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America's Bicentennial year has left a concrete—in both senses of the word—legacy. According to the United States Travel Service, which recently compiled a list of projects completed in 1976, there are at least 28 new major tourist attractions in the country, ranging from the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., to restored ghost towns and newly built sports complexes.

New museums include the Living History Center, the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum and the New Year's Shooters and Mummies Museum, all in Philadelphia; Cooper-Hewitt, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Design in New York, and the Museum of Westward Expansion in St. Louis. The restored ghost towns: Ashcroft, a silver-mining town in Aspen, Colo.; Deadwood, a former Black Hills gold-mining community in South Dakota, and Gladys City, a one-time oil boomtown in Beaumont, Tex. The sports complexes: the Louisiana Superdome, the world's largest covered stadium, in New Orleans; the Kingdome, a covered stadium in Seattle; the Pontiac Stadium, which claims to be the world's largest air-supported sports dome, in Pontiac, Mich., and Giants Stadium and the Meadowlands Racetrack, which boasts an acclimatized glass-enclosed grandstand, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Some other attractions:

Fort Stanwix in Rome, N.Y.—costumed National Park Service rangers portray Revolutionary War soldiers practicing musketry and drilling to fifes and drums. Bent's Old Fort in La Junta, Colo.—rangers in period costume man a restored trading post and portray fur trappers, storekeepers and blacksmiths. Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, S.C.—visitors can explore the fort's batteries, barracks, powder magazine and succession of foundations. Kahuku Sugar Mill on Oahu, 35 miles from Honolulu—the sugar-making process explained. Japanese Gardens in St. Louis—visitors see an authentic teahouse and stone lantern, both gifts from Japan. The National Visitors Center in restored Union Station, Washington, D.C.—information

on what to do and see in the nation's capital available to travelers.

POCONOS THEME PARK

The first amusement park in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania is scheduled to open toward the end of next month. The Magic Valley will have a turn-of-the-century theme, a restaurant, a gift shop, craft shops and a petting zoo as well as an arcade and shooting gallery, a games building, thrill rides and a gazebo where groups like Dixieland bands and barbershop quarters will perform. The park is situated on 400 acres at the foot of Winona Five Falls, between East Stroudsburg and Bushkill off U.S. 209. Entry fees are to be \$3.75 for adults, \$2.75 for children aged 4 to 11 years. The single price includes all rides, craft plete figures are available, travelers the waterfalls.

THE TRAVELER'S DOLLAR

California receives more of the traveler's money than any other state, according to a report by the United States Travel Data Center. In 1975, the most recent year for which complete figures are available, travelers spent \$9.5 billion in the Golden State. In second place was Florida, which earned \$7.2 billion from tourism, and in third place was Texas with tourist earnings of \$5.3 billion. Receiving the fewest travel dollars was Rhode Island (\$53 million). The total spent by travelers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in 1975 was \$89.7 billion. The money went for travel consisting of at least one night away from home or a day trip to a spot 100 miles or more from home.

COLORADO AUCTION

Trips to San Francisco, Cape Cod, Mass., Las Vegas, Nev., Aspen, Keystone, Granby and Grant, Colo., and dude ranches in Texas as well as a ride in a hot-air balloon will be placed on the auction block at a gala party sponsored by the Georgetown Society at the restored Hamill House in Georgetown, Colo., starting at 2 P.M.

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on July 16. Also to be auctioned are the services of two concert artists, violinist Eugene Fodor and guitarist Carlos Barbosa-Lima. Proceeds from admissions to the gala (\$20 a person, \$35 a couple) and the auction will be used by the society to continue restoration projects in the former mining village. The gala will begin with a wine-tasting party and will include a dinner of roast suckling pig, goat and beef and a lawn dance. The high bidders for the guitarist and the violinist will be entitled to bring guests to concerts scheduled at the house at 2 P.M. July 30 by Barbosa-Lima and at 6 P.M. Aug. 27 by Fodor and to dine with the performers after the concerts. Attendance at the gala/auction is limited to 400 people. Reservations may be made before July 10 by contacting the Georgetown Society, P.O. Box 657, Georgetown, Colo. 80444 (tel: 303-569-2840).

