## Caddell Drain budget raised

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The 10 Mile/Grand River area was under seven feet of water. The water forced Red Root in nguests to evacuate the facility, flooded Mountain Jack's restaurant and ruified ears at Bob Sellers Pontiae.

The Caddell Drain will cover an area ranging from Hoggerty Road, south of 10 Mile in Novi, across M-102, through the industrial park in the Hills, across Grand River, along Independence Green apartments, through Chatham Hills subdivision in Farmington, across M-102 again and down Eight Mile, near Gill.

"THE PROJECT will include five major retention basins, drains and pipes and the cleaning or widening of opon channels, said Thomas Blasell, Farmington Hills public services di-reter.

Farmington Hills public services diArmington Hills official services disconsidered the second phase of the
drainage Improvement. The first
phase, completed in 1982, cased flooding with the construction of a tempophase, completed in 1982, cased flooding with the construction of a temporay relief system, Farmington City
Manager Robert Deadman said. The
System Lass helped flooding problems
by allowing the overflow to spill into
the M-102 right of way.

"The majority of this system will
be incorporated into the Caddell
Drain," Deadman said. Parmington

tem, Deadman sald.

Much of the delay that's occurred in building the Caddell Drain since the 1981 flood has been due to buying easements and rights of way, and making changes in design plans, Biasell sald.

THE INCREASE in project cost will represent a \$119,000 increase for Farmington and \$505,800 for Farmington Hills. The increase for the other governmental units would be based on their percentage of the total project costs.

MDOT has already paid \$773,000. Novi will pay its share from an earlier bond issue for city drainage projects, Costick said.

Interest from MDOT's payment, plus the length of construction time, offset some of the anticipated increase," wrote David Call, Hills engineer, in a report to council.



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Raiph Grubba, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, appeared at the Novi Hilton Thursday morning.

## Road millage a possibility

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Farmington Hills directed a letter, with an eight-part road proposal, to the road commission in early December, outlining that city's needs.

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Along the 12 Mile corridor in Farmington Hills and Novi, 30,000 new jobs are expected to develop in the next decade, road officials said.
The road commission is looking the state to Intill? promises in some of these areas, Grubba said, and is considering legal action for work contracted for extending the Northwestern Highway corridor.
The county seeks an extension of Northwestern from Orchard Lake to 15 Mile, eventually farther out meet a state trunkline road also promised for Haggerty.

"A HIGH-level state trunkline is necessary along the Haggerty corri-dor," Grubba said. "The state's own planners recognize this. A freeway is the best facility, but a divided highway would be acceptable." In addition, county commission-

'I think we need to come up with a financing scheme . to help us leverage whatever state and federal dollars we can." -- William Costick city manager

ers John McDonald, R-Farmington Hills, and David Molfitt, R-Birmingham, Introduced a resolution Jan. 23 supporting the city of Farmington Hills' efforts in asking the state to reconstruct the M·102/Grand River interchange, which is "severely congested." The two represent districts 27 and 15 respectively, including Farmington, Grubba aided.

Grubba stresser immediate. Some of our cities are thinking about placing a moratorium on growth, "which, he said, could be "deadly" to the state and county economy.

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## Housing for area seniors will be expanded

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"We saw the need and we are not talking about just Finnish Center members," he said. "We have a very long waiting list already. I just wish we could build this project four-to-five times larger. We are quite enthused about our project. We find the need here so strong."

The apartments will not be limited just Finnish center members, although all tenants will be able to use the center. Tenants must be 62 years or older. For a married couple, as long as one of the spouses is within the age limit, they would be eligible as tenants, Hendrickson said.

Ten percent of the units will be des-

Ignated for low-income tenants and, as a result, rent will be less than on the other units, which will offer rent at the going market rate, Hendrickson said.

The request by the Chaldean Church of the USA was to rezone 6.8 acres of a 20-acre site east of Middlebelt, north of 10 Mile, from single-family residential to RCE, which permits multiple housing for the lederly. The property is immediately south of East Middle School.

CHURCH OFFICIALS are only in the early stages of planning and are unsure of how many apartments will be built on the site, said Saim Sarata of the Chaldean Church, headquartered on Berg Road in Southfield. The apartments will be open to the public, not just members of the church. Tenant age limits have not yet been establish-

ed. A construction date has also not yet been set, he added.
In the future, church officials would like to build a home for nans and a school on the remaining sereage. While an RCE zone would permit the school, it does not allow for the nun's home, unless it as elderly housing, said Claude Coates, city planer.
Church efficials metize it should be a supported to the coates, city planer.

Church officials have unsuccessfully tried to receive funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help provide subsidized rents, Sarafa said. Instead of continuing to try for funding, church officials have decided just to go ahead with the project, he added.

"HUD financing is a thing of the past," Dolan said, referring to the church's unsuccessful attempts for financing.

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because they are non-profit organizations, which can perhaps offer less expensive rent and have other nearby facilities that can be used by the olderly.
The use of volunteers by non-profit organizations is also a benefit, Dolan
said.
"If you look at the waiting lists, the
need is here for low-income (housing). But we're not going to get it. So let's go
on from there," she added.
Dolan expressed her support of both
organization's plans to provide senior
housing. In particular, she was pleased
that the city's RCE zone is being used.
"We worked hard for it (the zone). It
permits greater density under certain
conditions. It was drawn up knowing
their (elderly) needs would be different," she said.
With this type of zone and its requirements, neighbors seem more accepting of a multiple housing complex
near their neighborhoods, Dolan said.

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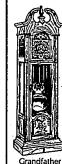
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