

Beer and licorice sticks were the hors d'oeuvree for John McDonnell of Sterling Heights, Jim Robertson of Clinton Town-ship, Tom Stevens of Redford and Ken Vance of Livonia as they walled for the portable barbecue to heat up.

## It's Go Blue mania, but how do you get there?

By Jeff Counts staff writer

The best place to watch a University of Michigan football game?

"On television," answered one veteran sportswriter in Ann Arbor.
But just remember, that comes from a sportswriter who has over the years overdosed on maize, blue and Bo.

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Too much M-E-E-E-E-E-E-E-C-H-E-I-G-A-N football? Maybe for that writer and others living in the shadow of Michigan Stadium.

But for the rest of us, there's nothing more fun than recharging our collegiate batteries with an afternoon of Go Blue mania, even if, we never got closer to Michigan's campus for a class than an evening at a college tavern.

But before you go, there are some numbers to remember. No, they aren't the players or the team stats.

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The figure 104,000 should stick in you head. That's the number of people that the stadium holds. Then there's M-14 — it's not a score — it's a freeway and it takes you quickly into Ann Arbor land.

HOWEVER, there has been road work going on where M-14 intersects with U.S. 32, although not notball days. A quick way to avoid the traffic is by earling south off of M-14 onto U.S. 23, and then getting of the control of the control

sandwiches, herring and gouda cheese, she dictated her route: M-14 to Goddes Road to the Huron Farkway to Geddes Avenue to Hill On There's one dichard fan who onted for the M-14 to US. 23 – Marvin Bauer, who works for Tutt and Associates in Farmington Hills.

His route reads like a list of who's who of suburban freeways. He starts with £698, moves over to 1-275, switches to M-14 and then hops on US. 23. No wonder he dines on cold cuts, cheese and snacks. There's no time to warm up the barbecue before the game.

SPEAKING of Plymouth Road, it's another route that provides more than just a ride — there's some scenery. And the ride from Plymouth is the kind that gets one in the mood for an afternoon of feetball.

There's no Astro-turf-like scen-There's no Astro-turf-like scenery on Plymouth, once you get past the town. It's open land and at least one centennial farm house to see on this route. The farm house is on the south side of Plymouth Road just west of Ford Road.

And the route runs through Dixboro, your basic cute little town on the outskirts of Ann Arbor.

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U-M fans that favor M-14 include the likes of Greg Housman of Livonia, Gary Wight of Farmington and Kim Budnick of Birmington and Kim

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course is off of State Street or Sta-dium.

"The best bet is to get there ear-ly," Hill said. "About an hour and a half before the game is about right."

But to really get the choice spots for tallgate parties, 9 a.m. is about right, he said. As for tallgate fare, it ranges from dell sandwiches and Franklin Mill cider brought in from the Detroit suburbs to cold filet sandwiches and crudities.

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BUT GOING dry and staying dry are two different things. Michigan weather being what it will, rain of-ten can drench a crowd unexpect-

And on the subject of parties, there is no alcohol allowed in the stadium, Hill said.
"The only thing you can bring in is a six-pack size cooler," he said.
"The guards will take anything larger."

edly.

Ponchos can be purchased at the stadium, but plastic garbage bags are cheaper and you don't have to carry them.

But as the weather gets worse for the Minnesota game on Nov. 12, and the Illinois game on Nov. 13, and the Illinois game on Nov. 13, and the layers of clothing come on, just remember the words of the sage sports writer—television.

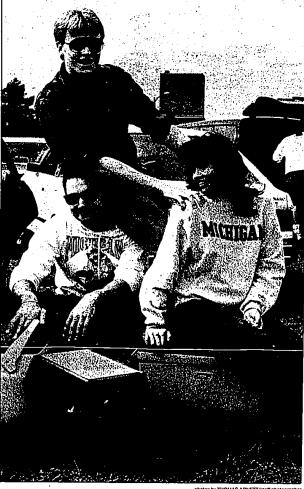
(Emorry Daniels contributed to this story.)

23 bridge at the Huron River between Geddes Road and Washienaw Avenue, according to the MDOT.

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## The pitfalls of driving to Ann Arbor

Two coolers and a portable barbecue were a must for pre-game festivities for Eric Hettel all of Redford.

University of Michigan football fans need to add some driving time to their game schedule this year because of road work being done in because of road work being done in The Michigan Department of Transportation recommends that motorists avoid a seven-mile section of U.S. 23 on the east end of the city from south of Plymouth Road to 1-94 where construction work is expected to allow traffic. Traffic has been reduced to one lane in both directions on the U.S.

