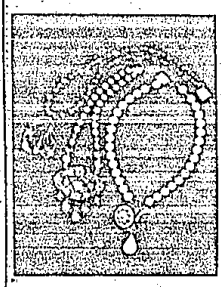


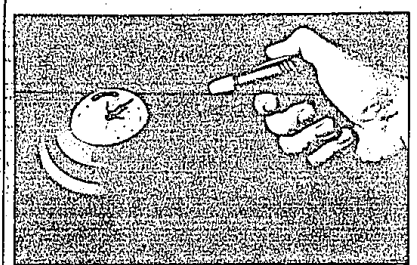
street seen

Our intrepid Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



Yesterday's look today

Another entry in the fine jewelry field whereby antique beads enjoy a classy revival. This one is work done by Birmingham artist Jeanno Hackott exclusively for Jacobson's. One offering is a signed "Shreiner of New York" locket fashioned into a pendant with beads of rose quartz, glass and sterling. Another is a pendant and beads of authentic bakelite from the '20s. Prices range from \$150 to \$230.

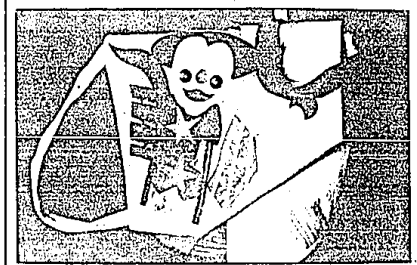


Don't be alarmed

Zapl Powiel Bam! From your choice of positions, you can take aim on this beam remote control alarm clock and handle the wake-up sounds with a degree of inner satisfaction resembling revenge. \$75. Jacobson stores.

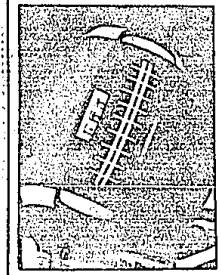


Not edible, just trifle incredible. Now you can have your chocolate and calculator too. It's a multi-functional calculator that looks, feels and smells like chocolate. And, of course, it's a product of Hershey Foods who make the real stuff. \$15. Jacobson's stores.



Toting fashion

Definitely a carryall that will draw lots of looks. In fresh white, it's accented with jewels and snakeskin patches in bright primary colors and has a convenient zippered back compartment. Very roomy. \$139. Warren's Drugs Boutique, Farmington Hills.



Touch tone touch-downs

Diehard football fans can make touch-tone touch-downs all year long with this phone that in regulation pigskin size. It has both pulse and tone dialing. \$39.98 and comes with a one-year warranty. Light Snax & Gifts, 777 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 120, Ann Arbor.

STREET SENSE
Some guidelines for stepparents

Dear Barbara,
What is the best approach to disciplining a stepchild who is living at home?
R.W.

Dear R.W.,
You have given me very little information with which to give a reply. But because this is such an important topic, I'm going to list some general guidelines that I hope will be helpful:

1. Except when the child is very young, try to leave the discipline to the child's natural parents. Children become more resentful of restrictions imposed by stepparents.
2. Let the relationship between you and your stepchild develop naturally. Don't push or fake affection that has not yet happened between the two of you.

3. In general, don't get involved in discipline that your spouse or the other natural parent is imposing. If asked by your spouse to support him or her, evaluate the request very carefully before responding. If you want further advice on this topic, please write me with more information so I can evaluate this situation more carefully.

Barbara
Dear Barbara,
I am 18 years old and have been seeing a doctor with whom I am very uncomfortable. He does not have a nurse in the office with him when he examines me. He often sits and talks to me while I am still undressed. He is a good friend of the family and so I am afraid to say anything to anyone about my discomfort in his office.

Dear Julie,
Get another doctor. Perhaps because you are only 18 and still in adolescence, your indecisiveness is understandable, but start now to mature. You are old enough to be responsible for yourself and not need your parents' approval for each action.

Barbara
Maybe you have a friend that has a doctor they like and trust, or if you are going to a university, there will probably be a student health service. The American Medical Society in Oakland — 846-5400 — will also make a referral.

Barbara
If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, a certified counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



Barbara Schiff

Island is a natural 'delight'

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at \$28 per day. There is a small grocery store near the lodge where basic food stuffs are available.

EXCURSION BOATS head out from the lodge Monday through Saturday. These trips are often guided by a National Park Service ranger and include hiking trips to various points of interest on the island.

Chances of seeing moose on these trips is good because they often swim to the dozens of smaller islands that surround Isle Royale.

