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Sampling the area's tastiest ice cream eateries | 4



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CUSTARD PASSES MUSTARD: The custard at East Coast Original Frozen Custard (also shown above) re-creates Coney Island custard, circa 1920 — as Chrissie Bulejski, center, and her sister, Angie Bulejski, right, sip and laugh away with Angie's 2-year-old daughter, Chiyenne Bulejski.

EAST COAST ORIGINAL FROZEN CUSTARD
6240 Pearl Road, Parma Heights

The flashing sign and old-style setup screams time warp. Then there are the cones, malts, shakes and the myriad of flavors. Then there's the sign, which proclaims, "We're proud to bring back an original frozen custard first made at Coney Island NY in the 1920s." Don't know; wasn't there. But I know it tastes good and this place feels like a movie set. (Other locations: Fairview Park, Lyndhurst, Mentor, Painesville and Solon.)

STANDS OF TIME

Licking, slurping and savoring summer at some good old-fashioned ice cream shops

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After a week of stand-hopping in search of ice cream nirvana, I felt so rich in the belly that I thought I was a cow.

Soft serve. Custard. Shakes. Malts. Cones.

Then more malts.

I'm not an ice-creamaholic. I just love ice cream, because it tastes good and it reminds me of summer.

Admit it, you love it, too. So why not indulge yourself on a weeklong bender with these dozen ice cream stands:

MALLEY'S CHOCOLATES 14822 Madison Ave., Lakewood

So this is what they mean by ice cream parlor: An old-fashioned spot where you can sit down and lick away. Not just on any ol' cone. The Pineapple Temptation tempted me, with its vanilla ice cream, crushed pineapple, chopped nuts and whipped cream topped with a cherry. The Malley Clown was even more tempting. I bought one for a child, but ended up snatching some for myself. Yeah, she cried a bit. But I couldn't resist that bowl of vanilla, with chocolate, candy, whipped cream and a sugar cone (turned upside-down to look like a clown hat). No clowning, I was serious. (Malley's also boasts ice cream parlors in Bay Village, North Olmsted, Mentor and Aurora.)