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DENVER VINYL CHLORIDE SAFETY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thanks for agreeing to be a speaker at this year's meeting of the VCSA at Denver. Attached is the current agenda. A final version of the agenda will be distributed in several weeks. You will find some handy information for reservation purposes.

Please send me a copy of your presentation when you have it available, but at least by September 15, 1991.

Regards,

Tom Morris
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Attachment

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FINAL NOTICE

1991 VCSA CONFERENCE DENVER, COLORADO SEPT 26-27

PLEASE COPY THIS TO OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS IN YOUR COMPANY

Place: Brown Palace Hotel, 321 17th Street, Denver, 80202;
Telephone, 800-321-2599; Fax, 303-293-9204

Airport to Hotel: 6 miles; Airport shuttle stops at hotel every 30 minutes.

Hotel Room: \$110 per night, single and double, plus 11.9% tax; make your own reservation by Sept. 1; rate is good for 2 days before Sept. 26 and two days after Sept 27; this may be extended depending on availability of rooms; if; you cannot give a Credit Card No., send one night's \$ charge to secure your room. REFER TO THE VCSA.

Registration: Between 5-6 pm on Sept. 25 at location posted in the lobby; between 7:00-7:45 am on Sept. 26 just outside the conference room. Estimated \$ charge for the conference will be probably \$60-\$70.

SUBMIT YOUR BUSINESS CARD WHEN YOU REGISTER.

Agenda: On the enclosed tentative agenda, speakers are needed for those subjects where no names are shown. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE by contacting Louis Lacorte, Formosa Plastics Corp'n P.O. box 320, Delaware City, Del. 19706, 302-836-2200. (Lou replaces program Co-Chairman J. Sommermann, who has left Formosa).

Vinyl Institute Meeting: This group may hold a meeting at the Brown Palace on Wed., Sept. 25, separate from the VCSA.

VCSA Officers Meeting: This will be at 2 pm, Sept. 25, at a location to be specified by the Vice Chairman, R. Farr.

1990 Bermuda Minutes: These will be available on registering at the Brown Palace.

R vision of VCSA By-Laws: These will be discussed and, hopefully, revised to be updated from the 1960's.

Regards,

K. Law, VCSA Secretary 1991
Keysor-Century Corporation, 26000 Spring Brook Road
Saugus, Cal., 91350, 805-259-2360

July 25, 1991

(1991 Agenda is on the back)

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
8-8:15 AM	Introduction Etc.	J. Kachtick, Occid.
8-10 AM	"True Confessions" (1) FPC, Tex. \$8 mm EPA FINE/ Corrective Plan (2) VC Recovery, Membrane Tech. (3) Explosions, VC & Polyperoxide	B. Melton, Formosa R. Rose, Goodyear J. Lindelle, Solvay
10-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15-10:40	Clean Air Act Impact Vc/Pvc Ind.	J Ledvina, Vista
10:40-11:05	Voluntary Reductions, Toxic Air Emiss.	J Kachtick, Occid.
11:05-11:30	Fugitive Emiss. Reductions	M Pope, Dow
11:30-12 NOON	Update TCLP/TOC Regul'ns	
LUNCH		
1:15-1:40 PM	Envir. Safety Audits; Regulatory Vs Inhouse	
1:40-2:05 PM	Design/Process Changes & Process Safety/ Hazop Process Reviews	M. M. el, Dow
2:05-2:30 PM	New Osha Stand-On Process Safety & Rules For Hotwork Confined Space, Vessel Entry	H. Waltemate, BFG
2:30-3:00 PM	Contractor Safety	T. Morris, Dow M. Garcia, Dow
3:00-3:15 PM	Break	
3:15-3:30 PM	US Regulatory Update	W. Holbrook, BFG
3:30-3:45 PM	European Regulatory Update	M Bertuzzi, EVC
3:45-4:00 PM	State/Federal Enforcement-U.S.	K. Law, Keysor
4:00 PM	Adjourn	
4:00-5:00 PM	Vinyl Institute Update	M. Scheck, V.I.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
8:00-8:30 AM	Treas. Report, Elect Officers, 1992 Site, Revise Charter, ETC.	Officers
8:30-10 AM	Angiosarcoma Update	J. Drumwright, Vista
10:15-10:40	IGSCC In Stainless Steel VC Vessels	C. Arreola, Dow
10:40-11:05	VC Rupture Disc/Relief Valve Certification	
11:05-11:30	Impact of Tot. Qual. MGMT/ Statistical Process Control on Enviro./Safety Compliance	D Dipiero, GEO-Gulf
11:30-12 NOON	Health Risk From Long Term Exposure To PVC Dust	
12:00-12:45	Responsible Care, Mutual Corp.	J. Coburn, OCCID.
1:00-1:15 PM	Adjourn	

DENVER

(pop. 504,600, metro. area 1,620,900;
alt. to 5,280 ft.)

