

StreetSCENE

IN CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 28
RAIN
 Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-8555
PARADISE VALLEY JAZZ JAM
 Alvin's, 5756 Cass, Detroit. 832-2355
MUTANT PRESS
 The Gallary, 22759 Van Dyke, Warren. 757-6060

Tuesday, Dec. 29
KIND
 Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-8555
CHISEL BROTHERS WITH THORNETTA DAVIS
 Alvin's, 5756 Cass, Detroit. 832-2355

Wednesday, Dec. 30
LOST TRIBE
 With Profit at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 334-9292
DAD BLASTED
 Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-8555

Thursday, Dec. 31
BEASTIE BOYS
 With Soul Asylum at Michigan State Coliseum, Woodward Avenue and Eight Mile Road, Detroit. 645-6662
TERRY FARMER AND THE BEAD BAND
 Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (alternative rock) 334-9292
STRANGE BEDFELLOWS
 With Happy Accidents and Circus Boy at Lili's, 2930 Caniff, Hamtramck. (alternative rock) 875-6555
JOHN ROBERTS & TONY BARRANO
 The Ark, 537 1/2 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (folk) 761-1451
EDDIE RUBS TRIO
 Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor (jazz) 662-8310
THE HANHUALS
 And Holy Cows at Rick's Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. (Willow Jangly guitar rock) 962-2747
RICK ALLISON WOOLY MAMMOTH
 Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. 996-8555
GOOBER & THE PEAS
 With Prim (U.K.) at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (alternative rock) 961-4617
BROTHERHOOD RECIPE
 With Walk on Water at The Shelter, below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (rap/funk/rock) 961-4617
BOP (HARVEY)
 With Back Market at Majestic, 4140 Woodward, Detroit. (reggae) 833-9700
MARY MCGUIRE & MYX RISE
 Hippie's in Auburn Hills. 373-4744
SWEET TEAZE
 With Heaven's Wish, Killing Floor, Sage, The Heat, and Children of the Revolution at The Ritz, 17580 Fritho (at Gratiot), Roseville. (hard rock) 774-6150
MOD CITY NEW YEAR'S
 With Hope Orchestra, Vudu Hippies, The Goldentones, Rhythym Corps, and The Opaque at the State Theatre, Majestic Crush and Black Mall at Twenty 36; and jazz with Pat Lewis Band in the Satellite Room. Full dinner buffet at Twenty 36, and breakfast buffet at Elwood. (variety of music: alternative rock, instrumental surf, jazz and funk) 961-5451

LAUGHTER
 Harpo's, 1423B Harper, Detroit. (rock) 924-1700
TRASH BRATS
 With Mother Superior, Objects in the Mirror, Elan Bane, and Glamour Puss at the Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile, (East of Van Dyke), Detroit. (rock) 662-8310
MILLIE SCOTT AND THE DREAM BAND
 Peppes in the Fishin' on the ground floor of the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. 875-7400

Friday, Jan. 1
RON BROOKS TRIO
 Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (jazz) 662-8310
COWSLINGERS
 With Pop Star Riddle at Lili's, 2930 Caniff, Hamtramck. (rockabilly) 875-6555

Saturday, Jan. 2
THE WIMANI
 The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (gospel)
RON BROOKS TRIO
 Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (jazz) 662-8310
PIV VIPERS
 Sully's, 4756 Greenfield, Dearborn. (blues) 875-3777
RESTROOM POETS
 With Missed in Diary and Dead Professor at Lili's, 2930 Caniff, Hamtramck. (alternative) 875-6555
HIGHER
 With Billy Sunday and Vudu Hippies at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 334-9292
BOBBY BROWN
 With T.L.C., Mary J. Blige and Shobba Ramo at The Palace of Auburn Hills, Two Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$30 and \$25.00. (R&B) 377-0100
THE GENERALS
 With the Del Kats at Psycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. (alternative rock) 874-0909
ALTERN 8
 With Inner City at the Majestic, 4120 Woodward, Detroit. (house) 833-9700
SHORT FUSE
 Gotham City Cafe, 2284B Woodward, Ferndale. 398-7430
GROOVESPOON
 Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 832-2355
THE LOVE CLUB
 New alternative music night. Different theme each week at The Shelter, below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. 961-4617

Sunday, Jan. 3
JOY LAWLESS
 Gotham City Cafe, 2284B Woodward, Ferndale. 398-7430
SOMETIMES WHY
 Acoustic show at the Sordal Room in Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. 334-1999



Making it big: Slaughter will be serving up music for Dick Clark and at Harpo's on New Year's Eve, and bassist Dana Strum promises the live show will have a few special guests.

Slaughter: Live and not so live



Slaughter will literally be everywhere in the United States come New Year's Eve, thanks to the miracle of television. But if you're into live music, you can also catch the group at Harpo's. They're among bands ringing in 1993 throughout the metro Detroit area Thursday night.

BY CHRISTINE FUOCO
 STAFF WRITER

Slaughter didn't realize when it scheduled its New Year's Eve gig that a few million fans would see them.

"Through the modern miracles of television, everybody gets a share of us on New Year's," says bassist Dana Strum with a chuckle.

