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Speaking of musical magic, the Hollywood Undead, a masked band from, well, Hollywood, will be at Piere's Saturday, July 9. Deborah Kennedy has a look behind the masks on page 5.

Stay on page 5 for Mark Hunter's profile of comedian turned gentleman farmer Heywood Banks, who will return to Snickerz Comedy Bar July 7-9. Banks is perhaps best known for his novelty song "Big Butter Jesus" about a statue of the son of God that was struck by lightning last year. Read on to see what Banks has to say about craven images and why they're so amusing.

From novelty songs to serious business ... flip to page 6 for Fernando Tarango's take on the Fort Wayne Music Scene and the Fort Wayne Musicians' Town Hall Meetings. Things are moving and shaking around here. Why not be a part of the action?

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be one of the best of his generation. A man

who, for reasons no one can quite nail down,

shares a magnetic love with the rockers of

Fort Wayne, having played memorable

shows here several times over the last four

like this. I had no background with orchestral

stuff. I came to music through rock n' roll. I

can't pour over some charts, ya know. I'm a

nitty, gritty dude when it comes to music,"

Barzelay said. "I just picked two songs and

sent them to [Philharmonic Associate Con-

ductor] Brad Thachuk. He's going to write

out all the orchestrations for those songs. So

ning this event, it would seem Kelley has

become quite the fan of the Fort Wayne Phil-

harmonic, singing their praises in a recent

While working on committees and plan-

I'm just letting him do his thing.'

OLG blog post.

"This is my first time doing anything

"This Fortissimo show is just a one-off for us. I have to give most of the credit to a certain Matt. The guy from One Lucky Guitar – it was his idea. It was him that was in touch with me and your Philharmonic. He said they were looking for something different to do. And man, I'm so excited to spend some time with my Fort Wayne peeps. Fort Wayne is always so nice to me and Clem Snide. We have other little pockets, but Fort Wayne is definitely one of the most special places for us."

- Eef Barzelay (Clem Snide)

Fortissimo, an ambitious locally produced concert event that's all the buzz as of late, pairs the Fort Wayne Philharmonic with locals Metavari and The Orange Opera, as well as national indie rock studs Clem Snide, for a night of live music. Or, as Metavari member and One Lucky Guitar Art Director Nate Utesch puts it: "a symphonic collision of the precise and the unbound."

Why classical music? Why indie rock? As usual, Matt Kelley, the event's de facto curator (and One Lucky Guitar owner), has an answer.

"We were thinking, who are bigger music snobs – classical fans or indie-rock hipsters? They're both

so precious, so elite, so judgmental, so ... incorrigible," Kelley explained in a recent interview. "Well, the only way to figure it out once and for all was to bring 'em all together for one knock-down, drag-out concert of epic proportions. May the snobbiest snobs be left standing."

Really, though, Kelley is just a longtime Clem Snide junkie who wanted to do a project with some friends he met a few years ago.

"I've been on The Phil's board of directors since 2008, and OLG has done a lot of marketing work with them and really loved it. As we'd talk about The Phil in the One Lucky Guitar office and see some of the great non-traditional things it was doing (such as the Ben Folds show and writing arrangements for Heather Headley's national tour with orchestras), we started daydreaming about The Phil playing original music with some Fort Wayne bands," Kelley told me. "So we put together some early ideas for it. Then I got to serve on The Phil's Audience Development Task Force, and I brought our idea to one of the group's first brainstorming sessions. That was December 2009 - 18 months ago - and they loved the idea and wanted to explore how it might work."



Clockwise from top: The Orange Opera, Metavari & Clem <u>Snide</u>. Enter Eef Barzelay, a songwriter many consider to

"I think that The Phil probably arrives in people's minds with some outdated, preconceived notions about being stuffy or all buttoned up," Kelley said. "Turns out, that's not really the case. They want to do things in new ways and be a really progressive or-



ssive orchestra. Bradley has scored origin a l, s y m phonic accomp a n i ments for each artist's songs.

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He is every bit the beautiful, artistic, slightly eccentric madman you'd hope for. He's tremendous."

As far as picking the right bands to work with Thachuk and his orchestra goes, Clem was a no-brainer for Kelley, a devout fan who came on board with the band's string-heavy Your Favorite Music.

"What I like about Clem Snide being a part of this

is that it sets it up from the very beginning to be two local bands and one national band. After the first Down the Line event, I always wished we had gone with this model – all local and one national. We just couldn't get that to happen with that event. If Fortissimo is a success and becomes an annual thing, we're already set up to continue this framework. It's pretty fun to daydream about the bands that might be able to play in this context."

For those not familiar with Down the Line, it's a popular annual concert event at the historic Embassy Theatre that Kelley and his OLG crew had much to do with until this year. With Fortissimo, one has to wonder if Kelley has jumped the Embassy ship in favor of his new idea. Not the case.

"Well, there's been some talk that Fortissimo is what OLG is doing now that we're not doing Down the Line. That's not really the case; Fortissimo started 18 months ago. But I do feel that Down the Line showed that something really wild – local bands playing on a large, non-traditional stage – could actually happen, be a success, and be pretty great."

When asked how the event planners selected the local bands, Kelley had much to

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By Deborah Kennedy

The Hollywood Undead have a very simple rationale for wearing masks.

"We just thought it would look cool in pictures," bass player J-Dog (aka Jorel Decker) told me in a recent phone conversation. He'd just returned from his first ever fishing trip in the hills outside of Los Angeles and was a bit high from having caught a trout, a huge one J-Dog described to me as a 'Rambo-looking fish.'

"I mean, it's not like we thought we could maintain this air of mystery or anything. With the Internet, all it takes is for one person to snap you on your way to the grocery store and, bam, you're exposed. We just figured, why not do something a little different? And

we do look cool. You have to admit."

I did admit it. I also asked him why, in his case, his mask sports a \$2 bill over the mouth.

"I'm putting my money where my mouth is," he joked. "Literally. Nah, I don't know. I just thought it would be clever. When we put out our first album it was a \$1 bill. With our second, I made a \$2 bill and put it on there."

The first album, the ironically titled *Swan Songs*, came out in 2008, after much ado. The ado was due to the fact that several labels wanted the Hollywood Undead – then Johnny 3 Tears, Da Kurlzz, Charlie Scene, J-Dog, Funny Man, Shady Jeff and Deuce – to censor their expletive-sprinkled tunes. The Undead unequivocally said screw that to the folks at MySpace Records and others who for two years tried to get them to compromise.

"They would literally go song by song, suggesting we take out almost every word," J-Dog said. "The stuff they were complaining about, it was crazy. It was stupid. And we just thought, 'We're not the Backstreet Boys. We're not 'N Sync.' We would rather not release the album at all than have a label control us."

Eventually, the wise people at A&M/Octone Records agreed to put out *Swan Songs* just the way it was, and goody for them because the record was a smash. It climbed to No. 22 on the Billboard 200 chart and threw the Undead into the spotlight. They saw, they toured, they conquered. They also lost a bandmate, Deuce, in the process.

Most reports suggest that Deuce (aka Aron Erlichman) might have been a little on the high maintenance side, insisting on

taking his own assistants with him on tour and making other diva-like demands. Erlichman, who has since penned a rather bitter tune about his former band, "Story of a Snitch," was replaced by Daniel Murillo (aka "Just Danny"), who abandoned his spot in

Season 9 of "American Idol" to hookup with the Undead.

J-Dog said the lineup change has worked out great for the band.

"Danny brings a certain something. He brings the sexy and the class," he said.

All you have to do is give Hollywood Undead's latest release, *American Tragedy*, one listen and it's obvious that HU have changed direction. The new album, while still sporting the Undead's trademark metal/ rap sound, clearly displays more rock influences. And tracks like "Comin' in Hot," "Gangsta Sexy" and "Hear Me Now" are going over big with fans.

"It's Hollywood Undead, only more refined," J-Dog said.

Want to come back to life? HU will be at Piere's Saturday, July 9 with All That Remains and Threat Level. After that they'll be on big tours in both the U.S. and Europe. There'll be a third album sometime in the future for sure – and when that happens, will J-Dog make a \$3 bill for his mask?

"I've thought about that. Do I make a fake \$3 bill or do I jump to a fiver? Am I thinking too much about this? I don't want to be a dork about it," he said.

Down on the Farm

By Mark Hunter

When I reached Heywood Banks at his compound somewhere in the wilds between Detroit and Lansing, the unique and wildly popular singer/songwriter was busy concocting new singer/songwriter-type stuff from deep within his unique and wildly popular compound somewhere between Flint and Ann Arbor.

Heywood Banks has always been a tough "get" for working journalists. Intensely private and reluctant to expose himself to the probing, sometimes rude questions lobbed at him like desperate returns at Wimbledon, Banks typically prefers to let his deeply personal art speak for him. And considering his hardscrabble upbringing, who can blame him?

Heywood Banks was born Stuart

Was born Stuart Mitchell to a pair of parents in a log trailer in the rugged, hardscrabble mountains in Tennessee, a state well known for the tough, mountains and the tough.

tainous regions which occupy certain areas. Tragedy reared its ugly head soon in young Heywood/Stuart's life when his chronological parents, Hank and Heyena Banks, were killed in a freak revolving restaurant accident atop a hardscrabble mountain. Heywood later learned that a misanthropic employee had set the speed of the restaurant to "purce." "Grisly," Banks has been quoted as saying.

Orphaned at a young age, the young Banks/Mitchell was soon adopted by mathematical parents who quickly set him to work at a local Kroger bagging groceries. Things went smoothly for the young teenager, who year by year was approaching adulthood, until one tragic day he was hit in the head by a flying can of lunch meat. The resulting spannesia resulted in an affinity not only for forgetting tragic events but for wearing loud sport coats and songwriting. Banks soon discovered he was unqualified for most jobs, so he picked up a guitar and headed north.

When I reached him at his apartment in rural Compound, Michigan, he reluctantly answered my call three times before the cell phone service I'm hostage to decided to approve the connection. What follows is the conversation we had:

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Banks: Yes.
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H.B.: A beekeeper hat and a pair of clown shoes.

As it turned out Banks was in a jovial mood, rare form, if you will, for a man sutured by an adhesive conformity to societal strictures. Banks is a gentleman chicken farmer and was spreading wood chips when I reached him via cell phone just before a violent thunderstorm reined in our conversation.

"You know I can always find wood chips," he said, "but I can never find wood chip dip."

A regular on the Bob & Tom radio show, Banks has penned such classics as "Toast," "Pancreas" and the ever-popular "Big Butter Jesus." Those familiar with the Dayton-Cincinnati I-75 corridor will be familiar with the reference Banks makes to the creamy 60foot tall statue of Jesus which once graced that stretch of pavement. Tragically, the steel, fiberglass and spray foam sculpture felt the wrath of nature a year ago when the right hand of Jesus was stuck by lighting and the entire thing was incinerated in a swirl of flame and toxic smoke.

"I thought about adding another verse to

Musicians Stirring Things Up

By Fernando Tarango

"You say you want a revolution!"

If you don't know about the Fort Wayne Music Scene group page on Facebook or the Musicians Town Hall meetings that have been happening, somebody has left you out of the loop. But don't get bitter, get connected and read onward.

A Facebook group started by *whatzup* at the beginning of April has led to some buzz among the local music community. *whatzup* may have gotten the group set up, but it's the musicians themselves who have created the stir.

"We really didn't do anything but create the Facebook group and then call Bob Roets of Wooden Nickel to ask him to invite every musician he knew (which is pretty much all of 'em)," says Driscoll. "We can't take any credit for what's happened since."

What has happened since? Beyond the usual gripe about ill-attended events or the occasional guitarist selling his effects pedal to make his next month's rent, Matt Cashdollar of the production team Love Hustler posted the question, "What is the Fort Wayne music scene missing?"

Seventy-nine comments later the first Fort Wayne Musicians Town Hall Meeting was born. "I just thought it would be a good dialogue to have," Cashdollar said. "I heard a lot of complaining and thought we should start to find solutions. I had no idea it would start a meeting."

It not only started a meeting, but may have started a new musical movement. In attendance have been over 40 musicians (yes, that includes DJs), producers (both film and music), venue owners, promoters, teachers and supporters of the Fort Wayne music scene. The musicians have set their goal to make Fort Wayne the "best music scene in the Midwest." It's a lofty goal, but one that serves the best interest of everyone in this city. The only problem is how to make that happen.

Jack Harris, host of the A&O Sweet Shop Open Jam puts it simply: "We have some [awesome] musicians in this town. But to be the best music scene you need to have an appreciation for original music."

"There are 3 elements: musicians, venues and consumers. If any one of these fail ... the scene topples, or struggles along as it is," says Mark Lahey of C2G Music Hall.

The core issue, of course, is money. Venues want to make money, as do musicians, and that requires patrons to frequent local venues featuring original musicians.

Admittedly, nobody knows for certain how to achieve that goal. Says Matthew Stabler of Jam Crib, "We're figuring out a recipe for that pie in the sky!" Though the musicians can't be responsible for every ingredient of that recipe, they are appropriately taking responsibility for their own portion and discussing tactics on how to promote more effectively, how to be more professional, how to best utilize the area's resources and how to make each show an event that draws an audience.

"It's neat to see a more cohesive unit amongst musicians," says Acoustic Showcase host Jon Durnell. "I'm happy with the turnout."

Have you made it out? If you're one of the many highly creative and innovative individuals that make this city great, then consider yourself invited every other Tuesday to the Jam Crib, 3319 N Anthony Blvd. The next meeting is July 5. If you can't make the meetings, minutes and discussions are shared via the Fort Wayne Music Scene Facebook page.

It's an exciting time for the Fort Wayne music scene. It's like that big flood from the 80s everyone always talks about. We are the "city that saved itself." But now, instead of floodwaters threatening our streets, it's cultural malaise. When people look back years from now at what saved this city from "suburban blah," maybe they'll look back and talk about the Musician Town Hall Meeting and all the key players in it. So, who wants to play?



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EMA Past Life Martyred Saints

So far 2011 has been a year full of surprises, musically speaking. Three of my favorite records released up to this point – Yuck's Yuck, Mazes' A Thousand Heys and now Erika "EMA" Anderson's Past Life Martyred Saints – are debuts released by notably young artists. While

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the Yuck record is maybe my current favorite of the three, EMA's nine-song *Saints* is by far the most interesting, mixing elements of electro-punk, art-rock, pop and neo-psychedelia in a cold, dark and grimy manner that brings to mind the oft-noisy early work of artists like Sonic Youth, Cat Power, PJ Harvey and the Yeah Yeahs.

Four years ago EMA, then a member of the now-defunct Gowns, recorded a very good record called *Red State* that unfortunately passed by mostly unknown, the band breaking up before they could release a second album. Prior to Gowns, a very young Anderson was a guitarist for cult favorites Amps For Christ, an artistic experience, we'd bet, that played a big part in EMA's current sound. Listening back to the uber-artsy records of her salad days now, it's almost hard to believe that EMA didn't "go solo" earlier – this because, while those records are all worth checking out, it's *Saints* that stands above the rest, feeling like an instant underground classic.

Clocking in at 37 minutes, *Saints* displays more diversity than your average art-rock record, offering different versions of the often emotional artist on each song. On "Butterfly Knife," for example, EMA is both nostalgic and angsty, mixing howls and sugar-sweet vocals over feedback and distortion in a way that would make PJ Harvey shiver. Instant standout "Milkman," a dark and dancey tune covered in a cloak of noise, displays EMA's pop sensibilities, almost feeling like an underground answer to a weirdo pop-smith like Lady Gaga (forgive me).

The eight main tracks from the record, to varying degrees, all feel like mini-epics that could've easily been issued as stand alone 7" singles. "California," the track that has been getting the most attention thus far, is a bit of a mind-bender, offering a big and sprawling sound that was, if you listen closely, clearly played and produced in a minimalist fashion. Here EMA speaks more than she sings, offering a solid structure to an arrangement comprised more of sounds than melody. "Coda," perhaps the record's most unlikely track, is an a cappella mini-song that offers a breather before one of *Saints'* key tracks, "Marked," kicks in. Instantly reminiscent of "Our Time," the closing cut from the first Yeah Yeahs EP (a record winked at by *Saints'* cover design), "Marked" slowly builds over a proggy arrangement of chugging noise, tin-can percussion and hypnotic organ, never quite exploding.

The overall listening experience reminds me as much of the implied grandness of bands like The Fall and The Royal Trux as it does more obvious artists like Harvey and the Yeahs. And as easily as I'd could liken the record to classic-era Sonic Youth albums like *Dirty* and *Goo*, it just doesn't seem right. *Past Life Martyred Saints*, thanks to EMA's seemingly endless number of ideas (as well as her diversity and vocal ability), pushes past both its influences and the current crop of noisy girl bands (Dum Dum Girls, Vivian Girls and Best Coast) with ease, standing as a noisy – and wholly original – masterpiece full of heart and style. (*Greg W. Locke*)

Bon Iver Bon Iver

The second full-length from Justin Vernon's Bon Iver project, an eponymous 10-song record with strikingly detailed cover art, is perhaps the most anticipated non-commercial release of 2011, thanks in full to the universal love the Bon's debut record, *For Emma, For Ever Ago*, saw upon its wide release in

2008. And while I'd like to tell you that the new album is a letdown (as the stopgap EP, *Blood Bank*, was), it's not. Not even close. What *Bon Iver* is, is a grand record that boasts a sound far more complete than that of *Emma*. Resources, man, resources.

