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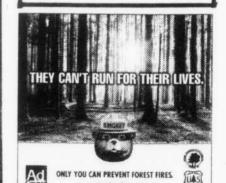
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### Here's to you...

#### Looking back and stepping forward

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It's Priday, and all you can think about is getting out of your classes early, so you can leave campus as cuickly as possible. But causes you to flee from the 'boro faster than the speed of light -- boredom, right?

At one time Murfreesboro may not have had a lot of social, weekend-fun things to offer students, which is why MTSU become a "suitcase" campus. But now, with the 'boro and the whole Middle Tennessee area bursting with activity, it is out of "tradition" that a lot of students go home on the weekends, believing that they'll die of boredom otherwise.

Yet, from this tradition a domino effect has been created -- for all those who leave in fear of boredom, another portion of the student body leaves because "everyone else" has left. The group that remains, are those who live too far away to take a weekend jaunt home or who find the Middle Tennessee area sufficiently stimulating.

While the number of those remaining may seem minute, that couldn't be further from the truth. It's just that a common "function" does not exist to let their presence be known. This is where the university should have some kind of student weekend program. However, the reason that a program does not exist is because of the myth that not enough students remain in the 'boro for it to be a worthwhile investment.

It is a catch 22 -- there are no activities because there aren't enough students who stay, but the students don't stay because there are no programs and the ones who do stay, well they just don't count. It makes terribly perfect sense. So what are you doing this weekend?

Robin Wallace Flash! Editor

### NOISE FROM

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR WEEKEND?

THE KNOLL

"Go to parties, and throw parties here in M'boro. I go to music events in Nashville and I also smoke weed." Jonathan Moore Sophomore, Business Memphis, TN





"I would like to see a sanctioned men's soccer team at MTSU and I would come to watch on the weekends." Kevin Dugan Junior, Computer Science Nashville, TN

"Go to Raves in Chattanooga & Atlanta. Parties at houses in M'boro - I would like to see more parties so people would stay on the weekends." Tim Chrysler Sophomore. Political Science Chicago, IL





"I work in Antioch, so I don't have time to party a whole lot, but I do hang out with my friends in M'boro," Kelly Hamner Freshman, Undeclared Smyrna, TN

"Work almost all weekend, sorority functions and party with my friends at fraternity and house parties." Tiffany Fowler Sophomore, Public Relations Jackson, TN





"I work all weekend, sorority functions, and parties. Sometimes . I go to Faces." Melissa McNaron Junior, Radio/TV Prod. Nashville, TN

"Practice DJing, visit other campuses like TSU, Fisk, and sometimes DJing gigs." Vaugh Myers Junior, Recording Industry Baltunore, MD





"Practice keyboards, practice with campus choir, and coordinate music for my church here in M'boro." Julius DeBerry Fresshman, Undeclared Jackson, TN

# he said...

### A Man's Man by Josh Ezzell

February is here, which means St. Valentine's Day is near. It also means Hallmark eards, eardy and flowers. But was it supposed to be like this?

Valentine's Day began as a tribute to a priest named Valentine. He was a priest during the Roman Empire. He married couples forbidden to wed, and as a result lost his life. Roman Emperor Claudius II, had him beheaded on Feb. 14.

Known as the patron saint of lovers, Valentine valued love and romance. Valentine's Day is supposed to be a day when people exchange valentines and love letters.

Instead, it has become a corporate dream, man's worst nightmare and perhaps the most stressful day of the year.

Weeks before Valentine's Day, the marketing begins. You can't go a day without seeing a damn Hallmark commercial, and you can't go anywhere without seeing chocolates and flowers. It's downright sickening.

Men suffer because of these items. Women see these items and want them. We, of course, buy them.

Rather than buying these items to be nice, men are buying these items to save their asses. Because of women's expectations and chick flicks, men are expected to spend tons of money and to be Casanovas, Men who don't will end up single—or won't get any action.

Stressful? Very much so for men with girlfriends and men who are pursuing a woman. Men are expected to go all out-taking their girlfriends and soon-to-be girlfriends to nice restaurants and showering them with niceties.

Then you have the men who try to hook up with a girl and get their hearts broken. There is nothing more frustrating than being shot down by someone. It's embarrassing and crushing-hell, it's just devastating. The person rejecting you is basically saying you suck. As a result, you end up feeling bad about yourself, and you feel depressed.

This is hardly what Valentine's Day is supposed to be, but never fear-I have two solutions for all men.

