

# STREET SCENE

## What's your guess?

April 11 all eyes will be on Hollywood for the 60th annual Academy Awards presentation. You can get into the spirit of the competition in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers-AMC Theaters-United Airlines Academy Awards contest. For more on the contest, see Page 6D.

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## Treating stardom with care

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Cocktail conversations usually should be ignored or quickly forgotten. But this one was different.

A man at the party was standing between two tables of hors d'oeuvres. He had targeted and was about to call in an air strike on the midget egg rolls. He said he was a chiropractor and talked about his work for a few minutes. He added that he was a guest of the host, who was a patient.

Then he matter-of-factly mentioned that he took care of the Beach Boys.

David Kirsch, balancing midget egg rolls on a paper plate, said he and his partner, Jim Dankovich, have had a practice in Birmingham for about five years.

"Jim does Kenny Loggins when Kenny's in town," Kirsch said.

Kirsch said The Beach Boys fly him to and from concert dates to lend a hand when they get beat out of shape. He said he had pictures — of him and The Beach Boys, of them and their plane.

He mentioned waking up in Chicago's Ritz Carlton hotel one morning, opening his door and looking down the hall to see Elton John talking with Mike Love. On the way to breakfast with The Beach Boys, he met The Earthmatics in the lobby.

"It's a lifestyle most people wouldn't see," he said. "It's such a great feeling — the energy is so high. They're not at all snobby, snobby or above you in any way. They're all people and they're all got spines."

KIRSCH, 33, is a Detroit native who attended West Bloomfield High

School and went on to Wayne State University for his bachelor's in history. Then he signed up for a four-year stretch at the Life Chiropractic College in Georgia where he met Dankovich, 38.

Both of them used to work for a chiropractor in Lathrup Village before they started their own practice. Now Kirsch wakes up in his Huntington Woods home to the sound of seats barking for breakfast at the nearby Detroit Zoo.

One morning in 1986, Kirsch got a referral. Most of his patients are referrals, but this one was different. It was from a patient, a woman who used to work at Cranbrook and now was in charge of the pre-bookings for the Beach Boys. She said Al Jardin, one of the original band members, was in a Troy hotel and needed a chiropractor. Would he go?

"I took care of Al Jardin, his wife, their housekeeper and then I wrote them a letter saying we'd be happy to do the group on a regular basis," Kirsch said. "That's how we got started."

Elliott Lott, tour manager for the Beach Boys, confirmed their meeting was just an accident.

"But he's real good with artists, he has the right personality," Lott said. "He fits right in. They're very comfortable with him."

When he isn't doing an "adjustment" to help Carl Wilson with a lower back problem ("He's real, real unstable. Up until when I met him he had a hard time getting up and of bed."), Kirsch and Dankovich attend to their local patients.

BOTH SAID they get referrals because of their work, and not who they work on.

"People are moving more and more from a drug to a drugless society," Kirsch said. "People stay with us because we're conscientious."

Dankovich said it's hard to keep a secret in Birmingham.

"If we don't do a good job in this community, the word gets around and our name will be mud," he said. "We put in a lot of hours and go to a lot of seminars."

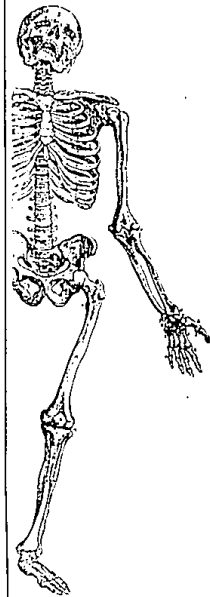
"We do it to provide the greatest degree of health for people. It sounds



It was a referral that brought David Kirsch one of him with Mike Love (from left), and the Beach Boys together. Now his Bruce Johnston, Al Jardin and Carl Wilson in front of their tour bus. photo album is full of snapshots like this.



Away from the bright lights, David Kirsch and his clients fit through chiropractic adjustments his partner Jim Dankovich, are helping keep done at their Birmingham offices.



While at the Chicago Ritz Carlton to have breakfast with the Beach Boys, David Kirsch got to meet another giant in the music business, British rocker Elton John.

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Karlos Barney



"Now wait just a minute — did I forget to unplug the curling iron?"

## Need a change of pace? Try adventure vacations

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Q: A group of us are ready to bust out of winter into something wild and different. Can you recommend a short trip for spring and something really exotic and adventurous for later in the year?

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A: You can trek in Nepal, do some deluxe tenting among the Royal Bengal Tigers of India, go river rafting in Bali, bird watching in New Guinea, horse trekking in Australia, hiking in Tibet.

If that's not your idea of adventure, how about ballooning in Burgundy, following the gold rush trail in Alaska, cruising the Galapagos Islands, or taking a tour of the game parks in Africa?

Adventure means different things to different people. For some it means climbing mountains in China. For others, there is nothing more adventurous than steering a canal boat down the Avon river in England. And for most of us, there is a lot of adventure available on the seat of a bicycle, especially in Michigan.

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