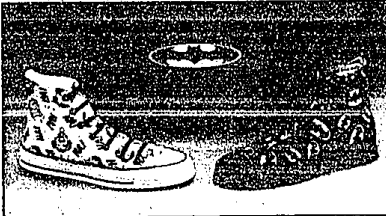


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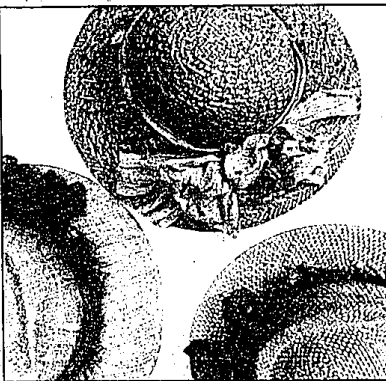


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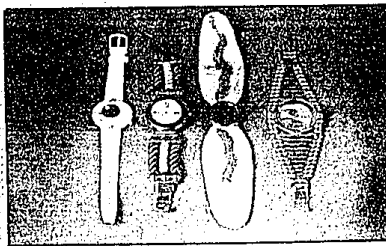
Holy hi-top

It was bound to happen — accessories to go along with the "Batman" movie craze. This time it's shoes — canvas hi-tops by Converse in black and yellow with the Batman motif and snow white and purple in the Joker theme of things. But wait — that's not all. Purchases will include a gift of a Batman sticker and special collectible Batman shoe boxes. \$32.95. Available now at Greg Shoes, 6325 Orchard Lake Road, in the Orchard Lake Mall. Also at J.C. Penney stores in the area.



Heads up

No need to tell you how important hats are to the fashion scene this summer. These are original "Happy Hats," by local artisan Lynne, who uses real dried flowers complemented with crepe bows bows. A country look that looks great in the city. Who ever said potpourri couldn't be worn? Available at Diane M and JoJo de Vio, both in Birmingham.



Time for a change

Ever since Swatch came out with its way-out looks in wristwatches, loads of manufacturers are doing the same — only different, of course. These are just a few of the more than 100 new inexpensive fashion watches available through Toronto Jewelers and sold locally. Buy them retail, or hold a jewelry party in your home and see them all. Prices vary. Call 855-1050 for details. Toronto Jewelers, Inside Dantol J. salon, Farmington Hills.



One-of-a-kind

Artist Jonna Bollett has created some of the loveliest home accessories available. These pretty washable silk pillows have zippered, removable covers for easy maintenance. Splashes of free form paint create the one-of-a-kind look. Special ordering lets you create your own shapes, sizes and colors. Be your own decorator. \$45. Call 851-6379.

STREET SENSE

Don't expect perfection

Dear Barbara,

I have a therapist that I have been seeing for a year and I love her. I am 62 years old and she is the only one who has helped me. My life now is worth living and I'm starting to be me. It's like I've come alive and I think it's a miracle.

I have a problem with her, believe it or not. I have talked to her about it many times and it is becoming more than I can handle. She feels she must maintain an image of herself as a perfect therapist. She does not allow room for any mistakes.

Although she does so much more right than wrong, occasionally she goes just like anyone else. When this happens, she will sometimes correct

the situation, but never discuss it with me and I feel it's tabu or she will think I'm rubbing it in. Mostly she will deny what happened and turn it into another one of my psychological problems and soon she believes this altered version of the facts herself. She's afraid to admit she's wrong.

Who do you turn to when your therapist is giving you a problem and she won't change and you can't live with it? It's an ironic situation. I could go on and on, but I have given you the essentials. I feel like my life is hanging in the balance because she is so exceptionally gifted.

Please advise me, Barbara.

Nobody's Perfect

Dear Nobody's Perfect,

Your pseudonym gives you your own answer. No one is perfect. There is good and bad in everyone, and therefore, it is your responsibility to accept the total picture of any person.

When we are very small we think that there are two mothers, the good and the bad. With maturity comes the ability to understand the reality that this is just one person. With love comes the capability of accepting the "bad" and not trying to change her.

Your ability to grow in this way, that is to be truly able to love your therapist as you say you do, will make your life even more "worth living."

Barbara



Barbara Schiff

If you have a question for Barbara Schiff, a trained counselor and experienced therapist, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Bicyclists tour lake shore

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carriage rides at sunset through the grounds and a ride and a glass of champagne for \$25 a couple. Is it worth the price? I haven't done it.

If you'd rather fly with wings, think about the glider rides offered by Benz Aviation in Ionia.

Rather bike than fly?

The Shoreline Tour along the Lake Michigan coast will cost \$135 and cover 350 miles July 29-Aug. 5. Contact the League of Michigan Bicyclists, Box 16201, Lansing, MI 48911. Or join the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac Tour for a four-day bike ride through west and central Michigan, \$59, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, or a five-day ride, \$93, Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Write DALMAAC, Box 17088, Lansing, Mich. 48901.

The National Bicycle League Na-

tional Races are on July 1-2 at Waterford Oaks County Park in Pontiac.

HOW TO find out more about Michigan summer shenanigans? Dial toll-free (800) 5432-YES and ask the state travel bureau for pamphlets and information. Get a West Michigan Travel Planner from them and find out about the new KLS&C Railway Co. in Paw Paw, the new harness racing in Muskegon and how to visit "America's most famous surviving World War II submarine," the USS Silverides, also in Muskegon.

