

STREET SCENE

Inside **S**

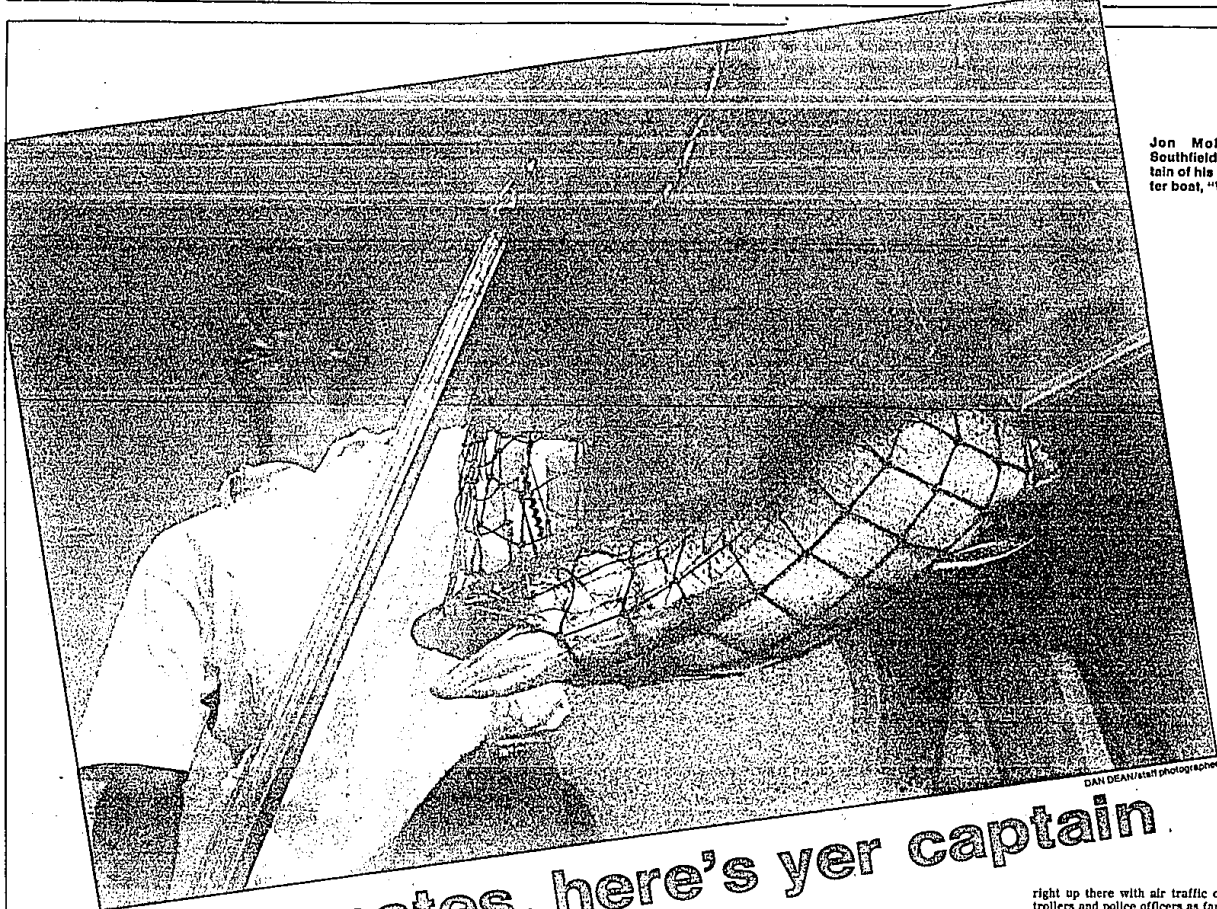
Roughing it

Why travel all the way to Yellowstone Park for a camping trip (not to mention having to put up with a couple of hoods named Yogi and Boo Boo)? Street Scene's man about the woods, Bill Parker, tells us there's some excellent camping sites right in our own back yard. For more information, please turn to Page 6D.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Monday, August 21, 1989 O&E

***10



Jon Molesky of Southfield is captain of his own charter boat, "Wa Hoo."

DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Ahoy mates, here's yer captain

By Bill Parker
staff writer

Jon Molesky would probably never be cast for the role of Captain Ahab in "Moby Dick." Well, maybe, if he grew his whiskers (for a couple months) and started saying things like "Ahoy mates" and "Stiver me timbers. Yaaa miss anoth'r un an yaaa'll work the plank."
Nah! He'd still resemble a college student... which he is.
But, Molesky is also the owner and captain of a 37-foot Sportcraft, the "Wa Hoo." He charters trout/salmon fishing trips on Lake Michigan with the boat (which is docked in Muskegon) each summer.

