

City police to hook up to television training

By Todd Schneider Staff writer

Westland police officers are going to be watching a lot of television this fall, but it won't be the new network shows drawing their attention.

The Law Enforcement Television Network, a high-tech training tool being used by police departments across the country, has come to Westland.

The city council last week approved a police department request to hook up to the satellite service, which will offer 400 hours of televised courses each month on a 24-hour schedule.

"It's something that will give all our officers the most up-to-date information without leaving the station," said executive Lt. Michael Frayer.

The televised classes cover all phases of law enforcement and will allow officers to pursue college credit through an arrangement with the University of Louisville, he said.

The classes are generally 30 or 60 minutes long.

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The \$488 monthly subscription cost will come from money already budgeted for officer training, Frayer

said. As part of the 12-month lease agreement with the city, the Texas-based network will waive \$900 in installation charges.

Three television monitors will be installed at the police station, one each for the squad room, chief's office and conference room. A satellite dish will be mounted on the station roof.

The network pays for routine equipment repairs and maintenance.

Frayer said the system will eventually save the city money by the eliminating the cost of sending officers out of town for training.

"The cost of (non-local) training has become almost prohibitive for

many suburban departments," he said.

Prayer said sending officers to seminars can cost anywhere from \$60 to \$500 per person, depending on the length of the session and expenses for lodging and other incidents.

Also, with the in-house, round-the-clock courses, officers will be able to sit in at their convenience and be available in an emergency situation, Frayer said.

Other local departments receiving the network are West Bloomfield, Taylor, Warren and the Drug Enforcement Agency office in downtown Detroit.

Education group off to solid start, chairman says

By Todd Schneider staff writer

The Wayne-Westland Citizens for Education Committee is off to a promising start, its chairman said last week.

"There are a lot of people out there who don't feel represented by the school board or administration," James Netter said. "I realized that when we had 35 people show up at the meeting."

The non-profit organization, formed last month as a forum for district residents, held its inaugural meeting July 28 at the Airport Hilton in Romulus.

A second meeting is scheduled for p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at the hotel.

Netter said issues discussed by the

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group at the first meeting included two statewide November ballot proposals on school funding, finding qualified school board candidates who represent all communities served by the district, how a possible tax abatement for Ford Motor Co. at its Wayne Assembly plant will affect

Wayne-Westland schools; and legal costs incurred by the district in the recent adult education enrollment fraud case.

THE BALLOT proposals — which call for either a half-cent or 2-cent increase in the 4 percent sales tax to

provide an additional \$400-\$468 million annually for Michigan Public Schools — drew no support from the group, Netter said.

"If the proposals do pass, how do we know that's going to take care of the needs in individual districts," Netter said. "What's to prevent district's from getting additional money through a Headlee Override or some other measure?"

Another topic was the problem of "equal representation" on the school board and possible candidates the group could support in 1990, Netter said.

Currently, six school board members live in Westland and one lives in Wayne. All board members are white.

The district also includes parts of Inkster, Canton Township and Romulus.

In addition to better geographical representation, Netter said the board needs to more accurately reflect the racial makeup of the district. Some 11.29 percent, or about 1,900 of the 16,904 students in 1988-89 were non-white, according to the

Wayne County Intermediate School District.

Two black candidates ran well behind two incumbents in the June 12 school board election.

Former Inkster school board member William Clark was mentioned as a possible candidate next year or in the near future, Netter said.

Man drowns in Lake Erie

The body of a Westland man was recovered from Breast Bay in Lake Erie Wednesday morning, reported the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

Kenneth J. Raley, 25, drowned two

days earlier when he fell out of a boat while fishing with a friend, the department said.

The body was discovered in the bay about 10 miles from Monroe by two fishermen.



A hot air balloon was used for the wedding ceremony of Alexander and Cindy Grant.

Couple married in hot-air balloon

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Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

She left Westland a year ago, moving to Lakeland, Fla., to pursue an electronics degree and become a computer technician.

While in Westland, she was a vendor for Hostess bakery products, allowing her to drive to numerous cities and make friends, she said. She was forced to leave Hostess after she injured her knee in a job-related accident in 1985.

HER HUSBAND, 26, is from Farmington, Mo. He earned his bachelor of science degree in chemi-

cal engineering and worked for Ford Motor Co. in St. Louis before joining the Navy to work in the field of nuclear power.

The couple now lives in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where Alexander works at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit. He is a machinist third class.

The bride has a son, Shaun Balhorn, 16, who lives with her. Other relatives include a brother, Brian, of Battle Creek; and four sisters, Laura Nicholas of Redford Township, Jan Parent of Livonia, Maureen Parent of Traverse City, and Kathy Thomas of San Diego.

Her parents, Larry and Jackie Parent, moved from Westland to Holiday, Fla.

carrier of the month Westland

Greg Duncan has been named the Westland Observer's carrier of the month for August.

A seventh grader at Emerson Middle School in the Livonia school district, Greg, 12, has been an Observer carrier for 14 months.

The son of Paul and Terri Duncan, his favorite school subjects are math and gym. Outside of school, his hobbies include basketball, baseball and soccer. He hopes to play professional basketball.

Greg likes the money he earns from his paper route and learned how to be nice to customers, a skill he says is needed in any job.

Greg Duncan



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Michael Jones takes a swing at the pinata.



Sarah Bjerk, 4, was named winner of the bike decorating contest.

IT'S AUGUST, and for the folks on Jean Court that means one thing — block party time.

Residents of the southwest neighborhood street threw their sixth annual get-together Aug. 6.

This year's party didn't draw quite as many participants as previous ones, said chairwoman Nancy Tenant. "We had a lot of people out of town on vacation, but I think everybody who came had a good time," Tenant said.

The food was plentiful and neighborhood children had activities galore to keep them happy during the 7-hour celebration. There was a three-legged race, bicycle decorating contest and the highlight of the day, the chance to break a candy-filled pinata.

"It (the party) really pulls people together," Tenant said. "I think it makes for better, closer neighbors."

The Dean family marked the block party with a video portrait. Paul Dean sets up the camera as Debbie readies daughter Jana, 4 months, and son Andrew, 2.

Tenant said the party is easy to plan and something that more neighborhoods should consider. Jean Court residents elect a new chairperson every two years, she said.

Some \$172 in raffle money collected at the party will be donated to the family of Keith Jensen Jr., a 4-year-old Westland boy who was killed in an Aug. 2 traffic accident in Livonia.



Hearing denied in dispute over mall book sale

A Wayne County Circuit judge Wednesday turned down a pro-life group's request for a show cause hearing to reinstate the group's Saturday, Aug. 12, used book sale at Westland Center.

Judge James Rashid's denial of the emergency hearing left Right To Life-Lifespan without a site for its fund-raising sale, which the mall cancelled 10 days before the scheduled event.

The Livonia-based pro-life group has filed a lawsuit against the mall and its management company, Center Companies of Southfield, claiming that the last-minute cancellation was a breach of contract.

The suit, which will be heard next January by Judge Cynthia Stephens, accuses the mall of breaking its agreement to provide space for the sale after it received several telephone calls threatening boycotts and other disruptive actions by pro-choice supporters.

It claims the mall is liable for "substantial profits being lost" from

the cancelled sale. No specific damage amount is listed.

A spokeswoman for the mall declined last week declined comment on the lawsuit.

The spokeswoman said previously that the decision to cancel the sale, originally slated for the shopping center's lower level, was due to "space and time limitations" created other planned weekend events at the mall.

The spokeswoman said that a "mix-up" led to the mall granting permission for the sale by telephone several months ago. There was no written contract, both parties said.

The spokeswoman denied Right To Life-Lifespan's claim that the mall received threatening telephone calls after advertising the sale on one of its marquees.

The pro-life group said 2,000 books were donated for the sale. The group has 10,000 members in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.



Doctor cited

Dr. Stanley J. Sczeglenski of Westland was one of 96 U.S. physicians recently awarded a certificate of competence in sports medicine from the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. The certificate is awarded to doctors who have successfully completed written and oral examinations given by the AOASM. Sczeglenski is affiliated with Nankin Family Physicians, Garden City Osteopathic Hospital and Annapolis Hospital. He is the team physician for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High Schools.

Bluegrass coming to park

Roy Cobb and the Coachmen will perform "Flatt and Scruggs" bluegrass music at a free outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Central City Park gazebo behind the Bailey Recreation Center, on Ford near Carlson.

Jeff Branch, a spokesman for the group and the bass player, said the four-member band sticks to the upbeat, traditional bluegrass sound.

"It's what people remember bluegrass used to be," said Branch, an

employee of Giffelder Music in Northville.

"Think of Flatt and Scruggs. That's what we play. Bluegrass has its own sound and we think it's important to preserve it."

Other performers will be Roy Cobb on the guitar and singing the lead vocals, Dana Cupp on banjo and Jeff Tuttle on the mandolin.

The event is the fifth in the concert-in-the-parks series organized


by the Westland Cultural Society in cooperation with the Westland recreation department and sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club.

The next outdoor concert in the series will have "Chaser," a light rock band playing music from the 1950s and '60s, performing at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27, in Jaycees' Park, on Wildwood and Hunter.

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County's parks look for private, public aid

By Wayno Poal
staff writer

Wayne County residents are increasingly "buying into" the county parks system. Now, county parks officials would like to see county government and businesses do the same.

"Buying in" is county park system shorthand for revenue raising, with the nation's golf boom just a start.

More people are playing golf at Warren Valley Golf Course, according to just-released county figures. The Dearborn Heights course, a chief revenue producer for the county parks system, took in slightly more than \$1 million in revenue in 1988. The figure was approximately \$200,000 more than that raised in 1980 and 1981 combined.

Another revenue raiser, Elizabeth Park Marina in Trenton, took in \$108,927 in 1988 — a 62-percent increase in five years.

DESPITE THAT, and despite the fact that a second county golf course is scheduled to open this month, parks officials said the county system is far too small and understaffed to meet the needs of heavily populated Wayne County.

"I can tell you Belle Isle (in the city of Detroit) has more staff and a greater budget than we do," county parks director Hurley Coleman said.



After celebrating its 70th anniversary, Wayne County Parks is looking toward the future.

Under National Parks Service guidelines, officials said, the county needs to add 2,300 more acres of parkland to meet the needs of its residents.

At this time, however, county parks officials are more concerned with refurbishing what they have.

THE COUNTY is eligible for an

estimated \$487,500 a year in state money under a new voter-approved bond issue, officials said, provided county officials come up with an estimated \$162,500 in matching grants.

That money is particularly valuable, officials said, because it would allow the county system to improve its current holdings, not just add new

parkland.

Most of the county system's 40 buildings are lavatories. Many have been shut since an early 1980s budget crisis.

The county is also eligible to share in a \$1.3 million state waterfront bond program and a \$3 million "rails and trails" program, designed to boost tourism, provided the county comes up with matching grant money.

"It would be a travesty if we did not come away with any of that money," parks design manager Nancy Watkins said.

GETTING CORPORATE sponsors to "buy into" the park is the second part of the system's revenue raising strategy.

Parks officials are stepping up efforts to lease parkland for corporate picnics and other events.

"What we're also looking at doing is have corporate sponsors offset the cost of some renovations," Coleman said. "So you'd see a sign: 'This is brought to you by so-and-so.'"

A county park tax isn't being considered, Coleman said.

COUNTY OFFICIALS acknowledge the system is finding its place between surrounding communities'

smaller, well-organized parks and the much larger nearby Metroparks.

"We have to create events that offer something different," recreation manager Vic Chiasson said.

Parks officials made their presentation Thursday to members of the county commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

While members made no monetary pledges, committee chairman David Cavanagh "pledged to cooperate" with parks officials on their proposal.

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New courses offered this fall include: leadership skills for managers, negotiating techniques, estimating home building costs, real estate appraisal, starting a business, interior design II, feathered star quilt, chemical dependency, home electrical repair, gardening and landscape design I, weather awareness and computers in the horse industry.

For more information and a free copy of the fall schedule, call 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

SC staffer is 'leader'

Noreen Thomas, assistant dean of continuing education services, is representing Schoolcraft College in the "Leaders" program, an international training session for female community college administrators.

Thomas recently attended the Leadership Institute, Albany, N.Y. She was selected to attend on the basis of proposed projects and interest in college administration.

The program is designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume decision-making roles, including human relations, planning and budgetary skills.

The program is sponsored by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges and the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges.

Thomas is a Farmington Hills resident.

Grants are available

Agencies providing food and shelter to needy area residents are encouraged to apply now for federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grants.

Though final figures have yet to be announced, metropolitan Detroit is expected to share in \$134 million federal grant program.

To qualify, agencies must be non-profit, audited annually and be non-discriminatory. Agencies must also demonstrate their ability to deliver food or shelter. Private agencies applying for EFSP grants must also have a voluntary board of directors.

Organizations interested in applying for EFSP grants can call or write the United Community Service office in Romulus, 782-4030. The office is at 19101 Inkster Road.

GOP takes baseball win

GOP congressmen, led by manager Carl Pursell, defeated their Democratic counterparts, 8-2, in the annual Congressional Baseball Game, July 31, in Washington.

The seven-inning charity game raised more than \$10,000 for Washington Children's Hospital.

