

Weekend fare features fair

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A&E WEEKEND OUTLOOK

Poco still plays 'just for the fun of it'

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While some new bands may be spawned by musicians migrating from group to group, other bands are formed "just for the fun of it," said Rusty Young, pedal steel guitarist for the country-rock group Poco.

Poco was formed in 1968 by Jim Messina, Randy Meisner, Richie Furay and George Grantham, and often the band was more work than fun, Young said. The rest of the original members have since gone

on to solo careers or other groups, he said.

Now Young shares the guitar and vocal spotlight with Paul Cotton, who replaced Messina in 1971. The group recently embarked on a summer tour, which includes two shows at the Nebraska State Fair on Sunday at 6 and 8 p.m. at the free Pepsi Open-Air Auditorium.

"You know I'm the only guy in Poco who's never done anything other than Poco," Young said.

"I've been making Poco records for 25 years. Virtually everybody

else has gone off and done other things and either come back or not come back — one or the other, so, I decided last year I was going to take a shot at doing something else besides Poco."

That something else turned out to be an album with Doobie Brother Pat Simmons and Nashville artists John Cowan and Billy Lloyd.

"The four of us are about halfway

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Two weeks down and 13 to go. But really — who's counting?

Stressed out students have four glorious days to unwind, relax — and for some of us — play catch-up. Of course, there is plenty of time for a little fun.

The capital city has a pretty diverse offering the next few days.



your first chance.

Henry Mancini, composer, arranger and conductor, joins the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra for a performance at 8 p.m.

Mancini is probably best known for the theme music for "The Pink Panther" movies, but he's also an accomplished musician, nominated for 72 Grammys and 18 Oscars. He has recorded over 90 albums.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$33. Students get in for half-price.

On the other end of the music (and cost) spectrum — The Edge, 1118 O St., is bringing M.D.C. for a \$5, 16-and-over show on Sunday, Sept. 5.

For new students itching to check out that big hunk-o-brick we fondly call the Lied Center for Performing Arts — tonight is

The punk band — whose name stands for just about anything, including Millions of Dead Cops — is visiting Lincoln for the first time in over five years, said Edge owner Rob Fensler.

"My jaw dropped," he said. "They called and said they were touring through the Midwest and wanted to play here."

Fensler, a longtime fan, agreed to a show.

The band originally formed in Austin, Texas in 1981 said Ernie Pulos, The Edge's director of publicity.

"These guys have been around for a long time, and they have always maintained a strong following," he said.

The bar decided to go with 16-and-over show to help accommodate the younger punk fans of Lincoln, he said.

"It gives these kids something to do besides hanging out on O Street," Fensler said.

Pulos agreed, and said that while the 16-and-over shows are more work for the bar's employees, it is worth the effort.

"A lot of the time the younger alternative music crowd is unable to see these shows, so we just split up the bar so they can come in. It takes extra security, but as long as they keep coming, we'll keep putting the shows on."

Yet another activity not restricted to the bar-hopping crowd is the Ne-

braska State Fair, which opens today.

If you're lucky enough to read this before 9:30 a.m. you can still make it to the Expo Stage for the "Egg Cooking Demo." I'll probably have to miss, so let me know how it turns out.

But seriously, the State Fair folks have quite a bit of entertainment lined up for the 10-day event. We'll be previewing several of the featured musical acts in coming issues. Some of the more interesting shows scheduled for the next few days include: tonight's John Michael Montgomery with Michelle Wright show at the Devaney Center, as well as Juice Newton on the Pepsi Open-Air Auditorium stage.

