

# Outlying Areas -

a continuing story

by Ray Kosarin



## Film premiere to benefit U.S. Ski Team

The sking film "Fire and Ice" will be shown in a special benefit premiere screening at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

The showing, a benefit for Detroit Ski Prax, will be at the AMC Maple 3, on Maple Road 115 Mile, one block west of Telegraph, Birmingham. The event is sponsored by Don Thomas Sportsaus in the Bloomfield Plaza.

Detroit Ski Prax is the local fund-

raising unit for the United States Ski Team.

"FIRE AND ICE" was made by Willy Bogner, world-class ski racer who was the cinematographer and action specialist for four James Bond movies — "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," "The Spy Who Loved Me," "For Your Eyes Only" and "A View to a Kill." "Fire and Ice," a drama, stars John Eaves, Canadian Olympic ski champion, and Suzy Chaffee, U.S.

Olympic ski champion. Tickets are \$25, which includes an afterglow in the theater.

Tickets are available at Don Thomas Sportsaus, 6800 Telegraph. For more information, call the firm at 626-9500.

For one week following the premiere of "Fire and Ice," the film will be shown at the AMC Maple 3 as part of its regular feature schedule. Discount tickets to these showings may be purchased at Don Thomas Sportsaus.

## 'Velvet' morbidly fascinating

Morbid fascination manifests itself in many ways, from slowing down on the highway to check out why the ambulances and police cars are there to watching something like "Blue Velvet." This 1986 movie attracted much attention for its macabre sexual content.

Dennis Hopper excels in a role almost too unsettling to watch for two hours. When he starts to inhale nitrous oxide the faint of heart may want to call the whole thing off.

Isabella Rossellini plays the woman caught in Hopper's web of obsession and deception. Like Hopper, she turns in a memorable performance. You'll also know why Rossellini raised a few eyebrows by wearing a blue velvet gown to the Oscars that year. Nice PR move.

The movie was directed by David Lynch, whose credits include "Elephant Man" and the very strange but riveting cult classic, "Eraserhead." Available for rent, the film also is showing this month on Showtime and The Movie Channel. It's worth seeing, but it's not for children or the squeamish.

ANOTHER MOVIE that the oh-so-delicate may wish to fast forward through some scenes is "The Fly." Jeff Goldblum plays another of his high-strung, smart aleck characters, this time a scientist who starts out studying molecular transportation and ends up learning more than he wanted about entomology.

The 1958 black-and-white version with Vincent Price wasn't quite like this. Price was at his hammy best, and the film was '50s movie technology at its campiest.

Remember the scenes in which Al Hedison, his head superimposed onto the body of the fly, squeaked "Help me! Help me!" It was good for a chuckle (Perhaps that's why Hedison later changed his first name to David).

Here's one for the next trivia night: The screenplay for the 1958 version was written by James Clavell, who, as you know, later went on to write "Shogun."

The 1986 version isn't quite like that. Goldblum does a gory job of showing a man plummeting into animal-like behavior, his body doing things over which he has no control. However, you have to look past scenes such as the one in which the

## second runs

### Louise Okrutsky

scientist/fly regurgitates his food.

GEENA DAVIS plays a journalist who attempts to carry on a romance with Goldblum. It's a sticky situation. The end leaves open the question of whether she is carrying the offspring of her liaison with the ill-fated but high-flying scientist. Obviously a product of the current mania for setting up sequels.

What's next? "Son of Fly"? "The Fly Papers"? "I Was a Swatter for the FBI"?

Go ahead, give "The Fly" a whirl. It isn't great art, but it's pretty well done.

Last week Second Runs featured "Hoosiers," a flawed but engrossing sports movie. If you didn't run right out and rent it (and why wouldn't you?) you're out of luck this week. A legal dispute surrounding the ownership of rights to "Hoosiers" and "Platoon" has resulted in a federal court injunction ordering "Hoosiers" removed from stores and delaying the rental release of "Platoon."



Isabella Rossellini plays the woman caught in Dennis Hopper's web of obsession and deception in "Blue Velvet."



The Michigan Lottery has announced that it will be holding a special drawing to raise money for the U.S. Ski Team. The drawing will be held on November 5th at 8 p.m. at the AMC Maple 3.

How is the jackpot amount determined for each Super Lotto game drawing?

A: The jackpot is determined by the number of tickets sold for the game. The more tickets sold, the larger the jackpot.

What is a pari-mutuel game?

A: A pari-mutuel game is a game in which the odds are determined by the amount of money bet on each outcome. The more money bet on a particular outcome, the higher the odds.

What percentage of sales goes to the jackpot amount?

A: The percentage of sales that goes to the jackpot amount varies by game. For the Super Lotto game, it is 45 percent.

How about for matching five numbers?

A: For matching five numbers, the prize is \$100,000. For matching five numbers plus the Super Lotto number, the prize is \$1,000,000.

And for matching four numbers?

A: For matching four numbers, the prize is \$10,000. For matching four numbers plus the Super Lotto number, the prize is \$100,000.

What happens to the remainder of the money?

A: The remainder of the money is used for other lottery games and for the Michigan Lottery's charitable foundation.

Can you tell me about some Super Lotto prize records?

A: The largest Super Lotto prize, \$15.2 million, was won by three winners in the July 11 drawing. The largest odd-straight prize, \$1.1 million, was won by 81 people in the August 15, 1987 drawing.

For submitting a question which led to this column, Vivian Benaka of Crystal Falls will receive \$500 tickets for the Lottery's current instant game, "Greenback."

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