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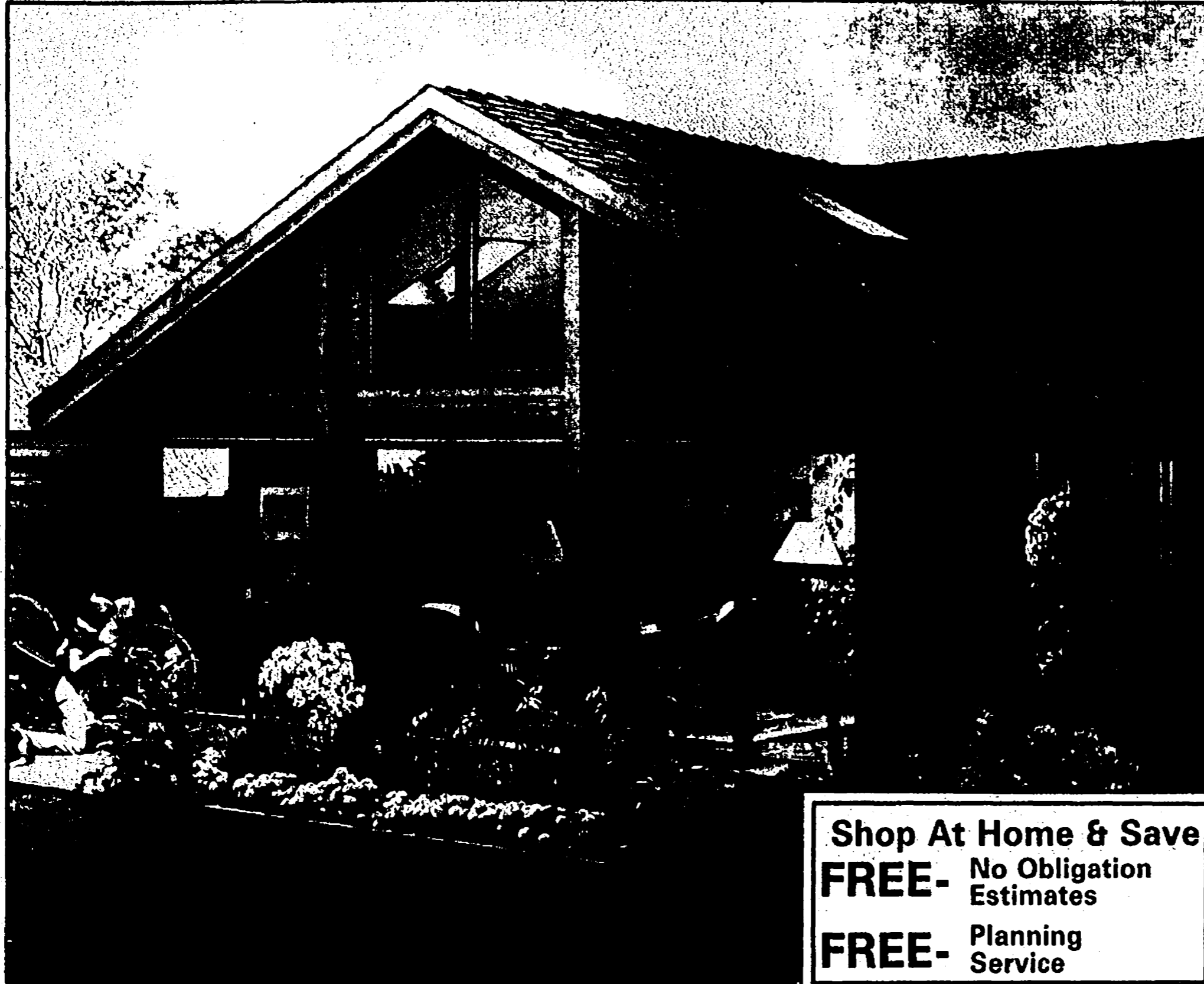
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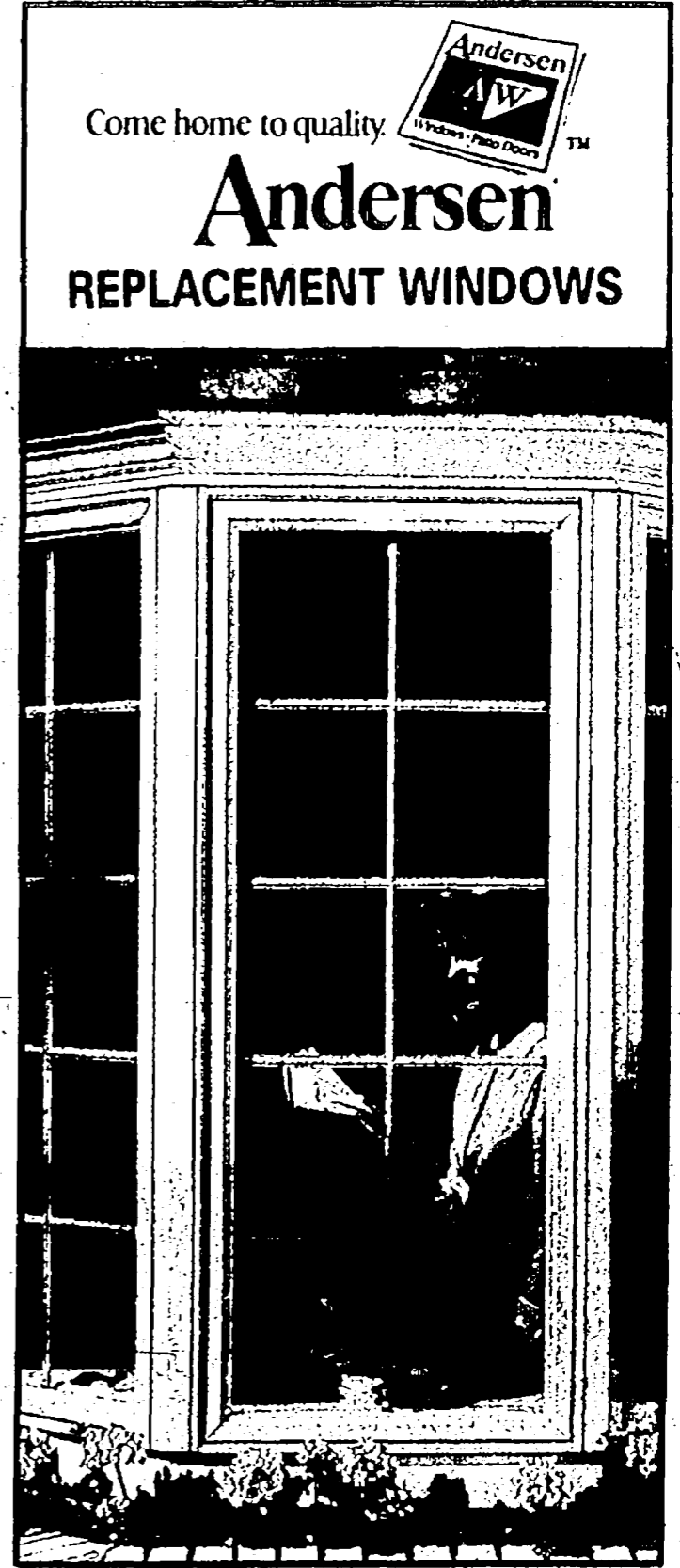
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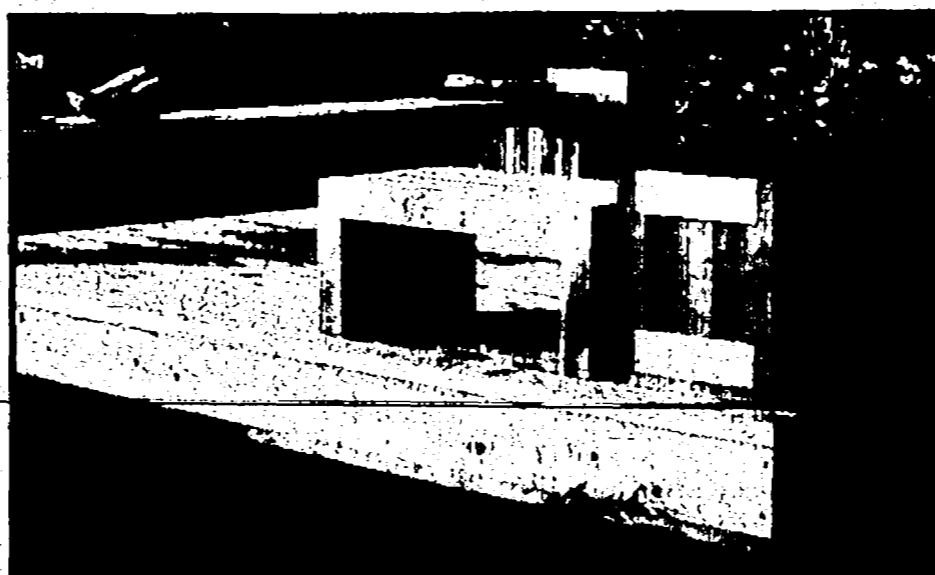
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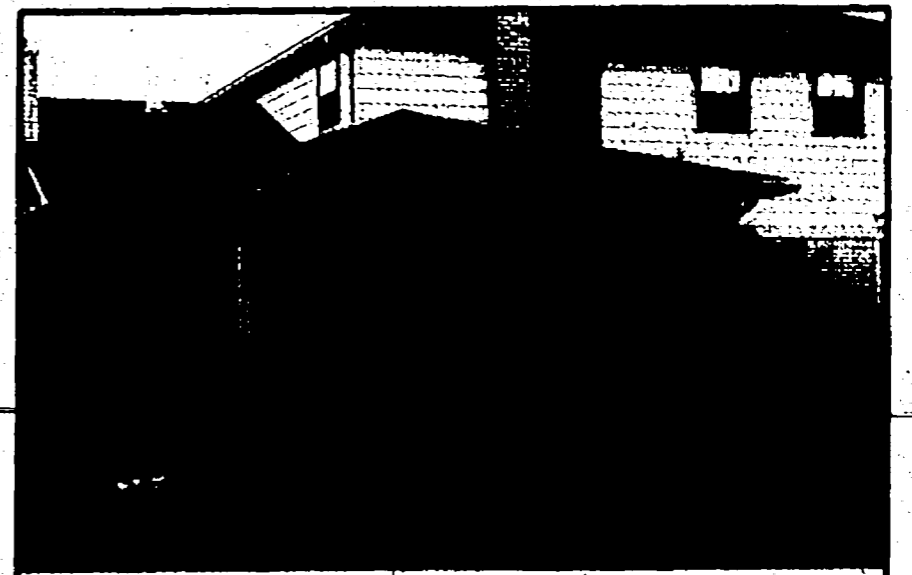
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Pick a rib that suits you best

With the summertime barbecue season in full swing, now is the time to enjoy barbecue ribs on the backyard grill.

Spareribs can be a source of confusion for the backyard barbecuer. Regular spareribs are from the front of the rib cage and are held together by the sternum bone, so most of the time they are difficult to cut and eat. A trip to the local meat market will find an assortment of ribs, ranging from babybacks, barbecue-style ribs and country ribs. What's the difference you ask?

Babyback ribs are cut from the rib side of the loin, are about two inches wide, and have more meat on them per pound than the barbecue style and country ribs.

Country ribs are really not ribs at all but are mainly the meaty section of the rib and that is split in half and then cut into chop-like strips. Barbecue ribs, the least expensive and most popular of the lot, are regular spareribs with the sternum sections of bone removed.

All the above-mentioned ribs are delicious, especially when finished with a lip-tangy sauce on the grill or barbecue. The lighter-weight ribs cut from smaller hogs have a tendency to be a bit more flavorful and tender than the larger ribs.

FOR AVERAGE appetites, allow at least four ribs per person, with heartier appetites being allowed almost a full slab. Generally speaking, two full racks of ribs should be enough for five to six people, especially when there is an ample amount of salads and starches to pass along with the ribs.

Many people parboil ribs to pre-cook them. This procedure makes them more tender and mouth-watering but, unfortunately, has a tendency to boil away a great deal of flavor. Yours truly personally thinks that a simple pre-roasting in a moderate (350-degree) oven for about 45 minutes is all that is needed to help leech out the flavor from the bones, cook off a majority of fat and still have the ribs maintain a juiciness and great taste we all enjoy.

After the pre-baking, a healthy slathering of sauce and an additional 30 minutes or so on a slow grill or barbecue is all that is needed for a great entree.

I have heard of many folks who prefer to skin their ribs prior to cooking. Removal of the tough layer of skin that can usually be found on the back sides of the rib bones themselves is an easy procedure that can be accomplished by any one with a good, sharp knife. By removing this skin, you will not only avoid the so often called "rib pull" where the entire section of meat adheres to this skin in one bite.

Another cooking practice widely used when preparing ribs is the pre-soaking in a vinegar-water bath. Advocates of this procedure say that pre-soaking with vinegar helps break down the skin and tenderize the meat. Accepted ratios of vinegar-to-water should be about one cup of vinegar to each quart of water, but the choice to pre-soak is entirely optional.

BECAUSE RIBS have a tendency to be fatty and can cause flare-ups easily on the grill, make sure you use only white-ash, well-heated coals. I keep a clean spray bottle filled with water, bouillon or cheap wine within arm's reach to immediately snuff out any flare-ups, which not only slings the ribs but impart a burnt taste when left uncontrolled.

Cooking ribs on the barbecue can be an exciting and tasty experience. Try some today for a mouth-watering entree.

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GUY WARREN

Strawberry sorbet garnished with Johnny-jump-ups (miniature pansies) is served with a fresh fruit plate of blueberries, strawberries and kiwi garnished with basil leaves.

SORBET-nice ice

Fresh, flavorful, low-cal

By Geri Rinschler
special writer

THE ITALIANS call it granita, the French, sorbet, and some of us just call it flavored ice. No matter what you call it, these frozen delights never go out of style and, lucky for us, these low-calorie desserts are trendy again.

Most food historians tell us the Chinese are responsible for first having flavored ice. It is believed the first Italian ice was made at the court of the Roman Emperor, Nero. He demanded that snow be brought down from the mountain and then flavored it with fruit juice and honey. By the 16th century, ices and sherbets (which is a fruit ice with milk added) were popular in Italy and Spain.

Authors of the Better Homes and Gardens 'Heritage Cookbook' (Meredith Corp., 1975) tell us that American Indian women scooped up balls of snow and covered them with maple syrup long before the Mayflower landed.

But the one who gave international fame to ices or granitas and sorbets was a Sicilian nobleman, Procopio dei Coltelli. He went to Paris and opened a Venetian coffee shop and sold ices and sherbets. His Cafe Procope was extolled for its excellent frozen desserts.

GRANITAS AND sorbets are the simplest of frozen desserts. They usually consist of frozen fruit juice or fruit puree, a sugar syrup and other flavorings such as vanilla, spices or liqueurs.

Some restaurants around town offer sorbets made with smoked tea, wine or champagne as a palate cleanser after the entree is served. The technique used to prepare these more aromatic ices is the same as those used to make a fruit sorbet or ice.

Almost any fruit or juice can be used to make a summer ice. Favorites are strawberry, raspberry, lemon, orange and grapefruit. When I was a young girl living in the New York metropolitan area, summer

wasn't summer without a weekly visit to a local Italian pastry shop for a chocolate or lemon granita.

To make the best Italian ice or sorbet, it's not necessary to use an ice cream maker. Actually, the Italian granita makers believe the best ices are made by hand, removing the ice from the freezer every hour and breaking up the crystals with a spoon, then returning the ice to the freezer and repeating this process three times before allowing the final freezing.

Whichever fruits you choose for your ice, make sure they are ripe. Making a simple sugar syrup is often the first step in the recipe. I prefer using a super fine sugar. It dissolves quickly and easily. If you can't find super fine sugar, traditional granulated cane sugar will be all right.

WHAT MAKES a sorbet or granita special? Most connoisseurs will tell you it must have a slightly grainy texture. Best way to achieve this is to first freeze the mixture without stirring. Then remove the ice when it

becomes firm and break up the ice crystals. This can be accomplished in one of many ways — either by hand with a spoon or fork, using an electric mixer or by tossing it in a food processor or blender.

If you are making large amounts, it will be easier and quicker to use the food processor. Placing the ingredients into an ice cream maker will result in a very smooth ice, which is not typical of granita but very suitable for a sorbet. All the recipes accompanying this article may be used with any ice cream maker. Just follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Serving any fruit ice should be done simply. The French love to serve their sorbets in a hollowed-out fruit shell such as oranges, lemons, limes or grapefruits. For a larger serving bowl, hollowed-out pineapples and melons are fun.

To prepare lemons and oranges, cut off the top 1/3 of the fruit and scoop out the fruit. Chill until ready to fill with the fruit ice. After filling re-freeze before serving and then garnish with a sprig of mint. Small bunches of mint and groups of fresh berries make an attractive garnish when serving individual scoops on a dessert plate.

Lighten up with ice cream

By Arlene Funke
special writer

Are you a guilt-ridden ice cream freak who agonizes over each mouthful of the rich, fatty treat?

Well, dry those tears. There is no reason to deny yourself. Low-fat "light" ice creams and sweet, no-cholesterol sorbets are as close as your supermarket freezer.

"It was brought about by customer demand," said Ron Larkin, 51, a sales manager for Stroh's Ice Cream in Detroit. "That seems to be the wave of the future."

This summer, Stroh's introduced several flavors of light, reduced-fat ice cream. The Farmington Hills-based Melody Farms has been marketing its "lite" line for about three years.

NEW LIGHT FLAVORS include the usual vanilla and neapolitan. But more voluptuous flavors are showing up too — peach almondine and chocolate raspberry. If you absolutely hate cholesterol, you might opt for a cherry sorbet from Savino Sorbet. The fruity, refreshing sorbet is totally fat-free.

Although there are slightly fewer calories in light ice creams, "the big difference is butterfat," said Stephen George, vice president of product development for the family-owned Melody Farms.

"The benefits will come from the lowered fat intake," said George, 40, a West Bloomfield resident. "There is a substantial difference in the fat, so cholesterol and fat would be lowered."

Regular ice cream contains hefty portions of cream, or half-and-half, along with sugar and flavorings or nuts. U.S. government

standards stipulate that ice cream must contain at least 10 percent butterfat. Rich, premium ice creams, such as Haagen Dazs, may contain up to 18 percent butterfat.

There are no specific government definitions of light ice cream, according to George. However, industry standards place light ice cream in the "ice milk" category, at around six percent butterfat or less.

"Light is nothing more than ice milk," George said.

ACCORDING TO books in local county extension services, one cup (eight ounces) of vanilla ice cream contains 290 calories and 16 grams of fat. It also contains 30 grams of carbohydrates and almost six grams of protein.

Larkin said a four-ounce scoop of light ice cream contains from 100 to 130 calories, compared to 140 to 180 calories or more for regular ice cream. Stroh's offers eight flavors of light and Melody Farms has six.

Low-fat purists who turned up their noses at ice milk might be pleasantly surprised with the new light ice creams. Improvements have enhanced the flavor and texture, according to George. For example, non-fat dry milk is added to give the texture "chew," more closely resembling regular ice cream.

"Good quality ice cream has less air," George said. "They (ice milks) are formulated so there is less air, and it doesn't get so granulated. Nowadays people want exotic flavors, with less fat."

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Sharon Frye of Birmingham enjoys Stroh's new light ice cream at Stroh's Ice Cream Parlor, 3659 W. Maple, in Bloomfield Township.

Make your own sorbet for cool summer treat

The first two recipes are taken from a new cookbook, "Low Cholesterol Cuisine" by Anne Lindsay, Hearst Books, 1989, \$17.95.

PINEAPPLE-ORANGE SORBET

Serves 10

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 pineapple or 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
- 1-tablespoon lemon or lime juice

In a saucepan, combine water and sugar; simmer until sugar dissolves.

Peel pineapple and cut into quarters; puree quarters or undrained pineapple in food processor.

In a bowl combine sugar syrup, orange juice, pineapple, rind and lemon juice. Freeze in an ice cream maker following manufacturer's instructions. Alternately, transfer to metal pan and freeze until barely firm.

Then either process in food processor or beat with electric mixer until smooth. Transfer to freezer container and freeze until firm. To serve, remove from freezer 15-30 minutes before serving or until mixture is soft enough to scoop.

Serve on dessert plate surrounded with fresh berries or in sherbet glasses, each garnished with its own fruit or fresh mint leaf.

KIWISORBET

Serves 10

- 12 kiwi
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Using a sharp knife, peel kiwi; puree in food processor or pass through food mill and place in bowl.

In a saucepan bring sugar, water and lemon juice to boil, stirring occasionally until sugar has dissolved. Add to kiwi and mix well.