M-14 to Main Street in Ann Arbor.

 1-94 business loop.
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## Amazing grace or how I 'found' Elvis at Graceland

By Roberta Schwartz special writer

Graceland Mansion smells like a funeral home 11 years after Elvis Presley's death.
When the front door opens, the scent of dried flowers and stale air pour out into the humid Memphis afternoon.

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I never thought of myself as an Elvis fan, but southern cooking, elegant museums and curtosity drew me to Graceland during Elvis International Tribute Week. Hearthreak Holel Restaurant, a dozen shops and the seven-room Lisa Marie jet show how the entertainer has become a cottage industry. Pink Cadillacs for \$40, \$10 for "5-shirts and Elvis photo buttons clutter the stores. Even in death, Elvis is still making money for his managers.

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Once Marilyn Monroe sald super stardom meant being turned into a thing. Day after day, tourists line up to see Elvis' hall of gold records, gultars and even his wedding cake and Arny uniform.

The Graceland staff say that the museum benefits thousands of tourists. So far 3th million have paid \$7.50 to see the house and memorial garden with four graves beside the pool. Two planes, a tour bus and two shows bring in still moree cash.

A stable of horses and once beautiful poey that Lisa Marie Presley rode a week before the International tribute week keeps the legend alive as Graceland folks asy, Elvis' Aunt belta lives at the manslon in a small room off the kitchen.

ELVIS' PRESENCE looms over Memphis. He's the solitary figure on the famous gate with its musical notes and love messages exhibited by fam. A mature Elvis looks out on Beale Street from his sculptured perch in Presley Park.

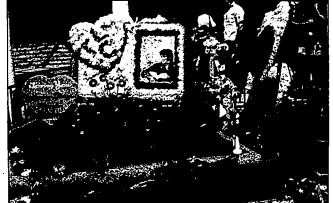
Graceland Enterprises conducts tours through the historic district where Elvis learned about the blues. Fans march past W.C. Handy's status and a pawn shop turned into Handy Hall. The facade of an old building leans on timber supports waiting for restoration near

Schwab's dime store.

The cleanup goes on in this district littered with bins of junk.

The wire service wrote that 35,000 filed past Elvis' grave at the 11th anniversary service. At 10 p.m., the crowd looked like about 5,000. Some fans had stood in

the sun since noon and when a corn in trom the eter-nal fiame at the grave passed through the crowd, thou-sands of candles illuminated Elvis Presley Boulevard. Media guides advised the press that no interviews would be allowed in the Meditation Gardens or along the procession. A spokesman advised the crowd that



Hundreds of paper hearts, flowers and Confederat flags decorate the grave of Elvis Pres-

ley, located on the grounds of his Graceland Mansion in Memphis.

rumors that Elvis is alive in Kalamazoo were in bad taste and painful to the fans.

WHEN THE press went through the gates ahead of the line, fans grumbled: "They must be part of the family."

As the procession began, two women marched, supporting each other, before the cameras of Fox Television. A local station stood by with a monitor as the anchor whited to cut into the Republican convention and go with a live report.

Colored lights made the white pillars of Graceland seem like some macabre Halloween bouse. Hundreds of candles in single file flickered as the mourners solemaly made their way up the drive as cameras clicked.

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At the grave site, an unsteady Aunt Delia appeared. She was supported on the arm of a male friend. Her bright red dress bliended with hundreds of paper hearts, flowers and Confederate Hags. By a Graceland Autor the reading of the 13rd Feath theme of loving Evis forever, someone from the crowd shouted, "Let's move. Priscilla is watching us on television."

By the time they reached the graves, the two women in the lead were in tears. Old people, children who weren't born when Elvis did, many invalids and quite a few grandmothers left gifts or took pictures of the grave on the one day when no admission is charged. Many cried, All paused to reflect. When "Are You Lonesome Tonight" floated through the air, I was embarrassed to be in tears.

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I'VE NEVER owned a Presley record, but the start-ness and simplicity of the ballad reminded me of a rather poor, underfed Elvis Presley. It brought back the face in the photo at 5m Records and the nervous

the lace in the poots at Sm Records and the nervous falsette voice on an early recording.

A picture of father and son beside Eivis' mother's grave shows how truly alone the two men felt and how close together death brought them. "He had a Godgiven talent," Vernon Presley wrote on his son's marker. "We mits you, son."