

Street SENSE

IN CONCERT

Monday, Oct. 5

PARADISE VALLEY JAZZ JAM
Alvin's, 5755 Cass, Detroit.
823-2355

Tuesday, Oct. 6

**CHISEL BROTHERS WITH THOR-
NETTA DAVIS**
Alvin's, 5755 Cass, Detroit.
823-2355
LANDSLIDE
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor.
761-1451

Wednesday, Oct. 7

THE JIM ROSE CIRCUS SIDESHOW
St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Do-
etroit.
961-MELT
WHIPITAIL
With Strange Bedfellows at Blind Pig, 208
S. First, Ann Arbor.
996-8555
MOVE
With Euthanasia, Griffs Grill, 49 N. Sag-
inaw St., Pontiac.
334-9292

Thursday, Oct. 8

RHINO BUCKEY
The Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile, Do-
etroit.
366-8633
CLUB KIDS
With Native Rage at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Sa-
ginaw St., Pontiac.
334-9292
ROBERT JONES AND MIKE STEVENS
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor.
761-1451
LOUHOUSE
Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-
8555
BERKUDA MOOHAWK
With Moopha at Paychicks, 2932 Caniff,
Hamtramck.
874-0254
IMMUNITY
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsil-
anti.
485-5050

Friday, Oct. 9

HAIJIBALS
Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor.
996-2747
DARK CARNIVAL
The Ritz, 17580 Frazer, Roseville.
778-6404
DEICHER
With Cancer and Demolition Hammer at



Crooning: Juliana Hatfield will perform Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

The Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile, Do-
etroit.
366-8633

HAPPY ACCIDENTS
With Cylinderead, Lil's, 2930 Jacob,
Hamtramck.
875-6555

PETS OR MEAT
With Wesley and the Flying Sex Gods at
Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.
334-9292

MAESTRO SUBOUM AND THE WHOLE
With Only a Mother, Alvin's, 5755 Cass,
Detroit.
823-2355

RFB BOYS
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor.
761-1451

FOUR BITCHIN' BABES
Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor.
763-3333

SUN MESSENGERS
Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-
8555

DISCIPLINE
With Toot Fund and Dooomsday Dogs at
Paychicks, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck.
874-0254

ROLAND
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsil-
anti.
485-5050

CHAOS JAM SESSION
Finney's Pub, 3965 Woodward, Detroit.
831-8070

CYPORYN
Baker's Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Wood-
ward Ave., Detroit. Two shows 9 and
10:30 p.m.
864-1200

TWIST
With Nova Owens and Girls with Hats,
Hamtramck Pub, 2048 Caniff, off I-75.
366-3825

Saturday, Oct. 10

PALADINS
Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor.
996-8555

GRAHAM PARKER AND SMALL CLUBS
With Lucinda Williams, Majestic Theatre,
4140 Woodward, Detroit.
99-MUSIC

SCREAMING TREES
St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Do-
etroit.
961-MELT

JELLY ROLL BLUES BAND
Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor.
996-2747

SASS JORDAN
The Ritz, 17580 Frazer, Roseville.
778-6404

MUCKY POP
The Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile, Do-
etroit.
366-8633

ACME SOUL
With Mocking Bird, Hamtramck Pub,
2048 Caniff, off I-75.
366-3825

FRANK ALLISON
Lil's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck.
875-6555

230 MAX
With Somelimes Why at Griffs Grill, 49 N.
Saginaw, Pontiac.
334-9292

HAND OVER HEAD
With Tense and the Rockin' Amooebas
at Alvin's, 5755 Cass, Detroit.
823-2355

LEO KOTIYE
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Two
shows 7:30 and 10 p.m.
761-1451

TEN HIGH
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsil-
anti.
485-5050

FRAMPTON BROTHERS
Finney's Pub, 3965 Woodward, Detroit.
831-8070

CYPORYN
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ward Ave., Detroit. Two shows 9 and
10:30 p.m.
864-1200



Nature facts: 3rd Nature, which includes members Randy Kujawa (left), Nathan Rouse, Dave Jack and Scott Dailey, perform an indelible, accessible brand of rock'n'roll highlighted by the band's six-song self-titled re-lease.

Alternative by (3rd) Nature



It could well be a case of judging a band by its dress. 3rd Nature says their sound is hard-edged alternative, but the group doesn't portray itself in the true sense of the cutting edge word. It seems alternative for them is not being in the mainstream of the musical airwaves. That suits this good just fine.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Members of 3rd Nature say their sound is hard-edged alternative. But what does that mean, especially in these days when the alternative buzz phrase is doled out like business cards at a Rotary luncheon.

In a quandary, footwear is an often telling sign. "Those tennis shoes are too white, man," said bassist Nathan Rouse, checking out band mate Scott Dailey's glowing ivory sneakers. "You need someone to step on them."

3rd Nature doesn't portray itself in the true cutting edge sense. The uniform of standard Duc Marten's or ragged Chuck Taylor Converse shoes and weathered flannel shirts is unmissable.

Rather the alternative facade gives way to bandanas, open shirts flashing neck chains, tight jeans and well-healed boots that are quite useful in grinding cigarette butts into oblivion. 3rd Nature's sound aptly reflects its arena rock fashion ecumen.

