

Entertainment

Videotape rental outlets offer diverse selections at low cost

Convenient availability provides inexpensive entertainment

by Michael Gettleman
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So you've seen the mall and now realize that there isn't too much to do there. Presque Isle days are all but over now unless the Indian Summer can make a comeback. With these dwindling prospects, it's now time to turn our attention to an alternate form of entertainment, home video.

An increase in the demand for videotapes has greatly expanded the availability of rental opportunities. Stores which have been designed exclusively for renting of videotapes have been challenged and pressured by convenience stores and supermarkets for business. The result is a wider selection, and inexpensive prices.

There are several stores in the Behrend area which rent movies and VCR's and do so at relatively reasonable prices. Basically, these businesses have similar selections from which to choose, but prices do vary slightly.

The newest facility is the Country Fair which just opened up on Station Road by Interstate 90. They have some very good prices, starting at .49 cents per night for older films. Other tapes in their 314 volume collection are rented for either .99 cents or \$1.99 per night.

New releases from Country Fair are listed at \$2.99 per night. "We get new releases quicker (than some other stores), but they are more expensive,"

said Assistant Manager Melissa Blair. Usually these films will remain at the higher price for about six months before being reduced to the lower rates.

Also in stock are five VCR's which can be rented for \$4.00 per night.

Another convenience store offering video rentals is the Dairy Mart located on Shannon and 29th Street. Their pricing policy is a bit more cut and dry

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throughout the stock of 154 movies. All weekday rentals are \$1.99 per night, and overnight rentals on weekends are \$2.99. These prices are constant throughout Dairy Mart's inventory. Video recorders are also available for an overnight fee of \$3.99

The Giant Eagle Plaza on Buffalo Road contains two more movie rental locations. Video USA, which boasts weekly additions to its video library, offers a stock of 2500 movies to choose from. A rental fee of \$2.00 is required for these newer films, and the price increases to \$2.50 per night for every night beyond the first three. After a

60-day period, the price of new releases drops to \$1.00.

Video USA also has VCR's which can be rented for a price slightly higher than that of most other stores. Weekday rentals are \$5.00 per night, and weekend nights go for \$7.50. An additional opportunity here is the availability of video camcorders. For a security deposit and \$19.95, these can be rented overnight. This was the only store which had this option.

The final store in the Behrend area was Giant Eagle. They contain over 4200 films, and they do rent out at minimum prices. For one night, a film rental costs .89 cents, three rentals cost only \$2.00, and the combination of a VCR and one movie costs \$4.99.

"New releases arrive about three or four times a week," says Assistant Manager Rita Canavan. "Our prices are the lowest around. They can't be beaten."

Giant Eagle also has a variety of Nintendo game cartridges in stock for sale or rent, for those who are interested.

These are just a few of the places accessible from Behrend by whatever means of transportation available. These stores offer an inexpensive alternative to high theater prices, and the convenient locations and wide variety of selections give students unlimited opportunities for visual entertainment.

Tom Selleck proves his innocence

"An Innocent Man" exposes world of police corruption

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Drug dealing, police brutality, inhumane prison conditions, and the pressures placed upon a love relationship forced into a disheartening and unfair fiasco set the scenario for Peter Yates' new release, *An Innocent Man*.

Tom Selleck and Laila Robins play Jimmy and Kate Rainwood, a middle-class, lovestruck couple who are planning an exotic trip before they start a family. Jimmy is an excellent airplane mechanic, while Kate both works and goes to school. They lead the perfect life until, one evening, two cocky and crooked police officers make a huge mistake and frame Jimmy for their crime.

From then on, Jimmy and Kate discover it's almost

impossible to touch the police with the law. Mr. Rainwood goes through his trial, is found guilty, and is sentenced to six years in prison.

Life in prison proves to be very sickening and utterly horrible. The first man Jimmy meets is stabbed and set afire by other inmates. Jimmy is then forced to fend for himself until another man befriends him and informs him the only way to live through prison is to learn how to kill.

In the meantime, Kate remains her husband's only connection to the outside world and desperately tries to get her husband freed. Faced with life alone, the daunting of the two police officers who framed her husband, and the pain of knowing what her beloved Jimmy is going

through, Laila Robins depicts her role superbly.

