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Ernie's 'north country'

If you look closely, mixed in with the things that makes the Traverse Bay area what is are familiar places with that have turned up in the works of the late Ernest Hemingway. There's even folks who befriended the author before he was catapulted into literary history. Wondering where those places are? Find out on Page 6D.

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'Hey, buddy, will you sell that guitar?'

If you're a big fan of Bruce Springsteen, you probably know he plays a Fender Telecaster guitar on

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That is because fans who closely discovered to be the top-name artists of the top-name a

"I IAD A friend stop over one day and he offered me a large sum of morey for these Instruments. The light bulb went on in my head — I know where some more of these are." he said, recalling how he entered the business seen years ago.

To find vintage instruments, Wasserman travels to elles around the country, making stops at certain music stores. Ife's a friendly guy, but don't ask what cittles and which music stores. Ife's a friendly guy, but don't ask what cittles and which music stores. "I don't want to give away trade secreta," he said. But the popular models are no secret to guitariast, as the vintage guitar market has taken off in the 10s.
Players into Fender guitars prize pre-CBS models — those made before CBS bought the company in 1985.

1955.
"Pre-CBS guitars have a whole different feel and sound to them," Wasserman explained. "The woods are generally lighter in weight. (Fender used ash in the early '50s, then alder.)
"And their pickups were differ-

ent too, they seemed to have a more open sound, what we term now that classif bender sound."

When talking vintage guitars in general, "what seems to cause the prices to go up is a great number of rock'n'roll stars use these vintage guitars," Wassermon said. "And of course every kid who sees MTV wants what their favorite rock stars play."

While Fender guitars have been blay a vintage Telecaster — Wasserman said Gibson Les Paul guitars are currently the hottest, possibly because the popular band Guns o'r Roses plays Les Pauls.

THE TOP ON a Les Paul is maple, a dense wood which allows a player to sustain a note longer, Wasserman said.

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siyle of construction, Wasserman said.

"It's a set-in neck that is glued to the body rather than bolted on (like a Fender)," he added. "They're just excellent playing and excellent sounding guitars and they're extremely durable.

"You're a cool guy If you have a good guitar, and they've always been considered a good guitar."

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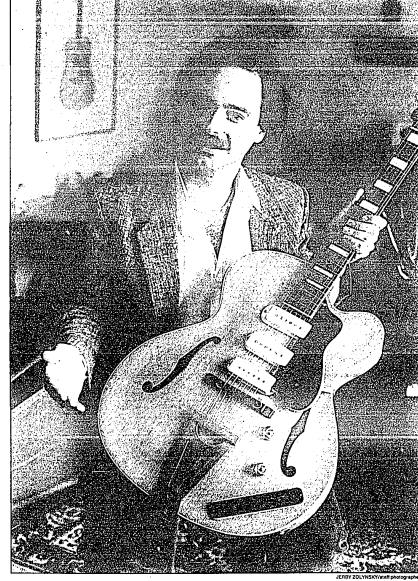
Particular players who seek out
the Gibson ES-335 model — B.B.
King plays his on a current
McDonald's commercial — are
going for ones made between 1958-63, Wasserman said. In this period,
the guitar featured PAF (patent appiled for) pickups and mabogany
necks, among other features.

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While Glisson and Fender guitars are the most popular, Wasserman sald vintage Rickenbacker guitars — played by John Lennen and Roger McGuinn of the Byrds — and Gretsch guitars — played by George Harrison with the early Beatles — are extremely popular. And in certain models, bringing externe prices

treme prices.
"And there are more, of course,"

he said.
When you're talking vintage acoustic guitars, "Martins are certainly the most coveted. Gibson J-200s (a big, rounded body acoustic with flowered pick-guard) have always been popular," Wasserman said. Old Guild and Epiphone guitars are also valued.



Doug Wasserman of Southfield didn't realize how valuable the large collection of instruments he had amassed over a period of years was until a friend offered a large sum of money for

them. That's when a light bulb went off in his head and he became a guitar broker.

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"I suggest vitamins A, E, I, O and U — they're great

Settling in at Michigamme lodge

By tris Sanderson Jones contributing travel editor

Travelers love to discover new places, especially off-the-road accommodations that nobody else knows about. I found such a place and you could probably still get in for the color season this year, if you want to drive as far as the Upper Peninsula.

Michigamme Lake Lodge, a log cabin lodge set in the trees about Lake Michigamme, 33 miles west for the proper properties on U.S. 41, isn't even to the properties of the propert

ers emigrated to the U.P. Ralph bought a hotel in Curtis. Jim and Shirley bought the Cedar Lodge, a roadside motel with adjacent log

They were all enjoying Upper Peninsula life, their fortunes rising and falling with the tourist cycles



Linda and Frank Stabile (at right) talk with guests in front of the Michigamme Lake Lodge on Lake Michigamme in the Up-per Peninsula.

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in the U.P., when the lodge on Lake Michigamme came on the market a couple of years ago. The lodge was built by a local financier, San Cohodas, in 1934 as a private retreat for family, friends and business associates. Cohodas entertained a lot of important peo-nic there over the years.

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THERE'S NO way to make a totally logical decision about a place like this, so Frank and Linda Slable took a plunge and bought the lodge when Sam died.

There is a certain mood to any lake in the north country of Michigan, where glaclers carred lake beds out of ancient rock eons ago. Gleaming water, surrounded by low treed hills. Water slapping against boat docks and boat houses. Occasional houses and cottage exekut through trees to the lake.

It's what most of us think of as cottage country, but most cottages

don't look like this. Nobody used the word atrium when this place was built, but the word describes