Solution one: Get rid of Valentine's Day. It would save men stress and money. Women would get mad, but men would retain their sanity.

Solution two: Make Super Bowl Sunday a national holiday. I don't honestly believe that women will allow Valentine's Day to be discontinued. The next best thing would be letting men have Super Bowl Sunday.

On this day, women would be required to buy men junkfood, beer and pizza. Women would then be required to leave us alone for the rest of the day.

It won't happen, but I can dream.

# she said...

### Atypical Woman by Angela White

Quite frankly, Valentine's Day means very little to me. It falls on the same day as the birthday of a boy I went to Catholic school with. He would tease me mercilessly about being four days older than I, and therefore my superior. That pretty much sums up Feb. 14 for me.

I have never had a boyfriend flover, companion, whatever during this "holiday." Because of this I have a acquired a detached view of V-Day.

So what do these detached eyes see? Way too much red and pink, that's what.

How can you not puke at this holiday?! Is love really so blind as to make music-playing, heart-shaped cards and pink dancing stuffed animals desirable?

I see Valentine's Day as having only one purpose: to indulge insecure women with Cinderella complexes.

Take me to dinner, buy me flowers and candy, give me expensive jewelry. Who cares if you practically ignore my emotional needs all year long as long as you give me this one measly Hallmarkowned night of "romance"?

I don't like flowers. I only like plain milk chocolate candy with nothing in the middle. If you take me anywhere fancier than the Olive Garden I'll probably pull a "Pretty Woman" with the forks.

I'm a freak. I know this. So maybe this is why V-Day doesn't appeal to me. Or maybe I just don't follow the idea of buying love.

V-Day is a materialistic holiday based on the concept of giving gifts [if you're a man] and receiving gifts [if you're a woman]. Let's face it, you can give a man a foam beer can holder for V-Day and he'd be satisfied.

But unlike other commercialized giftfocused holidays [like X-mas], V-Day disguises itself under the guise of romance.

Do we really need a holiday to be romantic? Have we become so commercialized and material-oriented as to not be happy with a simple exchange of love without the pressure of giving the perfect gift or going to the fanciest restaurant?

True love shouldn't need Hallmark to survive.

I don't expect the typical woman to give up her holiday. After all, she needs her material reassurance of love far too much to ever do that. As for men [bless their hearts, this is one of the few times I feel sorry for them], they will continue to humor women for as long as their sex lives depend on it.

So this Feb. 14 keep up your "tradition" if you must. I think I'll just send a birthday card to my elder instead.

## local chords

#### All-Star United

has received world-wide attention for their spirited pop songs drawing on influences ranging frompunk and glam rock to bassanova. International Anthems for the Human Race follows up this allmale quintent's 1997 Grammy nominated debut | Best rock/gospel album 7. Appearing at Exit/In on Thursday, 11:15 p.m.

### Billygoats

has a uniqueness that some say is capable of inventing a genre all their own, through their soulful vocals, twanging guitars and footstomping rhythms. The all-male foursome performs with an edgy hip styling and contagious hooks, making an unforgettable sound. Appearing at The Sutler on Thursday, 11:45 p.m.

#### fair verona

has a passionate array of songs that exudes youthful abandon with a punky appeal and sloppy energy to spare. This quartet, fronted by three young females, creates a sound of hardrocking guitars, intense rhythms and sultry vocals that range from a growl to a whisper. Appearing at The End on Thursday, 11:30 p.m.

### The Judybats

has a style sound that comforts, caresses, stimulates and moves, in a lush blend of alternative pop. The five-piece features music from brash brit-pop; retroesque, guitar-heavy, rave-up, to soulful ballads. Appearing at The End on Saturday, 12:15 p.m.

### Music mecca becomes music showcase

by Robin Wallace, FLASH! Editor

Imagine that you had your choice of nine different clubs, all of which featured four hours of music from six different bands for three consecutive nights. What would you call it? Try Next Fest 2000.

Produced by Festival Management, LLC, the first-ever Next Fest is a music industry showcase that will feature more than 100 of the hottest unsigned bands from across North America at several Nashville music venues from Thursday through Saturday.

"There are tons of bands that a lot of people don't know about, and Next Fest is a way that they can get in on the groundfloor. So in five years from now, when the band makes it big, they'll be able to say, 'That's my band," said Medusa, a songwriter, vocalist and guitarist for the band fair verona.

Some of the bands appearing at Next Fest are: Gas Giants from Arizona I, featuring the former lead vocalist of the Gin Blossoms; Groove Collective | New York City |; Daniell Howle and The Tantrums South Carolina ; Garrison Starr | Los Angeles J; Paul Thorn [Mississippi]; and Kitty [Athens, GA].

