

STREET SCENE

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This is paradise?

Paul Marti's adventure continues. This time he is sailing through French Polynesia and finding out that some of the islands lack the mystic of James A. Michener's "Adventure in Paradise." Please see Page 6D.

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From her pulled back hair right down to her dark socks and shoes, Marty Montgomery makes a fashion statement as she strolls through Birmingham.

A street bon ton: fashion a la king

TALK ABOUT eclectic! Fashionable downtown Birmingham on any typical warm-weathered day will sport a plethora of clothing styles — from the usual pinstripe business suit with a vibrant pink tie all the way to the sheer comfort of bermudas and a pullover sweater.

One could get dizzy watching all the sights of the trendy streets. Visitors might look out around Shain Park and glimpse Marty Montgomery of Birmingham strolling past after doing some shopping. She showed the layered look of an army-green khaki sweater and plaid shorts over white, textured, long john-like cotton tights. Montgomery, who lives at home and dances ballet, described her color selection as: "I like green."

Then, there's the simple chic look of lithe, blonde Lynn Lange, as she headed into work at the Limited Express on Woodward and Maple. The Birmingham native wore a tan blazer with turned-up sleeves slung loosely over jet-black tights and shirt with black sunglasses. For her, finding clothes that make a fashion statement isn't a problem.

"You have to wear their stuff if you work here," she said.

Even in simple, paint-splattered jeans and a T-shirt, Margo Dellidow cuts a bold look, with white pancake makeup and fire-engine red lipstick. Dellidow, a Southfield resident, is an artist.

"Usually I'm dressed like a scrub. I've got paint all over my jeans usually and the cheaper the better."

Not everyone works on being the epitome of style. Comfort seemed more important to Paul Nowak of Detroit, who grew up in the area. Seen strolling down Woodward on his day off after doing some banking, Nowak opted for the casual ease of cutoffs, knee socks and walking shoes.

Comfort also guides Ron Bozzo of Birmingham, who was hanging out at Shain Park with his daughter, Jessica, 3.

Bozzo's knee-length, light-plaid shorts and deep blue sweater are the type of fashions he picks up at Changes, a Birmingham store that once was called "Tobacco Row" on Northwestern Highway, he said.



Margo Dellidow, 20, pursues her perfectly stunning red lips.

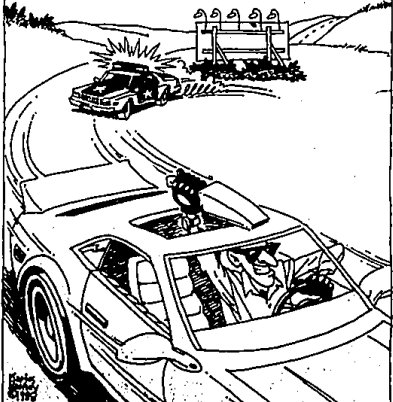


In casual comfort of bermudas and a pullover, Ron Bozzo of Birmingham holds daughter, Jessica, during their play time at Shain Park.



Lynn Lange displays fashions sold by the Limited Express in Birmingham because she works there. "You have to," she said.

R.U. Syrius Karlos Barney



Although handy for occasional spills, Ralph's Dualbuster offered little or no protection against police radar.

Mackinac is a bargain off-season

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Q: I've always wanted to spend a weekend on Mackinac Island, but I could never afford the rates. Now that the summer season is over, have the prices fallen far enough to make such a trip affordable?

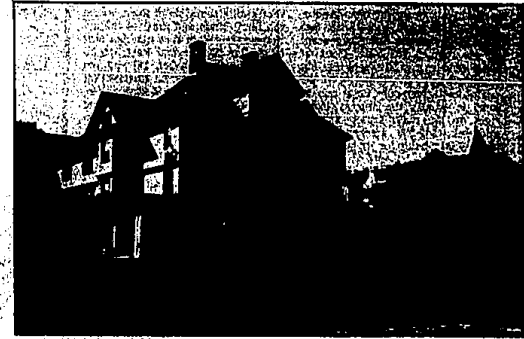
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A: Mackinac Island is never really inexpensive, but this is definitely the bargain time of year on the island. You can get a lot of general information by calling the island Chamber of Commerce at (906) 847-3783. For reservations and more specific information, call the hotel or guest house directly.

When you compare prices, you must know if the rate includes meals and ask if there is a difference between Sunday to Thursday rates and weekend rates.

The Grand Hotel, which costs \$115 per person in high season, has dropped to \$78.50 per person double or \$39 single. That package price includes your room, breakfast, a multi-course dinner, a carriage tour of the island and little extras like getting your bags upcall from the ferry. Remember to budget for an 18-percent service charge.

The smaller Iroquois Hotel is considered a jewel by those who like elegance, island style and sensational waterfront views. It costs \$148 for two nights, meals extra, off season. The \$500,000, two miles out of town, is pretty grand and costs about \$68 in the season, more in a condo for one or two people. No newspapers, no TV and definitely out of town, so be sure it's right for you.



The Windermere is one of many hotels on Mackinac Island that drop their room rates when the summer tourist season ends.

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