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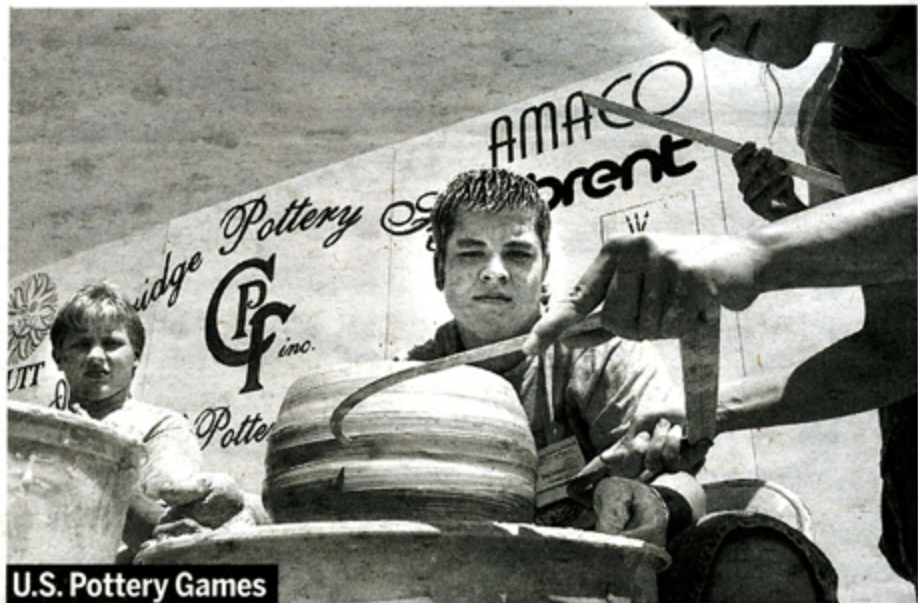
Garages and basements around the state have been quaking over the past few months as teenage rock bands get ready for the latest **Launchpad State Finals Competition**. Thirteen bands from around the state will square off on Saturday, June 12, at 4 p.m. at the Union Theater to win top honors.

The Madison area will be represented by Middleton's Moon Jelly and Stereocolor, Sun Prairie's Phaze 2, and Sleeping in the Stereo, which has musicians from several area high schools. The winning band will get a prize package that includes a July 4 Summerfest gig, a professional recording session at Blast House Studios in Madison and a Yamaha instrument/equipment package for their school.

In addition to the competition, band members will spend Saturday afternoon in clinics with musicians like Hanah Jon Taylor, jazz drummer Tom Brechtlein, and Megadeth guitarist Chris Poland. Tickets for the Launchpad Finals are \$9 for adults, \$8 for teenagers and \$4 for kids 10 and under, and are available at uniontheater.wisc.edu, 262-2201, or at the door. Visit launchpadwisconsin.org for more information.

A Goodman is hard to find

For Robert and Irwin Goodman, giving selflessly to the Madison community was a way of life. Both men passed away within the last year, so it's fitting that



U.S. Pottery Games

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Hotshot potters

Celebrate two days of everything clay at the **19th Annual Cambridge Pottery Festival and U.S. Pottery Games** on Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13, at Lake Ripley Park in Cambridge. The Pottery Festival runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, rain or shine.

Peruse handmade pottery from 44 professional potters representing 10 states, vote for the "Best Butter Dish" and witness top potters from around the state compete. Try your own skills at the Hands-on Learning Center or attend a raku workshop. The event and parking are free. Take Highway 12 or Highway 18 to Park Road in Cambridge and get your hands dirty.

Madison will honor them by giving to the community with the first annual **Robert and Irwin Goodman Weekend**. On Sunday, June 13, from 2 to 6 p.m., the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St., will host a free afternoon of family-friendly activities, including a bouncy castle, gym activities,

ice cream sundaes and a performance by local children's musician Dave Landau at 4 p.m. For more information, visit goodmancenter.org.

A wheel good time

More than 30 years after it was released, "Breaking Away" still holds



Spring Art Tour

Art in Mount Horeb

Artists from the Mount Horeb area showcase their talents this weekend at the **Spring Art Tour** on Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Hosted by the Mount Horeb Area Arts Association, the tour is an open-studio event with 20 locations and 22 artists.

The galleries, home studios, barns and even a former cheese warehouse that are part of the tour are all within a 15-mile radius. Watch artists perfect their crafts and shop for unique artwork. Participants specialize in a variety of media including fused glass, painting, woodworking and origami.

Find the map of tour stops at springarttour.com and start planning a road trip through the scenic sights of Mount Horeb.