

# Holidome: New weekend getaway in the city

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Sunday evening jazz, holiday weekend packages and a mini-movie theater are in the works to make Holiday Inn's new \$2.5 million addition a year-round resort hotel.

The 110-unit addition, adjacent to the hotel on Ten Mile Rd. at Halsted, is scheduled to open in June. Hotel spokeswoman say construction is right on schedule.

"We plan to have a grand opening July 4th weekend with a special package deal," said sales director Jan Peterson. "We're offering people a place to come where they can get away from it all at minimum cost."

The addition, called the Holidome, will feature a New York City in the 1920s motif. It will have fake brownstone walls and stained glass. Second story terraces with wrought iron furniture will overlook a center courtyard.

The courtyard has an indoor pool and is situated under a ceiling with skylights. Potted plants will be hung under the skylights. A game room, putting green, whirlpool and poolside cafe will also be available to lodgers.

"We wanted to add something to make us different from everyone else," Peterson said. "The year-round concept should make the Holidome a great mid-winter get-away."

"The mini-theatre will show cartoons for children. Parents can drop the children off and pursue their own interests."

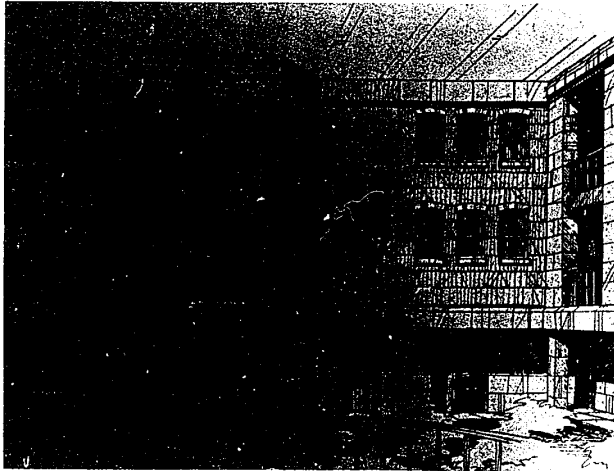
ABOUT 75 PERCENT of the rooms will face the indoor pool. Single rooms will cost \$34 to \$38 a night; double rooms will go for \$38 to \$40. That's slightly higher than rooms in the old building.

Hotel sales director Cathy O'Meara, who decorated the inn's two penthouse suites, traveled to Memphis to choose the earthtone color scheme for the Holidome. All the rooms will have a color television and a telephone.

A penthouse suite with bedroom and full living room will be available for rent. The inn's two sixth floor penthouse suites are now used for stockholders only.

The Holidome will be attached via indoor hallway to the main 150 room hotel. The three story addition covers 12,000 square feet. The hotel is on a seven-and-one-half acre site owned by Jerry Abel.

"What we have in mind is to create a year round recreation center," said Peterson. We believe it will be the only one of its kind in the area. We're contemplating several different ideas to draw people."



A dream is taking shape at the Holiday Inn of Farmington. A \$2.5 million addition is under construction which owners say will transform the motel into a year-round resort hotel. Included in the addition, planned to open in June, will be a courtyard with an indoor pool, a mini-theater, game room, putting green and a poolside cafe. While the concept, called Holidome, is now just a shell (above) it will be transformed into a 1920s motif courtyard area (left). A grand opening is planned for the July 4 weekend.

A Roaring '20s motif will dominate the Holiday Inn's arcade, adding to the carnival atmosphere of the addition, which also will include 110 more units for overnight stays.

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**SPRING IS IN THE HEARTS** and minds of almost everyone Angles has seen this week. Frustrated gardeners can begin working on that patch of dirt soon. Before they do, they can call the Michigan State Cooperative Extension Service in Oakland County for some advice. Call 858-2519 and a recorded message will let you in on the secrets of windowsill parsley, controlling carpenter ants and starting tuberous begonias. The tape is changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On March 2, the listener will hear garden tips for March. On March 5 the tape will deal with controlling carpenter ants, March 7's tape is concerned with plants for shady areas and on March 9, learn all about ground covers. March 12 will bring a lesson in starting tuberous begonias. Soil testing will be discussed on March 14 and tree fertilization will be dealt with on March 16.