And sure, the album is impressively long-labored stuff, flaunting a big and bold full-band sound, but does it have any of the haunting magic of *Emma*, a record that breathed desperation and emotion like few have before it? Well, maybe not. That's a rare, rare thing. By now we're used to Vernon's once-unique vocal style (many have

BACKTRACKS

Captain Beefheart & His Magic Band Trout Mask Replica (1969)

Don "Van" Vliet (Captain Beefheart) was born about three weeks after Frank Zappa, approximately 2,700 miles away. Their collaboration 28 years later would lead to one of the most experimental rock albums ever released to that point (and perhaps ever).



Trout Mask Replica, the third Beefheart album, dabbles primarily in blues, jazz and folk, but is also peppered with brass and woodwinds. It did better in England than in the States and today is usually included in most major music publicationss' Top 100 albums of all time lists. With 28 tracks, it wanders around like a drunken uncle at Thanksgiving, and for some reason it's still something that I can occasionally listen to.

Perhaps too eccentric or performance artsy for some, *Trout* Mask Replica has a 50s Beatnik vibe to it, including a little spoken word and a few references to bodily functions. There is also a track about a concentration camp in "Dachau Blues." Other song titles include "Bill's Corpse," "Dali's Car," "Hair Pie" and "Ant Man Bee."

"Orange Claw Hammer" is the tale of a man reunited with his daughter after being out on the water (for too long). "Neon Mete Dream of a Octopus" (bad grammar and all) may be one of the weirdest songs you've ever heard, and I probably shouldn't mention what it's about.

If you like Beefheart you've already heard this release, or *Safe As Milk* or *Shiny Beast*. If you haven't heard it yet, don't bother. It's probably over your head. Pick up *Spotlight Kid* instead; it's Beefheart for beginners.

Poet, artist, musician, tyrant, introvert and weirdo – the Captain was all of these things. Van Vliet passed away in December from complications from MS. He was 69. (Dennis Donahue)

already been influenced by it since 2008), so the shock of that appeal is also gone, replaced by incredibly deep compositions that feel at every moment fragile, mixing delicate nuance and grand ideas in a way similar to some of Low's work, but to a much different effect.

Opener "Perth" is an instant winner, jumping out of the speakers in a very cinematic, emotional way. Starting simple, with floating voice and processed guitar, the song is at first reminiscent of *Emma* before it takes a soft turn towards pseudo-chamber pop, held together by marching drums and layer after layer of sweet, emotive melody. Vernon sings over his band's epic arrangement in the way only he truly can, instantly reminding listeners why they were so excited in the first place. It's a hell of a start to a record that plenty of people will – for reasons unknown to me – inevitably call a letdown. Yeah, the sound here is bummer and the departures aren't anything too drastic, but isn't knocking those attributes kind of like saying that *Bon Iver* reminds us of one of the best albums of the last decade, the irresistible *Emma*, if taken from a different perspective?

My only real worry with this album is that the songs are all *too* big, *too* full. Part of the original appeal of the Bons was the solidarity factor, not unlike that heard on Bruce Springsteen's intimate classic, *Nebraska*. And while it's perfectly fine for a band to change gears from album to album, *Bon Iver* as a whole is so full and deep that it often feels hard to pull the moments from the mud. Similar to the approach The Arcade Fire took to their second record, the great *Neon Bible*, Vernon really goes for it here, taking the time to build his already great sound into something more.

The artwork for *Emma* and *Bon* do the talking. The cover for *Emma*, a sole window, iced over, set the stage for the story of a man alone, cold and longing. The result was an affecting, relatable album whose emotional impact put fingerprints on the souls of its listeners. The new record is taken from the perspective of outside the cabin, far off, detailing the surroundings in a beautiful way – deeper yet brighter. We're still in the same neighborhood here, but the attitude – and results – are different. The question becomes, is the appeal different? Will a fan of *Emma* find the same amount of emotion in the record, the same connection? I'd argue that yes, as long as you get to know the depths of these gently giant compositions, you'll enjoy the record very much, as it's a truly great batch of songs. But no, *Bon Iver* will not stand as the major classic *Emma* was.

But that's okay. Leaving the hideout is good for you. (G.W.L.)



----- Calendar • Live Music & Comedy------

<u>Thursday, June 30</u>

- ADAM PAULUS Acoustic at One Summit Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., no cover, 420-3266 Avything Goes — Rock variety at El Azteca, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no
- соver, 482-2172 Dave Larcнaw — Piano at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 426-3442
- GREG BENDER Acoustic at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 625-1002
- THE J TAYLORS Rock at Covington Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 432-6660
- JAZZ AFTER WORK HOSTED BY CLIF WALLACE — JAZZ at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 5-7:30 p.m., no cover, 373-0505

- JEFF McDonald w/Mark Thacker Acoustic 60s-70s at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524
- MIKE CONLEY WJON SWERENS AND HANNAH AND TIM BUSHONG — Acoustic fundraiser at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads & Spirits, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., all ages, \$5, 456-7005
- PRAYERS FOR ATHEISTS Metal at Berlin Music Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., \$5, 423-6424
- OPEN JAM HOSTED BY G-MONEY Open jam at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 490-6488
- OPEN MIC HOSTED BY MIKE CONLEY At Mad Anthony Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cover, 426-2537

- OPEN STAGE JAM HOSTED BY POP'N'FRESH — At VIP Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-9604
- RACHEL BROOKE AND JAMES HUNICUTT Rock at the Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., cover, 422-0881
- Robbie V And Heibi Duo Variety at American Legion, Leo, 7:30-10:30 p.m., no cover, 627-2628
- TRONIC Electronica at O'Sullivan's Italian Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896
- WHATZUP BATTLE OF THE BANDS FEAT. MILES HIGH, SKETCHBOMB, SECOND SUN AND CASKET SHARP — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., \$5, 422-5055

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ANGOLA

CLUB PARADISE, LAKE JAMES

Fun, Food, Spirits • 3861 N. Bayview Rd., Angola • 260-833-7082 Expect: Northern Indiana's hottest club. American Idol Karaoke every Wed. & Fri. Live bands every Saturday at 10 p.m. Thursday night is hip-hop night. Thirsty Flamingo room available for private party rental. Outdoor patio, 5 pool tables & video games. Visit our website at www.clubparadiseangola.com. Eats: Lunch & dinner with 15 wing sauces, burgers and Sharkeys pizza. Kitchen open until last call. Getting There: 1-69 north from Ft. Wayne, left at exit 150, 2.9 miles on left. Hours: Open daily at 11 a.m. Alcohol: Full Service Pmt.: MC, Visa. Disc. Amex

AUBURN

MAD ANTHONY TAPROOM

Music/Rock • 114 N. Main St., Auburn • 260-927-0500 EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with handcrafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. EATS: The same 4-1/2 star menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. GETTING THERE: Take I-69 to State Rd. 8 (Auburn exit); downtown, just north of courthouse. HOURS: 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

FORT WAYNE

4D'S BAR & GRILL

Tavern/Sports Bar • 1820 W. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-490-6488 EXPECT: Live music Saturdays, no cover; Thirsty Thursday party; daily specials – \$1 drafts and \$2 longnecks every day; Sunday-Monday, 40¢ wings; Tues.-Thurs, live music with Kimmy Dean and Paul; Wednesday, 25¢ wings; Thursday, \$1 sliders; Fri.-Sat., make your drink a double for \$1 more. EATS: Daily food specials. GETTING THERE: NW corner of Dupont & Lima. HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 3 p.m.-3 a.m.; Sat.-Sun., noon-3 a.m. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

AFTER DARK

Dance Club • 1601 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne • 260-456-6235 EXPECT: Mon. drink specials & karaoke; Tues. male dancers; Wed. karaoke; Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Vegas-style drag show (female impersonators); dancing w/Sizzling Sonny. Outdoor patio. Sunday karaoke & video dance party. GETTING THERE: Downtown Fort Wayne, 1 block south of Powers Hamburgers. HOURS: 12 noon-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: Cash only, ATM available

ALLEY SPORTS BAR

Sports Bar • 1455 Goshen Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-482-4889 EXPECT: 45¢ wings Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday; On Key Karaoke Friday starting at 9 p.m.; live bands Saturday, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover. EATS: Sandwiches, Ft. Wayne's best tenderloin, pizzas, salads, soups, fish & chips. Now serving lunch Tues.-Fri. starting at 11 a.m. GETTING THERE: Inside Pro Bowl West, Gateway Plaza on Goshen Rd. HOURS: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tues.-Wed.; 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Thurs.; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Fri.; 1 p.m.-2 a.m. Sat.; 1-11 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, DC

BABYLON

Dance Club • 112 E. Masterson, Fort Wayne • 260-247-5062 EXPECT: Two unique bars in one historic building. Fridays & Saturdays DJ Blazin' Brandon. Come shake it up in our dance cage. Outdoor patio. Ask for nightly specials. GETTING THERE: Three blocks south of the Downtown Hilton on Calhoun St., then left on Masterson. Cattycorner from the Oyster Bar. HOURS: 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full-Service; PMT: Cash only, ATM available

BEAMER'S SPORTS GRILL

Sports/Music/Variety • W. County Line Rd. & Highway 30 • 260-625-1002 EXPECT: Friendliest bar in Allen County. Big Ten, NASCAR, NFL on 12 big screen, hi-def TVs. EATS: Complete menu featuring homemade pizza, Beamers Burger Bar, killer Philly steak sandwiches, juicy sirloins, great salads, fish on Fridays, ribs on weekends. ACTIVITIES: Pool, darts, cornhole. Live bands on weekends, no cover. Smoking allowed, four state-of-the-art smoke eaters. GETTING THERE: A quick 10 minutes west of Coliseum on U.S. 30. HOURS: Open daily at 11 a.m., noon on Sunday. PMT: MC, Visa, Amex, Disc

BRASS RAIL

Pub/Tavern • 1121 Broadway, Fort Wayne • 260-422-0881EXPECT: Strong drinks – Low Prices. A no-frills rock bar with livemusic and an eclectic jukebox. It's the reason you live downtown.EATS: Famous hot dogs. GETTING THERE: One block south of JeffersonBoulevard downtown. HOURS: 1 p.m.-3:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; 1 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa

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NIGHTLIFE

C2G MUSIC HALL

Music • 323 W. Baker St., Fort Wayne • 260-426-6464 EXPECT: Great live music on one of Fort Wayne's best stages. Diverse musical genres from local, regional and national performers, all in a comfortable, all-ages, family-friendly, intimate atmosphere. Excellent venue for shows, events, presentations, meetings and gatherings. EATS: Local vendors may cater during shows. GETTING THERE: Downtown on Baker between Ewing and Harrison, just south of Parkview Field. HOURS: Shows typically start at 8 p.m.; doors open an hour earlier. ALCOHOL: Beer & wine during shows only; PMT: Cash, check

CALHOUN STREET SOUPS, SALADS & SPIRITS "CS3"

Music/Variety • 1915 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • 260-456-7005 EXPECT: Great atmosphere, jazz DJ Friday night, live shows, weekly drink specials, private outdoor patio seating. EATS: Daily specials, full menu of sandwiches, soups, salads, weekend dinner specials and appetizers. GETTING THERE: Corner of South Calhoun Street and Masterson; ample parking on street and lot behind building. HOURS: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 11 a.m.-midnight or later, Thurs.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

CHECKERZ BAR & GRILL

Pub/Tavern • 1706 W. Till Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-489-0286

EXPECT: Newly remodeled, 10 TVs to watch all your favorite sports, pool table and games. Live rock Fridays & Saturdays. EATS: Kitchen open all day w/full menu & the best wings in town. Daily homecooked lunch specials. GETTING THERE: On the corner of Lima and Till roads. HOURS: Open 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Fri., noon-3 a.m. Sat., noonmidnight Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; Рмт: MC, Visa, ATM available

COLUMBIA STREET WEST

Rock • 135 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5055

EXPECT: The Fort's No. 1 rock club — Live bands every Saturday. DJ Night every Friday w/ladies in free. EATS: Wide variety featuring salads, sandwiches, pizzas, grinders, Southwestern and daily specials. GETTING THERE: Downtown on The Landing. Hours: Open 4 p.m.-2 a.m. Mon.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

DEER PARK PUB

Eclectic • 1530 Leesburg Rd. Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-432-8966

EXPECT: Home to Dancioke, 52 imported beers, assorted wines, St. Pat's Parade, Irish snug, Irish blarney and USF students. EATS: Specials every Monday, taco Tuesdays, Wednesday coneys, Friday/ Saturday live music, holiday specials. Outdoor beer garden. www.deerparkpub.com. Wi-Fi hotspot. GETTING THERE: Corner of Leesburg and Spring, across from UFS. Hours: 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 1-9 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Beer & Wine; Рмт: MC, Visa

DICKY'S WILD HARE

Pub/Tavern • 2910 Maplecrest, Fort Wayne • 260-486-0590 EXPECT: Live bands Saturday nights; Family-friendly, laid back atmosphere; Large selection of beers. EATS: An amazing array of sandwiches & munchies; Chuck Wagon BBQ, seafood entrees and pizza. GETTING THERE: 2 blocks north of State St. on Maplecrest at Georgetown. HOURS: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri.-Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Amex, Visa, Disc

DON HALL'S FACTORY PRIME RIB

Dining/Music • 5811 Coldwater Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-484-8693 EXPECT: Private rooms for rehearsal, birthday, anniversary celebrations. EATS: Fort Wayne's best prime rib, steaks, chops, seafood & BBQ. GETTING THERE: North on Coldwater to Washington Center, 1/4 mi. from I-69, Exit 112A. HOURS: 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, DC

DUTY'S BUCKETS SPORTS PUB & GRUB

Pub/Sports Bar • 6282 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-459-1352 EXPECT: Exciting atmosphere. Huge screen TVs. Live sports daily. Hubie Ashcraft Acoustic Jam on Tuesdays. Guitar Hero on Thursdays. EATS: Great food. New menu. Late night menu available 'til 2 a.m. Family dining with kids eat free every Wednesday. GETTING THERE: 2 miles east of I-69 on W. Jefferson (at corner of Jefferson & Getz) in Covington Plaza. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Amex, Disc, ATM

DUTY'S UPTOWN BAR & GRILL

Music/Sports • 415 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-637-0198 EXPECT: Live music four nights per week with American Idol karaoke on Tuesdays. Watch all the big games on our 14 big screen TVs with Direct TV high definition. Big Ten Network and NFL Dirct Ticket. EATS: Drink specials and great food nightly. GETTING THERE: Dupont Road next to Kroger. Hours: 3 p.m-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; 12 p.m.-12 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc



----- Calendar • Live Music & Comedy------

Friday, July 1

- 3 DAY RULE Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$5, 486-1979
- ADEJAI W/JOSH ELIAS AND NOFI Ambient downtempo nujazz at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads & Spirits on the patio, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., all ages until 10 p.m., no cover, 456-7005
- ANDY PAQUETTE Acoustic at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 484-5561
- CADILLAC RANCH Classic rock at Kahuna's Roadhouse, Angola, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 665-8640
- CHRIS DODDS AND ADAM STRACK Acoustic at Columbia Street West. Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m., no cover, 422-5055
- EMERSON DRIVE W/HUCKLEBERRY BLUE -Country at Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar & Grill, Warren, 7:30 p.m., \$8 adv., \$10 d.o.s., 375-9960
- GUNSLINGER Hard rock country at the Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, ladies in free, 490-5060
- IVORY WEST Acoustic at the Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne 6:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 482-1618
- JIMMY HOLBROOK AND JOHN REICHLE -Reggae, island at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 5-9 p.m., no cover, all ages, 488-3344
- Joe STABELLI Jazz guitar at Hall's Old Gas House, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411
- JOEL YOUNG BAND Country classic rock at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 459-1352
- JOHNNY B. SUTTON Motown at Don Hall's Guesthouse. Fort Wayne. 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 489-2524
- KILL THE RABBIT Hard rock at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., no cover, 357-4290

- LEFT LANE CRUISER Punk blues at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526
- LET FREEDOM RING Comedy at Mookies Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., cover, 484-4040
- MEDIEVAL BROOKLYN Rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922
- Mike Conley Acoustic at Hall's Triangle Park, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m.,
- Moderate Pain Pop variety at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 432-6660
- New MILLENNIUM ORCHESTRA Jazz at Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8:30 p.m., no cover, 459-1160
- OPEN JAZZ JAM HOSTED BY CLIF WALLACE - At Dash-In, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., \$3, 423-3595
- OPEN MIC NIGHT HOSTED BY THE BIG PEANUTS ENVY BAND At Peanuts Food and Spirits, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 486-2822
- Рор 'N' FRESH Variety at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002
- ROBBIE V AND HEIDI DUO Variety at Corner Pocket, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 492-7665
- SAVANNAH Classic rock variety at Duty's Uptown Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 637-0198
- SCOTT FREDRICKS Variety at North Star Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 416-0894
- Sons of Thunder Acoustic at The Peace Frog Coffeehouse, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 755-5527
- TODD HARROLD TRIO Jazz R&B at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 426-3442



