

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to March 5.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Institute additions nearing completion: A host of new exhibits will be featured at the newly expanded Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, including Tides of Ice exhibit and Water Gallery, the Science Garden enclosing a natural amphitheater and hands-on

activities. Two openings are scheduled: June 13-14 to debut the new wing and traveling exhibit, Robot Zoo and Oct. 10-11 to premier the new permanent exhibits. The entire project, including renovation of the old wing and exhibits, is expected to be completed by January 2000.
CLARKSTON
Clarkston eyes child care facilities: With the need for day care in the Clarkston area rising, child care operators are responding. Little People is currently being constructed on Cit-

ation Drive, off M-16 across from the new fire station and should be opened by the end of April. Pee Wee Patch, which would be located on M-16, between Oakhill and Hadley, has conceptual approval from the Planning Commission. Plans for the third facility, Rainbow Rascals, to be located in the new medical building at Dixie Highway and M-16, hasn't received approval from the commission as of yet.
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
Theater complex to open:

The new United Artists 14-screen movie theater, featuring stadium-style seating and digital sound, is planned to open later this month. Located on the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty, the theater will open the evening of March 26 with a \$1 per movie, \$1 per concession fund raiser for Big Brother and Big Sisters of Metro Detroit. With a capacity of 2,367, seating will vary from 106 per unit to 416. Call (248) 960-6801 for show times and information.
LAKE ORION
Students win award: Orion Oaks Elementary fifth graders from Nick Colwell's class earned the school's top prize in the second annual Yahoo!igans Head Bone Derby scavenger hunt on the Internet. Students spent about two hours a week scouring the Internet in search of answers to questions about the U.S. Constitution. For their efforts, the school will receive an eight-title CD ROM library.
OXFORD TOWNSHIP
New park plans surface: Oxford Township Parks and

Recreation Commission is planning to ask the Michigan Land Trust Fund for a grant that will enable them to purchase roughly 300 acres of land north of Oakland on Metamora Road to be set aside for a passive use, mostly as undeveloped park land. The earliest the township would approve the grant application would be July. Under the requirements of the grant process, the community would have to supply almost half of the \$1.539 million total price for the land.
ROCHESTER
State funds walkway extension: The Michigan Department of Transportation awarded Rochester \$162,500 in a matching grant to extend the Paint Creek Walkway from University to Second Street. Construction is expected to begin in 1999.
SOUTHFIELD
Resident chooses assisted suicide: Roosevelt Bartran-Andrew Dawson died Feb. 26 after being injected with a poisonous substance. Dawson, an

Embassy Towers resident and quadriplegic, was the second Southfield resident to seek Jack Keovrkian's help with assisted suicide.
TROY
Jumpers raise money: Students at Hamilton Elementary in Troy spent a day jumping rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. The students participating in the annual Jump Rope for Heart marathon, which promotes fitness and good nutrition, raised more than \$12,000. A "Princess Di" Beanie Baby raffle also helped raised funds for the nonprofit group.

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separate facilities for officials. "We have a new time-set shower that cuts off after 60 seconds," Cole said.
■ Exercise room — now twice as big. Equipment includes Cybox VR2 Variable Resistance System equipment such as stairmasters, treadmills, stepmasters, and so on. They are computerized, so the user must program a machine to suit his or her needs.
Two of the three racquetball courts were taken out. The remaining court has a new wooden floor that is less slippery than the urethane floor.
A testing room has machines for checking one's body fat, flexibility, weight, muscle strength and cardiovascular condition. "It's much better for our exercise science program," said Cole.
■ Gym — actually a 24,000-square-foot multi-purpose room. It now has automatic basketball backboards, new wall padding

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and new fire doors. Its size permits it to be used for three basketball courts, or four volleyball courts, or for indoor tennis courts.
Cole, a 20-year veteran of the college with a master's degree in guidance, had the faculty office corridor brightened — better lighting, new paint on the doors, cleaning of the walls.
Many classes
"We offer many credit courses in aid, stress management, physical well-being, nutrition and fitness, exercise science, exercise leadership modern dance, step aerobics, volleyball and basketball."
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In bad weather, some of the outdoor activities can be moved indoors.
For every credit course, there's a non-credit course for the community.
The H Building service desk telephone number is (248) 471-7599. It has information on general memberships as well as senior citizens and family memberships. Rates for Oakland County residents are lower.

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