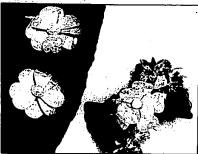
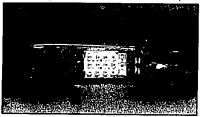
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#### Precious pearl

These sculptured mother of pearl serrings and coordinating pin are by Esquire Capade. The earrings are designed by sculpting several individual mother of pearl "petals" into a flower. The pin has a similar design with accents of crystal and onyx. These two pieces will make any plain black dress look like a million bucks. Available at Quintessence at La Mirage, Southfield. Price: \$\$115 for the pin, \$70 for the earrings.



#### Hello, it's me

This American-made, one-piece phone can set on a desk or hand on the wall. French design with neon, it's a real "conversation piece" that works like a gem while looking terrific-for a contemporary home or office. Assilable at Gorman's inner Circle, Southfield. Price: \$389.95.

### My dolly

This Abigail Brahams doll is a new replica of the antique. Made of the most exquisite materials, the fine work-manship of this beautiful work of art is obvious down to every detail. This is a great addition for the collector, or a wonderful place to tor, or a wonderful piece to begin a collection. Available at Chocolatismo, 6897 Orohard Lake Road, West. Bloomfield. Price: \$3,000.



#### Klds' stuff



As the video craze continues to reer, producers have put out a line of videos crasted especially for youngsters, to learn from. The shows include a children's serobles tape, a safety video and a question and answer quiz about water and the weather. Keep the kide quiet while making tearning turn. Available at Marmed (lits, Farmington Hills. Price: Frem \$11 to \$34.



### Small fry size

# 'Temptation': Magnificent failure

The last temptation of Christ ac-cording to Kazantzakis was the dev-il, flesh. So it's quite apparent why many Christians are offended by Martin Scoresee's controversial film and its treatment of Christ's duality,

Martin Scorsea's controversial film and its treatment of Christ's duality, his physical nature as man and his spiritual one as god.

The Jews of the time, as depicted infiniteally by Scorsea, were no bargain either, at least not from a contemporary Jewish point of view. But contemporary sensibilities are not the issue. The world was a pretty crude place two miliennia ago, even more so than today. What we're realised with a Scorsea's thesis a relationship with Scorsea's thesis a relationship with God and whether or not love or hate will rule bowrld. That issue gets lost amidst the welter of questions the film rais-

the weiter of questions the film raises.

"The Last Temptation" Chief.

(Willem Dalco) is all too human for contemporary traditionalists. One problem in making such as film is two thousand years of tradition. Wars were fought over his nature but, in the main, the traditional view of Christ is spiritual.

Hence "The Last Temptation of Christ" offends conventional views. In the spirit of the First Amendment and the American tradition of free speech and open inquiry, however, the film is an interesting attempt to discuss the content of the content of the film is an interesting attempt to discuss the content of the co

whatever our attitude, don't burn whatever your attitude, don't burn whatever you attitude, even for a 24% hour film. I have to hand it to Scorsese and his production crew for the magnificent film they created, whiched Ballahus' photography, in particular, adds Immeasurably to the movie's impact.
Costuming, music, makeup, all production techniques are combined effectively in the film, most particularly acting by a large, talented cast which will engrave indelible images of biblical times in everyone's mind. Presumably that period was as sexually explicit and graphically violent as the film depicts. Hence the "R" rating is well-deserved.

Despite high production values, "The Last Tempitation" has major flaws in writing and editing. Paul Schrader accrepingly and Thems Schrader accrepingly and Thems Schrader accrepingly and Thems Schrader accrepingly and Thems



Willem Dafoe of "Platoon" fame plays the role of Jesus in "The Last Temptation of Christ."

don't teach transubstantiation much any more and most people aren't particularly well-versed in the philosophic debates that have raged about Christ's spirit and flesh.

Neither is the film's historical data clear unless one is aiready familiar with the intricates of Jewish biblical politics. To its credit, "The Last Temptation" deals with a people crushed by Roman occupation and severe socio-economic pressures. How do people react to such conditions? They look for a messiah of course.

PART OF the reason the film of fends traditionalists is that very modern socio-political, economic interpretation. A 20th century psychological interpretation of Christ as semotionally disturbed, particularly during the film's opening sequences. It's hard to determine how much blame the director, Scorese, deserves for those faults, but they are at the heart of "The Last Temptations" mighor defect, a chopy patient, especially during the first 20

## Weight does count when backpacking during the summer

staff writer

I definitely need a hat. Under that steaming sun, the blood in my head would boil if I didn't wear one. That's four ounces.

And I can't aleep on the ground without a pad. Hummm. That's almost two pounds.

