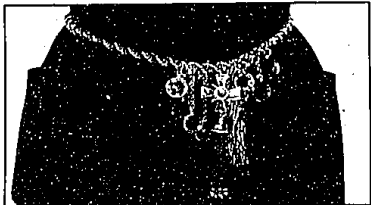


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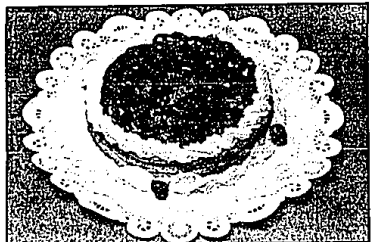


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Chain reaction

Jay Feinberg's gold chain belt with dangling baubles and beads adds pizzazz to that basic black — so very "in" and especially if it's a knit. \$160. Saks Fifth Avenue.

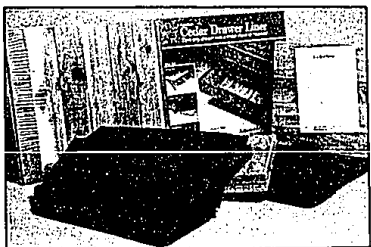


Creamy delight

Do you have a special occasion coming up? You can order a festive cheesecake for dessert, dressed up to suit the event. A post holiday party? How about a cheesecake topped with red cherries and a sprig of green holly for a special effect. You select the flavor; the baker does the rest. Priced by the pound. At Best Bake Shop in the Sugar Tree Mall, West Bloomfield.

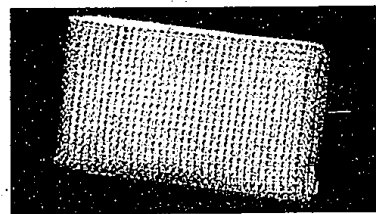
All that glitters . . .

This stunning coordinating set has the traditional look of thin strands of pearls with a very contemporary display of heart-shaped crystals. The clear crystal and white pearls make the set easy to coordinate with just about any color outfit. A very special look when you dare to be different. Cost is \$300 for the necklace and \$98 for the earrings. At Cocktails, Crosswinds Mall, Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.



Closet keeper

You can have the fresh smell of cedar permeate your closet with cedar lining sets by American Hardware. There's a hanging shoe bag with six cedar-lined pockets and a hanging sweater bag with three cedar-lined pockets that can store up to 12 sweaters. Cost is \$18 for the shoe bag, \$25 for the sweater bag. At Jacobson's stores.



Razzle dazle

Here's a gorgeous evening bag that can be used over and over again to avoid the expense of buying a new evening bag to match every outfit or pair of evening shoes. The neutral rhinestone look is very razzle dazle. The stones are individually attached and the bag is smooth to the touch to avoid snags. Cost is \$250. At Cocktails, Crosswinds Mall, Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

STREET WISE

On the radio?

Are you into nostalgia? Do you like the tunes of the 1940s? Then "The 1940s Radio Show" is for you. Slogaraters and First America Bank — Southeast Michigan will present the musical Friday, Jan. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 22, at the Baldwin Theater, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak.

The musical is the behind-the-scenes story of a radio show cast as they prepare for the Christmas special. It's filled with comedy, romance and favorite tunes from the '40s.

Curtain times will be 8 p.m. Jan. 13-14, 19-21 and 25-28, 2 p.m. Jan. 15 and 29 and 7 p.m. Jan. 22.

Tickets cost \$10 — a dollar less on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and for senior citizens and students. They can be ordered by mail from the Stagecrafters' box office, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak 48067, or picked up at the box office between 7 and 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

This and that

If you believe that exercise will help you live longer . . . that small companies are better to work for than big ones . . . and that you can't possibly make money while maintaining your principles . . . There's something you should

know. It won't. They aren't. You can. And if revelations like these contradict axioms you learned at your mother's knee, there are more surprises to come. Just open the Utne (it rhymes with chutney) Reader to any page. Overturned truisms. Shattered clichés. Debunked bromides.

In Norwegian, Utne means far out and that's what could be said about this magazine. Published six times a year from a hole-in-the-wall office in Minneapolis, the editorial staff of three and a collection of friends and relatives spend two months reading and clipping what they find of interest in more than 1,000 alternative publications. It basically brings the reader the best of the alternative press.

As Eric Utne, the brains behind the operation, puts it the Utne Reader "is independent, unbiased, revealing, irreverent, comprehensive, authoritative, spirited, visionary, forthright, honest and a blueprint for social betterment. It's also fun to read in the tub."