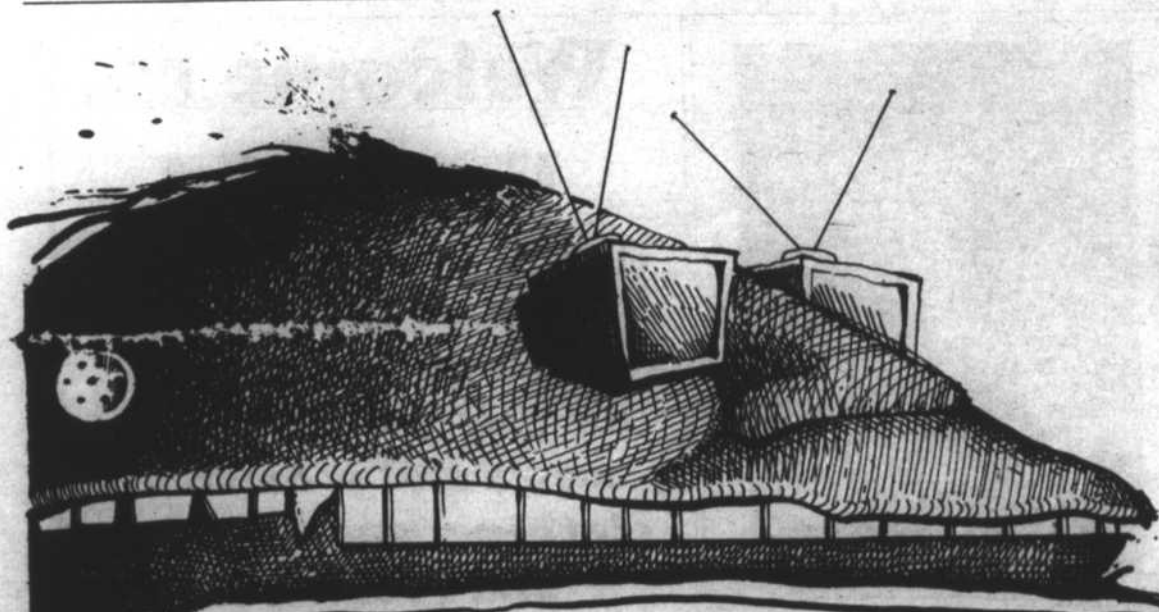
Saturday night country stud-boy Billy Ray Cyrus takes the stage at Devaney, touring in support of his latest release.

Sunday night's open-air show features Poco, (see related story on this page) and the Devaney will feature country star Alan Jackson.

Monday's big show features the Doobie Brothers and Tuesday night The Guess Who will perform on the open-air stage.

For more information about the fair's numerous other activities and shows you can call the State Fair Administration Office at 473-4110.

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Tune in

Networks offer up feast of new fall programs

Sometimes after a hectic week at school, the most attractive option for Friday night fun is spending the evening vegging in front of the tube.

This option might become more appealing in the weekends — and weekdays — ahead, as all four networks debut their new fall programs.

Some of the more promising new shows this fall:

MONDAY
"Dave's World," 7:30 p.m., CBS. Harry Anderson ("Night Court") returns to sitcom land in a comedy based on the writings of syndicated humorist Dave Barry. Dave is a befuddled dad trying to deal with the

craziness of the '90s. The show has a great slot between "Evening Shade" and "Murphy Brown."

TUESDAY
"The John Larroquette Show," 8 p.m., NBC. Another "Night Court" veteran returns to the small screen, and from the title it's obvious who. Larroquette plays a recovering alcoholic working as the night manager of a St. Louis bus station. Billed as a dark comedy, the show should suit Larroquette's talents.

"NYPD," 9 p.m., ABC. This show is the latest cop drama from Steven Bochco, who has yet to recreate the success of his "Hill Street Blues." Touted as one of the season's best, it's the only show this fall to

carry the new "violent content" rating.

WEDNESDAY
"The Nanny," 7:30 p.m., CBS. Fran Drescher, the only part of "Princesses" that didn't belong in the toilet, is the title character in this half-hour sitcom. Charles Shaughnessy ("Days of Our Lives") is the widowed Broadway producer she works for.

THURSDAY
"Missing Persons," 7 p.m., ABC. Daniel J. Travanti is Lt. Ray McAuliffe, head of Chicago's Missing Persons Bureau.

"Frasier," 8:30 p.m., NBC. Kelsey Grammer stars in this

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