Freeze in ice cream maker following manufacturer's instruction. Alternately, transfer to metal pan and freeze until barely firm. Then either process in food processor or beat with electric mixer until smooth. Transfer to freezer container and freeze until firm.

To serve, remove from freezer 15-30 minutes before serving or until mixture is soft enough to scoop. Serve on dessert plate surrounded with fresh berries or in sherbet glasses, each garnished with its own fruit or fresh mint leaf.

Using a sharp knife, peel kiwi; puree in food processor or pass through food mill and place in bowl.

la. Pour into a metal pan and freeze 2-3 hours. When firm, blend in a food processor or with an electric mixer. Return to metal pan and freeze 2-4 hours.

At serving time, remove about 15 minutes before serving. Serve in tall glasses or coffee cups. Top each serving with a tablespoon or so of whipped cream and a sprinkling of cinnamon.

LEMON GRANITA

Serves 4-6

- 2 cups water

and blend for a few seconds. Return to freezer in pan for 2-4 hours until firm. At serving time remove 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with a fresh strawberry.

EXPRESSO GRANITA

Serves 4

- 2 cups water
 - 1 3/4 cups superfine sugar
 - 4 cups freshly made espresso coffee, cold
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- garnish: 1/2 cup whipped heavy cream
ground cinnamon for sprinkling over cream

Bring water to a boil, add sugar and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add coffee and cool. Add vani-

1 cup superfine sugar
juice of 2 large lemons
zest of 1 lemon, finely chopped

Bring water to a boil. Add sugar and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Add lemon juice and zest. Set aside and allow to cool. Pour into a metal pan and freeze without stirring about 1-2 hours. Remove, blend well in food processor. Return to pan and freeze 2-4 hours. At serving time remove about 15 minutes before serving. Serve in scoop. Garnish with mint sprigs.

Chef Larry gives rib sauce recipe

LIP-TINGLING BARBECUE SAUCE FOR RIBS

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire
- 1 teaspoon fresh-grated ginger
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco or other hot

- sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- dash salt
- pepper

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan over low heat. Stir until it begins to gently bubble. Continue cooking until the sauce coats the back of a spoon, about 10 minutes. Cool and store in a jar until needed.

STRAWBERRY SORBET

Serves 6-8

- 2 quarts or about 6 cups washed, hulled strawberries
- 1 1/2 cups superfine or granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons Grand Marnier
- juice of 1 lemon
- 6 strawberries for garnish

In a bowl mix berries, sugar, juices, water. Puree in a blender. Add Grand Marnier. Pour into a metal pan or ice cube trays and freeze until almost firm. Remove

clarification

The recipe for Three-Bean Baked Beans, that accompanied Larry Jones' column about a treasure chest of recipes in the Aug. 7 issue, should have included the following ingredient: 1 same-sized can kidney beans.

The address and phone number for Oliverio's, in the listing of Specialty/Gourmet shops in the Aug. 7 issue, was incorrect. The current address and phone is: 3832 N. Woodward, between 13 and 14 Mile Roads, Royal Oak, 549-3344.

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Ah, those lazy days of summer, when the temperatures climb in to the 90s, there is no breeze to be found, and the heat just seems to have drained your last ounce of energy. These days are meant for relaxing — finding a shady spot, a lawn chair and a good book.

Yet for those of us who don't have the leisure time to relax and must be at work or on the go — we can learn to beat the summer heat.

Keeping your body cool helps to prevent mid-afternoon fatigue and a feeling of the blahs. On a warm summer day, you can refresh yourself quickly with a small sprayer atomizer filled with mineral water. This is a good item to keep in your desk at work or your fridge at home. Just spray from enough distance from your face to get a fine mist. It will help replenish the lost moisture and make skin tingle.

Also, remember the importance of



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drinking fluids. Since we perspire more in the heat, the body loses more than usual — up to eight cups of water in hot weather, two in moderate weather. Replenishing with extra liquids on such days is essential. At Weight Watchers, they recommend that you drink six-eight eight-ounce glasses of water a day. During extremely hot weather, it's especially important to drink fluids to maintain the proper water balance and prevent dehydration.

essential, in maintaining summer cool and comfort. For example, the nutrient potassium is depleted through perspiration and water loss. Bananas are an excellent source of potassium. To replenish this important nutrient and refresh yourself at the same time, try a "Super Shake-up." And when you are suffering from the afternoon slumps, a cup of sparkling soup is bound to pick you up.

You can stay cool this summer if you plan for it and include light, easy refreshers into your day.

THE FOODS we choose to eat are

SUPER SHAKE UP
Serves 1
1/2 medium banana, sliced
1/2 cup whole frozen strawberries
1/2 cup plain yogurt
vanilla extract and sugar substitute

In blender, place banana, strawberries and yogurt; cover and whirl until smooth. Pour into a tall glass and add vanilla and sugar substitute to taste.

Each serving provides: 1 1/2 Fruit Exchange, 1 Milk Exchange.
Per serving: 147 calories, 7 grams fat, 27 grams carbohydrates, 81 milligrams sodium.

Source: Weight Watchers Low-Calorie Sweet Treats Magazine, 1987.

FRIZZY FRUIT COOLER
Serves 4
1 1/2 cups chilled low-calorie cranberry juice

3/4 cup chilled orange juice
1 1/2 cups chilled seltzer
sugar substitute (optional)
1 small orange, cut into 4 equal slices, to garnish

In medium pitcher, stir together juices and seltzer. If desired, sweeten to taste with sugar substitute. Fill four tall glasses with ice, pour cooler equally into glasses, garnish each with an orange slice. Serve at once.

Each serving provides: 1 Fruit Exchange

Per serving: 52 calories, 5 grams protein, 2 grams fat, 13 grams carbohydrates, 4 milligrams sodium.

Source: Weight Watchers Low-Calorie Sweet Treat, 1987.

SPARKLING SOUP
Serves 4
1 cup diced, seeded, pared cucumber

1 cup grated carrot
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint leaves or 2 tablespoons crushed dried mint
1 garlic clove
1 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt
4 cups plain yogurt
3/4 cup chilled seltzer
cucumber slices to garnish

In large bowl, combine first three ingredients. On sheet of wax paper or foil, mash garlic and salt together until pasty, add to cucumber mixture. Whisk in yogurt; cover and chill. When ready to serve, stir in seltzer and garnish.

Each serving provides: 1 Vegetable Exchange, 2 Milk Exchange.

Per serving: 160 calories, 12 grams protein, 4 grams fat, 20 grams carbohydrates, 709 milligrams sodium.

Source: Weight Watchers Low-Calorie Fast & Easy Cookbook.

Makers of ice cream are looking on the light side

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Melody Farms has a dairy in Lansing and a 250-employee plant in Livonia, where ice cream, cottage cheese and milk are packaged. Corporate offices are in Farmington Hills.

CUSTOMER RESPONSE has en-

couraged manufacturers to expand their choices of low-fat frozen desserts, but they certainly aren't ignoring diehards who have to have the premiums.

Stroh's Brewery, which began making ice cream during Prohibition, is launching a line of frozen

lowfat yogurt this month. Melody Farms, which sells 18 regular ice cream flavors, now is touting its premium Prestige label. At 12 1/2 percent butterfat, the Prestige line offers luxurious flavors such as white chocolate, raspberry fudge and strawberry cheesecake sorbet. Light ice cream "can never dupli-

cate Haagen Dazs," George said. "In some cases, it's defeating the purpose."

Matching the enthusiasm of local ice cream manufacturers is Lou DeCillis, owner of Savino Sorbet Inc.

Sorbet is a sweet, fruit-based dessert also known as Italian ice. Sorbet — unlike sherbert, which it resembles in texture — contains no milk, so is fat-free.

"When I first started, I would tell people that sorbet contains no fat and is cholesterol-free," said DeCillis, 39, of Southfield, a chef and graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute in New York.

"They would say, 'So what?' Now their eyes light up. Our time has come."

Sorbet, made from water, fruit or juice and sugar, is a typical Italian confection. DeCillis, originally from New York, was a boy when he ate his first lemon ice from an Italian sweet shop in Brooklyn.

DE CILLIS savored that sweet-but-tangy, refreshing taste of sorbet. Around 10 years ago he came to Michigan and started his sorbet business. His recipes were tested by the HeartSmart program at Henry Ford Hospital's Heart and Vascular Institute.

Sorbet has around 160 calories per four-ounce scoop. Savino sorbets are available at several restaurants and ice cream parlors. Five flavors, sold in pint cartons, include lemon,

tangerine, Michigan cherry, chocolate and red raspberry.

Currently Savino ices are manufactured, packaged and distributed by Stroh's. DeCillis has a sales office in Plymouth.

Savino ices have turned up on the tables of some pretty influential people. They were served to King Gustav of Sweden when he visited the Detroit area, and President George Bush sampled some on a local campaign stop.

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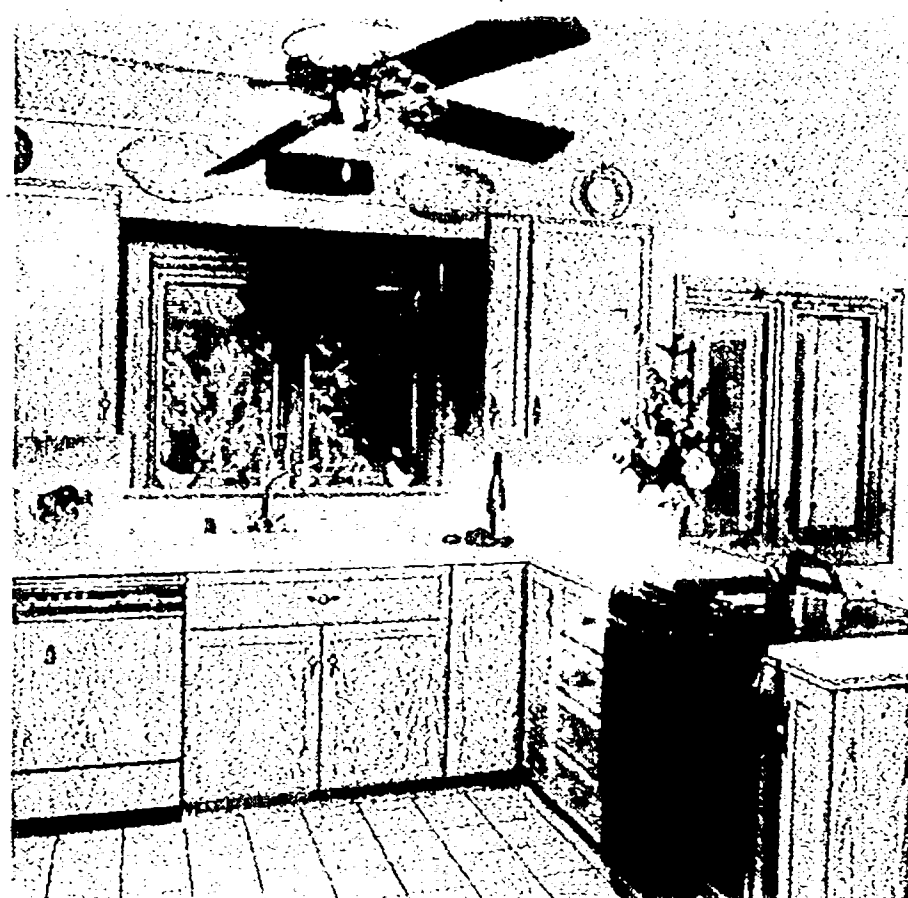
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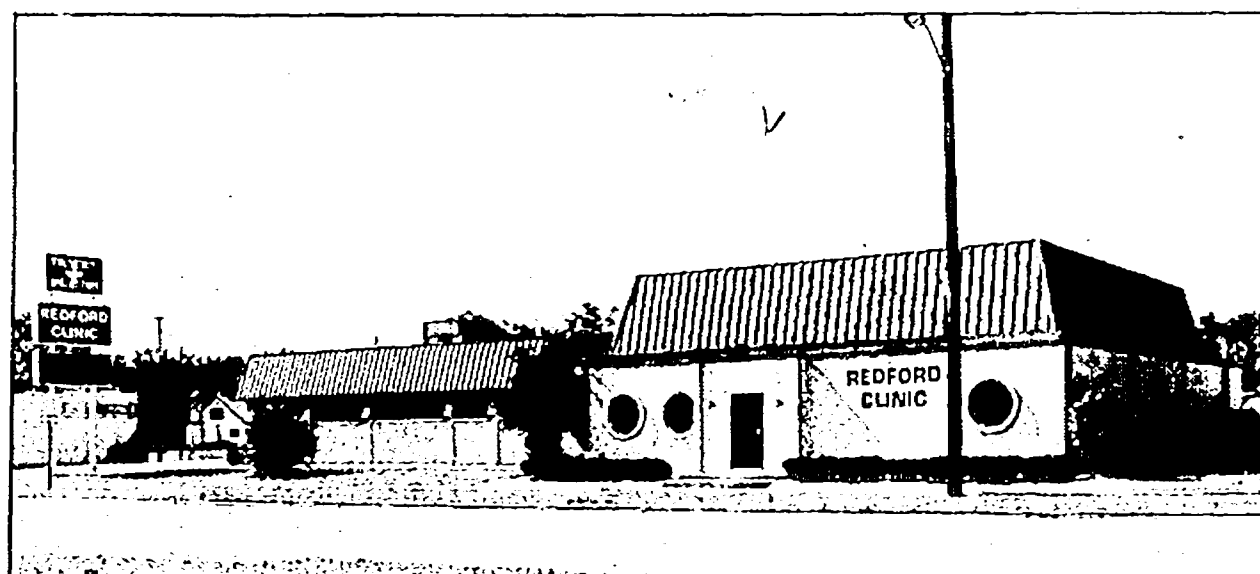
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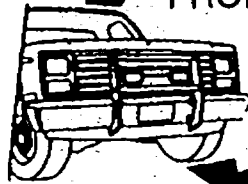
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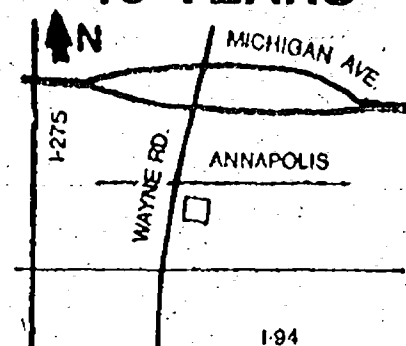


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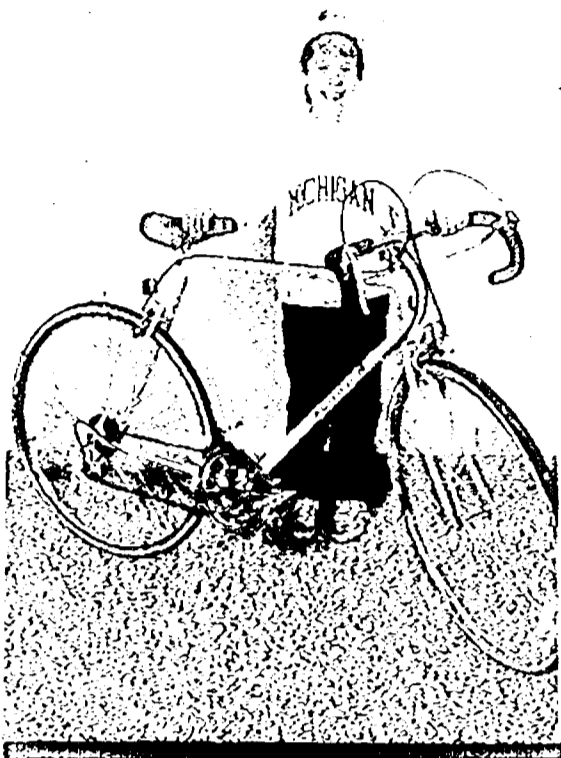
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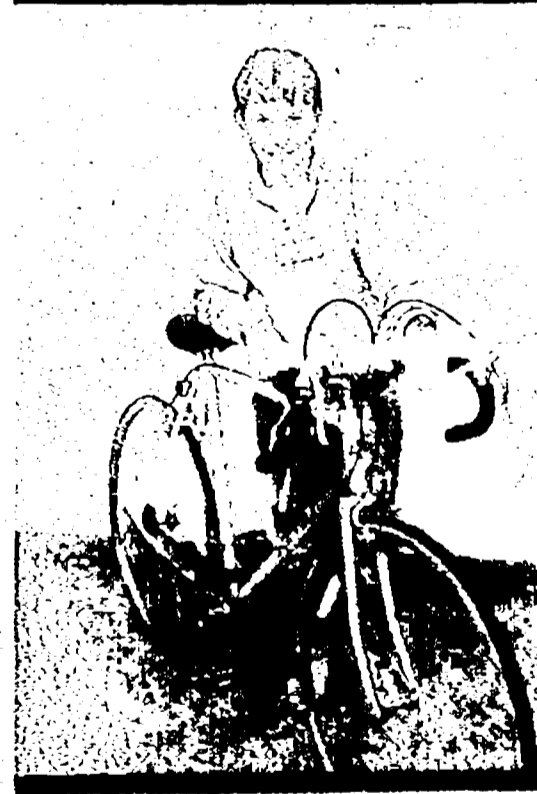
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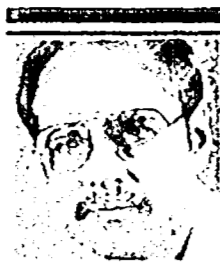


Soapwort — a weed with many benefits

As my daughter and I rode our bicycle along Farmington Road across from the Livonia Police Station, I noticed a cluster of wildflowers known as bouncing bet, or soapwort. They often grow in large patches in disturbed areas during the summer.

