

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week prior to Jan. 29.

BIRMINGHAM

Drug survey sparks action: A survey that placed drug use by Birmingham school district students higher than the national average has prompted community leaders to take action. A summit to address the drug use in the district has been scheduled for March and will include involvement by parents, youth, school officials and members of government, law enforcement, faith and ser-

vice organizations.

CLARKSTON

Rejuvenating downtown: Representatives of a national firm that specializes in rejuvenating older towns and business districts was slated to make a presentation in Clarkston on Jan. 27. The firm, Hyatt/Palma Inc., was first introduced to the community by Clarkston city councilman David Savage.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Bill targets stolen business: State Rep. Andrew Rackowski (R-Farmington Hills) recently introduced a bill that would make using Michigan city names in the title of an out-of-state business illegal. Rackowski took the action after learning that a local florist was losing business to a New Jersey company purporting to be "Farmington Florist," the name of the local florist.

LAKE ORION

Detroit religious leader speaks: Adam Cardinal Malda, archbishop of Detroit, spoke during a Jan. 17 special dedication of St. Joseph Catholic Community church in Orion Township. The 70-year-

old church was recently renovated and serves both the communities of Lake Orion and Oxford.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Fair needs performers: The Paint Creek Center for the Arts is seeking performing artists for its juried art fair, the Art & Apples Festival, slated for Sept. 12 and 13 in Rochester's Municipal Park. Applications must be received by April 3. For additional information or to obtain an application, call (248) 651-7433 or 651-4110.

EMS contract defined: Rochester Hills City Council took steps Jan. 21 to improve medical emergency response times in the community. The council formed a public safety committee and authorized Mayor Ken Snell to seek a contract that includes performance standards. Under the contract, ambulance companies would have to guarantee arrival to medical emergencies in eight minutes or less, 90 percent of the time.

Southfield Mayor notes success: Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi focused on the city's business

development in 1997, rather than unveiling any plans for Southfield, during his State of the City address on Jan. 21. "We have become Michigan's number one business address," Fracassi said at the Southfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting, which brought close to 100 listeners.

TROY

Driver's education may change: The Troy school board is considering whether to stop

offering driver's education in the district. Under new state law, school districts have the option of dropping the program. This year, the state is providing a \$60 voucher for each driver's education student. Remaining costs are either absorbed by the school district or paid for by students. Rochester and Southfield school boards have already voted to cancel their driver's education programs.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Town Hall preserved: Construction crews are ripping apart West Bloomfield's Old Town Hall on Orchard Lake Road. But the 70-year-old building won't be destroyed. Its front porch will be preserved and the remaining structure will be rebuilt as an assisted-living facility for seniors. Old Town Hall housed the township's offices from 1928 to 1989.

— Compiled by staff reporter Nicole Stafford

Silverdome site of 'Walk for Warmth'

The Pontiac Silverdome's importance to the community will extend beyond sports and concerts on Saturday, Feb. 7. It will be transformed into the Walk for Warmth venue to raise money for local families in need of emergency heating assistance.

Here, Oakland County residents, politicians and business executives

can casually interact in a comfortable, barrier-free building while walking or in-line skating for the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's annual event.

"The Silverdome is an important part of Oakland County and reaches out to area residents when the building is not being used for entertainment," said Eric Walker, Silver-

dome executive director.

The third level will become a skate route and the first level will be the walk route. Spread between the two floors will be health screening tables manned by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Detroit Lion Luther Ellis will serve as walk marshal and will host

the kick-off in the Main Event banquet room. Also joining him as honorary co-chairpersons are Thomas Kimble of the General Motors Foundation, Thomas Feurig, president of St. Joseph Mercy of Oakland, Robert Davis, president of the Medical Center of North Oakland, and Fran Anderson, community advocate.

OCC bands set for Winter Concert

The Oakland Community College Symphony and Youth bands, under the direction of director Victor Bordo and associate director Jeff McCoy, have performances scheduled in the Student Center Concert Arena on the Highland Lakes Campus, on Cooley Lake Road east of Union Lake Road.

The Symphony Band is presenting its Winter Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. Guest soloist is clarinet virtuoso Jay DeVries, a freelance artist and teacher in Ann Arbor. He will perform the first movement of the Krommer Clarinet Concerto.

The band also will present works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Wagner, Strauss, Smith and Dello Joio.

Winter Concert for the Youth Band is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6. Alan Lounsbury, a University of Michigan graduate and student of U-M professor Abe Torchinsky, will be the featured tuba soloist in Benner's "Tuba." Lounsbury is a professional tuba player and also teaches band at Oak Valley Middle School in Commerce Township.

The band also will premiere "Legend" by James Barnes and present the trombone section in the Henry Fillmore *Lament* Trombone. Other selections by Rimsky-Korsakov, Shostakovich and Smith will be featured, as well.

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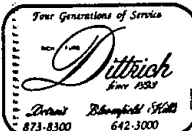
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