

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Jan. 4.

ADDITION TOWNSHIP
New Watershed Park possible: Hopes for a new 230-acre "rustic, passive-use park" in Addison Township, north of Leonard, were boosted with word that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board would recommend almost \$1.3 million go to the township for land acquisition. Still needed is legislative approval of the board's total \$16.8 million recommendation, which also includes funding of more than 30 other projects through the state.

BIRMINGHAM
TV shows still go on: Due to expire at midnight on New Year's eve, MediaOne's cable franchise with the Birmingham-area cable consortium, which includes 9,000 customers in Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin, will continue for at least 30 days, in a last-minute decision between attorneys from both sides. The extension was the only point of agreement in

franchise renewal negotiations which have been in the works for nearly a year, even before MediaOne took over the Birmingham-area system from Booth Cable Co. in July.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
Arney's typewriter stalled: Judd Arnett, 86, died Dec. 27 at his home in Bloomfield Township. A popular Detroit Free Press columnist for 30 years, and later for the Birmingham Eccentric as well, he was a self-proclaimed "old curmudgeon," and a voice for the "common man." Arnett was a newspaperman for more than 70 years in Ohio and Michigan. Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 31. Memorials may be sent to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or the Anti-Cruelty Society.

FARMINGTON HILLS
Holiday home fires: Fire gutted a two-story home on Willow Court South in northwest Farmington Hills Dec. 28 with damages estimated at \$225,000. No one was home at the time and no injuries were reported. Fire investigators were still seeking the cause this week. It was the

second holiday fire in the city. Earlier, three people including a firefighter, were slightly injured after a blaze on Purdue Street in the city's southeast area Dec. 25.

LAKE ORION
Youngsters have their own place: The Orion-Oxford Boys and Girls Club officially affiliated with the national Boys and Girls Club organization, and with a new Executive Director, Kelli Heath, is off and running. The group's board hired Heath as its director in December. Youngsters, aged five to 18, from the Orion, Oxford and Addison areas will have their own after-school centers, to be housed for now at Walden Middle School in Orion Township and an auxiliary site at Oxford Intermediate School in Oxford.

ROCHESTER
Drug case hearing continues: A hearing of charges against Joseph E. Puertas, 70, of Clarkston, and codefendant James Talley, 35, of Waterford Township, will Jan. 16, in Rochester District Court by District Judge James P. Sheehy. Both men are being charged with multiple counts of delivering or conspiring

to deliver cocaine in varying amounts, and were released on bond. At the five-hour preliminary hearing, an undercover police informant testified he bought cocaine from Puertas or Talley at the bowling establishment on six different occasions between Aug. 19 and Nov. 18, 1997. In what is described as the largest drug forfeiture case in Oakland County history, police had seized \$1.7 million in cash during a Dec. 17 raid of the MegaBowl bowling establishment in Orion Township once owned by Puertas and managed by Talley, and at other sites.

SOUTHFIELD
School needs weighed: Southfield Public Schools is almost certain to ask for a new millage to replace the 21.884 mill voter-approved school tax that expires in 1998. But when schools will ask, and for how much they will ask for is uncertain. Trustees will continue millage talks, including the timing of a ballot issue, at a Jan. 27 work session.

TROY
Plane crash heroes: Harry Zimmerman, 46, of West Virginia, seriously injured in the

crash of a Beechcraft Bonanza light plane taking off from Oakland Troy Executive Airport Dec. 27, was listed in fair condition last week at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Pilot Charles Wayne Manning, 50, and the other passenger, James Burgess, 38, both also of West Virginia, were credited with pulling Zimmerman from the wreckage moments before it burst into flames. The trio were returning home after attending the first Motor City Bowl at the Pontiac Silverdome, which featured West Virginia's Marshall University playing against Mississippi.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
School dropout: West Bloomfield and Walled Lake district officials say their schools have very low dropout rates, despite confusion over numbers released by the state Board of Education prior to the holidays. State figures show drop out rates last year of 2.24 and 2.03 for West Bloomfield and Walled Lake, respectively. A one-point change in rate can be accounted for by about 5 students, according to a Walled Lake spokesman.



