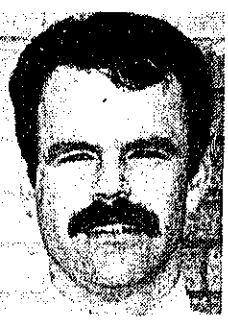


PEDALING AROUND

Golden turkeys

By Mike Eliasohn



Unfortunately, I had other things to do so I was not able to attend the "World's Worst Film Festival" in Ann Arbor last week end.

I therefore missed such classics as "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" (one of which I found in my refrigerator last Thursday) and "Plan Nine from Outer Space."

The festival did remind me, however, of some of the turkeys I have seen.

Some movies are so bad they become good, that is, they are so dumb, they become unintentionally humorous. I suspect those were the kind of flicks shown in Ann Arbor.

The one that I remember in that category was called "Eve." I doubt that I ever would have paid money to see it, but I was in Vietnam when I saw it and my fellow peons and I didn't have to pay. It was one of our "bennies," as we called them (benefits).

"Eve" was the story of a beautiful blonde who was raised by primitive natives of the jungle in some South American country.

She gets captured by some unfriendly primitive natives and is rescued by some white hunters with an ulterior motive on their mind.

When the hunters find her, the unfriendly natives have her inside a cage, hanging on a rope, and they are swinging the cage back and forth across a big bonfire.

(The natives were actually University of Michigan football fans who thought she was a cheerleader from Michigan State.)

Now let me digress. In the Army, I was taught that pistols are only good for shooting at very close range. Anything farther than, say, 10 feet and odds are you'll miss your target.

Fortunately for Eve, one

of the hunters had never been in the Army. From about 50 feet away in the dark, he fired one shot with his hand gun at the rope while the cage was swinging away from the fire and the natives.

The rope broke in two and the cage conveniently fell to the ground alongside instead of into the fire or the hands of the natives.

The white hunters pulled her out and away they went.

Now to the ulterior motive and shame on all of you who thought what they had in mind was a three letter word beginning with "s."

The hunters were looking for a treasure hidden in a cave somewhere and needed Eve, with her knowledge of the area, to help them find it.

The line which I shall always remember was asked by one of the hunters after the rescue: "Hey, Eve. Seen any good caves lately?"

That movie was unintentionally humorous.

The absolute worst movie I remember seeing, which was dumb without being humorous, was called, if I remember correctly, "Don Juan."

It starred Brigitte Bardot, who in her day -- the late 1950s and early 1960s -- was considered the ultimate in sin. When ministers said the world's moral standards were declining, she got the blame. Nowadays, her movies would be rated "R," and a mild "R" at that.

The premise of the movie was that she was the opposite of the real Don Juan, who chased women. She, of course, chased men.

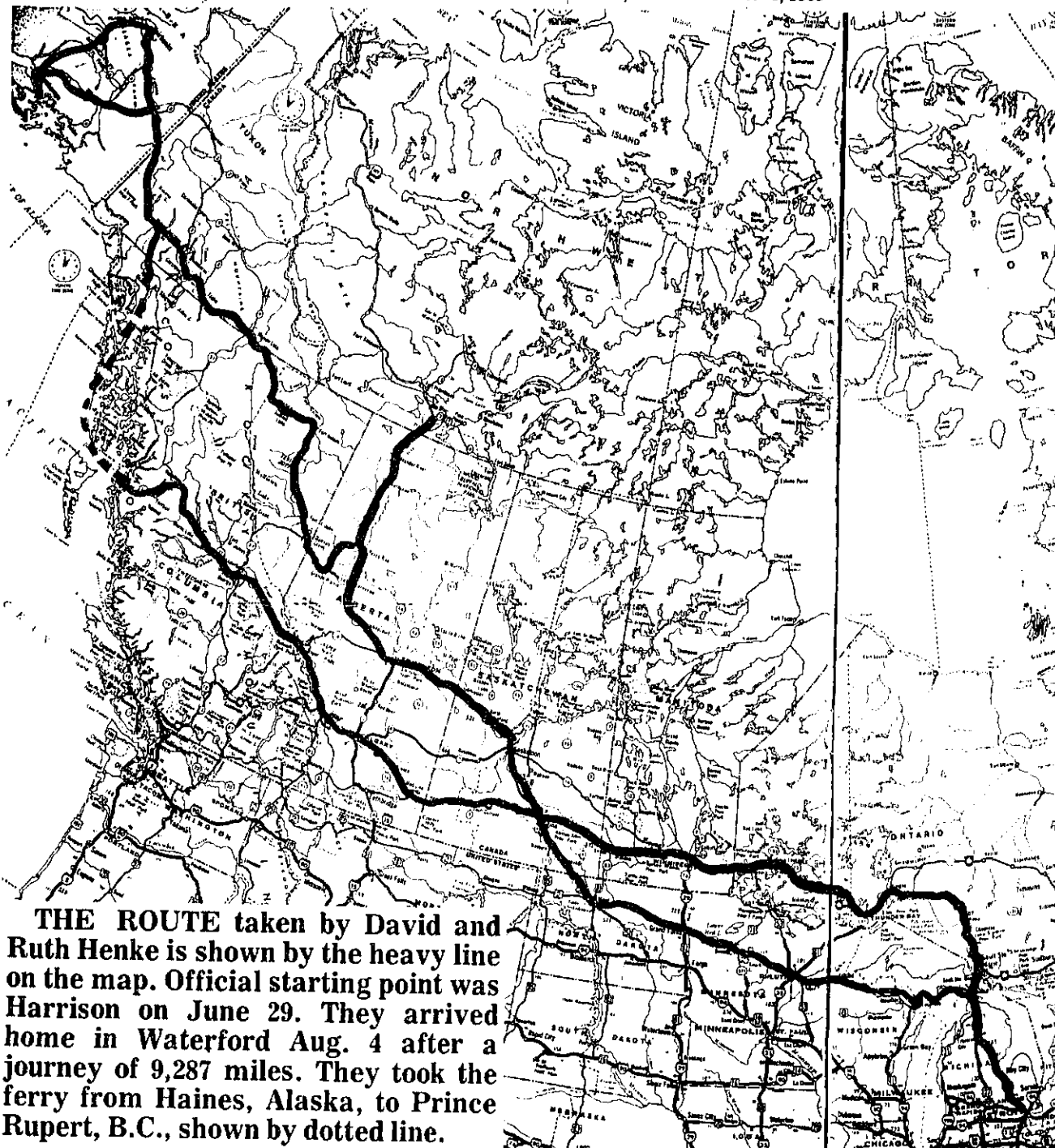
The reason she chased men was that by the time she made the movie, she was so old she had to chase them. They no longer chased her.

