

# List Big Program Of Outdoor Sports

LANSING February is outdoor fun month in Michigan, according to the winter edition of the Michigan Calendar of Travel Events. More than 30 action-packed outdoor activities are listed in the calendar, compiled by the Michigan Tourist Council.

Heading the list of fun-filled winter events is the annual Winter Carnival at Michigan Technological University, Houghton-Hancock, Feb. 4-6.

\* First held in 1922, the carnival features snow statues, the traditional crowning of the carnival queen at a Sno-Ball, broom hockey played with a volleyball and human-drawn sled races.

\* OTHER WINTER carnivals and festivals listed include the Winter Sports Carnival weekend in Grayling, Feb. 12-14; Grant Township Winter Carnival at Sand Lake, Feb. 13-14; and Perchville Festival, Tawas Bay, Feb. 19-21.

Snowmobile racing fans will find plenty of excitement in Michigan, beginning with the International 500 Mile Snowmobile Classic at Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 6. Fifty drivers will pit their skill against the one-mile oval-banked track in vying for the \$5,000 winner's purse.

Michigan's upper peninsula will also be the scene of two championship races — the Champion of Champions Snowmobile Race in

Newberry, Feb. 20-21, and the North American Snowmobile Championships at Munising, Feb. 27-28.

Thrills galore await speed skating and ski buffs during February in Michigan. The Michigan Outdoor Speedskating Championship will be held in Petoskey, Feb. 6-7, and the Indoor Speedskating Championship will take place at Wyandotte, Feb. 27.

Three ski tournaments will be held in Michigan's upper peninsula — the Pine

Mountain Ski Jumping Tournaments at Iron Mountain, Feb. 13-14; U.S.S.A. Alpine Championship, junior division, at Mount Ripley in Hancock, Feb. 26-28; and North American Ski Flying Meet at Copper Peak, north of Ironwood, Feb. 27-28.

THE CALENDAR lists many other community events offering a bonanza of fun for the entire family including an Ice Cap Golf Tournament on Spring Lake, near Grand

Haven, Feb. 13; the Michigan State Hot Wheels Championship Derby, Saginaw, Feb. 6; National Bump Jumper Contest, Petoskey, Feb. 7; and a Sports Car Ice Run on Lake Margrethe, Grayling, Feb. 20-21.

Copies of the Michigan Calendar of Travel Events, listing winter activities and events, are available free of charge from the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, 48926.



## Ski Heil

By  
**BILL CAMERON**

I wish I could explain the rash of broken legs that I've heard about lately. Latest were the children of Detroit's mayor, Roman Gribbs, who suffered accidents on consecutive days at Timberlee, and Karen Pulick, daughter of my swimming instructor.

Ski accidents are generally attributable to three general areas: poor physical condition, ability of the individual and faulty equipment.

cause they have more release angles. If they are adjusted properly they should release when you fall.

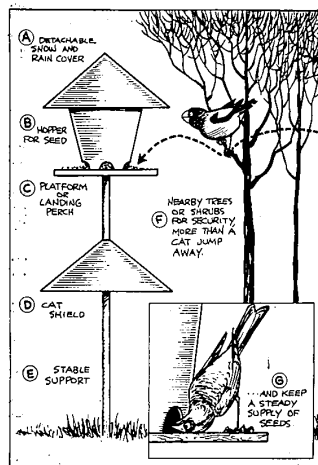
Any reputable ski shop will adjust your bindings according to your height, weight and skiing ability. Unfortunately, there are some ski areas that do not do this on their rental equipment. It is human nature to stop around for the best bargain, but is it worth saving a couple of dollars to get inferior equipment?

I SHUDDER everytime I see skiers, particularly youngsters, on hills that they have no business on. Anyone can go straight down a hill. The ability to stop and turn is necessary for the preservation of life and limb, not only for yourself, but the other skiers on the hill.

The other area is faulty equipment. By that I mean primarily bindings. There is no such thing as a 100 per cent safe binding. True, some are better than others be-

The newer stiff boots aren't helping matters either. I've heard of quite a few boot top fractures primarily because the boots don't flex enough. At least the old lace boot made of softer leather gave somewhat when you fell.

Ask the ski shop people or area people how to adjust your bindings! If they refuse, let me know. They have an obligation to you, the skiing public. Ski safe!



## Dateline Outdoors

By LEM MESEE  
Outdoors Writer

Lem's a poodle owner. so there's seldom any birds in his backyard. The reason for this is his poodle's yelp to be let out when the birds move in to play on the grass, and the dogs shoot out the back door to nail the birds.

Of course, they've never caught a bird yet, and chances are they never will.

But, even if you're like Lem and keep dogs, you still can lure a bundle of brightly colored feathered friends to your premises.

How?

With a bird-feeder, of course.

bird's fragile tongue will be damaged if it comes in contact with metal at cold temperatures.

An advantage to building a feeder as large as 24-by-36 or 48 inches is that it will cut down bickering among the birds as they compete for food. It will, of course, take more food to keep it filled.

HAVE NO worry as to food. Most grocery stores carry bags of bird seed and the popular sunflower seeds but, if you look around, you'll find plenty of bird food in your own house.

Your feathered friends will eat grass seed, cheese, grapes, dog food, raisins, bone dust from the butcher, chunks of suet, peanut butter mixed with shortening and crusts of bread.

