



Bernie Moorman sits outside the Covington, Ky., bed and breakfast he is part owner of. A commissioner for Kenton County, Moorman has been in politics a long while, but still cooks breakfast on weekends at the Amos Schinkie Townhouse Bed & Breakfast.

They liked it so well they stayed again

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"Covington, (Ky.), was a pleasant surprise to us. We had always thought of it as a 'bad place,' something associated with gambling. But it is a very interesting town. We ate at the Mike Fink riverboat but none of us liked it. The food wasn't very good and they need to do some public relations training with their brusque staff."

"Our favorite dining spot was an Italian place called The Boot (22 Court St., telephone 291-0004). It's a small place, with great food

and a very friendly service and atmosphere. It's within walking distance of the Shinkle bed and breakfast."

Whichever one of your charming, witty hosts serves breakfast, be sure to try the goetta with your eggs, pancakes or French toast. Goetta is pork cooked scrapie-style into breakfast patties. Bernie's brother-in-law, Dick Fink, makes the goetta, using only hams with traditional pineapple, onions and spices that go into this exclusively Cincinnati specialty.

Robotic dinosaurs roar at Ohio museum

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called "On The Road to Union Terminal" across 8,000 square feet on the other side of the rotunda, where the taxis exited after they dropped off their passengers. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children aged 3-12.

"On the Road" shows the types of cars that were in Cincinnati during the terminal's construction and the first years it was open," Ruby Rogers said. "We wanted our first exhibit to have a transportation theme,

something from the same period of the terminal. Cars became streamlined in the 1930s so there is a connection to the building."

"Cincinnati Goes to War: A Community's Response to World War II," which also connects with the terminal's history, opens in late April 1991 to mark the 50th anniversary of America's entrance into World War II.

The Museum at Union Terminal is at 1301 Western Ave. in downtown Cincinnati. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

travel

Stagecoach Christmas

Stagecoach Stop USA in Irish Hills, Mich., will hold its Christmas in the Country traditional old-fashioned Christmas holiday festivity weekends now through Dec. 23. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 9 p.m. Sundays. Activities include strolling carolers in costume, train rides through Santa's Village, a Christmas light display, shopping and rides for the kids.

Stagecoach Stop is on U.S. 12, eight miles west of Clinton. For more information, call (517) 487-2300.

Ski Michigan

The fourth annual "Let's Go Ski-

ing, Michigan" promotion offers to program: "Learn to Downhill Ski Free Day" and "Silver Streak Week."

The first program, Jan. 18, offers free lessons for beginners and beginner-area lift tickets to those who register at 30 participating ski areas. Silver Streak Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 1 offers free downhill and cross country skiing to anyone age 55 and older who shows proof at 46 participating ski areas. For more information, call the Michigan Travel Bureau at (517) 373-3186.

Ski tours

American Youth Hostels is sponsoring a series of ski outings including cross country trips. These vary from a few hours to a week in length in locations ranging from northern

Michigan to Canada. Also slated is an outing in Innsbruck, Austria. Weekend trips cost approximately \$160 for AYH members, and non-members are allowed one weekend trip as a guest at trip cost plus \$3. Annual AYH membership is \$25. For more information, call (313) 545-0511.

All aboard!

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, in Paw Paw, Mich., near Kalamazoo, is featuring its "Star Clipper Christmas" musical review on selected dates through Dec. 23. The show features songs of Christmas as the train winds through Michigan's wine country. Advance registration is required. For more information, call (800) 828-1423.

Senior bargain

AeroTours International is offering senior citizens bargain extended-stay vacations in deluxe apartments in Queensland, Australia. For a minimum of two weeks, seniors can stay in Cairns, near the Great Barrier Reef at a cost of \$1,699 per person. Cost includes round-trip transportation from Los Angeles to Cairns. For more information, contact AeroTours, 36 East Third St., New York, N.Y.; (800) 223-4555.

Grand Traverse Resort is offering a New Year's Gala package that includes a variety of accommodations, meals, parties and activities on an a la carte basis. Supervised activities for the kids age 5-17 are also available. For more information, call (616) 938-2100.

See Cincinnati via back door

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years after he built his namesake in Cincinnati.

If you are a walker, hike 10 blocks south to the Basilica of the Assumption, a sight which must have amazed 18th century visitors to rural Kentucky. It is modeled after Notre Dame in Paris and claims to have the largest stained-glass window in the world.

If you want to see Cincinnati, jog across the bridge to the activities

around Fountain Square, where a skating rink is located and holiday activities are in progress this month. The film "Rain Man" was filmed here and Dustin Hoffman called this bridge the singing bridge because of the sound of whining tires across its metal surface.

You can take the steps down from the Cincinnati end of the bridge and walk past Riverfront Stadium, where the Cincinnati Reds played World Series baseball, and the

Riverfront Coliseum. You can rest on the Serpentine wall and wander along a model of the Ohio River amid the gardens and playgrounds of Bicentennial Park.

Hardy walkers might find their way up Mount Adams to the museum, conservatory and playhouse theater of Eden Park. Every Easter worshippers climb, often on their knees, up the 82 steps to Immaculate, the Church of the Steps.

The test hardy may prefer to try Montgomery Inn Tube at the Boat-house on the Riverwalk at the east end of Bicentennial Park. It has a great river view as do all the restaurants set in paddlewheel boats along the Kentucky side of the river.

Many of them are run by well-known restaurants from the area. The Newport Beach restaurant upriver is operated by the Conlar family, whose Cincinnati restaurant, The Malconette, has held Mobili's five-star rating longer than any other restaurant in the country.

One of the best sunset views is from the moderately priced Crockett's River Cafe at 1 Riverboat Row. Crockett's is owned by the Bernstein family, headed by entrepreneur Ben Bernstein. Bernstein started with the El Greco Cafe in Covington many years ago, bought the popular Mike Fink's riverboat and this fall opened Covington Landing at RiverCenter.

Stop, look and listen to ensure air safety

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"But you have to jump," "But you don't jump far," "How about sitting beside an exit?"

"The Federal Aviation Administration has new rules that say passengers sitting near an exit must be fit to act in an emergency and they must be instructed," Bill said. "No children. No disabilities that would stop them from acting in an emergency."

Bill couldn't say much about the

collision between two Northwest airlines on the ground in Detroit Dec. 3, nor could he answer the question that interests me most as a safety-conscious air traveler: Why didn't those front exit doors open and the chutes inflates?

Listening to survivors from the burning wreckage of Northwest Flight 1482, the DC-9 that was on the wrong runway and hit a Boeing 727 during takeoff, it is clear to me that most passengers didn't know in advance where those exits were.

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