

LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Chicago is a city for art lovers, sports fans, and shoppers

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We were in Chicago the week of the Second Coming. Of Michael Jordan that is.

The Bulls' famous 23 reappeared as No. 45 and the city by the lake was delicious to welcome home the world's greatest athlete.

Chicago is, of course, a sports lovers town known for its devotion to de Bears, de Bulls, de Sox, de Cubs and de Blackhawks. And the bars were packed to watch his Airness return.

But Chicago is also a city for art lovers, architects, aficionados, shopping addicts, gourmands, science fans and cityphiles of all kinds.

Chicago's downtown Loop and classy near North are everything a

city center is supposed to be. Life pulsates at every corner as wave after wave of thousands of people move up and down the streets that radiate from the glorious Michigan Avenue and the more work-a-day State Street.

We stayed at the Chicago Marriott, which offers a \$119 a room per night weekend package. The hotel is one of many that line up along and off of Michigan Avenue, the Magnificent Mile. Standing sentinel to this area at the bridge are two of the city's icon buildings, the glittering Wrigley and the cathedral-like Tribune Tower. They welcome visitors to a lineup of the giants of retailing, Saks, Neiman-Marcus, Marshall Field's, Lord & Taylor and Bloomingdale's all stand proudly along the avenue with specialty

stores. Behind the famous castle-like Water Tower was a bit of home for this Ann Arborite. A new four floor Border's Bookstore competes with several other new, used and rare book emporiums in the Near North and the Loop.

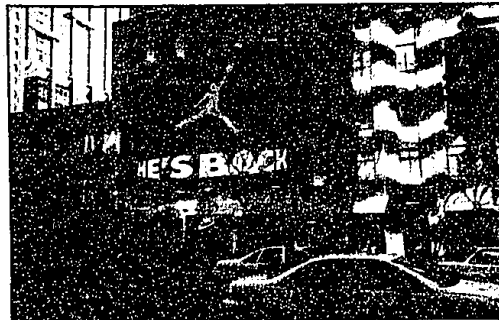
For the young or the young at heart, a new entertainment area west of the fashionable shops has developed along Ontario, Clark and LaSalle. Here the Hard Rock Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Excalibur and Ed Debevic's attract the college crowd with rock music, inexpensive food and crowds of their peers. Older fans of jazz, blues, cabaret and classical music also have dozens of venues around the downtown.

South of the river is the muscle of downtown Chicago, the Loop, named for the path of the elevated train system.

The Loop is testimony to good city planning, architectural brilliance and the vigor of city life itself.

The good planning starts with Grant Park. Rather than hiding Lake Michigan behind warehouses, Chicago built a park. The buildings along Michigan Avenue are a stunning sight looking back from the Park. The Park is home to the Art Institute, the Field Natural History Museum, an aquarium and a planetarium.

The Art Institute's current major exhibit is "Gustave Caillebotte: Urban Impressionist." This is a superb tribute to a lesser known but dedicated and brilliant artist. He is best known for his stark "Paris Street: Rainy Day, 1877," but the exhibit shows the full glory of his works from studies of la-



Welcome home: Chicago was all a buzz with the return of NBA superstar Michael Jordan. Nike's went all out for their spokesman with a banner that everyone understood.



Bustling town: A fruit seller hawks his wares on busy State Street where an endless crowd of shoppers, tourists and office workers hurry by.

horers to haunting visions of urban life. This exhibit runs through May 28. In July, the museum will mount an exhibit on the most famous Impressionist painter, Claude Monet.

The museum's permanent collection includes such works as Seurat's "A Sunday on the Island of La Grande Jatte — 1884," Grant Wood's "American Gothic," Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks," Picasso's "Blue Guitar" and "Mother and Child."

The city, itself, is a work of art. It was here that Louis Sullivan, Dankmar Adler, Burnham and Root, Miles van der Rohe and Frank Lloyd Wright made architectural history. A visit to the city would not be complete without visits to some of these landmark buildings, buildings that over

time have defined our urban environment. Complementing these buildings are great works of public sculpture by Alexander Calder, Picasso, Claes Oldenburg and others.

Above all these parts of the city, what makes Chicago special is the hustle of city life. Coming from Detroit, where this kind of city life died years ago, Chicago seems to radiate. Offices and schools, museums and stores, hotels and restaurants, trains and

buses empty out on to the streets. These are streets teeming with elegant women in stylish dresses and businessmen in suits, homeless people aggressively hawking a newspaper called "Streetwise," magicians, musicians, poets and preachers, schoolgirls and construction workers. Check by how they bump along through the maze of streets north and south, east and west of the curving river experiencing life in the city. Chicago is a city to love!

Wish you were here



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Lecture circuit: The Sayles family of Farmington Hills vacationed in March in Delray Beach, Fla. They attended a talk given by New York Times columnist William Safire at the Four Arts Library in Palm Beach. The Sayles are: (from left) Dennis, a Michigan State senior; Kathy, and Thomas.

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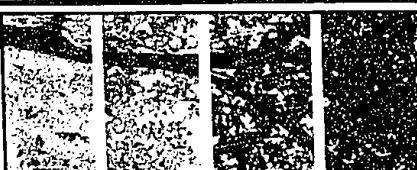
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