Climate

From May through September Denver is usually warm and comfortable in the daytime and often cool in the evening. Fall days may be warm or crisp and cool; evenings will usually be on the chilly side. December through March are the coldest months. Snowfall can occur as early as September and as late as May, but March and April average the greatest amounts. In the high country, temperatures are lower and the weather can change abruptly at any time.

Getting Around Street System

All avenues run east-west. Streets generally run north-south except those in the downtown area, where arteries are one-way diagonals with numbered streets running southeast-northwest and named streets, courts and places running south-northeast.

The Valley Freeway (I-25), running southeast to northwest, is the fastest route between the parts of Denver it serves, except during rush hours when it is usually congested.

The main east-west arteries are I-70 in north Denver; Colfax Avenue (US 40), 6th Avenue (US 6) and 8th Avenue in central Denver; Alameda and Evans Avenues in south Denver; Hampden Avenue (US 285) in the southern suburbs; and Bellevue Avenue and Arapahoe Road in the extreme south.

The main north-south highways in Denver are Wadsworth (SR 121), Sheridan (SR 95) and Federal (US 287) Boulevards in the western portion; Broadway from central downtown to the south; Suburbs of Englewood and Littleton; University Boulevard (which becomes Josephine and York Streets, both one way, north of E. 1st Avenue) in the southeast; Colorado Boulevard and Monaco Parkway in the east; Havana Street in the eastern suburb of Aurora; and Chambers Road in the extreme east. Diagonal arteries are I-270, which runs from Stapleton Airport northwest to I-25 and from US 36 to Boulder; I-225, east of I-70, which traverses the southeast suburbs to south I-25; Speer Boulevard, which travels southeast-northwest from University Boulevard to Federal Boulevard; and Leetsdale Drive, which runs southeast from Colorado Boulevard and becomes Parker Road (SR 83) to the extreme southeastern suburbs of Denver.

Broadway, which runs north-south through most of the city, is the dividing line for the east and west designations of all cross-streets. It is one way south from the downtown area to I-25. Adjacent Lincoln

Street is one way north from I-25 to the downtown area. Ellsworth Avenue, running east-west through most of the city, is the dividing line for the north and south designations of all cross-streets.

The speed limit is generally 30 mph in residential districts and 25 mph in business districts. Right turns on red are permitted, unless otherwise posted, as are left turns on red from the extreme left lane of a one-way street into the extreme left lane of another one-way street. Rush hours are 7 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Ramp metering signals help control morning rush-hour traffic on the south portion of I-25 (the Valley Highway) in Denver and the south portion of I-225 in Aurora.

Parking

Parking is in accordance with posted signs. Downtown on-street parking is metered; some streets have a "Tow Away Zone" sign, which lets you know what happens if you overpark; you are also subject to a \$10 fine. Seeking on-street parking is the mark of an optimist; however, commercial garages and lots are plentiful downtown, with rates ranging from \$1.50 to \$3 an hour or \$3.50 to \$7 per day.

Rental Cars

Most of the numerous car rental agencies serving the Denver area have facilities both downtown and at Stapleton Airport; check the Yellow Pages for listings. Avis (398-3725) and Hertz (398-3990) offer discounts to AAA members.

Public Transportation

The Regional Transportation District operates a fleet of city buses in the metropolitan area. Fare from 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. is 75¢; between 9 and 4, 50¢. Express bus fare is \$1.25. For information call 778-6000.

Taxis

Cabs in Denver can be requested by phone or, less commonly, hailed on the street. Major companies are Ritz Cab Co. (294-9199), Yellow Cab Co. (292-1212) and Zone Cab Co. (861-2323).

Taxis are metered, with basic charges of \$1.25-\$2 for the first mile and 80¢-\$1 for each additional mile. There is usually a flat fee of 20¢-40¢ per each additional passenger. The standard tip is 15 percent.

What To See

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL MUSEUM—see Golden.

CHEESMAN PARK, 8th Ave. and Williams St., offers a panorama that on clear days extends 150 miles from Pikes Peak to Longs Peak. The dial and pointers at the Cheesman Memorial help identify the peaks.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF DENVER is at 2121 Crescent Dr., off I-25 just e. of Mile High Stadium. In addition to exhibits such as a grocery store that teaches through participation and role playing, there are such amusements as the Ball Room, where children splash through a sea of 80,000 plastic balls, and the Face Painting Circus Tent, where the use of makeup can transform the child into a favorite character. Daily 10-5, June-Aug.; Tues.-Sun. 10-5, rest of year. Tues. 10-noon for preschoolers (with adult) all year. Admission \$3 weekdays, \$2.50 weekends. Phone 433-7444.