Bardot was renowned in her movies for showing bare skin, but in this movie, the only bare skin shown had wrinkles.

In the end, she was punished for her sins by being trapped and dying inside a burning building.

That was the worst part. Instead of her, it should have been the producer-director who thought up the dumb movie who should have been the toasted marshmallow.

Thinking before you act may be sound strategy -- but too many people think and then fail to act.



THE ROUTE taken by David and Ruth Henke is shown by the heavy line on the map. Official starting point was Harrison on June 29. They arrived home in Waterford Aug. 4 after a journey of 9,287 miles. They took the ferry from Haines, Alaska, to Prince Rupert, B.C., shown by dotted line.

North to Alaska — 9,287 miles on a motorcycle

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National Park in the Canadian Rockies.

They re-entered the United States at North Dakota, entered Michigan west of Iron River in the UP and returned home Aug. 5.

Henke, an electrician at GMC Truck and Coach in Pontiac, had two months' vacation, but they cut their

trip short because of his broken foot.

A LOT OF THEIR TRIP was through very sparsely settled territory and afterwards, Mrs. Henke said, "It's hard to have people around after all that loneliness."

She also confessed it often got boring sitting on the back end of the motorcycle mile after mile, but added,

"Your goal is more important than the tiredness and there's always the excitement of what you'll see next or even the fear of road conditions to keep you going."

What did her children, all adults, think of her trip? "They think it's great." Her grandchildren loved the postcards Grandma sent

them along the way.

The Henkes took 30 rolls of slides and 14 rolls of photos on their trip, so have lots of "show and tell" for family, friends and her students.

Their motorcycle averaged 37.3 miles per gallon on the long journey. They had no mechanical problems, but did have the valves adjusted once and new tires put on at Dawson Creek.

What's ahead for the motorcycling couple? They went to Hawaii on their honeymoon but it is the only state they have never ridden their motorcycle in.

And, said Mrs. Henke, "I'd like to see Nova Scotia and New Brunswick."

Inundated cable causes lengthy phone outage

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village and sitting by the phone. No calls came in while he was there.

Usually on a Wednesday night, only one or two calls

will come in, although Wilson admitted, "You're taking a chance" (by not having someone at the phone all the time). It's a calculated risk."

In his 10 years as chief, he

said that is the longest Cass City has gone without long-distance service. Usually such outages are 4-5 hours, although he recalled one that was almost 24 hours long.

The sheriff's department also answers the phone for calls to the fire department and ambulance service, but fire calls also ring in some firemen's homes and the ambulance phone can also be answered by Hills and Dales General Hospital.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF long-distance telephone problem, which probably started in July, has been resolved, according to Weir, though it could happen again on occasion.

The problem was that long-distance conversations were being cut off suddenly.

The reason, it was eventually discovered, was that Western Electric technicians were modifying Bell trunklines in Saginaw without first notifying the Cass City office.

If the line was being used when they shut it off, that meant an abrupt end to the conversation.

Now, according to Weir, the Western technicians are supposed to notify the Cass City office beforehand so that the line in Cass City can be taken out of service before they start working on it.

Since mistakes can happen, conversations might still get cut off in the future, but not as often.

Workers wait for benefits

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auto industry. Its TRA application, Vandiver explained, stated that its competition comes from companies that make similar equipment in Canada. It could not claim that its business was off due to reduced American car sales because of the sale of imported cars.

The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	58	35	1.52
Thursday	68	44	.18
Friday	70	44	0
Saturday	63	58	0
Sunday	86	58	0
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Tuesday	60	32	.72

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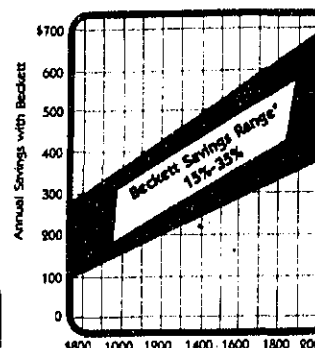


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