

sign down yet - those lazy sons-a-bitches...

I tells kem, I tells kem every goddamn year, "Take the Goddamn Freda sign down, you lazy sons-a-bitches!"

SUPER: MAYOR OF MOUNT ROSE

INT. GLADYS' VAN - DAY

Through the window a family waves to Gladys.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

Two BOYS play basketball in the driveway of their home.

EXT. FRONT LAWN - DAY

SMALL CHILDREN in bathing suits play on a lawn. A boy shoots his water pistol.

INT. LEEMAN STATION WAGON - AFTERNOON

Civil Servettes and crew are piled in. Gladys drives.

GLADYS

...Today's "To Do" list includes a trip to the Mall of America. We need outfits for the "Physical Fitness" number --

IRIS

Nothin' too showy!

GLADYS

Y'betcha, Iris. We still need a third judge and we need to think of a theme.

Servettes react with pleasure.

IRIS

Gladys -- Gladys! Look out!

A CAR SWERVES.**GLADYS**

Oh, my!

(waving out window)

Hello, Father Donigan! Sidewalks,
sidewalks?

Iris mimes drinking, "glug, glug."

GLADYS (cont'd)

Iris, stop!

(to camera)

It's not his fault. The communal wine
just proves too temptin' for some of
them.

IRIS

That's why we Lutherans use grape
Koolaid for the blood of Christ.

EXT. MALL OF AMERICA

In the vast, already full parking lot, we see Gladys
Leeman's station wagon searching for a parking spot.

IRIS

Oh, there's a parking space over
there. Oh, no, that's just a compact.
Sorry.

GLADYS

You'd think they'd build the parking
lot of America to go with the Mall of
America!

Gladys pulls into a HANDICAPPED SPOT. Servettes and

CAMERA stand outside the car. Iris points at the sign.

IRIS

It's a two-hundred dollar fine!

GLADYS

I said I'd move if a cripple came.
Let's just run in the store and pick
out some outfits.

IRIS

All right, let's go.

EXT. MALL OF AMERICA PARKING LOT

Iris and another Servette start to get out of the car.

GLADYS

Wait! Wait! Wait! Wait! Wait! Wait!
Wait! I just thought of the theme.

Iris and the Servette stop.

IRIS

Oh! What is it?

GLADYS (cont'd)

"Proud...to be...an...American."

Servettes react with pleasure.

JUMP CUT TO:

INT. MOA PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

DOCUMENTARIAN (O.S.)

So what was the theme of the pageant
last year?

GLADYS