Though soapwort can be found throughout southeastern Michigan now, native Americans wouldn't have known about this flower in the 1700s. Soapwort is an alien. Not from outer space, but from Europe.

Many of our wildflowers, often known as weeds, grow in areas where man has disturbed the natural



nature

Timothy Nowicki

soil and many were brought from Europe to serve a purpose. To get a rough idea of how many alien plants are found in eastern North America, I counted 53 alien plants out of 342. Though the sample is small, approxi-

mately 15 percent of the wildflowers we see today were brought from Europe, intentionally or unintentionally.

Soapwort was brought over intentionally because of its long history of use. When the leaves are crushed in water and mixed, they produce a foamy lather. This soapy quality and its cleaning properties were known since the Middle Ages. It was brought from France and Germany to England by friars, who planted it near their monasteries and hospitals.

Textile mills used a soapwort so-

lution to whiten fabric before it was printed. It was also used to brighten china and glass. According to one source, a solution made from soapwort leaves is used for this purpose even today.

There are several other qualities of this plant which made it beneficial to man. It has a pleasant fragrance, which was used to cover up the stench of some of the English streets that had poor sanitation.

Modern research has discovered that some chemicals found in soapwort are useful in treating

syphilis, jaundice and liver problems. Though the plant is moderately poisonous, medieval brewers used it to help put a head on their steins of beer.

Before the advent of modern synthetics, man had to use plants and animals for producing products which he wanted and needed for survival. Today, the natural world — provided there is some remaining — is still a rich source of potential for man.

The writer is a naturalist at Independence-Oaks Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.



TIM NOWICKI/illustration

Wildflowers known as bouncing bet, or soapwort often grow in large patches in disturbed areas during the summer.

Exchange students need homes

Exchange students Nikodemus Asplund and Maria Berron are eager to become the newest young ambassadors from Sweden and Spain when they arrive in the Detroit area next month to attend high school for a year.

The two students were selected for an academic year abroad by Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, a non-profit student exchange program based in Cambridge, Mass. Local foundation International Exchange coordinator Bob Gurney has been working to find homes for Asplund and Berron.

"In addition to being a good representative of Sweden, Nikodemus is eager to learn about American customs and become fluent in English during his exchange year. He's an excellent sportsman and is especially interested in applying his skills to baseball and football next year. As a Stockholm native coming to spend a year in the Detroit area, he will also enjoy comparing daily life in both urban areas," Gurney said.

Seventeen-year-old exchange student Maria Berron said she is also going to take advantage of this opportunity and study and learn as much as possible while living with an area family.

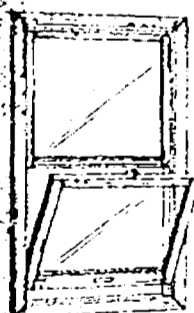
"Maria enjoys swimming, dancing and outdoors activities. With her interest in English and history, she hopes to work in an international office after graduation," he said.

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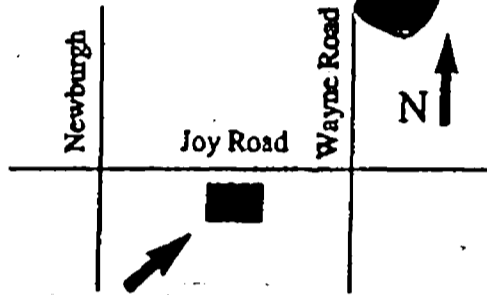
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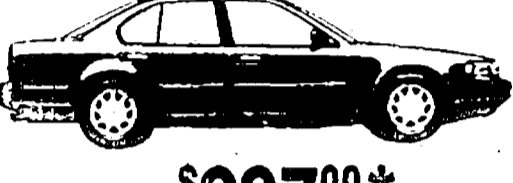
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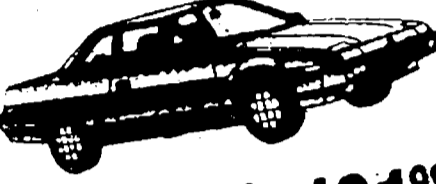
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HOUSE:

THE BUDGET FOR CONGRESS

By a vote of 291 for and 123 against, the House approved a fiscal 1990 budget of \$1.6 billion for itself and congressional support agencies. That is an increase of 14 percent over the comparable fiscal 1989 bill. After the Senate adds its budget of more than \$400 million, the cost of operating the legislative branch in 1990 will top \$2 billion. Members' salaries of nearly \$50 million are funded separately.

Among items in the House-passed bill are \$188 million for the salaries of House members' personal staffs (up 5 percent from the comparable 1989 figure), \$118 million for committee operations including staff salaries (up 7 percent) and \$123 million for House members' and senators' free-mail privileges. The postage

sum is open-ended and likely to be increased, despite new language reducing from six to four the number of mass mailings House members can send to constituents each year.

Supporter Vic Fazio, D-Calif., said "this is a very tight, austere budget." Opponent Hank Brown, R-Colo., said Congress has "a staff that is 10 times as big as any other government in the world for its deliberative body." Members voting yes supported the bill.

Michigan members voting yes were Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; William Ford, D-Taylor and Sander Levin, D-Southfield.

William Broomfield, R-Lake Orion, voted no.

TO CUT CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

By a vote of 167 for and 246 against, the House rejected an amendment cutting nearly all areas of the 1990 legislative branch budget (above) by 6.25 percent, for a savings of \$97 million.

Roll Call Report

"What used to be called the '\$1 Billion Congress' has become the '\$2 Billion Congress,'" said amendment sponsor Bill Frenzel, R-Minn.

Opponent Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., said the amendment "would cut some items that are very fundamental in terms of the members' ability to work around this place."

Members voting yes supported a 6.25 percent cut in the fiscal 1990 legislative branch budget.

Michigan members voting yes were Pursell and Broomfield. Hertel, Ford and Levin voted no.

TO RAISE THE DEBT LIMIT

The House voted 231 for and 185 against to raise the national debt ceiling by \$70 billion to about \$2.87 trillion. The new limit (HR 3024), which was sent to the Senate, will enable the government to pay its bills while awaiting congressional approval of a separate measure putting the federal borrowing limit at \$3.123 trillion.

Supporter Bill Archer, R-Texas, said: "As distasteful as any increase in the federal debt may be to me personally and to many others in this chamber, we should adopt this measure."

Opponent Paul Henry, R-Mich., said: "By allowing this short-term hike of the debt limit... we are absolving ourselves of our responsibility to face some very fundamental questions" about America's economic health.

Members voting yes supported the higher debt ceiling.

Michigan members Ford and Levin voted yes. Pursell, Hertel and Broomfield voted no.

SENATE:

MX MISSILE — By a vote of 62 for and 38 against, the House tabled (killed) an amendment stripping the fiscal 1990 defense authorization bill of nearly half of its funding for establishing a rail-based MX missile system. The amendment sought to

remove \$502 million in procurement money while retaining \$600 million in the bill for continued research into transferring the multi-warhead MX from stationary silos to moving railroad cars.

The vote occurred as the Senate sent a \$305 billion military spending bill (S 1352) for fiscal 1990 to conference with the House. It preserved an administration pact with many Democratic leaders in Congress to fund a mobile missile system consisting of both the rail-garrisoned MX and the truck-borne, single-warhead Midgetman. The House version of the bill decimates that agreement.

Senators voting yes supported full funding for putting MX missiles on railroad cars.

Michigan Democratic Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle voted no.

CUBA AND DRUGS — By a vote of 73 for and 27 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment to the

1990 defense bill (above) seeking to curb what intelligence sources say is Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's contribution to America's drug problem. The measure sought to get at Cuba through its provider the Soviet Union.

The amendment called for denying American aid to any Soviet state, until President George Bush certifies Cuba is not a transit point for illegal drug shipments to the United States. American aid reaches the Soviet Union through world development banks and other channels.

John Warner, R-Va., who voted to kill the amendment, said it could upset U.S. Soviet relations in such areas as arms control.

Amendment sponsor William Armstrong, R-Colo., accused Cuba of "sending in the poisonous substances, which are killing and ruining the lives of our young people."


Michigan Levin and Riegle voted yes.

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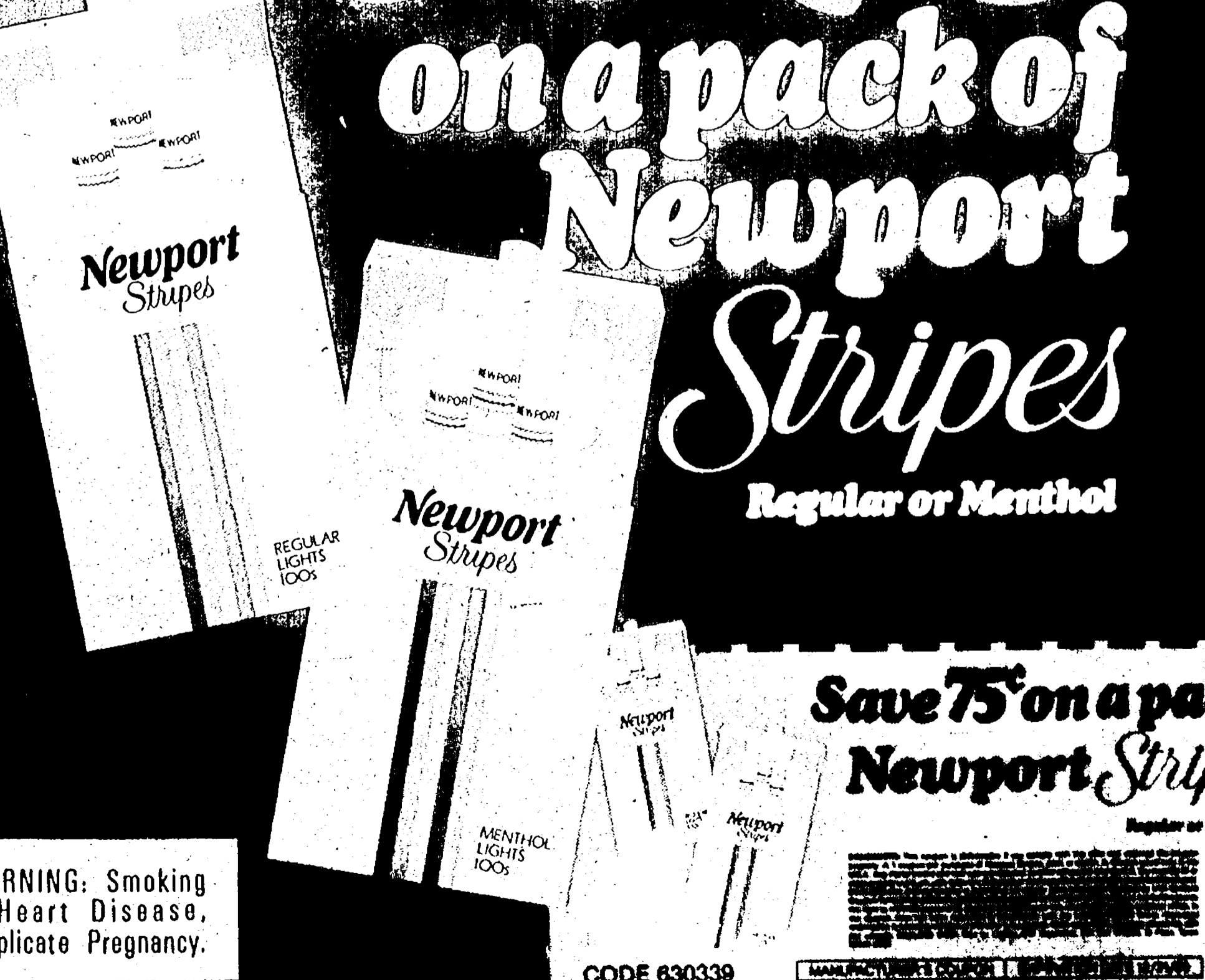
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Like far out, man

The English band Happy Mondays is part of a large Acid House scene in Great Britain, bringing back '70s culture with all the vices. Except theirs is simply not a trip down the farout lane. Find out how this group has incorporated the music of the '70s into a new whirlwind of a sound on Page 6D.

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STREET SCENE



The pedestrian rush hour in Chicago's Loop peaks around 8:30 a.m. as Reebok-clad office workers clog the sidewalks and intersections of the financial district.

photos by JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer



Members of the Second City Theater — Tim O'Malley (from left), Christina Dunn, Michael Franco, Ian Gomez, Maureen Kelley, Aaron Freeman, Rob Colson and Faith Soloway — rehearse a musical number for this summer's road show in Atlantic City.

In search of a 'hot time' in Chitown

By **Tedd Schneider**
staff writer

We were off and running, Chicago-style:

MORNING:

I first knew it on the ride in from Midway, when the 20-minute conversation with our chauffeur — Melvin Stewart, City Cab Number 2316 — ranged from the Pistons ("They'll miss Mahorn") to life as a Windy City hack ("Retire? never... Ask me again tomorrow") to his police record ("So I hit him in the mouth with the gun. I had to pay the fine and his dentist bill").

Chicago was definitely going to be my kind of town... for the next 12 hours anyway.

You can have the skyscrapers and museums, the restaurants and night spots that usually dominate these tourist excursions. Oh, I'll make them part of my itinerary. But for my vacation memories I'll take the people whose paths cross mine along the way, thank you.

Those impressions are more vivid and tend to hold up better over time.

That's why Melvin Stewart, City Cab Number 2316, became the first Chicago snapshot in my personal album.

The idea was to cram as much of Chitown down our throats as possible in one day. Sort of a Reader's Digest version of the typical weekend tour package, with help from Southwest Airlines and the newspaper's expense account, of course.

A summer drizzle in Detroit gave way to sunshine and a promised high of 80 degrees as the 737 touched down at Midway.

We were supposed to take the bus from Midway to the Loop (the city's financial district) for our first round of stops. But the buses apparently don't start running until long after our 7 a.m. flight arrived, so we hailed Stewart, who was parked by the terminal curb, looking for an early morning fare. The cab ride cost \$17 including tip, or only about \$2 more than two bus tickets.

First stop, the Sears Tower. Even with Sears about to take a hike to the suburbs (relocating its corporate headquarters to Hoffman Estates in a move that will leave the building half empty), the 110-story glass and steel monument will easily fulfill Personal Travel Rule Number 117: When going to a big city, always go to the top of one — and only one — tall building.

Unfortunately, to get to the top of the Sears Tower, we have to wade through some garbage at the bottom — namely, a shocky "multi-media" presentation hosted (on tape) by a bubbly Oprah Winfrey, who goes on and on about the wonderfulness of her hometown. Mercifully, it ends in 15 minutes and we're whisked to the Sky Deck on the 103rd floor.

And on this slightly hazy morning, the view is spectacular. The

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Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



Finding that life really does imitate art, Myrna comes face to face with the Texas Chainsaw Manicure.

Chicago: A foodaholic's delight

By **Larry Jones**
special writer

The assignment read: "Get to Chicago and interview famed Italian chef and cookbook author Gullano Bugliatti."

At first, I had thought of taking Amtrack — round-trip train fare for under \$55. I could finish that paperback book I started on last summer's vacation. I could leave Detroit and five hours later, arrive in the Windy City, only to do an interview and then spend another five hours coming home... Maybe next time.

I could drive and spend about \$30 for gas. Then I realized it would cost a hundred bucks to park downtown.

