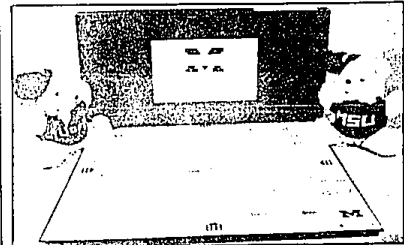


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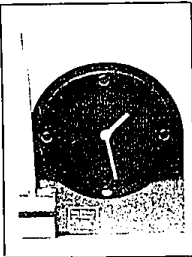


The rivalry continues

It's off the field and onto the board. This new board game has the same rules and concepts as the ever-popular *Monopoly* game, but the names and places are all changed to match the Ann Arbor campus. Stop at the bookstore or go down Fraternity Row. It even has the favorite eating and dancing spots for the green and white crowd trying to outwit the Wolverine fan. Bears add spectator excitement but are not part of the game. The game is \$20. Bears in MSU or UM sweaters, \$14.50 each. At its the Gift, Orchard Mall, West Bloomfield.

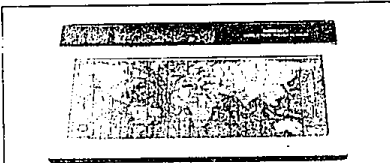
Sleek and trim

Ultra thin battery operated clock in new gun metal gray with gold trim with a matching ballpoint pen. Two things every exec needs within sight and with reach. Ten-year battery included. Clock warranty by Seiko. \$87.50. Mark Shopnick Jewelers, 28859 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.



Dinos again

Those ever-popular dinos are making fashion headlines again — this time as cookie jars. This charming creature is in pink and gray ceramic. The contemporary two-piece container puts a smile on kids' faces when they tiptoe over to him to sneak their favorite snack. \$27.95. Kitchen Glamour stores, Rochester, W. Bloomfield, Redford.



Global timepiece

This Seiko world time digital quartz touch sensor clock displays the time, date and day of the week in 27 different time zones throughout the world with the touch of your finger. By lightly touching a desired time zone (area) on the clock's map, the time/calendar in that zone is automatically displayed. Another nice feature is the clock features a daylight savings time function. \$72. Jacobson stores.

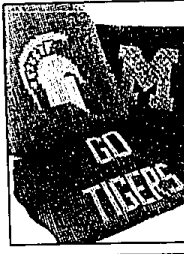


Status symbols

These are not your ordinary drug store variety tooth brushes. In fact, they can just be put on display if you like. The faux mother of pearl, faux tortoise and faux ivory make a decorative statement. \$7 each, Iona & Gallery, Farmington Hills.

Spirited coverup

Show your team spirit at home or at the game with these 100 percent acrylic afghans. \$50 and approximate time for completion of order is a week to 10 days. Baby Blankets in your choice of motifs are also available. Blankets can be seen by appointment only. Call Just Blankets at 569-4594 or 557-4194 between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



Halloween preview

Trick-or-treat enthusiasts will get the chance to celebrate the season early at a "Pre-Halloween Party" at Humzor lounge in Westland. Shows are planned for 8 and 10 p.m. Tuesday. Along with costumes, gags and games, the party will include a professional Halloween makeover (for one member of the audience, (Humzor, 450 S. Merriman, Westland).

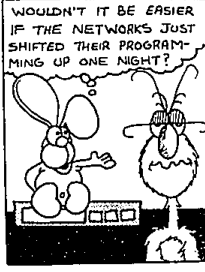
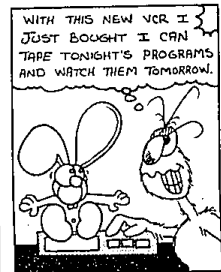
Bossin around

Bob Bossin, the leader of the Stringband out of Canada, will be the next performer in the Folktown Concert Series. Bossin will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building. Tickets will be \$7. (Southfield Parks and Rec, Evergreen at Civic Center (101st Mile), Southfield; 855-9848.)

