

Watch the February skies for Capella

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Capella is a star which rises and sets for us in southern Michigan. But for the northern part of the state, it never sets at all.

"Most stars rise in the east and set in the west, as do the sun and the moon, reflecting the rotation of the earth on its axis," says Professor Richard G. Teske, University of Michigan astronomer.

But those celestial bodies which are closest to the north pole of the sky are seen to circle perpetually around the pole, once every 24 hours, never sinking below the skyline.

Such a star is Capella, sixth brightest of the stars which Teske says can be seen on February evenings. Capella is nearly overhead between 8 and 9 p.m. It is the northernmost point of the five-sided constellation Auriga, the chariot driver.

The Big Dipper and the W-shaped Cassiopeia are two more familiar examples of stars which seem never to rise or set. "When observed from Michigan, they are somewhere above the horizon all the time, day and night. Such objects are said to be 'circumpolar,'" said Teske.

"Capella's location is just right to make it a circumpolar star for sky watchers living north of a latitude that runs east and west at the latitude of Bay City and Mt. Pleasant."

FROSTBITE symptoms include: a painful, cold sensation; burning or tingling numbness, indicating tissue damage is progressing; redness of skin; finally, a white or blanched look.

That's the word from Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield Township center, where there's a taped telephone message running 24 hours a day. The number is 876-7100.

And here's what to do about frostbite: Get out of the cold; rapidly and completely rewarmed the affected part — and don't let it get cold again; immerse the affected area in warm

outdoors

water (105-110 degrees) for 15-20 minutes.

"It's very important that you rewarm a frostbite completely and rapidly only once," said Dr. Marilyn Williams. "You must not allow a rewarmed area to get cold again or refreeze."

LOTS of drivers and snowmobilers who have been stranded in recent storms might have been more comfortable if they had had the kind of "Winter Survival" course being offered by Oakland County Parks.

The clinic will run 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks County Park, Sashabaw Road north of I-75, Clarkston.

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A "NATURE Cross County Ski Tour" starts in the parking lot of the Kensington Metropark nature center at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Naturalist Mark Szabo will lead the 2½-hour tour, stopping to examine the activities and survival techniques of plants and animals.

The program is free, but register in advance by calling the nature center at 685-1551. Take the Kensington Road exit from I-96 and follow the signs.

IT BOTHERS me to see dogs left out in the cold in a vacant, windswept yard with no cover or house. And it bothers the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, too, because here's what they say about it:

"First, get out the comb and brush or call the groomer and winterize your pet's coat. Those mats, tangles and

dead hairs drastically reduce the insulating ability of the haircoat and, if not removed, will have a chilling effect."

They make an interesting point about dog houses: "Make sure it's small enough — that's right, small enough. Most of the doghouse's warmth stems from its ability to retain the dog's body heat. Cathedral ceilings won't get the job done."

"Locate the entrance away from prevailing winds, and provide a flap or windbreak for those days when Mother Nature doesn't read the Almanac."

"You'll probably have to increase

your dog's daily feeding because part of his food is now being used simply to keep him warm. Don't think, because he only ate one small bowl of food in hot, humid August, that the same amount will suffice in February."

The dog's water may freeze, so you'll have to make several trips to the kennel each day to make sure it's available.

"A FAMILY Affair Ski Tour" has been rescheduled for 1-4 p.m. Sunday at White Lake Golf Course. It's at 991 S. Williams Lake Road, a mile west of the Oakland-Pontiac Airport, south of M-59 near Pontiac.

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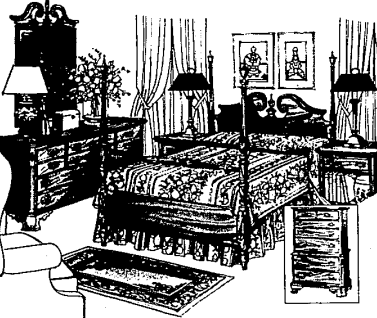
Leland Walters of the Birmingham Police Department was elected to the executive director's post. Earl Smith of the Farmington Hills Police Department was elected secretary.

The MPRTC, with offices in Livonia, is responsible for overseeing the training of numerous reserve and auxiliary police officers in Michigan.

More than 55 suburban city and township police departments participate or support the MPRTC-approved training program. Local chiefs of police or appointed representatives serve as an advisory council to the MPRTC.

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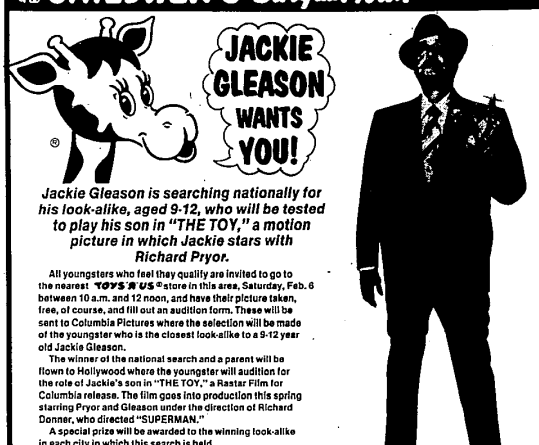
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All youngsters who feel they qualify are invited to go to the nearest TOYS "R" US store in this area, Saturday, Feb. 6 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and have their picture taken, live, of course, and fill out an audition form. These will be sent to Columbia Pictures where the selection will be made of the youngster who is the closest look-alike to a 9-12 year old Jackie Gleason.

The winner of the national search and a parent will be flown to Hollywood where the youngster will audition for the role of Jackie's son in "THE TOY," a Rastar Film for Columbia release. The film goes into production this spring starring Pryor and Gleason under the direction of Richard Donner, who directed "SUPERMAN."

A special prize will be awarded to the winning look-alike in each city in which this search is held.

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