

table talk

BRaille MENUS are now available for the visually impaired at the Elias Brothers' 200 Big Boy restaurants in Michigan and the six in Ontario.

Elias Brothers says it's the only Michigan restaurant chain to offer Braille menus.

Mary Jo Kaiser, 19, Lions Club White Cane Queen of Michigan, declares, "I want to read the menu at my leisure like everyone else."

GAVIN R. Spiers, 26, has been named night manager and maitre d' at the Golden Mushroom restaurant, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield.

Spiers was formerly manager of LaFollett's at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. He worked in his native Scotland, then England and the Island of Jersey in the United Kingdom before coming to the U.S. where he was employed in California by the Hyatt chain.

Reid Ashon's Golden Mushroom, in its 10th year, recently was selected by Esquire magazine as one of the country's top 123 restaurants.

LIGHT SUPPERS with appetizers and entrees are a new menu feature at Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township. The meal includes a small Machus salad, entree and sourdough bread and butter.

Choice of entrees includes baked fresh broiler served with lemon butter, brochette of tenderloin of beef with mixed rice pilaf, and Baked Boneless Chicken Breast Diabolo.

In other news, David Page of the Machus Red Fox will be host of the judges at 9 a.m. Tuesday in a wine-tasting contest in the Community Arts Building at the Michigan State Fairground in Detroit. About 100 Michigan wines will be tasted by a panel of judges, to select the winning entry, for the 1982 state fair (opening Friday and running through Sept. 6).

HEALTHY JONES in Southfield has long been thought of as a strictly a vegetarian restaurant but more. Debuting is the Big Jones, a quarter-pound hamburger. It's made with 100 percent all-beef, from beef-on-the-hoof fed all

natural grains and foods, grown especially for Healthy Jones by Upland Hills Farm.

The Big Jones at \$2.95 is accompanied by tomato, onion and sprouts and served in a basket with chips. The Big Cheese, cheeseburger in a basket, is \$3.20.

HAPPY HOUR at Yesterday's, in Southfield's Sheraton-Southfield Hotel, is tempting cocktail fanciers by providing some snacks, often quite bargain-priced.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres are free. A choice of two selections rotates among teriyaki tidbits, BBQ ribs, pizza squares, fried zucchini, potato skins, rumaki and cocktail franks. The cold nibbles are fresh vegetables and cheeses.

At the new raw bar, shrimp, oysters and clams are offered for 25 cents apiece. Sandwich snacks can purchase a sandwich by the inch, from a multiple-foot-long sandwich, at 75 cents an inch.

Musical entertainment is provided by Mike Ogorek and Luis Resto on piano and vibes.

THE SUMMER Tea Room continues through August at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus near Rochester.

It's open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. for a Sunday buffet in the Christopher Wren Room.

The light menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches, specialties, a la carte snacks and desserts.

One of the desserts is Coupe Matilda, vanilla ice cream with fresh strawberries, named after Matilda Wilson, whose 100-room mansion, Meadow Brook Hall, was built in 1929 at a cost of \$4 million dollars. The old estate is open to the public for year-round tours.

A WIDER menu selection is one of the changes at the Little Caesar pizza chain, which operates some 300 carry-outs and fast-service and full-service restaurants throughout the country.

The chain is gradually adopting the broader menu, as well as introducing luncheon service. September

is the date when all Little Caesar locations will complete the change-over, inaugurated at the chain's 130 Michigan pizza places in June.

Little Caesar carry-outs are opening at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m. to incorporate the new menu, offering pizza by the slice, three types of salads, garlic "crazy bread" and specially sandwiches on a fresh-baked bun.

NORTH INDIAN cuisine is the attraction at the Peacock restaurant and lounge, 4045 Maple, Dearborn. Open since May, the Peacock has a range of dishes for palates both accustomed to, or new to, Indian food.

The Peacock serves an all-you-can-eat buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tandoori-style chicken, meat curry, dal makhni, rice pilau and chapati are the buffet fare.

Curries are specialties. There's chicken or lamb curry served with rice pilau or chapati. Chana bhatura — chicken pea curry — is served with deep-fried Indian bread.

At dinner, Indian entrees include

chicken, lamb or shrimp with curries prepared from sauteed onions, tomatoes, fresh ginger and garlic. Masala is a curried preparation with green pepper, chopped onions and seasonings to accompany chicken tikka, cornish hen, lamb or shrimp. Palak is chicken or lamb entrees prepared in curried spinach. Tandoori entrees are marinated in seasoned yogurt blended with fresh ginger, garlic and roasted chicken, cornish hen or shish kabab.

THE WORLD'S largest submarine sandwich will be the big spread at noon Tuesday at the Eastern Market in downtown Detroit. The 245-foot sandwich will be served free to the public at an event, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., that kicks off new Tuesday market days at the market.

Farmers will be bringing their wares to the market each Tuesday from now on, as well as the usual Saturdays.

— Ethel Simmons



Phoebe Cates (right) is Linda, who greets a new classmate, Stacy, played by Jennifer Jason Leigh, at action-packed Ridgemont High.

the movies
Louise Snider

This high school is where students learn to spell s-e-x

Of course, "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (R). Would anyone go to see "Slow Times"?

And when a movie has a title like this one does, could we expect anything but a trashy sex-plotation film aimed at the teen market? We could hope for something better, but we wouldn't expect it. In that sense, "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" is not a disappointment.

It isn't going to win any awards for acting, originality or artistic merit. However, that's not going to bother anyone associated with this movie since such niceties aren't going to harm the box-office receipts. On the contrary, their absence probably contributes to the movie's high potential for financial success.

The movie depends upon sex, sex, sex — in action, conversation and graffiti. When sex isn't the immediate subject of a scene, the movie relies on buzz words and stereotypes for laughs.

ALL SOMEONE HAS to do is talk about getting high or act as if he's high and, for some reason, the theater audience always responds with laughter.

Finding this movie offensive when so many people around me in the theater find it funny makes me wonder if I'm just getting to be an old curmudgeon. But curmudgeon or not, I have to use my values as a guideline.

I'm bothered by the "typical" teen-agers of this movie who don't possess a thimbleful of intelligence or self-respect. I'm more bothered by the way the movie sanctions casual sex among teen-agers, implies that anyone who hasn't engaged in oral sex is backward and makes light of a 15-year-old girl's abortion.

When it is over, it's as if nothing happened. There are no repercussions. She doesn't even miss a day of school.

All of this is presented in a loose collection of anecdotal situations as attention shifts from one character to another. The central figure of this not-so-merry-go-round is Stacy (Jennifer Jason Leigh), who goes to Ridgemont High and works at a shopping-center pizza parlor.

STACY HAS ALL the reserve of a rabbit in heat. Her first move in meeting any male is to shed her clothes. As you might suspect, this habit gets her into trouble. Advising her in these matters is her best friend, Linda (Phoebe Cates). With a best friend like Linda, who needs enemies?

Parents aren't of much help, and they're conspicuously absent from this movie. Teachers are represented by Ray Walston as a sarcastic disciplinarian and Vincent Schiavelli as a ghoulish biology teacher.

Among the glandularly active males are Robert Romanus as a ticket scalper and D.W. Brown as a stereo salesman. Sean Penn is Spiocli, a spaced-out surfer, and Brian Backer is unique as Ratner, the one young man in the whole school who is shy.

Another character who arouses interest is Stacy's brother, Brad (Judge Reinhold). Brad is shown working at a succession of fast-food places. The indignity of some of these jobs is the only original observation "Fast Times" makes. It's not enough.



Ray Walston is Mr. Hand, Ridgemont High's sarcastic history teacher.

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