

AS I SEE IT



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One of the best things you can say about summer television is that it is fortuitous it coincides with long days and most of us forget to switch it on.

We did catch part of an act of the CBS summer replacement program starring somebody named Kelly Monteith and found the young comic's routine earnest but painful. His guest that evening, George Gobel, did little to help the young man.

By the time this is in print, the 18-hour marathons on CBS and NBC celebrating July 4 will be over. But at the moment, I am anticipating them with something akin to fervor. It is not so much for the contents, although the schedules set by both promise a great deal: lighting up the sky above the Statue of Liberty with 3,700 rounds of firework shells; Operation Sail 1976, in which 225 ships from 30 nations will parade from New York Harbor north to the far tip of Manhattan Island. Rather, I am looking forward to this celebration because of the feeling that with everybody looking at the same thing on TV the nation is united in a way only possible through the miracle of electronics.

I first experienced that unity on the tragic occasion of President Kennedy's assassination. There is something of the same sort experienced during the national political conventions. It seems entirely fitting that in this space age

Women's Clergy Conference Set

An Ecumenical Women's Clergy Conference tomorrow will include speeches, panel presentations, and discussion on women in ministry. Featured speaker will be Michele Daviau, a recent graduate of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminaries. Panelists will be the Rev. Virginia Mackey, director of the Rochester Judicial Process Commission; the Rev. Florence Hedwall, associate pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Aurelia Hale, Doctor of Ministry candidate; and Sister Elizabeth Hughes, RSM, consultant for Adult Education Teacher Training.

The conference will be in the Colgate auditorium, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Further information may be obtained from Rev. Marilyle Sweet, Page, 473-2977; Diane Blum, 288-6176, or the Rev. Rosie Hoover, 428-9931.

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we are brought together for at least a portion of the country's 200th birthday by the tube.

Speaking as we were at the top of this column about summer replacement programs, one of the things we'd love to see is a regular half-hour show devoted to good nutrition, either on public television or sponsored on commercial television by any one of several responsible food industries. With so much interest currently being shown about nutrition labeling on all edible products, it would seem a natural. Cooking shows have always been popular on TV; just as cookbooks are the number one seller in bookstores. The consumer service such a program would offer would be of inestimable value; not only in teaching people what to eat and how to select and buy it without falling prey to manufacturer's deliberate obfuscation, but also it would force the food processors to compete with each other to produce labels that are complete and clear.

Nutrition, of course, is but one aspect of the food picture. NBC will take a look at the chemical additives that go into our food either directly or indirectly and discuss the long range effects they may have on human health. Look for it Sept. 8.

Pro-Lifers to Rally As Democrats Convene

New York (RNS) — A "pro-life" demonstration protesting the Democratic Party's "failure" to adopt an anti-abortion stance in its platform, will be held outside the site of the Democratic National Convention here.

Ellen McCormack, a Democrat and an anti-abortion Presidential candidate, will be grand marshal of a march from Central Park to Madison Square Garden on Sunday, July 11, the day before the convention opens to adopt a platform and nominate a candidate for President.

An ecumenical prayer service will be held at noon in Central Park's Sheep Meadow. Following political addresses at 1 p.m., the demonstrators will march to Madison Square Garden and form a "circle of life" around the arena from 3 to 4 p.m.

According to John Short, chairman of the Pro-Life Legal Action Committee/Long Island Coalition for Life who is a major organizer of the rally, the demonstration will seek to dramatize disapproval of the Democratic Party's platform plank on abortion, which states: "We fully recognize the religious and ethical nature of the concern which many Americans have on the subject of abortion. We feel, however, that it is undesirable to attempt to amend the U.S. Constitution to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court decision in this area."

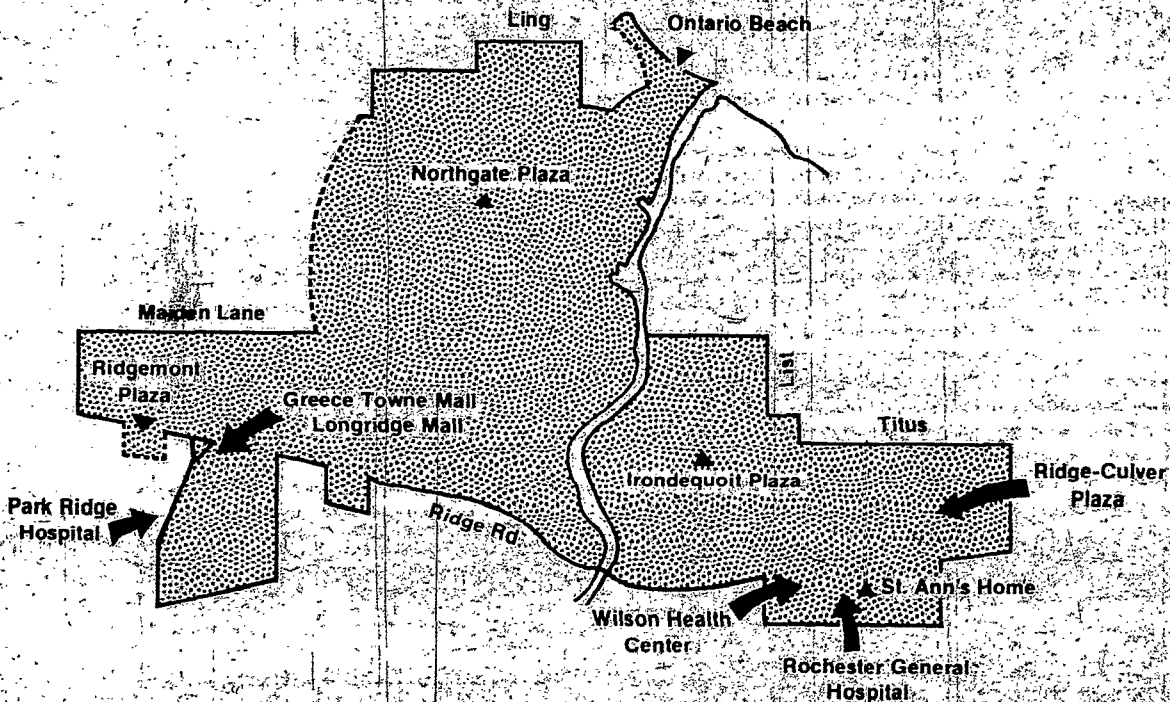
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