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Freeze frame: A view from Wayne Hill shows open water and frozen areas on West Grand Traverse Bay.

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# Natio tax 'r

Clinton says it

HYDE PARK, N.Y. President Clinton said the United States may consider a national sales tax if the government raises more money in the future, he said he meant in 10 years.

"I didn't mean to float a balloon or anything," Clinton said as he threatened to steal support from his campaign to support his new program.

The sales-tax idea has been raised many times in the past but dropped as too uncertain, Clinton said any such tax would have to exempt food and possibly clothing and would be designed not to hurt the economy.

White House aides said the sales tax was looked at but not carded during preparation of the plan Clinton announced Wednesday. "It is not under consideration at this time," a presidential spokesman said.

Proponents say a sales tax, or value-added tax, would encourage saving because it is levied only on new money is spent. In contrast, an income tax hits money as it is earned and again when it is spent.

The biggest criticism of a sales tax is that it is regressive — low-income people spend virtually everything they have. But most European countries allow various exemptions and rebates in an effort to overcome that argument.

The issue came up at

# All eyes on the bay: Will it freeze?

By TOM CARR  
Record-Eagle staff writer

TRAVERSE CITY — West Grand Traverse Bay appeared on its way to being officially frozen Thursday before warmer temperatures Friday caused the ice to recede, according to Pat Hobson, the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce's "bay watcher."

The lack of a freeze this late in the season has some wondering whether this winter will be the fourth straight "no freeze" winter for the bay.

"The ice has come in a lot since yesterday," Hobson said Friday afternoon from her office which overlooks the bay.

Measuring the ice is not an exact science, but Hobson could see it extending to its farthest point this winter on Thursday. But the bay isn't considered officially frozen until ice reaches from Clinch Park Beach to Power Island, about five miles north.

On Friday, the white ice looked patchy and flimsy near the shore, then extended out several hundred yards from shore as a flat, white mass. A wide, gray, soggy crack snaked its way through the middle of the snow-covered tundra.

But what does it matter if the bay freezes?

Dave Barrons, a freelance meteorologist who broadcasts for WWTV-WWUP TV 9&10, said he's not sure it does matter. But he said the fact that it hasn't completely frozen for five of the last six winters may indicate a trend.

"I find it interesting, but I don't know what it means," Barrons said. "When you put this together with the fact that the seven warmest years on record were in the 1980s, it's an amazing

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## Bay freeze facts

The Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce's records on the freezing of West Grand Traverse Bay date back to 1851. Statistics exist for every year except 1921, which is missing.

According to those records, the bay has not officially frozen for five of the last six winters. It also shows that 1992 was the third straight year it stayed unfrozen. The only previous three-year freezeless stretch was 1953 to 1955.

Here are some other records:

- The years in which the first freeze came earliest were 1856 and 1857, when the bay froze on Jan. 10.
- The year in which the first freeze came latest was 1933, when it occurred on March 23.
- In 1984, the bay froze and thawed three times — from Feb. 7 to Feb. 15, from Feb. 29 to April 12 and from April 16 to April 26.
- The latest thaw date was May 8, 1874, which also ended the longest freeze on record — 115 days, from Jan. 13 to May 8.
- The longest freeze this century was in 1904, when the bay was frozen for 91 days — from Jan. 25 to Apr. 25.
- There have been 24 freezeless years. They are 1851, 1855, 1863, 1878, 1880, 1882, 1903, 1911, 1919, 1931, 1932, 1940, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1964, 1975, 1976, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, and 1992.

— Tom Carr

## A change of pace — U.P. state's warm spot

By The Associated Press

You know it's really cold outside when the hottest spot in Michigan is in the Upper Peninsula.

The highest temperature reported Thursday in Michigan was 18 at Sault Ste. Marie in the extreme northeast. Alpena and Detroit, which more commonly take the honor, reported high temperatures of 15 degrees, with lows of 10 below zero and 6, respectively.

"It's pretty doggone cold out here. I don't think there's any way we could have been the warmest in the state," Dan Donarski, director of the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, said Friday.

"I was hoping you said we were the warmest because you were talking about what warm, friendly people we have here. Because otherwise, it's not warm here anyplace I know of."

Donarski offered some advice to downstate residents who aren't accustomed to the bitter cold. The suggestions come from the letters C-O-L-D.

- Your Clothes must be clean.
- Don't Overdress because you don't want to overheat.
- Wear Loose, layered clothing so you can easily strip or add layers.
- Stay Dry.

Meanwhile, forecasters expect a return to form this weekend with low temperatures expected to go below zero in the Upper Peninsula, while the Lower Peninsula should see lows above zero.

## Detroit c

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Michigan USA Kenya 22-year-old Wayne State university student, captured Miss USA 1993 title last night.

Miss Moore, of Detroit, the second black to win in the history of the pageant. The first black winner was USA 1990 Carole Gist, a Michigan.

