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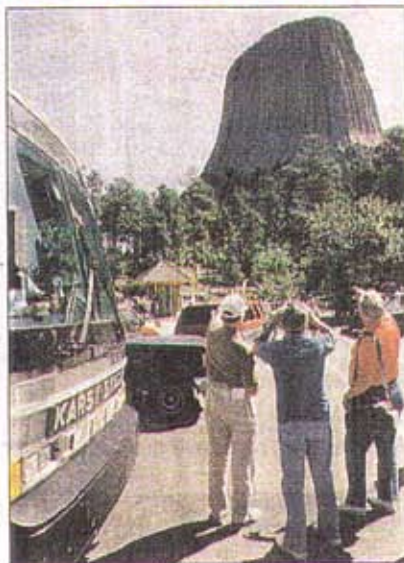
Life

on vacation

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UPSCALE MOTORCOACHES

Sophisticated baby boomers are joining the crowds taking motorcoach tours to active getaways and die-hard favorite destinations.



By Steve Bly, National Tour Association
Traveling by bus: Tour group at Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming

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TODAY'S TRUCK STOP



By Guy Jacobs, AP
Touch of class: Tobias Kraft is the head chef at Giant Travel Center in Jamestown, N.M., where he adds flair to the fare.



The USA's top dining stops

If you're headed across Kansas this summer, don't miss the Beto Junction Travel Plaza.

In a recent survey of several hundred truck drivers sponsored by Vivarin, the plaza's Country Pride Restaurant (exit 155 off I-35 in Lebo) was voted "America's best truck stop diner" for the "fantastic Friday seafood buffet."

Other survey notables:

► **Derrick 76 Truck Stop**, exit 71 off I-85, Salisbury, N.C. This diner was the survey's highest vote-getter, thanks to "best waitress" Marsha Locklear. It also earned a runner-up award for "best overall food."

► **Ranch Hand Truck Stop**, 2 miles north of Montpelier, Idaho, on U.S. Route 30. Winner of the "best breakfast" award for

its "mountain of hash browns" and "famous pancakes," it's "a good place to get snowed in for a few days."

► **Dixie Truckers Home**, exit 145 off I-55, McLean, Ill. "A bustling truck stop with an old U.S. 66 museum in the middle of the Illinois prairie."

► **Green Shingle Service & Restaurant**, exit 5 off I-90, Fairview/Erie, Pa. The Green Shingle has a devoted following, thanks to its "outstanding homemade food" such as the "omelets which take 20 minutes to make, but are well worth it."

For a copy of the *Guide to America's Best Truck Stop Diners*, send \$3.50 to Vivarin Guide, c/o GCI Group, 777 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Don't call them greasy spoons — call them travel plazas. Truck stops are reaching out to more than truckers with everything from fine food to hotel-quality bathrooms.

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