So, as luck would have, while watching "The Real Ghostbusters," an ad for Southwest Airlines \$29 one-way airfare to Chicago caught my eye. In the 48 hours that evolved between placing my reservation and picking up my ticket at the travel agency, the price had jumped an extra 10 bucks. But hey, I leave Metro at 10:45 a.m. and arrive in Chicago

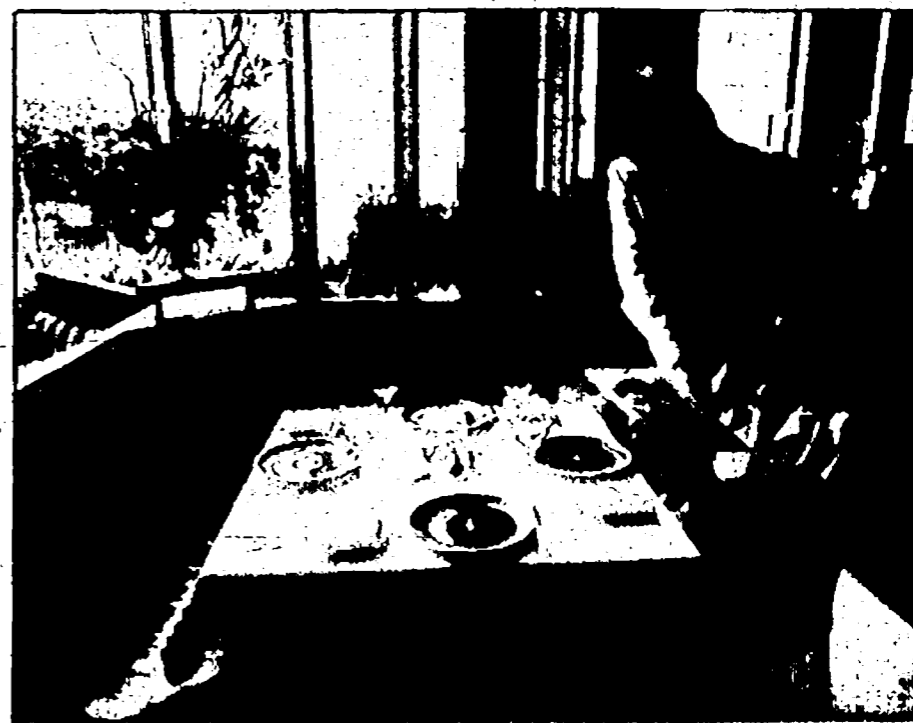
at 10:45 a.m. Who could beat that?

The flight was late, but then again, so was I. It gave me just enough time to get a red-hot, diet Coke and bag of chips at the airport. I nearly choked when the tab totaled a little over \$5. (Take it from me, skip airport food.)

Metro could easily wise up and do something about the shoddy service and poor quality of food. If it tasted good and the person working the counter would smile occasionally, the hurried traveler wouldn't mind plunking down that kind of money. But in its present state, the food and service stink.

AH, BUT ON to Chicago...

My interview and luncheon took me to the beginning of the "Magnificent Mile" as the Windy City calls it. A huge, glitzy building with the restaurant Spagglia discreetly placed on the second floor. The interview and press conference was in the private dining room and since the flight ran late, I entered while Chef Bugliatti was giving his spiel for the Italian



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Spagglia offers elegant Italian food and a sweeping view of the Magnificent Mile's north end.

olive oil industry. Little did I know I sat next to the restaurant critic for the Chicago Tribune and directly across

from me was a hefty, bearded fellow who called himself Chicago's

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MOVING PICTURES

Todd Graff, (from left) Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Ed Harris are among a team of civilian divers pressed into reluctant service by the U.S. Navy on a seemingly routine rescue mission in "The Abyss."



'The Abyss': It's so close to being abysmally bad

"The Abyss" (D-, PG-13, 135 minutes) is a strange movie. It strains credulity with an unbelievable plot, containing just about everything under the sun (and water), but still manages to keep your attention.

There's a Rambo-style U.S. Navy Seal lieutenant, underwater butterfly-like creatures from outer-space, a terrific submersible oil-rig and all kinds of slick underwater equipment and footage.

Then there's an imminent divorce that turns into a love story and a record dive as the hero goes down 18,000 or so feet in a slick diving suit while breathing liquid oxygen.

Oh yes, the extra-terrestrial butterflies have a several-mile wide space ship... that swims... and the heroine drowns in freezing water but is resurrected 10 or so minutes later. I thought it was all over when you didn't get oxygen to the brain, but what do I know?

But then again the scenarists and the 20th Century Fox story editor didn't have oxygen in their brains when they decided audiences would believe two guys could swim 1,500 feet below the surface without equipment, that a gal could be resurrected and that benevolent aliens with fantastic technology would start all this trouble by accident.

The film opens with some strange, unknown mechanism creating enough underwater turbulence to crash a U.S. nuclear sub in deep water. There just happens to be an experimental submersible oil-rig in the area and their corporate owners agree to cooperate with the Navy's rescue mission.

The rig is commanded by Ed Harris whose soon-to-be ex-wife (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio) apparently is the engineer who developed the rig in the first place. Naturally, she comes down to investigate the crash and help rescue nuclear warheads.

It gets even more complicated with Russian trawlers from Cuba, great storms at sea and the beserk Seal lieutenant.

The film fails because there are just too many plot threads, even for



the movies

Dan Greenberg

such a long film. The film's a real bummer and we never do find out what the aliens were doing there in the first place.

The strangest thing about "The Abyss," however, is that it is photographed and edited well enough to keep your attention, despite its total lack of credulity. Even when you know better, you'll find yourself swept up in these crazy events. I guess that qualifies "The Abyss" as a good/bad movie.

On the bad/bad side of the ledger, Freddy is back for the fifth time. This time he attempts to invade the soul of an infant. "Nightmare on Elm Street V: The Dream Child" (R) is there for them what like that stuff.

STILL PLAYING:

"Babar: The Movie" (G). Delightful animation of Babar stories.

"Batman" (C+) (PG-13) 120 minutes.

Michael Keaton is a dud in the title role but Jack Nicholson's Joker is terrific.

"Dead Poets Society" (A+) (PG) 124 minutes.

Robin Williams' sensitive portrait of a fine teacher is complimented by excellent young actors as his students.

"Do the Right Thing" (B+) (R) 120 minutes.

Sharp, incisive and entertaining commentary on today's urban America.

"Field of Dreams" (B+) (PG) 111 minutes.

Fanciful baseball story as Iowa farmer builds diamond so Shoeless Joe Jackson can play again.

Friday the 13th: Part VIII - Jason Takes Manhattan" (F) (R), 110 minutes.

Count your blessings, they're only

Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossally bad
*	No advanced screening

threatening five more parts.

"Ghostbusters II" (C-) (PG) 102 minutes.

It's less funny the second time.

"Great Balls of Fire" (C) (PG-13) 105 minutes.

Jerry Lee Lewis is energetic and entertaining but biography is hokey whitewash of a decadent life.

"Honey, I Shrank the Kids" (B+) (PG) 105 minutes.

It's fun but it ain't easy to be small.

"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (B+) (PG-13) 120 minutes.

Good entertainment, but enough already.

"Karate Kid III" (D-) (PG) 105 minutes.

Boring, cliched sequel.

"Lethal Weapon II" (B+) (R) 115 minutes. Glover and Gibson do it again in high, albeit violent, style.

"Licence to Kill" (B+) (R) 105 minutes.

Number 16 in the 007 series with Carey Lowell as Dalton's lovely lady. Outrageous but entertaining.

ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

Cannes winner opens at DFT

By John Monaghan
special writer

When "sex, lies and videotape" took first prize at the Cannes Film Festival this year, critics were falling all over themselves with praise. You may wonder what all the fuss was about after seeing this clever but minor film when it opens the Detroit Film Theatre's 32nd season this weekend.

Don't get me wrong. Many of my favorite films are claustrophobic character studies full of talk. And at its best, "sex, lies and videotape" features a sparkling four-person cast in a biting, witty exploration of intimacy in the '80s.

Ann (Andie MacDowell) likes the security of marriage but shrinks from the touch of her handsome husband John (Peter Gallagher). He, meanwhile, carries on an affair with Ann's hard-edged sister Cynthia (Laura San Giacomo). Nothing really revolutionary here.

Enter Graham (James Spader), an old college friend of John's. He's the movie's wild card — a likeably screwed up, sleepy-eyed hero who rocks them all out of their complacent lies.

It's obvious that the friendship between John and Graham weakens. John is a weaselly manipulator both as a lawyer and husband. Graham openly believes that liars are the second lowest form of human beings. First are lawyers.

ADMITTEDLY impotent, Graham reaches sexual fulfillment through videotaping women as they discuss their sexual experiences. Ann is at first appalled, but then succumbs. Cynthia jumps into it from the start. Both grow closer to Graham and farther away from John.

Produced for just over \$1 million, "sex, lies and videotape" is a success story for 26-year-old writer/director Steven Soderbergh. There's an occasional tricky camera angle, but the film works mostly in a naturalistic

way, presenting us with stifling normalcy and bizarre behavior that's not always easy to relate to.

Soderbergh believes that the film's title sums up its message.

"Sex, lies and videotape are what a lot of this country revolves around — the selling of sex, the telling of lies and the inundation of video," he says.

Fine, but again nothing startlingly original. Gogard was ranting about sex and the media more than 20 years ago. How hard is it to lampoon a yuppie lawyer? And Graham — even with his bizarre attitude toward sex — isn't the first screen seeker who isolates himself behind a movie camera.

Still, "sex, lies and videotape" opens at a time when audiences are probably tired of mindless summer movies. The film will definitely provoke some discussion — if nothing else to answer the question of why the film has achieved such great acclaim.

VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

Give top grades to two of Hollywood's finest movies now available for home video viewing — Danny Kaye's marvelous performance in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" (1947, color, 110 minutes) and Gary Cooper in "The Pride of the Yankees" (1942, black and white, 128 minutes).

Neither are rated — and they don't need to be. Both reflect the public morality of an earlier era that insisted its entertainment be fresh and pure, no matter how unrealistic and no matter how much "truth" had to be swept under the rug.

Some say "Walter Mitty" was Danny Kaye's finest role. Whether or not that argument carries, this film will delight and entertain everyone. Kaye is masterful in the multiple roles of mild, meek Walter Mitty and the many dashing characters which inhabit his imagination.

My favorite is the RAF fighter-pilot who set the bone in his own broken arm and passed the feat off casually as he entered the bar. There's lots more, of course, as Kaye thwarts the villain (Boris Karloff), gets the girl (Virginia Mayo), survives his nagging mother (Fay Bainter) and grapples with numerous other unhelpful people and things.

Kaye, noted for his tongue-twisting songs, manages to work in a few of those as well in this, one of Holly-

wood's best productions.

Lou Gehrig was, indeed, "The Pride of the Yankees" and Gary Cooper was a perfect choice for this biopic in tribute to that great Yankee ballplayer.

NOT ONLY WAS Gehrig a fine athlete but, as well, he was a man of good character. That moral life, his exemplary conduct, fine athletic accomplishments and his courage in the face of an illness that led to an early death provide the ingredients for an inspirational film in the darkest days of World War II.

Filed shortly after Gehrig's death in 1941 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a degenerative muscular disease now known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, "The Pride of the Yankees" is a major production with excellence in every department.

The film opens with a parallel drawn between Gehrig's courage and that of the U.S. Armed Forces then struggling in the early stages of World War II.

The script was by Jo Swerling and Herman Mankiewicz, the latter having not too long before received an Oscar for the script to Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane." The music includes Irving Berlin's "Always," as is to be expected, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and an appearance by Ray Noble and his Orchestra, one of the era's big bands.

The opening credits thank the New York Yankees and Mrs. Gehrig,

among others. Clearly a major production, the film features four major sports names as "themselves" with Babe Ruth at the top of the list followed by Bill Dickey, Robert Meusel and sportscaster Bill Stern.

Walter Brennan is sportswriter Sam Blake, Elsa Janssen and Ludwig Stossel are Gehrig's parents while Teresa Wright is luminous as his wife, Eleanor, but clearly Cooper shines above this talented crowd. The role, seemingly made for the Cooper persona, is one of his finest.

OF COURSE that may be a judgment filtered through the fine lens of hindsight. I don't know how accurate the film is insofar as Gehrig's life and character are concerned — Cooper's either for that matter — but it certainly hangs together effectively.

No question but the film is sentimental and, by today's standards, somewhat saccharine but that's part of its charm. Despite its naive and wonderment about the marvelous potentials of life and the almost unreal courage with which Gehrig/Cooper face death, "The Pride of the Yankees" is touching and inspirational.

Lou Gehrig was a shining white knight and Gary Cooper perfectly fits that role as he grows from shy, naive rookie to mature, accomplished star, one who learned well from life and is able, with equanimity to face happiness as well as tragedy in a sensible, prudent manner.

Ha Ha Ha, Hee Hee Hee,



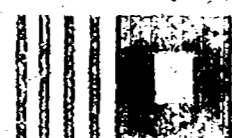
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The English band Happy Mondays is a band that doesn't write down any lyrics. They get into the studio and jam, picking out the best in the lot.

Happy Mondays: '70s music with '80s twist

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Happy Mondays make for hungover Tuesdays. "We're still partying from last night," said Shaun Ryder, lead singer with the English band Happy Mondays in a Tuesday afternoon telephone interview. "In fact, we just finished an hour ago."

Night clubs are not the only target of Happy Mondays' assault on this country; so, too, are the ears of alternative music listeners.

Happy Mondays has just released its second album, "Bummed" (Elektra), a neo-psychedelic collection of sound designed to make your head spin.

The group is part of a large Acid-House scene in Great Britain, bringing back '70s culture with all the vices. Yes, folks, time to pull out those purple bell-bottoms and platform shoes again.

Except theirs is simply not a trip down the far-out lane. What Happy Mondays has done is incorporated the music of the '70s, including acid rock, funk and even dance (not disco), into a new whirlwind of a sound. You can dance to it, arm wrestle to it or change the oil in the car to it.

The latest album is exceptional work, especially considering the lack experience in the Happy Mondays'

circle. "ON THE first album, none of us knew what we were doing," said Ryder, whose band will perform tonight at Rick's Cafe in Ann Arbor. "We had some ideas of what we wanted to do, but we didn't how to get them out through to our instruments or on plastic."

Enter Martin Hannet, the guy whose past production work includes Joy Division and U2. On vinyl, Hannet ("He's a good bloke," Ryder said of the well-known producer.) brought out the fuller elements of Happy Mondays' sound.

A tough task. Happy Mondays is a band that doesn't write down any lyrics. They get into the studio and jam, picking out the best in an assorted lot.

Ryder said some of his best lines have been forgotten in late nights at the pub. Those who have seen Happy Mondays live find them unforgettable.

The same throw-caution-in-the-can attitude exists onstage. Sometimes forgetting the lyrics, Ryder said he will make them up as he goes along.

The band has also made great copy offstage as well, like the time when Ryder walked into the wrong show.

"Our gig was 25 yards from the Simply Red gig," said Ryder, who is from Manchester, England. "We

seen all these people lined up and we said, 'Wow man, top gig.' We get inside and we see all these people and we said, 'Get outta the way. Get outta the way. We're the band,' to all the bouncers and security."

"We made our way to the stage and said, 'Wow, the warm-up band has a top drum kit.' Here to find out, Simply Red was in the dressing room. Everyone thought it was funny."

AMERICAN AUDIENCES are getting their first glimpses of Happy Mondays. The group performed two years ago at the New Music Seminar in New York, but this is the first major U.S. tour.

In eight short days, the band has found America quite to their liking. Bez, another maraca toting member of Happy Mondays, talks about how the group didn't have anything to do after returning from a show at 5 a.m. So, Happy Mondays walked the streets of New York City until the sun came up.

"I enjoy all of it," said Bez about the music business. "If you're going to make any money, this is the best way to do it. We're all lazy. We never worked. If you're going to be lazy, this is the best way to do it."

Happy Mondays will perform Monday, Aug. 14, at Rick's Cafe in Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

IN CONCERT

HAPPY MONDAYS

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OUT MOVEMENT

The Out Movement will perform along with Figure 4 on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the River Rock Saloon in Detroit.

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Skanking Voodoo Dolls will perform on Thursday, Aug. 17, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

CIVILIANS

Civilians will perform with special guests, Allison's Ghost, on Friday, Aug. 18, at the Hamtramck Pub, Caniff Avenue, off I-75. For information, call 365-9760.

JEANE & THE DREAMS

Jeane & The Dreams will perform on Friday, Aug. 18, on the Boblo Moonlight Cruise, which departs from the Detroit dock at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10.95 (\$9.95 for groups 10 or more with advance reservations). For information, call 843-0700.

FAITH NO MORE

Faith No More will perform on Friday, Aug. 18, at Blondie's, West-Seven Mile Road, east of Telegraph, Detroit. For information, call 535-8108.

HIPPODROME

Hippodrome will perform on Friday, Aug. 18, at Paycheck's Lounge, Caniff Avenue, east of Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. For information, call 872-8974.

BLUEFRONT PERSUADERS

Bluefront Persuaders will perform on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19, at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

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Yesterday's News will perform on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19, at Jameson's, 1812 N. Main, Royal Oak. For information, call 547-6470.

STEWART FRANKE

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GANGSTER FUN

Gangster Fun will perform with special guests, DNA, on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Stanley's, 350 Riverside Drive, west of Oullette, Windsor. For information, call 833-3443.

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UGLY BUT PROUD

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SHAWN WILLIAMS

Shawn Williams will perform at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Cross Street Station, 511 Cross St., Ypsilanti. For information, call 487-5050.

HOODOO GURUS

Hoodoo Gurus will perform on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Saint Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For information, call 961-MELT.



Faith No More will perform Friday, Aug. 18, at Blondie's in Detroit.

LOCAL

Here are 10 songs receiving airplay on WDTN-FM's "Detroit Music Scene," which is heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays (repeated 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays).

