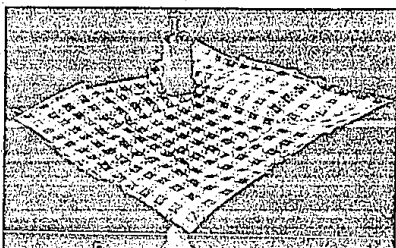


STREET SENSE

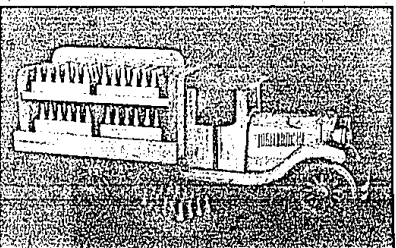
street seen

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.



Picnic to go

Forgot the blanket for that picnic lunch? Never again with this picnic basket. All you have to do is detach the vinyl straps and this picnic basket turns into a water-repellent ground cover and table cloth. The basket also features a detachable bottle holder for your beverage. \$27.95. Imaginations, 31150 Haggerly Road, Farmington Hills.

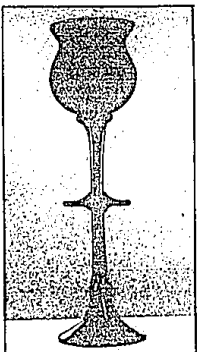


Classy chassis

From classic to modern styling, the Northwoods Collection of Madison Heights offers six collector quality model automobiles and trucks, like this 1929 Coko, truck that are hand-crafted of choice maple hardwoods and with a hand-rubbed oil finish. Styles available also include a 1933 Packard, 1931 Town Sedan, 1928 farm truck, 4-by-4 monster truck and semi tractor and trailer. Write Northwoods Collection, P.O. Box 71880, Madison Heights 48071, or call 547-1303 for a free color catalog.

Piece of art

You can use these goblets to serve up your favorite blush chablis or just set them on a shelf for display. Done by artist James Van Deuren, they're sure to impress your friends. Each goblet features a cone through the stem, designed in several colors. \$152. Home and gallery, 31045 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.



A 'wiz' of a box

The Tinman and his compatriots — Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion and Scarecrow — not to mention the Wicked Witch of the West and Good Witch Glenda are the stars of limited edition musical Jack-in-the-boxes out in limo for the 50th anniversary of the film, "The Wizard of Oz." The music is, of course, "We're Off to See the Wizard." Only 7,500 sequentially numbered boxes of each figure are available worldwide. \$130 (Tinman, Dorothy and Cowardly Lion are available at \$24.99 through Sep. 4). San Francisco Music Box Co., Twelve Oaks Mall, Novl.

Clubs: A singles' option

Dear Barbara,
As an active single person, I read your column with great interest as to alternative ways that single men and women can meet.

It's true when many people are out of school or having gone through a divorce, they find it difficult to meet new people.

You mentioned a dating service as a good alternative way for people to meet, but unfortunately, these services do not come cheap and there is no guarantee of finding Mr./Miss Right. However, there are a great number of ways for single people to meet other than these services or going to the single bars.

One of the better ways is a singles group. Many groups are active and have a good balance of activities, such as volleyball, softball, lectures, field trips, concerts, etc. The big advantage is you can get to know each other in a safe and you don't feel like you're in a "pick-up joint." Ward Church in Livonia has two excellent singles groups that are highly recommended.

Also there is a very large amount of singles dances that take place on a weekly basis. The Observer has a nice listing of the various organizations holding a dance. This gives the single person a chance for a night out that is inexpensive.

The cover to most of the dances is around \$4, with a drink around \$2, and there is a good opportunity to meet and socialize with people from all walks of life without the high pressure that you might feel in a bar.

So, if the single person has the motivation, there are some good alternatives to meet Mr./Miss Right.

Thanks,
D.L.K.

