OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

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ON FACULTY

Anthony M. Franco of **Bloomfield Hills** joins the faculty of Walsh College in **Troy**, where he'll teach graduate courses in management and marketing. As an adjunct assistant professor, he'll also be a key member of the team developing a cirriculum for the school's master of science in management program.

Franco

Franco founded as served as chairman of Anthony M. Franco Inc., Michigan's largest public relations firm, and has continued to have a role in the firm after its sale to the Ross Roy Group in **Bloomfield Hills**. For the past two years, Franco has been editorial director for WJBK-TV (Channel 2) in **Southfield**.

HEALTHY START

For the third year, families considered "at risk" will be eligible for home-based support services to promote family development.

The Healthy Start program, administered by St. Joseph Mercy Community Healthcare System/Oakland, Oakland Family Services, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency and Oakland University, aims to improve the status and well-being of "at risk" families by focusing on prevention.

"We're not waiting for the problems to develop, we're looking to prevent problems in the early stages of a child's life," said Donna Lackie, director of education and family support for Oakland Family Services in Pontiac.

Families who deliver infants at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, and families referred from other agencies, are promptly screened for the program. If eligible, they're directed to a support worker from Oakland Family Services or Oakland Livingston Human Service, who starts weekly home visits tailored to meet the family's needs. The home worker's goal is helping the family develop coping skills, parenting knowledge and, ultimately, decreasing the chance of child abuse or neglect, Oakland Family services said.

ON BOARD

Nurse Recruiters Association of Metropolitan Detroit, based in **Troy**, elected 1996 board members. They are Carole Fraga-Weaver, **Rochester Hills**, president; Sally Sujek, William Beaumont Hospital-Troy, vice president; Patti Thornton, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, **Southfield**, treasurer; Jan Parker, Bon Secours Hospital-Grosse Pointe, secretary; Marge Cleary, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Pontiac, member at large, and Karen Rawski, Detroit Medical Center, past president.

LEARN BEADWORK

Birmingham Community Education will repeat a popular beadworking class first taught in the fall by bead artist Gail Frederickson.

Beadwoven Tapestry Neckpiece meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 6 at Seaholm High School, at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads, **Birmingham**. The fee is $44.

Participants will create a neckpiece made of beads and threads in tones of gray or blue. The needle-weaving technique developed by fiber artist Helen Banes blends threads in a variety of colors and textures.

For information, or to register, call (810) 203-3800.

PRIMARY NIGHT PARTY

The 11th and 12th congressional districts will host a New Hampshire Primary Night Party starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at The Old Woodward Grill, 555 Woodward Ave., **Birmingham**. Party-goers will watch election coverage, discuss the results and run a presidental straw poll. The 11th annual primary night includes mingling, a silent auction, a raffle for a trip to Washington, D.C., food and a cash bar.

The charge is $13 in advance, or $15 at the door. For tickets, call Kim Majoros, (810) 932-0944, or Pat Hardy (810) 642-6923.

EATING DISORDERS SCREENING

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus in **Waterford** will conduct a National Eating Disorders Screening Program, 2-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at the student center. The first-ever program is being conducted by hundreds of colleges nationwide in conjunction with Eating Disorders Awareness Week Feb. 5-11.

ASSERTIVE WORKSHOP

Oakland Community College's Womencenter will conduct an assertiveness training workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, in Building J, Room 308, at the Orchard Ridge Campus, **Farmington Hills**. The fee is $35. For information, call the Womencenter, (810) 471-7602.

EXPAND CUSTOMS SERVICE

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said a full-time customs officer will be stationed at Oakland/Pontiac Airport to serve international flights.

In the past, customs needed a three-hour notice of an international flight arriving at Oakland/Pontiac because an officer had to be dispatched from the Ambassador Bridge or Detroit Metro Airport. Patterson said the delay often forced planes destined for Oakland/Pontiac to land at other airports first to clear customs.

TEST WORKSHOPS

Workshops for students planning to take the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) and MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) begin Feb. 10 and 17, respectively, at Macomb Community College, Mount Clement, and Oakland University, **Rochester Hills**.

GMAT workshops will be Saturdays, Feb. 10 to March 2 at Macomb University Center, with the first session from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GMAT workshops will run 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays, Feb. 14 to March 7 at Oakland University. Tuition is $225. The next GMAT is March 16.

MCAT workshops will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 17 to March 30. Tuition is $395. The next MCAT is April 20.

Optional workshops are available in math, power reading and writing application essays.

For information, call Oakland University, (810) 370-3120.

END ART TEST

Buying and renewing license plates just got easier, thanks to the elimination of auto exhaust testing (AET).

Oakland, Wayne and Macomb County motorists "have been forced to comply with a program that by the EPA's admission was largely ineffective," said Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Miller said ending the program was "among the highlights of my first year in office."

The law requiring motorists to have their vehicle's exhaust tested expired on Dec. 31, 1995. Starting Jan. 1, the only requirement for buying or renewing plates is proof of no-fault insurance on a titled vehicle and payment of registration fees, Miller said.

SEEKING MRS. OAKLAND

The Mrs. International Pageant is looking for **Oakland County** women interested in nabbing the title "Mrs. Oakland County." The winner goes on to represent Oakland in the 1996 Mrs. Michigan International Pageant.

Applicants must be married and between the ages of 24 and 55. Previous pageant or modeling experience isn't necessary. Judging includes an interview, an aerobic wear and evening gown competition.

The winner of Mrs. Michigan International receives prizes, including a cash award, and an expense-paid trip to Texas to represent Michigan in the Mrs. International Pageant.

For information, call (810) 682-7616, or write Michigan Pageants, Inc. 2474 Pontiac Dr., Sylvan Lake, MI 48320.

OCC SCHOLARSHIPS

Oakland Community College awarded 51 scholarships in the amount of $100 to $500 for the winter semester. Local scholarships recipients are Kathryn Dwyer, **Bloomfield Township**; Elizabeth Lopez, **Farmington Hills**; Leanne Butcher, **Rochester**; Jing Yi Chen, Christopher Kersten and Polly Surdu, **Rochester Hills**; Irina Chernov, Kristen LaShawn Reid and Abeer Thomas, **Southfield**; Tara Beck, Larry A. March and Faith Rumsey, **Troy**; Ericka Campbell and Barbara MacNeil, **Walled Lake**; Parvin Abedi, Lisa Holler, Sharon Hrabovsky and Rochelle Shanbaum, **West Bloomfield**.

— compiled by Janice Tigar-Kramer

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