

## upcoming things to do

### • MANSION JAZZ

Andrea Cheolas and Jazz Plus will be featured at "Jazz at Meadow Brook Hall," a benefit for St. John Greek Orthodox Church, at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 19, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. A mansion tour, along with wine and cheese, will be combined with the music. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call 778-1402, 977-0800 or 524-1851. Cheolas, a Troy resident, regularly performs at Sir Charles Pub in Royal Oak.

### • COMEDY CROSSING

Bob Posch continues with comedy and music through May 31 at the Comedy Crossing at the Red Cedars restaurant in Southfield. Show times are 8 and 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. Warm-up comics are Tommy Manion, through April, and Mark Sweetman, in May. Cover charge is \$5 Fridays, \$6 Saturdays. For reservations, call 353-3798.

### • BRITISH PLAY

"Absurd Person Singular," a British comedy, will play at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 18-19, at the Will-O-Way Theatre in Birmingham. Tickets are \$7 and \$4. For reservations, call 644-4118.

### • 'THREE WOMEN'

Encore Cinema will screen "Three Women" (U.S.A., 1977) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Kingswood Campus Auditorium at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. The film won Best Actress for Shelley Duval at the Cannes Film Festival. Speaker/discussion leader will be Jeff Welch of the Cranbrook Schools' English Department. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. Discounts are available for students and seniors.



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### • MIME ENSEMBLE

Performances of "Zoophabrics" for children ages 6-12 will be presented by the Oakland University Mime Ensemble at 1 p.m. Monday-Saturday, April 21-26, at Varnier Studio Theatre on campus in Rochester Hills. Zoophabrics offers a novel approach to vowels and their usages in language. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens. For details, call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

### • MUSICAL COMEDY

Avon Players Community Theatre will stage the Neil Simon/Marvin Hamlisch musical comedy "They're Playing Our Song" for the season's final offering. The show will run Thursday-Saturday, May 1-4, 6-11, and Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, at the Avon Players Playhouse in Avon Township. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Student and senior citizen tickets are \$2.50 for Sunday performances only. For further information, call 656-1130.

# Tempting your seafood tastebuds

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The high-backed chairs have a floral pattern in soft pink and green. Pink napkins contrast with a white tablecloth.

Before being seated, I tasted spicy gazpacho, chockful of vegetables, offered as a sample of the season's new specialties at the bar.

At the table, dinner began with smoked bluefish pate on matzo crackers, at no additional charge. I ordered shrimp fettuccine verde (\$15.50) and selected the Marib's Vineyard Salad instead of the cole slaw. The salad contained a nice mix of lettuce and was distinctive with its house dressing, a vinaigrette of blue cheese, nuts and onions.

A choice of potato, vegetable (stewed tomatoes), or rice pilaf was another accompaniment. The yellow pilaf combined with zucchini and broccoli was pleasant but more than I could eat along with the main course.

The enormous serving of shrimp, with green spinach fettuccine, was more than I could eat at one meal. The plump, fresh shrimp were ample; I ate them all but took a carry-out for some of the flavorful noodles.

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## Seafood dishes found in abundance, en route to western Wayne County

By Martha M. Lostrum  
staff writer

There are some delectable seafood treats to be found by following a restaurant route from southwestern Oakland County into western Wayne County.

Max & Erma's Orchard Lake Road eatery in Farmington Hills has the sort of everyday atmosphere that brings one back again and again. At Grand River and Drake in Farmington Hills, Monahan's Seafood Market is the spot for a quick informal meal or a sumptuous take-out dinner.

Travel on down to the Windjammer Lounge at Farmington and Plymouth roads in Livonia for seafood served in the local hometown atmosphere.

MAX & ERMA's has appetizers big enough for a meal, but an extensive seafood menu for all types of tastes.

Seated in a booth along the walls, one can enjoy the casual and friendly atmosphere that makes the restaurant a favorite with singles, couples and families.

Oysters Rockefeller at \$3.95 were worth waiting for as I slipped a tall refreshing iced tea and decided on my main course. The oysters were freshly prepared at the restaurant's raw bar and served whole instead of

group up in the cheese and spinach sauce. I ate the gourmet shellfish slowly and with great enjoyment.

Jambalaya rice with shrimp was a terrific value at \$7.95. The spices seemed hot, but rather nice, although I did order a second iced tea. One can choose to order a wide assortment of fish-of-the-day, prepared to order. Cajun, Mexican and Oriental variations provide an almost endless assortment of fish dishes to choose from.

Luncheon service was excellent and the waitress seemed genuinely friendly and helpful with explanations of the menu items.

AT MONAHAN'S Seafood Restaurant one feels as though the fish is fresh off the boat. Fresh fish, lobsters, clams and more fill the cases of the market, and the blackboard menu invites one to take home a fully cooked meal with the seafood of one's choice.

On several different occasions that I've enjoyed the seafood from Monahan's, I've really been pleased. The first time I sat on an ice cream

chair and munched fish and chips for \$3.95 at a cafe table. The fresh ocean fillet was succulent, friend to a golden brown in a light batter and served with french fries.

I also tried a cup of fish chowder for \$1.95; a thick, robust tomato chowder with chunks of ocean fish fillet, potatoes and herbs. It had a very full flavor and was extremely filling.

For a seafood gourmet, stuffed Canadian rainbow trout with the creamy likes of lobster, bread and sage at \$7.95 is fit for a special dinner at a restaurant. A second choice will be Monahan's shellfish on papillote; shrimp and mussels nestled on a bed of herb-dressed egg fettuccine, sealed in a parchment envelope to bake in its own juices. At \$8.95, I felt it was well worth the care that went into its preparation.

Of course, one also selects the trimmings — soup or chowder, appetizer or seafood salad and a bit of freshly baked sourdough bread that is baked up right at the market.

THE WEEKEND is the time to take full advantage of the Windjammer's growing list of seafood entrees. During a recent weekday evening out I enjoyed a light meal of steamed mussels, flavored with melted butter.

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