Dear D.L.K.,

Thanks for your time in answering my request to singles for more ideas about meeting each other. I have seen listings of singles events and wondered how successful they were.

During a recent talk show on this subject, I asked four single people if they had attended events listed in

singles columns. I was disappointed to hear that none had.

I am happy to hear from you that others are taking advantage of community services that can help them. The four singles in the discussion did agree that being open to new experiences is a most important attribute in being a successful single. They stressed the importance of being "out there." They said that although it seems obvious that you cannot meet people at home, many complaining singles do just that.

Thank you again for your upbeat, optimistic comments.

Barbara



Barbara Schiff

I hope this is additional help for you and I want to thank J.F. for her helpfulness. I want to encourage other readers to contribute similar help to writers whose letters are published in this column and, again, thanks to those who have already taken the time to do so.

Barbara

When wrestling is really 'rassing

Continued from Page 1

"I couldn't believe I was in the ring with the guy I grew up watching on TV," said Storm, who added that he and his partner, Leaping Larry Wilson, came from a non-existent place called "Little Chicago."

"I forgot all my moves. He gave me the cocobutt and I was out."

THE FLYING TIGERS are similar to other independent wrestlers. They would like to latch on with WWF or NWA. The tag-team already has made the first step, adding their own version of Elizabeth, a black spandex-clad woman named Ilena the Wasp. That is in Wasp the bee, not white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant.

The Flying Tigers said they make roughly \$500-\$600 a week. But they can log anywhere from 500 to 2,000 miles in their car. Their itinerary includes stops in such places as bustling metropolises as Coruna, Belleville and Bad Axe. "I like the sound of that," Storm said, "Bad Axe."

When running the show is smoking a cigar. He takes the stogie out long enough to talk about his duties with Midwest All-Pro Wrestling, which is based in New Baltimore.

Chris Mann of Marshall president, promoter and referee. You name it, I'm it," said bald-headed guy with a Fu Manchu mustache, who is

known as Iron Mike Anthony. Anthony said his organization specializes in fund-raisers. The venues for the bouts include high school gymnasiums, small auditoriums, or in this case, a fairground.

Wherever, whatever the cause, wrestling fans flock. Tom Altshuler of Redford stands by the wrestler's entrance with a yellow folder. He asks he could speak to one of the wrestlers.

"I want to ask him about Dino Bravo," he said. "I want to know if this is the same Dino Bravo."

He opens the folder to reveal a wrestling program from a card in Minneapolis. The date on the program is Oct. 27, 1957. The action in the ring distracts his attention.

DENNY KASS and Irish Mickey Doyle are suddenly rolling around in the dirt outside the ring. Doyle picks up a "No Trespassing" sign (we interrupt this story for an observational question: Why in the heck would a "No Trespassing" sign by lying near ringside? Just asking), and smacks the sign across the back with his hand.

Unfinished, Doyle finds a chair (there always seems to be one handy at a wrestling match) and promptly brings it over Kass' head. A mere mortal would be dead, but Kass keeps on scrapping. The two pound one another all the way back behind the fence where other wrestlers are



Through the '50s, '60s, '70s and early '80s, Bobo Brazil was drawing sellout crowds at places like Cobo Hall in Detroit.

congregated. Match over. "If items continue to fly into the ring, we'll have to discontinue the matches," says the ring announcer in a crackling noise that sounds more like a toaster being dropped into the bathtub than a P.A. system.

Undaunted, the fans begin to chant "Bald Headed Geeks!" as Iron Mike Anthony and Mad Max enter the ring. If they put their heads together, they'd be able to moon the crowd. Ilena the Wasp carries on the

chant as The Flying Tigers leap into the ring. The action is furious, perhaps providing the best match of the night.

Jeanette and Jennifer Hill, both 15, think so. Wrestling fans, the identical twins cool in unison when asked about their favorite: "Ultimate Warrior."

Asked to assess this night's wrestlers, they come to agreement. "Not bad," said one. "I think some of them are pretty good."

