OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the past week.

BIRMINGHAM
Business booming at
Hamilton Row: A bustling
street of shops, tucked away
from the busy Maple-Woodward
corridor of downtown Birmingham, is in a boom period. Recent
additions of Festivities, Moran's
Flowers and Moore Gallery have
increased traffic flow in Hamilton Row. Sy Thai, a popular luncheon spot, has also spired up
the corridor. "In the 14 years
I've been here, this is the second
time that there are no vacancies," said Allan Ackroyd of Ackroyd's Bakery, p. Mut-

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Cranbrook receives \$1.1

million: The Cranbrook Institute of Science was awarded a \$1.1 million grant from The National Science Foundation. The grant will support the cration of 'Our Changing World,' a 7,000 square-foot earth science exhibit that explores how Earth has evolved.

BLOOMERIAD TOWNSHIP

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International what?: Confusion reigns when it comes to

locating the right phone number for the International Academy in Bloomfield Township.

The International School is a 29-year-old K-8 private school. The International Academy is a public high school which opened its door last full to ninth graders. "If it turns into a knockdown battle between the two internationals, we'll go wherever the force leads us," said Jack Faxon, headmaster of The International School.

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To reach The International School, call (810) 851-7372. The International Academy can be reached at (810) 645-4820.

CLARKSTON

Motel to be built next to Pinc Knob: A four-story hotel may be built next to Pinc Knob. Independence Township Planning Commission approved rezoning of the 18.65-acre parcel, at the northeast corner of Sashabaw and 1-75, from local commercial to office service. The hotel site plan will be considered at a future date.

FARMINGTON

Public opinion sought for tower proposal: Farmington Hills residents will have a chance to voice their opinions on a proposed ordinance to regulate

cellular towers and antennas. A

cellular towers and antennas. A public hearing on the matter has been set before the Farmington Hills Planning Commission for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in city council chambers. Solicitors time limited: Solicitors have from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to sell their goods or services door-to-door in Farmington. The Farmington City Council recently anyroyed an ordicil recently anyroyed an ordicil recently anyroyed an ordicil ton. The Farmington City Coun-cil recently approved an ordi-nance that prohibits solicitors from: using fixed stands, con-ducting street and curb solicita-tion, obstructing street, side-walks, alleys or driveways, entering private property where no solicitation signs are posted, or harassing residents.

NOVI Traffic congestion to case: Traffic in the Eight Mile/Hagger-ty area will case up a bit with the installation of "Smart" signals in three months. The com-puter-controlled traffic signals adjust green lights to traffic

flow.
ORCHARD LAKE
Flooding agreement floats:
Attorneys for the city of Orchard
Lake Village and Oakland Coun-

on Sunset Blvd. A meeting will be scheduled to finalize terms of the agreement. It is expected that a \$140,000 water pump sys-tem will be installed to correct

then will be installed to correct the problem.

SOUTHFIELD

Thoutre seeks new marquee is proposed for the Millennium Theoretic to boot its visibility and the identity of its neighboring district, proposed as The Village at Southfield. The Village concept would add restaurants, walkways and other amenities to the area surrounding Northland Center. The Southfield Downtown Development Authority is considering the proposals.

ROCHESTEM.

No money for repairs: It was supposed to be rehabilitated in 1995, but state officials say there is still no money to patch potholes on Rochester Road. Bruce Bordner, area mainto-nance engineer with the Michi-gan Department of Transporta-tion, added that Northwestern Highway is the worst road in the county.

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Sonior complex planned:
The first stop in developing a
119-unit assisted living center in
Rochester Hills has been taken.

The council voted 4-2 to rezone a five-acre parcel off of Rochester Road just south of Tienken from residential to special purpose. Council stills needs to approve final rezoning.

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Art gallory renovated: The newly renovated Haig's gallery, 311 Main, opened its doors to the public Friday. The gallery features a 400-pound copper awaing, which formerly graced a Main Street jewelry store owned by Haig which exploded a few years back. The awaing will enclose lights designed to illuminate the gallery sign.

TROY

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While Troy resident Eric Whisnant and Darian Hall of Sterline
Heights will get 10-40 years in
prison for assisting Ming Ho in
the Oct. 18, 1994 murder of 19year-old Angela Garcia, Carlton
Banks Inces a mandatory life
sentence if convicted. Banks,
allegedly the fourth member of
the group, is being tried in Oak-

land County Circuit Court on charges of first-degree murder and armed robbery in a murder and armed robbery in a murder at the Troy Subway shop. Whisnant and Hall pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit armed robbery charges in exchange for teatifying against Banks. Ho, convicted in 1995, is serving a life term without chance of parole.

Golf rates may go up: Golf rates may be on the rise for non-residents playing at Troy's Sylvan Glen Golf Course. The proposed increase is from \$13 to \$18 for nine holes on weekdays. Troy councilman Matt Pryor made the proposal in response to complaints he said he's heard that many residents can't get on the course because it's always too busy. Pryor said most likely a "25 percent drop off in non-residents" playing. more residents" playing.

- Compiled by staff writer Jennifer Placinto



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