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LOCAL DATELINE Detroit Buildings rescue earns honor

Preservation Wayne honored Charles Forbes with the Allen Wallace and Marilyn Florak Founders Award over the weekend for saving his Gem Theatre, Century Club and Ewood Bar.



Charles Forbes, Joy of Jesus Inc. and the Southeast

Detroit Business Association led for the Community Development Honor Award.

Canton Township School funding inequity fought

The Michigan Summit on School Funding drew more than 600 people Monday night who hope to change Proposal A.

But in the past decade or so, the police force has grown up. While violent crime remains rare, the department now boasts 10 cops and 14 reserves. It has worked to

Grosse Pointe Farms Show to raise money for choir

The Pointe Singers — Grosse Pointe South High School's award-winning choir — is raising money Saturday to defend its grand champion title at next month's National Showmasters' Competition in Nashville, Tenn.

The choir is presenting "Cabaret" — an evening of music, then dessert and dancing — in the school gym.

FLAT ROCK, TENN. Two school districts voted Monday to renew non-homesite millage for school operations.

Two City Attorney Peter Letzeman, 54, said Monday he will leave in mid-July after 17 years on the job and move to two acres near Harbor Springs.

FREEWAY WORK

The left lane of eastbound I-94 will be closed at Harper between Cadillac and Outer Drive from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m. today through Friday and the left lane of westbound I-94 will be closed at that point from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. today through Friday.



Officer James Hirschfeld, left, and Detective Sgt. William Castro work in their crowded basement headquarters at the Franklin village hall.

LAW & DISORDER

Everybody wants a new police station but site starts a fight

BY DAVID ZEMAN Two Times Staff Writers Not so long ago, Franklin Village's police force was entirely volunteer. Villagers did not seem to mind, though, accustomed as they were to volunteer firefighters, engineers and village residents in their affluent hamlet perhaps best known for its cedar mill.



Carmina Tolson, left, and Virginia Deffenham Rodgers say the village's quaint character must not fall in progress.

stacked in a cramped storage room. Prisoners, when they have them, are handcuffed to a pole; there is no holding cell.

So nobody argued when Police Chief Ed Glomb pushed for a new station. "This is no longer a hokey operation," Glomb said recently. "We need a new facility."

Coaches were at team's beer bash

2 Oakland University freshmen convicted of serving minors last fall

BY BILL LATTNER Two Times Staff Writers In a clear violation of university rules, two assistant coaches of the Oakland University swim team attended a dormitory beer bash linked to a car accident that killed an OU sophomore last fall.

Jack Mehl, OU's athletic director, declined Monday to say whether the coaches were still part of the team. "I knew they were at the party. I learned after the fact," Mehl said.

Rochester

Common Cause president comes down hard on soft money

Soft money? Campaign finance reform? Yes, please! Yet, there was Ann McBridge, national president of the nonpartisan citizens lobby Common Cause, and a well-described "genetic optimist," plugging away at the cynics, boot-dragners and naysayers before a small but hotly interested crowd at the Economic Club of Detroit on Monday.

Arway's president, who wrote a piece for Washington's Ball magazine last year titled "Soft Money Is Good," in which she urged the public money is speech: you don't have free speech without it. "Soft money is the issue in our time," she said.

Archer seizes casino initiative

He confronts critics of his riverfront plan

BY BILL MCGRAW Two Times Staff Writers

Displaying their anxieties to launch Detroit's \$1.8-billion casino project, Mayor Dennis Archer and his top aides applied a full court press Monday on the City Council, rapidly responding to criticism that the mayor has erred in putting casinos near the river.

It is the first time in the history of the city of Detroit that the city will not have to pay for anything in a development, and then get \$140 million a year in tax revenue," said C. Beth DanCamber, Archer's casino chief. "This is highly unusual."

During the 20 years Mayor Coleman Young was in office, council members frequently complained that they couldn't get timely information. Young rarely appeared before them.

Praising the planning staff, Councilman Nick Hold III said: "What they are doing is painting a picture of why the river won't work."

State to help Detroit freeways get clean sweeps more often

It'd be a cleaner world if everyone would sweep their doorstep. Gov. John Engler has hired help to do that. He'll have the state pay to sweep three of Detroit's inner-street freeways more often this year.

"It's been constant complaint. We notice it as we drive around Detroit," John Truscott, spokesman for Engler, said Monday. "Especially in this time of year, as the snow melts it looks really dirty, with all the debris lying around."

In brief

CON FOR McNAMARA: Here comes Vice President Al Gore as guest of honor May 8 at Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's 11th annual "Winning Ways" campaign fundraiser breakfast at Cobo Hall.