



New to kissing, Navin (Steve Martin) doesn't quite connect with Marie's (Bernadette Peters) lips in "The Jerk," one of the films at The Movies in Troy.

## Five theaters open at Movies in mall

The Movies at Oakland Mall in Troy will open with five new theaters Dec. 21. Film showings will start at 10 a.m. daily and at noon Sunday.

The theaters are a joint enterprise of Taubman Theatres and United Artists Theatres. An early bird admission rate of \$1.50 is offered for all seats from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.

The Movies also has special rates available for senior citizens and students, plus additional bargain prices for afternoon matinees.

Starting times for films in each of the theaters is staggered to avoid

long line-ups at the single box office, lobby and refreshment center serving each complex.

It is a policy of The Movies to endeavor to have at least one "G" or general-audience feature film, showing in each of its locations every week.

Opening productions include the first-run "The Jerk," starring Steve Martin; "The Rose," starring Bette Midler and Alan Bates; "Apocalypse Now," starring Marlon Brando and Robert Duvall; and "Cuba," starring Sean Connery.

## Masai culture on film

The National Geographic Society film "Man of the Serengeti" will be shown at Cranbrook Institute of Science auditorium Saturday, Dec. 22, in Bloomfield Hills.

The 52-minute film skillfully documents the Masai culture on the Serengeti Plain of northern Tanzania. It compares Masai boy's outer world experiences with tribal traditions and suggests a harmonious co-existence between the two.

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ticular emphasis on roving zebras, rhinoceros and jackals will highlight the film, shown at 2:45 and 3:45 p.m.

The film is free with museum admission of \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for student and senior citizens.

Also free with museum admission are planetarium demonstrations at 2, 3, 4 and 7:30 p.m. and observatory demonstrations from 8:30-10 p.m.

Saturday museum hours are 1-10 p.m. For more information call 645-5210.

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## 'Feedback' program views political polls

John P. Casey, vice president of MG and Casey, Inc., and Frederick P. Currier, chairman and chief executive officer of Market Opinion Research, and Canadian Opinion Research, Ltd., will look at political and social influence elections on Channel 55's "Feedback."

It will be broadcast live at 7 p.m. today.

Bill Sheehan is guest host this week (Dec. 17-21) on "Feedback." Sheehan is the executive director of the public relations staff for the Ford Motor Company.

The Dec. 20 edition of "Feedback" will focus on how polls are taken, their accuracy and the effect polling has on elections.

CASEY IS the election-time political analyst for WJR radio. He is also heard regularly as the station's public opinion commentator.

In addition, his election commentary appears on WDIV, Channel 4. Casey was also staff writer at the Detroit Free Press (1968-70) and special assistant to Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh (1962-66).

"Feedback" is broadcast live from Channel 56's studio (7441 Second Blvd.). Tickets for the studio audience are free. For information call the station at 873-7200 and ask for "Feedback."

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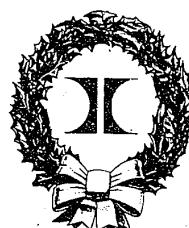
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## Balsa wood jungle crazy

Balsa wood flourishes in the lush jungles of Ecuador, where 90 percent of the world's supply grows, largely because it grows too fast — as much as

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## 'Great Performances' premieres opera 'Faust'

Channel 56 offers an evening of music, drama and song in the "Great Performances" premiere of "Faust," the tale of a man who sells his soul to the devil to get what he wants. It will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 2.

This three-hour production of Goethe's opera is based on part of Goethe's famous play. In it, the aged philosopher, Dr. Faust, sells his soul to the devil, Mephistopheles, in return for his youth and the love of Marguerite, Georges Petre conducts.

This production, taped in September 1979, opened the company's new season and marked its 25th anniversary.

The new "Great Performances" features "Molieres," in five parts, broadcast Wednesdays at 8 p.m., beginning Jan. 3.

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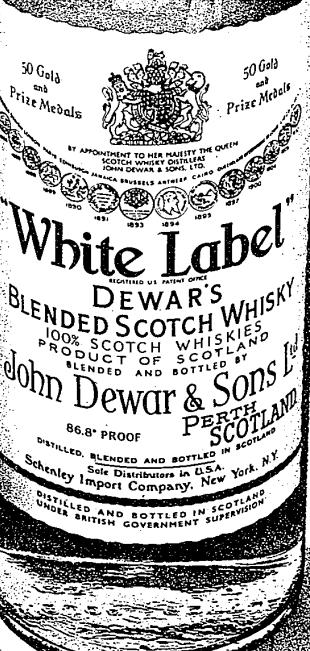
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