

# 'Landlord' Is Worth The Rent

BY DAN GILMARTIN

Young Beau Bridges, as "The Landlord," decided to run away from home at the age of 29. Like any other young rich kid from Long Island, he bought a New York tenement and moved in with his black rent-payers.

Again, quite typically, he had Pearl Bailey and Diana Sands as tenants, and a delightful newcomer to films, Marki Bey.

Beau managed to make it to bed with both Diana and Marki and, although he didn't lay a glove on Pearl, his mother drove to his new digs in her chauffeured limo and got smashed with Pearl on top of it.

Doesn't sound like much of a script, does it? But it's delightful.

Despite the lectures on social justice, it's the type of a motion picture that is worth the rent.

Although Beau's white family is depicted as bumbling, insensitive, money-grubbing fools, they're zany enough to enjoy; particularly the mother, as played by Lee Grant.

WOULD YOU believe Pearl Bailey could be upstaged? Lee Grant lifted everything but her hair net in stealing the show.

Young Beau spends most of the film holding his breath, much in the manner as father Lloyd Bridges, the underwater genius from the "Sea Hunt" television show.

But on Beau, it doesn't look bad. In impregnating Diana Sands, he naturally draws the ire of the cuckolded Copee, played forcefully by Lou Gossett. Copee, in fact, goes after Beau with an axe. Heally winds up in an ambulance, symbolically mentally-emasculated.

He tells his wife, as the ambulance door is shutting: "Don't let them transplant my heart until I'm dead."

Diana Sands, who has the role of Fanny, plays the seduction scene with young Beau when Copee is in jail after getting busted at a demonstration. Wisfully, she recalls to Beau that she was "Miss Sepia of 1957."

Copee goes off to Belleville; Fanny goes to the maternity ward; and Beau and Marki Bey, as the go-go dancer Lanie, are left to work out the last

10 minutes of the film on their own.

THE FILM TRIES to depict today, now and tomorrow. It does. The jokes are made at the expense of the whites. But it's not merely an "Amos and Andy Strike Back," either.

Beau gets turned off by his white girl friends before he meets Lanie and subsequently bundles with Fanny.

THE LANDLORD now showing at the Towne RATING: R

But it's Lanie who kindles in young Beau the courage to cross the line. When he first picks her up, he spends aimless hours taking and walking until she finally delivers a "my, apartment or yours?" type of line.

The film has outrageously comical scenes throughout; it also has depressingly poignant moments when the black-white understanding gaps are depicted.

It's pretty well summed by Miss Sands, as she lies in her hospital bed after giving birth to Beau's child. She tells Beau: "I want him to be adopted; as white so he can grow up casual like his daddy."

Beau, as it turned out, was a lousy "Landlord." Nobody paid rent. The movie, however, is worth the price of admission.

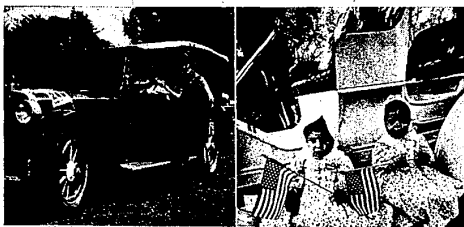
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### Art Market Will Open

Official opening of the Pontiac Creative Arts Center Artists' Market will take place at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, at the Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac. There will be a meet-the-artist party and the public is cordially invited.

All work submitted to the Market will be juried monthly. If accepted the work will be kept three months, and a 25 per cent commission will be charged for work sold through the market.

### The Gourmet Adventures

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Cook a roast beef on top of the stove? As impossible as it sounds, this is often done by French cooks who believe that this is the very best way to achieve a satisfactory roast. First the meat, rolled airloin, is well-larded. Then your pan is put over the hot-top stove burner. Patience you must wait until the pan is red hot. Then the action begins. Put the roast in the pan. It will steam and hiss like a dragon. Keep turning the meat until the outside resembles a mass of char-coal or about ten minutes to the pound. Your roast may look burned, but inside it will be pink and juicy. As with steaks, the quick clearing of the roast on the outside holds the juice in and aids in every cooking.

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Films listed in this guide are showing at area theaters. Check the theater listings for the specific theater and time of showings.

FILM	Industry Rating	Catholic Rating
Airport	G	A-3
Anne of the Thousand Days	GP	A-3
Beyond the Valley of the Dolls	X	C
The Cheyenne Social Club	GP	B
The Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County	none	none
Darling Lili	R	A-3
Getting Straight	G	C
Hello Dolly	R	A-1
John and Mary	R	B
Journey to the Far Side of the Sun	R	A-2
The Landlord	R	A-4
The Out-of-Towners	R	A-1
Paint Your Wagon	GP	A-3
Patton	GP	A-3
The People Next Door	R	C
The Starline Cuckoo	GP	A-4
They Call Me Mr. Tibbs	GP	A-4
Watermelon Man	R	A-4

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### Aquarium Show Set

A gala 1970 Northland Inland Aquarium Show featuring some of the metropolitan area's finest fish and prize-winning tank displays opens Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the lower level Special Events Room at Northland Shopping

Center, Eight Mile and Greenfield, Southfield. This year's show promises unusual entries in the tank beautiful and tank artificial categories, a whole gamut of aquatic specimens, and a fish auction for newcomers and old timers.

Auction starts Sept. 23 from 12 noon to 9:30 p.m. and continues Sept. 24, 25, and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The show is sponsored by the Greater Detroit Aquarium Society, Beta Beta of Michigan and the Southeast Michigan Killifish Group.

### Civic Theatre Offers Tour

The Dearborn Civic Theatre is advertising a tour of 18th century Spain, modern day New York, 12th century England and France, Germany of the jazz era and Baghdad for just \$5.

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