"This is my office. This is my summer job," said the 1986 Birmingham Groves graduate who now lives in Southfield. "It's a great way to help pay for my schooling and have a little fun over the summer. It's definitely more fun than work."
Molesky began running charters out of Muskegon four years ago, while a freshman at the University of Michigan. He has been doing it ever since and could very well be the first political science major to fish himself through college.
Although Molesky doesn't fit the mold of a gruff, old charter captain, after a few hours aboard the "Wa Hoo," it becomes obvious he's no rookie to the trade.
On a day when few boats were reporting any luck at all, Molesky, who is also a field tester for Speedtroll

Downriggers and Silver Streak Spoons, worked and worked until his passengers each caught a dandy lake trout.
HE CHANGED lures. He changed lure depth. He changed trolling speed. He changed fishing areas. He tried every combination until there were finally fish in the boat. The only thing that didn't change was his attitude.
"The key is to get people out here, get a fish and have fun," Molesky said. "I like to stress the whole package — get out on the lake, relax and catch some fish."
Molesky, and first mate Bud Wood, only run trout/salmon charters. They don't bother with perch or walleye, a couple of abundant game fish charter captains often pursue.
"If you want to be good at some-

'The key is to get people out here, get a fish and have fun. I like to stress the whole package — get out on the lake, relax and catch some fish.'
— Jon Molesky

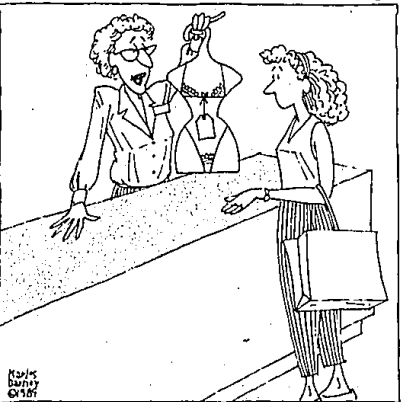
thing you have to stick with it," Molesky said. "Set your sights on one thing and become good at it. If you spread yourself too thin, you're mediocre at everything."
On those slow days, days when the fish just aren't biting, charter captains must become entertainers. According to Molesky, that's when the real work begins.
"I think charter captains rate

right up there with air traffic controllers and police officers as far as stress is concerned — especially if the fish aren't biting," Molesky said. "People come out here and want to have fun. You have to entertain them and keep them happy until the fish start biting."
Aboard the "Wa Hoo," that entertainment comes in the form of jokes, the "Blessing of the Rods" (a light-hearted ritual performed by Wood to entice fish into biting), and stories of past fishing adventures.
Molesky has plenty of stories.
HE WAS BORN in Maryland and spent much of his childhood fishing in Chesapeake Bay.
As a young teen, his father brought him to Lake Michigan where the youngster caught a 16-pound chinook salmon.
"I was hooked after that," admitted Molesky. "I spent all my money as a kid buying fishing equipment. I

Please turn to Page 4

Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



Karlos Barney ©1987

"Look, dearie — If this little number doesn't put the zip back in your marriage, you can always use it to floss your teeth."

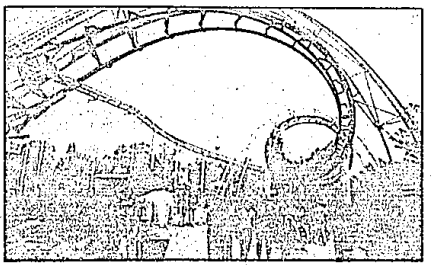
Time to squeeze in one last trip

By Iris Sanderson Jones
contributing travel editor

Labor Day weekend will be here in 10 days and everybody I know is panicking. How do we squeeze that last trip out of the summer? Labor Day changes a lot of things. Kids and teachers go back to school. College students take a last fling before the semester starts. Business travel and business conventions heat up. Organizations start a new season, keeping some people at home.
Most of the people who ask me for last-minute advice don't take full advantage of the toll-free 800 numbers available. Cities, states, hotels etc. spend a lot of money on telephone lines that you can call without charge. You find them by calling the toll-free information operator: dial 1-800-555-1212 and ask for the area or the hotel chain you want.

theme park before school starts. I'm thinking about either King's Island, Cedar Point or Sea World, and we want to stay a couple of

days. How do I find a reasonably priced hotel or motel with a pool? S.H. Farmington Hills.



MICKY JONES

Amusement parks such as Cedar Point are some of the places where travelers visit in that one last trip before the summer ends.

Q: I'm a divorcee with a 5-year-old and I want to take him to a

A: You don't have much time so you need to make some telephone calls. Cedar Point doesn't list a toll-free number (call (419) 626-0380) but you can call the other two toll-free: King's Island is (800) 543-2890; Sea World is (800) 637-4288.
Hotel Breakers, the on-property hotel at Cedar Point costs \$77 for an unremodeled room with one double bed, remodeled rooms are \$92.50, including tax. You can call the Sandusky visitor's bureau at (419) 625-2984 and they'll give you names like the Neece, Maples or Best Budget. But you are still going to pay about \$90; rates drop Labor Day weekend.
Holiday Inn has been advertising low rates for the summer months so call them toll-free at (800) HOLIDAY, about their special \$49-\$59 rates, price depending on location and subject to availability.

Please turn to Page 4