Easter Seals desperate for holiday volunteers

The Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan is seeking volunteers to present its "Hop-N-Ing" program to children in area schools.

The volunteers would give a talk to the kids about disabilities and the people who have them. Then the kids hop up and down for three minutes and collect pledges for Easter Seals based on the number of

Seas based on the number of hops. Easter Seals personnel ore desperate for volunteers and may have to turn down schools that are eager to participate, due to a lack of available staff members. Volunteers may call Brende at (810) 338-0626.

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Early out lures 244 county workers

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The incredibly shrinking Oakland County government has just
signed up 244 of 1½ 4,000 employees for early retirement by offering bigger pensions than usual.
Bob Dustmen, the spokesmen
for Executive Brocks Patterson,
said they're hoping to replace no
more than 75 percent of the retirees, first by calling back about
100 laid off workers, then by hiring. The anticipated savings to
taxpayers is 3 million.
The overall idea is to cut costs
in all aspects of county government because the money ian't
coming in like it used to, Recent

property assessment freezes and declining returns on investments have pushed most Michigan local governments into tight financial situations.

Oskland County's early-out program offered employees a pension 10 percent larger than they could have received otherwise. For example, a retiree earning \$98,000 a year could get a pension of \$45,000 a year instead of \$41,000. Among the biggest contributors of retirees is the county Drain Commission Office, where 52 employees were eligible and 35 have elected to retire, including Bob Fredericks, the chief deputy drain commissioner since 1976. The

salaries of all 35 retirees add up to more than \$2 million.

"This brain drain is quite awe some and it seriously cripples our overall operation," said Drain Commissioner George Kuh. Public Works, Kuhn ultimately Come Jan. 1, 1994, we won't be operating on all eight cylinders, but more likely on four until we get reorganized and up to speed in the shortest possible time."

Asked if the retirements will delay or prolong any projects, Kuhn ssid, "We're not changing any of the scheduling or the process of things going on."

At the same time, Kuhn is still reorganizing a Drain Office that recently acquired the Water and





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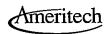


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