



skiing

Barry ZeVan

## Mad scramble exists to find good skiing

The mad scramble to find optimum skiing is in full force. Western snows fulfilled skiers' dreams of longlasting spring skiing, while New England and Quebec weather spurred optimism as well.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula seems to have it all for our state's skiers, though some areas — Boyne and the Highlands, Crystal Mountain and Caberfae — are toughing it out despite the climate's caprice.

If you're planning to go anywhere in Michigan just for the fun of it, prepare for the usual splendid craziness.

For a week beginning tomorrow, St. Patrick's Day, Crystal Mountain offers an extra hour of skiing to any skier wearing green. We've all seen some skiers turn green on the hills, but that's probably not what they had in mind.

"NON-STOP EVENTS all weekend" are slated for Crystal's upcoming Spring Carnival. Loose translation: bring extra liquid for your bota bag.

Special ski club events March 28 wrap up the carnival. With lots of man-made snow and optimism, the area plans final runs for April 5.

Use that for a rule of thumb for planning Lower Peninsula snowjourns for the season's remainder.

If it remains cold for a prolonged period, areas will obviously remain open past the cut-off dates, but it's always wise to inquire by telephone prior to departure. Or be consoled knowing that after years of occasional false snow condition reports from some areas, most are now factual.

FOR RESIDENTS of the U.P., tomorrow is more than just St. Patrick's Day. It's the Finnish St. Urho's Day, and ski areas near the Gogebic-Iron Range from Wakefield, Mich., to Upton, Wis., are pro-

viding plenty of St. Urho's activities for Finns and non-Finns alike.

The special meaning of the regional holiday is good reason to create special ski races where everyone, regardless of ethnic background, crosses the Finnish line.

Wakefield's Indianhead ski area, one of Michigan's best ski areas, is luring Detroit-area skiers onto the road for a 12-hour drive by claiming the best season in its 21 years.

"Poor snow in the early part of the season out West, plenty of natural snow and six straight weeks of around-the-clock snowmaking" contributed to Indianhead's banner season, according to Tom Britz, the area's marketing director.

PLANNING WAY ahead? Mark your calendar for April, May and June skiing.

California-Nevada's Heavenly Valley hosts the 13th Annual NASTAR (National Standard Race) finals April 12-14.

NASTAR finals originated at Heavenly in 1969 and feature 80 finalists from across the country.

Steamboat Springs, Colorado experienced a dearth of snow this season and will stage its annual "Spring Stampede," allowing Western buffs to join in downhill and cross-country ski revelry and rivalry March 27-April 12.

Cross-country skiers wishing to improve in downhill telemarking and whitener skiing should investigate the 1981 Telemark Training Camp at California's Mammoth Mountain in May and June.

David Beck, a California ski-tourer for 25 years, will host the camp's coaching staff. For further information, write Box 298, Williston, Vt. 05495.

Barry ZeVan, the television weatherman, writes a skiing column for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

Monday, March 16, 1981

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## Area publicist seeks new career

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Barry Schwartz has gone west.

Schwartz, the likeable publicity man for Southfield Parks and Recreation, left the area two weeks ago to pursue a sports writing career in Las Vegas.

The move ends Schwartz's 1½-year employment as publicity and promotions representative for the department.

"I enjoyed immensely working with both the program coordinators and secretarial staffs," said Schwartz, a Southfield resident. "They made my

stay here very enjoyable. They made me feel like one of the family."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED USE OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**

The Farmington City Council will meet on APRIL 6, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 23400 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, at which time the City Manager will hold a Revenue Proposed Use Hearing.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the City Manager with written and oral comments on possible uses for \$62,000.00 of Revenue Sharing Funds expected by the City during its 1981 fiscal year.

NEDRA VIANE,  
City Clerk

Public: March 16, 1981

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 9, 1981**

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting March 9, 1981. Mayor Wolf opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Members present were Wolf, Soronen, Burwell, Oppenheimer, Dolan and Lange. Member absent was Alkateeb. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorneys Bibeau and Donohue.

Council approved the minutes of February 17, 1981.

Ordinance C-1-81 was enacted creating the Farmington Hills Historic Districts and Commission.

Council enacted Ordinance C-2-81, Chapter 14 of City Code to increase the water service installation charge.

Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance C82-241 was enacted rezoning 23-8-100-004 from RA-1 to RC-2.

Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance C82-244 was enacted rezoning 23-11-102-004 from RA-2 to OS-2.

Council accepted Robert Clarke's presentation re question on tax abatement Act 198.

Council established an industrial development district for Diamond Automation Division of Diamond International Corporation, 23400 Haggerty Road, for the expansion of the present facility.

April 20 was set for the Necessity Hearing for sewer and water on Rock Ridge Lane in Franklin Oaks.

An Ad Hoc Committee was established to review Building Code Ordinances for the City of Farmington Hills with emphasis on energy conservation and needs of the community.

Vilcan Leman's proposal to update the commercial components of the Master Plan was approved.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, Council introduced Ordinance C-4-81 to amend vehicle size, weight and load requirements of City Code Ordinance C-4-81 to adopt by reference the Michigan Mechanical Code as promulgated under the Michigan Construction Code Act being Public Act No. 238 of 1972 and Ordinance C-81 requiring license to obtain permits under the mechanical code and designating the City of Detroit as the licensing authority.

Traffic Control Order for Prohibition of Left Turn into YMCA on Farmington Road at Special Hours 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. was approved.

Executive session was held regarding pending litigation.

D. Keith Deacon was reappointed as alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 2-8-84.

Meeting adjourned.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS,  
Clerk  
DONN L. WOLF,  
Mayor

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