From the more-local scene, some of the many notable acts include All-Star United, Ruby Amanfu, Baby Stout, David Berg, The Billgoats, Count Bass D, Wes Cunningham, fair verona, Will Hoge, The Judybats, The Katies, former Nevers front man John Paul Keith, Lifeboy, Spider Virus, SWAG and

In addition to the live performances, the Next Fest title sponsor and one of the Internet's leading independent music sites, will also facilitate the festival. Songs.com, Nashville based and owned by Gaylord Entertainment Company, has a "virtual roster" of more than 400 singers and sengwriters of various genres, including adult contemporary, Americana, folk, country, rock, jazz, blues and children's music

"There are too many talented musicians who go unnerficed, simply because they lack a conventional 'record deal," said Paul Schatzkin, General Manager of Songs.com. "The Next Music Festival will provide world class artists with a forum to

be heard without compromising the integrity of

Next Fest is the perfect link for both local and

applaud them - it is a big job."

Management, LLC plans to produce a series of music industry showcases throughout the year.

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12th & Porter

The New System 8p.m. Jennifer Helle The Fountains Cats and Dogs Millard Powers SWAG [11:45p.m.]

Douglas Corner

Audra & the Antidote 8:15p.m. 7 Amanda Garrigues The Eskimos Tywanna Jo Baskette Daniell Howle [12p.m.]

Exit/In

Samantha Murphy F8:157 Fleshpaint Deacon Brody Honeyfarm All-Star United The Katies [12p.m.]

Jody's Bar Car

Chris Fulk [6:15p.m.] Kurtis Matthew [7p.m.]

Pleasure Crush [8p.m.] faceplant Imzadi August Christopher Sub Method Filp.m.7

Jack Legs San Rafeal [8:45] Stone Deep S.A.Y.D. Rich Creamy Paint

11:45p.m. 7

The End Sucker [8:30p.m.] Big Mother Thruster El Pus Baby Stout Count Bass D Utopia State [12:15p.m.]

The Sutler

Kelly Zullo [8p.m.] Melanie Thom The Excentrics Luxury Liners Mitch Malloy Hulabaloo [11:45p.m.]

saturday The End

Level with the Ground [8p.m.] Dead Tight Five Taxi War Dance Mesh fair verona Four Hundred 12:15p.m.

The Sutler

Reverand Asher Dudley 8p.m. Opposable Thumbs Brian Waldshlager Rob Giles Paul Thorn The Billygoats [11:45p.m.]

12th & Porter

Howie Beck [8p.m.] Cash Bros. Garrison Starr Curt Perkins Joe, Marc's Brother Venus Hum [11:45p.m.]

Cafe Milano

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Douglas Corner

11:45p.m.

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FLASH! :

by Kevin McNulty Staff Writer

urious about the Steve Matthews exhibit displayed at the Murfreesboro Center for the Arts, I stopped by to take a look. His press release stated his works of art were "images depicting African-American life and culture." It's all that and more. Walking around the gallery, I was amazed by the diverse style of this local artist.

His display begins with masterfully painted portraits, including one of Oprah Winfrey that accurately captures not only her physical image, but also the vibrancy she exudes. Clearly he is an amazing painter of portraits.

### Capturing African American roots

As I turn the corner to the next wall it's like a quick excursion to Africa. A dynamic collage of African images emit the bright and exotic colors of the African culture. He took painstaking care to ensure the accuracy of the images - from the detailed face and body paintings of an African warrior to the brilliant colors of exotic parrots. One of Matthews' works reminds me of the famed "painter of light," Thomas Kinkade. I can seeit in his painting "Giraffe." A giraffe towers in the light of an intense and brilliant full moon. The moon is so bright... "I wonder how he does that?" As we look at this genre, I asked Matthews about his motivation for painting African art. He pointed out that although he is not African, but an American, he acknowledges his ancestors were from Africa and those roots area part of who he

He goes on to say that he loves culture in general, and looks forward to painting images of all cultures. He stresses that his ultimate goal is to do great art that people will enjoy.