But for those who want to escape the crowds, the path is walking the islands trails. Because it's a national park, there's no fee for camping, however, backpackers must register with the park service before heading out. Campers are asked to provide an itinerary for their trip.

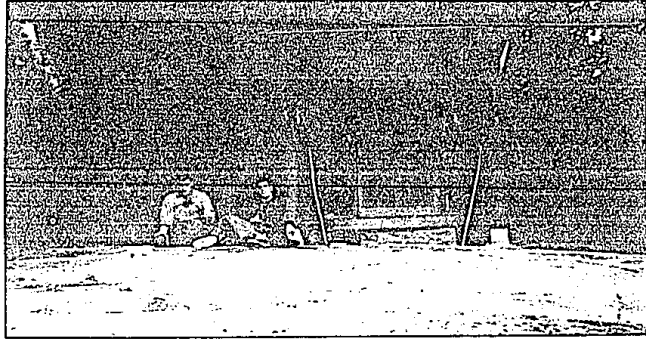
Maps of the island showing the campgrounds, trails and distances are available from the park service on the island. The cost is \$1.

For those who land at Rock Harbor, the best bet for the first day's hike is the 5.5-mile jaunt to Daisy Farm. It's a good shake-down tour for the days to come.

Daisy Farm, like most campgrounds on the island, has shelters and tent sites. The shelters are wood on three sides and screened in the front. They have a wooden floor and there's usually a picnic table at each one.

Some purists who engage in backpacking eschew the use of a shelter, believing that it doesn't give you a true wilderness experience. Myself, I like using the shelters. They keep you off the wet, cold ground and they are good places to dry out and spread out your equipment after being caught in a rain.

But while I usually depend on a shelter, I always carry a tent because the shelters are often taken at the more popular campgrounds.



Campgrounds on Isle Royale offer facilities for tents and also have wooden shelters with screened fronts and wooden floors.

DAISY FARM IS one of the more popular places on the island, but it's a good stop over because from there it's a nice day hike to the island's more remote spots.

Moskey Basin is about 4.5 miles, or about a three-hour walk, and McCargoe Cove is about eight miles. Both are favorites of mine. Moskey Basin has shelters on the edge of the Lake Superior shore where you can see the sunrises.

But if you favor sunsets, a bit of history and good moose country, McCargoe Cove is a six- to eight-

hour walk. That trek takes you across to the island's north shore. And there's plenty to see on the walk, which takes you across the rocky ridges and onto the Greenstone Ridge Trail which traverses the island.

On a clear day you can see Thunder Bay, Ontario, from Greenstone Ridge. And in late summer there are blueberry patches on the ridges that can help supplement your diet of freeze-dried food.

If you could select one place on Isle Royale to obtain the full experi-

ence of being on the island, it would be McCargoe Cove. On the three visits I've made to the place, we've always seen moose there.

One afternoon I sat in front of my shelter watching a bull moose feed across the cove. It only decided to move when an excursion boat nearly hit.

The cove is really a ghost town of what was once a copper mining village. Also, nearby are ancient pits where Indians once mined copper. The island was mined in the second half of the 19th century and the trail from the Miron Mine is still there. The remnants of a blacksmith shop and narrow gauge railroad can also be seen.

Royale things to see

Here's a list of some of the things on Isle Royale:

- Ryan Island is the largest island in the largest lake on the largest island in the largest fresh water lake in the world.
- Edison Fishery is a historic fishery that shows how commercial fishermen lived in the 1930s.
- Rock of Ages Lighthouse is one of the most powerful on the Great Lakes. It's off the western tip of the island.
- Suzy's Cave on the trail between Daisy Farm and Rock Harbor Lodge is an ancient inland sea cave.

According to the park service, the temperatures range between 65 and 75 degrees during the day. Nights are cooler. We saw our breath freeze during several nights during June.

For information, write the Isle Royale National Park, Rock Harbor Lodge, P.O. Box 405, Houghton, Mich., 49931-0405, or call (906) 337-4923.

To contact the Rock Harbor Lodge in the winter, write to the National Park Concessions, Inc., Mammoth Cave, Ky., 42259-0027, or call (502) 773-2191.

THE COVE ALSO offers fishing from the dock and swimming for those who decide they are dirty enough to brave the cold waters of Lake Superior. I tried briefly once.

During a trip to the island this summer with my son and two of his friends, we spent an evening at the cove with a camp fire and the northern lights in the sky.