CITY PARK is between 17th and 23rd Aves. and York St. and Colorado Blvd. Gardens, pools,

fountains and monuments adorn what was once a sagebrush flat. Recreational facilities are available, and band concerts are presented in summer.

★ Denver Museum of Natural History is one of the largest natural history museums in the country. Native mammals and birds representing five continents are displayed in detailed dioramas of their natural habitats. Other highlights include fossils and skeletons of prehistoric creatures, an exhibit of the ancient peoples of the Americas and a meteorite display. In the Coors Mineral Hall is one of the largest gold nuggets ever found in Colorado. Gates Planetarium presents star shows and laser light concerts; call for hours and prices. Allow 2 hours minimum. Museum open Wed.-Fri. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. during summer months; daily 9-5, rest of year. Adults \$4; over 65 and ages 4-12, \$2. Phone 322-7009.

★ Denver Zoo emphasizes natural habitat displays. Among the attractions are extensive collections of waterfowl, felines, primates and hoofed animals, an aviary and a children's zoo. Underwater viewing of sea lions is also offered. Allow 1 hour minimum. Daily 10-6. Adults \$4; senior citizens and ages 6-15, \$2. Phone 331-4110. See ad.

CIVIC CENTER is a 3-blk. area bounded by W. Colfax Ave., W. 14th Ave., Broadway and Cherokee Sts. Within it are the public library, art museum, municipal building, Greek Theater and Pioneer Monument.

★ Denver Art Museum is at the s. end of the Civic Center at 100 W. 14th Ave. More than a million specially faceted glass tiles are used in the curved structure. Works from nearly every culture and period in history are displayed in appropriate settings. Textiles, laces, quilts, costumes and changing exhibits are also presented. Free guided tours Tues.-Sat. at 10:30 and 1:30, Sun. at 1:30. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. noon-5; closed holidays. Adults \$3; over 65 and students \$1.50, under 6 free.

★ COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM, 13th and Broadway next to the Civic Center, traces western and Colorado history through collections of artifacts, dioramas and historical documents of the Indians, miners and early pioneers. The museum also houses the Colorado Historical Society (see ad), as well as an extensive research library. Allow 1 hour; 30 minutes minimum. Museum open Mon.-Sat. 10-4:30, Sun. noon-4:30; closed Thanksgiving and Dec. 25. The library is open Tues.-Sat. 10-4:30. Adults \$2.50; over 65 and ages 6-16, \$1. Two-for-one discount. Library free. Phone 866-3682.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM—see Golden.

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES GEOLOGY MUSEUM—see Golden.

DENVER ARTS CENTER occupies 4 blks. at Curtis and 14th Sts. Five contemporary buildings house various theatrical, musical and cultural presentations sponsored by the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. The Auditorium Theatre presents Broadway plays; phone 573-7151. The Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex, 2 miles away at E. Colfax Avenue and N. Elizabeth Street, mounts productions by the Denver Center Theatre Company; the only resident professional theater company in the Rocky Mountain region, Sept.-June; phone 573-7151. The Denver Center Cinema shows classic and contemporary films; phone 892-0987. The Boettcher Concert Hall frequently presents the Denver Symphony Orchestra and Opera Colorado. Large movable disks suspended from the ceiling permit adjustment of the acoustics for each presentation. For information on current shows phone 893-DCPA.

Discount.

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS, 1005 York St., cover 22 acres between Cheesman and Congress Parks. Water, rock, herb, Japanese and xeriscape gardens are displayed. The domed Boettcher Memorial Conservatory contains more than 800 tropical and subtropical plants. Allow 1 hour minimum. Daily 9-4:45; closed Jan. 1 and Dec. 25. Adults \$4; over 65, \$2; ages 6-15, \$2; admission \$3 Oct. 1-Apr. 30. Phone 331-4010 or 331-4000.

ELITCH GARDENS, 38th Ave. and Tennyson St., opened as a zoological and botanical garden in 1890 and has evolved into a major amusement park with a summer theater and picnic grounds. Amusement highlights are the Twister roller coaster; the Splinter, a log flume ride; the Sea Dragon, a Viking ship that swings like a pendulum; and the Miniature Madness playground. Sun.-Thurs. 10-9, Fri.-Sat. 10-10, mid-June to last week of Aug.; Fri. 5-11, Sat. 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 10-10, late May to mid-June; Mon.-Fri. 5-10, last week of Aug.; Labor Day weekend 10-10. Admission into park \$4.25. Adult unlimited ride pass \$10.50, children under 52 inches \$8.50, Sat.-Sun. \$7.95. Phone 455-4771.

