



wine

Richard Watson

Harrison band readies for football opener

Harrison High School Marching Band will be in Camp Emery from Aug. 18-24 along with its twirler and flag bearers, revving up for their first appearance on the football fields this fall.

The contingency from Harrison numbers about 100 who are practicing seven hours a day learning new music and formations, though time-out activities will allow some swimming, square dancing and movies.

Paul Barber, band director at Harrison, has a few new routines set up for

the teens to learn for the enjoyment of those in the stands at Harrison's home football opener against Farmington on Sept. 6. His assistants in the instruction-area are from Steve Markovich, Tom Ervin, Dave Thompson, and his wife Fern.

Band Booster parents are along to act as counselors. Parents and friends are invited to visit the camp on Aug. 24 when there will be a marching demonstration at 11 a.m. before the teens head for home.

Dance workshop planned

A nine-day modern dance workshop will be held by Nonce Dance Ensemble Aug. 18-28 at Hackham Auditorium.

Nonce is the dance company in residence at Hackham, Farnsworth and Woodward, directly south of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Nonce founder and director, Denise Sztyka, and company members Dru Cagnon and Mary Amy will teach day and evening classes in modern dance, jazz and dance composition. Workshops will be limited and will be conducted on beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. For registration information, call 832-7400.

A class in choreographic skills will be taught by Ms. Sztyka at 1:30 p.m. each day. She is the only Michigan choreographer who has had a dance notation by the Dance Notation Bureau in New York. The notation of her work, "Intonations" (1977), was made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. She studied modern dance under Martha Graham, Jose Limon and Merce Cunningham. Her ballet training was with Richard England.

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Cold weather may ruin part of '80 grape crop

As this is written in early August, the news from Europe is not good.

France and Germany are experiencing one of the coldest, most sunless summers in generations. Proper maturation of the grape harvest seems questionable and 1980 may be one of the poorest vintages in a long while.

Unless a dramatic turnaround occurs soon, the impact on prices for the 1979 and those 1978 not yet issued will be considerable. Even when there were fine wine yields in the 70s there were price increases.

Until recently, the same has been true in California. The north coast wineries' grapes were setting late and were, in general, three to six weeks behind schedule. Although cool and windy through May and June, recent heat suggests this may yet change. Vintage 1980 remains a question mark as to size and quality.

HOTTEST RECENT development in a bottle opener is the "screwpull." Claims run to "foolproof" and "perfect." The principle behind it is reasonable and simple. At about \$10 each, it had better be good.

Following the recent (spring) announcement of a production association between Robert Mondavi and Chateau Mouton Rothschild to make a glorious Cabernet Sauvignon, July brought news of a second venture and rumors of a third. An association between Piper Heidsieck and the Sonoma Vineyards to

make a sparkling wine at a new facility in Windsor was recently established.

And now talk is afloat of a working agreement between Lanson Pere et Fils and the Souverain Winery in Healdsburg. Sparkling wine is the subject of this one as well. But this one, so far, is only in the rumor stage.

AMONG THE 50 or so newly bonded wineries in California are some lovely names: Mountain House, Greenwood Ridge, Sunrise, Storybook Mountain, and St. Andrews to name but a few. But my favorite comes from the Soquel area—Grover Gulch.

Early reviews inside the wine trade indicate the six new varietals due from Taylor Cellars of California are of excellent value. Most or all will be priced at well under \$5 and are said to be reasonable representations of their grapes. We should find out soon for ourselves.

Leelanau Ltd., perhaps the most skillful of the smaller wineries in Michigan, is now being distributed in our area. Both French hybrids and viniferas are in the grapes from the Traverse City winery.

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NMU names graduates

Three Farmington area residents were among those students receiving degrees from Northern Michigan University recently.

They were: Charles Paulson, 29728

Fox Grove, who received a bachelor's degree in management; Roberta Shaffer, 32541 Wayburn West, a bachelor's degree in mental retardation; and Mary Tompkins, 33789 Hunters Pointe, a bachelor's degree in nursing.

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