## Sun chasers

## Local film company debuts production

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of baskchalis," asys the director, who with his family recently moved from Hartland to Venice, Callit, where Carroll is opening Sundog's West Coast office.

The screenplay is the work of respected New York writer Michael Clay. Clary asys the inspiration for "Camus' Shoes" was the 20th anniversary of Woodstock — A bappening that struck like a knife at the heart of Fred Tillebaum. In the Illm, shot in five nights on location in Ann Arbor, Fred confesses to Camus that he wasnessed to

ille is an utter failure.

FAILURE IS a word foreign to Sundog, headquartered in a spacious, fieldstone-and-gingerbread centenni-farmhouse on Twelve Mile Road just west of Farmington Road. It's been seven years since Carroll left a highly successful postion as vice president of Detroit's J. Walter Thompson to found Sundog and pursue has first love — directing.

With a winning team that including which a winning team that including the winning team that including his shoes." directors Wener Hilmka and Barry Meler (who served as "Camus" Shoes." director of photography), Sundog has acquired an impressive array of clients.

Among them are Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, Chevrolet, Jeep/Eagle, Ponliac, GMC Truck, Delco Electronics, the Partnership for Drug-Free America, and

Michigan National Bank.
Filmed in Detroit-area sound stages and on location in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah, Artona and Colorado, Sundog commercials have captured Telly, Mobius,
Cannes and Cilo awards. Industry
leaders and trade publications such
as "Screen," "Zooming in" and
"Spotlight" have recognized Carroil
as the preeminent director of automotive commercials.
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Not just to pursue a dream, Krajewski says, but "to show people we
are film maker. When you think of
the film business, you think of Hollywood. But that doesn't mean it's not
done anywhere else. This movie will
have people perceiving us a little
differently.

"Detroit suffers a bad rap for a lot of reasons," added Krajewski, Sun-dog's marketing chief. "A lot of work is generated out of this city, even in these tough economic times."

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"Michigan has produced a lot of tained epole, and some of them will his produced from the sum of the mill his productions, and the sum of Carroll's since college days. Many members of Sundoy's regular film crew assisted on the project. "I hate to use the saying, 'give something back,' but it's what we did," Krajewski said.

"This film will tell everyone, 'Here's this little company in Farmigton Hills that actually went out and did a film,' said Janz, a Plymand of the said sum of the said said.

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— Larry Carroll Sundag Productions Inc.

outh resident. They're scrious about what they're doing. It will get a lot of heads turning. Proving to the industry that you're a versatile film company can only help in the current economy, especially in light of the fierce and every growing competition smong directors from around the globe, added Janz.

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CARROLL PLANS to continue working in commercial film, but isn't ruling out another feature film, dramatic television, cable projects or theatrical releases.

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No matter the pursuit, Carroll will never need to re-name his company.

Carroll said he chose the name af-reading Jim Harrison's novel

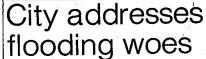
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"Poople are used to seeing the
ring around the moon. It can happen
around the sun, too," said Carroll.
"On that ring, you can sometimes
see more than one mock sun, or sundag. "To chase the sun, or dog the
son, is our business. It's what we do.
When we're on location, we're concerned with when the sun comes up.
The direction we shoot is based on
where the sun is. Even on the stage,
we're establishing a light source. I
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Carroll says the idea behind "Carnus" Shoes" was to have a chance to "develop a character, nuance, a script and dialogue, manne the delivery, and at the same time loopefully make people laugh a bit and have a good time." Fred, he says, really is all of us, examining ourselves at a time when the millen-nium looms just around the corner.

"For a first film, it couldn't have taken place in a better state with better people." Carroll said. "Having just moved to California, Fin thrilled with my time in Michigan and will miss that time, place and those people sorely. I just have this sad, series in the place and those people sorely. I just have this sad, series feeling it will never be quite as good. I bope I'm wrong."



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• installing meters in January to monitor flow from Bel-Aire through the spring months. Mariers and data from the study will allow the city to check the system's expacity and the effectiveness of improvements.

• re-implementing an active program to get Bel-Aire residents to extend their downspouts at least five feet from houses. Public said although there was 100 percent compliance with such a program in 1883, a visual inspection showed many residents had removed the extended downspouts. Deadmans add the city will, agail, knock on doors and require the extensions which is required by city ordinance.

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e continuing a city maintenance program in Bel-Aire, which includes inspecting and cleaning the system to exaure maximum capacity.

• recommending individual homeowners pay close attention their own situations. If they have basement flooding even during light rains, it is recommended they have their house leads cleaned once each year and replace them if required.

Residents came to an early No-vember meeting of the city council to voice their complaints about basement flooding, after several had thousands of dollars in damage

had thousands of dollars in damage which their insurance companies would not cover. The city schedued Monday's meeting as an informational session to give a history of the subdivision flooding problems and explain the solutions. City officials promised to keep residents apprised of the sewer monitoring, and Mayor William Hartsock pledged to hold another meeting in the spring or summer of 1992 where the issue would be addressed.

In a matter unrelated to the In a matter unrelated to the basement flooding but also frustrating to residents, several neighbors railed on the Farmington Proble Schools about a recently completed renovation of the athletic field at Farmington High School. One resident said the district "filed from the beginning" about the project, which he said left water standing in resident's back yards. School trustee James Aberneity, who attended Monday's city meeting with district architect flood Acten promised the problem would be addressed and invited the residents to a board meeting Tuesday night to discuss their concerns.



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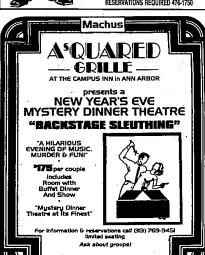
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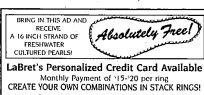


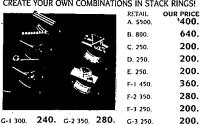












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