FORNEY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, 1416 Platte St., displays antique cars, carriages, cycles, steam engines, airplanes and costumed wax figures. Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-5:30, in summer; Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-5, rest of year. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Dec. 25. Adults \$4; over age 62, \$3.50; ages 12-18, \$2; ages 5-11, \$1. Discount, except on senior citizen rate. Phone 433-3643 for more information.

FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK, a 12-acre tract at 715 S. Forest St. in s.e. Denver, is the site of the oldest house in Denver. Built of hand-hewn pine logs in 1859 by the Brantner brothers, the house was named for its location 4 miles from the intersection of Broadway and Colfax—the city limits at the time. In 1860 it was sold to Mary Cawker, who ran it as a way station and hostel. Shortly after the flood of May 1864 shifted the course of Cherry Creek a quarter mile away, Cawker sold the house and her enterprises to Levi and Millie Booth. The

Booths operated one room as a tavern for travelers; with their addition of a brick structure in 1883, the house became a good example of rural Victorian architecture.

Restored to the times when it served as a stock ranch and stage stop, Four Mile House is furnished with antiques and artifacts of the 1859-83 period. Construction of other outbuildings is under way. Guided tours on the hour Tues.-Sun. 11-5; last tour leaves at 4. Adults \$3; over 65, \$1.50; ages 6-15, 75c. Phone 399-1859.

GRANT HUMPHREYS MANSION, 770 Pennsylvania St., is noted for its architecture and for its association with two persons who figured prominently in the history of Colorado. James Benton Grant, who later became Governor of the state, arrived in Denver in 1882, when his uncle's smelting company moved here from Leadville. The Grant family commissioned two architects to design a home for them on Quality Hill, one of Denver's most fashionable neighborhoods at the time.

The mansion, completed in 1903, mixes various building styles in grandiose proportions, with detailed stone finishes, balustraded porches and a projecting facade supported by 20-foot columns. When Grant died, Albert E. Humphreys bought the house. Humphreys, who amassed a fortune from various mining ventures, made many changes, including the addition of a massive garage to hold his 10 automobiles. The 2½ acres that surround the house are now a city park. Tours Tues.-Fri. 10-2. Adults \$2; over 65 and ages 6-16, \$1. Two-for-one discount. Phone 866-3507.

HERITAGE SQUARE—see Golden.

LITTLETON HISTORICAL MUSEUM—see Littleton.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARK and **Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum**—see Golden.

MIZEL MUSEUM OF JUDAICA, 560 S. Monaco Pkwy. (in the Beth Medrosh Hagadol Synagogue), contains changing exhibits on international and local Jewish and interfaith themes. Tours, lectures and films are offered. Allow 30 minutes minimum. Mon.-Thurs. 10-4, Sun. 10-noon. Free. Phone 333-4156.

MOLLY BROWN HOUSE MUSEUM, 2 blks. s. of US 40 at 1340 Pennsylvania St., was the home of a survivor of the *Titanic* who was later immortalized in the musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." Built in 1889, it has been restored to its original Victorian decor. Guided tours Mon.-Sat. 10-4, Sun. noon-4, June-Aug.; Tues.-Sat. 10-4, Sun. noon-4, May and Sept.; Tues.-Sat. 10-3, Sun. noon-3, rest of year. Adults \$3; over 65, \$2; ages 6-18, \$1. Two-for-one discount, adults only. Phone 832-4092.

MOTHER CABRINI SHRINE—see Golden.

MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK, E. 3rd Ave. and Belaire St., has a Chinese sundial and a profile of the Continental Divide in terrazzo.

MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART, 1727 Tremont Pl., is in the historic Old Navarre Building. Three lev-

els of galleries trace the history of western American art and include works by Bierstadt, Moran, Farny, Russell, Remington, Blumenschein and O'Keeffe. The museum also presents changing exhibits. Tues.-Sat. 10-4:30; closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Dec. 25. Adults \$3; over 65 and ages 6-15, \$1.50. Discount. Phone 296-1880.

PEARCE-MCALLISTER COTTAGE/DENVER MUSEUM OF MINIATURES, DOLLS AND TOYS, 1880 Gaylord, was built in 1899 by Harold Pearce, the manager of the Argo Smelter in Denver. He designed the home in Dutch colonial revival style to suit his wife's desire for "a perfect Colonial cottage such as one sees in the older districts of the Eastern States of America." Henry McAllister, Jr., a prominent lawyer, later owned the house and altered the Victorian interior decor to colonial revival style. It now houses the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys. Wed.-Sat. 10-4; Sun. 1-4. Closed major holidays. Adults \$2.50; over 65 and ages 6-16, \$2; under 6, \$1.50. Phone 322-3704 for more information.

PIONEER MUSEUM—see Golden.

