote to get it through the upper chamber.

"Campaigning too close to voting places is currently outlawed, but many people are unaware of the law," Geake said. His "Clean Election Bill" requires that signs be posted at all polling places saying what activities aren't allowed on election day.

In addition, election officials would be required to inspect polling places during the day to ensure the signs remain posted.

Geake, R-Northville, said he had first-hand accounts from volunteer poll watchers in 1996 on people handing out leaflet and fliers, campaign buttons and hats being displayed inside the polls "and even a big-screen television broadcasting political advertisements while people were voting."

His SB 567 passed 22-14 with support from one Macomb County Democrat and 21 Republicans. Opposed were 14 Democrats.

Senate minority leader John Cherry, D-Clio, whose district includes northern Oakland County, said Geake's bill would

violate the Michigan Constitution's free speech amendment by requiring a local clerk's service without paying for it.

"Nearly every candidate I've ever met, nearly every campaign worker I've ever talked to, is aware that within 100 feet of the polling place, you are not to campaign. Now there are times when people get over-enthusiastic... but I don't believe that a sign is going to cause them to refrain from doing that," said Cherry.

Conroy objected to a provision in Geake's bill allowing a challenger to pick up violative campaign materials. "Why in the world do you want the challenger to do the work of the clerk or the clerk's designee?"

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