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Road warriors: Start the detours

Portion of I-75 closes tonight to kick off the slowdown season

MATT HELMS



There's no way around the orange barrel invasion of 2004, as anyone trying to drive I-75 in Detroit will discover this weekend.

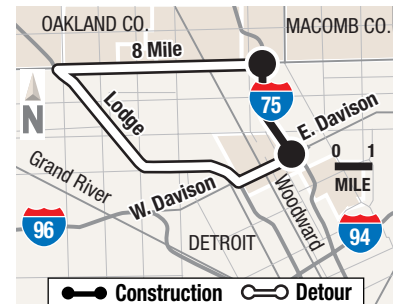
I-75 will close between 8 Mile and the Davison Freeway from 9 tonight until 5 a.m. Monday. That project and five others on metro Detroit's expressways are about to seriously complicate getting here, there and anywhere.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will spend \$410 million on road and bridge construction in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties this summer, out of a statewide budget of about \$1.4 billion. That's \$200 million in Detroit, \$90 million elsewhere in Wayne, \$75 million in Oakland, and \$45 million in Macomb.

All that money translates into

WEEKEND CONSTRUCTION

I-75 (DETROIT)
Work on 13 bridges between 8 Mile and the Davison Freeway, bringing occasional overnight and weekend closures. Construction will run through December.
DETOUR: 8 Mile, Lodge and Davison.



Source: MDOT Detroit Free Press

Maps of Detroit-area freeway work and detours. **8A**

A list of major Mich. roadwork this season. **8A**

a shutdown of the Lodge Freeway at I-94 in Detroit; summerlong lane reductions on I-75 in Detroit and between M-15 and I-475 in northern Oakland County; and major work on I-96 between Tele-

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SYLVIA KAPUSCINSKI/Detroit Free Press

Joel Landy, 51, of Detroit says he was always drawn to Midtown: "It was architecture and city life." By redeveloping old buildings, he has quietly transformed his neighborhood.

MIDTOWN MAN ON A MISSION

HOMework

Rebuilder does it one brick at a time

Third day in a series.

ROCHELLE RILEY



Joel Landy was born to live in Detroit. He actually was born in Detroit, but his parents, the children of Russian immigrants,

moved the family to Oak Park in 1953. Still, he was drawn to high school at Cass Tech, Hudson's on weekends and his dad's auto parts business on Gratiot at 6 Mile, where he spent Saturdays.

"Oak Park was kind of this little ghetto, even though it was a middle-class ghetto and isolated,"

A SHARE FOR ALL

Black people want to join in the prosperity.

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recalled Landy, 51. "Cass Tech was the world, the big city. It was an eye-opening experience."

It was an experience that grabbed him and wouldn't let go for 40 years. Landy, a political independent, eventually became drawn to the Cass Corridor, which in the 1970s was Detroit's Greenwich Village, a haven for political and antiwar activists and a gathering place for the socially

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TRAIN TERROR: Synchronized blasts leave 192 dead

THREAT: Message warns assault on U.S. in final stage

AT THE SCENE: City buses used as ambulances

Al Qaeda probed in Spain massacre

By MATTHEW SCHOFIELD
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MADRID, Spain — A group linked to the Al Qaeda terror network claimed responsibility Thursday for 10 bombings in Spain that killed at least 192 people and wounded 1,400 in the deadliest attack on a European target since World War II.

Spanish authorities initially thought the massacre on four commuter trains was the work of the Basque separatist group ETA. But late Thursday, they said they were investigating Muslim terrorists after finding a van with detonators and audiotape of Koranic verses near Madrid.

A few hours after the early-morning attacks, the Brigade of Abu Hafs al-Masri, a group with links to Al Qaeda, took responsibility for the bombings in an e-mail sent to an Arabic-language newspaper. Spain, a U.S. ally which has 1,300 troops involved in military operations in Iraq, was explicitly threatened as a target in an audiotape reportedly made by Osama bin Laden last October.

The group's statement, sent to the Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper in London, claimed its "death squad" had penetrated "one of the pillars of the crusade alliance, Spain" — an apparent reference to Spain's cooperation in Iraq.

The group has falsely claimed responsibility for other attacks, however.

As the country struggled to absorb the carnage of the attacks that citizens were quick to call the country's "9/11," Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar appeared on television and told the public, "Terrorists tried to cause as much pain as possible. March 11 now has its place in the history of infamy."

Aznar pledged to crush whoever was responsible.

"This is mass murder," he said. There was no warning as the 10 bombs, all in backpacks, exploded within minutes of one another along nine miles of the commuter line — running from Santa Eugenia to the Madrid hub of Atocha. Police also found and detonated three other bombs.

Witnesses described scenes of confusion and carnage, with sev-

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PAUL WHITE/Associated Press

ABOVE: Emergency crews remove a victim of a terrorist bombing aboard a train in Madrid, Spain, on Thursday. **RIGHT:** Rescue workers collect the bodies of victims at the Atocha station in Madrid. Four trains were targeted in the bomb attacks. "Whoever did this are vile, cowardly murderers," King Juan Carlos said in a nationwide address.

Al Qaeda has a longtime beef with Spain. **6A.**

Dow slips 170 points on news of Spain attack. **1C**



PETER DEJONG/Associated Press

SEGER'S NIGHT MOVES MANY FANS

Kid Rock honored to introduce legend to hall of fame Monday

By BRIAN McCOLLUM
FREE PRESS POP MUSIC WRITER

It takes something special to prompt a little humility from Kid Rock.

Bob Seger and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame seem to be doing the trick. On Monday night, before a black-tie crowd at Manhat-

tan's Waldorf-Astoria hotel, the Detroit star will step to a podium to present Seger's induction into the rock hall — a poetic moment for the generation-spanning rockers who have become close friends.

It's an occasion long awaited by Seger fans across the country, particularly Michiganders such as

Kid Rock who grew up to Seger's music. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is planning to issue a proclamation naming Monday Bob Seger Day. Seger described himself as overwhelmed when he got the news Nov. 20.

"I'm going to shoot from the heart, and make this fun for his fans, his friends, his family, his

band," said Kid Rock. "I want to reiterate what he did with his music — not only making Michigan and Detroit proud, but his friends and family, because this is really special for him."

Seger became eligible for the hall of fame in 1989 — 25 years

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But clouds decrease.
Jerry Hodak's forecast, 11H
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