After a quick diversion abroad, I turn the cor ner that takes me back to American culture Matthews has captured the essence of black American history in a set of paintings. These particular paintings would fare well with the Norman Rockwell fan. On the far wall of the gallery his works wonderfully display not just

time. Some of his works are uniquely a reflection of the black American experience, but others are simply all-American - such as one painting depicting a young boy making a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich. Some of his paintings, if you only stand and stare for a moment, come alive. No imagination is really needed in this array of his work; it's much like the personality of the man- simple, down home and from the

As I turn the corner yet again, it appears that I'm looking at another artist's work, but in fact it's Matthews again showing his diversity in style. It goes from a set of still-life paintings decent work, but none of which overly impressed me - to a few wonderful paintings of wild animals, I find the grizzly-bear and timber-wolf paintings to be noteworthy. Again he captures more than just the physical image - they look wild and hungry.

He saved the best for last, however. Again, showing what appears to be his force in terms of artistic skill were two portraits, one of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and another of Malcom N. Plainly put, I'm really impressed with the absolute photographic quality of these pieces. They're the types of work that you find yourself getting really close to, to ask, "How did he do that?" I note, for instance, the skin blemishes

people and places, but American moments in on King's face. It may seem trivial, but it's that sort of detail that brings the paintings to life. Matthews is not flawless as an artist. Some paintings clearly aren't as mature as others most of which are his earlier works from the

> Nevertheless, still wonderful scenes. I do find it interesting to see how he's matured as an artist over the last 20 years. While I enjoy the diversity of his artistic expression and style, I wonder if his style is too diverse. Perhaps his recognition would grow if he narrowed his expression to the style that is unmistakably "Matthews" - his signature paintings. My vote would be his portrait work or his wonderful paintings of the African-American experience. His immense and diverse talent certainly offers him, and us, wonderful choices.

> Matthews knows exactly what he wants as a painter and as a man. He wants to express himself as an artist and as a human being - through his work - and if he brings pleasure to others along the way, all the better.

> Steve Matthews works will be exhibited at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford Councy Center for the Arts gallery - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday -Saturday throughout February. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The public is also invited to attend a free reception from 5:30 - 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19 at the gallery.

by Jared Wilson Staff Writer

## Outlining a dull 'Affair'

Attention, aspiring filmmakers! If you would like to create the quintessential romantic period piece, sure to wow critics and "discriminating" audiences, please obey the following suggestions:

17 Set your film in a foreign land, preferably in Britain. If this is impossible, include at least one foreign lead character, preferably British.

27 It must be a love story, but remember that wives do not love their husbands. The wife must love another man who must feel conflicted because he is [a] the husband's friend, [b] the husband's boss, or [c] the husband's brother.

3] You do not have to prove that your leads are in love. Simply showing them having sex and saying "I love you" to each other will do.

47 One of the lead characters must die by the end.

And there you have it. This paint-by-numbers approach has certainly worked before and director Neil Jordan has employed it in his latest film, "The End of the Affair."

"The End of the Affair" tells the convoluted, wartime London story of Henry, a boring husband portrayed by the dull Stephen Rea, who believes his wife Sarah [Julianne Moore, in a huge waste of talent? is having an affair. The "friend" Henry enlists to assist him in hiring an investigator turns out to be Sarah's lover [Ralph Fiennes - see #2 above 7. Soon, the two men

believe Sarah is seeing a third. Both are jealous, but now Fiennes' character must be jealous of two men. If that doesn't make sense, don't worry. The film gives you plenty of time to figure it all out.

An hour and a half go by before anyone smiles in "The End of the Affair," and I know this because I checked my watch often. The same story is told twice from two different perspectives, and they are intersected an hour in by a "Big Bang" of sorts. This is God intervening in the lovers' affair. Jordan inserts this "God stuff," which becomes the primary theme by the film's end, presumably because it is prevalent in the novel by Graham Greene from which this film is adapted.

I must assume the novel approaches theodicy Fif God exists, why does he allow suffering? I in a more sophisticated manner. Fiennes' character, Maurice Bendrix, who demonstrates his command of words by whispering to Sarah, his lover. lines like, "I am jealous of your button, because it is with you all day," a line he whispers to Sarah as he dresses her. Please. The lovers sleep together the first time they meet and, true to Hollywood form, they are in love. We know this because they sya they love each other while having sex through air raids. [see #3 above]. Also, because Bendrix says, "I am jealous of your stocking, because it gets to kiss your whole leg." He must be quite a novelist.

The spiritual mumbo-jumbo enters during the Big Bang sequence, the result of God agreeing to Sarah's desperate proposal, one she regrets after it comes true. A priest enters the picture and he is suspected as the third lover. The private investigator hired by Bendrix for Henry Fand himself follows everyone around with his son, an aspiring investigator. And it all moves very, very slowly. In a better film, this pace would allow one to savor the texture and richness of a love story dealing with the complex theological problems of God, free will, and pain. Instead, the pace inspires prayers to God that he will end the pain and a temptation to exercise free will in leaving the theater.