1. "Object," Nemesis.
2. "Brother to Brother," Civilians.
3. "No Room to Swing the Cat," Rubber.
4. "All the Heroes," Generals.
5. "Slow Down," Idiots.
6. "Living in Ohio," Peter G.
7. "Little World," Dancing Smoothies.
8. "Five O'Clock Bus Stop," See Dick Run.
9. "Winter in Alaska," Funhouse.
10. "Slang Tang," Skanking Voodoo Dolls.

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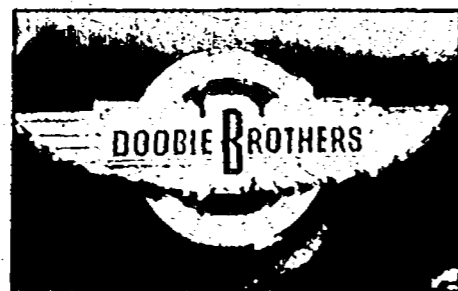
Here are the top 10 singles receiving airplay on CJAM-FM, campus station of the University of Windsor, according to music director Vera Colley.

1. "You Made Me Realize," My Bloody Valentine.
2. "Zero Sex," Christian Death.
3. "Spill My Guts," 24-7 Spyz.
4. "Ska-ville UK," Bad Manners.
5. "Place in the Sun," The Men They Couldn't Hang.
6. "Sea of Time," Rainbirds.
7. "I'm a Believer," Anita Lane.
8. "Circle and the Sun," Poi Dog Pondering.
9. "Codine," Ultra Vivid Scene.
10. "Electricity," Mescalline Ritual.

REVIEWS

CYCLES

— Doobie Brothers



Everybody who made hit records in the 1970s seems to be taking another stab at stardom, including the Doobie Brothers. And they couldn't have picked a better title for their comeback album — "Cycles."

After all, the pulsating Intro to the Capitol LP's opening track, "The Doctor," sounds suspiciously close to that long-ago hit "China Grove."

The similarity shouldn't surprise anyone who has followed the Doobies since those days. "Cycles" is driven by the rough-edged vocals of original singer Tom Johnston, who once upon a time was replaced by slick-crooning Michael McDonald (remember "What A Fool Believes?").

Back to earth for a moment. It's great for these veterans to be back in the music business. But the stars in the Doobie Brothers' sky aren't quite as bright as they once were.

That's because, despite whatever promise is yielded by "The Doctor," most of the music contained on this uneven set, frankly, fails to follow

the title's "we're back" theme. However, this group still manages to glitter from time to time. There are several worthy songs, including the slow-cooking "Need a Little Taste of Love," spiced just right with some tasteful guitar riffs from Pat Simmons.

"South of the Border" conveys the free and easy spirit prevalent in the Doobies' glory days.

Another mentionable is the introspective anthem "Time Is Here and Gone," with lyrics describing someone with a late appreciation for life: "What used to worry me, well it don't worry me/Who knows the reason or the rhyme/The years that I got left, you know I'll make the most of mine."

And "Cycles," although clearly not earth-shattering, may just be good enough to make sure there are a few more days, and perhaps another album, for the Doobies.

— Tim Smith

THE OCEAN BLUE — The Ocean Blue

This eponymously titled LP on Sire Records is the debut album from this band who hail from Hershey, Pa.

The band, a four-piece, is essentially guitar-based, but they do include keyboards and saxophone in their instrumentation line-up.

Mistake No. 1.

Actually, track one, side one, their first single "Between Something and Nothing," is quite considerable. Starting with a fresh, bouncy guitar riff, leading into a catchy verse/chorus combination, split with an attractive guitar solo. It is very exciting on first listen. This album is going to be great, me thinks.

Mistake No. 2.

It becomes obvious very quickly that this track is the most notable standout of the album. Although on repeated listens, it does bear remarkable similarity to Echo & The Bunnymen.

By this time, the third song, "Drifting, Falling," airs itself the comparisons are spewing forth, fast and furious. Yes — there's a Lloyd Cole, ooops, almost tripped on an Echo & Bunnymen. But get this for obscure influences — "Circus Animals" onward the light keyboard drone in the background and, the



"echoed" vocals remind me of Aha (remember them?).

With their record company's claims that Ocean Blue are "a group whose musical explorations have resulted in some dazzling innovations with a sound that matched fervent spontaneity with technical-sophistication."

They obviously chose to ignore a band called The Connells from North Carolina. Why I mention this is that Ocean Blue's songs are operating in the same arena with similarly styled rhythm acoustic guitar, lead and backing vocals and song structures. Unfortunately, it is to Ocean Blue's detriment that The Connells were around first and have stronger material. Of course, a case may be made that sounding similar to a band who is still relatively unknown is not something to be concerned with.

— Cormac Wright

THE END OF THE INNOCENCE

— Don Henley

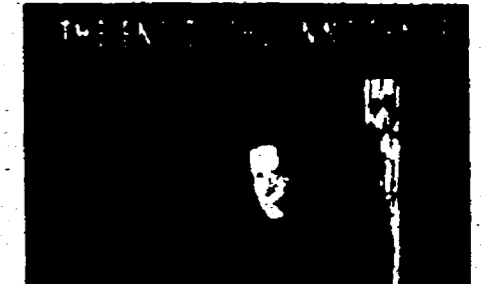
With five years of water under the bridge since "Building the Perfect Beast" (and what a beast it was!), you would think that Don Henley might have had enough time to put together a decent follow-up.

Well, you are right.

It seems that this ex-Eagle has been spending so much time crafting the music on his new LP that he has forgotten to cut his hair (see cover). But hey, if the man keeps producing the kind of material that made "Beast" a monster success, he can do what he wants with the mop on top.

Working with his longtime friend and collaborator Danny Kortchmar, Henley has concentrated more on the lyrics and message of each on "Innocence," while maintaining a strong instrumental presence that often eludes his more preachy contemporaries (like Jackson Browne). While this album does have a none-too-subtle lyrical bite to it in spots, it still has its share of the rock'n'roll we've come to expect from Henley.

The title track opens things up with a collaboration between Henley and Bruce Hornsby that sounds more



like a Hornsby single than a Henley original. "How Bad Do You Want It?" is this album's answer to "All She Wants to Do is Dance," with its raucous rock/dance beat. W. Axl Rose of Guns N' Roses steps in on backing vocals on "I Will Not Go Quietly"; the song falters.

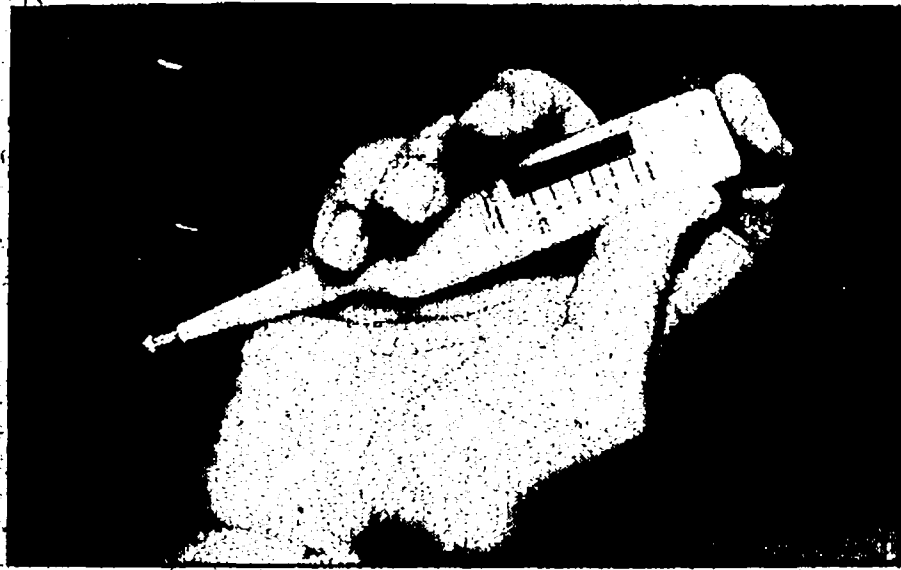
The real highlights on this one are a ballad ("The Last Worthless Evening"), a satire about television ("Little Tin God"), a discourse on the greed ridden '80s ("Gimmie What You Got"), a chronicle of the range of American excess ("If Dirt Were Dollars") and a gem on how fast things can change ("New York Minute").

If that sounds like a lot of highlights, you may want to pick this one up — because this old Eagle ain't balding, and he keeps on flying.

— Bob Sadler

street seen

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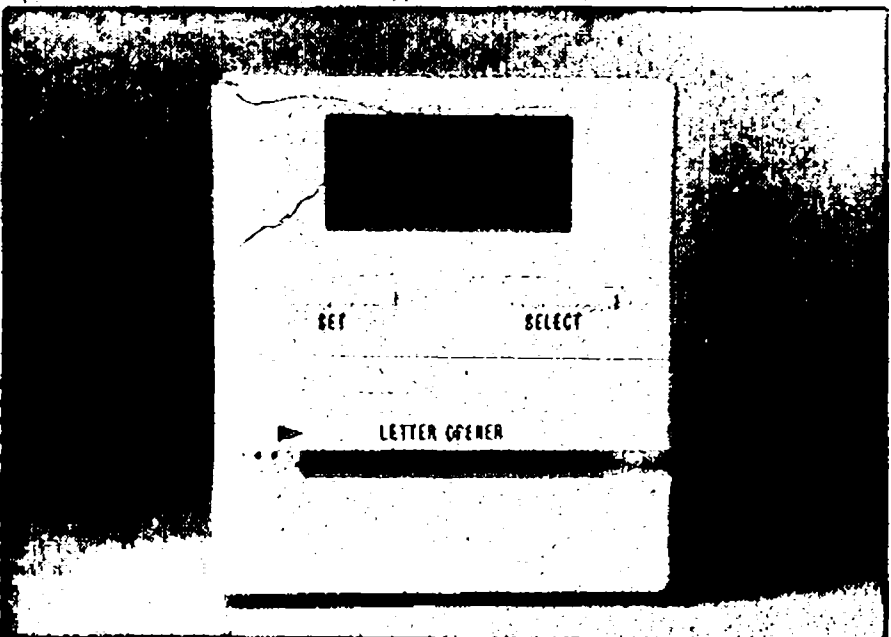
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STREET SENSE

Don't get discouraged

Dear Barbara,
I am recently separated from my husband of 20 years. I am in my 40s. I went out on my first date a few weeks ago. When the check came after dinner, my companion said to me, "I'm sure you'll want to share this."

I was surprised and I am sad to say, a little depressed. I am comfortable financially and could well afford to pay the bill, possibly better than my date, but I continue to feel that I would like to be courted by a man.

Is it old-fashioned for me to expect such treatment? Do I have to declare my financial expectations each time a man asks me out? Do you think I should be prepared for a lot of this type of treatment?

Ellen

Dear Ellen,
Maybe you need Miss Manners, not me. But I will try to answer in the best of her tradition.

Unfortunately, there are men like

this. You should not encourage them by complying. It was inappropriate for you to pay half. It is bad enough to be insulted by the request without the bad taste left by allowing yourself to be manipulated.

Let's hope that you are not discouraged by this incident and that on your next date you meet a man with good taste.

Barbara

Dear Barbara,
I have a good friend who was recently devastated by a divorce. She still has unrealistic fantasies that her former husband will return to her. Yesterday, I heard through the grapevine that the new wife is pregnant.

Through mutual friends I also know that my girlfriend's daughter is aware that her stepmother is pregnant. She has not been able to tell her mother and in general seems quieter than usual.

My question is: Should I tell her? At least then it will be in a controlled atmosphere and if she breaks

down, I'll be there to console her.

Vicki

Dear Vicki,
I hesitate to answer your letter for a reason that may not apply to you at all. The reason is that I have seen so many people, who, with all good intentions to help others, end up creating havoc and bad feelings. Please understand then why I am unable to answer your question directly.

Barbara

Dear Fathers NOW, M.F. and G.P.,

I am sorry that it is the policy of this column not to make personal phone-calls-in-response-to-letters. I am, of course, happy and eager to answer specific questions in this column. It is always the hope of this column that answers to specific questions will help other readers facing similar dilemmas and problems.

In keeping with this policy, those writers who have asked help in organizing social clubs are advised to attempt to do this through items in the Personals/Classified section of this paper.



Barbara Schiff

I'm sure that if you apply yourself to the task that you will make it successful.

Barbara

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, a trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Chicago: Pasta to pastry boards

Continued from Page 1

"Gourmet on the Go." (I knew I had made the right decision to take the last flight back to Detroit.)

Lunch at Spiaggia, prepared under the watchful eye of guest Chef Bugialli (Tony Martin is Spiaggia's resident chef), was splendid. Too bad everyone else I talked with that day thought Spiaggia was "overpriced and overblown." Of course, it's going to be good for me, I'm a food writer and they knew I was coming.

After lunch and a few too many refills of Italian chardonnay, I felt the need to walk off the buzz, so I instructed my driver to drop me at Crate and Barrel. Anyone who does anything with food will go bonkers at this high-tech bargain basement-priced gourmet and tableware shop, just down the street and in the middle of the "Magnificent Mile."

Thirty minutes was all it took to run the American Express card almost to its limit with purchases of 16- by 20-inch marble pastry boards at \$16.95 (I bought two), dishes shaped like fish (I bought a dozen), Belgian waffle irons and the nearest martini glasses I have ever seen.

THEN IT was off to have cocktails

at Ditka's. The restaurant critic at Spiaggia said a stop here was warranted, just to see and feel Chitown's best jock bar and to savor what was the best oysters on the half shell I have ever swallowed.

All fresh oysters are good, but what set these apart was the tongue-tlingling horseradish sauce that accompanied the little gems. And it had the best drink values with rock glasses that are truly "jock size" and not some scrawny, wimpy little glasses.

This place is owned by the famed and legendary Chicago Bears coach, Mike Ditka.

After buying a menu (I always ask first and NEVER steal), Craig Koresian, the afternoon manager, offered to have Coach Ditka himself sign it. How could I resist?

The only resisting I had to encounter was to resist not eating more of those great oysters. I didn't want to spoil my pre-dinner reservations at one of Chicago's hottest eateries, The Fronterita.

Owned by Chef Rick Bayless (of local Ann Arbor fame) and his wife Donna, a margarita and an order of the \$4.75 sopas sampler was all I needed. But a friend couldn't resist the border-style split game hen,

marinated in garlic and sweet spices at \$11.

This is primo southwest cuisine and since they don't take reservations for less than six, it's a crowded and fun place to stop.

Chef Rick is right there in the open-styled kitchen and you can find this fabulous eatery at 445 N. Clark.

TELLING MYSELF I need another hit of oysters from Ditka's, but reminding myself of 7:30 reservations at another of the Windy City's premier eateries, Prarie, I asked the driver to deliver me to 500 N. Dearborn, home of the Omni Hotel and what easily can be touted as one of the best restaurants in town.

I was disappointed to hear that the classic prairie dog stew was 89'd for the evening, but my waitress said that I would not be disappointed with the warm apple sausage and sage turnover. And I wasn't.

The Prairie touts itself as serving the quincennial heartland favorites. I wholeheartedly agree. Not to be outdone with the appetizer, my waitress almost ordered me to try the tossed salad consisting of fried coho and toasted pumpkin seeds. This woman can bend my arm with any recommendation and I'll take it.

Unlike Ditka's and Fronterita, this place was a tad pricey, so keeping in mind my excessive purchases at Crate and Barrel and also knowing that my waistline was beginning to show signs of contractual expansion, I opted for a light dinner of a dish, called Burgo, that I tried on my last trip to Kentucky.

This was a thick soup, almost stew like, filled with rabbit, pork and a mish-mash of vegetables, with a tangy tease to the broth.

For a second there, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Three winning restaurants in as many hours. Three dishes at each and all were winners.

A QUICK glance at my watch beckoned me to a waiting car and it was off to the airport.

Running to catch what was the last plane out, carrying a briefcase, camera bag, 60 pounds of marble pastry boards and assorted other goods found me waking the next morning with shin splints and a craving for a good workout and sauna at Vic Tanny's.

So, if you're planning a trip to Chicago and are lucky enough to have your income tax refund in tote... Bon Appetit!

SCREEN SCENE

ANN ARBOR SILENT FILM SOCIETY, Berkshire Hilton, 1-94 at State, Ann Arbor. Call 761-8286 for information. Starting at 3 p.m. Aug. 20. (\$2.50 general, \$1.50 members)

The society continues its salute to silent foreign films. "Ecstasy" (Czechoslovakia - 1932) gained international recognition not for the cloddy love story, but for its shocking nude shots with actress Hedy Lamarr. With "Leaves from Satan's Book" (Denmark - 1919) by master director Carl Dreyer, about Satan's influence through the ages.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Call 832-2730 for information. (\$5)

"Sex, Lies and Videotape" (USA - 1989), Aug. 18-27 (call for show times). The winner at this year's Cannes Film Festival is a clever - if a bit overrated - look at a quartet of people and their bizarre problems.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LI-

BRARY, 16301 Michigan, Dearborn. Call 943-2330 for information. (Free)

"Feet First" (USA - 1930), 7 p.m. Aug. 14. Bespectacled Harold Lloyd tries to avoid discovery when he sneaks aboard a steamship. A feature-length sound effort from one of the silent era's greatest comedians.