I'd love to take that paperhack. No better place to read than on a cliff. But, that's another live ounces added to the sank. But outser live ounces added to the sank surface in the sunder live ounts ounces like a backpacker. After aix hours on a dusty, up-and-down rail, an overloaded backpack is as welcome as dysentery.

Backpackers have a knack for cutting life to its barrest essentials. RiVers can cart to be an extra pair of the properties of the control of the control

to fight off bears but to cut are utened or rope).

For a summer treet, a backpacker country ing ounces doesn't really need the four walls (that's five pounds) of a tent to bed down at tight, 50 the backpacker can take a chance and leave the heavy thing at home.

And a backpacker can devour dinner out of a Sierra cup. That, in the world of backpacking, makes a tin plate a luxury.

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A FORK int't even on the best-dressed backpacker's list. In the wilderness, the infle and spoon are king.

Backpacker's learn in the wilderness, the infle and spoon are king.

Backpackers learn fast how to do more with less. If they don't, their backs, and their feet, pay the penalty.

Just like city folks, backpackers know just how much hassle they're willing to endure. So they pick and choose among the are-boose and the luxuries, taking along a luxury (swim suit) when it suits them, and leaving behind a hare boose (foot powder).

There's even one Easterner who won't go into the Applachkins without a bottle of wise. Of course, to compensate for the tasts of the grap, he leaves behind an extra pair of socks.

But hackpackers can't skimp, can't pick and choose, on the servival gear. If the hackpackers motte is "supect the maxpacted," then a compess or pencho or whetle can become a life serve.

After all, one of the joys of backpacking is to come back to your own self bed—anfely.

At one time or another, every backpacker might face the wretched luck of water-logged matches, twisted ankles, empty can-teens and lost trails.

So the smart backpacker always carries

So the smart backpacker always cause the following:

• A sharp, Swiss-type pocket knife, kept close at hand in a pocket. Old-time woodsmen might have wielded hatchets, but a modern day backpacker never needs a blade bigger than the ore on a pocket knife.

• Waterproof matches, or wooden matches kept in a waterproof container. Keep one pack of matches in a pocket, another in the pack.

ENOUGH food to last for as long as the outing. In fact, the longer the outing, the more food that has to be packed.

 Water in a plastic bottle or canteen. Histories can go a while without food, but they also littley must have water.

 Flashlight Backpackers sometime get caught on the trail at night.

 Foncho or other rain gear. It only takes one drenching for a backpacker to learn the value of carting along raingear, even on a sunny day.

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• Compass, also kept in a pocket.

• Map of the area to be hiked.

• Whistle, also kept in a pocket.

• Identification, and not just a driver's
license. It abould give the backpacker's
name, emergency phose number and medical insurance group number.

The wise backpacker never wears hiking boots that haven't been broken in. And the backpacker always starts out in icothes appropriate for that day's weather.

Beyond these life — and body savers — Beyond these life — and body savers — Beyond these life — and body savers — Beyond the slew of bare-bone necessities the backpacker should find room for in the pact. These include a sleeping bag and pad, tent and ground cloth, one complete set of tent and ground cloth, one complete set one complete set of tent and tent

watch.

HERE'S WHERE the ounces start adding up to pounds. Some backpackers get so analys about these extra ounces that they cut holes in the toothbrush and shave the blank edges off the map.

Sounds sinds silly, doesn't it, considering they also pack in a camera or binoculars as a luxury they can't live without on the trail. But that's part of the joy of backpacking, to take on the trail what you want, what's important to yos, after the survival gear and hare essentials have been tossed in. After all, your're the only one who gets to sweat under the load.

Colin Fietcher, this country's premier hardpacker and author of three editions of the Complete Walker, has few kind they are the survival that they are the survival to the wildernoon of the contract of the survival gear that the survival gear and survival gear and the country's premier because the survival gear and the survival gear that the survival gear and the survival gear and the survival gear and the survival gear that the survival gear and the survival gear a

believes they interfere with the mystique of the wilderness.
Other top-notch backpackers, such as photographer-author Galen Rowell, make a living off of hauting cameras and camera gear into the wilderness.
But then again, Fletcher is a stickler on hiking with a stick. Many backpackers to-hiking with a stick. Many backpackers day hink hiking sticks are old-fashlosed, cumbersome and a pain in the wrist.
There's one backbacker out west who claims be carries only water on the trail, to rejuvenate his system. Others take along only food that doesn't need cooking.

## Shoreline backpacking is best bet for summer

Unless you thrive under the bot sun, now is not the most ideal time to go backpacking in Michigan.

But there's good news for those who must stretch their legs and exercise their backs in the beat of the summer. Michigan, because of its magnificent miles or shoreline, is bloseed with a number of backpacking trails near big bodies of water.

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