- Wayne, 10 p.m., \$5, 486-1979 APRIL'S ALIBI - Rock at the Alley Sports Bar, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, 9
- p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 482-4889 BIG DICK AND THE PENETRATORS - Classic rock at Hamilton House,
- Hamilton, 5-9 p.m., no cover, all ages, 488-3344 COUGAR HUNTER - 80s glam rock at
- Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m., cover, 422-5055
- DOWNPOUR W/BLACK CAT MAMBO AND LET THE TREES BURN - Rock ska variety at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 490-6488
- DOWNSTAIT W/SHUNNED, SECOND SUN, RP WIGS, AFRO DISIACS AND SNAKE HEALER - Rock variety at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m., \$8.98 advance, \$15 d.o.s., 486-1979
- JASON PAUL Acoustic at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 484-5561
- JOE STABELLI Jazz guitar at Hall's Old Gas House, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411
- JOHNNY B. SUTTON Motown at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 489-2524
- KILL THE RABBIT Hard rock at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., no cover, 357-4290
- LITTLE LOGAN AND THE INSTAGATORS -Blues rock at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 432-8966
- MEDIEVAL BROOKLYN Rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922
- MOUNTAIN DEWE BOYS Country at American Legion Post 381, Rome City, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 854-2477
- POP 'N' FRESH Variety at VIP Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., cover, 432-9604

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- RICH HARDESTY W/LEFT LANE CRUISER Rock punk blues at Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar & Grill, Warren, 6 p.m., \$6 adv., \$8 d.o.s., 375-9960
- Samuel Adams Progressive folk at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6-7:30 p.m., no cover, 373-0505
- SAVANNAH Classic rock variety at Camp Sack-In, Angola, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 665-5166
- TODD HARROLD TRIO JAZZ R&B at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 423-4751
- WHAT SHE SAID W/BLACK CAT MAMBO AND THE ELKY SUMMERS — Rock variety at Rock the Plaza, downtown library, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 421-1200
- WORLD FAMOUS DUELING PIANOS Variety at Rum Runners, Marriott, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., cover, 484-9380

<u>Sunday, July 3</u>

- ANYTHING GOES Rock country variety at Fraternal Order of Eagles, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 478-2482
- CHRIS WORTH AND COMPANY Variety at Jimmy's on James, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 833-9676
- LIVE 4.1 W/ATTABOY AND MOUNTAIN DEWE Boys — Contemporary Christian rock country at Main Stage, Salamonie Summer Festival, Warren, 4 p.m., no cover, www.warrenindiana.com
- NORTHERN LIGHTS Variety at Hamilton House, Hamilton, 5-9 p.m., no cover, all ages, 488-3344 SNAKES OF CHRIST W/DEEP COILER —
- SNAKES OF CHRIST W/DEEP COILER Metal at the Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$3, 422-0881

TWISTED AVERSION W/11M12D — Industrial Metal and hip-hop at Stimmelators Gentlemens Club, North Webster, 10 p.m., \$5, 888-212-4447

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- Monday, July 4 Allan & Ashcraft — Country at
- Freedom Festival, Riverside Gardens Park, Leo-Cedarville, 8:30 p.m., no cover Меамstreak — Rock variety at
- Riverview Tap, Decatur, 3-7 p.m., no cover, 724-3500 OPEN Mic — Acoustic at The Peace
- Frog Coffeehouse, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 755-5527

<u>Tuesday, July 5</u>

- DEUCE FEAT. KENNY TAYLOR AND PATRICK BORTON — Rockabilly at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526
- GIN MILL OPEN JAM At Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 484-5561
- HUBIE ASHCRAFT Acoustic jam at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 459-1352
- OPEN MIC AND TALENT SEARCH At Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

Wednesday, July 6

- Loose CHANGE Classic rock at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 484-5561
- OPEN JAM Country rock blues at Sliders Grill and Bar, Angola, 8 p.m., no cover, 665-2517
- OPEN MIC HOSTED BY ELEPHANTS IN MUD — At Mookies Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 484-4040

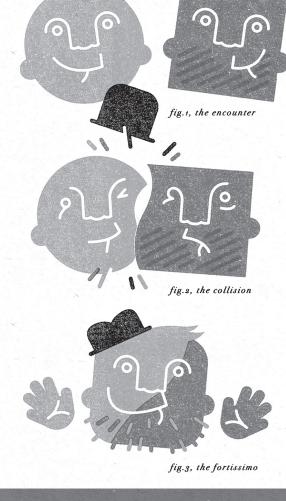
- OPEN MIC AND TALENT SEARCH HOSTED BY MIKE MOWRY — At Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 6:30 p.m., no cover, 625-1002
- Robbie V AND HEIDI Duo Variety at Dave's Lake Shack, Fremont, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 833-2582
- THE UNGUARDED Indie folk at J.K. O'Donnell's, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 420-5563

Thursday, July 7

- Адам Strack Acoustic at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 625-1002
- Сняз Worth Motown at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 432-6660
- EAST CACKALACKY ASCETIC MARCHING DEATH BAND — Rock at The Peace Frog Coffeehouse, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 755-5527
- p.m., no cover, 755-5527 Fort WAYNE PHILHARMONIC BRASS QUINTET — Brass at One Summit Square, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., no cover, 420-3266
- HEARTBEAT CITY 70s-80s at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m., cover, 482-6400
- HEYWOOD BANKS Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$16.50, 486-6323
- IsLAND VIBE Trop rock at El Azteca, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 482-2172
- Jason Paul Acoustic rock at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 489-0286
- JAZZ AFTER WORK HOSTED BY CLIF WALLACE — JAZZ at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 5-7:30 p.m., no cover, 373-0505
- JEFF McDoNALD Acoustic 60s-70s at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524

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Coffeehouse • 3523 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-373-0505 EXPECT: Peaceful, comfortable atmosphere; live music on Friday & Saturday, 5-6:30 p.m.; local artists featured monthly; outdoor seating. (www.fireflycoffeehousefw. com). Free wireless Internet. EATS: Great coffee, teas, smoothies; fresh-baked items; light lunches and soups. GETTING THERE: Corner of North Anthony Blvd. and St. Joe River Drive. HOURS: 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: None; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

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LATCH STRING BAR & GRILL

Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne • 260-483-5526 EXPECT: Fun, friendly, rustic atmosphere. Daily drink specials. Music entertainment every night. No cover. Tues. Deuce & \$2.50 imports. Thurs. DJ Spot & \$1.50 longnecks. Fri. \$5 pitchers. Sun. K.T.'s Vinyl Lounge and \$3.50 Long Islands. Mon., Wed. & Sat. Ambitious Blondes Karaoke. GETTING THERE: On point where Clinton and Lima roads meet, next to Budget Rental. HOURS: Open Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Sun., noon-12:30 a.m. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa

MAD ANTHONY BREWING COMPANY

Brew Pub/Micro Brewery • 2002 S. Broadway, Fort Wayne • 260-426-2537 EXPECT: Ten beers freshly hand-crafted on premises and the eclectic madness of Munchie Emporium. EATS: 4-1/2 star menus, 'One of the best pizzas in America,' large vegetarian menu. GETTING THERE: Just southwest of downtown Fort Wayne at Taylor & Broadway. Hours: Usually 11 a.m.-1 a.m. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

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Pubs & Taverns • 2915 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne • 260-471-3798 EXPECT: Daily food and drink specials. Wed. Open Star jam, Thurs. Karaoke w/Mike Campbell. Fri. & Sat. Live Bands. Sun. & Mon. \$1 drafts. Tues. & Thurs. \$1.75 dom. longnecks, Wed. \$2 well drinks and \$1 DeKuyper, Fri. beer specials. **EATS:** Full menu feat. burgers, pizza, grinders and our famous North Star fries. **GETTING THERE:** State Blvd. at Beacon St. **HOURS:** 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., 3p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.; 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Sat.; noon-midnight Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc

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Pub/Tavern • 1808 W. Main St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5896 EXPECT: A Fort Wayne tradition of good times, good food & great drinks! Darts, foosball & entertainment. Tuesday karaoke. EATS: O's famous pizza every day. Italian dinners every Wednesday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations accepted. GETTING THERE: West of downtown at the corner of Main and Runnion. HOURS: 4 p.m.-3:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., noon-3:30 a.m. Sat., noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

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- KNIGHTS ON THE TOWN W/ALLEY KATS Jazz at Foellinger Theatre, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 427-6715
- Орел Јам Ноsтер ву G-Money Open jam at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 490-6488
- OPEN MIC HOSTED BY MIKE CONLEY At Mad Anthony Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cover, 426-2537
- Орем Stage Jam Hosted by Pop'N'FRESH — At VIP Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-9604
- PICTURE ME BROKEN W/YELLOW DEAD BETTYS — Rock at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$5 adv., \$7 d.o.s. thru www.C2gmusichall.com or Wooden Nickel Music or Neat Neat Neat Records, 426-6464

- ROBBIE V AND HEIDI Duo Variety at Draft Horse Saloon, Orland, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 829-6465
- TRONIC Electronica at O'Sullivan's Italian Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896 WHATZUP BATTLE OF THE BANDS FEAT.
- WHATZUP BATTLE OF THE BANDS FEAT. ARGONAUT, DOWNPOUR, ELEPHANTS IN MUD AND BLACK CAT MAMBO — Variety at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., \$5, 422-5055

Friday, July 8

- 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION BAND Patriotic military at Foellinger Theatre, Franke Park, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., no cover, 427-6715
- ADEJAIW/JOSH ELIAS AND NOFI—Ambient downtempo nujazz at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads & Spirits on the patio, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., all ages until 10 p.m., no cover, 456-7005
- ANYTHING GOES Rock country variety at Pine Valley Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 490-9464
- BACKWATER Country rock at Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. -2 a.m., \$5, 490-5060
- Bis CADDY DADDY Classic rock variety at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10 p.m., no cover, 357-4290
- BROTHER Classic rock at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286
- BuFFALO RIDGE Country at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002

Bikini Babes Getting Lathered Up

Depending on whom you ask, some men would say the three essential things in life are sex, drugs and rock n' roll. Others might say country music, monster trucks and NASCAR. If you're of the simpler type and dogs, cars and women are on your list, then you'll be stoked that the three will come together for a special event on Saturday, July 9. Following the Three Rivers Festival parade that morning, drive on over to Boudoir Noir for the annual Bikini Car and Dog Wash. It doesn't get much better than having your two faves getting lathered in suds by gorgeous women. I'm envisioning something similar to those slow-motion dream sequences in movies in which girls spray each other with a hose while covered in suds. What about you? This event will run from 12-4 p.m., and 98.9 The Bear will be on hand as well as the Boudoir Bombshells. Come on out and get the Chevy and Fido a bath and, better yet, help out the SPCA with a donation. As far as I know, there's no limit to many times you can go through the wash, so enjoy!

If you're seeking some all-ages entertainment, head on over to Wooden Nickel Saturday, July 23 when the "Summer Acoustic Jam" will take place in the North Anthony store location. Featured artists include Taylor Fredricks, Zach Lara, The Final Project, Damon Lobsiger and Trent Boston. These five young singer/songwriters will introduce audiences to their own unique style, which I'm sure everyone will dig. And these shows at the Nickel are always absolutely free.

Best known as the frontman for the once dominating local metal act Downbreed and more recently Kill-Nancy, Jef Conn has taken his talents to Indianapolis for a fresh start. He can now be found fronting two different acts down there. The first is a rock covers

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act called Recoil, and the other is a more versatile and soulful band specializing in unplugged rock n' roll called DJ Bomb. Conn must be fitting in quite well considering this recent Facebook post I saw from one of his new bandmates: "Recoil rehearsal with our new lead vocalist Jef Conn is going so well we can't stop smiling ... school boys we are, school boys!" As of now there are no Fort Wayne dates on either one of these band's calendars, but you can be sure it will be the place to be when there are. Good luck, Jef!

If you can't make it to see Conn, another reason to head to Indy is the horror convention Days of the Dead. Held July 1-3 at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, this convention will feature vendors, guest speakers and pretty much anything and everything horror. The lineup of guest speakers at the event surely seems worth the trip. Wrestling icon/actor Roddy Piper, guitarist Ace Frehley, Tom Sizemore (Natural Born Killers), Edward Furlong (Terminator 2), PJ Soles (Carrie Halloween), Mark Price (Trick or Treat, Skippy from "Family Ties"), Ari Lehman (Friday the 13th) and legendary Indiana horror host Sammy Terry are just a few celebs who'll be there. Plus, a few members of the original cast of the 1968 cult classic Night of the Living Dead will be on hand. If you're interested in this event, tickets range from \$20 per day to \$197 for a VIP package.

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EMERSON DRIVE w/HUCKLEBERRY BLUE Friday, July 1 • 7:30 p.m. The Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar & Grill 215 N. Wayne St., Warren Tix: \$8 adv., \$10 d.o.s., 260-375-9960

Has anyone ever told you, when life has got you down and doubt is staring at you from every corner, that all you have to do is believe?

If you did not punch that individual, then good for you. And believing has certainly come in handy for Canadian country quintet Emerson

Drive, who'll be at the Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar and Grill in Warren, Friday, July 1 with show openers Huckleberry Blue.

EMERSON DRIVE

Emerson Drive got their start as 12 Gauge back when frontman Brad Mates was an 11th grader who believed in the power of country music and in the power of his dad's George Strait and Don Williams records. Later, the guys – Mates (vocals), Danick Dupelle (guitar), Dale Wallace (keys), David Pichette (fiddle) and Mike Melancon (drums) – changed their name to Emerson Drive in homage to the Emerson Trail, which traverses western Alberta and joins up with the Alaska Highway. In 2002 Emerson Drive took the long road (or flight, most likely) to Nashville to record their self-titled album and it was on. Soon they were treating adoring fans to hits like "I Should be Sleeping," "Fall Into Me" and "Only God (Could Stop Me Loving You)." Their latest release (their fourth) is *Believe* and represents, according to Mates, what Emerson Drive are capable of as a band. "This is the album that will define Emerson Drive from this point on." Don't believe us? Make the drive to Warren. Look. Listen. Believe.

RICH HARDESTY

w/LEFT LANE CRUISER Saturday, July 2 • 6 p.m. The Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar & Grill 215 N. Wayne St.,

Warren Tix: \$6 adv., \$8 d.o.s., 260-375-9960

Indianapolis boy Rich Hardesty is known for putting on a feelgood kind of show. His sound has been com-



pared to Dave Matthews, Sublime, Jack Johnson and John Mayer, and to the sweet sounds of these popular acts Hardesty adds his own dash of reggae. That's right, reggae. This Hoosier can stir it up with the best of them.

Want to get a dose of irresistible pop reggae rock that'll leave you feeling happy go lucky? Then get to the Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar and Grill in Warren Saturday, July 2 for Hardesty's show.

Speaking of hometown, Fort Wayne's own Left Lane Cruiser will open the gig, which is an unofficial part of Warren's Salamonie Summer Festival.

Hardesty, who for more than 10 years has rocked a Jagermeister sponsorship (Jager bombs, anyone?), boasts an 18-year career in an famously fickle field. He has staying power, in other words, not to mention 11 independently produced albums to his credit.