Ask for a book on the 1989 Lake Michigan Circle Tour. It will tell you everything you want to know about coastal stops in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin while following one of the mapped out circle tours.

Also ask the state for a Southwest Michigan guide, or it's available by calling the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association at 524-9290.

How many times have you considered taking the two-hour round trip on the paddlewheeler Queens from Oscoda to Hale. It costs \$8.50 for adults, \$3 for kids, an extra couple of dollars. If you go during color tour time they leave at noon and 3 p.m.

Here's a place I've always wanted to go — El Rancho Stevens, P.O. Box 366, 2332 East Dixon Lake Road, Gaylord. Call it at (517) 732-5090 and if you've been there, write and give me the word about it. It is supposed to be a fun ranch vacation.

Like festivals? Michigan has a big promotion called "Celebrate the Great Lakes" this year and special

cultural activities will be held in seven Michigan communities.

THE MIDLAND festival is over, but you'll see the Great Lakes Celebration at Bay Fest in Escanaba June 30-July 2. There'll be special programs at Ludington's White Pine Village July 29-30, and it will be part of the South St. Marie Bicentennial of Lighthouse keeping Aug. 12-13, the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven Aug. 19-20, on Mackinac Island Aug. 25-27 and in nearby Wyandotte during Heritage Days Sept. 8-10. Mark your calendar.

More? The great Michigan Festival is on at MSU in East Lansing Aug. 18-27.

Well, that got us through one inch of the pile on my desk, and a fraction of what is going on in Michigan this summer. More next week, if you're going out of state. Meantime, hold the phone. It's somewhere under this great pile of mail, but who knows where?

VIDEO

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There's a whole lot of shaking going on, friends, but just because it feels good doesn't mean it's good for you.

A couple of other new videos this week aren't quite as attractive, but have something to recommend them.

"BUD AND LON," a 1978 biopic about Abbott and Costello (unrated but probably PG, 98 minutes), is a very C- effort that is awfully slow-

paced for a vehicle about comics and comedy, particularly considering its cast, it is poorly performed with some of the most self-conscious, embarrassing acting you'll ever see by professionals.

Buddy Hackett gets some energy and professionalism into his characterization of Lou Costello, but Harvey Korman is unbelievably bland as Abbott. Arto Johnson as their agent, Robert Reed as their producer and Michele Lee as Mrs.

Costello are totally absent in their non-performances.

Still, here's an opportunity to see "Who's on First" — on second thought, buy the audio tape.

Vestron's "Options" (C, PG) is a little better and more entertaining although too much of an obvious play on "Romancing the Stone" with its major creative contribution being role-reversal with Matt Salinger ("Revenge of the Nerds") as a mild-mannered Hollywood agent tracking

down Belgian Princess Nicole (Joanna Pacula of the "The Kiss") who is a pretty self-reliant cookie for royalty as she hangs out in the African jungle.

"Options" has all the jungle-movie clichés except snakes and lots of excellent African footage apparently left over from Vestron's "Wild World of Animals" series.

Despite some funny stuff and some decent action sequences, "Options" never decides what kind of movie it wants to be. Hence this "wildly romantic comedy" drags along to a reasonably predictable conclusion.

SCREEN SCENE

AFTERNOON FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 632-2739 for information. (R)

"X, the Man With the X-Ray Eyes" (USA — 1983), 1 p.m. June 27-July 2. Schlockmeister Roger Corman's best sci-fi film stars Ray Milland as a doctor whose ability to see through solid matter leads to amazing healing powers, prophecy and eventual insanity.

FOX THEATRE, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 567-6000 for information. (R)

"Lawrence of Arabia" (Britain — 1962), June 28-July 16. (Call for showtimes.) A limited engagement of David Lean's newly restored epic, starring Peter O'Toole as British hero T.E. Lawrence.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY, 16301 Michigan, Dearborn. Call 945-2330 for information. (Free)

"Murder by Death" (USA — 1976), 7 p.m. June 8. Neil Simon's clever parody of murder mysteries has millionaire Lionel Twain (the ever bizarre Truman Capote) inviting five of the world's greatest detectives to his mansion to solve a strange case.

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Seven Mile, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (Free)

The mall's free tribute to Clark Gable continues with "Mogambo" (USA — 1953), 10 a.m. June 27. A worthy remake of the Gable/Harlow film "Red Dust." Ava Gardner and Grace Kelly vie for the affections of big game hunter Gable to Africa.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 16301 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. For information, call 669-8397. (\$4 regular and \$3.25 students and senior citizens)

"Let's Get Lost" (USA — 1989), June 26-30 (call for showtimes). Award-winning documentary portrait of the late jazzman Chet Baker.

"Pelle the Conqueror" (Denmark — 1988), 9:15 p.m. June 28 and 7:15 p.m. June 29. Billie August's unsentimental study of a Swedish migrant worker (Max Von Sydow) and his son.

"Heathers" (USA — 1989), 7:15 p.m. June 30. Bitter satire of high school mores, about a girl whose involvement with a psycho boyfriend leads to murder in the school's most powerful clique.

PARK THEATRE, 404 Erie St. E., Livonia. Call (313) 971-9283 for times. (15 general and \$3 members)

"The Navigator" (Australia/New Zealand — 1988), June 28 to July 3. In a fitting companion piece, this much heralded new film tells of two medieval men and their attempt to flee the Black Death.

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