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1. "STIZMARK" IS A COMMON SKIING TERM. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REFERS TO?

2. THIS UPPER PENINSULA SKI RESORT CITY IS THE HOME OF THE NATIONAL SKI HALL OF FAME AND THE NATIONAL SKI MUSEUM. NAME IT.

3. A POPULAR FORM OF SKI COMPETITION IS THE SLALOM. WHAT IS THAT?

4. WHERE DO YOU WAIT FOR A SPECIAL FREE-MICHIGAN SKI MAP WHICH LISTS AND DESCRIBES ALL OF MICHIGAN'S WINTER SPORTS CENTERS?

QUIZDOWN ANSWERS:
1. "STIZMARK" means "to slip" or "to fall."
2. St. Ignace, Mich.
3. Slalom.
4. At the Michigan Ski Center.

David Winkler Wins Contest

Nine-year-old David Winkler of Farmington was the recent winner in a pony naming contest at Centaur Farm Stables, big public riding establishment in West Bloomfield Township.

"DAQUIRI" is the name David chose for a pretty new liver chestnut pony at Centaur. The winning name, which is posted on a bulletin board in Centaur's observation lounge, has evoked a good deal of comment, incidentally. According to David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Winkler, 2250 West Wayburn, what David had in mind was the popular rum cocktail "Daquiri." He spelled the word the way it sounded to him, "daquiri"—but the buzz of conversation suggests that most people are puzzled as to whether David's name is some obscure and/or esoteric word, an allusion, or is meant, in fact, to be the store-bought alcoholic potion.

One fact emerges clearly: Not all adults apparently don't know how to spell daquiri, either!

David's prize was a free private riding lesson at Centaur, which is located at Walnut Lake and Drake roads. David's sister, 11-year-old Mary Don, who is a regular rider at the stables, had submitted the name "Peppermint Brandy" ("Peppy" for short) in the contest.

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New President Of Mackinac Island C of C

Robert E. Benjamin, of 32204 Craftsbury, Farmington and Mackinac Island, was elected Monday as 1964-65 president of the Mackinac Island Chamber of Commerce.

Benjamin will succeed Sam M. McIntire as president.

A native of Mackinac Island, Benjamin operates the family business, Benjamin of Mackinac Island, and is an art instructor in the Farmington school system. He is a graduate of Petoskey High School and Michigan State University.

Other Chamber officers elected were: Dennis Broderick, first vice-president; R. Daniel Musser, second vice-president; A. R. Summerfield, third vice-president; Maria Moeller, secretary; and Otto W. Lang, treasurer.

Sample Campus Life at WMU

More than 3,500 freshmen who will be entering Western Michigan University for the first time next fall are getting a two-day advance taste of campus life this summer.

Under the direction of Dr. Donald Davis, director of the Counseling Bureau, the freshmen are coming to the campus to learn something of their future programs of study, to meet with the counselors and to see a bit of the campus. It is not all work and some social life has been planned too.

When they return to the campus in mid-September they will be completely registered and have their fees all paid. They will only need to attend the orientation meeting for all new students on Sunday, Sept. 13, and attend their first classes on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

James G. Stevenson, David C. Schaeck and Lynn E. Cox, all of Farmington, were among those who were on the WMU campus last week.

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Timely Tips on GARDENING
By Betty Frankel

GROWING GOOD TOMATOES — Everybody grows tomatoes, or so it seems, because they are one of the easiest vegetables to grow. They are the most popular home-grown vegetable. However, they have achieved this status only since 1900. In fact, for many years after tomatoes were introduced into Europe from their native South America they were grown only as an ornamental garden plant. They were regarded as a decorative and interesting curiosity, but the fruits were thought to be poisonous.

These "love apples" or "gold apples" as they were called were grown in Virginia by Thomas Jefferson in 1781, but were almost totally unknown in America as an edible vegetable until after 1834 and did not begin to achieve any popularity until around 1850. Now the Burpee seed company reports that the sale of seeds of the Burpee Big Boy tomato alone exceeds sales of any other vegetable.

Although tomatoes are easily grown, many gardeners do not grow tomatoes that are as productive as they might be. They cannot be grown in this shade. Tomatoes are lovers of sunshine and warm weather. Although the seeds may be sown directly in the ground when danger of frost is past, it is customary in this part of the state to start seeds indoors early to ten weeks before outdoor planting time, or to purchase small plants from a nursery. If well-cared for, the plants are set in the garden around Memorial Day the danger of frost damage is by-passed and the plants become established quickly. Gardeners getting a late start, can purchase potted plants during the summer and still have a crop to harvest.

