## Vacation guidance available

Upper Michigan has great waterfall, lighthouse and histori-cal tours — if you know how to find them.

and you can get tour guidance from a new state park tour pro-gram, says George Rob, of the state Department of Natural Re-sources. His office will even make your state park camping reserva-tions for the price of one 906 area

Here are the kinds of attrac-

tions on the tours:

Waterfalls — The UP has 199, including the photogenic Tahquamenon Falls. Many aren't well marked, however, and you need good directions to find them. "The quiet walk along the forest trails leading to most fall is an

added bonus for the visitor — a rate of the visitor in the visitor

## County services help out seniors



Q. As a sculor on a fixed income I was very happy to find that the Older Adult Services of the Oakland County Health Department has many ser-

Department has many services for older people. I don't think many people about these services, and I think they should.

Many health-related pro-s are offered to older adults

through the Oakland County
Heelth Department, and I thing
you are right, most people are not
aware of these services. Services
to the Aging nurses will make
home visits, do telephone counselling to access nursing and social
needs, give information and referrais, assist with placement and
consult and speak at local senior
centers. There is an outreach flu
immunization program, classes
for caregivers a dental clinic and
a general clinic. Also, hearing
teats are conducted, nutrition services provided, and breast and
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Most services are offered at no
charge. Any charges are based on
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A. It is against the law to accept Medicaid if you are, in fact, not income eligible. It is fraud. There are federal and state penalties for persons committing this crime. There are also penalties for maxing false statements concerning your financial situation, misusing a Medicaid card, or falling to report changes in your circum-

stances. The situation will be investigated, and if the evidence suggests that there is willful violation of the law, prosecution could occur. Anyone who helps another person to obtain Medicald fraudulently will also be eligible for the same preprint.

Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and the director of communica-tions and admission at a Roches-ter Hills nursing facility. She is a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to

State Commission on Services to the Aging. To leave a message for Mahler, from a touch-tone phone, call 953-2047, mailbox 1869. Send your questions to her at the Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Mople, Birming-ham 48009.

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## Tourism in Michigan stays strong

Tourism in Michigan remained at strong levels during the first quarter of 1994, according to the Michigan Tourism Index com-piled by Detroit-based Comerica Bank.

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From January through March,
the Michigan Tourism Index remained at 170.0, the peak level it
reached at the close of 1993. Compared with the first quarter of
1993, the index was up 1.5 percent.

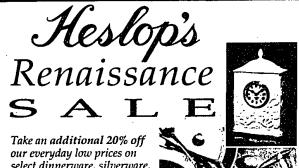
cent.
"During the first quarter, there was a healthy, seasonally-adjusted improvement in Mackinac

Bridge crossings and occupancy rates at Michigan lodgings," said David L. Littmann, senior economist with Comerica Bank. "However, these gains were offset by aggregate slippage in vehicular traffic at the tunnel and bridges and in air passenger traffic volume."

A decline in vehicular traffic may partly reflect the record overtime weekly hours that workers were accumulating at Michigan manufacturing jobs during the economically robust fine quarter, Littmann said. Weakness in the

Canadian dollar might also be contributing to lower cross-border traffic at this stage, he said. Littmann said that lower alreares, less overtime for the balance of 1994, and the onset of casino gambling in Windsor ought to lead to a upward spurt in second quarter tourism. The Michigan Tourism Index is a quarterly summary of four seasonally adjusted travel and lodging data series which serve as a non-inflationary proxy for state-wide tourism activity. Base year is 1980.





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