

Hardee's, Theme Restaurant For World's Fair

ROCKY MOUNT - Th Specialty Food Service Division of Hardee's Food Systems has opened the
theme restaurant of the theme restaurant of the
World's Fair in Knoxville, World's Fair in Knoxville
Tenn. Called the Sunsphere the restaurant is an intricate part of the fair's theme structure of the same
name, says Specialty Food name, says Specialty Food
Service Division president, Gene Arnold.
A 24 - karat gold glass sphere that reaches 266 feet into the air, the Sunsphere is
devoting two levels to public devoting two levels to public dining, seating ap
proximately 280 people. A proximately
third VIP level will hos intimate dinner parties for 30 to 35.
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Featuring a gourme
menu, entree choices at the Sunsphere will range from prime rib to red snapper a la Ponchetrain, Alaskan Kin
Crab and Rock Cornis Crab and Rock Cornis.
Game Hen. Founded in 1974, the
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marde' traditionally has," said Arnold., "Both represen quality," he stressed, "Currently, we operate dining facilities of various
types on some 30 college campuses," Arnold con tinued, "including fine dining operations as well as exclusive catering services The Sunsphere's Europea chef was selected for his
wide - ranging experience wide - ranging experience
both here and overseas, both here and overseas,
according to Arnold. "We according to Arnold. "We
not only want to meet the standard for fine dining in the Southeast," he stated, "we want to set that stan-
dard." dard." Specialty Food Service
Division has signed a Division has signed a 20
year lease on the Sunsphere and will continue to operate it as a regional dining spot with an expanded menu
after the Fair concludes in October. During the Fair the Sunsphere will be open seven days a week and will employ over 350 staff
members. member
Company officials say the been planned to plement the Sunsphere structure itself. "Through custom furnishings and careful use of color, we've
attempted to create an aura of subliminal elegance,' Arnold said, "an at mosphere that doesn't in
terfere with the magnificent view you have when you're surrounded by glass and over 200 feet in the air." Customers who may prefer a Big Deluxe, roast
beef or the World's Fair special, thermaljet chicken can relax, added Arnold. There will be a familiar fast food Hardee's located at the base of the Sunsphere. The Sunsphere Hardee's innovation and futuristic equipment that could lead to the 'Hardee's of the Future' one source said. An example is a computerized metho of french fries in a fraction of the space now required in conventional fast food
Medicaid Cuts

Many middle incom families in North Carolina might be surprised to learn that their family budgets
might be hit by Medicaid cuts that are a key item in President Reagan's "bell tightening'" budget Democratic Chairma Russell Walker said today happen whether or not they have illness in their family requiring hospital a tention,"' Sen. Walke
continued. "They wo
They would be surprise not under Medicaid themselves. In fact, with their hospitalization insurance, they pay their own
medical bills whether they go to the hospital. the continued On Poge 10-1

