

Thursday, August 6, 1991

# A to Z

## Here's an alphabet of summer fun in Michigan

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special writer

**A** Antique and flea market every Sunday four miles north of Saugatuck on the Blue Star Highway, where you can buy everything from an old milk bottle to a diamond ring.

**B** Bluegrass Festival at Greenfield Village, Aug. 15-16, or the Blues Festival on Hart Plaza, Sept. 25-27.

**C** Canoeing. Especially on the Manistee, Pere Marquette, Pine, Au Sable and Rattle Rivers. Fast water, but not too fast for comfort.

**D** Drum Corp International, Ypsilanti, Aug. 14. Also, ducks, deer and Drummond Island.

**E** Ethnic Festivals: Ukrainian Aug. 7-9; Polish Aug. 14-16; Mexican Aug. 21-23; Yugoslav Aug. 28-30. All at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit.

**F** Fishing. You can catch them but you may not want to eat them from the Detroit River; the muskie is mean in Lake St. Clair; the perch jump into your boat in Saginaw Bay; good bass at Thunder and Squaw bays near Alpena; there's great walleye in lakes Cadillac and Mitchell near Cadillac; also Burt Lake; bass bite near Cadillac.

off Waughosh Point west of Mackinac and...

**G** Goose hunting is fantastic in Allegan State Game area, and the grouse are great in Gladwin, Roscommon, Arden and around the Proud Lake and Island Lake recreation areas. Get ready.

**H** Hotline to the new address of the Travel and Tourist Association of Southeast Michigan, 27777 Franklin Road in Southfield, is 357-2600. Call for a list of summer and fall events.

**I** Inland waterway. You can put your boat from the lock at Cheboygan through Mullet and Burt Lakes and along a series of shallow canals to Petoskey on Lake Michigan.

**J** Jogging. Charlie Blanchard of Birmingham calls it Total Running at Camp Walden. It's on Long Lake near Cheboygan from Sept. 1-6. You can run to your heart's content. Call 354-1177 or write to Total Runner, Franklin Shopping Plaza, 29207 Northwestern, Southfield 48034.

**K** What's a matter? You don't have a gal in Kalamazoo?

**L** Lenawee County Heritage Festival at Island Park in Adrian, Sept. 19-20, and logging championships at Newaygo, Sept. 5.

**M** Well, there's fishing tournaments at Manistee, Aug. 22 to Sept. 6, and the Montreux Jazz Festival on Hart Plaza, Sept. 4-7.

**N** National Windsurfing Championship at Grand Haven, Aug. 17-22.

**O** Oscoda-Tawas salmon derby through Aug. 15.

**P** Peach Festival in Romeo, Sept. 4-7.

**Q** Queen of Saugatuck. For \$3.75 it will take you on a sunset cruise from the fish dock in town. Questions?

**R** Recreational Vehicles. Contact the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds, 19045 Farmington Road in Livonia, or call 477-3434 for a 1981 directory of private campgrounds and other good stuff.

**S** There's the S.S. Keewatin, a floating museum at Douglas, and the Summer Festival at Marine City, Aug. 21-23. Or you could start dreaming about the fall salmon run.

**T** Trout. Until Sept. 30. Hurry up.

**U** Upper Peninsula. 1,700 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 12,000 miles of streams, 43 inland lakes, 153 waterfalls, 16,000 square miles of forest, two national parks, two national forests. There must be something you can do up there.

**V** Vineyards. Specifically the new St. Julian Win Co. vineyard in Frankenmuth, where they will start producing the



Kathy Warbelow of Birmingham and Bill Benton of West Bloomfield at Camp Walden near Cheboygan. See J.

**X** X marks the spot at Mt. Curwood, the highest point in Michigan (1,980 feet), near L'Anse in the Upper Peninsula. A tourist office in Baraga can provide a map, but you'll need a good pair of shoes and an afternoon to find the spot.

**W** Wilderness camping, especially at Big Island Lake near Munising; or 25 national forest campgrounds; or state forests such as South Manistique Lake, Mackinac County; Blind Sucker No. 1, Luce County; Laughing Whitefish, Alger County; Fox River, Schoolcraft County; Au Sable River Canoe Camp, Crawford County; and Good Harbor Bay, Leelanau County.

**Y** American Youth Hostels has a Bike Route Atlas for Southeast Michigan. Copies are available from AYH, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley 48072.

**Z** Zoos. Besides the Detroit Zoo and the Children's Zoo on Belle Isle, there are others throughout Michigan, including the John Ball Park Zoo in Grand Rapids, Clinch Park Zoo in Traverse City, and the new Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek.



'Tis the season for fishing throughout Michigan. See F.

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## Traveling alone, revisited: 'Buy a ticket, make a hotel reservation and go'

My best source of travel information is often a reader who takes time to write me a letter. Gail Ewing of Bloomfield Hills wrote this week, in response to my July 16 article on traveling alone.

The advice doesn't need any embellishment from me:

"Many of us, men and women alone, escape winter by traveling to different places for many months. I am frequently asked if I know people before I go, and what I do with my time."

"I USUALLY don't know anyone at the destination I select, but that is soon remedied. I keep busy by being useful. You can always be of service to others. Decide what you are looking for and pick a place that satisfies that need. Buy a ticket, make a hotel reservation and go."

Selecting such a destination means knowing something about it in advance. Such information is available in libraries, travel guides and from people who have been there. Doors just seem to open.

My first trip alone was a very positive experience. I was interested in the Mayan culture and planned to go to the Yucatan, Belize and Guatemala. I was to be away over Christmas, so I decided on an English-speaking country.

I flew to Belize City first, where I met interesting people in the hotel, at church and in the library. I saw many Mayan ruins and stayed nine weeks. I helped set up a teacher's reference library. No, I am not a librarian,

but anyone can help to make attractive displays and posters.

"I WAS invited to speak at a Rotary Club luncheon, and had to hunt maps and information to cover my subject."

"From Belize City I went to Yucatan and Guatemala, where I decided it was time to learn some Spanish. I was busy there, too, and was invited to return for their big Christmas celebration as a member of a family. What a privilege."

"It is all so interesting and so much fun. Incidentally, my months away are cheaper than my summers at home."

I have several responses to such a letter. My first response is "This must be a very exciting woman." I'm sure that she gets the most out of life at home, 300 miles from home or across the world.

NEXT, WHERE is Belize City? My National Geographic Atlas tells me that soon enough: It's a city in a tiny country called Belize on the Caribbean coast of Central America between Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

Next, I hit my Encyclopedia Britannica. It is 20 years old, so Belize City is listed as the capital of British Honduras, which explains why at least some of the people there speak English. Belize is described as "a crossroads of Mayan culture."

You and I may never find nine weeks to visit Central America, but we can learn a lot from this traveler. Adventure is never an accident. It happens because you make it happen when you travel.

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