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PEANUTS FOOD & SPIRITS

Rock • 5731 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-2822 EXPECT: New food menu; daily drink specials; 3 pool tables; darts; no cover. EATS: Burgers; 35¢ wings & 39¢ boneless wings on Tuesdays and Thursdays (no carryouts); full kitchen til 2 a.m. GETTING THERE: Marketplace of Canterbury, 3 mi. east of Exit 112A off I-69. HOURS: 2 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Amex

PIERE'S

Rock • 5629 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-1979

EXPECT: Multi-level nightclub featuring a \$1 million sound and light show with top regional & national bands appearing weekly. **EATS:** Sandwiches and appetizers always available. **GETTING THERE:** Marketplace of Canterbury, 2.5 miles east of Exit 112A off I-69 **HOURS:** Open 8 p.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT**: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

SHOWGIRL III

Adult Entertainment • 930 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-483-8843 EXPECT: Gentlemen's Club voted among the Top 10 in the U.S. Four stages, two bars, five big screens. 24-hour limousine service, VIP room, champagne room and free buffet served 4-7 p.m. Lingerie Shows Tuesdays, Amateur Contest with cash and prizes Wednesdays. Menage-a-trois wine now being served. EATS: Full kitchen available daily till close. GETTING THERE: Coliseum Blvd. next to Hooters. HOURS: 2 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc., Amex

SNICKERZ COMEDY BAR

Comedy • 5535 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-0216 EXPECT: See the brightest comics in America every Thurs. thru Sat. night. EATS: Sandwiches, chicken strips, fish planks, nachos, wings & more. GETTING THERE: In front of Piere's. 2.5 miles east of Exit 112A off I-69. HOURS: Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thurs. & 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

STADIUM BAR & GRILL

Pub/Tavern • 2607 Goshen Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-471-0172 EXPECT: Wed.: 40¢ jumbo wings and \$1 draft; Friday: karaoke and \$2 longnecks; Sunday: 40¢ jumbo wings and \$5 large pitchers! Friendly atmosphere and "the Best" smoking room in town. EATS: Burgers, pastas, pizzas, subs, chicken, Mexican and daily homemade lunch specials. GETTING THERE: 1/4 mile south of Coliseum on Goshen Rd. HOURS: 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-3 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc

STATE GRILL

Pub/Tavern • 1210 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-483-5618 EXPECT: The most historic bar in Fort Wayne. A great pour for a low price. Belly up to the bar with the friendly Lakeside folk. Great beer selection and the world's most dangerous jukebox. GETTING THERE: Corner of State Blvd. and Crescent Ave., across from The Rib Room. HOURS: 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon., 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Tues.-Fri., 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Sat., 12 p.m.-12 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT.: Cash Only, ATM on site

WOODLAND LOUNGE

Pub/Tavern • 918 Woodland Plaza Run, Fort Wayne • 260-490-6836 EXPECT: Lounge atmosphere with an intimate setting. Large wine and martini list. Large family or banquet room available. **EATS:** Full menu and dinner specials. **GETTING THERE:** Corner of Coldwater & Dupont Rds., behind Chase Bank. **HOURS:** Open at 3 p. m. Mon.-Sat.; closed Sun. **ALCOHOL:** Full Service; **PMT:** MC, Visa, Disc., Amex

WRIGLEY FIELD BAR & GRILL

Sports Bar • 6527 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-485-1038 EXPECT: DJ or bands every Thurs.-Sat. 50+ TVs, 12 big screens, 3 pool tables, hard & soft tip darts, Golden Tee, Buck Hunter. Heated outdoor patio/smoking room w/Big Screen TV. EATS: Full menu feat. lunch buffet Mon-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 40¢ Wings Tues. & Thurs., 40¢ boneless wings on Wed. GETTING THERE: At State & Maplecrest, across from Georgetown Square. HOURS: Open 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

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NIGHTLIFE

WARSAW

MAD ANTHONY LAKE CITY TAPHOUSE

Music/Rock • 113 E. Center St., Warsaw • 574-268-2537 EXPECT: The eclectic madness of the original combined with handcrafted Mad Anthony ales and lagers. EATS: The same 4-1/2 star menu, including one of the best pizzas in America and a large vegetarian menu. Carry-out handcrafted brews available. Live music on Saturdays. GETTING THERE: From U.S. 30, turn southwest on E. Center St.; go 2 miles. HOURS: 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full-Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

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say. "With both bands you hear these tremendous, cinematic things going on with the melodies and songwriting. They both seemed like perfect fits," Kelley said. "And also, very importantly, they're both ambitious and open-minded enough to really get into an uncomfortable, brand new situation and bring some real energy to it."

Kelley's co-worker, Utesch, also had some thoughts.

"Not only can Metavari not read music, we don't write out or notate any of our music. On a good day, we play it exactly the same twice," Utesch joked in a recent blog post where he talked about working with the Phil. "When we write, it's a massive spill of emotion in a noisy basement. We're lucky if we get a shard of salvageable material because most evenings we'd rather stare at each other's faces and talk shop. [We've] spent about a half decade staring at each others fingers and taking pictures of chord positions so we don't forget them. Fortissimo will stretch us to play in stricter parameters than we ever have. And we're excited to see how close we can come to messing that up."

Anyone who has seen a Metavari set knows that there's not much to worry about, as the post-rock band we've all come to know and love has always been quite sharp and creative - not to mention open to big ideas that push them forward.

As for the Snide, well, Fortissimo is just one of many things Barzelay has been doing lately to, as he told me, "embrace the new paradigm."

'There's a lot in my tank right now. I've been making weird videos, whatever weird content I happen upon. I've been doing this stuff for three, four, five years as something to amuse myself," Barzelay said. "Also, I just did a Kickstarter-funded six-song EP of Journey covers. That worked out nicely. So, yeah, I'm looking for weird little things to do right now. Trying to function in a different way. The new paradigm - I'm trying to embrace it. The old way of making a consigned record for a label, then touring, isn't working for me these days, so I'm looking into new things to do."

In addition to the work OLG and the Phil have down, one might also credit the timing of Barzelay's current state of creative openness to this event happening. In addition to Fortissimo, video projects, cover EPs and possible vinyl reissues of early Clem Snide records that have been out of print for a few years. Barzelay has also been recording original songs for fans for \$100 or so a pop. Before that, he was recording individual fan-curated live EPs for something like \$15 a pop. Kelley, of course, ordered an EP or two of his own.

Given that he's known for his low-key approach to rock n' roll stardom, it will be interesting to see how Barzelay reacts when he gets to town and sees what a big deal Fortissimo has become. Kelley, known for his elaborate ideas and sound execution, has created quite the ordeal.

"We're gonna try to get some national PR, as I think there are two stories here," Kelley said. "First off, it's just going to be an incredibly terrific, wildly creative evening of music. Secondly, what does it say about an artistic community that has the bravery and the sense of adventure to bring together two ends of the musical spectrum in Fort Wayne for a single concert? It's an incredible statement about the progressive, collaborative nature of artists, musicians and all of us as music fans. I mean. I think there's a real story here for NPR Music to come in and do a report, you know? This isn't happening in Spokane."

If you're not able to make the Fortissimo show (or just count yourself an uber Snide fan), be sure to check out The Orange Opera, Metavari and Eef Barzelay at the Tiger Room on Saturday, July 9, where they'll be playing encore sets, sans the Phil.

"For this weekend, Fort Wayne will belong to me," Barzelay joked. "Fort Wayne is mine. To manipulate and entertain, all at the same time."

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say. "With both bands you hear these tremendous, cinematic things going on with the melodies and songwriting. They both seemed like perfect fits," Kelley said. "And also, very importantly, they're both ambitious and open-minded enough to really get into an uncomfortable, brand new situation and bring some real energy to it."

Kelley's co-worker, Utesch, also had some thoughts.

"Not only can Metavari not read music, we don't write out or notate any of our music. On a good day, we play it exactly the same twice," Utesch joked in a recent blog post where he talked about working with the Phil. "When we write, it's a massive spill of emotion in a noisy basement. We're lucky if we get a shard of salvageable material because most evenings we'd rather stare at each other's faces and talk shop. [We've] spent about a half decade staring at each others fingers and taking pictures of chord positions so we don't forget them. Fortissimo will stretch us to play in stricter parameters than we ever have. And we're excited to see how close we can come to messing that up."

Anyone who has seen a Metavari set knows that there's not much to worry about, as the post-rock band we've all come to know and love has always been quite sharp and creative - not to mention open to big ideas that push them forward.

As for the Snide, well, Fortissimo is just one of many things Barzelay has been doing lately to, as he told me, "embrace the new paradigm."

'There's a lot in my tank right now. I've been making weird videos, whatever weird content I happen upon. I've been doing this stuff for three, four, five years as something to amuse myself," Barzelay said. "Also, I just did a Kickstarter-funded six-song EP of Journey covers. That worked out nicely. So, yeah, I'm looking for weird little things to do right now. Trying to function in a different way. The new paradigm - I'm trying to embrace it. The old way of making a consigned record for a label, then touring, isn't working for me these days, so I'm looking into new things to do."

In addition to the work OLG and the Phil have down, one might also credit the timing of Barzelay's current state of creative openness to this event happening. In addition to Fortissimo, video projects, cover EPs and possible vinyl reissues of early Clem Snide records that have been out of print for a few years. Barzelay has also been recording original songs for fans for \$100 or so a pop. Before that, he was recording individual fan-curated live EPs for something like \$15 a pop. Kelley, of course, ordered an EP or two of his own.

Given that he's known for his low-key approach to rock n' roll stardom, it will be interesting to see how Barzelay reacts when he gets to town and sees what a big deal Fortissimo has become. Kelley, known for his elaborate ideas and sound execution, has created quite the ordeal.

"We're gonna try to get some national PR, as I think there are two stories here," Kelley said. "First off, it's just going to be an incredibly terrific, wildly creative evening of music. Secondly, what does it say about an artistic community that has the bravery and the sense of adventure to bring together two ends of the musical spectrum in Fort Wayne for a single concert? It's an incredible statement about the progressive, collaborative nature of artists, musicians and all of us as music fans. I mean. I think there's a real story here for NPR Music to come in and do a report, you know? This isn't happening in Spokane."

If you're not able to make the Fortissimo show (or just count yourself an uber Snide fan), be sure to check out The Orange Opera, Metavari and Eef Barzelay at the Tiger Room on Saturday, July 9, where they'll be playing encore sets, sans the Phil.

"For this weekend, Fort Wayne will belong to me," Barzelay joked. "Fort Wayne is mine. To manipulate and entertain, all at the same time."

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38 Special w/Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes	July 30	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
10 Years w/Crossfade & Downplay (\$12 adv., \$15 d.o.s.) 311 w/Sublime with Rome	Aug. 12 July 13	Piere's DTE Energy Music Center	Fort Wayne Clarkston, MI
? & The Mysterians w/Joey O Band	Aug. 13	Dife Energy Music Center DeKalb Outdoor Theatre	Auburn
Adam Richmond w/Lisa Dapprich (\$8-\$9)	July 14-16	Snickerz Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Air Supply (\$25)	Aug. 6	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Alice Cooper w/Ace Frehley	Aug. 27	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
All Time Low w/Cartel, The Cab & We Are The In Crowd	Aug. 25	Murat Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Alter Bridge w/Theory of a Deadman, Black Stone Cherry, Adelita's Way & Emphatic	Aug. 17	White River State Park	Indianapolis
Ambrosia (\$25 adv., \$30 d.o.s.) American Idols Live	July 14 Aug. 6	C2G Music Hall Allstate Arena	Fort Wayne Rosemont, IL
American Idols Live	Aug. 0	Joe Louis Arena	Detroit
American Idols Live	Aug. 9	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Amon Amarth	Aug. 17	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Arctic Monkleys w/Disappears	Aug. 6	House of Blues	Chicago
Aretha Franklin	Aug. 25	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
The Ark Band (\$6)	July 29	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wayne
Arrival from Sweden - The Music of Abba (\$15-\$25)	July 22 July 11	Foellinger Theatre The Voque	Fort Wayne Indianapolis
The BackBeats (\$19)	Sept. 17	Wagon Wheel Theatre	Warsaw
Bela Fleck & The Flecktones	July 21	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Ben Harper	June 30	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Black Dahlia Murder & Whitechapel w/Darkest Hour, Six Feet Under & Dying Fetus	Aug. 5	St. Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Black Dahlia Murder & Whitechapel w/Darkest Hour, Six Feet Under & Dying Fetus	Aug. 7	House of Blues	Cleveland
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Bob Dylan	Aug. 3	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
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Bob Dylan w/Leon Russell (\$29.50-\$64)	Aug. 6	Nautica Pavilion	Cleveland
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Bon Iver w/The Rosebuds	July 24	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
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Bright Eyes	Aug. 3	Frederik Meijer Gardens	Grand Rapids
Bright Eyes	Aug. 4	Murat Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Britney Spears w/Nicki Minaj	July 8	United Center	Chicago
Britney Spears w/Nicki Minaj	July 26	Quicken Loans	Cleveland
Britney Spears w/Nicki Minaj	July 28	The Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Bruce Hornsby w/Bela Fleck & The Flecktones	Aug. 6	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Buckcherry	July 29	Club Fever	South Bend
Buckethead Cactus (\$25)	July 31 July 22	Vic Theatre Magic Bag	Chicago Ferndale, MI
Charlie Daniels Band w/Kentucky Headhunters	July 22 July 1	Victory Field	Indianapolis
Cheap Trick (\$35-\$45)	July 15	MotorCity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Cherish the Ladies (\$10)	Aug. 12	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Chely Wright	Aug. 27	Carmel Performing Arts Center	Carmel
Chicago	Aug. 26	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
Children of Bodom w/The Devin Townsend Project, Obscura & Septicflesh	July 6	House of Blues	Chicago
Chris Cavanaugh	July 15	Neon Armadillo DTE Energy Center	Fort Wayne Clarkston, MI
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Confederate Railroad	Aug. 12	Foster Park	Kokomo
Cooke & Belle w/Backwater (free)	July 1	Salamonie Summer Festival	Warren
Cooke & Belle (\$5)	July 9	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Country Joe McDonald (\$6)	Aug. 12	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wayne
Craig Ferguson (\$45-\$125)	July 9	Horseshoe Casino	Hammond
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Darius Rucker (\$24-\$100)	July 21	Honeywell Center	Wabash
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)ave Alvin & The Guilty Ones (\$22)	July 2	The Ark	Ann Arbor
)ave Koz w/Sheila E & Bobby Caldwell (\$35-\$125)	Aug. 5	Horseshoe Casino	Hammond Clarkston MI
Dave Mason w/Mark Farner, Rick Derringer, Felix Cavaliere's Rascals & Gary Wright Dave Matthews Caravan	Aug. 18 July 8-10	DTE Energy Center Lakeside	Clarkston, MI Chicago
David Gray w/Lisa O'Neill	July 6	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Davy Knowles & Back Door Slam (\$15 adv.)	Aug. 26	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Death Cab for Cutie w/Frightened Rabbit	July 28	Fox Theatre	Detroit
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he Decemberists	July 25	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
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Old St. Pat's Church, Chicago's oldest public building, will host The World's Largest Block Party July 15-16. Two stages of fun will run on both nights, beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Cobra Starship** and **Plain White T's** headline Friday night, while **Barenaked**



Ladies and Matt Nathanson headline Saturday. Old St. Pat's Church is just off I-94 near downtown Chicago.

Speaking of Chicago, artists set to appear at this year's Riot Fest were just announced. **Weezer** headline the festival, while **Social Distortion**, **Danzig**, **Descendents**, **X** and **Helmet** will also appear. The punk fest takes place October 5-9 at the Congress Theater, The Double Door and The Bottom Lounge. Tickets went on sale June 24.

Reel Big Fish are hitting the road this summer with **Streetlight Manifesto**. The co-headlining shows visit Chicago in July and Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio in August. The band's singer, **Aaron Barrett**, recently underwent an emergency appendectomy, forcing Reel Big Fish to cancel their South American tour with **Goldfinger**. **The Maxies** (I think they could have picked a better name) will open the Chicago show, while **New Riot** will open the other two.

In strange but true news, **Metallica** have teamed up with **Lou Reed** to record an album together. According to Rolling Stone, the album sounds like a mix of Reed's *Berlin* album and Metallica's *Master of Puppets*. If that confuses you, you're not alone. This will be an interesting one for sure. Given Metallica's recent songwriting track record, it's probably not a bad idea to try something new. What they've been doing the past 10 years or so hasn't worked out too well.

Legendary Mountain guitarist **Leslie West** recently had his leg amputated just before he was due to play at a casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. Apparently the leg began swelling and doctors determined it would be too dangerous to try to save it when they factored in West's diabetes. West is expected to make a full recovery after some extensive rehab, but don't expect him to be touring again until next year at the earliest.

Mr. Big, back with their original lineup, will tour the U.S. for the first time in 13 years. Supporting their new album *What If...*, **Paul Gilbert**, **Billy Sheehan** and company will rock their way through stops in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio in mid-August. Lynch Mob open the Columbus show.

Picture Me Broken are some hard rocking kids from California currently signed to Megaforce Records. That's not too exciting in and of itself, but what makes the band more interesting is that it is fronted by **Gregg Allman**'s daughter **Brooklyn**. Recently featured in Revolver Magazine's Hottest Chicks in Metal issue, Brooklyn Allman plays a much harder brand of music than her father, more akin to **Flyleaf** or **Eyes Set to Kill** than **Gov't Mule** or **Derek Trucks**. In a last minute coup, the good folks at C2G Music Hall have signed the band to play an all-ages show at their venue on Thursday, July 7. Tickets are only \$5 advance and \$7 day of show.

