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Twins Alaina Mairs and Michael Mairs cool off with scoops from Milwaukee Joe's in Southlake, where crowds turn out for the flavor of the day.

# CHILL!

Check out these cool places for the finest frozen treats

Longtime *Saturday Night Live* fans fondly remember sketches featuring the Coneheads, that pointy-headed family from outer space. After a week immersed in ice cream, gelato, frozen custard, snow cones and other frozen treats, we'd like to suggest a new sketch: The Waffle-Cone Heads, 'cause that's what we're feeling like.

Not that we mind. Even with temperatures around here in the mid-90s — relatively mild for July — we feel the need to cool off. We're not averse to eating ice cream during an ice storm, but the combination of Texas heat and several offbeat ice-cream parlors made this story a bit tastier than usual. Unfortunately, we had to leave some people out, but Marble Slab, Dairy Queen, Braum's and Baskin-Robbins have already made their names. Here are some lesser-known places that we found well worth the search.

## WE SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

- One scoop: Just plain vanilla.
- Two scoops: Get your freeze on.
- Three scoops: The cold and the beautiful.



**Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery**  
1314 W. Pipeline Road, Hurst, (817) 590-8400, [www.maggiemoos.com](http://www.maggiemoos.com)

**The scoop:** From its coloring-book interior to its kid-friendly flavors to its 7-foot mascot, Maggie Moo's is definitely aiming straight for your kiddos. The store's spokesperson, Maggie Moo, is sort of like the Borden bovine's rowdier cousin.

**The dish:** The selection of homemade ice creams changes each day, but the year-round killer scoop is the Cotton Candy, a blue mound of delight that'll melt in your mouth like the real thing. Kids also dig the Grape Bubblegum, Sweet Cream and Cheesecake flavors. As at other hip ice creameries, you can have fruit, nuts and candy mixed in.

**Cold cash:** \$3.13 and up.

**Milwaukee Joe's Gourmet Ice Cream**  
201 Harwood Road, Bedford (additional location in Southlake); (817) 581-1953; [www.milwaukeejoes.com](http://www.milwaukeejoes.com) or [www.icecreamjoe.com](http://www.icecreamjoe.com)

**The scoop:** We've been singing the praises of Joe Libowsky's ice cream since he opened this flagship store in 1995. He has since opened and closed a Fort Worth store (bring it back!); opened a

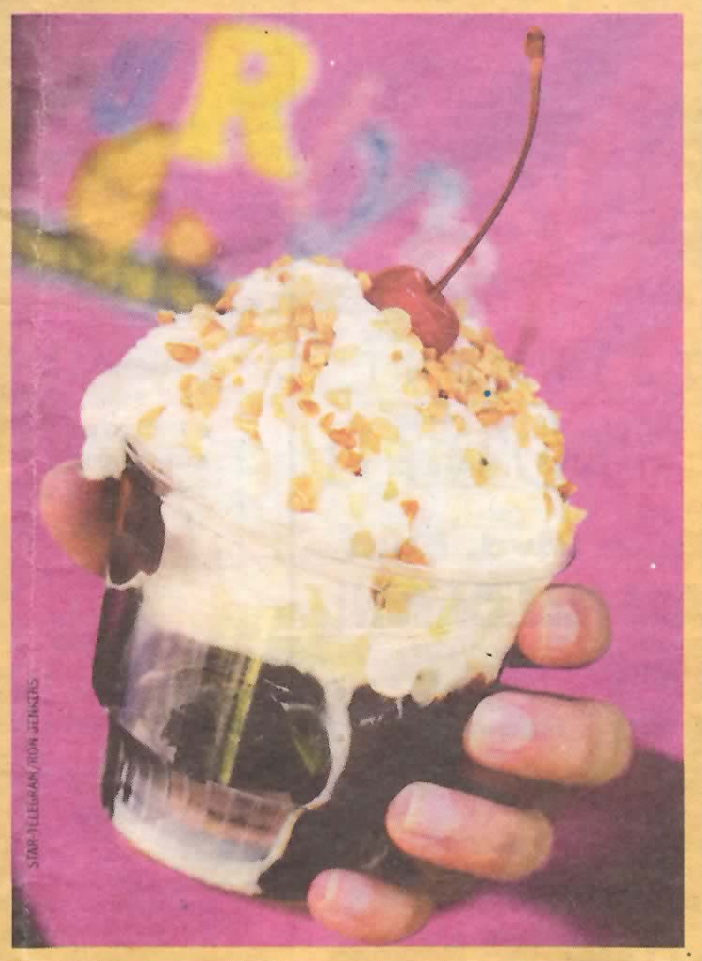
store in Southlake Town Square; and is scheduled to open another one Tuesday in Dallas' Inwood Village. The Dallas shop will offer 48 flavors, more than the Tarrant stores, and will feature gelato.

**The dish:** There are about 15 flavors and assorted sorbet, but the real hook is the flavor of the day. On a recent visit, the chocolate a la orange — chocolate ice cream with swirls of Grand Marnier and chunks of chocolate-covered orange peel mixed in — turned out to be the next step up from nirvana. We also tried an everyday flavor, Disco Lives, an electric-blue concoction with Nerds hard candy mixed in. Mix this with the hot-pink cotton-candy and the bright-green Andes Mint Chocolate Chip and see how many colors your tongue turns.

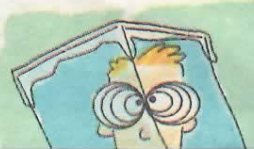
**Paletaria La Flor de Michoacan**  
2201 W. Berry St., Fort Worth, (817) 207-0333

**The scoop:** A popsicle stand extraordinaire, La Flor de Michoacan serves 17 varieties of frozen confections. Owner Gabriel Velazquez sends vendors peddling his frozen wares into the south-side neighborhoods around his shop, but if you miss your chance to stop the man with the frosty pushcart, you can head straight to the source.

**The dish:** Flavors include traditional



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## Getting the scoop on **BRAIN FREEZE**

The scientific name is *spheno palatine ganglioneuralgia*, but you know it as ice-cream headache or "brain freeze," that pain you get when you eat or drink something really cold.

And boy, do people obsess over it