★STATE CAPITOL, between E. 14th and E. Colfax Aves., faces Broadway. It is a massive, Corinthian-style structure of Colorado granite. The dome, which has been veneered with pure gold leaf three times since the building was completed in 1907, offers a magnificent vista of snow-covered peaks. The wainscot and pillar facings of the interior are of Colorado onyx. It is the elevation at the 13th step of the west entrance—5,280 feet—that accounts for Denver's nickname, Mile High City. The State Capitol Annex and the State Office Building on opposite sides of the capitol are built of Colorado Yule marble. Open daily; tours hourly Mon.-Fri. 9-3. Free. 866-2604.

TRIANON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, 335 14th St., displays oriental and 18th-century French furniture, paintings, bronzes and a collection of antique guns. Tours Mon.-Sat. 10-4. Admission \$1, under 12 free. Phone 623-0739.

★U.S. MINT, 300 blk. of W. Colfax Ave., offers guided tours and displays, including a gold bar exhibit. Allow 30 minutes minimum. No photographs. Mon.-Fri. 8-3, Wed. 10-3. Free. Phone 844-3582.

WASHINGTON PARK, extending along Downing St., has tennis courts, a swimming pool, scenic drives, flower gardens and two lakes. Daily 24 hours. Free.

What To Do Sightseeing

With aspects both Victorian and modern, Denver and environs offer much to explore. Information on possible sightseeing itineraries can be obtained at the Denver Visitors Bureau and from Rocky Mountain Motorists, AAA.

Bus, Limousine, Carriage or Train Tours

HISTORIC DENVER TOURS provide a 2-hour look at Denver's historic areas, including "Million-

aires' Row," Capitol Hill mansions, lower downtown and 16th Street Mall, either on foot or by van. Guides discuss the architecture and history of the Victorian homes and the historic downtown area. Discount. Walking tour \$7, van tour \$12. For reservations, times and departure points write Historic Denver Tours, Market Center, 1330 17th St., Denver, CO 80202, or phone 534-1858.

Driving Tours

DENVER MOUNTAIN PARK CIRCLE DRIVE links a number of parks in the Denver area. From US 6 west of I-70, it passes Golden and follows the Lariat Trail up Lookout Mountain (see Golden), then continues south along mountaintops past 8,270-foot Genesee Peak to Fillius and Bergen Parks via SR 74. After descending to Evergreen, it enters Bear Creek Canyon leading east to Red Rocks Park. From the town of Morrison the route leads north back to US 6 and Denver.

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Where To Dine

When a lonely harmonica still provided an evening's entertainment in Denver, the Rocky Mountain cowboy seasoned his meat with gunpowder. But in the urban Denver of today diners select from a mile-high list of many and varied restaurants offering both international and Continental flavors.

The entrees vary as greatly as the dining atmospheres, but Colorado's own beefy flavor is most often remembered. At the Trail Dust Steakhouse, quality steaks are broiled over an open-pit mesquite-wood grill. White Fence Farm, specializing in home-fried chicken and baked goods, provides family-style dining in a secluded colonial estate. El Rancho, in the Rockies 18 miles west of Denver, combines fine dining with panoramic mountain views.

The Buckhorn Exchange has the distinction of being one of Denver's first restaurants, attested to by its proud possession of Colorado Liquor License No. 1. The murals on the outside of the building were painted by Indians in exchange for meals. The many animal trophies on the wall prepare visitors for such specialties of the house as elk and buffalo. Also catering to the nostalgic western crowd is the Lazy B Chuckwagon at Heritage Square west of Denver.

The "Wall Street of the West" presents the Downtown Broker, where guests dine in the converted vault and board room of a former bank. Diners are served in cozy corners that once provided privacy to clients as they inspected their sale-deposit boxes. At the Palace Arms in the Brown Palace, Rocky Mountain trout meuniere and western steak sauce Français blend the flavor of France with that of the Rocky Mountain West. Also in the downtown area are the award-winning Quorum, known for its European service and cuisine; T. Michael's Le Profil, Denver's first French restaurant boasting authentic Gallic decor; and the Old Spaghetti Factory, colorfully decorated with 20th-century artifacts and souvenirs in the historic Tramway cable building.

The cuisine of many nations is represented in Denver dining circles. Escalopes de veau Marie Antoinette and coq au Beaujolais are among the specialties at the Normandy French Restaurant; Tante Louise combines an intimate French countryside atmosphere with a French gourmet menu to match; and American tastes are catered to at the Apple Tree Shanty, a bright-red cottage that has been serving dinners barbecued over apple- and hickory-wood fires for about 30 years. The singular 110-seat Casa Bonita, a south-of-the-border village, accompanies its tasty Mexican food with a 30-foot wall and appearances by cliff divers, gunfighters, magicians, dancers, mariachis and puppeteers.