Put a little pile of sand at one end of your feeder, too. Birds, like chickens, need some grit in their diet.

Of course, if you go into bird feeding in a big way, you'd find it best to visit your local farm supply store and buy sunflower seeds in 50-pound bags.

And if you really want to throw out the red carpet for your birds, supply them with water, too. It'll take a thermostatically controlled heater, such as poultrymen use, to do that in freezing temperatures, but your birds will think you're the greatest guy on the block.

And even the Joneses will envy you for that!

## Metro Parks Set Records For Crows

The eight Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks had a record 9,022,600 visitors during 1970, exceeding the previous high of 7,858,485 set in 1969.

The 1970 figures are first, with 1969 figures in parenthesis:

Kensington Metropolitan Park near Milford had 2,545,000 visitors (2,600,000 the record high); Stony Creek Metropolitan Park near Ulica had 2,027,700 visitors (1,575,000); Metropolitan Beach near Mt. Clemens had 1,970,370 (1,722,100); Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville had 1,819,780 (1,392,000), surpassing the previous high of 1,672,373 set in 1961; Marshbank Metropolitan Park — 79,100 (82,500); and three HCMA Parks near Ann Arbor — Delhi Park — 197,600 (142,470); Dexter-Huron — 151,130 (127,950); and Hudson Mills — 231,840 (216,465).

Since 1948 Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks have served over 92,834,442 persons, with individual totals as follows: Kensington Park — 36,926,506; Metropolitan Beach — 25,367,171; Lower Huron Metro. Park — 19,782,616; Stony Creek Metro. Park — 9,021,900; Marshbank Park — 668,800; Delhi Park — 400,150; Dexter-Huron Park — 279,080; and Hudson Mills Metro. Park — 488,305.



GETTING POINTERS on how to avoid leg and ankle injuries on falls while skiing is Bonnie Welsh of Livonia. The instructor is Ed Stone of the Mt. Brighton staff. Bonnie is enrolled in the Livonia Ski Skule which holds sessions at the ski resort.

## Ex-Bentley Star Named Berkley Coach

Michael Mancini, a former standout football player at Livonia Bentley High, has been named football coach at Berkley High, a member of the Southeastern Michigan Association.

Mancini was an all-conference football choice at Taylor University after leaving Bentley and coached in Indianapolis before becoming assistant coach in football and wrestling at Berkley two years ago.

He takes over the head grid job immediately.

Former Michigan State football and track great Jesse Thomas now is defensive backfield coach at Morgan State.

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vonja Ski Skule's trip on the weekend of Feb. 19-21 at Boyne Highlands.

Transportation is furnished with a bus leaving at 6:30 p.m. on Friday from the Wonderland Shopping Center and returning at 10 p.m. on Sunday at the same location.

Lodging will be at the Weatherwade Lodge in Charlevoix with transportation furnished to the slopes.

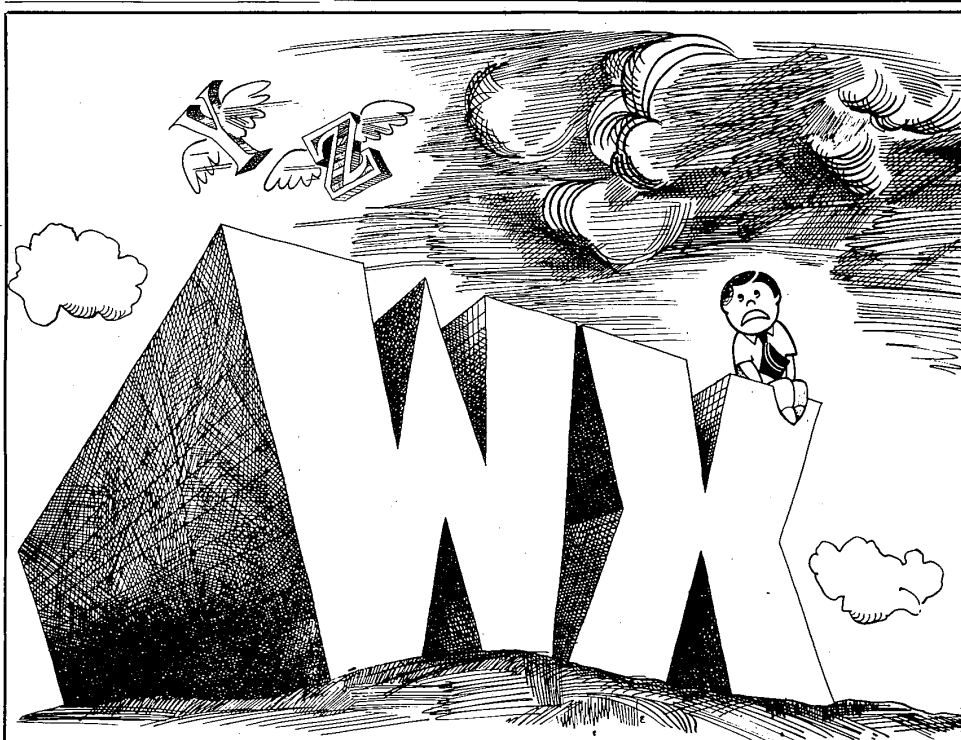
The cost, including transportation, lodging, two breakfasts, Saturday night dinner, all area lift tickets, will vary from \$54 to \$58 depending on the number of persons per room.

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