Pen pals

Writers can hone their skills and meet other writers at the 26th annual Writer's Conference at Oakland University on Friday and Saturday. The featured speaker at Saturday's luncheon will be William J. Coughlin, author of the best seller "Her Honor." The cost for the conference is \$12, with a separate lab fee of \$35 on Friday. (Oakland University, Rochester Hills; 370-3120.)

Grumblecord



Cruisin' takes long-range planning

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I called Jean Brooks, vice president and general manager of Cruises Only Ltd., the first travel agency in Michigan to specialize in cruises. They have offices in Livonia, Mount Clemens, West Bloomfield, Grand Rapids and will open offices in Detroit and Troy before the year ends.

"Easter is one of the traditional spring-break times for colleges and high schools. We would never say 'never,' but most of the group-rate space is already booked on cruise ships for next season. We will book Easter 1989 space before 1988 even gets here.

Spring-break groups have been a problem for cruise lines in the past, so they are all limiting the number of senior-class groups they will take."

WHEN BROOKS says "group" she means eight cabins or more. At four people to a cabin, which is how you get the lowest rates, we are talking about 32 people. What if only a small group wants to travel, say half a dozen seniors?

"We would book that small a num-

ber as individual travelers, and we would be able to get space for that number for Easter 1988, but of course we would be talking slightly higher rates. At group rates, four people in the lowest-priced cabin would pay \$800 to \$900 per person, including air fare. Individual travelers would pay \$1,000 and up."

Those rates include everything except what you spend aboard ship. Since your room and everything you could possibly eat is covered, extras include tips, purchases, drinks and land tours and possibly a port tax of \$35 or so. Allow \$10 a day per person for tips, which are given in a lump sum at the end of the cruise to your dining room and cabin stewards.

The legal age requirement creates another potential problem for any senior-class group. There must be a person of legal age in each cabin. Some cruise lines consider legal age to be 21, others 18. You may be asked to sign a waiver and pay a deposit against potential damage; the deposit is returned after the cruise.

CRUISES ONLY LTD. will have

its annual cruise night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Southfield Hilton. Pay the \$1 admission and talk to representatives from a couple of dozen cruise lines. That will help you to make a first-step decision about where to go from here.

Some of the cruise lines that you may want to explore are: Regency, which sails out of Tampa, Fla., or Montego Bay, Jamaica; Bermuda Star Line, which sails out of New Orleans for the Caribbean and out of San Diego for the Mexican Riviera; or Norwegian Caribbean, which has several ships sailing out of Miami to the Caribbean. All three have age 18 as their legal minimum age.

I called several of these cruise lines on their toll-free numbers and

is what I learned. ROYAL CARIBBEAN (800-327-6700) doesn't have any minimum. Four-in-a-cabin rooms left for their asked about their age 21 minimum the operator told me about a loophole. If both parents write a letter approving the trip, their cruise-line supervisor will call them and possi-

bly not enforce the age 21 rule for that cabin.

Norwegian Caribbean (800-327-7030) has space available on April 3 sailings. Four people in a basic cabin would pay \$1,475 per person for the first two people, \$495 per person for the third and fourth person.

Regency (800-457-5566) has space for Easter week, and will get you a category seven if possible; \$1,215 each for the first two in the cabin, \$775 each for the next two.

Commodore (800-327-5617) listed their Category 10 rates for that week as \$1,095 for the first and second person, \$569 for the third and fourth persons, but that lowers to \$569 for anyone age 17 and under.

Now hear this Bermuda Star Line (800-223-3223) has space on their five-day sailing which leaves Tampa for Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico, April 4. The first and second person in a cabin pay \$349, the third and fourth pay \$200. You can get air fare from them for another \$260 per person round trip, or go looking for your own. Not bad.

Blue Angels soar at Willow Run

Wing-walker Lori Ross was a featured attraction at the recent Willow Run Air Show, but the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels were the stars of the show.