Everybody meaning fans at Harpo's in Detroit and those watching Dick Clark's annual New Year's Eve special. The October taping of the TV show crushed Strum's preconceived notions of "making it big."

"It was one of the incredible disillusionments of making it big. . . . Your parents would tell you it's the safe place to be (on New Year's Eve), watching your favorite bands (perform live on TV)."

One thing that television viewers won't see is the special guests that Slaughter plans to bring on stage with them at Harpo's.

"We've put out some feelers" to musicians

in town, the Las Vegas resident hinted.

Slaughter, whose recent release is "The Wild Life," will have plenty to choose from. There will be an usually large number of top-notch national and local acts in the area for New Year's Eve:

- Slaughter tourmate Ted Nugent (sans his band Damn Yankees) will bring his annual Whiplash Bash to Cobo Arena.
- The Beastie Boys and Soul Asylum will mix up rap and grunge when they play the Michigan State Fair Coliseum in Detroit.
- The theater district's Mod City New Year's will feature Hopo Orchestra, Vudu Hippies, instrumental surf band The Goldentones, Rhythym Corps and The Opaque at the State Theatre.
- At Twenty 36, a full dinner buffet will be served from 8-10 p.m. when the ethereal Majesty Crush performs. Black Mall will perform at midnight.
- Across the street, the Elwood Bar and Grill will serve a full breakfast buffet from 1-4 a.m.

The Pat Lewis Band brings jazz to the State Theatre's Satellite Room at 9 and 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

- President-elect Bill Clinton's favorite band BOP (harvey) brings Black Market with them to the Majestic. A champagne toast at midnight, party favors and hors d'oeuvres will be included.
- The area's best live band, according to Detroit Music Award voters, Brotherhood Recipe, along with Walk on Water are at the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Upstairs, Goober & the Peas and Prim (U.K.) play. Don't say you weren't forewarned: Goober insists that cleshy attire and soap showers are required before entering the show.
- Strange Bedfellows, whose singer Missy Gibson won the Detroit Music Awards' Best Vocalist honor, joins Happy Accidents and Circus Boy on stage at Lili's 21, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck.
- Trash Brats, Mother Superior, Objects in the Mirror, Elan Bane, and Glamour Puss perform at the Marquee, 8139 E. Seven Mile (one block east of Van Dyke) in Detroit.
- Sweet Teaze, Heaven's Wish, Killing Floor, Sage, The Heat and Children of the Revolution play during a Z-Rock live broadcast from the Ritz in Roseville. DJ "The Sharkman" hosts the evening.

Death and departure doesn't keep Generals from playing



Generally speaking: Matt Washburn (from left), David O'Leary, Kevin James, Tony Cole and Lenny Pops, better known as The Generals, perform at Psycheck's Lounge on Saturday, Jan. 2.

BY CHRISTINE FUOCO
 STAFF WRITER

The Generals' Tony Cole will always remember Aug. 17, 1991, as the day his bassist Flip Cherven died in a car accident.

Ask Cole about the death and he'll make sure you remember it.

"Let's see," he says. He pushes his shirt down around his shoulder to reveal a tattoo with Cherven's name and date of death inscribed. "Aug. 17, 1991," he says. He fixes his shirt. Case closed.

Cherven will never be out of mind, however. Cole and the other members of The Generals have remembered Cherven while trying to march on.

"The first couple gigs without him were tough. (But) once things started, we were really rocking," Cole said.

The death is one in a long line of setbacks for the Ferndale-based band. Since its inception in 1986, The Generals have also gone through five lead guitarists and a handful of vans. Although Cherven's death devastated the band, The Generals decided to stay together in honor of the late bassist. Drummer Matt Washburn says there's one other basic reason.

"What it comes down to is we're the best rock band in Detroit and we can't deny ourselves or anybody else of that," he says with a grin.

Believing the group was back on track, The Generals released a self-titled tape in mid-1992 on Chaos Network/Eastlawn. The excitement over the release was soon hampered, however, when the group's then-lead guitarist John Liccardello quit. The next guitarist lasted one gig. Now with Lenny Pops on lead guitar, the group's foundation is solidly, yet cautiously, planted.

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"We wrote songs that we can do without (a lead guitarist) if someone dies or falls," says Washburn.

Cole says the changes delve much deeper.

"More than before, we're emphasizing vocals and melodies," he said. "It was more of a decision of what we like and what we think will work for us."

The Generals also collaborated with outside songwriters for the first time — Jimmy Doom from the Almighty Lumberjacks of Death, and guitarist/vocalist Kevin James' cousin from New York, Zuthi K.

"We've selected help from all (musical) sides to put the best possible songs on stage and on tape," Cole said.

But they wouldn't have the opportunity if The Generals hadn't mustered the courage to go on after each mishap.

"After each setback I've found there's a healing process," Cole said. "After awhile you get this urge. Even if it's in the basement. Eventually it leads to the stage."

The Generals with special guests the Del Kats perform Saturday, Jan. 2, at Psycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Those 18 and older will be admitted. Call 874-0254 for more information.