Some menus may list less common regional specialties, such as buffalo steak or—really—

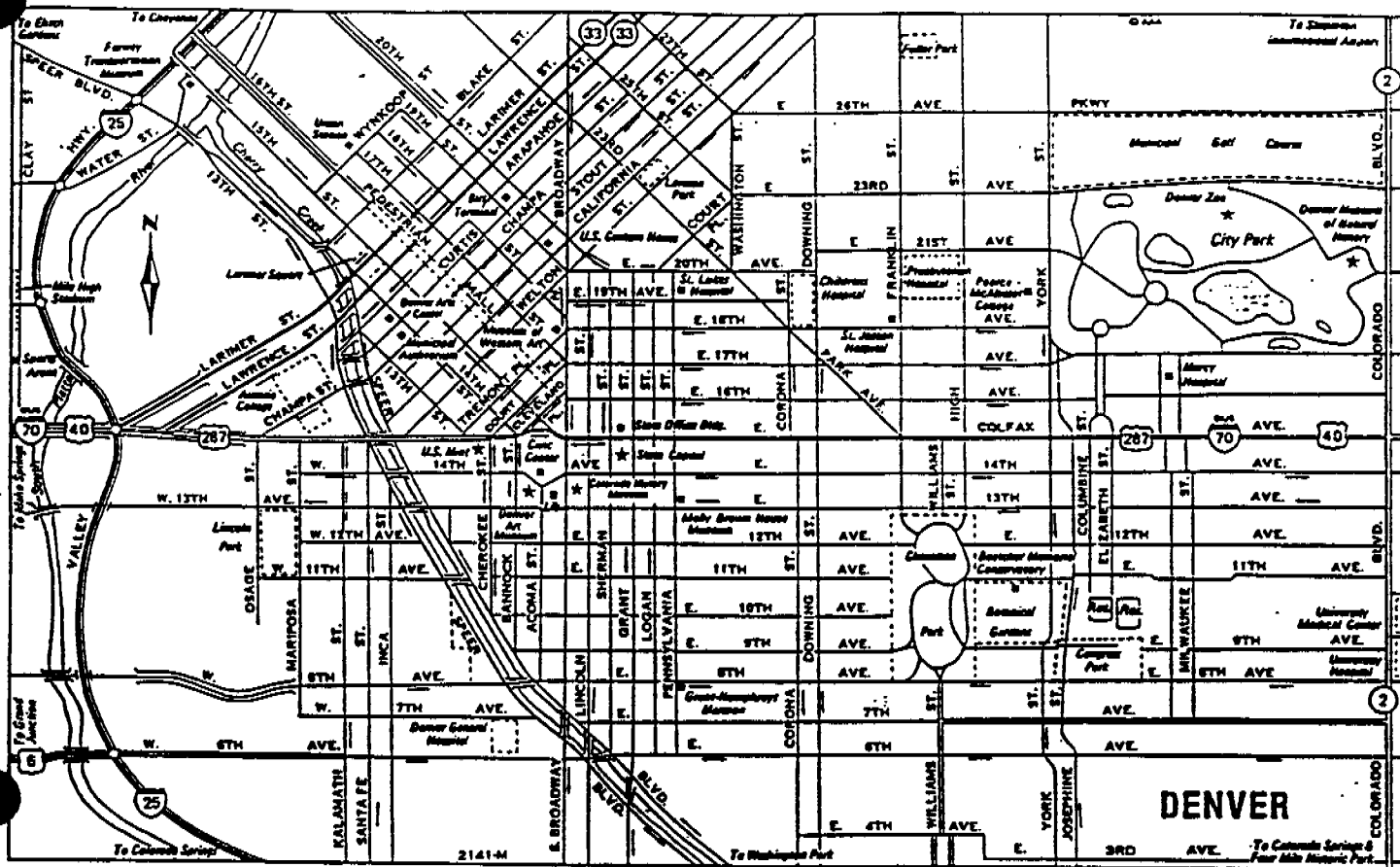
Rocky Mountain oysters. Far from being seafood, these morsels are considered to be delectable tidbits by those who do not identify too closely with their origin.

Prices in the Denver area are generally reasonable. At a fine restaurant two persons can eat for \$40 to \$75. Reservations are recommended for weekends and for all times at the more popular spots; call ahead to avoid disappointment.

Nightlife

Nightclubs, lounges, discotheques and restaurants with and without entertainment can be found in all parts of the city and suburbs. They are especially plentiful downtown and in the suburb of Glendale. Denverites dance at Confetti, Lilly's, Bobby McGee's and O'Reilly's. Country and western nightspots are abundant: The Wild Wild West and The Urban Cowboy are both popular. Specializing in the rock music of the 1950's and 60's are Packard's and Studebaker's. Downtown Rock Island is visited by many. Reservations are advised at many establishments on weekends. For more information see the entertainment sections of the major newspapers. Clubs, restaurants and theaters also are listed in the Yellow Pages.

