

**around Oakland**

**TIA retrains older drivers**

The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County will continue its series of senior driver retraining workshops through September, thanks to federal aid received through the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Workshops have been scheduled at the following locations: Oak Park Senior Center today and tomorrow, May 18 and 19; Royal Oak Senior Community Center May 25 and 26; Troy Community Center June 7 and 8; Booth School in Birmingham June 12 and 13; Madison Heights Senior Citizens Center June 22 and 23; Lake Orion Senior Center July 10 and 11; Farmington Hills City Hall July 17 and 18; and the Waterford Senior Center Aug. 24 and 25.

Additional workshops are being scheduled, and TIA welcomes inquiries from organizations interested in hosting the program.

"Over 350 senior citizens have already participated in the workshop," said Carol Tomczak, TIA's coordinator, "and we want to make the program available to as many seniors as possible. In addition to learning strategies to compensate for their changing abilities and becoming more confident drivers, many workshop graduates are eligible for multi-year discounts on their automobile insurance premiums."

The workshops include AARP's 55 Alive/Mature Driving, as well as the opportunity for skills evaluation. No records scores are maintained, and workshop results have no bearing on driver's licenses.

"Our goal is simply to help older drivers continue to drive for as long and as safely as possible," states Tomczak.

People 50 and older are eligible to participate. Advance registration and a \$7 workshop fee are required. For information, call TIA at 334-4971.

**How women build careers**

A special conference for women in the process of building careers has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20, on the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College.

The one-day program, titled "Ca-

reer Connection Conference," runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Advanced Technology Center on the campus. The \$15 fee includes brunch.

Sharon Newman, a finalist for teacher-astroaut and a Bloomfield Hills School District teacher, will share how to overcome difficult times so personal and career lives may progress at the desired speed.

Women of all ages who are seeking their first job, returning to school, facing career and life transitions, or sharpening their career skills will hear from, and be able to question, professionals in business, industry, education and social services. Discussions will focus on how others are making it and the numerous opportunities offered through nontraditional careers.

During the brunch, strategies to balance career and family needs, educational and training resources, and occupation trends and career flexibility will be discussed.

To register, phone 853-4241.

The Auburn Hills Campus of OCC is at 4200 Featherstone, Auburn Hills, just two miles east of the Pontiac Silverdome.

**Couples' seminar**

Experts agree the greatest resource in a relationship is good communication; the most valuable gift, time together.

Oakland University's Continuum Center will offer a personal growth opportunity for couples in a three-hour uninterrupted experience, "Communication For Couples."

Communications Specialists Barbara Halpern and George Kniga will present an introspective workshop in which participants candidly examine their marriage or relationship and explore ways to refresh and renew their strengths as a couple. Topics covered included the many aspects of communication such as feelings, listening, body language, clarity and points of view.

The seminar will be presented 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 19, at University Presbyterian Church, 1385 South Adams Road, Rochester. The fee is \$40 per couple.

To register by phone with MasterCard.

ISA call 370-3033. The Continuum Center is part of the Oakland University School of Human and Educa-

tional Services and specializes in programs of personal enrichment and professional development.

**Financial planning at OU**

The Personal Financing Program, offered by OU's Division of Continuing Education and School of Business Administration, is accepting registrations for its summer term, starting Monday, May 22, on the campus near Rochester. OU's FFP Program, designed to provide the breadth of knowledge and expertise now required of professionals in the financial services industry, combines conceptual and theoretical information with practical financial planning approaches, according to program director Gloria Boddy.

Persons who complete OU's certificate program are prepared to expand or begin a career in financial planning. Enrollees also may sit for the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exam.

The fee for each course is \$245, with a \$15 one-time only enrollment fee. A special HP-12C Calculator course is available for \$75.

For a brochure and/or to register, call 370-3120 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

**Make a Wish fund-raiser set**

The Oakland County Chapter of Credit Unions is holding a fundraiser car wash on Saturday, May 20 in support of the Make-A-Wish Program of Michigan. The car wash will take place at 3070 Normandy, Royal Oak, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan was started in 1984 to fulfill the personal wishes of children 17 years of age and under who suffer from a terminal or life-threatening illness. The Foundation also seeks to provide an emotional uplift to families who know too well the realities of living with and loving a critically ill child.

This year the Oakland County Chapter of Credit Unions is sponsoring a 7-year-old Oakland County boy

named Brian as the recipient of the Make-A-Wish Program. Brian's wish is to visit Disney World with his fam-

ily. Proceeds from the car wash will go toward making his wish come true.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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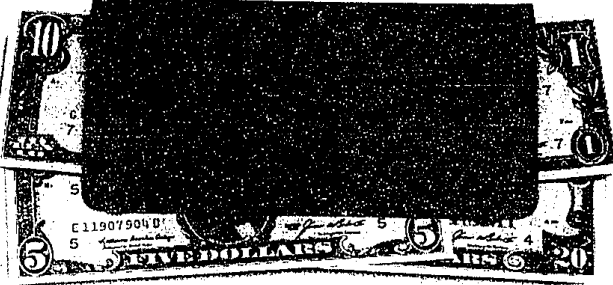
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