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Earth, Wind & Fire w/Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra	Sept. 11	White River Park	Indianapolis
Elton John (\$49.50-\$139)	Sept. 7	Verizon Wireless Music Center	Noblesville
Emerson Drive w/Huckleberry Blue (\$8 adv., \$10 d.o.s.)	July 1	Wagon Wheel Hometown Bar	Warren
Emery w/O Sleeper, Hawkboy, Arched the Flood, The Day After & We Came from Nowhere	June 30	Emerson Theater	Indianapolis
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Emmure w/Alesana, Iwrestledabearonce, Blessthefall, For Today & In This Moment	July 28	Congress Theatre	Chicago
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Esham w/PJB (\$12-\$15)	July 10	Emerson Theater	Indianapolis
The Flaming Lips	July 7-8	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Flogging Molly w/Clutch	July 28	Nautica Pavilion	Cleveland
Flogging Molly w/Clutch	July 29	LC Pavilion	Columbus, OH
Florence & The Machine w/Hanni El Khatib	July 4	White River State Park	Indianapolis
The Fryman w/Jimmy Rice (\$14.50)	July 21-23	Snickerz Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Gaelic Storm	July 28	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Gary Puckett	Aug. 12	Fountain Park	Van Wert
George Thorogood & The Delaware Destroyers w/John Mayall (\$29.75-\$59.75)	Aug. 19	Morris Performing Arts Center	South Bend
Ghostland Observatory	Aug. 26	Metro	Chicago
Gin Blossoms w/Soul Asylum	July 3	Victory Field	Indianapolis
Grace Potter & The Nocturnals	July 7	Murat Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Guster & Jack's Mannequin	Aug. 29	White River State Park	Indianapolis
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Hamilton Park w/Jacob Latimore, Diggy Simmons & Mindless Behavior	July 27	Aronoff Center	Cincinnati
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Hamilton Park w/Jacob Latimore, Diggy Simmons & Mindless Behavior	July 31	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Hate Eternal w/Origin, Vital Remains & Abysmal Dawn	July 6	Peabody's Concert Club	Cleveland
He is We w/Ocean Grove & Andrew Allen (\$12)	July 1	Emerson Theater	Indianapolis
Heywood Banks (\$16.50)	July 7-9	Snickerz Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
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Hollywood Undead w/All That Remains & Threat Level (\$22 adv., \$25 d.o.s.)	Julv 9	Piere's	Fort Wayne
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Incubus	Aug. 23	Verizon Wireless Music Center	Noblesville
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Indigo Girls	July 10	The Palladium	Carmel
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Nodern Superstar	July 23	The Gin Mill Lounge	Fort Way
Andly Hatchet	July 15	Wounded Warriors Bike Rally	Detr
The Monkees	June 30	Star Plaza Theatre	Merrillv
lötley Crüe w/Poison & New York Dolls	July 1	First MidWest Bank Amphitheatre	Tinley Park
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lashville Pussy	Aug. 23	Bluebird Nightclub	Blooming
The New Familiars (\$6)	Aug. 5	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wa
lew Kids on the Block & Backstreet Boys w/Matthew Morrison	July 26	Conseco Fieldhouse	Indianap
licole Atkins	July 1	Beat Kitchen	Chica
korma Jean w/Sleeping Giant, The Chariot, War of Ages, Close Your Eyes & Texas in July		Emerson Theater	Indianap
D.A.R. w/Soja & Kelley James	July 22	White River State Park	Indianap
).A.R. Nul City will be Koorpov & Unwed Soiler	Aug. 5	Nautica Pavilion	Clevela
Dwl City w/Mat Kearney & Unwed Sailor Pat Benatar w/Neil Giraldo	July 1	LC Pavilion	Columbus, Clarkston,
rat Benatar w/Neil Giraldo	July 24 July 27	DTE Energy Music Center The Palladium	Clarkston, Car
2atti LaBelle (\$45-\$75)	July 27 July 16	Horseshoe Casino	Hamm
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Paul McCartney	July 31	Wrigley Field	Chica
Paul McCartney	Aug. 4	Great American Ballpark	Cincin
A Perfect Circle (\$35-\$59.50)	July 8	Fox Theatre	De
Peter Frampton	July 8	DTE Energy Music Center	Clarkston,
Phish	Aug. 15-17	UIC Pavilion	Chica
Picture Me Broken (\$5 adv., \$7 d.o.s.)	July 7	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wa
Poison	July 27	Nautica Pavilion	Clevel
Poison	July 28	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Tole
Queensryche	Aug. 17	Orbit Room	Grand Rap
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Rachel Brooke & James Hunicutt	June 30	Brass Rail	Fort Wa
Randy Travis (\$22-\$100)	July 9	Honeywell Center	Wab
Randy Travis w/Josh Turner (\$10-\$39)	July 17	DTE Energy Center	Clarkston
Rascal Flatts w/Sara Evans, Easton Corbin & Justin Moore	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincin
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Rascal Flatts w/Sara Evans, Easton Corbin & Justin Moore	Aug. 4	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston
Rehab	July 17	Headliners	Tole
REO Speedwagon w/Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band	Sept. 2	Military Park	Indianap
Return to Forever IV w/Zappa Plays Zappa	Aug. 20	Murat Theatre	Indianap
Rev Theory	July 2	Victory Field	Indianap
Revolution (\$10)	July 30	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wa
Rich Hardesty w/Left Lane Cruiser (\$6-\$8)	July 2	Wagon Wheel Cafe	War
kicky Skaggs (\$30) Rik Emmett	July 29 July 22	The Ark Foster Park	Ann Ai Koko
Rodney Atkins w/Randy Houser, Craig Campbell & Thompson Square	Aug. 7	Headwaters Park	Fort Wa
Sade w/John Legend	July 8	Conseco Fieldhouse	Indianap
Sade w/John Legend	July 9	Quicken Loans Arena	Clevel
Sanctus Real w/Mandisa & The Afters (\$10)	July 10	Headwaters Park	Fort Wa
he Script	Sept. 7	The Fillmore	De
Selena Gomez & The Scene w/Allstar Weekend	Aug. 10	DTE Energy Center	Clarkston
Selena Gomez & The Scene w/Allstar Weekend	Aug. 14	Nautica Pavilion	Clevel
Sevendust w/Adelita's Way & Emphatic (\$27-\$30)	July 14	Club Fever	South B
Shawn Phillips (\$15)	July 9	The Ark	Ann Ar
Sheryl Crow	Aug. 17	Morris Performing Arts Center	South B
Shotgun Party	July 31	Brass Rail	Fort Wa
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Sick Puppies Sister Sparrow & The Dirty Birds w/Left Lane Cruiser	July 8 July 13	Club Fever Headwaters Park	South B Fort Wa
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Sloppy Seconds	Aug. 6	Emerson Theater	Indianap
Soundgarden w/The Mars Volta	July 16	UIC Pavilion	Chic
The Spinners	July 7	DTE Energy Music Center	Clarkston
Start Me Up w/Michael Culler & Friends, Evolution & Earl's Country Band (free)	Aug. 6	DeKalb Outdoor Theater	Aub
Steely Dan	July 15	Murat Theatre	Indianap
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Steely Dan (\$49.50-\$79.50)	July 20	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Tol
Steve Earle	July 17	Buskirk-Chumley Theater	Blooming
Steve Earle	July 19	Vic Theatre	Chic
Steve Miller Band	Aug. 4	Chicago Theatre	Chic
Steve Miller Band	Aug. 7	DTE Energy Music Center	Clarkston
Stevie Nicks (\$49-\$125)	Aug. 19	Huntington Center	Tol
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Sublime with Rome & 311	July 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Sublime with Rome & 311	July 17	LC Pavilion	Columbus, OH
Sugarland w/Sara Bareilles	July 9	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
ugarland w/Sara Bareilles (\$35-\$60)	Aug. 13	Indiana State Fairgrounds	Indianapolis
uzy Bogguss (\$25)	Aug. 26	The Ark	Ann Arbor
aj Mahal Trio & The Luke Winslow-King Trio (\$49.50)	Aug. 10	The Ark	Ann Arbor
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 23	House of Blues	Cleveland
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 24	Bogart's	Cincinnati
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 26	St. Andrew's Hall	Detroit
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 28	Orbit Room	Grand Rapids
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 29	Murat Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
aking Back Sunday w/Thursday & Colour Revolt	July 31	House of Blues	Chicago
avlor Swift w/needtobreathe	July 28	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
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ed Leo & The Pharmacists w/Tweak Bird	July 28	Earth House Collective	Indianapolis
ed Nugent w/Lisa Bouchelle (\$27 adv., \$30 d.o.s.)	Aug. 6	Piere's	Fort Wayne
ed Nugent	Sept. 3	DTE Energy Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
errance Simien & the Zydeco Experience (\$15)	July 12	The Ark	Ann Arbor
errance Simien & the Zydeco Experience (\$6)	Sept. 2	Botanical Conservatory	Fort Wayne
heory of a Deadman w/Alter Bridge, Black Stone Cherry, Adelita's Way & Emphatic	Aug. 17	White River State Park	Indianapolis
hose Darlins	July 15	Radio Radio	Indianapolis
hose Darlins (\$7)	Aug. 13	CS3 Tiger Room	Fort Wayne
hree Dog Night (\$25)	July 15	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
im McGraw w/Luke Bryan & The Band Perry	July 16	First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre	Tinley Park, IL
im McGraw w/Luke Bryan & The Band Perry	July 17	Verizon Wireless Music Center	Noblesville
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Tim Robbins & the Rogues Gallery Band (\$35)	Aug. 3	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Tim Wilson w/John Burton (\$14.50)	July 28-30	Snickerz Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Tinsley Ellis	Aug. 6	Van Wert County Fairgrounds	Van Wert
odd Snider (\$30)	Aug. 18	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Tom Rush (\$30)	July 10	The Ark	Ann Arbor
oors & The Maytals	July 12	Bluebird Nightclub	Bloomington
oots & The Maytais (\$25)	July 12	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
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race Adkins	July 16	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
The Turtles w/The Association, The Grass Roots, The Buckinghams & Mark Lindsay	Aug. 4	Fraze Pavilion	Kettering, OH
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V on the Radio	Sept. 2	St. Andrews Hall	Detroit
Inderoath w/Letlive, Times of Grace & Stray from the Path	July 21	Headliners	Toledo
IV Hippo w/Yamn	July 30	The Gin Mill Lounge	Fort Wayne
alencia w/With Honors & Don't Call It a Comeback (\$10-\$12)	July 3	Emerson Theater	Indianapolis
olbeat w/Cold & Anchored (\$20 adv., \$23 d.o.s.)	July 28	Piere's	Fort Wayne
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	July 2	Meadow Brook Music Festival	Detroit
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"Treme" Season One

I recently heaped praise on an indie film called *Welcome to the Rileys*, starring James Gandolfini, both because it was a compelling drama about marriage and middle-age and grief and hope and because a good portion of it was filmed in post-Katrina New Orleans and showed sections of the flood-ravaged city I hadn't seen in film to that point.

I still stand behind my positive review, but the shots of the hurricane-ravaged city in that movie were – if you'll pardon the pun – a drop in the bucket compared to the veritable flood of details we see in the HBO series "Treme," the first season of which is now out on DVD.

Created by David Simon and Eric Overmyer, the geniuses who also brought us "The Wire," a show I'm convinced it's impossible to over-praise, "Treme" takes place just a few months after Hurricane Katrina. Parts of the city are still virtually uninhabited, other parts are still without water and power, and it's still very much uncertain if or when the city will ever be restored to its former glory. ("America loves our music and food," the residents grouse over and over, "but our people?" What about our people?")

Simon gets a lot of credit for exploring big social issues with great gusto and anger – in interviews, Simon likes to talk about "the other America," the disenfranchised lower class who virtually don't exist in film or TV except as caricature – but he doesn't always get the credit he deserves for exploring the people behind the issues with such humor, grace and depth. "The Wire" is great because it had great characters we grew to care deeply about, and "Treme" is also first and foremost about the characters.

We have Janette (Kim Dickens), a restaurant owner on the verge of bankruptcy who can't get a decent staff in place to save her life; Antoine Batiste (Wendell Pierce, who played Bunk in "The Wire") as a jazz trombonist hustling from one poor-paying gig to another and trying his best to avoid having to lower himself to playing in the inauthentic and over-touristy French Quarter; Antoine's ex-wife Ladonna (Khandi Alexander), who's searching for a brother she hasn't seen since Katrina (he was last seen in the custody of the New Orleans Police Department, though the NOPD denies this); Albert Lambreaux (Clarke Peters, also from "The Wire"), who has come back to rebuild his life and to reestablish New Orleans's cultural uniqueness in the only way he knows how, by reentering his role as a Mardi Gras Indian chief; Tulane English professor Creighton Burnette (John Goodman), who advocates for the city but who has, shall we say, anger management issues; and scruffy musician Davis McAlary (Steve Zahn), who can't seem to find success in any of the various endeavors he's involved in.

And there's more. So much more. I've barely scratched the surface. (Early episodes even have a wonderful cameo performance from Elvis Costello, playing himself.)

The way these characters intertwine with each others' lives is so fluid and unforced that it never feels contrived or gimmicky, the way that some mosaic-like movies, even good ones, often do. (I loved *Crash* and *Magnolia*, but you could feel the thumbprint of the filmmakers' contrivance behind nearly every scene in those movies.) I haven't sat down and created a flow-chart to track the complex web of intersecting relationships here, nor do I want to. Some stories are told with such quiet authority and grace that you never feel the need to



over-analyze or second-guess them.

I must confess that I have only seen the first two episodes of "Treme" so far – although it should be said that the first episode is nearly as long as a full-length film – but I can say with complete honesty that I haven't been this excited to continue watching a series since I started watching "The Wire."

Part of me thinks I should wait until I've finished the entire first season to write this review, but another, bigger part of me thinks that if I did I wouldn't be able to convey to you the extent to which I feel compelled to continue watching. What this review lacks in overall knowledge of how the entire first season plays itself out, I hope it makes up for in sheer enthusiasm.

I'm jealous of myself when I think about the time when I was only a few episodes into the very

first season of "The Wire" – all the interesting characters I still hadn't been introduced to; all the gripping events I hadn't yet seen! I am glad that I found, for myself, the all-time desert island TV series when I did.

(The fourth season of "The Wire," which explores the innercity public school system, helped inspire me to renew my longexpired teacher's license and reenter the field of education. How many TV shows can you honestly say changed your life?) But the downside of this is that, when I finished "The Wire," I knew that I was

unlikely to see a series that would affect me quite so profoundly ever again. I do not want to oversell "Treme" by sug-

I do not want to oversell "Treme" by suggesting that I suspect it might end up equaling the monumental achievement of "The Wire." I don't, quite. (Then again, it's only halfway through its second season, and nobody can say yet what direction it will take from here.) But it doesn't have to equal "The Wire" to still be great, and I can already sense the potential greatness of the series.

"The Wire" made Baltimore a vividly realized place in my imagination that I couldn't wait to return to over and over; "Treme" does the same for New Orleans. I love New Orleans, but I've never much liked movies and TV shows that are set there. They all traffic in the same visual clichés, and they all seem to think the references to crawfish and jazz and beignets and Mardi Gras – spoken with an exaggerated Cajun accent, of course – pass for authenticity.

Far be it from me to declare myself an expert on the "authentic" New Orleans. I am not, in any way, shape, or form, an expert on much of anything, much less New Orleans, but this series feels authentic to me, to the point where it often veers wonderfully close to seeming documentary-like. Like Antoine, who turns up his nose at playing for the tourists on Bourbon Street, "Treme" steers well clear of the misty-eyed Bourbon Street quaintness and takes us into the heart of the heart of city, the one the tourists rarely see.

Netflix is sending me Disc 2 of Season 1 right now. I'm hoping to clear a few hours off my schedule this weekend so I can see the next three episodes back-to-back. I can hardly wait. I can already sense some future me looking back on the present me with great jealousy.

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Smiles Sold Separately

My American Unhappiness by Dean Bakopoulos, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011 If someone asked you

why you were unhappy, what would you say? You

might have an answer all ready to go, something you've been working on for years, just waiting for someone to finally ask the question. Or maybe you'd be at a loss, unable to come up with anything. Maybe you'd flat out insist that you're not unhappy. Those variations are what Zeke Pappas, the protagonist of Dean Bakopoulos' new novel, encounters as he undertakes the Inventory of American Unhappiness, a project for his not-for-profit organization. But Zeke doesn't understand unhappiness very well.

He doesn't understand other people's unhappiness, and he's deeply suspicious when someone claims not to be unhappy. More significantly, he doesn't understand the source of his own unhappiness. This isn't surprising, however, since Zeke doesn't really understand much of anything.

Zeke is the director of the Great Midwestern Humanities Initiative, a nonprofit based in Madison V

profit based in Madison, Wisconsin. Founded in 1999, the GMHI is charged with sponsoring projects that highlight the cultural history of the Midwest. The GMHI operates with federal funds thanks to legislation pushed by a conservative congressman, Quince Leatherberry, and it is chaired by a wealthy businessman named Logan. A flag-waving, anti-immigration congressman might seem like the last person who would support a humanities-focused nonprofit, but at the end of the Clinton era stranger things had happened. Eventually we discover that the origin of the GMHI came about because of skeletons-in-the-closet secrets, but it shouldn't surprise us, since Zeke suspects that he got his job because Logan has a crush on him and Logan uses the GMHI's books to cover up some of his seedy misadventures.

By the time the novel opens, the Bush presidency is almost over and the economy is in free fall. The GMHI is on its last legs. The only project that's still afloat is the Inventory of Unhappiness, and that's only because Zeke's working on it for free. Unfortunately, our delusional hero refuses to acknowledge the reality of his organization's situation. He brushes off his assistant's warnings about the dire state of the payroll account, and he continues to draft heartfelt but bizarre fundraising letters despite the fact that no donors On Books EVAN GILLESPIE

have been sending checks for a long time.

Zeke's personal life is a shambles too. He lives with his mother and the twin daughters of his brother who was killed in Iraq. The girls' mother died in an auto accident, and Zeke's father died of a heart attack, so the remnants of his family have gathered at Zeke's house where he had lived alone after the apparent death of his own wife years earlier. Zeke is fairly happy with the situation, but sud-

denly his mother is suggesting that he should get married. When he thinks about it a little, Zeke decides that she's right, and he begins to look for marriage prospects.

