

## table talk

**CHUCK E. Cheese's Pizza Time Theatre** will celebrate its grand opening Aug. 26 at 2380 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake.

The national chain combining pizza and entertainment also has a location in Westland. A story about the phenomenal success of the chain appeared recently in Time magazine.

Pizza Time Theatre serves such fun fare as pizza, sub sandwiches and hot dogs. A salad bar and even a "super sundae bar" complete the offerings.

Along with food, there's a family entertainment center with kiddie rides, amusement devices and mechanically "live" performances. Computer-controlled characters, led by Chuck E. Cheese and his friends, perform original voice and music scores.

The grand opening package includes a 10 percent discount on food, free game tokens for the evening, a free pitcher of soft drinks, a special price on beer and wine and a personal appearance by Chuck E. Cheese.

Reservations for the grand opening in Sylvan Lake can be made by calling 478-5830.

**TWEENY'S CAFE**, in Birmingham will celebrate its third birthday Thursday with an elegant evening of food, drink and music.

Proprietor Yvonne Gill and executive chef Dennis Mercer have planned the special menu for a four-course dinner and champagne with dessert.

The birthday party includes entertainment by Tweeny's Cafe fa-

vorites. Joe LoDuca, guitar, and Roger Jamison, piano, will provide dinner music, and jazz pianist Harold McKinney and his group will perform after dinner.

Additional booths, new display space and a trellis ceiling also will be shown off that evening. Dinner reservations are all taken.

**RIP'S** Restaurant in Pontiac is marking its 40th birthday. As part of the celebration, Rip's has selected charitable groups to which it will offer free ribs to 40 people.

## what's at the movies

**ARTHUR** (PG). Dudley Moore is a playboy millionaire in love with Liza Minnelli in this contemporary comedy.

**BLOWOUT** (R). John Travolta and Nancy Allen star in Brian De Palma's murder mystery centering around the accidental recording of a murder and the cover-up attempts that follow.

**BREAKER MORANT** (PG). A fine film set in South Africa during the Boer War about the court-martial of three Australian officers in the British army.

**ENDLESS LOVE** (R). Brooke Shields and Martin Hewitt are two passionate teenagers who become so obsessed with one another that it drives them to acts beyond reason.

**EYE OF THE NEEDLE** (R). Adapted from the best-selling novel, this suspense thriller and love story stars Donald Sutherland as "the Needle," the code name for Hitler's top agent in England.

**THE FOX AND THE HOUND** (G). Full-length animated feature from Disney is a happy blend of drama and comedy which tells the story of an orphaned baby fox who finds an unlikely ally in a bound pup.

**RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK** (PG). Produced by George Lucas and directed by Steven Spielberg, this action-packed adventure pits Americans against Nazi agents in a race to acquire a sacred artifact that gives its possessor invincible power.

**S.O.B.** (R). Director Blake Edwards scorches the Hollywood establishment in as cynical a comedy about lotus land as anyone has ever made. Julie Andrews is cast as a goody two-shoes movie star who shocks her fans and rakes in the bucks when she makes a porno flick.

**STRIPES** (R). "Private Benjamin" from a different perspective. Bill Murray is an Army recruit in this military comedy about the rigors of basic training and woman chasing.

**SUPERMAN II** (PG). The story continues as Superman struggles to save the earth from criminals who survived Krypton's extinction.

**TARZAN, THE APE MAN** (R). A new version of the 1932 classic starring Bo Derek as Jane and directed by Bo's husband John.

**VICTORY** (PG). Directed by John Huston, this film stars Sylvester Stallone, Michael Caine, Max Von Sydow and Pele as a group of Allied prisoners of war who form a soccer team and are forced to play a German team in a life-and-death match.

**WOLFEN** (R). Albert Finney is a New York City detective struggling to solve his most challenging case as alien beings of extraordinary intelligence create chaos and terror.

**ZORRO, THE GAY BLADE** (PG). Swashbuckling adventure-comedy with George Hamilton in the dual role as the legendary masked swordsman of Old California and his little-known twin brother.

### MOVIE RATING GUIDE

- G General audiences admitted.  
PG Parental guidance suggested. All ages admitted.  
R Restricted. Adult must accompany person under 18.  
X No one under 18 admitted.



Lucy (Kate Nelligan) aims and fires from a rocky cliff overlooking the ocean in "Eye of the Needle."



the movies

Louise Snider

## Suspense charges German-spy tale 'Eye of the Needle'

If there are any movie-goers not glued to their seats and hanging on every development in "Eye of the Needle" (R), it's only because they already have read the book and know each turn of events.

Even so, there is fresh pleasure in store because the movie version of Ken Follet's best-selling novel is a solidly crafted, splendidly acted spy adventure.

Directed by Richard Marquand and adapted from Follet's novel by Stanley Mann, the movie simplifies and condenses the twists and subplots of the novel without losing any dramatic punch.

The one simplification that doesn't work well is the superficial treatment of the British operatives who are tracking the German spy. They are not defined as sharply as other characters.

THIS TENDS to lessen their involvement and, with it, the sense of relentless pursuit. However, judicious editing establishes a rapid progression of events that helps compensate for this deficiency.

Donald Sutherland is Henry Faber, the brutally efficient German spy planted in England. He is known as The Needle because of his method of killing with a stiletto.

The year is 1944, and rumors are rife about an allied invasion of Europe. The German intelligence command, seeking positive information on the allied troop build-up and the likely location of the invasion, turns to The Needle.

When Faber obtains the sought-after information, he sets out in a small ship to rendezvous with a German U-boat off the British coast. Before he can reach the U-boat, he is caught in a terrible storm and shipwrecked on a small island whose only inhabitants are a young woman, her crippled husband, their small son and an old man who helps them tend their flock of sheep.

Once the action shifts to the island, the drama and suspense intensify through the interplay of human emotions. Faber is the mysterious stranger who enters the family's secluded world and triggers a violent chain of events.

SUTHERLAND is masterful as Faber. He makes the spy a fascinating character by developing him with the same degree of thought and attention he might give to portraying a Shakespearean character.

Christopher Cazenove is the husband. A former fighter pilot, he was crippled in an auto accident and hasn't been able to reconcile himself to his handicap. He keeps his wife at a distance by his continual bitterness and outbursts of anger.

Kate Nelligan is outstanding as the forcibly estranged wife. She is a beautiful woman who combines upper-class manners with a smoldering sensuality. She makes the sudden sexual relationship with Faber understandable and convincing.

This is essential to subsequent developments and leads to an exciting climax in which Faber's passionate devotion to duty is challenged by his passionate devotion to a lonely woman.



Donald Sutherland is "The Needle," a cunning and ruthless German spy operating in Britain during World War II.

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