Interested? The Utne Reader is available for an introductory price of \$18, \$5 less than single copy costs, by writing to P.O. Box 1974, Marion, Ohio 43056.

Soft Touch

Imagine it's Dec. 10, 1988. What a night! You've been kidnapped by thugs from Chicago, knocked senseless, and now you wake up in a bath-

Marathon must: 'going to sunset'

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phrey Bogart-Lauren Bacall movies, you have already seen this island in the movie "Key Largo," and you will recognize the boat used in "African Queen." It's on display in front of the Holiday Inn.

Many movies have been made on the Keys — "PT-109," the story of John F. Kennedy's war years, and the James Bond movie "License to Renew." They even made a Russian movie there last year.

There are one or two good sand beaches in the Keys, notably at Bahia Honda State Recreation Area, but the Keys aren't known for their beaches. What pleasures travelers find here is often on or under the sea.

The sea supports a hundred little coastal resorts, restaurants, bars, marinas and other facilities found within a few hundred yards of the Overseas Highway. Beyond that, on either side, you are in the sea.

Islamorada, still in the Upper Keys, hosts several of the most popular restaurants, especially the Green Turtle, Mile Marker 88 and the Cheeca Lodge, a great old hunting lodge that is being remodeled and will reopen in April.

The Theater of the Sea is one of several places where you can enjoy sea life, and for an extra \$50 you can swim with dolphins. Dolphins Plus lets you do that on Key Largo for \$40, but they are primarily interested in working with handicapped children.

Forty bucks also buys you a dolphin swim south at Hawk's Cay Resort in Marathon. The most interesting visit may be to the Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key near Marathon, where they study dolphins.

You can also take a boat from Islamorada to either Indian Key, a historic site, or Lipiswitz Key, a virgin tropical forest.

THE TOWN of Marathon, in the Middle Keys, is dominated by Hawk's Cay Resort and by the famous Seven Mile Bridge that connects it to Sunshine Key on the south end.

You can rent dive boats anywhere down the whiplash of islands or in Key West. Key Westers have been living from the sea for centuries, ever since the first pirates lured Spanish galleons to a watery grave on the reefs.

Piracy became legal in the early 19th century, when any sea captain who owned a house in Key West became a licensed salvager, a "wreck-er," eligible to claim shipwrecked goods as his own.

There were three shipwrecks a week in those days, so it was a good business for Conchs, pronounced "konks" as Key Westers are called — they're named after the famous Conch shell.

The Conchs built a New England style town with Bahamian architecture and an island lifestyle that makes this funky town more like a Caribbean island than a part of the American mainland.

The best way to get an overview is to take either the Conch Tour Train or the Old Town Trolley. Both will show you the restored Conch houses of Old Town, now home to private families, guest houses, restaurants and shops, as well as the highlights of this two-by-four-mile island.

AT DAY'S end, when the touring is done, people begin to drift down Duval Street. They are "going to sunset." A popular first stop is the open air bar atop the Pier House, but everyone eventually gathers around the street theater that goes on every night at Mallory Square Pier.

Trying out

So you think you have what it takes to be an entertainer. Want to test that theory?

Cedar Point amusement park will be holding auditions in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Monday, Jan. 16, and Wednesday, Jan. 18, respectively to find some of the more than 100 singers, musicians and technicians needed to entertain some 3 million guests this summer.

Cedar Point presents live entertainment at five theaters, featuring

room of a cheap Las Vegas hotel.

What could be worse? Well, you may find out in "Deja Vu II: Lost in Las Vegas," the newest interactive graphic adventure game from the creators of "Deja Vu," "Uninvited" and "Shadowgate."

The notorious mobster, Tony Malone, is after you. If you don't come up with 100,000 big ones in seven days, you may be trying on a pair of cement shoes in just your size.

The odds are against you. You try to raise the dough at the blackjack tables — after all, this is Las Vegas. Or is there another way?

"Deja Vu II" uses the same point and click command structure as "Deja Vu" and other interactive graphic adventures for your computer. There are no cumbersome commands to type, no lengthy instruction manuals to read. You're free to explore and manipulate all the objects on each detailed screen.

"Deja Vu II" is published by ICOM Simulations of Wheeling, Ill., and is being distributed exclusively by Mindscape Inc. of Northbrook, Ill. It's available at a suggested retail price of \$49.95 for Macintosh and Atari ST computers, with an April release date set for the software for Amiga, Apple IIGS and IBM computers.

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