

Toledo: it's no longer a laughing matter

Jamie Farr is king

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Until recently, few people have stopped to take a serious look through the Glass City. Oh. Toledo has all the usual Midwest city things: an industrial economy (with glass being the big ticket production), shopping mails, places to eat, etc.

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Try as you might, you cannot get far without seeing Farr.

Drive down the street, his mug is on a bill-board. Go into a shop at Portside, his autographed of Jamie Farr hall board. Go into a shop at Portside, his autographed pictures on the wall. Open a Toledo Mud Hen program, and there he is with abaseball jersey on. There's even a women's golf tournament named after him.

AT TONY Packo's Cafe, another enclave of Toledodom, there's sort of a Jamie Farr hall fame. Included on the hallowed walls are coupled of women's hats from his Kilager days graphed 21, one of his eigar bitts, a nail were autographed pictures.

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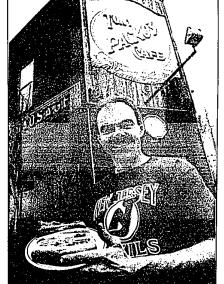
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Carter, Arthur Fledler, Elke Sommer and Burt Reynolds all have their buns on the wall at Packo's. It ranks right up there with getting a key to the city.

"WE USED to have them autograph a real hot dog bun," said Tony Packo Jr., part owner of the Toledo institution. "But they (the buns, that is) would get dry and shrivel up."



Then there is the price of a ticket. Four bucks lets you sit 440 feet away — in the centerfield bleachers — at Tiger Stadium. Four bucks at a Mid Hen game puts you in the front row, or close to it.

The brand of baseball isn't bad either. Toledo is the last stop a player makes en route to the big leagues. In the eyes of Rey Palacico, Doug Strange and Scotland. In the eyes of Eric Ring, of course, Toledo is Sparky Anderson's dog house.

Hot dog maker, to the - Tony Packo's restaurant.

Glass acts

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

Baseball and hot dogs aren't the only Toledo at-

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The city has a bevy of first-rate restaurants and shopping centers, including Portside on the Maumee River. The Toledo Zoo — featuring a pair of wisting pandas this summer — is one of the nation's finest. As is the Toledo Museum of Art. Some suggestions on travelling to the Glass City. For one, avoid 1-75 if possible. Construction near Monroe has been known to snar! traffic for miles. An alternative route would be to take 1-94 west to US-23 south to 1-475 east, which leads to downtown Toledo.

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The MA.SH. (Mud Hen All Sport House) sells a whole line of Mud Hens souvenirs, including used awhole line of Mud Hens souvenirs, including used baseball pants and women's underwear that has "I'm Behind the Mud Hens" printed on the back. Want something to eat? Try the seafood stand on the top level. They serve a mean clam chowder in a Bud Light beer cup for \$1.75. A beer-wine shop sells imported beer by the single bottle. (Portside is at 488 N. Summit. For more information, call 419-244-7000.)

El Grecho, Rubens, Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Van Gogh, Degas, Monet, Matisse and Picasso have their works displayed at the Toledo Museum

of Art.

The museum has special exhibitions, concerts, films, lectures along with programs for adults and children. There's a cafe and bookstore. Admission is free (except for special exhibits). The Toledo Museum of Art is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 15 p.m. on Sunday.

(The Toledo Museum of Art is at Monroe Street and Scattwood Avenue, exit Colingwood on 175. For more information, call (419) 285-8000.)

'Pandamonium' reigns at Toledo Zoo exhibit

Mother Nature really stacked the deck against the giant pandas, but you would never know it by watching their adoring fans at the Toledo Contis Summer.

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