This movie is full of suspense and horrifying truths. Tom Selleck does an excellent job playing a supposed criminal opposed to his traditional role as Magnum P.I. The film touches on the serious subjects of drugs, law enforcers being above the law, and how a happy life can be turned upside down by one dreadful night. Although the film is over two hours long, the excitement is constant, and Jimmy's hopelessness is successfully transferred to the audience.

An Innocent Man stands above the other recent film offerings, and it leaves viewers questioning the degree of power delegated to the police.

Entertainment Briefs

Police members take to stage

Members of the disbanded Police have turned their musical talents toward the theater in recent months. Frontman Sting has taken a role in *The Threepenny Opera*, and drummer Stewart Copeland has just released his own opera, *Holy Blood and Crescent Moon*. Said Cleveland critic Robert Finn of the performance's debut: "We are left here with a well-intentioned but essentially amateurish work."

Hurt removes tooth for role

Actor John Hurt, who starred in the movie *The Elephant Man*, had a front tooth extracted so he could be more realistic for his latest role in the upcoming film *The Field*.

CNN discontinues commentaries

CNN has terminated individual commentaries after weatherman Flip Spiceland made a remark which network executives determined offensive to women. "Women's logic is one of those contradictory terms- like military intelligence," Spiceland said. Commentators affected will include Linda Ellerbee, who spoke at Behrend last year, but not Larry King, whose live show allows for rebuttals.

The Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Aeriform fluid
- 4 Avoid
- 9 Soak up
- 12 High mountain
- 13 Famed
- 14 Exist
- 15 Facial hair
- 17 Draws out
- 19 Tart
- 21 Greek letter
- 22 Adored
- 25 Southeastern Europeans
- 29 Chinese distance measure
- 30 Foot pedal
- 32 Flesh
- 33 Individual
- 35 Cut
- 37 Health resort
- 38 Chickens
- 40 Boundaries
- 42 Owner's risk: abbr.

DOWN

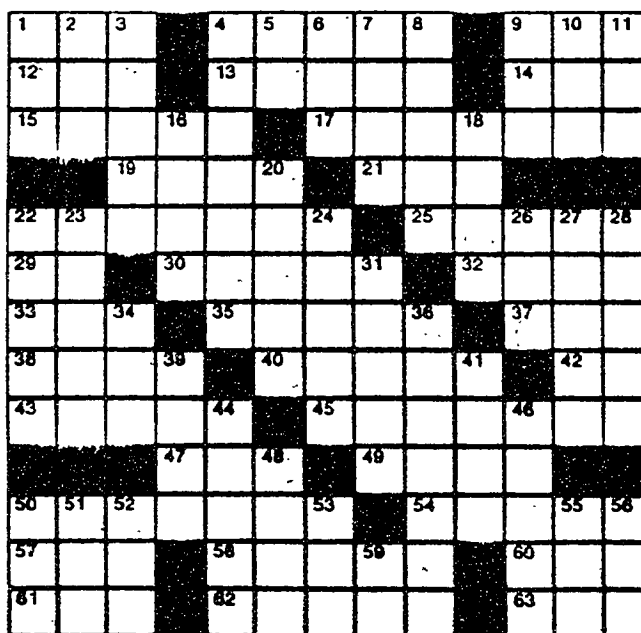
- 43 Enthusiasm
- 45 Formal discourse
- 47 Cleaning instrument
- 49 Feeble
- 50 More precipitous
- 54 Tentative outline
- 57 Organ of hearing
- 58 Omit from pronunciation
- 60 Seed
- 61 Veneration
- 62 Remained upright
- 63 The self

DOWN

- 1 Idle chatter
- 2 Beverage
- 3 Muscular contraction
- 4 Suffers patiently

- 5 Behold!
- 6 Southwestern Indian
- 7 Erase: printing
- 8 Revises

- 9 Capuchin monkey
- 10 Scrap of food
- 11 Footlike part
- 16 Irritate
- 18 Tranquil
- 20 Carouse
- 22 Hawaiian greeting
- 23 Roadside restaurant
- 24 Mephistopheles
- 26 Roman bronze
- 27 Bluster
- 28 Look fixedly
- 31 Renovate
- 34 Finish
- 36 Retreated
- 39 Indefinite amount
- 41 Play leading role
- 44 Lassos
- 46 Official decree
- 48 Animal coat
- 50 Ocean
- 51 Game at marbles
- 52 Before
- 53 Spanish for "river"
- 55 Mist
- 56 Couple
- 59 Duplicate: abbr.



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