

STREET SCENE

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Look, look, look. See Dick and Jane date. See Dick and Jane go to the restaurant. "Oh, oh, oh, these prices are big," says Dick. "But we want to have big fun." See Dick pay the bill with his Visa. See Jane pay for half. What is half of \$89.95? See Dick and Jane go to the Spot and the Dogs concert at the Pontiac Silverdome. The tickets are \$20 apiece. See the little pieces of plastic come out again. "Oh, that was a crummy concert," says Jane. "They were gooder when I saw them in '78," says Dick. What is wrong with Dick's sentence? What is wrong with Spot and the Dogs? And what is wrong with Dick and Jane for spending \$129.95 plus taxes, tips, gratuities and parking just on a lousy date? But see what Street Scene has come up with. It is a list. It is a list of dates. It is a list of cheap dates. These will not cost you an arm and a leg. These will not put you in debt to Mr. Banker. These will cost you under \$20. Look, look, look. And enjoy, enjoy, enjoy.

BLACK HOLES AND BAKLAVA — If your head's in the clouds and you're seeing stars, you're either in love or inside the Cranbrook Institute of Science observatory.

Admission to the observatory is free with each \$3-per-person admission to the Institute, Lone Pine west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Skygazers can use the observatory telescope 9-10 p.m. Saturdays.

Or you can light up your night with the institute's Lasera, laser lights performing to music.

The popular weekend attraction has Friday shows at 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30 p.m. and Saturday shows at 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students under 17 and that includes admission to the museum. A WRIF discount card knocks another dollar off the cost. Tickets go on sale the night of the shows: 7 p.m. on Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Now playing: History of Rock and Roll.

After watching lots of lasers or billions and billions of stars, head for Hershel's Deli in Troy for billions and billions of calories.

Desserts include pastries, cookies, custards, cheese-cake, carrot cake and range from 55 cents for a cookie to \$2.50 for Hershel's top-of-the-line dessert, the Brownie Mountain, a tower of brownie, vanilla ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream and a cherry.

The 24-hour deli is located at 585 Big Beaver between Liverols and Crooks.

FILM AND GRUB — In Farmington, a cheap date at the movies could well be called a tradition.

The Civic Theatre is a downtown landmark and the last chance to see a first-run movie. All seats are \$1.50. But arrive early as the lines start to form along Grand River, east of Farmington Road, a good 30 minutes before the two evening showings.

After the movies, leave the car in the no-fee parking lot and take a two-block walk west through the city's historical district to Dunleavy's Pub and Grub.

We'd be hard pressed to recommend better than the Pub Burger at \$3.50 or the Grubwich at \$3.25. Split a side of onion rings, \$1.75, and a carafe of Chablis, \$7.

FLOWERS AND BEER — Instead of buying your date flowers you can show them to her in their natural habitat.

Stop in at the Little Professor on the Park Bookstore and pick up the "Instant Guide to Wildflowers" for \$3.98. Then head out to Miller Woods on Powell Road west of Beck. See how many flowers you can identify.

Afterward, stop in at the Box Bar, Ann Arbor Trail east of Main Street, for a couple of cheeseburgers and a beer.

TREAD AND BREAKFAST — Set your alarm clock for sunrise on a Sunday, grab your walking shoes, climb into your backpack and head for the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester.

The 10½-mile path follows the route of the old Penn Central Railroad line, skirting the Rochester-Utica Recreation Area at Avon and Deguindre roads, and heading north through the city of Rochester to Orion Township.

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Inside



Shall we dance?

It takes two to tango and for trot, samba and any other ballroom dance you care to name. More and more people are stepping out to a form of dancing whose elegance appeals across generational lines.

One man, one band

The term one-man band conjures up a picture of a hard-working fellow with cymbals on his knees and a harmonica holder wrapped around his neck. But high-tech has given the one-man band a sophisticated new image.

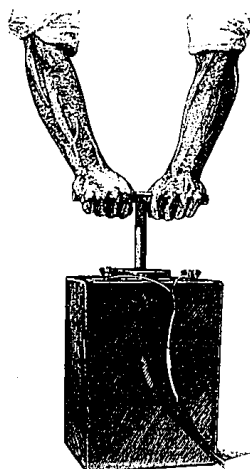
Street fleet

OK, so maybe you're not a lean, mean racing machine. That doesn't mean you can't run with the pack on the joggers' road racing circuit.

Auto odyssey

What will the automobiles of the 21st century be like? Take a surprising drive into the future with some forward-looking car designers behind the wheel.

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How to lower boom on persistent pests

By Sharon Dargay
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When you were 7 years old the neighborhood pest was a kid named Neal.

He teased and needed and bugged you, until you gave in and lent him your best Wonder Woman comic books — and he dribbled ice cream all over them.

When you were 11 years old the school pest was a kid named Wanda.

She hung around the baseball diamond whining, "C'mon, can I play?" until you gave in and lent her a bat — and she smacked the ball straight through a gymnasium window.

In high school the classroom pest was a kid named Marlene.

She badgered you — her lab partner — until you gave in and let her present the final project — and she failed to show up for class the day it was due.

In college, the dorm pest was a guy named Art.

He called incessantly until you ran out of excuses, gave in — and experienced the most horrible date of your life.

NOW YOU'RE an adult. You still feel pestered.

"Usually we give these persistent personalities an inroad. We're not firm and honest enough to say, "No, I don't want you to call me.""

— The Rev. Andy Morgan
Single Point Ministries

And guess what? You're partly to blame.

According to the Rev. Andy Morgan of Single Point Ministries, Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia, learning to say "NO" is the best way to rid yourself of unwanted pests.

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