DENVER



Approaches

By Car

The main access to Denver from either the east or west is via I-70 and US 40/287; from the north I-25 (US 87); from the south I-25 (US 87) and US 85 (all three are the same highway in Denver: the Valley Freeway); from the northeast by I-76. Other major freeways are 6th Avenue (US 6) in west-central Denver, I-470 south and west of Denver, I-270 northeast of Denver and I-225 connecting I-70 in the east with I-25 south of the city.

By Plane, Bus and Train

Stapleton International Airport in northeastern Denver is served by 15 major airlines and several secondary carriers. Taxi service is available from the airport to the downtown area for about \$7-\$9 each way. An airport limousine makes the same trip, stopping at major hotels, for \$5 per person. The trip takes about 20-40 minutes.

Denver's bus terminal complex at 19th and Arapahoe Streets houses Greyhound (623-6111), Trailways (534-2291) and Gray Line Sightseeing and Charter Bus Service (825-8201), as well as the Regional Transportation District's Denver-Broomfield-Boulder Bus Service (778-6000). Union Station, 17th and Wynkoop Streets (534-2812), serves the major rail lines.

Visitor Information

The Denver Visitors Bureau, 225 W. Colfax St., is open Mon.-Fri. 8-5, Sat.-Sun. 9-5, June-Aug.; Mon.-Fri. 8-5, Sat. 1-5, rest of year. Phone 892-1112.

Emergencies

Dial 911 for coordinated help. The following numbers are provided for reference: Fire, 321-2332; Ambulance and Hospital Service, 893-7222; Poison Control Center, 629-1123; Doctor/Dentist Referral, 690-4637; Legal Referral, 831-8000; Travelers' Aid (social services) at 17th Ave. and Grant St., 832-8194, and at Stapleton Airport, 398-3874; Road Condition Information, 639-1111 and 639-1234; AAA Emergency Road Service, 753-8888.

DENVER

Gathering luster with each telling, the story of the gold found in the sands of Cherry Creek in 1858 swept eastward and was met with an enthusiasm made all the greater for having been seriously dampened by the nationwide financial panic the year before. "Pikes Peak or Bust" became the rallying cry of the hopeful hordes beating their way to what was touted as the new Eldorado. Within a few months the slogan turned to bitter invective over the Pikes Peak Hoax. Instead of the \$6 to \$10 that the press so expansively promised, a day's panning yielded about 25c. The prosperity of the hamlets at the site, Auraria and Denver City, was seen to be based on speculation and over-priced goods, not gold. The new theme became "Let's go back home." Many did.

Some of the go-backs who left in the spring of 1859 didn't get far before they were overtaken by the tale of the fantastic strike on Clear Creek. Hope rekindled, they turned on their heels and rejoined the rush. This time it was true. Into Denver City and Auraria, which during the intervening winter had bolstered their sluggish commerce with gambling and assorted pleasures-for-profit, was pouring the first torrent of wealth from the mines at Central City. Thus was Denver born.

Early Denver—Auraria and Denver City consolidated in 1860—rode the same wild economic roller coaster as the rest of the region. Its peaks and valleys were accentuated by politics and the fact that it constantly lost population to the bonanza towns. While Central City numbered nearly 15,000, Denver counted barely 5,000. Nonetheless, it became capital of the new Colorado Territory in 1861.

Denver survived the usual frontier disasters of fire and flood, always rebuilding a little better than before. But not until it was linked to the rest of the country by rail did the struggling community really begin to grow. With efficient transportation, business and trade blossomed; by 1890 the population reached 106,000. Gold, then silver, created millionaires whose high society, ostentatious mansions, opera houses and philanthropies attained world renown. Although the collapse of the silver market in 1893 plunged Denver into bankruptcy, it was short lived: The discovery of gold at Cripple Creek the next year quickly revived the city's sagging economy. The basically solid foundation of finance and government took hold—and has held firmly ever since.

A patch of emerald between the vast dun prairie and the forest-green foothills of the Rockies, today's Denver bears little resemblance to the brawling, dusty village of yesteryear. Glass and steel towers give the city a serrated profile as dramatic in its way as the magnificent mountain skyline on the west. Bold contemporary structures adjoin elaborately embellished Victorian houses in a lively urban blend. This is apt, for the character of Denver is just such a combination of eastern cosmopolitanism and western pioneer spirit.

A prime example of the urge to preserve the best of both is Larimer Square (1400 Larimer St.), a revitalized downtown area that reproduces the Denver of the 1880's, complete with flea market, handicraft shops, art galleries, flower stalls and restaurants. Nearby Sakura Square (18th and Lawrence Streets) serves as a center for Japanese culture in this distinctly multinational metropolis. Hispanic contributions are seen everywhere; many signs are bilingual.