He quickly identifies four likely targets. There's his assistant, who he's convinced has had a crush on him for some time. There's his nearly divorced neighbor, with whom he sometimes

shares a drink on the patio.

There's a cheerful barista at the local Starbucks whom he's chatted with every day when he stops to get his daily coffee. And there's filmmaker Sofia Coppola. She's his long-shot prospect.

The problem is that Zeke is weird. He uses bigger words than he needs to, and he always says the wrong thing. He doesn't see any person or situation for what they really are, and he misinterprets nearly everything ever said to him. He has his world view, and he clings to it stubbornly, no matter what contradictory evidence reality lays before him. This would all be difficult enough for Zeke, but on top of everything, a mysterious government bureaucrat is sniffing around, and his motives seem to be sinister. Zeke is ridiculously out of his depth as events swirl around him.

Bakopoulos has crafted a quirky satire of this period of American unease – when we all think that there's something wrong, but we can't quite put our finger on what it is. We've all become adept at misidentifying the problem and casting blame in the wrong direction, and we hold tight to our predetermined conclusions even when they're proven wrong. Zeke's only hope is to wake up and take a clear look at what's really wrong with his life, and that's probably true of all of us.

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Now Plaving

- Вета Launcн A comedy about the relationship of Nicole, an obsessive blogger, and Martin, the man who loves her enough to try to distance her from her reliance on technology, at the Allen County Public Library Auditorium, Fort Wayne, **8 p.m.** Friday-Saturday, July 1-2, \$12 adults, \$8 students with ID, betalaunch.blogspot.com
- ORT WAYNE BALLET SUMMER INTENSIVE SHOWCASE — Students from across the United States will be performing their dance routines at the Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2, \$5 adult, \$2 children, 484-9646, www.fortwayneballet.org
- HAIRSPRAY A musical comedy about Tracy Turnblad's unexpected rise to fame on a Baltimore dance show and her attempts to bring about racial harmony through song and dance, at the Ramada Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 2 & 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 1-2; \$12-\$30, 574-267-8041, www.wagonwheeltheatre.
- HELLO, DOLLY! The classic musical about a wannabee matchmaker working in Yonkers at the turn of the century, at The Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres, Nappanee, 2 & 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, thru July 7, \$27.95, 800-800-4942
- PLAIN & FANCY A musical about a sophisticated New York couple and their adventures in Amish Country, at The Round Barn Theatre at Amish Acres, Nappanee, 2 & 8 p.m. thru Oct. 22 (call for dates) \$27.95 (dinner theatre packages available), 800-800-4942

STATE FAIR - The classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about finding fun and love at the lowa State Fair, at the Ramada Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6; 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7; 8 p.m. p.m. inursday, July 7; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 10; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 13; 2 & 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 14; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 15-16; \$12-\$30, 574-267-8041, www.wagonwheeltheatre.com

Asides

AUDITIONS

MOONLIGHT AND MAGNOLIAS (SEPT. 30-Oct. 15) — Auditions at the Arena Theatre Rehearsal Studio, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Aug. 7-8, 424-5622

Planning Calendar

JULY

- WEST SIDE STORY The classic musical about star-crossed lovers Maria and Tony, at North Side High School Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 8-9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 10, \$10 adults, \$7 students (\$2 discount with Three Rivers Festival button), www.sum mermusictheatre.com
- SCARLET FEVER'S SWEET & SOUR SUMMER Sнow — Burlesque dancing at the Thirsty Camel, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 9, \$6 adv., \$8 d.o.s., 420-0055
- ANNIE GET YOUR GUN The classic western musical about Annie Oakley and her romance with sharp shooter Frank Butler, at the Pulse Opera House, Warren, July 15-Aug. 6, \$12 adults, \$5 children, 375-7017

- Calendar Stage & Dance
 - AMERICAN STYLE BALLROOM INDEPENDENCE DAY SHOWCASE - Both professional and amateur ballroom dance demonstrations, including a performance by Igor Litvinov and Julia Ivleva, United States Standard Finalists and North American Showdance Champions, at Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday**, **July 16**, \$7-\$65 (price depends on show), 480-7070
 - CHILDREN OF EDEN The Stephen Sondheim musical based on the story of Genesis, at Plymouth Congregational Church, Fort Wayne, **7 p.m. Friday, July 15** & **2 p.m. Sunday, July 17**, free, 385-3691
 - BIG RIVER Roger Miller's musical based on the Mark Twain novel about Huck Finn and his friend Jim, at the Ramada Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 20; 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 22-23; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27; 2 & 8 p.m. Thursday, July 28; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 29-30; \$12-\$30, 574-267-8041, www.wagonwheeltheatre.com
 - HAIRSPRAY The musical comedy about plus-size heroine Tracy Turnblad and her pursuit of fame and racial justice via dancing on The Corny Collins Show Presented by Civic Theatre, at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 29-30; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, \$26 adults, \$22 seniors, \$18 students, 424-5220, www.fwcivic.org





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We have the chance to watch the first-ever production of Beta Launch, now produced by Jane Frazier in the theater of the Allen County Public Library downtown. This play was written by IPFW graduate Melissa Dowty, and it tells the story of four friends in their 20s

As the play opens, we see the breakup of Nicole, an obsessive blogger, and Martin, a guy who seems to be having trouble finding his way in life. Nicole is as dialed-in as anyone could be, and she takes her role as blogger of the ilk of Perez Hilton (who covers celebrity gossip, for anyone who's not heard of him)

very seriously. The blurb I'd read before actually seeing the play focused on the role of technology in shaping the way we communicate, so I was expecting even a little more focus on it than the play actually includes. Of the four characters, though,

only Nicole has trouble making a move without the immediate impulse to post the move on her Facebook profile and/or her blog.

There are several scene changes to the simple set. The one I found the most effective took place during Nicole and Martin's post-breakup conversation via instant messenger. Watching the slight delay and moments of vulnerability as they negotiated a live meeting felt real. Even though the messaging really is nearly instant, when it's typed and sprinkled with "LOL" and "OMG," Dowty brings to light how the



pauses between our own keyboard strokes and the display that tells us our correspondent is typing a reply can seem anything but instant.

The play includes, appropriately, some cool uses of technology. Frazier has decided to place screens representing the location of the scene above the actors.

For example, when characters meet in a park there is an image of a park on screen above them. We also see Nicole taping herself discussing a breakup of two major celebrities and later updating her Facebook relationship status as the plot takes

a turn near the end.

In addition to showing the role of technology in the lives of young adults, the interaction between the four characters shows the move into lackluster careers and the disenchantment that can bring. But Dowty stresses that the play is about communication: "how we choose to do it, when it's a useful tool and when it becomes a weapon, and why that process breaks down. Most importantly, it deals with how much inti-

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- ABOUT FACE A portraiture exhibit at the Balentine Gallery, Creative Arts Council of Wells County, Bluffton, Monday-Friday thru July 15, 824-5222
- The Art of Summer Show Works depicting summer and summer-like scenes, at the Castle Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Saturday thru July 14, 426-6568
- DIANE GROENERT AND MICHAEL POORMAN - Paintings at the Dash-In, daily thru July 2, 423-3595
- E4 Акт Show Featuring the work of Jason Stopa, Eric Tarr, Seth Harris and Tracy Row, at Lotus Yoga, Wellness and Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Friday (Saturdays by appointment) thru July 12, 420-
- AME Exhibit Exceptional work by area students, at the First Presbyterian Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Friday and during all FPT productions thru Aug. 21, 426-7421, www.firstpres-fw.org/ the_arts/gallery/
- EMALE FORMS & FACETS: PORTRAYALS OF WOMEN IN ART — The female form in all media at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Aug. 21, 422-6467 or www. fwmoa.org
- OWER POWER: THE SUMMER OF LOVE EXHIBIT - Bold, bright blooms as well as artifacts from the 1960s including a VW Bus, at Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, July 2-Aug. 29, \$5 adults, \$3 chil-dren 3-17, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org
- GLASS BY REGIONAL ARTISTS Blown glass by several local artists, at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, July 1-30, 436-0927
- PLEIN SIGHT Plein air paintings at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru July 31, 422-6467 or www.fwmoa.org ANET RHAMY BROYLES: HOME, MY
- INDIANA ROOTS Mixed media photography at Clark Gallery, the Honeywell Center, Wabash, daily, July 1-Aug. 3 (reception Monday, July 18), 563-1102 ext. 501 JSTIN JOHNSON — Oil paintings with gold leaf overlay depicting sacred icons and anthropology, at Manchester College's Gallery G, North Manchester, Monday-Friday & Sunday thru Sept. 11, 982-5327

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 - NATIVE TONGUE: NATIVE AMERICAN WORKS - Works from the collection, at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Aug. 14, 422-6467, www.fwmoa.org
 - OPEN CALL SHOW W/LOCAL ARTISTS -Mixed media at the Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, daily thru June 30, 373-0505, www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com
 - OUT FROM UNDER THE BED A retrospective of work in several media by Midge Walter, at Langhinrichs Gallery, Fort Wayne Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, Fort Wayne, **Sunday-Thursday thru** July 29, 744-1867
 - SAINTS & SCARABS Work by Justin Johnson at Gallery G, College Union, Manchester College, North Manchester, daily thru Sept. 11, 982-5551
 - SHARPIE ART EXHIBIT Work by local artists in Sharpie marker, at Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday thru July 6, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com
 - THE SLAVE TRADE Cultural artifacts dealing with the history of the slave trade, at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum, Fort Wayne, daily thru Aug. 31, 456-6929
 - STACIA ALEXANDER Paintings in a variety of media, at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, July 1-30, 436-0927
 - SUMMER SET: KITSCH IT The work of nine local artists questioning and expanding the kitsch aesthetic in fine art, sponsored by Wunderkammer Company, at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, **daily thru Aug.** 18, www.clubsodafortwayne.com
 - THROUGH THE GLASS NIGHTLY -Photographs of the cabaret floor at Club One Jefferson by Cara Lee Wade, at Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Aug. 22, 422-6467, www.fwmoa.org

Artifacts

FESTIVALS & ART SALES

- ART IN THE PARK Art on display and for sale, Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10, www.trfonline.org
- AMISH ACRES ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL -Live entertainment, festival foods, a children's activities tent and work by a wide variety of artists and crafters, at Amish Acres, Nappanee, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 4-6 & 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, mili tary personnel and students, chil-dren under 12 free, 800-800-4942

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This Week

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- MIAMI INDIAN HERITAGE DAYS: TRADITIONAL **GREAT LAKES POTTERY COOKING** Frik Vosteen will demonstrate ancient cooking techniques, at the Chief Richardville House, Fort Wayne, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 2, \$7 adults, \$5 seniors and students, History Center members and children under 5 free, 426-2882
- MONSTER JAM Fans will be able to have their photo taken inside the Grave Digger Monster Truck as well as get their own souvenir Grave Digger tattoo and more, at Advance Auto Parts, Lima, Bluffton, Stellhorn and Illinois Rd. locations, Fort Wayne, 12:30-6:30 p.m. thru Saturday, July 2, free, 416-0465
- SICK AND TWISTED TRICKS TOUR Freestyle Moto X, freestyle BMX motorcycle stunts and skateboarding, as well as live music and a bike show, at Piere's Entertainment Center Fort Wayne, 4:15 p.m. Saturday, July 2, \$9.89, 486-1979
- PASTORS FOR PEACE CARAVAN A potluck supper, presentation and movie explaining the work of the caravan, which is traveling across country collecting building materials to help the less fortunate, at Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, Fort Wayne, **7 p.m. Wednesday, July 6**, 478-8811 (for a list of the group's needs, e-mail uupeacejustice@ comcast.net)

Authors, Readings, **Poetry**

- BARNES & NOBLE WRITING GROUP AND BOOKLOVERS BOOK GROUP - Weekly writing group with New York Times bestselling author Shirley Jump every third Tuesday at 7 p.m., and book discussion club, every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble-Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, 432-3343
- No FENCES ALOUD An open mic night for writers, particularly in the genres of short stories and poetry, every first Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Bean Cafe and Teahouse, Fort Wayne, free, 420-5000

Lectures, Discussions, Films

- LE CAFÉ FRANÇAIS A French conversation club, at LaSalle Bed & Breakfast, Fort Wayne, 6-7:30 p.m. every Sunday, 417-5692
- NOURISHING TRADITIONS How to lose weight and improve your health by eating old-fashioned foods, at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 12-1 p.m. Thursday, June 30, \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-17 (conservatory members free), 427-6440
- GETTING TO KNOW DAYLILIES Kathy Lee of the Fort Wayne Daylily Society will discuss daylilies, their care and how to identify different varieties, at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 9 (register by Friday, July 1), \$5 public, \$4 member, 427-6011

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CONTAINER GARDENING FOR EVERYONE - Grant County Master Gardener Bruce Ruch demonstrates how to make a garden out of almost anything you have on hand, at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14 (register by Friday, July 8), \$7 public, \$4 members, 427-6011

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RHIZOME ROUNDUP - How to keep your irises, ginger and bamboo healthy through rhizome maintenance, at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 12-1 p.m. Thursday, July 28, \$5 adults, \$3 children 3-17 (conservatory members free), 427-6440

Storytimes

- BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES -Storytime and crafts Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, 432-3343
- BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES -Weekly storytime Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Glenbrook, Fort Wayne, 482-3720
- HUNTINGTON CITY-TOWNSHIP PUL LIBRARY STORY TIME SESSIONS PUBLIC Stories and activities for children birth through seven years at the Main Library, at the Huntington City-Township Main Library, Huntington, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for children two through seven years at the Markle Branch Thursdays, free,(Registration required), 356 2900 or 758-3332

STORY TIMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS AT ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: ABOITE BRANCH — Born to Read Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Baby Steps, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1320 DOWNTOWN BRANCH - Storytime for preschools, daycares and other groups, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-6, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; PAWS to Read, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays Babies and Books, 10 a.m. Fridays; Toddler Time: stories, songs and activities for toddlers, 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fridays, (must preregister for all storytelling activities), 421-1220

DUPONT BRANCH - Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-5, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, PAWS to Read, 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 421-1315 GEORGETOWN BRANCH - Born to Read Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays, Baby Steps, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. **Tuesdays**, PAWS to Read, 4 p.m. **Tuesdays**, Smart Start Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1320 GRABILL BRANCH — Born to Read, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1325 HESSEN CASSEL BRANCH - Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 421-1330

LITTLE TURTLE BRANCH — Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, PAWS to read, 6 p.m. Mondays, 421-1335 New Haven BRANCH - Babies and books for kids birth to age 2, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1345 PONTIAC BRANCH — Teen cafe, 4 p.m. Tuesdays, PAWS to Read 5 p.m. Thursdays, Smart Star Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, 421-1350

TECUMSEH BRANCH - PAWS to Read, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Smart Start Storytime for kids age 3-6, 10:30 a.m. **Tuesdays**, YA Day for teens, 3:30 p.m. **Wednesdays**, Wondertots reading for ages 1-3, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1360 SHAWNEE BRANCH - Born to Read for babies and toddlers, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Smart Start Storytime for preschoolers, 11 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1355 WAYNEDALE BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, Born to Read Storytime for babies and toddlersm 10:15 a.m. **Tuesdays,** PAWS to Read, 4:30 p.m. **first and third** Wednesdays; 421-1365 WOODBURN BRANCH - Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. **Fridays**, 421-1370

Kid Stuff

- ART FOR KIDS Art classes for kids in grades 1-8 sponsored by Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, at the University of St. Francis, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday thru July 1, \$35, www.artlinkfw.com
- ENERGY, WATER & PLANTS, OH MY! -An educational summer program sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana about how girls in K-5 can take care of our natural resources, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday thru July 1, \$12, 800-283-4812 ext. 301
- MOSER PARK NATURE CENTER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS — Outdoor activities, crafts and fun throughout the summer at Moser Park, New Haven; preschool activities, 10-10:45 a.m. every Tuesday; naturalist programs for school-aged children, 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday; discovery hikes, 3-4 p.m. every Saturday; crafts, activities, hikes and games for children of all ages, **1:30-2:30** p.m. every Sunday; 749-2212 or www.newhavenin.org
- SCIENCE CENTRAL 2010 SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS — Hands-on educational day camp for children ages 3-13, at Science Central, Fort Wayne, Monday-Friday thru Friday, Aug. 5, 424-2400 ext. 451 or www.sciencecentral.org
- CLEAN COMEDY FOR KIDS HELPING KIDS -Comedy, storytelling, live music and entertainment from a juggler/uni-cyclist to benefit Riley Hospital for Children, at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9, www.trfonline.org
- DANCE CAMPS Ballet, creative movement, Kinderdance and other classes offered for students age 3 1/2 and up, at The Creative Arts Center School of Ballet, Bluffton, July 11-22 and July 18-22, times and costs vary, 824-5222 or www. wellscocreativearts.com
- TRAVELING INSECT ZOO A chance to learn about insects through an inter-active exhibit, hike and a talk by Gary Moughler, plant protection and quarantine officer with the United States Department of Agriculture, at Moser Park. New Haven. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, free, 749-2212

