

Curlers eye skate rink purchase

By JUDITH BERNÉ

Curlers soon may replace ice skaters on a high priced piece of West Bloomfield ice.

The Detroit Curling Club is making a bid to purchase the defunct Centaur Ice Arena and adjoining restaurant at Walnut Lake and Drake roads.

The proposed sale for an undisclosed amount was confirmed last week by Michigan National Bank Vice President Tom Young.

"A purchase agreement has been signed, and we've verified the source of funds," Young said. "The odds are it (the sale) will take place."

THE ARENA, up for sale for several

months, has been in receivership pending foreclosure.

More than a year ago, the seven partners in the arena filed for court protection under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law, a legal maneuver allowing owners to reorganize their holdings and attempt to pay off their creditors.

The attempt fell short and the building was placed on the market. Predictions are the arena and restaurant will sell for \$375,000-\$400,000. Price tag of the original venture is estimated at \$1.5 million.

The Detroit Curling Club began in 1885, and it reportedly has slightly more than 100 active curlers out of 300 members.

The club's current facility at 1236 W. Forest Ave. has been condemned by the City of Detroit for an urban redevelopment project. It has been there since 1905.

"They've been looking for a nice suburban location for a couple of years," Young said.

If the sale goes through, plans are to alter the arena for curling and operate the restaurant as a dining room for club members.

CURLING is an ancient ice sport, dating back to the 16th century, and played with brooms and 40-44-pound squat, circular stones by opposing teams of four players. The object of the game is to get the stones closest to tees or fixed goals placed 38 yards apart.

The current arena is 48 feet longer than required. Four-inch ice required for skating will be reduced to two-inch thickness for curling.

Cities, school post agendas

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
23600 Liberty

7 p.m., Monday April 2

Public Hearing

• Hearing of concerns of residents in the Gill and Freedom area over the senior housing Farmington Hills plans to construct.

Regular meeting begins at 8 p.m.

• Proposal in reference to the water waste survey

• Presentation of the city's budget to council

• Authorization to use computer voting system during special library election

• Intervention in Edison rate increase

• Improvements for Flanders and Cloverdale schools tennis courts.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL

31555 Eleven Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, April 2

Public Hearings

• Cost hearing for Lincolnshire road paving.

• Introduction of amendment to the zoning ordinance to change southwest corner of Middlebelt and Fourteen Mile to RC-3 from RA-2.

Unfinished Business

• Enactment of ordinance regarding water and sewage system policy for water supply system A.

• Increasing water service installation fee.

• Consideration of Stockton and Linden sewer projects.

New Business

• Site plan approval for site D of Rumblewood Subdivision on Fourteen Mile and Halsted.

• Maintenance agreement with the Oakland County Road Commission and consideration of a signal light on Ten Mile and Research Drive.

• Awarding of oil bid for dust control project.

• Award of bid for sign truck equipment

Hospital plans expansion

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needs two years ago."

Botsford is a teaching hospital for the Michigan State University School of Medicine. It trains 30 interns and 59 residents in 12 specialties of practice.

Botsford also has teaching agreements with the Ferris State College pharmacy program; Mercy, Schoolcraft and Henry Ford community colleges registered nursing programs; Detroit Public Schools' licensed practical nurse training; Schoolcraft Community College record technicians program; Oak-

land Community College medical technicians training; Mercy College dieticians training; and Madonna College emergency medical technicians training.

"This runs concurrent with 12,000 in-patient and 50,000 out-patient visits each year," Cooper said. "We can't support that level of service in our current facilities."

If the building project is approved, Botsford would finance the new construction with a municipal bond sale sanctioned by the Michigan Hospital Association.

COOPER SAID the hospital may also qualify for federal funds its mental health and family practice training programs.

Sump pumper arrested

Robert Holt, owner of the Rainbow Sump Pump Co. in Farmington Hills

was arrested Friday afternoon on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. The felony carries a 10-year maximum prison term and a \$5,000 fine.

Holt was arraigned before Judge David Breck and pleaded innocent to the charges. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond.

The arrest followed an investigation by the Oakland County Prosecutors' office into charges of alleged fraud lodged by Louis Mellerowicz, a West

Bloomfield resident who paid Holt \$2,500 to repair a deep well pump.

Mellerowicz filed the charges against Holt and Rainbow after paying for two sump pump and being forced to restore the electrical power in his house after Holt's work crew allegedly knocked it out.

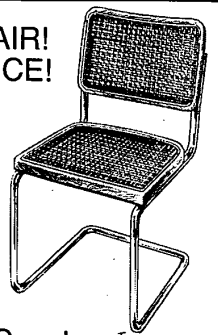
Mellerowicz said the work is still incomplete and his family is unable to drink the black water that flows from the faucets.

Holt's pre-trial exam is set for April 9.

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Charges levied

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victims in the bond scheme case.

ACCORDING TO POLICE, Scherrer allegedly sold counterfeit bonds under the name of Henry Ford Hospital, Inc. to friends, relatives and business associates in denominations of \$5,000. He said the chances of alleged victims recouping their money is nil.

"This is a very unusual case," he said. "We knew from the start we were at the tip of an iceberg."

The investigative team includes members of the Farmington Hills and Michigan State police forces and the Michigan Department of Commerce. The Oakland County Prosecutor's office is also assigned to the case.

According to police, Scherrer allegedly sold the same Florida condominium to three different businessmen; and is accused of selling a church near Twelve Mile and Farmington Road which he doesn't own; receiving \$150,000 for a bogus land development deal in Traverse City; property in seven states and Canada which appear to be phony deals; selling 10 different bond issues with corporation names which appear to be counterfeit.

Until his arrest, Scherrer worked for a law firm at 32330 W. Twelve Mile.

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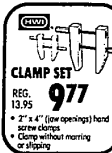
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