Theater and Concerts

Music and theater are important elements of life in Denver. During the main concert season from October through May, the Denver Symphony performs approximately biweekly in the lovely Boettcher Concert Hall in the Denver Arts Center. Free band concerts are held in various city parks during July and August. A little farther out near Morrison, the striking natural amphitheater in Park of the Red Rocks offers a summer concert series. Graduation and Easter sunrise services are also held here. Farther yet, the famous mining town of Central City (see description) attracts countless visitors to its Opera Festival each July and August.

Theatrical productions take place throughout the year at the three theaters of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts; the Bonfils features Broadway productions by the Civic Theatre Group. The annual Shakespeare Festival is presented in July or August by the Colorado University Theatre in Boulder.

If you prefer drama or comedy while dining, try a dinner theater. The Heritage Square Opera House in nearby Golden presents melodramas and other entertainment of the vaudeville era. The Turn of the Century features top-name comedians and musicians. Country Dinner Playhouse in the southeast metropolitan area presents the "Barnstormers" musical revue before its main feature.

Sports and Recreation

All-year recreational opportunities are almost unlimited in the Denver area. For the participant, swimming, boating, golf, tennis, riding, climbing, fishing and hunting are available. Famous for its winter sports facilities, Denver offers winter fun either in the city or just a few minutes away; the closest ski area is within 25 miles.

Should you prefer the role of spectator, you can attend the popular dog races held at the Mile High Kennel Club. At Denver's Mile High Stadium, baseball fans can watch the Denver Zephyrs battle American Association foes during the summer. In the fall football fans can watch the Broncos clash with National Football League opponents. Between football and baseball seasons, McNichols Arena plays host to the National Basketball Association Nuggets. The Universities of Colorado and Denver and other schools also field teams in various sports. Auto racing enthusiasts frequent Lakeside Speedway.

Where To Shop

Shopping in the downtown area centers on the 16th Street Mall, which extends from Cleveland Place to Arapahoe Street and along the side streets in between. The mall comprises large department stores, art galleries, gift shops, boutiques and varied specialty shops. Some of the major stores in the downtown district are May-D & F, 16th and Tremont; Joslins, 16th and Curtis; and Neusteter's, 720 16th.

Larimer Square, in the 1400 block of Larimer Street, is a revitalized area central to Denver's history. Restored buildings of Civil War vintage offer entertainment, dining and shopping.

Denver has more than 90 suburban shopping centers; most are open 10-9. Among the largest and most varied are Aurora Mall, I-225 and Alameda Avenue; Buckingham Square Center, Havana Street and Mississippi Avenue in Aurora; Cinderella City, 701 Hampden Ave. in Englewood; Villa Italia, W. Alameda Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard in west Denver; Northglenn Mall, 104th Avenue and Valley Highway N.; University Hills, 2890 S. Colorado Blvd. in

Especially for Children

Many interesting diversions await youngsters in Denver. Among these is City Park, which contains the Denver Zoo, Gates Planetarium and the Denver Museum of Natural History. Elitch Gardens, Lakeside Amusement Park and the Children's Museum are all children's favorites. A few minutes' drive from the city is the grave of William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill (see Golden), atop Lookout Mountain.

Babysitting services are listed in the telephone directory. Some hotels can also arrange for child supervision.

Special Events

The National Western Stock Show and Rodeo held at the Stockyards and the Coliseum in early January heads Denver's roster of annual events. The Easter Sunrise Service draws thousands to the Red Rocks Natural Amphitheater each spring. During the summer two of the area's major cultural events occur: the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, held from mid-July to mid-August in Boulder, and the Festival of Mountain and Plain, which takes place in Denver Labor Day weekend. The city celebrates Oktoberfest during the last two weekends of September and the first weekend of October in Larimer Square.

The city is more than a great manufacturing, distribution and transportation center. It is on the energy frontier as well; here are the headquarters for many young companies researching and developing the known reserves of fossil fuel, as well as future alternative energy sources. Over it all gleams the 20th-century gold: tourism.

As cosmopolitan as the city itself is the array of cultural, educational and recreational opportunities available. Art museums and excellent musical and theatrical productions are a part of the everyday scene. Professional sports, particularly football, are avidly followed. Among the educational institutions are a branch of the University of Colorado, Metropolitan State College, Loretto Heights College, the University of Denver and several theological schools.

Denver has a system of mountain parks of a scope and character that is unique in the country. Within 72 square miles, there are 49 municipally owned mountain areas covering about 25,000 acres in the foothills of the Rockies. Connected by 100 miles of modern highways, the chain of mountains extends for 50 miles westward to Summit Lake and about 20 miles southward; the nearest is 13 miles from the city. A popular loop trip links several of these parks (see *What To Do, Sightseeing*).