I stuck it out, though, and when one of the leads began to cough in every scene, my cliche

alarm went haywire [see #4 above]. The character remaining at the close of the film yells at the priest, "I hate your imaginary God," but, of course, later acknowledges God's hand in the ending of the affair. This reminded me of something C.S. Lewis, a British writer and theologian who lived in wartime England, once said: "When I was an atheist, I maintained that God did not exist. I was also very angry with him for not existing. I was equally angry with him for creating a world."

On this note, I should recommend the film "Shadowlands" [starring Anthony Hopkins]. The story is loosely-based on Lewis' romance with Joy Davidman This wife whom he later loses to cancer l. It's a sad, British love story. Although, not great, it beats "The End of the Affair" any old day.

My Grade: D+



by DANIEL ROSS
STAFF WRITER

## Leave the symphony at home

There is a saying; "Oil and water don't mix."
Oil and water, maybe, but not a symphony orchestra and the world's biggest hard rock band. On their latest release,

"S&M," Metallica is out to prove that they two

do indeed mix, and mix very well.

The album, released in late 1999, highlights the concert Metallica played in mid-April 1999 with the San Francisco Orchestra conducted by Michael Kamen. The result of that collaboration is captured on the two-disc set.

Normally a symphony accompaniment of a rock band is on the band's big power ballad hit, a la Aerosmith's "Dream On." It usually doesn't go any further than that. Most of the time it's for the best that it doesn't go any further than that. However,

Metallica, being who they are, decided to break that rule and do a whole show with the symphony. How does it sound when a symphony and the heaviest band in hard rock get together in a marriage of chaos and order?

The result is not bad-but not that good either. On a few songs, the collaboration works wonderfully, creating a grandiose sound so big even Goliath would be proud. The symphony adds texture to

songs such as "Of Wolf and Man," "Hero of the Day," "Devil's Dance," and "For Whom the Bell Tolls." The collaboration brings another dimension to these songs that is sorely needed. The pairing works best on tracks from Metallica's more recent releases, "Load" and "Re-Load." When

Metallica trimmed down their sound to something south of a metal orgy, they also opened the door for additional textures to be added to their sound.

Even on a few tracks from the earlier releases, such as "The Thing That Should Not Be" and "The Call of Ktulu" the collaboration works splendidly. The problem arises when Metallica relives its full-on-metal past and tries to work the songs into the symphony framework.

"Battery" is a perfect example. The song is a favorite among die-hard Metallica fans but it simply sounds like mush when a symphony is thrown in. And "thrown in" is exactly what it sounds like. The orchestra struggles to keep up with the relentless pace of the song and the result is almost non-listenable. Even a few songs from later releases such as "Fuel" sound the same way. The symphony sounds horribly out of place in this song.

Perhaps the best pairing of the two is on the track "The Outlaw Torn." The song is a rather obscure track for most casual listeners. Originally featured on Metallica's "Load" album, the song is transformed by the symphony into a gargantuan monster that is big, but not pretentious.

Metallica pulled a neat trick with this album. They managed to package a live, greatest-hits-special event album into one neat package. While not all of the tracks are greatest hits missing is the seminal "Creeping Death" the majority of the songs are recognizable to most casual listeners. But after a live album, a covers album and an album of leftovers, Metallica fans must be ready for some really new material.

Metallica does provide two new songs on the album. "Human" and "No Leaf Clover" are new, but not all that impressive. Both fit the semi-power ballad format that works well with the symphony but the quality just isn't there.

While the album is not horribly unlistenable, it is trying at times. James Hetfield's voice grows old quickly and Kirk Hammett's guitar tone is worse than usual. The real power of Metallica, however, is the sheer energy that the songs provide. Unfortunately, this album is not truly representative of a Metallica live show. The symphony tried its best, and at times succeeded wonderfully, but it couldn't keep up with Metallica's speed.

My Grade: C+



#### The Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies

has a trademark of rich, warm guitar sounds that reflects a Southern rock world in flux, with a bluesy soulfulness of bouncy beaats and harmonica work. Appearing at 328 Performance HAll on Saturday, February 12th, 8pm. Tickets: \$12 advance, \$15 door. Benefits the Mathew W. Butler Foundation, Inc. Call [615] \$259,3288 for information or [615] \$255,9600 for tickets.

