# 'Tin Men' are funny fellows

No. Virginia, the "Tin Men" (R) will not be found on the Vellow Brick Road. In fact, these "Tin Men" (R) will not be found on the Vellow Brick Road. In fact, these "Tin Men" will never see Kanas — they're too busy tooling Cadillaca around Baltimore, selling honest clizens overpriced aluminum siding. A film about aluminum-siding salesmen and the seams they polled in the good old days may not sound promising. But Barry Levinson ("The Natural," "Diner," "Young Sherlock Holmes") has written and directed an engaging comedy that concerns Runyonesque characters selling aluminum siding in Baltimore in the early '66s, before the Maryland Home Improvement Commission cleaned up everybody's act. This essay on the life and times of Levinson's hometown in days of yore opens with Bill "Bill "Babwsky (Richard Dreyfus) backing his brand-ew Cadillac out of the showroom just as Tilley (Danny DeVito) drives by in his.

The ensuing crash generates an epic feud. It's funny and sad and just as nutty as things that go on in the real world. That's probably the reason "Tin Men" is so successful. It's en entertaining look at human folber.

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THE KEY to this engaging film is
Levinson's ability, with a talented
cast, of course, to provoke laughter
at everyone's idiosynerasies. These
quirks of human behavior are presented by characters seriously involved in elaborate silliness, the kind
of stuff we all do at one time or another. It makes us think about what
It means to be human. That, after
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Danny DoVito i one of the atuminum-siding salesmen in "Tin Men," set in the 1980s.

Award-winning Jon Mahonoy head a talented ersemble of actors playing aluminum-sidily salemen: Stanley Brock, Bruno Kirby, Seymour Cassell, Richard Putnow, Matt Craven, Alan Blumentell, J.T. Walsh and Michael Tucket
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While the name; may not be familiar, the faces arely are, from
"Diner," several Wody Allen films
including "Broadwiy Danny Rose,"
and many other povies as well.
Even if you don't reognize these actors, you'll appreche their shipy
slik suits, their Cadliacs and, most
particularity, thir excellent
characterizations.

THROUGHOUT the film, the entire cast manages areless diction that enhances the imige of marginal characters spending lot of time at the track trying to jet rich quick.

Drop me a line, postmarked no later than Saturday, March 28, and let me know who's going to take home the Ozcars. Let's see who can get the best percentage of correct cholers.

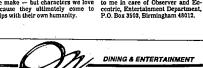
You must guess in at least 10 of the 22 categories and you must pick Best Picture, Best Director, Best Ac-tor and Best Actress. The other aix (or more) award categories are up to

The prize? My treat, lunch for two at Orchard Ridge Dining Room on the Oakland Community College campus where I teach, in Farmington Hills. In case of a tie, we'll have a tie-breaker.

THE MOVIE INDUSTRY has been riding high at the box office the last few years in spite of cable and cassette competition. When business rises, so does production, and Hollywood Illm starts during 1985 were up about 40 percent over 1985.

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Once the excitament of Oscar night settles, a lot of new films will be opening. A good deal of them, however, are sequels of previously successful features. Look for lots of IT's, IV's and oven some V's, as in "Police Academy IV," "Evil Dead II," "Bowerly Hills Cop II" and "Revenge of the Nerds II."



# table talk

Executive chef

Heinz Menguser has joined Jacques in Bingham Parms as ex-ecutive chef. The amouncement was made by Al Balooly, manager of the restaurant, which offers fresh seafood and continental culsine.

sine. Menguser has served as executive chef at several Deiroit-area
restaurants, including the Bilou in
Southfield, the Lark in West
Bloomfield and the Money Tree in
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Cooking has been presented at the
Hotel Europe in Vienna, the Expo
in Montreal and Trader Vic's in
San Francisco.

### 'Go to health'

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Banquette de Veau in Squash is a
tasty veal dish, served in an edible
squash, at Restaurant Duglass in
Southfield. It's one of the main
courses in a prix fix luncheon at
310 that also includes a choice of
appetizer. Pasta Duglass is notice of
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corte and sauce, at \$3.50, a great
finish for the meal. Best of all, everything's on the special "Go to
Health" menu, emphasiting food
that is good for you, as well as enjoyable.

Lark in West Bloomlield. One course is chicken roasted in banana leaf Yucatecan-style, with melon, papaya and pineapple. Another is red snapper and giant shrimp with garlie sauce, pot beans and mexican rice, and tortillas. The multi-course dinner, from appelizer to desert, is \$37.50 per person. Live Mexican music and a treasure-stuffed pinana will be part of the evening. Reservations are required.

## Special dinners

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Special entrees are showcased
Mondays, Fridays and Sundays at
the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield
Hills. Canaddan whitefish and Amish home-grown, range-fed chicken
are both available for Monday
dinners at \$9.95 for adults, \$6.95
for children. Whitefish, and prime
rib from the Kingsley butcher shop
are on the menu Friday evenings.
Sunday Family Dinners include
baked Amish chickens and sliced
roast beef served family style.

### Foods festival

The ninth annual Fine Foods Festival, sponsored by the Michl-gan Restaurant Association, will kick off the Hart Plaza ethnic festi-Health" menu, emphasizing food that is good for you, as well as en joyable.

Mexican Fiesta
Mexican culsine will be featured on a special funer at 7 pm. Monday-Tuesday, March 30-31, at The











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