**IF GARDENING** isn't your cup of tea, try learning a new language. The Finnish Cultural Center at 35200 West Eight Mile in Farmington Hills will sponsor Finnish language lessons on March 19. The conversational course will be conducted from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. There will be a beginning class and an intermediate class. The textbook, "Finnish for Foreigners" by Majja Aalto will be used. Textbooks are \$7. The beginning course is \$20. Intermediate course is \$25. For further information and enrollment call Mrs. Viola Pudas at 478-7620. Enrollment deadline is March 15.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** who want to obtain an ID card for the Oakland Senior Discount Program can have their pictures taken at several Oakland County locations this month. Nearby locations include Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. ID pictures will be taken there on March 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To be eligible for the program a senior must be 60-year-old and an Oakland County resident.

**STUDENTS AT WESTERN MICHIGAN** University didn't let the snow inhibit their creativity this year, Angles notes. William Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vance, 2872 Greenacres in Farmington was among members of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity who carved a snow beast. The dragon like beastie won first prize for snow sculptures in WMU's Winter Carnival last month. Vance is a junior at the school.

**OTHER THINGS** are happening at WMU beside snow business. Lance Merrell, a freshman from Farmington Hills and Dale Turton, a senior from the Hills received scholarships for the winter semester from the Paper Technology Foundation Inc. at WMU.

**BUNDLE UP.** That's the command from the Oakland County Division of Health. The number of cases of strep throat and scarlet fever reported to the health division from area schools is exceeding the number of cases reported at the same time last year. This year, 225 cases have been reported compared to 143 cases this time last year. Strep

throat and scarlet fever are caused by streptococcus bacterium which is spread by direct contact such as touching or kissing someone with the infection. Sore throat, pain on swallowing and fever mark strep throat. Scarlet fever is a form of the disease which has the above symptoms and a skin rash. Medical treatment is advised since the diseases can result in rheumatic fever, heart damage and hearing loss.

**BOOKWORMS** unite. Line up. Charge. Angles advises everyone else that was just practice for the real thing: the Oakland County Chapter of ORT's used book sale in the Livonia Mall from March 16-18. The mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. (OK, bookworms, let's practice that charge, again. Only this time, let's do it by the book.)

**UP IN SMOKE** State Representative Wilbur (Sandy) Brotherton says that's what happens to some college plans if a youth is convicted once for the use of marijuana. Brotherton, who doesn't advocate decriminalizing the weed supports a bill which would outlaw denying college admission to youths with one conviction for use of marijuana. He cites the lack of uniformity in convicting persons for marijuana offenses as the reason he's advocating the bill. One isolated case of marijuana use shouldn't bar anyone in the state from pursuing an education, Brotherton says.

**OAKLAND** County Health Division is offering a series of six classes for adult diabetic and their families beginning at 7:30-9:30 p.m. March 15. There is no charge for the classes but registration is required and a written statement from your physician must be presented the first night of the class. To register call 424-7058. The classes are taught by a registered dietitian and public health nurse. The nature of diabetes, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems will be discussed during class.

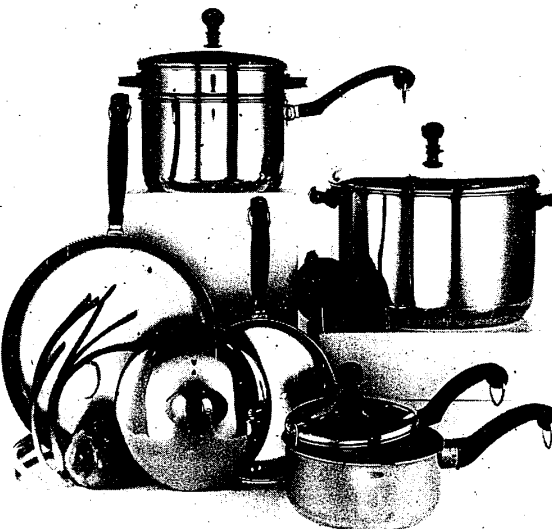
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