#### The Floating Men

has a trademark of sensuality, humor and depth that carries throughout their blended sounds of rock, bluegrass, honky tonk, jazz, junk, techno and a spattering of big-band. Appearing at Jack Leg's on Monday, February 14th, 9 p.m. Tickets: \$5. Call [615] 255-1933.

Theater\_

by RUTH PELTIER
STAFF WRITER

# Tom Sawyer's teaching antics Art Center of Cannon County gives community educational living arts

Children and adults are hard at work at the Arts Center of Cannon County preparing for their presentation of "Tom Sawyer." Once again Tom thwarts the efforts of Aunt Polly to teach responsibility through fence painting, experiences the joy and pain of puppy love, runs away from home to play pirate on a "deserted" island and attends his own funeral.

Forty-five hundred children from schools in seven counties have plans to attend this play with their teachers, according to Scarlett Turney, the center's director of the play and arts education, which is located on John Bragg Highway seven miles west of Woodbury, Tenn.

Because the school performances will run every Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 1-17, two different actors or actresses are playing most of the roles. It is not possible for most young people to be absent from school six days in one three-week period.

Turney says the ages of the actors and actresses in this play average 10 or 11 years. The

youngest member of the cast is 5 years old and the oldest cast member is 48.

Josh Yates, 14, is one of the actors playing the role of Tom Sawyer. He is home schooled and is in the eighth grade. Yates has appeared in 14 plays with a variety of drama groups including, Circle Theater, Darkhorse Theater, and Greenwood Tree Theater.

Yates says he participates in theater because "it is fun to be a different person on stage than you are in real life."

"It is just what I like to do," Yates explained, "other kids like baseball."

MTSU sophomore Matthew Smith, who is majoring in theater arts, plays the villain, the nefarious "Injun" Joe,

Smith says he has been interested in drama since high school. He appeared in the Riverdale High School production of "Grease" and also has worked with a traveling drama group called Roads [Rural Outreach Audience Development for Students].

His most recent theatrical experience was playing both Pharaoh and Issachar in the Arts Center of Cannon County production of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat."

Smith says he participates in theater because ed by area schools and look he likes to entertain people and make them ter also hosts art fairs an laugh. For this reason, he finds the role of the work of local artists "Injun" Joe difficult to play.

The center offers class

"This is my first 'mean' part," he complained, "I don't like it."

Smith says his plans for the future are, "to do live theater until I win a Tony; then, go on and do movies."

DTC Communications sponsors the 2000 Playhouse Season at the center, which will present, in addition to "Tom Sawyer," "Secret Garden" March 24 April 8, "Boys Next Door" in June and "Hills of Home" in July.

The drama program is only a small part of the outreach of this extraordinary community resource. According to Turney, the arts center's goal is to "provide opportunities for members of the communities in this area to display and appreciate art of all kinds."

The Marley Burger Gallery at the center presents about 12 art exhibits each year, provided by area schools and local art groups. The center also hosts art fairs and a gift shop to display the work of local artists

The center offers classes in everything from quilt making to learning to play the dulcimer. The local artists who teach these classes want to pass knowledge of their crafts to another generation. The MTSU continuing education catalogue lists some of these classes.

The center also brings in out of town artists for the Union Planters Concert Series. "Avner the Eccentric" will be there March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Allison Brown Quartet, Nashville Mandolin and Tennessee Dance Theater will all perform at the center this summer.

Public performances of "Tom Sawyer" will be Feb. 11 and 12 at 2:30 p.m., with matinees Feb. 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.

SIDELINES

FEBRUARY 9, 2000

## Bring on the wet towel

by DANNY FREEMAN

With every new, carefully placed, white toothed, blonde haired, dimple having machine a true musician is lost. Where the business begins the music ends. Somewhere in the world a young money hungry beast that turns

routines, belly shirts and school house videos. It's ready to snap the cute butts of every bubble gum pop-singing hormone hounder in it for a quick buck.

Oh, it's going to leave a welp, and everywhere they go they'll be met by some ex-member of a dolled up eighties hair band to compare welps. Bring on the wet



#### Announcements

Friends of the Metro Public Library host a sale of used books, audio books, Cds and videos, 10 a.m. 3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Howard School Bldg. (700 2nd Ave. S.)