Dance

OPEN DANCES

- AMERICAN STYLE BALLROOM Open dancing 8-10 p.m. every Friday, \$5, at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, 480-7070
- A NIGHT OF THE CLASSICS Open dances to the tunes of the 40s and 50s, at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, **7-9 p.m. every second and** fourth Saturday, \$6, 480-7070

Calendar • Things to Do-

DANCE INSTRUCTION

- CONTRA DANCE Open dance and lessons, no partner needed, 8-11 p.m. third Saturday of every month, University of Saint Francis North Campus Gym, Fort Wayne, \$4-\$7, 244-1905
- LINE DANCING Dance instruction, 6-9 p.m. every Thursday, Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, \$4, 490-5060
- SALSA Loca! Group salsa lesson every Tuesday from 8-8:30 p.m. followed by social dancing until 10 p.m. at 816 Pint & Slice, Fort Wayne, \$5. 416-7733
- SALSA SUNDAYS Group salsa lesson followed by open dance, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, and **7-9 p.m. every** Sunday at K. Monique's Studio of Dance, Fort Wayne, \$5, 624-7009

Instruction

SWEETWATER ACADEMY OF MUSIC -Private lessons for a variety of instruments in rock, jazz, country and classical are available from a variety of professional instructors, ongoing weekly lessons, \$100 per month, 432-8176 ext. 1960, http:// academy.sweetwater.com

Spectator Sports

BASEBALL

- TINCAPS Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne JULY 3 vs. West Michigan
- JULY 4 vs. West Michigan
- JULY 5 vs. West Michigan
- JULY 6 vs. Dayton
- JULY 7 vs. Dayton
- JULY 8 vs. Dayton

WRESTLING

THE FAST & THE FEWRIOUS — Federation of Elite Wrestlers, at Broadripple, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 24, \$7 adv., \$10 at the door, 804-4001

Sports & Recreation

- ROLLING CLASSIC CAR CLUB CRUISE-INS - A gathering of classic car enthusiasts coinciding with the Georgetown Farmers Market, Georgetown Square, Fort Wayne, 5:30 p.m.-dark Thursdays thru Oct. 13, free, 749-0461
- TAPESTRY WALK THE TALK A weekly walking group that will include educational talks and other healthfocused topical discussion to prepare for the Fort for Fitness 4-miler or 10K, at IPFW, Fort Wayne, 8 a.m. Tuesdays and 6 p.m. Thursdays, July 5-Sept. 22, \$20, http://ipfw.edu/tapestry

- FORT WAYNE REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB of AMERICA AUTOCROSS — At Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Sunday, July 10, www.fwscca.com
- COLTS MAKE IT PERSONAL TOUR -Indianapolis Colts Alumni players and cheerleaders meet and greet fans, at Kosciusko County Fairgrounds, Warsaw, **5-7 p.m.** Tuesday, July 12; free, 483-1111
- PUTTS FOR MUTTS Charity golf tournament to benefit H.O.P.E. for Animals, at Orchard Ridge Country Club, Fort Wayne, Sunday, July 17, \$400 per foursome, 420-7729
- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ROLLER SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - At Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, July
- 17-Aug. 7, www.usarollersports.org

Tours & Trips

- ARCH WALKING TOURS Walking tours of downtown, Fort Wayne, 1 p.m. every first Friday, \$5, 426-5117
- ANN ARBOR ARTVENTURE A bus trip to Ann Arbor's art fairs, sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Langhinrichs Gallery, bus leaves the Lima Road Meijer parking lot, Fort Wayne, at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 21 and returns at 9 p.m., \$40, 744-1867

Volunteers

- ALLEN COUNTY SPCA Is in need of donations of cash as well as a variety of other items like paper towels, trash bags, dog and cat toys and food. To help out call 744-0454.
- ATTORNEYS NEEDED Volunteers needed to help with new clients and take referrals at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Fort Wayne. To help, call 456-8969 ext. 311
- Ave MARIA House Is in need of items for their homeless day shelter, including sweaters, coats, socks, underwear, soap, shampoo and towels. Ave Maria House, Fort Wayne. Call Dottie Carpenter. 424-3355
- BLACK PINE ANIMAL PARK Volunteers needed to help build permanent habitats for the park's animal population. 636-7383
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN THEATER Front-ofhouse workers needed for the 2011-12 season of the First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne. Call Alice Chitwood at 744-3802 or e-mail mamawchitwood@comcast.net.
- H.O.P.E. FOR ANIMALS Volunteers needed to work with an organization whose mission is to eliminate euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets through education, low-cost spay and neuter surgeries and support of rescue and adoption. To volunteer in Fort Wayne, call 420-7729

- SOUTHERN CARE HOSPICE Volunteers needed to make a difference in the lives of terminal patients and their families. 432-6075
- VOLUNTEER DRIVERS The American Cancer Society is in need of volun-teer drivers for its Road to Recovery program, a service that provides free transportation to local cancer patients, 317-280-6643
- VOLUNTEERS FOR RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE -Fort Wayne Women's Bureau needs volunteers to work several shifts per month by carrying a pager and returning calls. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteers receive 20 hours of training prior. 424-7977

Networking

- THE BUSINESS EXCHANGE A business networking group, open admis-sion, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Calhoun Street Soup, Salad & Spirits, Fort Wayne, \$2, 515-2788
- MAINSTREETCHAMBER A group dedi-cated to helping small businesses in Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. every Thursday, at the Dash-In, Fort Wayne, free, 494-5232
- NORRIS ADVANCED NETWORKING GROUP Open admission, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Friday at Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne, \$2, contact Bob Norris at 908-1450
- PREMIER WOMEN'S NETWORKING Open admission, **4-6 p.m. first Tuesday** of each month, Tavern at Coventry, Fort Wayne, 747-5202

July

- ANGOLA BALLOONS ALOFT Hot air balloon piloting competition, at the Tri-State Steuben County Airport, Angola, 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 8 and 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 9, free to spectators, 316-8277
- IKASUCON This Japanese animé convention includes speakers, contests, gaming, panel discussions, an artist gallery and more, at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Friday-Sunday, July 8-10, \$50 for all three days, www.ikasucon.org
- THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL The annual festival celebrating Fort Wayne's rivers with live music, food, games, art and other activities, most events at Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, Friday-Saturday, July 8-16, 426-5556. www.trfonline.org
- KINGSTON ANNUAL DINNER DANCE A dinner dance to support the Arthritis Foundation, at Mount Calvary Life Center, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. Monday, July 11, \$5 adv., \$6 at the door, 415-7741



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OPENING THIS WEEK

Earthwork (PG) Larry Crowne (PG13) Monte Carlo (PG)

- BAD TEACHER (R) Cameron Diaz plays an uncouth teacher just dumped by her fiancé (Jason Segel) and on the hunt for his replacement (Justin Timberlake) in this comedy from the director of Walk Hard. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:30, 12:40, 2:15, 3:30,
 - 5:00, 6:20, 7:45, 9:15, 10:40 Fri.-Sun.: 11:00, 12:10, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00, 10:10, 11.20
 - Mon.-Wed.: 11:00, 12:10, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00, 10:10
 - COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:40, 2:00, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:40, 9:10, 10:00 Fri.-Mon.: 11:20, 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 7:50, 9:35, 10:35 Tues.-Wed.: 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:05, 7:50, 9:35, 10:35
 - HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON Thurs.: 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40. 9:50
 - Fri.-Sat.: 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50, 11:55
 - Sun.-Wed.: 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40. 9:50
 - JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 10:20, 11:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:25, 9:40, 11:00

- Fri.-Wed.: 10:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:25, 4:55, 5:55, 7:30, 8:35, 10:00, 11:10 • NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Daily: 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- THE BEAVER (PG13) Mel Gibson plays a troubled husband and father who begins only speaking through a beaver hand puppet in this drama. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, June 30 Thurs.: 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50
- BRIDESMAIDS (R) Kristen Wiig and Maya Rudolph star in this comedy that's basically The Hangover but with ladies instead of dudes.
 - CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:20, 7:50, 11:00 Fri.-Sun.: 11:30, 5:10, 11:00
 - Mon.-Wed.: 11:30, 5:10 Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Ends Thursday, June 30 Thurs.: 1:00, 6:45 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:10, 2:10, 5:05, 8:10,
 - 11.05Fri.-Wed.: 12:40. 4:10. 7:25. 10:25
- CARS 2 (G) The usual suspects are back, including Lightning McQueen, in this Pixar animated children's comedy about a bunch of cars racing their way around the globe. • AUBURN/GARRETT DRIVE-IN, GARRETT (Precedes The Green Lantern) Thurs.: 9:35 p.m. (Precedes Mr. Popper's Penguins)
 - Fri.-Wed.: 9:30 p.m. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

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 - Thurs.: 12:10, 1:30, 2:10 (3D), 2:50, 4:00, 4:40 (3D), 5:20, 6:30, 7:10 (3D), 7:50, 9:00, 9:40 (3D), 10:25 Fri.-Mon.: 11:00, 11:30 (3D), 1:10, 1:40, 2:20 (3D), 3:50, 4:20, 4:50 (3D), 6:25, 6:50, 7:20 (3D), 9:00, 9:50, 10:25 (3D) Tues.-Wed.: 1:10, 1:40, 2:20 (3D), 3:50, 4:20, 4:50 (3D), 6:25, 6:50, 7:20 (3D), 9:00, 9:50, 10:25 (3D) • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON
 - Thurs.: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 Fri.-Sat.: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30 Sun.-Wed.: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
 - JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 9:40, 12:05 (3D), 12:25, 3:10 (3D), 3:35, 6:40 (3D), 7:10, 9:35 (3D), 9:50 Fri.-Mon.: 10:00, 11:10 (3D), 1:20, 2:05 (3D), 4:05, 4:50 (3D), 7:05, 7:35 (3D), 9:55, 10:35 (3D) Tues.-Wed.: 10:00, 1:20, 2:05 (3D), 4:05, 4:50 (3D), 7:05, 7:35 (3D), 9:55, 10:35 (3D)
 - JEFFERSON POINTE IMAX, FORT WAYNE (All showings in 3D) Thurs.: 9:45, 12:35, 3:30, 6:15, 9:15

Fri.-Wed.: 9:50, 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9.35

- NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Daily: 2:00, 3:00 (3D), 4:30, 5:30 (3D), 7:00, 8:30 (3D), 9:30 • NORTHWOOD CINEMA GRILL, FORT
- Thurs.: 1:30, 4:00 (3D), 6:30 Fri.: 1:00, 3:30 (3D), 6:15, 8:45 (3D) Sat.: 12:45, 3:15 (3D), 6:00, 8:30 (3D) Sun.: 12:45, 3:15 (3D), 6:00 Mon.: 1:00, 3:30 (3D), 6:00 Tues.-Wed.: 1:30, 4:00 (3D), 6:30 • STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE Thurs.: 7:00 Fri.: 7:15 Sat.-Sun.: 2:00, 7:15
- Mon.-Wed.: 7:15
- THE CONSPIRATOR (PG13) Robin Wright stars in this Robert Redforddirected period drama about the woman accused of helping to plot the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE
 - Daily: 12:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35
- DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2: RODRICK
 - RULES (PG) Zachary Gordon is back as Greg Heffley, now beginning the 7th grade and trying to deal with his parents' attempt to get him to bond with his older brother, Rodrick.
 - COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40 Fri.-Wed.: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9.50

- EARTHWORK (R) This true story of a Kansas crop artist who travels to Manhattan to create a massive piece of environmental art on land owned by Donald Trump stars John Hawkes
 - ("Deadwood"). · CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.: 6:30 Sat.: 4:15, 8:30 Sun.: 8:30 Tues.: 6:30

Wed.: 8:30

- FAST FIVE (PG13) Vin Diesel is back for what we can only hope is the final installment of action flicks about boys and their very small private parts ... ahem, very fast cars. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 7:05, 9:15
- THE GREEN LANTERN (PG13) Ryan Reynold's is the green-tinted super hero and Blake Lively is his love interest in this film from the director of Casino Royale.
 - AUBURN/GARRETT DRIVE-IN, GARRETT Ends Thursday, June 30 (follows Cars 2)
 - Thurs.: 11:40 p.m.
 - CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:30, 3:10, 6:10, 6:45 (3D), 8:50, 10:20 (3D), 11:30 Fri.-Sun.: 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:00, 8:10, 9:45, 10:45 Mon.-Wed.: 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:00,
 - 8:10, 9:45

Of Gods and Men Tells Only Half of the Story

The monks in Of Gods and Men live lives hardly recognizable to the average citizen anywhere in the modern western world. Eight French Cistercian monks live a quiet life in the hills of a country, not named, in a modest but comfortable monastery. Filmmaker Xavier Beauvois begins Of Gods and Men by establishing a sense of beauty, purpose and quiet, just the kind of life that would help the men live in peace. The setting isn't quite Eden, but it is the kind of life that seems designed to promote and sustain faith. And, as it turns out, they will need their faith.

The monks are led by Christian (Lambert Wilson) and Brother Luc (Michael Lonsdale). The monks spend their time working in their gardens, making honey (which Christian sells at the local market), tending the sick (Brother Luc runs the clinic) and praying and singing. They are the only Christians in the area, but they live in harmony with their Muslim neighbors. None of the monks is young, and most art past middle age. They have lived at the monastery for many years and participate fully in the lives of their neighbors, attending local rituals and festivities as welcome guests.

The country is not named, but Of Gods and Men is based on the true story of French monks who disappeared from their monastery in Algeria in the mid-1990s. In real life, Brother Christian came from a prominent French family and stayed in Algeria after completing service during the Algerian war. He believed in reconciliation between the French and Algerian people and dedicated his life to that cause.

In the film the first sign of trouble comes when a young woman is stabbed by a band of Islamic fundamentalists for not wearing her veil in public. (We are spared the sight of this.) The monks debate how to react or respond, but they recognize there is little they can do. The violence is not the product of the people they live near. The local villagers have no more in common with these thugs than the monks.

Life goes on, but tension and wariness continue. The next incident is far more serious. Croatian laborers are murdered



simply because they are foreigners and infidels. The monks are offered protection from the local authorities. They are also offered the opportunity to leave.

The monks debate these options, and there are differing opinions. For the moment, they carry on. They are subject to raids at night. A band of jihadists shows up one night with a wounded man, whom Brother Luc treats. The only fighting back the monks do is to keep their medicine from being sto-len. "That is for the children!" They shout.

The threats continue, and the potential for trouble escalates. There is a dread that hangs in the air, especially in a scene in which an attack helicopter hovers over the monastery. The contrasts are stark and uncomfortable. In practice, the monks live with few modern conveniences and have forged a life of fulfillment doing so. Occasionally we see old, decrepit vehicles. The only truly modern things we see are weapons. It is a depressing commentary on the state of that part of the world that the only bit of modern life that has become commonplace is automatic weapons.

In the end, the monks decide to stay in their home and do their work. They are not motivated by grand religious fervor or conviction. These are their lives. Many of them can't quite see a way to live any other way. The discussions they have about whether or not to leave are both lovely and sad. They are old men, set in their ways. Several feel they wouldn't fit in anywhere else and would be unhappy with the change. Some simply feel the obligation to continue their lives and work. None of them wants to die for their faith, but they want to live in it.

Of Gods and Men wants to be a tribute to the steadfastness

and faith of the monks, and I'm sure many will see it as such. I admired the beauty of the film and the patience with which the monks' differing views on how to respond were treated. For me, the messages of faith and sacrifice were not the strongest messages in the film.

The Muslims in the film fall into two categories. They are either powerless villagers with little ability to shape their own destinies or radical terrorists. This may be accurate, but it is frustrating and irritating. The radicalized Muslims are sullen, nasty brutes. They kill like robots.

In no scenes in Of God and Men do these different groups interact in a way that forces them to confront their different ideologies. They talk and act like ships passing in the night. There is little immediacy in the film, just a pervasive mood of anxiety and dread. Unfortunately, the film gives the impression that this is how it has been for a long time and how it will continue. No dialogue. No peace.

Of Gods and Men is a too accurate title for the film. There is not a single woman that figures in this story. We see a few women. We hear that one gets stabbed. I find it increasingly difficult to care about the fates of films - or whole societies. for that matter - in which women are absent from the action.

At dinner one night, the monks listen to a beat up old tape of Swan Lake. I last heard Tchaikovsky's glorious composition in Black Swan, a very different film. A few minutes of this breathtaking music trumps every other event or emotion in Of Gods and Men. The ballet of Swan Lake has been presented with many different endings since it was first performed. Some productions are tragic, others triumphant. I hope someday the people burdened by centuries-old bad habits seen on screen in Of Gods and Men can take a page from our decadent society and write themselves a new ending.

Catherine Lee is the executive director of Fort Wayne Cinema Center, the only independently operated movie theater in Fort Wayne, specializing in independent, foreign, documentary, specialty and classic films.