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Seven Mile, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (Free)

"No Time for Comedy" (USA - 1940), 10 a.m. Aug. 15. Rosiland Russell desperately tries to keep her playwright husband Jimmy Stewart from taking himself too seriously in this hit-and-miss comedy. Part of the mall's continuing tribute to actor Jimmy Stewart.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 16301 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. For information, call 669-8397. (\$4 regular and \$3.25 students and senior citizens)

"Tampopo" (Japan - 1987), 7 p.m. Aug. 14. Director Juzo Itami's popular comedy about love and noodles.

"Cold Feet" (USA - 1989), Aug. 15-19 (call for show times). Misfire western comedy about a trio of hapless diamond smugglers, played with typical quirkiness by Keith Carradine, Tom Waits and Sally Kirkland.

"Once Upon a Time in the West" (Italy/USA - 1969), 9:15 p.m. Aug. 15-16. Sergio Leone's operatic "spaghetti western" about a woman trying to save her land from the encroaching railroad company and the various men either out to help or kill her. With Charles Bronson, Jason Robards and Henry Fonda as a most despicable blue-eyed villain. A must on the big screen.

"Silverado" (USA - 1985), 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17 and 9:45 p.m. Aug. 18. Lawrence

Kasdan's fast-paced but failed attempt at making a new mainstream Western. Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner, Rosanna Arquette only scratch the surface of a sprawling, but misguided cast.

"Sadanah" Journey - to the Source" (1986), 5:30 p.m. Aug. 19 and 5:15 p.m. Aug. 20. Unusual docu-drama about a young Western seeker who finds enlightenment in India and the Himalayas.

"Scandal" (Britain - 1989), 9:45 p.m. Aug. 19 and 7:10 p.m. Aug. 20. Unexploited look at the fall of Britain's war secretary John Profumo in a scandalous affair with showgirl Christine Keeler. The film really focuses on Dr. Stephen Ward (John Hurt), who introduced them and becomes the affair's tragic fall guy.

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STREET CRACKS

10 years and still joking

Lilly finds club work a challenge

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

The comedic boom of late has spawned several Johnny-Come-Latelys on the scene while the Tim Lillys of the world chuckle along.

For 10 years, Lilly has been a comedian. He's seen more clubs than Jack Nicklaus, more roadside restaurants than a trucker.

Lilly's resigned himself to the fact that might not change anytime soon. He believes a lack of television exposure is perhaps his biggest stumbling block to big time notoriety.

"I know what these guys (in television) want and I'm not it," said Lilly, who will perform Thursday through Sunday at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. "They want the Ken Doll look. It's not so much what you say, it's how you look. I'm 50 pounds overweight, balding and wear glasses. Those are strikes against you in television."

Yet, he can still swing for the big laugh. His humor is suburban, recalling times such as cruising down Woodward Avenue and growing up in Ferndale.

People in the audience can relate to such things as being a stepfather, having a child for the first time and trying to support a family of five on a comedian's wages.

The latter is becoming increasingly difficult. With comedy clubs sprouting, several would-be comedians are taking a shot.

"THAT'S THE Catch-22," Lilly said. "There are more clubs, but there's 35 to 40 people in Detroit who fancy themselves as comedians. The clubs use that to their advantage. They say, 'OK, Tim Lilly doesn't want to work for \$50 a night, we'll get another comedic act.'"

"Fortunately, there are clubs like the Looney Bin in Walled Lake and Joey's in (Livonia) who will give a local guy a chance to headline."

Lilly has gone beyond the inner



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circle of Detroit area clubs, performing at the Comedy Store in Hollywood and The Improv in Los Angeles.

He prefers Great Lakes region, though. He feels people here can relate to the urban Midwestern humor. His start in the business certainly has Midwestern roots.

Lilly was a drama student in high school and had aspirations of going to Eastern Michigan University. Personal setbacks, including the death of his mother, stalled those plans.

While working at a "9 to 5 ham-and-egger," Lilly noticed the Delta Lady Club in Ferndale had an open mike night. He tried it. He liked it.

Lilly's jokes used to be spiked with "pot-smoking" fare, but he's cleaned things up.

Instead, Lilly's more likely to discuss some of his encounters of constantly being on the road.

"I got stuck behind a driver's education car and I noticed the kid has his hands in the 10-and-2 position on the wheel," he said. "They're teaching these kids the wrong things."

"Instead, they should be learning

how to get on the expressway without spilling their McDonald's Super Size. Or say, 'OK, put it in drive. Now open the Whooper box.'"

LILLY HAS joined the ranks of the recently married. His wife had three children of her own, daughters 12 and 10 and a son 6. They also have a seven-week old daughter.

The responsibilities have increased with fatherhood. And, with it, have come some harsh realities.

"I realized that I'm old. I'm square," he said. "My daughter mentioned her favorite band is Guy. I said, 'Guy who?' I imagine that's what it was like when I was young and my parents were asking, 'Who is this Led Zeppelin fellow?'"

"At that point, I put on my Bermuda shorts and black socks and said, 'Let's head to the beach.'"

Tim Lilly will perform Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 17-20, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, between Wayne and Levan roads, Livonia. For information, call 261-0555.

COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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CHAPLIN'S EAST
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CHAPLIN'S PLYMOUTH
Franko and Nick Griffin will appear Thursday, Aug. 17, at Chaplin's Plymouth in the Plymouth Hilton, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. For information, call 454-4680.

CHAPLIN'S WEST
John Wing Jr. will appear Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 15-19, at Chaplin's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

HOLLY HOTEL
Heywood Banks will perform with Ken Brown and Mary Miller Thursday-Saturday Aug. 17-19, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. with additional 10:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

JOEY'S LIVONIA
Tim Lilly will perform Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 17-19, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Showtimes are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

LOONEY BIN
Mark Sweetman will perform Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, at the Wolverine Lounge and Looney Bin Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake. Showtimes are 9 p.m. Friday

and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 669-9374.

LOONEY BIN TOO
Donnel will perform Friday-Saturday, Aug. 18-19, at The Looney Bin at The Roxy, I-94 and Haggerty. Showtimes are 9 p.m. Friday and 8 and 10 p.m. Saturday. There's a \$5 cover charge. For information, call 699-1829.

MISS KITTY'S
Bud Dingman will appear with Peter Berman Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 17-19, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

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An exasperated buyer signals his purchase on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade.

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Short-order cooks at the Billy Goat Tavern take a break after handling the noontime crunch.

A whirlwind tour

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city, reduced to the size of a glance in each direction, unfolds like an architectural blanket. This is almost spoiled though by the cacophony of sound cascading down upon our ears. Taped sightseeing narration blasts from the speakers in front of each window. Standing in the middle of the observatory, it all blends together and the only thing I'm able to pick out clearly is an odd bit of trivia that seems to catch my ear each time one tape repeats:

"THE WRIGLEY family (their namesake building can be seen from the north window) originally started in the soap business. They switched from manufacturing to chewing gum when they discovered it's popularity after giving it away with boxes of soap."

The lone human being at the top of the Sears Tower, excluding visitors, is Brad Stephenson, a traffic reporter for radio station WBBM-AM. Stephenson, 31, is employed by AAA. He's been up here in a computer-filled room not much larger than a closet every weekday morning for 15 months. He's from downstate Illinois.

I ask him what it's like working 1,353 feet above the city.

"It's not that big of a deal when you do it every day," he said. "Besides, it's easy to spot fires from here and it makes sense for a traffic reporter."

Robyn Michaels offers a different perspective on the giant building. We find her sitting on the sidewalk at the base tower, using a clicker to count of the people as they pass by. Michaels has been hired by the city's economic development department to conduct a study on pedestrian traffic patterns. The study may be used to adjust bus and train schedules to benefit commuters.

Michaels, a grad student and dog trimmer, will work 10 hours a day and be paid \$7 per hour for clicking.

In her first hour on the job that day, she's clicked 876 times. I ask her how people react to being "clicked."

"One guy turned around and told me 'It's nice to be counted for something in my life,'" she said.

FROM THE Sears Tower we head to the Chicago Board of Trade on Jackson Boulevard in the financial district.

To describe the Board of Trade as a commodities exchange is a grave injustice. This is like going to an auction in the "Twilight Zone." There's one fast-talking auctioneer for every bidder on the floor. And from our spot on the mezzanine above the trading floor, it looks like they've all ingested large quantities of amphetamines before getting off the "L" and heading in to work.

The buyers, sellers, price reporters and other functionaries are distinguished by their brightly colored coats. There are more hand signals given (five fingers straight up means sell, tilted to the right means buy) than in your average, 9-inning baseball game.

The employees who stalk the trading floor are very secretive about what they do. Two young men representing high-powered conglomerates turn me down for interviews.

Andy Warhol is next on our agenda. Or rather the Warhol exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago in Grant Park. The exhibit, organized by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, ran through Aug. 13 in Chicago. After that, it headed across the Atlantic to London.

As we begin our glide through the more than 250 examples of Campbell's soup cans, Marilyn Monroes, purple cows and floating pillows, I debate the merits of Warhol's modern techniques with my photographer. I hold out for "groundbreaking art," while he maintains the "nothing more than popular garbage" view.

We emerge an hour or so later, calling a truce and starving.

AFTERNOON:

Lunch is at the Billy Goat Tavern, under (yes, under) the street at 430 N. Michigan Ave. This is the place John Belushi and the rest of the old Saturday Night Live crew used as their inspiration for the "Cheezburger, Cheezburger, No Coke, Pepsi" sketch. One look and it's clear Belushi and company didn't have to change much for television.

The tavern is jammed at the noon hour and the pace is frenetic. People are gathered around the no-nonsense bar in one corner, while order takers call back to the kitchen from a horseshoe-shaped counter in the center.

We dine on (what else) cheezbo-er-uh-cheeseburgers, double patties served on a hard roll bun. They are, said owner Sam Slanis, the house specialty. Self-serve condiments are at the adjacent counter.

Slanis has owned the place for 19 years. He bought it from his uncle, who opened it back in 1934 after emigrating from Greece.

"He had a pet goat and that's how he named it," Slanis said, anticipating my question.

I ask whether he was upset about the place being the butt of a late-night television joke.

"No," he said, "I was actually flattered. And it hasn't been too bad for business either."

Appetites satisfied, we take a cab to 1816 N. Wells, the home of the Second City Theater.

Before taking a peak at the rehearsal, we get a run-down on Second City from producer Joyce Sloan, who

has been around since the year after the improvisational troupe was formed in 1959. Sloan's discourse on the group's history is like a walking tour through the Henry Ford Museum of modern comedy.

The theater alumni — in addition to Saturday Night Live and SCTV regulars — include comedians like Avery Schreiber (of Burns and Schrieber) and actress Betty Thomas, formerly of "Hill Street Blues."

Today, one of the improvisational troupes is rehearsing for a road show they will take to Atlantic City later this summer.

Having been socially enlightened during the first part of our afternoon, it can only be time for one thing: Shopping.

We take a walking tour of the Magnificent Mile, a mile-long stretch of Michigan Avenue devoted to pleasing all tastes and credit cards. Marshall Fields, I. Magnin, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bonwit Teller's, Tiffany's and a host of smaller, but equally pricey shops abound.

WE STOP IN at Burberrys, or, to use the proper name Burberrys Limited. What reporter worth his salt hasn't dreamed of going out on assignment in a trench coat supplied by the world famous United Kingdom clothier?

When I clue store general manager Cary McIlvoy in on my fantasy — to try on Burberrys' top-of-the-line model — she smiles. It turns out the anchors and top reporters from Chicago's television stations are regular customers.

I guess we're all trying to look like Humphrey Bogart, who wore a Burberry coat in "Deadline U.S.A."

Bernard Dagers, manager of men's clothing and outerwear, helps me pull the coat over my shoulders and adjusts the belt. The coat features a shell made from 100 percent imported cotton and a full lining that is mended all the way into the sleeves. It is truly dashing.

At \$995, it should last a lifetime, right?

"Well, not quite," said Dagers, in his clipped, South London accent. "You can expect many years of wear, but it may have to be reconditioned or you might eventually need a new one."

And, he said, the store's "bargain basement" model is priced at \$320.

My American Express card starts to tingle, but stays in the pocket.

Next on our agenda is the "Here's Chicago" exhibit.

This show in the old pumping station on Michigan Avenue promises to give us a little bit of the town's history, specifically the Chicago Fire of 1906 and the 1920s Gangster era. No vacation is complete, I reason, without getting a little local history. After all, we could have gone to Somerset Mall, if all we wanted was an exotic shopping extravaganza.

THIS TURNED out to be a mistake. What we got was another hokey "multi-media" presentation and a separate tour through a room filled with manequins and a perky tour guide. All that for \$4.75 a head.

Next time, I think I'll run to the library before heading out of town in order to satisfy my lust for vacation background material.

EARLY EVENING:

Before dinner, we decide to head over to Rush Street to check out the local bar scene. Only Rush Street, we discover, isn't the hot spot that all the tour books tout it as.

It used to be, according to an informal poll of several pedestrians, but now the best bars and nightclubs are a short hop away of State and Division streets. Oh well.

For a check of what's going on musically (and since our plane leaves before most clubs get going for the evening), I talk to Shawn Johnson, co-manager of the Music World store on State.

"There's the 'Batman' soundtrack by Prince, that's our top selling album," he said. "And in the clubs, House Music (An urban, post rap sound) has come out from underground and is getting a lot of attention."

Dinner is at Gino's East, 160 E. Superior, home of Chicago-style pizza. Gino's, with its graffiti-etched tables and high-backed wooden booths is reminiscent of a campus hangout.

We're talking real pizza pie here. The pan pizza is a good 2 1/2 inches thick. (A hint for Detroiters: Order double cheese if you want it like you get it at home. For some reason, Detroit's pizza makers go heavy on the cheese while the rest of the world goes big on the tomato sauce.)

AFTER DINNER and before heading back to the airport we have one more stop — the subway. Being from Motown, where mass transit is only a pipe dream, I have this odd desire to prove a viable mass transit system can indeed exist.

Chicago's "People Mover" combines below ground subway cars with an above ground elevated railway system, or "L." It's actually possible to go from downtown out to Northwestern University in suburban Evanston (some 30 miles) and beyond.

For our purposes, we ride from the north end of Michigan Avenue back to the Loop. The fare is \$1. The stations are well marked and relatively clean. There are security guards in each car.

Well, what do you know, it works.

For information on places to visit in Chicago call the Chicago Tourism Council, (312) 280-5740. For flight schedules and fares, call Southwest Airlines, 562-1221.

Step back to colonial Mexico at San Miguel

By Iris Sanderson Jones
Contributing travel editor

Q: My wife has been trying to drag me to Mexico for a long time. I hate touristy beaches, so I won't go to places like Acapulco, but I told her I would consider it, if you could recommend a place where we can enjoy Mexican life without being overrun by American beach lovers. Definitely, not Mexico City.

R.M.,
West Bloomfield

A: I don't have to think twice to answer that question! Fly into Mexico City and either rent a car or reserve a seat on one of the first-class buses — destination San Miguel de Allende. It is a two-hour drive northwest of Mexico City in the general direction of Guadalajara, but you won't find either sand or bikinis. The whole town of San Miguel is a national historic monument, so designated to preserve its authentic colonial character. That is what makes San Miguel and the surrounding towns of Mexico's independence country so attractive to the insiders who travel here.

You can live like a Spanish aristocrat while enjoying the artists and campesinos who are the heart and soul of Mexico. There are no beaches and no high-rise hotels here, only flowered terraces overlooking cobblestone streets.

As you turn down the Little Alby of Allende you get your first real glimpse of the Patronia, the parish

church on the main plaza. It looks like the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, because it was designed and built by an local Indian architect from postcards of European cathedrals.

There is a small plaque on the house at the corner of the plaza — "Hic Natús. Ubique Notus (Somebody of note was born here)." That somebody was Ignacio Allende who held secret meetings in this house until the September day in 1810 when he rode out of town with his fellow rebels to begin the revolution that finally gained Mexico its freedom from Spain in 1821.

The town was renamed San Miguel de Allende. The mayor still shouts "Grito! (freedom)" from the balcony of the city hall across the tree plaza on Independence Day.

THERE ARE plazas like this all over colonial Mexico, created by Carlotta, wife of Emperor Maximilian, who converted all the old military marching grounds into tree plazas. On Sunday, everybody is here. Young men in blue jeans, campesinos in straw cowboy hats, peasant women in colorful shawls, carpets and basket sellers, mothers with babies, men and women in fashionable suits.

