

OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

Oakland Kaleidoscope features a roundup of Oakland County news and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Write: Oakland Kaleidoscope, County Editor, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

NEW OFFICERS Southfield-based Myasthenia Gravis Association has named new officers for the 1995-96 term. They are businessman Gary Weisman of Franklin, president; Glenn N. Montgomery, attorney for Kobl and Associates, Troy, vice president; Victor Coen, attorney for Sommers, Schwartz, Silver and Schwartz, Royal Oak, secretary; and Realtor-associate Leo Bonner of Coldwell Banker Schwelzer, Bloomfield Hills, treasurer.

AWARD COMPOSTERS Master composers who volunteer for various Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) education programs were honored Oct. 6 during an awards ceremony. Local composers recognized for long-term contributions were Shirley Denman, Huntington Woods; Jan Zikakis, Troy, and Wanda Metzler, Insa Rippen and Nancy Johnson, all of Birmingham. SOCRRA's highest honor, the volunteer excellence award, went to Dick Gadsoua of Ferndale, who's volunteered more than 65 hours to SOCRRA in 1995.

HONOR CHAMBERLAIN Camp Oakland based in Oxford presented the Carolyn Mur-

phy Distinguished Service Award to Calvin Chamberlain, a Bloomfield Hills resident and longtime Camp Oakland volunteer. Chamberlain, a longtime Oakland County Realtor, has been on Camp Oakland's executive board since 1978. He's currently chairman of the camp's building and grounds committee.

FLU SEASON Southfield-based what might be a severe flu season, Visiting Nurse Association based in Waterford said flu vaccinations will be more accessible and more affordable than in past years. The flu shot costs \$10. Medicare B will be billed for shots given to senior citizens. VNA will provide flu shots at the following Eccentric area locations:

- Nov. 2-3 - Kroger, Bloomfield Hills, 4-7 p.m.
Nov. 3 - Kroger, Rochester, 4-7 p.m.
Nov. 4 - Kroger, Rochester, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Nov. 5-6 - Kroger Troy, 4-7 p.m.
Nov. 11 - Kroger, Farmington, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

YOUNG COUNTRY THEATRY WYCD-FM (99.5) in Southfield wants listeners age 12 and younger to create the station's 1995 Young Country greeting card. Use crayons, markers and plenty of imagination, the station says. Winners will be announced Nov. 10.

Judges will select four winning cards to use for WYCD's holiday correspondence. Winning artists will earn a pizza party for their

class and a surprise guest visit to their classroom. Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 4 and mailed to WYCD 99.5 FM, Young Country, 20555 Evergreen, Suite 676, Southfield, MI 48076. Attn: 1995 Holiday Card Contest. Entries can also be dropped off at the Downriver Studio, 2955 Biddle, Wyandotte, MI. Hours are 1-5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

STRAIGHT TALK "On-Going Custody Fight: What Happens When The Laws Don't Work?" is the focus of an upcoming Straight Talk to air at midnight Sunday, Nov. 5 on Channel 60.

Oakland residents are invited to join the studio audience, 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at WKBD studios, 26905 W. 11 Mile Road, Southfield. Reservations, call (810) 555-7089.

REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISER Oakland County Young Republicans will host a first-ever Trunks and Tails silent auction and formal dinner fund-raiser, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Troy Marriott, at I-75 and Big Beaver. The auction runs 7-9 p.m. Dinner is at 8:15 p.m.

The auction will feature items donated by Republican supporters such as Gov. John Engler, U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, Charlton Heston and William F. Buckley. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$60 for OCRY members. For information, call (800) GOP-OCYR.

CHOCOLATE JUBILEE The Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Chapter in Southfield

will host the 10th annual Chocolate Jubilee Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn. A noon luncheon will be followed by the chocolate tasting event featuring gourmet treats from more than 35 premier restaurants and "chocolatiers."