WHEN SETTING — If the plants, they should be planted two or three inches deeper than they were in the pot or 21 x 4. Additional roots form on the buried part of the stem. If the plants are tall and spindly they can be set even deeper, covering the stem up to the first leaf.

The soil should be well drained, but need be of only average fertility. It is beneficial to enrich the soil at the time of planting with compost or humus. Although some authorities recommend working manure into the soil, it should be used with caution because an excess of nitrogen tends to cause the plants to produce lush foliage but not much fruit. Commercial fertilizers high in nitrogen (indicated by the first number in the familiar formula) should be avoided. A small handful of a fertilizer high in phosphorus and potash (such as a 4-8-4 or 5-8-7) can be mixed with the soil in each hole at planting time and again as the plants begin flowering. In moderately good garden soils this is sufficient.

If the plants are not going to be staked, but are going to sprawl on the ground they should be spaced with six feet between the rows and four feet between the plants in the rows. The disadvantage of this method, in addition to the greater amount of space needed, is that the fruit can rot where it comes into contact with the ground. However, yields are greater. More tomatoes are produced by each plant.

Where space is limited or only a few plants are to be grown, or if they are to serve as a decorative background for other plantings, tomatoes should be pruned and trained to grow on stakes. A higher proportion of clean, undamaged fruit will be harvested. Staked tomatoes may be planted with two and one half to three and one half feet between the rows and one and one half to three feet spacing of plants in the row. Hybrids grow more vigorously and need wider spacing. **STAKES SHOULD** be good sound wood at least two inches across, or of sturdy bamboo. They should be long enough that five or six feet will extend above the ground. The stakes have been driven into the ground securely. Most frequently one stake is used for each plant, but some gardeners favor setting three stakes so they form a tripod with a plant growing in the center. Another method uses three stakes in a tripod with three plants growing on the outside forming a teepee. Large scale growers as well as some home gardeners often use rows of trellises to support the plants.

"Staked plants" must be pruned. Generally one main stalk is maintained and all side branches removed. The suckers that are produced to keep two or three main branches. Remove all other shoots and suckers. It is best to remove them while they are still small enough that they can be snipped off between thumb and finger. The fruits form on short spurs along the main stalk. The suckers that are removed are those that form where the leaves join the main stem.

Plants that are pruned must be tied to the stake. Ruffia or wire "twist-em" are satisfactory, but strips of cloth are best. Care must be taken to tie in such a way that the stem is supported but not constricted. A low growing row. A figure eight tie with one loop around the stem and the other around the stake is the best tie to use. If the plants grow above the top of the stake the tops may be removed. This will concentrate the energies of the plant in filling out and ripening the fruit. When pruning the plants care must be taken not to remove too much foliage. This is important for manufacturing food for the plant. Also, although the plants need full sunlight, the fruit seems to need to be shaded somewhat by the foliage to ripen best.

Watering is a most important aspect of tomato growing. The soil around the plants should never be allowed to get excessively dry. Lack of water can cause the disease known as blossom-end rot which causes large black areas to develop at the base of the fruit. A deficiency of water followed by in ample supply causes the fruit to crack. Water during prolonged dry spells is also helpful to put much around the plants when the fruit starts to develop. Grass clippings can be used. Also, sheets of a special black plastic material are available and make an excellent mulch.

TOMATOES ARE at their best when picked in the vine. When fully ripe they should be picked and stored in a cool, dark place. In hot, damp weather tomatoes will be firmer if picked before completely ripe and ripened indoors at room temperature. They do not have to be on a sunny window sill as so many people believe. They will even ripen well if placed in a drawer or cupboard.

Before frost comes at the end of the season all the green fruit can be harvested. The spindly, greenest ones can be made into preserves or pickles or fried. Those that are within an even one spot will ripen in a bowl in a few days. The tomatoes can be placed and stored in shallow boxes or trays, or the entire plant can be cut down and the fruit is ripe. Earliness is a popular early variety. More tomatoes.

The so-called early tomatoes have the shortest period until the fruit is ripe. Earliness is a popular early variety. More tomatoes.

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