recreation news

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For fur-ther information regarding our pro-grams, contact our office at 474-6115.

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ICE SKATING LESSONS — Learn to improve your skating techniques this winter. Our lessons include the beginner to the advanced and meet for 30 minutes once each week for five weeks. Registration should be made at the Parks and Recreption Office by Feb. 3. Class fee is \$25 per person.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI LESSONS — The Parks and Recreation Department

will offer advanced cross country ski lessons for intermediate skiers, Saturday, Feb. 4 at 12:30 p.m. at the Glen Oaks Ski Center. All lessons are one and a half hours long. The fee for the lesson will be \$11, fieldling ski rental; \$6 with your own equipment. Ski lessons are per-ergistration only at the Parks and Recreation office.

BILL KOCH SKI LEAGUE — The Bill Koch Ski League is a cross country ski club directed to boys and girls, 7-13 years of age. The league offers lessons, games, races, club patch, newsletter and more. This added seasion will begin Feb. 7, from 4-6 p.m. for three consecu-

tive Tuesdays at the Glen Oaks Ski Cen-ter. Fee for this three week session is \$23 and includes ski rental; \$13 with your own equipment.

MOONLIGHT SKI TOUR - Looking MOONLIGHT SKI TOUR — LOOKING for something new and different to do? Here it is. Cross country ski beautiful Glen Oaks Golf Course by moonlight on Friday, Feb. 17, 7-10 p.m. No extra fee will be charged for this special event. A snack bar and ski rental will be avail-able. Ski rental is \$6 per person. No pre-registration necessary.

SENIOR ADULT CENTER — Norah Martin, Manager of Corporate Affairs with Michigan Bell Telephone Compa-

ny, will speak Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center pertaining to changes that have taken place at Mich-igan Bell in the last year. Bring your questions to this informative talk.

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SLEDDING AND HOT CHOOL

LATE: ADAPTIVE RECREATION —
All mildly to moderately, mentally
and/or physically impaired individuals, 9 years of age and older can enjoy
an afternoon of sledding on the slopes
at 11 am. to 1 pm. Saturday, Feb. 18
at the Southfield Civic Center, then
warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.
Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, Feb. 18. Registration fee is 50
cents per participant.

Brotherton reserves judgment on budget

State Rep. Wilbur V. "Sandy" Brotherton, Re-Farmington, said the proposed 1984-85 liseal year budget that Gov. James Blanchard presented to the state Legislature last Monday contains too many increases to be tagged a "zero-growth" budget. Brotherton said that heartly every department will be experiencing increases in program funding and that insufficient cuts will not cover those additional funds.

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"I om urging my colleagues in the
House of Representatives who have
praised Gov. Blanchard's proposed
budget to reserve their judgment of the
fiscal plan until it has been thoroughly
scrutinized," Brotherion said.
"The governor is using incredibly op-

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they don't pan out."

HE SAID an example is the department of labor budget, which is being cut by nearly 50 percent.

"This reduction is being based on the assumption that the labor department will see 100 percent participation in a new program that will allow those receiving workers' compensation to collect benefits through a tax credit system rather than direct reimbursement," Brotherton said. "This is simply not going to happen, at least this year, but the governor anticipates that exeryone eligible will use this new sys-

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senis'only a small percentage increase in overall funding for education, compared to other department increases. Kindergarten through high school will receive a 7.5 percent budget increase, while the attorney general's office will receive a 15.4 percent increase, civil service a 15.3 percent increase and natural resources a 23.4 percent increase. "Now, I ask you, how can we call this a zero-growth budget when virtually every department will experience budget increases, department expansions, and the introduction of new proposed when the proposed budget cuts the control of the proposed budget cuts beared on every optimistic forces are controlled to the proposed budget cuts beared on every optimistic forces are called the proposed budget cuts forces are controlled to the proposed budget cuts beared on every optimistic forces are lating to welfare caseloads, unemployment declines and economic growth?"





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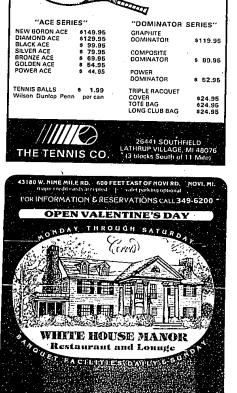
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