Snow woes? Not for this outdoorsman and his dog

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The sun was cheering as it peeped under the clouds at dawn on a recent weekend. There was no wind, so the air felt warmer than 30 degrees.

I parked my car along a dirt road plast half-how's drive from home and headed into the woods with my old dog. Silence. The ground was brown and frozen, and no sputtering rackets from snowmobiles filled the air.

Our approach scared up a cottontall rabbit, but the old dog was too deaf to hear it, so the bunny scampered off, unchased. Later there was a streak of red — a fox?

In a little valley, frost decorated every branch like a million pieces of white lace. As the sun hit it, the lace turned to diamonds

diamonds.

Along the bank of a stream, I picked up some dry oak branches snapped from the trees by an earlier wind. They ignited quickly, and soon we were warming ourselves at a fire.

Time for breakfast: Bacon, slices of onion, eggs, somemade raisin bread toasted directly over the corner of the fire; apple wrapped in aluminum foil and baked in the coals; a Thermos of the coffee sweetened with cocao mir; a

and baked in the coals, a Thermos or hot coffee sweetened with cocoa mix; a pocketful of biscuits for my ravenous dog.

Down to the edge of the gurgling Huron River for cold water to douse the fire. A stroll through the wooded hills. The song of a chickadee to break the silence

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A little rest to light up a pipe. More walking.
Hours later we would return home to the headlines in the Sunday paper. No snow. Winter resorts losing ten' williams. As the solid paper in the williams. As the solid paper in the world william in the solid paper in the mobilers mounting. Money and gaso-line.

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Are these guys crazy? I wondered. This has been an utterly magnificent winter to enjoy the outdoors.

STONY CREEK Metropark near Rochester will be the scene of a cross country ski-a-thon at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.



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Huron-Clinton Metroparks are stull going strong. Here's the lineup for this weekend:

Stony Creek, 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 — "Frigid Feathers," naturalist Roger Bajorek's slide show and short outdoor walk on winter birds and how to attract them. Register by calling the nature center at 781-4021.

Kensington, 10 a.m. Sautrday, Feb. 2 — "Groundhog Day and Other Animal Legends," naturalist Bob Hotaling's slide and stressession programs to the control of the stress of the stress

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All metropark programs are free.
There is a vehicle entry permit fee of
\$2 a day, but it's more economical to
buy the annual pass for \$7.

Congressmen ratify Carter doctrine

By TOM LONERGAN

Congressmen from Oakland County support President Jimmy Carter's "get lough" posture toward the Soviet Union and say they'll support the first step to bring back the milli-U.S. Rep., 200 March 1997 of the 10 Sept. 19 Sept. 1997 of the 10 Sept. 1997 of the 10 Sept. 1997 of the 1

BROOMFIELD, a veteran Republican represent-ing western Oakland, said he was "happy to see (Carter) starting to exert firmness in foreign poli-

cy."

Carter said the U.S. would respond militarily should the Soviet Union move into the oil-rich Per-

should the Soviet Union move into the oil-rich rersian Gull region. According to Broomfield, the mood in Washingon is not "a great deal of war talk per se, but a
recognition that the Soviet Union in Afghanistan
has created a new dimension in worldwide politics."

"I think war can be averted," Broomfield added.

"DETENTE IS over, obviously," said Blanchard, D-Pleasant Ridge. But he added, "It would be bad to revert to the (cold war) policies and slogans of the 1936s and 1936s said the Includes. Troy, said he supports a contract proposals, which include increased military aid to Asian nations like Pakistan, but also warned against a wholesale policy of arms sales to any country that's anti-Soviet.

"It think we ought to be very cautions on who we send arms and foreign aid to It was the easiest game in town in the "50s and "50s for countries to give anti-communist speeches and fill up their wallets with our tax dollars."

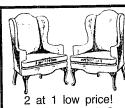
BRODHEAD, D-Detroit, whose district includes Southfield and Farmington, said Carter's military warnings were "not said so much for American consumption but for international consumption."

He called the president's speech "very strong, very effective," but "not overdone."
"We have very much at stake there in the Middle East and we can't tolerate that (the Soviets' Af-

ghanistan invasion)."
Brigging back the draft is "obviously not going to be popular with young people," Brodhead said, adding, "I think it's something we (Congress) are going to have to reconsider."
Carter will ask Congress to reinstitute military draft registration for men — and perhaps women — between 18 and 25 years old.
Broomfield called draft registration an "important step" that he will support.

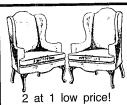
Blanchard said he doesn't "anticipate restoring the draft, but I expect Congress for respond by cranking up registration," which he said was "more of a symbolic gesture" to show the Soviet Union the U.S. would fajik it necessary. Blanchard said he'll support registration but not the draft.

ALL THREE support a U.S. boycott of the summer Olympic Games in Moscow. A bill endorsing the boycott passed the House overwhelmingly last week



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