Amnye Malunde, news anchor for Southfield-based WKBD-TV (Channel 60) is this year's chair. Richard Whitmer, president and CEO for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, is honorary chair. Broadcaster Sonny Elliot will be master of ceremonies for the luncheon preceding the jubilee. More than 25 local celebrities will help support the association's mission to fight Alzheimer's Disease and raise funds for research.

The Detroit Medical Center will sponsor the Patron Lunch. Tickets start at \$125 each and include admission to the jubilee. William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, will sponsor the Chocolate Jubilee from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Admission to the chocolate tasting is \$50. For information, call (810) 557-8277.

The National Alzheimer's Association recently awarded the Detroit chapter a first-place Excellence in Program award for its annual Chocolate Jubilee fundraiser. More than 90 percent of the money raised through Chocolate Jubilee goes to Alzheimer's support programs and services.

AAWW MEETS The American Association of University Women-Oakland Branch will meet Monday, Nov. 27, at the Salvation Army Hall, 3015 N. Main, Royal Oak. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Academy

Award winning screenwriter Kurt Luedtke will speak at 8 p.m. Dinner is \$10.50, but there's no charge for the program. For dinner reservations, call (810) 282-2131 or (810) 740-8049.

STUDY UP Oakland University in Rochester Hills will offer workshops to prepare for the ACT exam on Saturdays, Nov. 11, 18 and Dec. 2. The next ACT test is Dec. 9. The first workshop meets 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$125. For information, call (810) 370-3120.

ZOO LIGHTS UP A quarter-million twinkling lights will illuminate the Detroit Zoo's Wild Lights exhibit during the holiday season, 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 16 to Dec. 30. The light show includes 50,000 more lights than last year, reports the Royal Oak zoo. The display is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New figures this year include tigers, penguins, a hummingbird, a jumping frog, an active volcano and a whale. The one-half mile trail starts at the zoo's front entrance, winds through the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum. Trees and shrubs along the path will also be wrapped in lights.

Admission to the Oakland County-based zoo is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Parking is free.

ANGER AND STRESS The Womencenter of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will hold Saturday work-

shops on anger and stress Nov. 4 and 11, respectively, in J Building, Room 308. There is a fee. Times are 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 4 and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 11.

Nov. 4, Cynthia Kopplin, a licensed professional counselor, will lead the interactive workshop. On Nov. 11, Amy Tachir will focus on stress, exploring personal strategies in stress resistance and management, guided imagery, muscle relaxation, and deep breathing exercises.

To register, call Arlene Frank of OCC at (810) 471-7602.

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS Oakland Family Service needs volunteers to join a new program that assists families of the mentally ill. Home visitor options will include home visits, providing transportation, assisting group activities and offering companionship.

For more information, call the respite care program (810) 544-4004.

ASSIST RESEARCHER A graduate student in nursing at the University of Michigan is looking for people who've decided to limit treatment of a seriously ill family member confined to a hospital intensive care unit within the last year.

The researcher, Denise Jacob of Bloomfield Hills, says interviews will last about an hour and will be confidential. For information, call Ms. Jacob, (810) 539-7960.

— compiled by Janice Tiger-Kramer

ROLL CALL REPORT

Here's how Observer & Eccentric-area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Oct. 20

HOUSE

Medicare Overhaul: By a vote of 231 for and 201 against, the House passed the Republican bill (HR 2425) to slow the growth of Treasury spending for Medicare by \$270 billion over the next seven years. The legislation is part of the GOP plan to balance the budget by 2002.

While curbing Medicare's 10 percent annual spending growth, the bill allows outlays to rise from \$4,700 to \$6,700 per beneficiary over seven years. It gets much of its savings from curbing payments to hospitals, doctors and other providers and raising "Part B" premiums for doctor and outpatient services. It also achieves savings by encouraging those in Medicare to switch to private sector-based "MedicarePlus" plans designed to provide at least the same quality of care at no significant added cost to participants.

Among MedicarePlus options are health maintenance organizations, employer-sponsored healthcare plans and tax-free "Medicare" accounts for meeting health costs. The bill provides quality and cost guarantees to seniors who leave Medicare, and allows a 90-day period in which those who depart can return to Medicare.

