#### **OAKLAND JOURNAL**

Gakland Journal is a roundup of Oakland County news and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Please write: Oakland Journal, clo Oakland County editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

#### CRAFTERS NEEDED

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Oakland Community College's
Highland Lakes Compus, 7350

Cooley Lake Road in Waterford,
is inviting crafters to participate
in the Twigs & Sprigs Country

Craft Show scheduled from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday,

March 28.

#### FAMILY SPORTS SPECTACULAR

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A family sports spectacular to
benefit the Child Abuse and
Neglect Council of Oakland
County is scheduled from 1-4
p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the
Troy Sports Center, Big Beaver
and John R. Tickets are \$10 per
person or \$50 for a family of six.
Admission includes skating,
skate rental, soccer, food, entertainment and treats. For more
information, call Doris at (248)
332-7173. Ext. 202.

Mom's Second Hand Sale, span-sored by the Farmington Area Community Women, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 4 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center located at 11 Mile Rond between Middlebelt and Inskter. Children's clothes, toys, maternity items and much more will be available. There is a

#### JEWISH SINGLES MISSION

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Singles agea 25-40 are invited to
join an informational meeting at
7 p.m. April 6 at Moosejaw
Mountaineering, 34288 Woodward, Birmingham, for the 1998
United Jeewish Appeal Summer
Singles Mission to Israel. The
trip, with others from throughout the U.S. from July 8-19,
includes parties, jeep rides in the
Golan, tubing down the Jordan,
a Shabbae mission or the meeting, call Mare Borke at the federation at (248) 203-1458.

#### **QUILT CELEBRATION**

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The Oakland County Quilt
Guild at the Western Wall and
visits to religious and historic
sites. For details about th presents it's 1998 Quilt Celebration.
A quilt exhibit and content will
be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on
Friday, April 17 at Lutheran
High School Northwest, located
on Livernois, south of M-59. A

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## merchants mall, refreshments, workshops and lectures will also be featured. Admission is \$5.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

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Free wood chips for yard beautification projects will be available for pick-up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. en April 25, May 23, June 27, July 26, Aug. 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31 at the Orion Oaks County Park. Residents must bring their own shovels, wheelbarrows and buckets and can enter from the Clarkston Road entrance. For more information, call (248) 858-0906 or 1-888-OCPARKS.

#### USED COSTUME SALE

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Hundreds of period costumes,
modern and vintage clothes, fabries and accessorite will be available at Meadow Brook Theutre's
costume sale from 10 a.m. to 2
p.m. on Saturday, Mpy 2. Prices
range from 50 cents to \$50. The
theatre is located on the ampus
of Oakland University near the
corner of Squirrel and Walton
Blvd.

#### SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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The Oakland County Retired
and Senior Volunteer Program
(RSVP) seeks volunteers 65
years and older to become
involved with community agencies that need assistance. Opportumities are available at schools,
hospitals, libraries, human service agencies and cultural institutions throughout Oakland
County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability
insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a
difference. For more information,
all Kimberly Thomas at (248)
569-1147.

#### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

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Heartland Hospice in Southfield is looking for volunteers to provide services to terminally ill patients and their families.
Tasks include home visits, phone calls, errands, companionehip and general office work. Those interested will receive training in areas of death and grief, communication skills, care and comfort measures, stress management and understanding the disease process. To learn more or volunteer for this rewarding experience, call Volunteer Coordinator Kim Davids at (248) 948-1019.

# PHOTO EXHIBIT HOSTS NEEDED

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Host the Oakland County Parks
photo exhibit and bring the
excitement and natural beauty
of 11 county parks to businesses,
community centers, schools and
other locations. For more information or to reserve the photo
exhibit, call (248) 858-1086.

### Teachers press for bilingual education

Teachers and parents from Southfield, Pontiac and Detroit have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in pub-

counsein, ronne and before have started an upfill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidahl DeCesare told the House Education Committee this month. There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasmia Kassab, a Southfield mother wearing a Vandenberg School sweathirt, credited bilingual classes for teaching her English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan Houlversity faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual teaching as a precious resource—they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks.

"We don't want that money (\$4.2 million from the state in the last year of the program). We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the stick (state mandate)."

tates,"
Bilingual education means
teaching pupils in their native
language for three years or until
their English proficiency is great

enough to allow mainstreaming. Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as pos-

sible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget. The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilinguismistraction.

Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Mortha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to rostore bilingual instruction.

There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons. There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this, she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more childron or "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program. If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a countywide program. Education chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, took testimeny but hash't scheduled a vote.

Committee members prodded Professor Noda about costs. "If we mandate it," said Rep. James McNutt, R-Midland, 'we have to fund it."

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Noda said "nebulous esti-

mates" placed the number of cligible students at 56,000 to 75,000 etatewide. At \$289 per pupil, the minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.
Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico, "I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset. "Many waiters (in foreign countries) can speak three or more languages,"

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

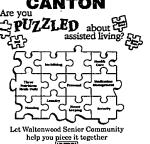
the road.

No one spoke against the bill

a sign that many education
lobbyists saw no need to fight a
bill that probably isn't going

Refer to House bill 4196 when writing to your state representa-tive, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.





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