GOLDEN YOUTH FARE

A new airline fare category, golden youth, has been introduced by International Air Bahama, applicable to passengers 55 years of age and over. For flights from Nassau to Luxembourg from June 1 to Sept. 14, the one-way fare is \$410; the rest of the year the rate is \$380:

On Icelandic Airlines, a companion carrier of International Air Bahama, the ordinary youth fare has been extended to age 25. For one-way flights from New York to Luxembourg, the youth fare is \$410 through June 14, \$460 from June 15 to Sept. 14.

STEAM-TRAIN EXCURSIONS

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company is operating a number of steam-train runs through 10 states from now through October. The one-day trips will originate at the following points in the Chessie System: Pittsburgh-Cleveland (June); Detroit-Grand Rapids-Chicago (July); Cincinnati-Huntington, W. Va. (August); Richmond, Va. (September) and Baltimore-Washington (October).

The Chessie steam runs commemorate the sesquicentennial of the founding in 1827 of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the nation's first railroad and now part of the C. & O. An 18-car train is pulled by Locomotive 2101, the steamer that pulled the Bicentennial Freedom Train through the Eastern states last year. The 18-car train consists of open-window coaches, air-conditioned coaches, a first-class parlor car, an observation car and a snack and concession car.

Fares for each of the eight- to 10-hour excursions are \$20 for adults and \$18 for children. Additional information on fares and schedules can be obtained from the Chessie Steam Special, Dept. C-J, 2 North Charles Street, Baltimore 21201.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

Hotel rooms in Las Vegas in December are expected to be unusually scarce this year due to the scheduling of the first World Amateur Backgammon Championship from Dec. 18 to 23. Ordinarily December is a slack period

in the Nevada gambling capital, but recent reports place advance reservations for the tournament at 9,350 rooms.

FOOD FOR RAIL FANS

Travelers with an appetite for the golden days of railroading may not be able to satisfy their longing for "dinner in the diner" of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo but when they are in Savannah, Ga., they can absorb some railroad nostalgia at the newly opened Nancy Hanks Restaurant in the John Wesley Hotel. Operated by Tom Kelly, former manager and vice president of Savannah's Pirates' House, the restaurant is named for a 19th-century passenger train that ran between the Georgia port city and Atlanta. The decor is keyed to railroading with restored waiting room benches and a mail wagon that serves as an all-you-can-eat salad bar. The walls are paneled in slats from two abandoned train stations, and waitresses wear conductor's hats. The restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch seven days a week and for dinner every night but Sunday and Monday. Dinner entrees start with skirt steak (called hobo steak) on french bread for \$4.95 and range as high as \$7.50 for steak au poivre. Oysters and trout are also featured. The address is 29 Abercorn Street, Savannah 31401 (tel: 912-233-1116).

HERE AND THERE

Daily sheep-shearing demonstrations are being held through June 12 at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Mass. On weekdays shearing is conducted

between 11 and 11:30 A.M., on weekends from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. . . . The full wool process will be demonstrated during the 13th annual Sheep to Shawl Festival at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y., on Saturday and Sunday, an event being held in cooperation with the Handweavers Guild of Westchester County. . . . Old vehicles will be on view from 12:30 to 4 P.M. Saturday along Broadway in Monticello, N.Y., during the 14th annual automobile meet sponsored by the Catskill Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. . . . Sandcastle building, sailing contests, golf competitions, watermelon eating, kite flying and surfing are among events scheduled for the 26th annual Sun Fun Festival in Myrtle Beach, S.C., from June 9 to 12. Details may be obtained from the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2115, Myrtle Beach, S.C. . . . Coastal Awareness Day is scheduled from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. June 11 in Mystic, Conn. During the observance reduced rates (99 cents instead of \$3 for adults) will be in effect at the Mystic Marineline Aquarium and a joint ticket good for admission to both the aquarium and Mystic Seaport will be available for the regular seaport admission price of \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. . . . Seventy craftsmen are expected to participate in demonstrations during the ninth annual Kunstfest (crafts festival) from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. on June 11 and 12 at Old Economy in Ambridge, Pa. . . . A needlework show will be held at Lorenzo, a 170-year-old Federal-style mansion in Cazenovia, N.Y., from June 24 to July 13. Entry is free; open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily except Sunday.