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OU professors to teach write way

Two Oakland University professors are helping students become better writers by using research on how personality types affect communication. Professors Alice Höpning, Rhetoric and Linguistics; and Ronald Sudol, Rhetoric, College of Arts and Sciences, produced the book, "Understanding Literacy, Personality Preference in Rhetorical and Psycholinguistic Contexts."

The book, which features 11 papers from scholars across the country, helps educators. "For teachers, it is important to help students find out what their natural tendencies are and to take full advantage of them, while developing the opposite tendencies," Sudol said. The professors' analysis divides personality into such types as extroverted, introverted, sensing, intuitive, thinking, feeling, judging and perceiving.

"Various combinations of these types influence our performance in academic tasks," Sudol said. "For example, a judging type makes quick decisions easily and executes tasks to reach the conclusion of a project. A disadvantage for this type is she cuts herself off from other ways of approaching the project." "The perceiving type doesn't like to reach the end of a project — he likes to keep an open mind," Sudol said. But the perceiving types sometimes have trouble finishing a project. "Professional writers can go outside of their personality type, whereas students are less able to

do that," he said. "Expert writers are able to shift to non preferred strategies when they work on tasks in which they are emotionally involved, for example."

These findings provide insight into how to help student writers become more effective and versatile so they can succeed in today's complex and rapidly changing workplace.

"We invited university scholars to provide their perspectives on whatever specialty they have," Sudol said. "We felt it would be a good idea to gather that research so it could be easily consulted by other teachers. We have applied this knowledge in the classroom. It can be applied in any element of learning."

Hörning in her chapter covered the way people revise their work. Sudol's chapter is an analysis of the first 12 paragraphs of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail, in which King explains why he felt it was necessary to engage in civil disobedience. King uses various personality types to be rhetorically effective, Sudol said.

"One of the ways of understanding the letter's effectiveness is that King adopts a different personality type to 'fit up with different elements of his audience," he said. "I show from paragraph to paragraph how he changes the appearance of his personality."

"Understanding Literacy" was published last March by Hampton Press in Cresskill, New Jersey.



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Mediation group offers seminar

The Oakland Mediation Center will conduct its next Mediation Skills Training workshop beginning Feb. 19. Training involves a 40-hour course designed to provide the basic techniques required to mediate disputes in professional and personal settings.

Training focuses on communication and negotiation skills and is taught through the use of simulations and role playing, which provide participants with interactive experiences serving as third party neutrals to assist others in resolving disputes.

Mediation has gained widespread usage by businesses, schools, government agencies, courts and individuals for settling disputes in matters including, but not limited to, family, insurance, construction, employment, consumer, landlord/tenant, education, juveniles and senior adults. Training ends March 1. The cost is \$350 for registrations made before Jan. 31, and class size is limited to 20 persons.

For additional information, phone (248) 338-4280.

Recycle Christmas trees at parks

Oakland County residents are asked to take a "green approach" to the disposal of Christmas trees by disposing of them from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Jan. 14 at 10 county parks. The program is free.

The 10 parks are Addison Oaks, near Oxford, Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills, Groveland Oaks near Holly, Independence Oaks near Clarkston, Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township, Orion Oaks in Orion Township, Red Oaks in Madison Heights, Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg, Water-

ford Oaks Activity Center in Waterford and White Lake Oaks near Pontiac.

Holiday trees also will be recycled at Independence and Orion Oaks parks through Jan. 26.

The self-serve program is sponsored by Oakland County Parks, Bordine's Better Blooms and the Detroit Hoo Hoo Club, a lumber industry organization.

For more information and exact park location, call (248) 868-0906, TDD: (248) 868-1684 or visit the parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

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