Bill Archer, R-Tex., said the bill "saves Medicare for seniors. It preserves Medicare for 60-year-olds and sends young voters to have faith in their government. We Republicans have long-term solutions... seniors will have the right to freely choose the Medicare plan that best suits their needs, including staying in the present fee-for-service system, and to keep their own doctor, keep their own hospital and keep their own plan."

David Bonior, D-Mich., said: "There's nothing more courageous about cutting Medicare to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy. And there's no point in asking our senior citizens to pay more and get less so the wealthiest Americans can have it all. But there is one thing the supporters of this bill are right about, this is an historic vote. With this vote, we turn back 30 years of progress... of trust... of hope that our parents and grandparents will always have the

healthcare that they need." A yes vote was to pass the bill. Area representatives voting yes were: Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham. Voting no: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, Sander Levin, D-Southfield and Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor.

Democratic Plan: The House rejected, 149 for and 283 against, the Democratic alternative to the Republican bill overhauling Medicare (HR 2425, above). Democrats kept the present Medicare framework but imposed \$90 billion in spending cuts to assure the program's solvency over the next 10 years. They argued \$90 billion in lower spending was sufficient to save Medicare to Republicans abandoned their plan to cut taxes by \$245 billion.

Supporter Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., said members "do not have to vote for the extreme, mean-spirited Republican approach that would slash Medicare to pay for tax

cuts." He said the Democratic plan "provides for reform in the Medicare system, protects our seniors, protects the system and deals with solvency."

Opponent Willy Harger, R-Calif., said: "While the Republican plan saves Medicare for the next generation, the Democrat bill only saves (it) through the next election... by the time the baby boomers retire, the Democrat alternative will have left Medicare with a projected deficit of over \$300 billion."

A yes vote supported the Democratic plan. Area representatives voting yes were: Sander Levin, Lynn Rivers. Voting no: Dale Kildee and Joseph Knollenberg.

Cocaine: By a vote of 332 for and 83 against, the House turned back recommendations by the U.S. Sentencing Commission that sentences be eased for crack cocaine trafficking and possession and certain money laundering crimes. The bill (HR2259) prevents the proposed

lower sentences from taking effect Nov. 1. Mainly at issue was whether to bring crack cocaine penalties in line with less-severe penalties for powdered cocaine offenses. It was noted in debate that most crack cocaine offenders are black or Hispanic and most powdered cocaine offenders are white.

A yes vote opposed equivalent sentences for crack and powdered cocaine offenses. Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Knollenberg, Levin and Rivers.

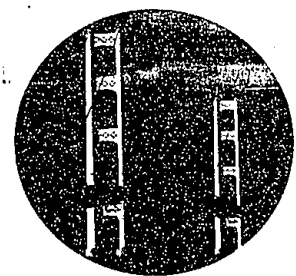
Military Spending: By a vote of 134 for and 290 against, the House rejected a non-binding recommendation that \$3 billion for members' pet projects be cut from the fiscal 1996 defense budget (HR 2126). This attack on "military pork" occurred as the House sent the \$243 billion measure to conference with the Senate. Fighting in debate was criticism by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., of some 100 essentially non-military projects, from

sewage treatment plants to school construction, that add \$4.1 billion to the cost of the bill.

Sponsor David Obey, D-Wis., said: "If members are against pork, they ought to vote for this motion. If they are against corporate welfare, they ought to vote for this motion... I want to see how many people on this floor are going to vote today to preserve \$3 billion in pork in the military budget and then tomorrow are going to vote to stick it to the old folks (in the Medicare bill)."

Opponent Norman Dicks, D-Wash., said "this \$3 billion cut, coming at a time when this administration is going to be asking us to come up with money for Bosnia on top of it, would be a serious mistake in judgment." A yes vote was to urge removal of \$3 billion in members' pork from the defense budget. Area representatives voting yes were: Kildee, Levin and Rivers. Voting no: Knollenberg.

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