3rd Nature has released a self-titled EP,

which is a highly melodious, straight forward rock'n'roll effort without a glimmer of pretension. The six tracks on the compact disc/cassette release mix tight musical arrangements with a singular determination.

Alternative, though? "It seems alternative is everything that is not mainstream or popular yet," Dailey said.

Recorded in the basement studio of Dailey's West Bloomfield residence, several numbers stand out for their indelible hooks — but none as much as "Be Alright," which canvasses a wealth of emotions through its heartfelt pleas in its lyrics.

"I was on the phone with my girlfriend and it hit me like a bullet," says vocalist Randy Kujawa. "I put her on hold and went to write it."

"It was during the time of all the drug wars and when the Gulf War was heating up. It's basically a message song about children who get left without parents and how everyone has to lend a hand . . . it's a hope tune."

And what about his girlfriend he left holding the line?

"Actually, I had to call her back later," Kujawa says.

3rd Nature calls back to the days of several '80s Detroit area bands. Dailey was a member of the Stingrays and Sunz of Phun while drummer Dave Jack has performed with Via Satellite, Karen Monster and Ash Can Van-Gough.

Rouse and Kujawa have an extensive resume of musical groups, including an earlier incarnation of 3rd Nature fronted by the lead singer. The current 3rd Nature formed two years ago.

"After several years of doing this, going through different bands, you gain so much experience," says Dailey, whose former group, the Stingrays, were a popular commodity on the local scene in the mid-80s. "You learn not to expect the same things going out."

Aside from the release, the band has been playing the circuit at clubs such as I-Rock and Lil's. A record release party is in the works for sometime in November.

In the meantime, it's only a matter of honing what's already there.

"We're to the point where we've jelled as a band and we have our own sound," Kujawa said, "and we're ready for anything."

("3rd Nature" is available on Mile High Club Records, 7220 Cedarcroft, West Bloomfield 48322.)

STREET SENSE

Even the best communication can't solve some problems



BARBARA SCHIFF

her values and morals are totally against masturbation and pornography.

In the same column, a different woman wrote that after dating a man for a few years he waffled when the subject of marriage came up and so she gave him a two-week ultimatum: decide by then to marry or she would leave the relationship.

I supported both women's decisions to be true to what they know about themselves. Subsequently, I received some pro and con letters that were

printed with further feedback. Today's letters came later and so were not included. The controversy is about when to seek compromises and when to hold one's convictions. Clearly, there are different strokes for different folks. What will work for one person will not fit for another. No one answer will fit all writers.

The point I have been trying to make is that there are some problems that can't be solved even with the best possible communication. Well-meaning people may ride courageously and with all good intentions into the valley of death but there is no question that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Often the therapy that I do is trying to cure something that was preventable but may be incurable.

Barbara

Dear Barbara:
I agree with Mike in your Sept. 30 column.

I am a woman happily married to my husband for 24 years. Nei-

ther one of us masturbates regularly, but if I feel the need, it doesn't affect the love and respect that I feel for my husband.

I think that you misled "Broken-Up" and I also agree that you made a mistake with Bunny. A two-week ultimatum is an immature way of dealing with such a serious decision. It closes the doors on communication.

I'd like to know where you got your training to be a "trained therapist" and how much experience you have at counseling. Those are very general terms and qualifications for influencing people's lives.

Marilyn from L.A.

Dear Marilyn,

I hope that the above statements will broaden your outlook about other people. Each person has a right to what suits them. No one should have to listen to even a well-meaning person's ideas about what he or she thought she should do. "Broken-Up" has a

right to know what she wants and to do it.

Barbara

Dear Ms. Schiff,

I have never written to a columnist before, but today's column inspired me.

I was very happy to read Mike from Birmingham's letter because I agree with him — so naturally I was distressed at your response. (Note: Mike thought we all need to be tolerant of masturbation, as it is a natural part of life.)

As someone who has been married for nine years to someone who is not perfect, I feel that your advice should have been along the lines of accepting a person as a "package deal." Everyone has aspects to his/her personality which will drive any one person "crazy." No one can be 100 percent perfect for anyone. But if the pluses outweigh the minuses, there would be a good match.

I feel that one reason so many people get divorced or are happily

single is that many people refuse to accept the approach I described. I wouldn't suggest that someone compromise on vital qualities — for instance, if someone values honesty above all else, she would be mismatched with someone who commits fraud.

But if two people agree on the fundamentals and agree to make a relationship work, they can overcome the small things. All couples agree and these "small things" may come up and cause conflict, but they can be overcome when each party recognizes that there are bigger reasons to stay together.

I also agree with Mike that "Broken-Up's" objection to masturbation is very naive. I, too, was very shocked at your original response. Wouldn't it be more constructive to attempt to communicate with the boyfriend about it? Just because he was doing it that one time does not mean that it's something vitally important to him. Maybe he'd like to get married and discontinue it.

D.K.

Dear D.K.,

I hope that the material above will show you that I am quite in agreement with accepting a person as a "package deal," if you are capable of doing it. However, I do not believe in "the tyranny of the norm" wherein a person is supposed to do what others have chosen to do even though it goes against his or her nature.

As you were capable of accepting someone who "was not perfect," I am sure that you can accept the right of another person to feel differently from you. In a democracy, such as ours, we have the right to disagree with anyone whom we think is wrong but respect the right of the other person to be "wrong."

Barbara

If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.