Stony Creek improvements slated Shopping Chars LEF

Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester is due for some improvements in 1981.

Additions to the bike-hike trail, road,

extend the bike-hike path by two miles. When completed the path will provide 6.5 miles of total trail with an eight-foot pavement width.
 Add 1,000 feet to the park road

system.
 Expand the winter cove parking lot by space for 150 vehicles.

Local pianist goes Hollywood

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

David Syme has gone 'Hollywood.'

It may sound fumy that an establishd, and respected, concert plantst
would seek the frills of southern Calitornla. But that's the kind of exposure
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The 31-year-old plainist remains a famillar figure local music lovers. Syme, invented plainist remains a famillar figure local music lovers. Syme, live in West Bloomfield, and believe enjoys coming home to visit friends and perform for area concert lovers. But Syme finds himself busy establishing new roots in Hollywood — with a new musical philosophy. He wants to entertain people by combining his Castled music tained with popular musical music tained with popular music. It wasn't easy to soil this idea. But like most Hollywood type in the proposition of the proposi

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"I THINK OF myself as part of the audience," Syme said. "I want to be entertained. It's like a sporting event — I want to see a diving catch. "I was kind of frustrated," Syme said after a successful European concert

tour from 1975-1878.

"I wanted to test the validity of my music. I wanted to play for people who didn't know a lot about this kind of mu-

The European tour included nine concerts. It resulted in many excellent reviews. Critics from Holland, Germany, England, Italy and Poland praised Syme for his "direct, unambiguous approach," and his "great vatality."

One critic said Syme "seems to possess just the qualities to give the most brilliant and convincing interpretations."

He was labeled as a bright, young star of the future — but all those super-latives didn't satisfy him.

outdoors

Stony Creek is second largest of the 10 HCMA metroparks in the five-county region. It covers nearly 4,000 acres around Stony Creek Lake.

around stony creek task visiting Oak-land County parks can compete again for prises up to £200 kibs wine. Open to amateur photographers of all ages, the contest has categories for black-and-white prints, color prints and color sifices. Deadline is Peh. 16. Possible topics are ice skating, ice fishing, stedding, woodland trails, cross-country skiing and snowmobilling. You may submit as many entries as you wish but can win in only one category.

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Briries may be taken in any of the eight county parks: Addison Oaks near Oxford, Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, Groveland Oaks near Clarkston, Fed Oaks in Madison Heights, Springfield Oaks near Davisburg, Waterford Oaks and White Lake Oaks, both west of Pontiac.

All photos must be identified with the contestant's name, address and white Davisburg, Waterford Oaks and White Madison Edward of Continues of Contestant's name, address and White Madison Country Datas and Recreation Commission, 2080 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac 48054.

REVENUE for Oakland County parks operation is expected to be near-iy \$4.9 million, up \$457,000 or 10 per-cent over 1980.

Parks Manager R. Eric Reickel called the increase "very moderate" in view of inflation and the disappearance of federal Comprehensive Employment Training Act funding.

Parks money comes from user fees and a quater-mill property lax which voters in 1980 renewed for five years. Reickel said there would be a "limited increase" in fees next year. The normal reare system will mark the property of the part of the property of the part of the property of the propert

The county parks system will mark its 15th anniversary in 1981.

WAITING UNTIL the last minute to make ski lodge reservations? You may find lodge space in north-ern lower Michigan, where bookings are down 10 to 20 percent because of the recession. That's what lodge own-ers tell the Automobile Club of Michi-

gan.

In the Upper Péninsula, however, ski resorts have heavier-than-normal bookings. All five ski areas will be full except possibly Ski Brule near Iron River.

River.

Hier difference is that the western UP draws its customers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, while the northern lower peninsula draws from southeast Michigan, Auto Club said.

Ski areas with overnight accommodations in northwest lower Michigan all report some vacancies except Hilton Shanty Creek, near Bellaire, and Mt. Mancelona. Motels and hotels in these areas report lighter bookings.



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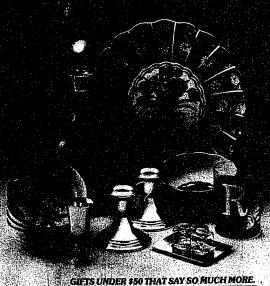
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