The House of Bliss offers classes in yoga, Bliss, wellness programs and massages. (816 19th Ave. S. 329-BLISS)

The Lupus Foundation offers a Clarksville-area support group for patients, their families and friends the second Sunday of each month in the Governor's square Mall Community Room. (2801 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., Clarksville 298-2273) 3-5

Mars Music sponsors "In Tune With Kids," a musical instrument exchange program to collect used band and orchestra instruments for local schools through March 3. Instruments can be dropped off at MARS. (719 Thompson Ln.)

The Martha O'Bryan Center seeks volunteer reading tutors to help Kindergarten to 2nd-graders through its Book Buddies program. Volunteer orientation is held at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuedays of each month. (254-1791, Christy

"Moving Through The Fear." a social anxiety suport group, meets 7-8:30p.m. Mondays. (321-

NAMI. the family organization for people with brain disorders, holds its monthly education meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the West End Church of Christ. The Journeys of Hope family support group and the Bridges support group for mental health consumers meet 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the church. (3534 West

Nashville Bar Association offers "Dial-A-Lawyer," free legal advice, 6-8 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. (242-9272)

Nashville Chess Center offers chess activities. tournaments and events for adults and children (2911 Belmont Blvd. 292-7341) Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.: 1-4 p.m. Sun.

National Hepatitis C Coalition meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Conference Room A. (400 N. Highland Ave... Conference Room A. Murfreesboro 355-8604)

Peace Corps seeks volunteers for agricultural projects in French-speaking Africa, Jan. - spring 2000 (1-800-424-8580)

Recovery Inc., a program for overcoming panic attacks, phobias, anger and general anxiety, meets 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 1, Belmont United Methodist Church. (2007 Acklen Ave. 952-9550 or 646-0049)

S.A.V.E., an organization of Christian women, provides a safe, confidential place of support for female victims of domestic violence. Weekly meetings, locations and times are confidential. (202-5252 5-10 p.m.)

The Tennessee Department of Health offers free, confidential HIV testing and counseling at local health departments throughout the state. (1-800-525-2437)

"Two Rivers DMDA." a support group for people who suffer depression or manic-depression and their friends and families meets 7-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Two Rivers Baptist Church. (2800 McGavock Pk. 884-2160)

#### **Art Galleries** Nashville

22nd Street Cafe 205 22nd Avenue N (615) 320-7000

The Arts Company (615) 254-9289

Artsynergy 615 5th Avenue S (615) 256- 9001

A Thousand Faces 1720 21st Avenue 5 (615) 298-3304

Brentwood Academy 219 Granny White Pike (615) 370-9577

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> Heritage Gallery 302 West Vine Street (615) 890-0732

P.K.P. Art Studio & Gallery 1510 W. College Street (615) 907-6010

> Studio S. Pottery 1426 Avon Road (615) 896-0789

#### Clubs & Meetings

Bi the Way, a socially supportive group for bisex uals, meets for informal discussions at First Unitarian Universalist Church. (1808 Woodm Blvd. 365-0835)

Flat Rock Squares, dance Western-style square, round and/or line dancing, 8 p.m. Fridays at the Boyd Garrett Center, Woodbine Cumberland Presbyterian Church. (3016 Nolensville Rd. 641-0138, 822-1286 or 333-7892)

Music City Chorus meets 7 p.m. Mondays at Davd Lipscomb High School on Granny White Pike. Males interested for singing four-part harmony are invited. )331-7377 or 868-0225)

Nashville Country Dancers offer lessons in contra, square, waltz and circle dances to live music, 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Woodbine Community Center. All ages, no partner required, \$4. The dancers also offer English country dance lessons, 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. (222 Oriel Ave. 361-6107)

Nashville Ski Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the YMCA at Maryland Farms. (5101Maryland Way, Brentwood 833-Farms.

Society for Creative Anachronism Inc., an international organization dedicated to the preservation an dre-creation of the Middle Ages, meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. Fighter practice is 7:30 - 9:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cohn Center Gym and 1 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in Centennial Park. (4805 Park Ave. 781-8800)

Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing meets 5:30-7 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month in the basement of West Nashville United Methodist Church. (4710 Charlotte Ave. 329-

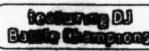
Touched by Adoption, an adoption support group meets the second Tuesday of each month Childcare is available. (415 Franklin Rd., Franklin 371-1266)

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Your Way Cafe 515 2nd Ave. S. 256-9682 Special Events This Week

February 11th

The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts would like to invite everyone to attend the Brown Bag Lunch Concert Series. The concert on Friday will take place in the gallery of the Center for the Arts located at 110 W. College St., and the time for the music will be from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

February 10th - 12th

The Piano Lesson runs at the Art Center on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors, \$5 Students/Children. Call [615] 904-ARTS. The Piano Lesson will also run next weekend.