A precision flight team based in Jacksonville, Fla., the Blue Angels made their only Michigan appearance of the year during the Wayne County-sponsored show.

The team is on the final leg of a 75-date schedule in a year that has been better than most.

"Films like 'Top Gun' have really boosted interest," Blue Angel commander Gil Rud said. "I'd say people are more interested (in the team) than ever."

Like movie pilot Tom Cruise, the Angels are spit-and-polish clean. Also like Cruise, they're young.

"I'd say the average age is 31," said Rud, at 41 the team's senior member.

PILOTS ARE selected for two-year tours after completing 1,500 flight hours and a one-year tour of active duty.

A key recruitment tool, the Blue Angels represent the cream of the

crop among Navy and Marine pilots.

"This is a very competitive program, there's only six openings," Rud said.

Not all the team members are Naval Academy graduates. Of the current lineup, two were drawn from

Annapolis, two from Navy ROTC programs and two from Naval flight schools.

While there are only six pilots and no alternates, the team also includes 10 additional officers and a 104-member ground crew.

Stuntwoman goes for a walk in air

This business, you've got to knock on a lot of doors.

Wing-walking, her newest stunt, is a way for Ross to keep her skills sharp between Hollywood jobs.

"I've trained with stuntman Johnny Kazian, and he's the best in the business at this," Ross said. "I'm dedicating the headstand to him."

ROSS STARTS off standing between the aircraft's two wings. She then climbs up to a protective rack on the top wing. Ross straps herself into a harness while her pilot, Elliot Cross of Jacksonville, Fla., performs spins and rolls. Later, she loosens the harness for airborne acrobatics — at one point shaking hands with the pilot.

This year the team switched to new FA-18 Hornet aircraft after having flown A-4 Skyhawks for 13 years. In an average year, pilots fly 140,000 miles. And very quickly. The new craft can travel at twice the speed of sound.

To keep in shape, Ross works out on a trapeze. For fun, she goes rock climbing and water skiing.

She puts her teaching degree to work, too. In between jobs, she's a substitute teacher. Managing a room full of active youngsters is no problem, she said.

"Going in, the kids usually know I'm a stuntwoman," Ross said. "So they know there'll be no stories about my experiences if they aren't good."

Is there any job that would intimidate her? Ross ponders the question for a moment.

"I don't think I could work in an office," she laughs. "Answering all those telephones could get kind of hectic."

STREET WISE

Bridge work

Bridge players from across the Midwest and Canada will converge at Cobo Hall in Detroit from Tuesday through Sunday, Oct. 13-18, for the annual Motor City Regional Duplicate Bridge Tournament. The tournament is open to the public. No special memberships or reservations are required. Entry fees are charged, and partnerships can be arranged at the door. Play will begin at 1:30 and 8 p.m. daily. There is no admission charge for spectators.

Nearly 10,000 players are expected for the competition. The Motor City Regional is the second-highest ranking tournament sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League.

(Cobo Hall, downtown Detroit; for more information, call tournament chairman Ronald M. Horvitz at 968-7420.)

Sights for your eyes

"Footloose in Newfoundland" will be the next film in the Detroit Audubon Society film series. Thomas A. Sterling will present his film at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Royal Oak Dendora High School. The film focuses on Newfoundland's harsh beauty and includes shots of whales, icebergs, tiny fishing villages and towering seaside cliffs. Tickets will be \$3.50, \$2.50 for senior citizens and \$1 for children 11 or younger.

(Dendora High School, Washington between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads, just east of Woodward, Royal Oak.)

Bee plus

The Cranbrook Institute of Science has a honey of a seminar coming up. A five-week beekeeping seminar will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday and continue for the next four Wednesdays. It will include instruction on how to handle and manage colonies, catch swarms, harvest honey and beeswax and make equipment. The instructors will be members of the Cranbrook Bee Club, originated by the late Norton Williams. The fee for the class is \$30.

(Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; 645-3230.)

Got something interesting in the works? Drop a line to Richard Lech, Street Wise, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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