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-----Movie Times • Thursday-Wednesday, June 30-July 6 -----

• COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:50, 1:10 (3D), 2:20, 3:50 (3D), 4:50, 6:40 (3D), 7:20, 9:20 (3D), 10:10

Fri.-Mon.: 11:10, 2:00, 4:40 (3D), 7:15, 10:05 (3D) **Tues.-Wed.:** 2:00, 4:40 (3D), 7:15,

- 10:05 (3D)
- HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON **Thurs.:** 11:05, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25 **Fri.-Sat.:** 6:35, 9:10, 11:40
- Sun.-Wed.: 6:35, 9:10 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 9:55, 10:15 (3D), 12:55, 1:25 (3D), 3:55, 4:10 (3D), 6:55, 7:20 (3D), 9:55, 10:10 (3D) Fri.-Wed.: 10:55 (3D), 1:50, 4:45 (3D), 7:20, 10:05 • North Pointe 9, Warsaw
- (All showings in 3D) Daily: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
- THE HANGOVER 2 (R) If you thought the guys (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Justin Bartha and Zach Galifianakis) could get into a lot of trouble in Vegas, imagine what crap they land themselves in in Bangkok
 - for Stu's wedding. CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20. 11:00 Fri.-Sun.: 1:10, 3:30, 6:10, 8:40,

11:15

- Mon.-Wed.: 1:10. 3:30. 6:10. 8:40 • COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, June 30 Thurs.: 3:45, 10:20 • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON
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- JANE EYRE (R) Mia Wasikowska and Michael Fassbender star in the latest adaptation of the Charlotte Brontë classic about a homely governess and her adventures on the English moors
 - · CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, June 30
 - Thurs.: 6:15
- JUDY MOODY & THE NOT BUMMER
- SUMMER (PG) Judy of the beloved children's book series decides to have a great summer in this family comedy about how the kids play when the parents are away • CARMIKE 20. FORT WAYNE
- Thurs.: 11:10, 1:30, 3:50 Fri.-Wed.: 11:45, 2:10, 4:40
- JUMPING THE BROOM (PG13)
 - Cultures and families clash in this romantic comedy about an uptown girl and a downtown guy getting married in Martha's Vineyard. · COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 1:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35
- KUNG FU PANDA 2 (PG) Po the
 - Panda with the moves hooks up with old friends and new ones to take on his enemy in this sequel to the popular animated children's comedy • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE
 - Thurs.: 12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 Fri.-Wed.: 12:30, 2:50
- JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Fri.-Wed.: 9:55 a.m.

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LARRY CROWNE (PG13) - Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts star in this romcom about a middle aged man starting over and the community college speech teacher who helps him do it. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 11:50, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50 • COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON

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- JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 10:05, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
- LIMITLESS (PG13) Bradley Cooper stars in this thriller about a copywriter who discovers a drug that enhances his intellectual abilities. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
- THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R) Matthew McConaughey stars in this thriller about a lawyer who operates out of his Lincoln Town Car. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 1:05, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
- MEGAMIND (PG) This animated film about Megamind and his nemesis, Metro Man, stars the voices of Will Ferrell and Brad Pitt. • FOELLINGER THEATRE, FORT WAYNE Time good for Wednesday, July 6 only
 - Wed.: 8:30 p.m.
- MONTE CARLO (PG) A teen girl is mistaken for a famous heiress on a trip to Paris with her girlfriends. and they are subsequently whisked off the Monte Carlo in this fantasy starring Selena Gomez and Leighton Meister.
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 - JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, July 1 Fri.-Wed.: 11:40, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 11:15
- MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS (PG) Jim Carrey plays an uptight businessman whose life changes when he inherits six penguins in this film based on the beloved children's books
 - AUBURN/GARRETT DRIVE-IN, GARRETT Starts Friday, July 1 (follows Cars 2)
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- Thurs.: 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50 Fri.-Mon.: 11:20, 1:45, 4:05, 6:35, 9:20 Tues.-Wed.: 1:45, 4:05, 6:35, 9:20
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- Mon.: 1:30, 4:00, 6:15 Tues.-Wed.: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00
- OF GODS & MEN (R) Trappist monks in Algeria decide to remain at their monastery, despite threats from Islamic terrorists in this awardwinning French language drama. · CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Thurs.-Fri.: 8:30 Sat.: 2:00, 6:15 Sun.: 6:15 Tues.: 8:15 Wed.: 6:15
- PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES (PG13) -Johnny Depp is back as Jack Sparrow (and Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom are out) in the fourth installment of this comedic swash buckling adventure tale from Disney. CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:30 Fri.-Sun.: 5:30, 8:30, 11:30 Mon.-Wed.: 5:30, 8:30 • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON Ends Thursday, June 30 Thurs.: 12:15, 9:10 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 10:05, 1:15, 4:25, 7:35, 10:40
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- PRIEST (PG13) A maverick priest goes it alone tracking down vampires who kidnapped his niece in this horror/thriller from the director of Legion. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE
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- RANGO (PG) Johnny Depp plays a chameleon who ends up in Dirt, the animated equivalent of the Wild Wild West, in this comedy. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:00, 2:25, 4:45
- RIO (G) In this animated family comedy a domesticated Macaw from Minnesota meets Jewel and is soon off on a series of adventures. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE
 - Daily: 12:00, 12:55, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:25, 6:55, 7:40, 9:10, 10:00

SOMETHING BORROWED (PG13) Ginnifer Goodwin and Kate Hudson star in this romantic comedy about friends who fall for each other's men. With John Krasinski as Goodwin's bestie. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE

- Thurs.: 12:20, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 Fri.-Wed.: 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
- SOUL SURFER (PG) A young woman returns to surfing after losing her arm in a shark attack in this drama. • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE
 - Daily: 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
- SUPER 8 (PG13) Young teens in a small town in 1979 investigate when weird things start happening in this family thriller.
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 - 10:50 Tues.-Wed.: 2:40, 5:25, 8:05, 10:50
 - NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Daily: 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15

THOR (PG13) - This Kenneth Branaghdirected action flick stars Chris Hemsworth as the God of Thunder sent to earth and Natalie Portman as the scientist with whom he falls in love.

• COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05

TRANFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON

(PG13) — Robots turn into other things and a guy (Shia LaBeouf) must save the world and some hot chick from the Decepticons. Again. But this time on the moon.

• CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:00, 11:00 (3D), 11:40 (3D), 12:15, 12:45 (3D), 1:45, 2:20 (3D), 3:00, 3:00 (3D), 4:00 (3D), 4:30, 5:40 (3D), 6:00, 6:15 (3D), 7:15, 7:20 (3D), 8:40, 9:00 (3D), 9:40 (3D), 10:10, 10:50 (3D), 11:30 Fri.-Sun.: 11:00 (3D), 11:40 (3D), 12:20, 1:00 (3D), 1:45, 2:20 (3D), 3:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:15 (3D), 5:00,

10:20, 11:10 (3D), 11:40 Mon.-Wed.: 11:00 (3D), 11:40 (3D), 12:20, 1:00 (3D), 11:45, 2:20 (3D), 3:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:15 (3D), 5:00, 5:50 (3D), 6:15 (3D), 7:00, 7:40 (3D), 8:20, 9:10 (3D), 9:40 (3D) • Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 11:45, 12:20, 12:50 (3D), 1:50 (3D), 3:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:10 (3D), 5:10 (3D), 6:15, 7:00, 7:30 (3D), 8:30 (3D), 9:30 (3D), 10:15, 10:45 **Fri.-Mon.:** 10:30 (3D), 11:45, 12:20, 12:50 (3D), 1:50 (3D), 3:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:10 (3D), 5:10 (3D), 6:15, 7:00, 7:30 (3D), 8:30 (3D), 9:30 (3D), 10:15, 10:45 (3D) **Tues.-Wed.:** 11:45, 12:20, 12:50 (3D), 1:50 (3D), 3:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:10 (3D), 5:10 (3D), 6:15, 7:00, 7:30 (3D), 8:30 (3D), 9:30 (3D), 10:15, 10:45 (3D) • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON **Thurs.:** midnight **Fri.-Wed.:** 11:45, 12:15, 3:00, 3:30, 6:15, 6:45, 9:30, 10:00 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE **Thurs.:** 9:30 (3D), 10:00, 10:30 (3D), 11:30, 12:00 (3D), 12:30, 1:00 (3D), 1:30, 2:00 (3D), 3:15, 3:45 (3D), 4:15, 4:45 (3D), 5:15, 5:45 (3D), 7:00, 7:30 (3D), 8:00, 8:30 (3D), 9:00, 9:30 (3D), 10:45, 11:15 (3D), 11:30 Fri.-Wed.: 9:45, 10:15 (3D), 10:45, 11:15 (3D), 11:45, 12:15 (3D), 12:45, 1:45 (3D), 2:15, 2:45 (3D), 3:15, 3:45 (3D), 4:15, 5:15 (3D), 5:45, 6:15 (3D), 6:45, 7:15 (3D), 7:45, 8:45 (3D), 9:15, 9:45 (3D), 10:15, 10:45 (3D), 11:00 • NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW **Daily:** 2:15 (3D), 3:00, 5:30 (3D), 6:30, 9:00 (3D), 9:30 • STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE Thurs.-Fri.: 7:00 Sat.-Sun.: 1:45, 7:15 Mon.-Wed.: 7:00

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- WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG13) An ex-veterinary student mourning the loss of his parents joins the circus and falls for the wife of the evil ringmaster in this film adaptation. · COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:50, 4:05, 6:50, 9:25
- X-MEN: FIRST CLASS (PG13) This prequel to the popular action films about mutants and their many sterling qualities stars James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence and January Jones.
 - · CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE **Thurs.:** 4:15, 10:45 **Fri.-Sun.:** 2:15, 8:00, 11:00 Mon.-Wed.: 2:15, 8:00
- HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON Ends Thursday, June 30 Thurs.: 3:10, 6:10
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Michael Bay is Back Opening This

Weekend: The big title this weekend, obviously, is Michael Bay's third Transformers film, this one subtitled

Dark of the Moon. The film opens on 3,900 screens across the U.S. and very well could topping the \$100 million mark before week's end. Also opening wide are romcom Monte Carlo, starring Selena Gomez and Leighton Meester, and Tom Hank's second directorial work, rom-com Larry Crowne. Starring Hanks, Julia Roberts, Bryan Cranston and many more, look for this very vanilla-looking film to bring the 40- 60 set out to the theater for the first time since The King's Speech. Here's hoping it's better than the trailer implies. Last but not least, a promisinglooking foreign indie flick, Delhi Belly, will see a test release, opening in 80 markets across the U.S. Fingers crossed that future Bollywood flick makes it to town sooner rather than later.

Tops at the Box: Pixar's John Lasseter and Brad Lewis are responsible for last weekend's No. 1 film, the poorly reviewed Cars 2, featuring the vocal talents of Owen Wilson, Larry the Cable Guy, Emily Mortimer and Michael Caine. The film sold \$68 million worth of tickets in the U.S. over its first three days while bringing in just under \$43 million over the weekend outside the U.S. Look for this supposedly lifeless and all-around flawed animated picture to continue doing decent money through the summer. As far as we know, it's the first Pixar film to receive anything other than glowing reviews. Kids, they don't read reviews.

More From the Box: Cameron Diaz' latest attempt to stay on the A-list, comedy Bad Teacher, opened very strong for a comedy, bringing in \$31 million over its first three days, enough to nab the No. 2 spot at the box office last weekend. Thus far, reviews are mixed, though the trailer implies that the flick could be a decent enough rental, if only for the Jason Segel segments. Taking the No. 3 spot at last weekend's box office was the very awful Green Lantern film starring Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively. Despite being a suckfest, the film scored \$18.35 million in the U.S. last weekend, bringing its 10-day U.S. total up to \$89 million (\$118 million worldwide). Adults, they like bad movies. Taking the No. 4 spot last weekend was ScreenTime favorite Super 8, directed by J.J. Abrams. The film brought in another \$12 million over the weekend, upping its three-week total to just under the \$100 million mark. Consider-

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ing the modest \$50 million budget (plus the overseas sales and future DVD and Blu-ray revenue), what Abrams has here is yet another monster hit. Pun intended. Rounding out the Top 5 last weekend was Jim Carrey comedy Mr. Popper's Penguins, pulling a little more than \$10 million over the weekend while upping its 10-day total to just under \$40 million. An underperformer, that one. Also of note: 1) Woody Allen comedy Midnight In Paris continued to roll, bringing in another \$4.5 million, upping its U.S. total to just under \$29 million, making it Allen's biggest seller since 1986; and 2) Terrence Malick's The Tree of Life (easily the best movie this writer has seen in years) also landed in the Top 12 last weekend, selling well over \$1 million in ticket sales while playing on only 215 screens. Thus far the film has made \$5.9 million in the U.S. and \$16 million elsewhere. Look for Tree, we hope, to see a full re-release after it wins the Best Picture Oscar next spring.

ScreenRant: A few months ago we geeked out a bit over the Criterion Collection, writing a lengthy and passionate column about how much the collection has meant to us over the years and, generally, how good the Criterion folks are at their jobs. Well, after looking at their current release schedule just now, it seems that the CC folks are doing even better than ever. Here's a look at both upcoming and recent releases from the Criterion Collection (with ScreenTime-anointed grades). The Recent: Brian De Palma's Blow Out (1981, A-); Jonathan Demme's Something Wild (1986, B+); Masahiro Shinoda's Pale Flower (1964, A-); Nic Roeg's Insignificance (1985, A+); Kon Ichikawa's The Makioka Sisters (1983, haven't seen); Louis Malle's Zazie dans le metro (1960, A); Louis Malle's Black Moon (1975, A+). Coming Soon: Jean-Pierre Melville's Leon Morin, Priest (1961, haven't seen); Satyajit Ray's The Music Room (1958, B); Todd Solondz' Life During Wartime (2010, haven't seen); Stanley Kubrick's The Killing (1956, B+); Lee Changdong's Secret Sunshine (2007, haven't seen); Roman Polanski's Cul-de-sac (1966, A), starring the gone-too-soon beauty Francoise Dorleac; and last but not least, Olivier Assayas' epic Carlos biopic/ mini-series (2010, A+). Save your pennies!

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HEYWOOD BANKS - From Page S

the song," Banks told me. "You know they're rebuilding it. It's going to look like one of those big fiberglass men holding a muffler outside car shops. Big Muffler Jesus. But I'm working on other things. It would end up like the Edmund Fitzgerald."

whatzup: What's your writing process?

H.B.: I walk around.

One of the new "things" Banks recently completed is a travel song, a "road" song, if you will, called "Ohio Iowa Idaho Hawaii Highway." "It's a sing-along," he said.

Another song, dubbed "Never Trust a Puppet," recounts a horrifying experience from Banks' youth when his mother would soothe her young Heywood with a song about an untrustworthy lamb puppet who was used as an oven mitt and subsequently burned its tongue. "My wife is the inspiration for that song," he said, "When she and her

"My wife is the inspiration for that song," he said, "When she and her siblings were toddlers, they were getting a formal picture taken and she remembered the photographer assistant had this puppet. In the picture she has a big scowl on her face."

It turns out Banks' wife is a frequent collaborator. Apart from their children, they've produced a musical called *Swap Opera*. "She wrote the lyrics and came up with the concept. I wrote the music," he said. "It's being produced by a community theater in Lebanon, Ohio this summer. I have a friend, a comedian in L.A., who said he will shop it around, so who knows."

As for current events, the venerable comedian steers clear, giving such recent obsessions as Anthony Weiner a wide berth.

"Mainly I've just been writing new, funny songs," he said. "I mainly consider myself a songwriter. People who see my act will say that too. But I'm on a little bit of a vacation right now. Got some other things going on. Home projects. I just got 50 baby chickens and four turkeys. It's wonderful except for the lack of cash flow.

"I have a CD I've been working on with my wife. She writes the words and I put them to music. It's a serious collection called *Calamity Jane*. I have that kind schizophrenic thing going on in my life."

As the conversation ground to a halt Banks was being pelted by a violent thunderstorm which had enveloped a portion of his 30-acre compound, where birds that look like Elvis sing "Heartbreak Hotel" and laughter is only a wood chip away.



macy and love, or the absence of it, can impact your world.'

This is indeed what she shows us throughout the story as the four interact and evolve. As a method of dealing with the heartbreak of his breakup with Nicole, Martin begins to write a relatively awful and completely overwrought play. A few scenes from this play are interspersed with the main plot of *Beta Launch*. For the most part this works, but when the relationship between Martin and Nicole changes again, Martin's play is pretty much dropped. Perhaps one more scene from it would have rounded out that sub-plot a little better.

As Andrea and Dan, the friends who take Martin in when Nicole boots him, Tamara Cummins and Scott Hess are quite good. They're funny and really seem like people most of us have as friends. The bits about Andrea's obsession with food provide some of the play's funniest moments.

Ethan Bair, who plays Martin, has become a very strong actor and seems to stretch a little further with each production. Stephanie Vanderwall, as a fairly unlikable Nicole, plays the character unapologetically.

I think that, as the production goes on, there may be little tweaks here and there; overall, though, this new piece of theater has come together very well. And it's good to have something fresh produced by local talent.

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