OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest features a roundup of some of Oakland County's top news storias as re-ported in the Observar & Eccan-tric Newspapers in the last week.

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He's usually known as "Officer Miffaud," or "Larry."

Since last week, however, when an Oakland circuit court jury awarded more than \$600,000,

West Bloemfield police officer Larry W. Miffaud has been jokingly dubbed "The Millionaire Cop."

While good natured, the ribbing last' exactly occurate. The jury only awarded him about \$697,000.

Furthermore, the judgment is likely to be appealed.

The verdict is the result of a case that has plagued Mifaud's life since January 1993 — when he tried to arrest Asker.

The officer, according to police records, tried to stop Asker after seeing the West Bloomfield resident driving irregularly. Asker refused to stop until he was in the driwwy of his home.

When Mifaud tried to arrest Asker, then 56, he knocked the officer to the icy pavement. Mifaud sustained a back injury which plagued him for months. He was disabled and off work for almost four months. Last week, the Oak-

land circuit court jury found Ask-

ES STUDENT COUNT RISES

While the Birmingham school district is closing buildings, enrollment has gone up by about 100 students this year and the district has hired 22 new teachers. Birmingham has 7,600 students, up almost exactly 100 from last year's attendance figure.

The official fourth Friday attendance count will be made on Oct. 0. That count is important because it is part of a formula for the per-pupil funds the district receives from the state.

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EDEEOGRAPHIC SHIFT
It didn't take a national census for Lathrup Villago officials to itera that times are changing.
Call it a population shift or a renaissance of sorts, but Lathrup residents are getting younger. The bottom line—the city is residents own fair share of back yard awing sets and infant car seats.
Unofficially, Lathrup's population is shifting from older, retired folks with grown families to younger couples with infants and school-age children.
The change hasn't come overmight, but it has occurred since the last national census, in 1990.

put the city's population at 4,329, said assistant city adminstrator Tom Tanghe.

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A Pontiace man auspected in a properties of stands and grab robberlies was arrested Thursday in Rochester Hills.

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Lenar Onar Ort. Jr. was arrested Thory on multiple burglary charges in connection with the break-ins at a Little Caesar's and a Sutway shop. The 20-year-old man atood multe as a plea of not cuilty was entered on his behalf.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ort shortly after a robbery at the Little Caesar's on South Boulevard in Troy.

Altogether, officials suspect Ort in at least nine robberles in Troy and Rochester Hills.

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BILL Diggar is seeking answers
and asking for prayers.
The U.S. coast Guard commander who lives with his wife
Connie in Traverse City came to
Farmington Hills to talk with
police and the media about his
missing daughter, Tina.
Missing since Aug. 24, the
third-year Onkland University
psychology major has been the
object of an intense police search

chat's turned up her car, a lot of contacts and a lot of questions.

Biggar said his 23-year-old daughter typically kalled one or two times a week from her Farmington Hills spettment. The femiliary of the spettment of the spett

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Despite past defeats, Troy real
dent Republican John Pappageorgo hasn't given up his desire
to serve in Congress nor his enthusiasm for running.
Hu's ready for a third try at
unscating 12th Congressional
District Rep. Sander Levin, a
popular Democrat who's expected
to seck an eighth term next year,
presuming both said through
their party primaries next Aug. 6.
"I still believe I have something
to say and do in Washington,"
said the retired U.S. Army officer
and former Oakland County commissioner.

E BOND FAILS

Kids in Oxford Area Commu-nity Schools will continue to

receive an excellent education, but voters must realize that the conditions in which they learn will be less than excellent. That is the most obvious fall-out of the defeat of a difficult to

predict.
Voters defeated the bond proposal by 330 votes, 1,494-1,134.
Voters in precinct one, which includes most of Oxford Township, approved the bond proposal 1,071-713; voters in precinct two, which includes most of Addison Township and eastern Oxford Township, defeated the proposal by an overwhelming 713-60.

By AMPOVEMENT FUND
Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart ennounced
on Tuesday that he and finance
director Kerry Donahoe are recommending the creation of a
Capital Improvement Fund in the
proposed 1998 budget.
This new concept is a ubject to
board approval and would encompass two major segments.
One segment would be for facility, building and/or grounds projcets. The second segment would
be for equipment.

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Stuart included a preliminary list of items that could fall within these categories. Two of the items include a \$36,000 mower for Parka

and Recreation, which maintains
15 bail fields and more than 120
acres with its praces
movers; and an \$18,000 Cushman
utility vehicle with a field leveling
drag, which is used for bail diamend maintenance.

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A request for a six-boat marina
on Lake Orion is pitting neighbor against neighbor and lakefront property owners against outsiders.
Marvin Delaura of Lapeer is

seeking a permit from the Michi-gan Deparatine of Natural Resources to operate a six-slip mari-na on the northeast shore of the

no not be northeast shore of the lake on property he owns.
Village council members instructed the village manager Monday night to inform the DNR the property is zoned residential and that a commercial marina—of any size—is inappropriate.
Should the DNR continue with the process of granting a permit, the village, at the beheat Lake Orion Lake Association, also asked that the state agency schedule a public hearing on the permit approval.

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COLUCE MIGHT
High school juniors and seniors
are invited to Oakland Community College's annual college night,
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, on
the Bouthfield compus, 200
Ruiland, at Nine Mile between

Greenfield and Southfield Roads.
Representatives from several of
Michigan's four-year schools —
the University of Michigan, Mich-igan State, Central, Western and
Northern Michigan University—
and out-of-state colleges will be

on dand.

For information, call Darrell
Garth, Royal Oak/Southfield admissions recruiter, (810) 5444982.

STRAIGHT TALK
Southfield-based WKBD
(Channel 50) needs audience
members for the taping of an up-

coming Straight Talk hosted by news anchor Amyre Makupson. Affirmative Action: Time For an Overhau!" will be taped at 5 p.m. Priday, Sept. 22, at WKBD, 20006 W. Il Mile Road, Southfield. The show airs at midnight Sunday, Sept. 24, For reservations, cell (610) 355-7089.

CI UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Karen Keljo Tracy, associato
professor of psychology at Marygrove College, will address the
American Association of University Women Oakland County
Branch, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept.

25, at the Salvation Army Hall, 3015 N. Main, Royal Oak, There's no fee.

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Oktoberfest '95, a fall fund-raleer sponsored by Project Hope
League in West Bloomfield, will
be Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Amerlean Polish Cultural Center, at
Maple and Dequindre Roads,
Troy. Doors open at 6 p.m. A
German buffet opens at 7 p.m.
and dancing begins at 8 p.m.
Advanced tickets are \$20, or
\$25 at the door. For tickets, wite
Advanced Registration, c/o Dolo-

res Newcomb, 28033 Mavis, War-ren, MI 48093. Fifty percent of the ticket price is tax deductible. Project Hope funds medical

and health programs worldwide.

D FAMILY VOLUNTERIS
Oakland Family Service needs
volunteers to join a new program
that assists families of the mentally ill. Volunteer options will include home visite, providing
transportation, assisting group
activities and offering companlondin.

ionship.

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

El INFORMATION HIGHWAY
Learn to gather information
that promotes substance abuse
prevention at. "The Information
Highway, The Media and You."
The seminar, co-spansored by
Substance Abuse Prevention Conlition of Southeast Michigan and
the Non-Profit PR Network, runs
8 a.m. to 1:16 p.m. Wednesday,
Sopt. 27, at the Plaza Hotel,
Southfield.
For information call (220)

For information, call (810) 360-8880.

— compiled by Janice Tigar-Kramer