Rio Grande Valley has plenty to see

Continued from Page 1

"THERE'S a seven-week plebe system when the discipline is strictly — no radio, television or liberty. All you do is study, march, shine your shoes and your brass. You start gaining rank by performance and then you get all those things back."

"A person has to have a lot of motivation, has to really want to come here, or it doesn't work. If parents send you here against your will it has exactly the opposite effect to what they want."

McComb went to the academy for one year and went on to university. Chris Mann of Marshall went to the Marine Military Academy because it would help him to get into the naval academy at Annapolis, Md. His day was literally programmed from the moment he got up until the moment he went to bed at night.

"In some ways classes are easier at the academy because they make you study a certain time every night. I don't know whether I'd like it for several years, but it's good for me for one year."

"You learn to live by the clock.

There's absolutely no free time. You squeeze time in between getting your uniform ready and cleaning your room. You learn how to deal with different people, how you can be popular without being nice about everything."

Only you can decide whether a military school is right for you. It sounds like your father was wise to leave the decision up to you, instead of following the too-popular idea that "military school will whip my son into shape."

All MMA seniors take the Scholastic Aptitude Test and their scores are higher than the national average.

The students I talked to made this suggestion: Ask your parents to let you go and visit the school before you decide. Sounds like a great way to get a couple of days in the sun.

WHAT ELSE IS there to do in the area? There are three or four towns strung along the Rio Grande Valley, and most of them have bridges across the river to Mexico. Locals spend a lot of time eating, shopping and playing in the Mexican border cities.

Padre Island is an hour's drive away, where the Rio Grande flows into the Gulf of Mexico. It is a wild and popular spot during spring break. Great sand beaches.

If you are a nature lover, there are two wonderful state parks within easy access. The city of Brownsville has a terrific zoo.

One of the busiest tourist attractions in the area is a two-minute walk from the academy — the Confederate Air Force Museum. No, they didn't have airplanes during the Civil War, but they do have an im-

portant collection of planes and artifacts from the World War II era. They also have regional units with fusible planes, including ones in Detroit.

Whether or not you will have time to enjoy any of these things is another matter. Find out by contacting the Marine Military Academy, 320 Two Jims Blvd., Harlingen, Texas 78550, or by calling (512) 423-6008.

If you have a travel question for Iris Sanderson Jones, send it to Street Scene, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

VIDEO VIEWING

Continued from Page 2

It's probably heresy in some quarters, but Wim Wenders "Wings of Desire" didn't do it for me. In fact, even on fast forward, I was bored. But what do I know, I won best director honors at the 40th Cannes Film Festival.

It does have an interesting premise, an angel wants to be human in order to experience meaning, but the ways in which Wenders works out that idea lack cinematic force. For the most part, "Wings of Desire" is poetic meditation on existence and what it means to be human.

NOT ALL TALKY films, however, suffer from dullness. Eric Rohmer's latest parable on love, "Boyfriends and Girlfriends," is a delightful discussion of human foibles and the problems and process of love.

Despite the relative lack of physical action in this charming film, there are many nice touches, warm feelings about the nature of being human. These are, indeed, rich images that last.

"Boyfriends and Girlfriends" is surprisingly engaging given its lack of physical action.

clarification

In last week's travel story, the telephone number for Cedar Point was incorrect. To reach the Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park call toll-free (800) 448-2428 or direct at (419) 626-0830.

Panasonic JUST LOST WEIGHT!

40% Smaller • 40% Lighter

With the capability of converting from a cellular mobile phone into a transportable phone or vice versa

MOBILTRONICS **DRIVE-IN CELLULAR**
 Featuring Ameritech Cellular Service

EAST
31951 Supercenter Hwy.
Madison Heights
Just N. of I-480
585-4520

WEST
36225 Northwestern Hwy.
Farmington Hills
Just S. of I-480
626-8480

AMERITECH
 COMMUNICATIONS
 MOBILE