February 11th - 13th

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer runs at The Arts Center on Friday and Saturday at 7:30, with matiness on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$3 Students. Call 563 ARTS.

Ongoing

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee is a non-profit child abuse prevention agency serving families across Tennessee. They are seeking volunteers to answer the statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with families of newborns, to facilitate parenting classes, to assist with childcare during the parenting classes. Training begins Saturday, March 18. For more information, please call lennifer Watson at [615] 868-4468 ext 12.

A Thousand Faces [1720 215t Ave. S. 298-3304] Twisted metal candelabras & caricature faces by Daniel Hall. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Mon. Thurs.; 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Fri. Sat.; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun.

American Center [3100 West End Ave. [404] 816-0069] "Dual Threads: The Fiber Art of Ulkira Leander & Bernie Rowell." Hours: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Mon. Fri.

Horos Gopes
[February 14 - February 19]

Aries March 21-April 197.

Your social life should be great this week, but you may be introspective this weekend. Monday's a busy day, with tons of errands to run. Get friends to help with household chores on Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll be more effective with a team. You'll win at sports on Thursday and Friday. Include somebody who can't quite keep up. Schedule quiet time for the weekend.

Taurus [April 20-May 20].

You've been forced to reassess your forward motion during the past few weeks, but life will get easier soon. Take care of business on Monday and increase your income. You're learning quickly on Tuesday and Wednesday. Make big decisions Thursday and Friday after you've studied the issues. Party to the max over the weekend.

Gemini May 21-June 21].

You may have had trouble with travel over the past few weeks, but it should be easier on Monday. Focus on ways to make money on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are good for studying, so pay attention. Stay close to home over the weekend. Respect an older person's opinions, too. You can learn a lot that way.

Cancer June 22-July 22].

Take care of old business on Monday. Clear off your desk. You'll be ready to start a new project on Tuesday or Wednesday, even if all the money isn't there yet. On Thursday and Friday, you'll have difficulty concluding a deal or getting the check that was promised. Travel this weekend, especially with or to visit siblings.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22].

Resolve partnership or legal matters this week so you can get on to the next phase. Plan your agenda with the team on Monday. Take care of something that's overdue on Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll feel stronger on Thursday and Friday, but you still have to be diplomatic. Be careful when shopping over the weekend. Stick to your budget, or you could get an awful case of buyers' remorse.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22].

You're still busy this week, but you'll be able to share the load with a partner soon. Monday could be hectic and nerve-rattling. Take it slowly. Tuesday and Wednesday should be a lot easier, especially if you gather a team around yourself. There's more pressure on Thursday and Friday, so be prepared by then. Ask for what you want, and you'll get the help you need over the weekend. The hard part will be over by then.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 23].

Monday should be a lot of fun and a good day to start a writing project. Your nerves could be on edge Tuesday and Wednesday. Take care not to snap. Your biggest problem Thursday and Friday is setting priorities in your social calendar. You'll be a perfectionist this weekend. Don't be frustrated; just keep at it 'til you get it right.

Scorpio [Oct. 24-Nov. 21].

You're still focusing on things that are happening at home. Monday's good for shopping to replace something that's worn out. Plan a romantic excursion for Tuesday or Wednesday. The boss may ask you for an accounting on Thursday or Friday. Be prepared. You may have to choose between friends and loved ones over the weekend. You'll manage.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21].

Learn something you can apply at home this week. Listen and take notes on Monday, even if you don't always agree. Go out and get stuff that'll be good for your family on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday or Friday will be best for an athletic excursion, so get your exercise then. Stay home over the weekend. Somebody you care about could need your attention.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 197.

You could find a nice way to increase your income on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday should be good for planning a major purchase. Then, go out and get it on Thursday or Friday. Your weekend's about education. If something interesting is happening within a few hundred miles, go there and do that. Also, visit your favorite siblings.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb 18].

Monday is your best day this week. You have a clear shot, so take it. You'll have to put in more effort on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are good for resolving an old difficulty with a partner. Shop for something you need over the weekend. New furniture? Home appliances? Real estate? Watch out; you're feeling extravagant.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20].

You've been pondering, possibly worrying, for a few weeks. Outgrow the old traumas and get on to the next phase. On Monday, you'll get tired of an outdated issue. Romance looks excellent on Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll be busy with business on Thursday and Friday. Over the weekend, the sun goes into your sign. You'll get more confident and more creative. Try to save money.

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