And it's nights like that, with your muscles aching, a warm fire, hot coffee, a pipe in hand and a display of the Aura Borealis overhead that you know you're roughing it on one of Michigan's gems.

VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

If you had all the time in the world, two VCRs and a watch one with each eye, you'd still probably have trouble keeping up with the incredible flow of movies available on videotape.

The 1989 "Video Source Book" lists 54,000 titles and there ought to be at least 60,000 by next year. In case you don't live at your local video store, here's the word on a couple of interesting films that haven't had heavy coverage or major publicity.

Turning 40 may be tough but "Middle Age Crazy" (A, R, 1980, color, 95 minutes) makes it easier by treating the problem with intelligent good humor. It's the entertaining story of a successful Texas construction executive, Bobbie Lee Burnett (Bruce Dern), whose wife Sue Ann (Ann-Margaret) is bound and determined to combat the onset of middle-age through sexual performance.

Now Bobbie Lee has been a hard-working, down-to-earth, faithful husband who drives an Oldsmobile, wears three-piece suits and does his duty. Shortly after his 40th, Bobbie's father (Eric Christmas) dies suddenly and Bobbie Lee finds himself the patriarch to whom everyone turns. His recently widowed mother (Helen Hughes) can't decide which condo to buy, his son, Greg (Geoffrey Bowes) doesn't want to go away to school because his girlfriend, Becky (Vivian Reis), is pregnant.

His newly appointed foreman, J.D. (Graham Jarvis) wants to expand the business and their best customer — they build taco stands for Senor Abe (Michael Kane) — wants them to remodel his private box at the Dallas

football stadium. THE PRESSURE is too much and Bobbie Lee goes "middle age crazy" — buys boots and jeans, leases a Porsche and takes up with a Dallas Cowgirl, Nancy (Deborah Wackham). Carl Kleinschmitt's screenplay is witty, John Trent's direction tight and well-paced, good music by Matthew McCarley, Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager as well as terrific performances by the entire cast add up to a very entertaining show.

In particular Dern and Ann-Margaret — who have most of the screen time — make this film work well. Ann-Margaret is most effective as the simple-minded but sincere southern belle. She adds enough dimension to the role and avoids cliché performance of a stereotypical character.

Dern is one of the better actors around even though he hasn't had the choice roles and widely publicized success his talent deserves. Here, he's particularly good as a mature individual in a new and unusual situation. He plays it with the wide-eyed wonderment of a kid in a candy store and there's a lot of humor in that. Dern's unassuming manner is carried over to the very clever dream/fantasy sequences that emphasize Bobbie Lee's predicament. Unlike the often pretentious, annoying and over-obvious dream sequences so common in Hollywood films, Dern flows smoothly into these sequences as he fumbles humorously into middle-age.

Another fine actor, Alan Alda, may now be seen in an unusual role as the early film, "The Mephisto Waltz" (B, R, 1971, color, 109 minutes). This classy story of the occult features a top cast, good photography and some pretty slick music.

MYLES CLARKSON (Alda) is a failed pianist who writes about music. His loving wife, Paula (Jacqueline Bisset), and daughter, Abby (Pamelyn Ferdin) are the joys of his life. He interviews the world famous pianist, Duncan Ely (Kurt Jurgens), who thinks Myles has promise as a pianist. Myles is flattered by Ely's attention and by his daughter, Roxanne (Barbara Parkins).

Well, Duncan and daughter are two pretty strange folks, and lovers of occult films can figure it out — it's a pretty straightforward story, at least until the end. However, it's well-told, with some interesting photography, particularly Paula's dream sequences.

Although there's a fair amount of gore, "The Mephisto Waltz" is classy and doesn't rely solely on fear and fright for its appeal.

Some weeks ago, Bunuel's "Diary of a Chambermaid" was discussed in this column. Now the Hollywood ver-

sion is available and the two are interesting to compare.

The latter was filmed in Hollywood just after World War II and was directed by the famed French director, Jean Renoir. It stars Paulette Goddard and Burgess Meredith. Although Bunuel's version was filmed almost 20 years later (1964), it doesn't look it.

Both have the dark and brooding style of Europe in the '40s. The difference is, Renoir notwithstanding, Paulette Goddard and Hollywood's triumph in the Republic version from 1946 and the tragic implications of Bunuel film and Mirbeau's novel (upon which both films are based) is lost.

Despite the happy Hollywood ending and the more typical European conclusion of Bunuel's film, both versions of "Diary of a Chambermaid" are interesting and entertaining. Makes an unusual double-bill.

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