

STREET SCENE

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Rise and shine

How can a person be cheerful at four in the morning? It's hard to say, but somehow Colleen Bucar manages to be. The Bloomfield Hills resident is making a name for herself at WKQI radio where she's the public affairs director. And despite her success, she admits there's really nothing all that glamorous about broadcast news. See Page 6D.

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Sensei Willie Adams of the Southfield Martial Arts Institute shows Sue Stephenson of Southfield how to do a karate kick.

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'They call me Willie'

By Pat Schulte
special writer

Detroit has a reputation as a pretty tough city. And this weekend, it's a safe bet that it will be the toughest in the world. The 1989 North American Karate Championships will be at Cobo Arena Saturday and the baddest dude in the city will be there. Is he a 6-8, 300-pound Joe Palooka? Naw, just 5-7, 160-pound Willie Adams.

Adams, you see, is an eighth degree black belt, chief instructor at the Southfield Martial Arts Institute and Tournament chairman of this weekend's contest.

Adams has mastered the control over his mind and body to a point that borders on something supernatural. And the key to his mastery is just that . . . "key power."

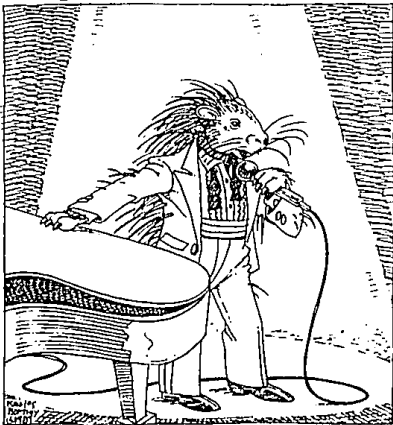
"Key power comes from deep inside," said Adams, who has been practicing the Isshin-Ryu style of karate for some 26 years. "It is the ability to ignite your adrenalin resources when you need to . . . It's stronger than anything in this world."

It's also mysterious.

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Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



"Love is a many splintored thing..."

A bit of Paradise in the U.P.

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

I am sitting at breakfast at the Little Falls Restaurant, looking down the road into Paradise. The only time I ever hear of this little town is when a television weather-caster gets bored on a cold, cold winter's night and says "and it's cold in Paradise today . . ."

Paradise is in the eastern Upper Peninsula 12 miles south of Whitefish Point, the last finger of land that guards the bay north of the Soo Locks. Pass it and you're in the open waters of Lake Superior.

The town is only a block or two long on M 123, starting here at the Cedar Lodge, run by Jim and Shirley Stabile, at the south end of town, and wandering past rustic gift shops, restaurants, grocery stores and bait and tackle shops to Curley's Motel, run by Bill Ferguson at the other end of town.

Bill serves the area's biggest and best parties at T.L.'s Restaurant across the street in what still looks like an A and W root beer place. Paradise is a popular little tourist town summer and winter, but it



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There are plenty of riverside trails at Tahquamenon State Park near Paradise. And it's a wonderful five-minute drive by car from the Upper to the Lower Falls.

seems to be the snowmobile capital of the world from New Year's Day through March. They get 400 inches of snow here in this corner of land warmed on three sides by the lake and they are totally surround-

ed by state and national forests, so it's a winter heaven for snowmobilers.

Jim Stabile tells me that the Paradise Chamber of Commerce groomed the first snowmobile

trails in Michigan in the early 1970s. Whitefish Township now has 250 miles of the most lovingly groomed cross-country ski trails in the UP and keeps three snow-grooming machines working full time in season.

SNOWMOBILERS are so welcome here that they ride right on the roads along with the cars. They are so plentiful that they fill rooms as far away as St. Ignace, so reserve early.

If you drive or snowmobile through the Paradise area you could easily believe that there is nothing here except a wondrous spread of treed wilderness, but this was a very busy place a century ago and the whole history of the Great Lakes is tucked away among these forests and waterways.

French explorers Radisson and Groselliers spent 18 months in the Great Lakes area in the 17th century and in 1660 took 60 canoes full of fur pelts back to Montreal, many of them beaver skins from what is now Whitefish Township.

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