The first runner-up was Nance, 20, Calhoun, Kansas USA Tavia Shae Shawnee, Kan., finished

Moore wore her new little lopsided and dabbled from her eyes as she waved to the crowd following her title.

The winner receives \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes and competes in the Miss USA pageant in Mexico City in May.

The crowning took place

# Admitted thief gives details of boat theft

Ohio man is bound over on felony larceny charge



Protection Program, and was not available to Leelanau County investigators until Thursday, Donaldson said. Federal reports indicated that Cunningham had dealt directly with Duckwall, but Donaldson learned Thursday that the two

he said, filled him in on the procedure, including which boats to take and the boats and the trucks would be.

He said he hired two men — Tom McAlpine and Damon Floyd — to work with him to the Greenfieldville, Ohio

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## Brief From staff reports

### seller gets prison

ERSE CITY — A Traverse City man was  
d Friday to three to seven years in  
pr selling the illegal hallucinogen LSD,  
nd Traverse County Prosecutor Dennis

Louis Laug, 21, pleaded guilty in Decem-  
ber to delivery of LSD and conspiracy to deli-  
drug. He was arrested in October after  
an undercover police officer at a Tra-  
y restaurant.

said Laug received some 3,000 doses of  
in the mail from a source in California.  
se was worth \$3 to \$5, police said.

### ordered in gun case

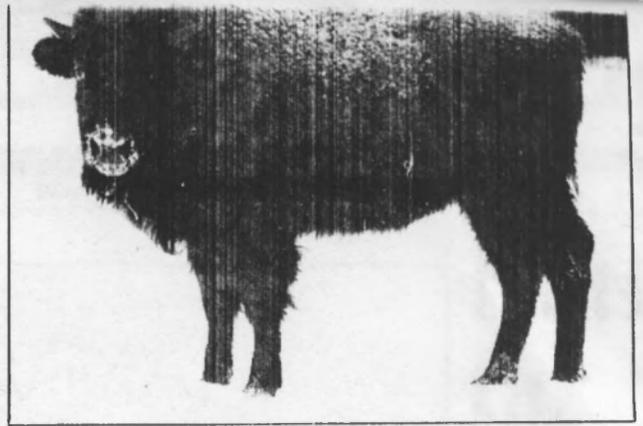
ERSE CITY — Two 17-year-olds linked to  
of guns that showed up on the grounds  
averse City High School were bound over  
stand trial in circuit court.

Traverse County Prosecutor Dennis  
said Michael Nason, 3149 Supply Road,  
rt Edward Salim of Interlochen face up-  
ars in prison, if convicted of receiving  
ealing stolen firearms.

t Judge James McCormick bound the two  
r to stand trial following a preliminary  
ion Friday. A trial date has not been set.  
e said Nason and Salim were charged  
a series of break-ins by a group of  
in Peninsula Township during the  
of Jan. 23. Handguns and ammunition  
len, the prosecutor said.

3-year-olds and a 15-year-old were char-  
onnection with the break-ins. Another 16-  
was charged with receiving and con-  
tolen weapons. Two of the four juveniles  
aded guilty in probate court and charges  
ling against the other two, LaBelle said.

A small buffalo (right) stands in the  
snow at the Oleson Buffalo Farm along  
U.S. 31 South, as other buffalo (above)  
head toward a warm barn Thursday  
afternoon. Single-digit temperatures at  
night have caused animal owners to  
put pets and livestock indoors during  
the cold spell.



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# Northport, township officials study plan to install \$385,000 water tank

By KAREN EMERSON  
Record-Eagle staff writer

NORTHPORT — Village officials need a nod from Leelanau Township and more than \$200,000 before they can buy a new water tank that would increase water pressure to homes and fire hydrants.

Northport and township officials met this week to talk about burying a 150,000-gallon water tank in a former ski hill near Morningside Drive west of the village limits.

The proposed site is township-owned land.

"We think this is a way the township and village can work together to provide better service," said Township Clerk Peggy Reinsch.

The hill is the highest in the surrounding area — at about 700 feet above sea level — and is big enough to bury the 60-foot-deep cement water tank.

The current water tower, located near Leelanau Memorial Hospital, holds 100,000 gallons of water and is more than 20 years old, said village administrator Greg King.

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**Peggy Reinsch  
Township clerk**

"It's old and in desperate need of repair," King said of the old tower.

Ed Reinsch said a buried water tank costs less than a mushroom-shaped tower and requires less maintenance. Suttons Bay also has a buried water tank, Reinsch said.

Neither village nor township officials know whether the water tank can be situated on the 60-acre township parcel because the land was acquired with a recreational grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Part of the property is used by a local sportsmen club for a shooting range, King said.

Peggy Reinsch said township officials will look into possible land use for the property. She did not know

how long that could take.

