

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Oct. 30.

BIRMINGHAM

Dream Cruise support conditional: Birmingham city commissioners last week unanimously approved a resolution to endorse the 1998 Dream Cruise. However, five conditions, including that a professional event management company be hired, were attached to the resolution.

CLARKSTON

Two same-day accidents: There were two serious automobile accidents on Sashabaw Road near Pine Knob Road in Independence Township on Oct. 16. The township's fire chief noted that both accidents, which occurred at different times in the day, "happened almost identically in the same spot," sending both drivers to the hospital with serious injuries. One of the accidents involved a collision with another car.

FARMINGTON

Police target overweight trucks: Farmington Hills police are fining overweight trucks. The department's new Motor Carrier Weighmaster Enforcement Program allows for penalties to reach several thousand dollars. The program follows Michigan's motor carrier laws and was incorporated into a local ordinance.

NOVI

Beware of counterfeit checks: Novi police are warning area businesses about a six-foot-tall, 205-pound, white male who has allegedly been writing bad checks in Novi and other Michigan communities. The man, who has been described as professional-looking and able to win the confidence of store employees, selects merchandise and then returns later to make purchases. He uses lavender-colored, preprinted checks drawn on the account of a Dr. L.R. Warren from the Wilmington Trust Co. in Wilmington, Del. The checks also bear the words "American Medical Association Doctor's Lecture Expenses" and an affiliation with the University

Clothing drive helps all ages

Federal-Mogul Corp. is hosting a used clothing drive as a fund raiser through Oct. 31 to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

Donors may drop off used clothing donations to Federal-Mogul's world headquarters, 26555 Northwestern Highway, at the corner of Lahser, in Southfield.

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of Michigan. Store employees have not asked for I.D. "because they've been so comfortable with him," said Det. Victor Lucida of the Novi Police. The suspect has been seen driving a red Ford Probe.

LAKE ORION

Meijer project resurfaces: A development company that wishes to build a large-scale, commercial complex at Silver Bell and M-24 in Orion Township has appealed an Oakland County Circuit Court decision that dismissed their request to rezone

the property for such use. The township board would not rezone the property, so in 1996 the developer filed suit, seeking court-enforced rezoning.

OXFORD

Camp Oakland gets new president: Ron A. May, of Rochester Hills, was recently named president of Camp Oakland, a county-based, non-profit agency that provides residential and day treatment programs for at-risk youths. May is the assistant vice president of energy delivery at Detroit Edison.

ROCHESTER

Local newspapers merge: The Rochester Clarion and The Rochester Eccentric newspapers came together on paper Oct. 26 when the first edition of the new Clarion-Eccentric newspaper was delivered to area subscribers. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers purchased the 100-year-old paper in September.

SOUTHFIELD

Dinner dance benefits skating: Tickets for the Winter Dinner and Dance, hosted by the

Friends of the Ice Show, are available. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Proceeds from the event, which features an art exhibition, live music and dancing, will support the Ice Company of 1998. For information, call (248) 354-9357.

Troy Schools host glee club: The Vocal Music Departments of Troy and Athens High schools will present the University of Michigan Glee Club at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14, at Athens. The group is the nation's second oldest glee club. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and can be obtained by calling (248) 524-1200.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Schools honored: Walled Lake Schools recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Art Education Association. The district was honored for its contribution to art education in Michigan.

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