On the far side of the plaza, people move in and out of the courtyard of Posada San Francisco, once a beautiful Spanish home, now a beautiful inn, considered to be one of the most authentic colonial posadas in Mexico.

A famous local name, Canal, is found on a street



MICKY JONES

The public market in San Miguel de Allende is awash in colorful fruits and vegetables.

running west out of the plaza and on the house of the Counts of Canal on the northwest corner of the square. The name of this old silver mining family lies modern San Miguel to its Spanish colonial past, its centuries-old reputation as an art center.

Prehistoric Indians lived in this area, but it was Franciscan Father Juan de San Miguel who organized them into villages and taught them the old European crafts after he arrived from Spain in 1530.

The Canal family came two centuries later; their estates on the edge of town are now the site of the Instituto Allende, an important part of the art explosion which revitalized San Miguel for both artists and tourists after World War II.

The Instituto, in an old converted hacienda, attracts

artists and art students from throughout North America to both visual and performing arts classes. All classes are taught in English. More than 1,500 American and Canadian students attend. These artists sell their work side-by-side with the weavers; tinware artists and other craftsmen on Canal Street.

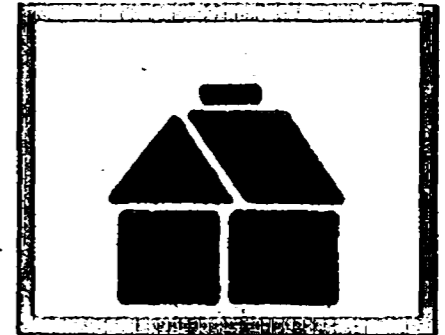
A SECOND well-known art center, the Centro Cultural Ignacio Ramirez, a branch of the Instituto de Bellas Artes of Mexico City, is in the old Convent of the Concepcion and includes both contemporary art and a lovely courtyard garden.

Casa Maxwell, a shop in the center of Canal Street between the plaza and the towers of the Church of the Concepcion, is known throughout Mexico for its varied local crafts and contemporary art work.

None of the shops are open on Sunday, of course. On weekdays, the craft shops along Canal Street are busy and the market brings color and sound to the streets around the Church of San Francisco, but on Sunday the activity is in the plaza and in favorite dining places like Posada San Francisco.

There are several wonderful hotels set in the homes of former Spanish aristocrats. Ask your travel agent if the Casa de Sierra Nevada is still there. You'll love the rooms in the main house or the small suites, with their own terraces, in the houses (owned by the hotel) across the street. Last time I was there, they had a fine dining room and delivered breakfast on your own sunny terrace. It's only one block from the plaza.

Creative Living



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condo queries

Robert M. Melsner

Q. Simply put, can a landlord be responsible for assaults which occur within the leased premises to a tenant?

A. In the Michigan case of Williams v Cunningham's Drug Stores, the Supreme Court held that a landlord has more control in his relationship with his tenants than does a merchant in his relationship with his invitees. The court reasoned that when a dangerous condition exists in the common areas of a building which tenants must necessarily use, the tenants can voice their complaints to the landlord.

The court went on to say that a landlord has a duty to investigate and to take available preventative measures when informed by his tenants that a possible dangerous condition exists in the common areas of the building, even though the landlords duty might be slight. In short, the courts of this state have held that an award of money damages for an assault can be had when it is determined by the trier of fact that the landlord knew or should have known of the dangerous propensities of persons entering the building.

Q. We are sick and tired of paying city taxes for garbage removal and the like, and fall to get adequate services from the city at our condo. Is there anything we can do about this injustice?

A. Some municipalities are more enlightened than others regarding the responsibilities and the attendant services which they provide to condo associations. I would recommend, that in your case, that you contact the supervisor or mayor of your municipality and invite him or her to meet with you with the board of directors of your association to discuss why you're not receiving the same services as other members of the community.

Assuming that you get a negative response, I believe that you should mobilize the community associations in your vicinity to bring political pressure upon the powers that be in your community regarding the services to which you believe your association are entitled. Also consider the prospect of commencing legal proceedings against the municipality on the basis that you are being denied fair and equal treatment in regard to the expenditure of your tax dollar.

This is a common problem among many associations and mobilization on the part of community associations is needed to correct this apparent injustice.

Q. Can you please explain the recent Court of Appeals decision concerning size limitations on animals more clearly, as our condominium lawyer has been somewhat ambiguous in doing so.

A. A Macomb County Circuit judge ruled that an arbitrary size limitation on dogs was not a reasonable restriction. This decision was upheld by the Michigan Court of Appeals, which reasoned that the size of a dog does not necessarily have a relationship to the propriety of keeping the dog in a condominium.

The court further indicated that a total prohibition on dogs was probably permissible and that a small pit bull could be more dangerous than a large sheep dog. Accordingly, you should have reviewed the pet restrictions of your documents to insure they are in compliance with recent court rulings and are otherwise enforceable.

Robert M. Melsner is a Birmingham attorney specializing in condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Melsner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham 48010. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

READERS ASK:

By Andy Lang
special writer

Q. We are getting a squeak from the steps going from our first floor to the second. A careful examination shows an up and down movement when someone stands on the front tread where it goes out a bit over the riser. Will putting powdered graphite on that area stop the squeak?

A. Probably. But it will be only temporary. The loose tread should be fastened down by driving two or three nails into it near the edge. The nails should be hammered in at an angle so they form a V in the wood. Be sure the nails go into the top of the riser, but also be careful they do not miss the riser entirely. Screws also can be used for the repair, but they will have to be countersunk and the indentations plugged or filled. If the stairs are made of oak or similar hardwood, drill pilot holes for either the nails or the screws.

(Andy Lang is a special writer for Associated Press.)

On vacation

Organizing columnist Dorothy Lehmkuhl is on vacation. Her column will resume next week.

On the move

Family health tips during relocation

THE KITCHEN is often called the "heart of the home," traditionally serving as a gathering place for families and friends. It's a special place that transforms daily to meet the disparate activities of a family. At one moment, the kitchen is a quiet spot where friends share dreams over warm coffee. Later in the day, the room is bustling with activity as family members recount the day's events while busily preparing the evening meal.

For most families, the kitchen also seconds as a work area where youngsters grudgingly complete their homework. Interestingly, studies indicate that a person's sense of smell is the sense most closely tied to memory; as a result, the kitchen frequently represents an emotional tie to the treasured aromas of one's past.

Of the estimated 47 million Americans who will move this year, many families will be temporarily thrown off balance when the security of their kitchen routine is disrupted. Thankfully, this stress is easily reduced if the family follows some practical guidelines when transplanting the "heart" of their home.

Toni Lindenberger, a professional home economist and director of the Bette Malone Relocation Service for United Van Lines Inc. offers tips for moving food products and kitchen appliances and for settling into a new home. These guidelines are helpful whether the family is using the services of a professional mover or renting a trailer and moving it self.

- To guard against damage that can be caused by combustion, leakage or explosion, dispose of aerosol cans of all kinds; liquids, such as furniture polish or bleach in bottles that could leak, matches; food in glass jars. If it is absolutely essential to pack a liquid, such as a medical prescription, the lid or cap should be fastened tightly and taped. The container should then be placed in a tightly sealed plastic bag.

- Take only those items you are sure will travel well. Do not take anything perishable. Temperature extremes are harmful to canned goods. High temperatures increase the chance of spoilage and freezing temperatures may cause swelling, which, in turn, may rust the seams of a can. Storing canned goods in a cool, dry clean place is best, preferably with temperatures below 85 degrees.

- Be wary of badly dented or bulging cans since this may indicate the presence of botulism, a rare and often deadly food poisoning bacteria (Clostridium botulinum).

- Open boxes of dried or powdered foods such as rice, macaroni and cereals should be discarded since they may attract bugs. For a cross-town move, though, boxes may be sealed with tape. Small containers of condiments, bouillon cubes, gelatin, etc., should be placed together in a small box before packing in a large carton. Be sure to cover holes of shaker tube containers and seal with tape.

- Since spices are expensive, you can tape those which still have a tightly fitting cap. However, if the bottles or cans do not have a cap, it is best to discard the spice.

- If you are moving to a part of the country troubled by pests and insects, it is wise to have your new home treated by a pest service — preferably before your arrival.

WHEN PREPARING KITCHEN appliances for a move, Lindenberger recommends thorough cleaning and drying of the products, especially the refrigerator, freezer and range. This is especially important if the appliance will be in storage for any length of time. The slightest bit of moisture in a warm, enclosed space is enough to cause the growth of mold and mildew with a resultant musty odor and stains difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate. Grease left on a range will turn rancid and gummy, catch dirt and dust, and leave spots on any items that touch it.

Cleaning instructions for appliances are included in the owner's use-and-care manual which generally accompanies new appliances. If

no manual is available, use a mild detergent solution or a good commercial freshener, following the manufacturer's instruction for its use. Or use a solution of three tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in a quart of warm water to which one tablespoon of vinegar has been added. Do not use harsh abrasives that will scratch or mar porcelain finishes. A soft brush or vacuum cleaner will remove excess dust. Soft rags make excellent drying and polishing cloths.

In order to clean the kitchen range, remove the grids, grates, burner knobs, reflector pans, broiler pans, oven racks and other removable parts and clean them thoroughly. A degreaser (used according to the manufacturer's directions) and a stiff brush will do a good job of grease removal.

Steel wool and a wire brush are helpful in removing grease from the oven and broiler rack. While a wide variety of oven cleaner is available, an excessively greasy oven can be easily cleaned if one half-cup of ammonia in a sauce dish is placed in the closed oven overnight. Use a mild detergent or the baking soda-vinegar-water solution on the porcelain finish. Wipe out and dry the drawers and storage compartments, then replace the clean dry parts.

THE SAME CARE must be given to the cleaning of your refrigerator and freezer. According to Lindenberger, it's well worth a little extra time preparing your appliances for a move when you consider the monetary investment they represent. First, empty the appliance, then disconnect and defrost it. Once it has defrosted, remove all movable parts and wash. Wash the interior of the appliance thoroughly, giving special attention to cleaning cracks, crevices, drawer and shelf slides, door gaskets, drain tubes and all possible places in which food particles or spilled food may be trapped. Don't forget the evaporator pan. Rinse with warm water and dry. Wash and dry the outside as well. Dust the compressor unit. Some refrigerators have a cold water dispenser or an automatic icemaker: be sure the water reservoir is empty.

After cleaning thoroughly and drying, leave the door wide open for at least 24 hours — longer if possible — so the parts you can't reach will have a chance to dry. The invisible insulation holds moisture and dampness collects under the rubber gaskets on the doors. The open doors allow moisture to evaporate so the appliance will dry completely. Then replace the cleaned dry parts. Be sure the shelves are secure.

To keep the appliance fresh during a move, use a commercial freshener according to package direction or sprinkle the inside with baking soda. Upon arrival at destination, wash the freshener from the refrigerator or freezer with a damp cloth of sponge and the appliance will emerge clean, fresh and ready for use. When it is reconnected, let it cool before placing food inside. (If moved during cold weather, be sure to let your appliances warm up to room temperature before plugging them in. Plugging in a cold appliance could destroy it.)

When organizing for a move, decide which kitchen items will be needed immediately upon arrival at your destination, then carefully pack them into a moving box and mark this box "load last." That way, this "survival" box will be unloaded first.

ONCE YOUR FAMILY has arrived at its new home, efforts must be made so the kitchen can again assume its position as the heart of your home. To facilitate the family's emotional transition, Lindenberger recommends creating some familiar aromas by warming bread in the oven or making a batch of popcorn. These two comforting fragrances will subconsciously ease some of the anxiety of family members.

Don't overlook the importance of proper nutrition during the first few days of a move. While fast foods may be convenient, they are high in sodium and fats and can make cranky children even more irritable. Cut back on sugar, caffeine and greasy snacks, instead providing bowls of nuts, fruit and raw vegetables for your family. If you are not up to preparing food, see if the supermarket in your new neighborhood has a salad bar from which you

can make some sensible selections. As another alternative to fast food, try a family restaurant or cafeteria that serves balanced meals with a minimum of fats and sugars. Careful meal planning can soothe jangled nerves and give your family members the energy they need to combat move-related stress.

The stress associated with relocation is also reduced through exercise. Lindenberger suggests the family take a break from household chores in the evening and walk through the new neighborhood. Not only is this an ideal means of relaxation, but the walk also fosters family communication.

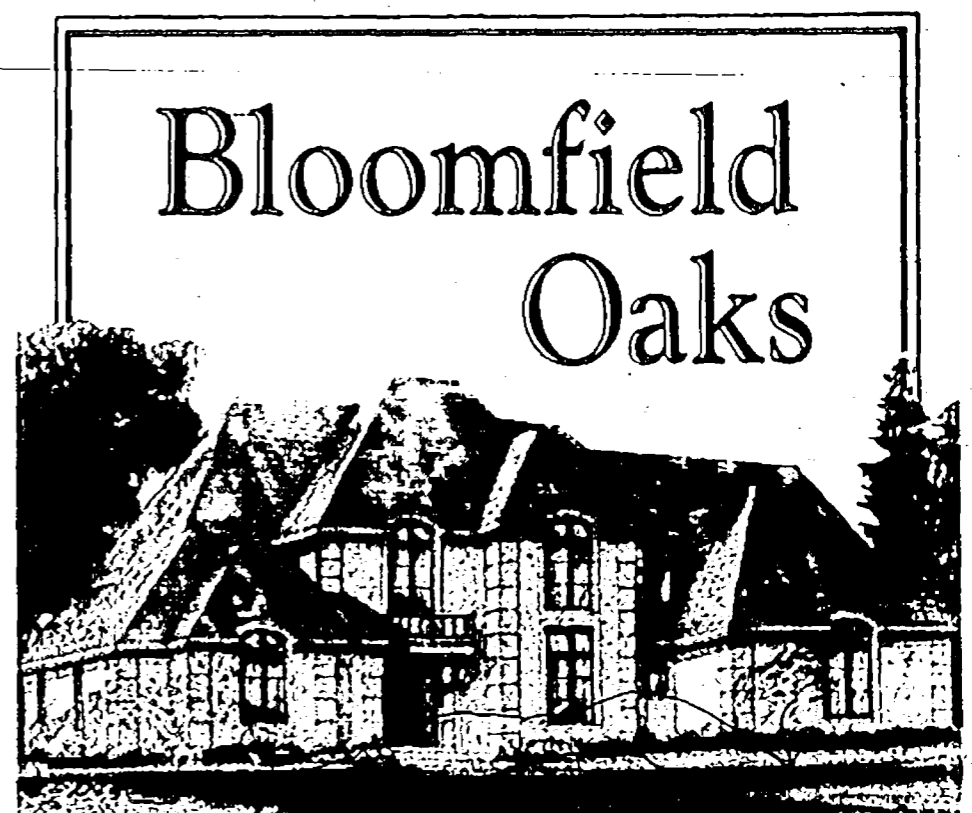
It's a great opportunity to discuss

the concerns of individual members, perhaps even solving potential problems or alleviating the fears that are a natural part of change. Besides keeping the lines of communication open, family walks also help everyone become acquainted with the new neighborhood and possibly even make some new friends.

United Van Lines' relocation service was created over 30 years ago to assist consumers with questions related to moving. It offers detailed information on more than 7,000 locations worldwide, booklets on a variety of moving-related topics and personal consultations with business executives concerned with the relocation of corporate personnel.

Of the estimated 47 million Americans who will move this year, many families will be temporarily thrown off balance when the security of their kitchen routine is disrupted.

As a rule, freezers should be empty when moved. Here's why:
— Home freezers were not designed to be used as shipping containers. When put to such use, they can easily be damaged.
— Frozen foods are highly perishable. There is no way to ensure that freezer temperature will remain at a safe level during transit since moving vans have no electric power... to keep freezers running.
— The use of dry ice as a refrigerant in a freezer during transit is impractical.



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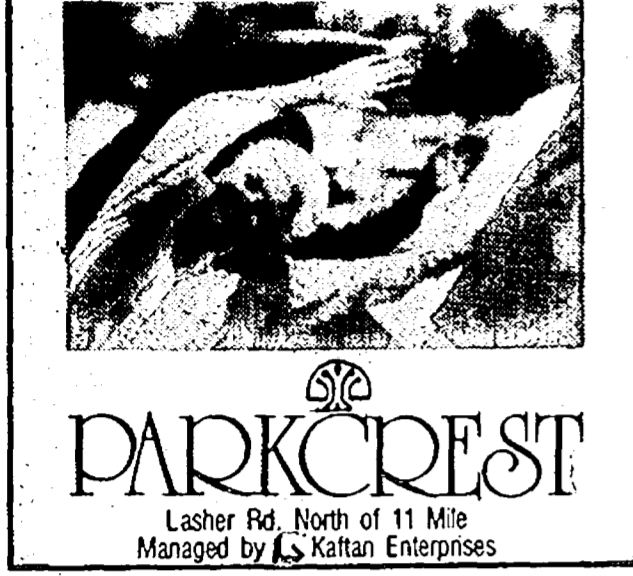
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