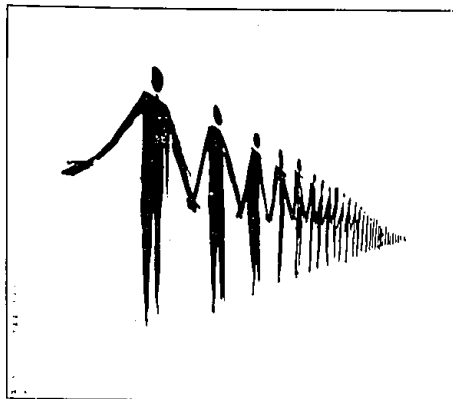


Human peace chain will link 2 armories



Church bells will ring all over the tri-county area as thousands of residents form a human chain Saturday linking two military armories in metropolitan Detroit.

During the peaceful silent "action," they will join hands at noon for eight minutes in a Survival Line along Eight Mile Road.

The display of "unity for peace and justice" will connect the Light Guard Armory on Detroit's east side with the Artillery Armory on the west side in Oak Park.

EIGHT MINUTES is the time organizers predict it would take for the first nuclear weapons to reach the United States or the Soviet Union.

"We want to focus on war and peace issues before the election," explained Fred Miller of the organizing Detroit Area Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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Participants are being urged to "Vote as if Your Life Depended on it" Nov. 6.

ORGANIZERS OF the Survival Line hope 10,000 residents will turn out for the event designed to encourage people to think about peace as the election approaches.

The event is calling for an immediate bilateral U.S.-U.S.S.R. nuclear weapons freeze, an end to military intervention in Central America and a reordering of U.S. spending priorities to meet human needs and secure jobs.

Miller said it is not a protest against the Michigan National Guard. "The armories are just symbols for us. That's clear to them and, I hope, clear to everyone else."

COORDINATED BY Detroit Area Nuclear Weapons Freeze, about 75 area groups have pledged 4,000 people to participate.

Participants will include members of Ad Hoc Oakland County Women for Mondale-Ferraro, Oakland Community College Women's Center in Farmington Hills, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, South Oakland and North Oakland Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Grey Panthers Metro North, Peace and Na-

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tional Priorities Center of Oakland County, New Jewish Agenda, Farmington Chapter Older Women's League, and Western Wayne County Freeze.

THE EVENT follows nationwide peace activities last weekend. This area's "action" was put off until Saturday because of the World Series activity.

"We knew the Tigers were going to win so we planned around it," said Miller. "Chicago had a big event last weekend. They must have known the Cubs weren't going to win."

While preparing for the Survival Line, organizers met with city councils of the neighboring cities of Detroit, Ferndale, Oak Park and Royal Oak

Township. They also discussed their plans with police departments of those cities.

"Safety was on everyone's mind. They were concerned about traffic and access to area businesses," said Miller. "But we were able to work everything out."

RAIN OR SHINE, the Survival Line will run 6 1/2 miles along Eight Mile from just east of Greenfield to just east of Ryan. Traffic will be allowed to travel along Eight Mile during the peace action.

There will be singing before and after the event. Area churches are being asked to ring bells during the silent eight-minute Survival Line.

Oakland warned on toxic wastes

A housewife concerned about contaminated water is urging Oakland County commissioners to look into toxic waste sites.

Appearing before the board Thursday, Judith White asked the county to help clean up known sites.

"This is a serious problem that affects us all," said the Orion Township resident, telling the board there are 33 to 35 toxic waste sites in the county.

"Prevention to me is the cheapest method," she said. "To me a wise dollar now will see a reversal and the situation will be reversed."

WHITE AND TWO friends, both Lake Angelus housewives, started looking into toxic waste sites two years ago. They were spurred by plans for a toxic incinerator in their area.

Their concerns about that project led them to look into the issue of toxic waste being dumped in Oakland County.

They found several waste sites in a two-square-mile area of Avon Township at Rochester and Dequindre roads.

Other areas the state recognizes as contaminated are in Rose Township, Lyons Township and Springfield Township.

"THERE ARE cities in Oakland County where you shouldn't drink the water," said White, a registered nurse.

The three women have talked with state and federal officials about their concerns.

Last spring they addressed the planning and building committee. They also presented county commissioners maps showing waste sites in the county and in their commission districts.

"So many people just don't know what the situation is," said White, who has gained an education herself through the investigations.

"It's a whole new field."

Senior health fair slated

A Health Fair for Seniors will be presented from 10 to 2 Saturday, Oct. 20, at the University of Michigan's Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall Street, Ann Arbor.

"The Health Fair will introduce Turner's expanded program for older adults to seniors and their families and friends by offering free medical screenings for blood pressure, anemia and diabetes, and eye and ear exams," according to Ruth Campbell, a social worker at the clinic.

"In addition, influenza vaccinations will be avail-

able for \$2.50."

The fair will have representatives from more than 25 community agencies that provide services to older people. In addition, nutritional counseling will be available, a pharmacist will be on hand to answer questions about medications, and U-M specialists in geriatric medicine will discuss arthritis at 11 a.m. and osteoporosis (brittle bones) at 1 p.m.

Health education films, such as one on the U-M Continence Program, will be shown throughout the day.

Retirement planning

A three-session workshop on "Retirement: A Life Transition" will begin at 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, in Birmingham Community House.

Presented by Oakland University's Continuum Center, the sessions will include financial planning, personal adjustment of values and decision making, and health maintenance with emphasis on stress management.

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