The water tank project could be completed by fall if the Michigan Department of Natural Resources allows the water tank at the township site, King and Ed Reinsch said.

The new tank will increase water pressure throughout the village, King said.

"That'll make everybody happy," he said.

The water tank project will cost about \$385,000. The village already has about \$190,000 for the water tank.

Northport was denied state funding earlier this year for the project through the Department of Commerce. Now the village might issue revenue bonds for the balance of the water tank that would be paid back with water revenues over 15 years, King said.

The township and village have worked cooperatively in the past in similar land-use situations, Reinsch said. The township hall and fire department, for example, are located on village-owned land.

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statistical quirk — if it is a quirk."

There have been only 24 winters in the last 142 in which the bay has not frozen, according to records kept by the chamber.

When it appears the bay is frozen, the chamber contacts the local U.S. Coast Guard station, so officials can verify the findings from the air.

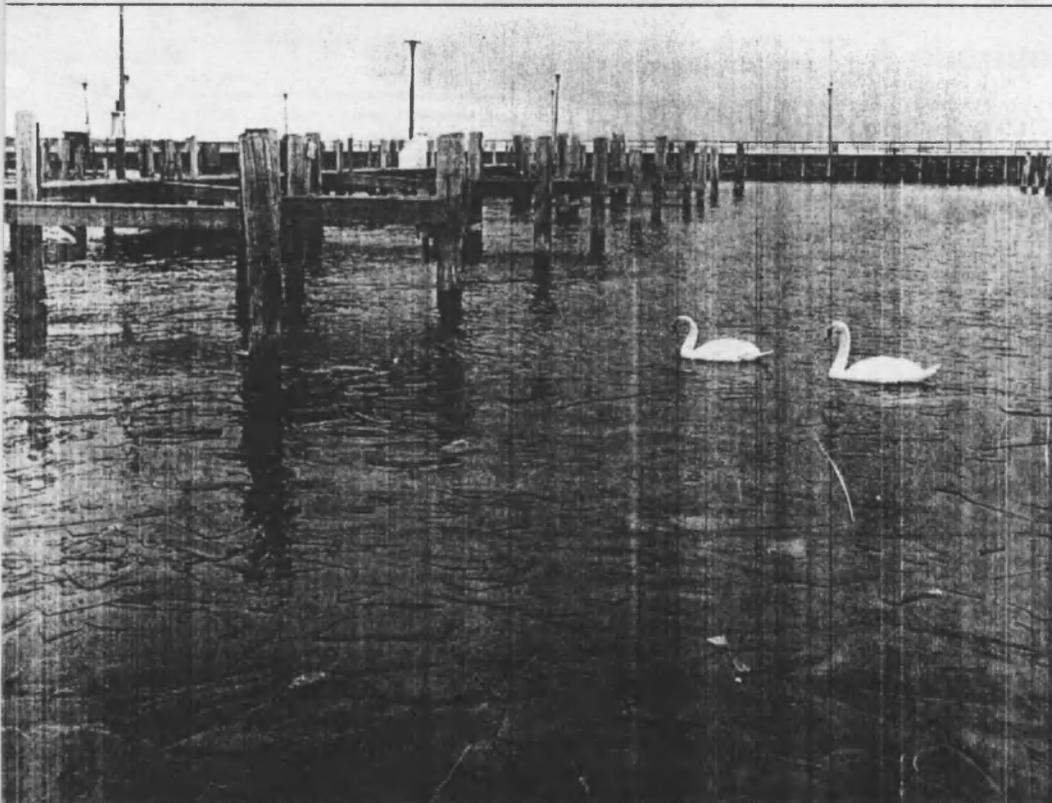
The local Coast Guard doesn't officially monitor Grand Traverse Bay, because of the lack of commercial shipping. But the other places it monitors are all frozen, according to Lt. Cmdr. Lloyd Spence. Those include Green Bay, Whitefish Bay, St. Mary's River, the Straits of Mackinac and Saginaw Bay.

Barrons said bodies of water freeze differently because of variations in depth, air and water currents and other factors.

Those reasons also contribute to the fact that East Bay tends to freeze more easily than West Bay, Barrons said.

Even if the bay does freeze all the way to Power Island, anyone wanting to walk on it should take precautions, according to Dep. Tom Bensley, marine safety supervisor for the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department.

Precautions include going only where others have recently gone, tying a rope to oneself and anchoring it to a tree on shore, or wearing a lifejacket. Bensley also warned that while a lifejacket can keep a person afloat, it doesn't guard against freezing to death. He said an insulated dry suit might guard against hypothermia, but they are expensive.



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vim: Ten days ago, a pair of mute swans managed to negotiate the thin layer of broken ice on West Grand Bay at Clinch Park Marina. Now, a good portion of the bay is frozen, but not far enough to officially be red frozen over.