OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a sum-mary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 26,

ADDISON TOWNSHIP

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No pipeline: Addision Township
won't have to go to court to block
a gas pipeline planned for the
northeast Oakland County community after Lakeville Gas Associates withdrow it a pipeline
plans. Township officials filed
suit in Oakland County Circuit
Court claiming the pipeline didn't comply with a township special land use agreement.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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Blig shows: Showcase Cinemas
plans to tear down its two Telegraph Road theaters and replace
them with a 20-acreen entertainment complex. Construction is
expected this asummer on the
new mega-theater, planned for
the cast side of Telegraph, north
of Square Lake Road.

CLARKSION
Growing on: It's 20 years and
three generations for Bordino's
Better Blooms, a Clarkston nursery since 1978. Calvin Bordino's
28, oversees perennial plants
and is one of three third-generation family members now active
in the business, which began
almost 69 years ago in
Rochester.

FARMINATON
Perfect replacement: Farmington schoolteacher Molly Gray found the perfect person to take over the commentary school classroom when she goes on maternity leave this month – her father, former 35-year education veteran Lincoln Avery, Gray, who teaches fourth and fifth graders at Gill Elementary, is expecting her second child any day now. Her father tuught and was a principal in the Southfield Public Schools before retiring in before retiring in

LAKE ORION

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Safety play: Orion Township is
patching up its diamonds in
anticipation of this year's youth
baseball and softball seasons.
More than \$14,000 was approved
to repair backstops at five local
fields.

ROCHESTER HILLS

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On track: So far, so good is the
word on Rochester Road repairs.
Rochester Road is being repaired
and repaved from M-59 to Avon
Road. Work began April 15 and
is expected to continue through
July 1. The Michigan Department of Transportation, which is
overseeing the project, says
repa#s are progressing nicely.

SOUTHFIELD

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He's honored: It could have been
called the Kennedy honors – students at John F. Kennedy Elementary School dedicated a tree
to late Southfield community
activist Greg Kennedy at their
recent Earth Day celebration.
Kennedy, who had been a volunteer at the Southfield school,
died earlier this year at 31.

TROY
Getting wider: Dequindre Road,
on the city's east side, is being
expanded from two to five lanes
between Wattles and Big Benver
roads. A section of Dequindre
between Wattles and Big
Beaver, will be closed from Saturday through May 5 as part of
the project.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

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Full-time firefighters: Officials
at the Tri-City Fire Department
are considering whether to hire
full-time fire fighters to ease concerns about response times. The
department, which serves Keego
Harber, Orchard Lake Village
and Sylvan Lake, is organizing a
subcommittee to discuss the
matter further.

OCC Youth Band to perform

The Oakland Community College Youth Band will present its spring concert 8 p.m. Friday at the Student Center Concert Arena on OCC's Highland Lakes Campus.

The concert will feature the piece, "The Drums of Africa" by Jerry Billk. The piece was written the first behave a symphosic hand

Arean on OCCs ringinance Lase Sky-Korsakov.

The concert will feature the piece, The Drums of Africar by Jerry Bilik. The piece was write to the a symphonic band perform West African rhythma and features eight percussionists at 1248 879-6846.

Waterford Shumans Lawn Center

400 Crescent Lake Fld. 873-2820

Pontiac University Lawn Equipment

945 University Dr. 373-7220

Commerce Township Wheels and Blades

8055 Commerce Rd. 363-6683

Water park plans make waves

Hoping to win favor with Springfield Township planning commissioners, the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority downsized plans for a controversial family water park recently, but to no avail.

The HCMA had hoped the planning commission would agree to a joint meeting of HCMA representatives and a few commission members to iron out details for the aquatic centre, but the subcommittee idea was rejected by the commission. As a result, the downsized HCMA plans will be abandoned and the full-seale, original plans will now be taken to the township board as part of a request for Planned Unit Development rezoning.

rozoning.

Designers from the HCMA — which hopes to construct a family aquatic center at the 2,500 acre Indian Springs Metro Park off White Lake Road — suggest-ed pulling water sides, a lazyriver ride a dover-flow parking spaces from their aquatic plans in an effort to compromise with township planning requirements and to speed up the development

Process.

HCMA developers had hoped the planning commission would work with them on the downsized plans, said Dave Moilanen, a public relations spokesperson for the HCMA.

"Wo're not very optimistic," Moilanen said about the chances that a subcommittee agreement could still be reached, "I know they're (HCMA executives) disappointed that there wasn't more support for this modification."

The plans offered as a compromise to the commission would allow for 1,400 bathers, down from 2,500 bathers the facility was originally geared for.

The commissioners, however, contended that the revised plans, like the original plans, don't meet the township's criterin for a PUD and said they could see no benefit in conducting a subcommittee meeting. There was no official vote on the matter.

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matter.
PUD rezoning requires that a
developer prove recognizable and
material benefits to the community, among other criteria. The

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Hopper, "I currently think this proposal is not compatible.

"What could we accomplish?" the asked, "I don't think anything, I apologize for drogging the outer park would be seen this out."

"We've tried to comply with your request," responded HCMA

INFORMATION SESSION Tuesday, May 5, 7-8:30 p.m., **Castle Walnut Room** INFORMATION: (248) 683-0406



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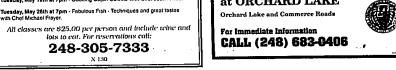
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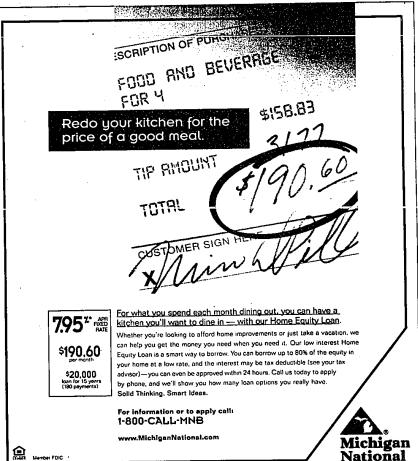
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