



The 20-mile March of Dimes Walk-a-thon Sunday in Pontiac has 11 check points for marchers to verify their mileage.

## March of Dimes walk set Sunday

The third annual Oakland County March of Dimes Walk-a-thon will begin Sunday at 8 a.m. with registration at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Former Lion great and Notre Dame All-American Nick Eddy will be the honorary chairman for the event, pinch-hitting for Bill Freehan, the Oakland chapter's regular chairman. Freehan will be playing in Minnesota this weekend.

Eddy will be on hand when registration begins and will sign autographs and talk to participants before they begin their 20-mile trek at 9 a.m.

As in the past, the hike begins and ends at the courthouse. Spaced along the route are 11 check point/rest stops, where marchers must

## Art unit seeking \$1.1 million fund

The Michigan Joint Legislative Committee on the Arts will hold public hearing Friday and Monday on proposals to provide \$1.1 million funding to major art institutions and to improve the status of the arts in Michigan.

The first hearing will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in the Michigan Court of Appeals Auditorium, Room 900, in the First Federal Building in Detroit.

The second hearing will begin at 1 p.m. Friday in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Auditorium, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The third hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Highway Building auditorium in Lansing.

Sen. Jack Faxon, committee chairman, said the committee is seeking public comment on a pro-

## IRS orders tax relief for disabled

Tax relief for disabled pensioners has been ordered by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Rep. Robert Huber (R-18) said.

Huber expressed "pleasure but not surprise" at the IRS policy after he introduced legislation to aid the disabled pensioner reaching retirement age.

Sick-pay exclusions of up to \$100 per week now will be permitted for medically retired workers up to mandatory retirement age, Huber said. In the past, the IRS would not permit such deductions after a taxpayer reached the earliest possible eligibility for retirement.

The change came because "the IRS has been faced with both Congressional concern and a number of adverse court decisions," Huber said.

HUBER EMPHASIZED he felt the battle for fairer tax treatment for the aged disabled pensioner was only half won, however.

"Unless the IRS now offers to stop excluding the tax deduction for sick pay when a taxpayer reaches the mandatory retirement age, I will continue to push for legislation to keep him from losing his disabled tax status because of advancing years," Huber said.

The new IRS ruling is retroactive, Huber added. Those denied the sick pay exclusion in 1970, 1971 or 1972 because of the "early retirement" ruling by the IRS may file an amended income tax return for those years to claim the deduction.

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