

Sit back and watch 24 hours of movies for a good cause

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Love movies? Like to help others? "Hollywood Nights," Thursday, March 20-21, offers film buffs the opportunity to watch movies for 24 hours on 15 screens at the Star John R. to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

"It's a chance to mix a hobby with being able to help support some really important work," said Betsy Bonnell, assistant development director for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. "There are people who love to go to movies. It's an escape, a chance to get away from it all for a couple of hours."

Participants must raise a minimum of \$94.70 in pledges to participate in the event.

New releases will be shown 10 a.m. to midnight on Thursday. Oscar contenders and other films will be shown midnight until 10 a.m. Friday. That adds up to nine movies with an average running time of 2 1/2 hours.

Marathoners will be treated to free popcorn and pop, lunch and dinner Thursday, and an early-bird breakfast on Friday.

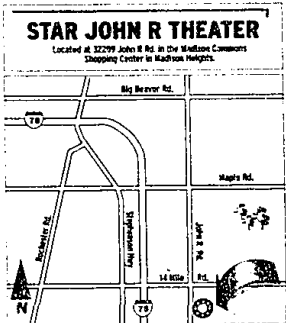
The "Super Star" who collects the most money in pledges wins a trip for a family of four to Club El Mandarin on the beaches of Cancun, Mexico, courtesy of Funjet Vacations.

"We'll be showing new releases and current films that are in the theaters and Oscar contenders," said Bonnell. "The last movie of the marathon will be an exclusive preview. We'll have the list of movies the week before the event."

The Movie Marathon was part of a radiothon to raise money for the foundation. Held in July 2000 and July 2001, the events were successful, and people called to inquire about them.

This is the first year the event is being held separately from the radiothon sponsored by 94.7 WCSX.

"We knew we had a core group that liked movies," said Bonnell. "So far, 20 people have



registered. We're getting calls from families of patients, too. It's a way for them to support the organization."

Registration forms for "Hollywood Nights" are available at all metro Detroit Star Theaters or call (800) 825-2536. You can also register at CLF's Web site, leukemiaimichigan.org.

To register on the day of the event, bring your collected pledges to the Movie Marathon table in the lobby of the Star John R, 9-10 a.m. Thursday, March 20. The marathon begins 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20, and ends 10 a.m. Friday, March 21.

CLEF is an independent, statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

Event promoters include Star Theatres, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and 94.7 WCSX.

FILM BEAT

Film Beat lists what's playing at alternative film theaters, special movie events and local flicks. Offerings and movie schedules may change after press time, so be sure to call ahead. Film Beat listings and movie information can be submitted to: Movie Staffing Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 801 E. Maple, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48009 or e-mail stafffor@oe-homes.com.net

DETROIT FILM THEATRE: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-3237. www.dia.org/dfi/

Adult admission, \$6.50. Senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DMA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.

March 19, Mala Noche, 1986, director Gus Van Sant's lithe love story. To Die For and My Own Private Idaho first feature film is the story of a young convenience-store clerk who develops a romantic obsession for another boy in spite of that boy's insults and taunts. Mala Noche will be preceded by a selection of Van Sant's early shorts.

Films made available with special permission by the director in anticipation of DTS screening of Van Sant's newest film Gerry, slated March 14-16. REDFOOT THEATRE, 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2569. Regular

admission, \$3.
March 14-15, Wings, a silent war film that won the first Academy Award for Best Picture - with Charles "Buddy" Rogers, Clara Bow and Richard Arlen. BREW AND VIEW AT THE MARK BAG, 4540 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030. www.majicbag.com. movie nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays in small theater setting with full bar. must be at least 21. doors open 8 p.m. films start at 9:30 p.m., box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$3.

March 12, Kill, when the trail goes cold on a murder investigation of a policeman, an undercover narcotics officer is lured back to the force to help solve the case - with Ray Liotta. March 13, 8 Mile, Eminem makes his film debut in a story about life and survival in the big city. Check out at your favorite Detroit landmarks on the big screen - with Kim Basinger. MAIN ART THEATRE, 118 North Main at 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak, (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6.

Call theater for schedule.
MAPLE ART THEATRE, 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield Township, (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6. Call theater for schedule.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 668-8163. www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8. Students and senior citizens, \$6.25. Michigan Theater members, \$5.50. Movie times shown daily: Pedro & Talk to Her (Spain), Director Pedro Almodóvar's charming love story about a nurse and a writer. Call theater for future schedule and additional shows.
STATE THEATRE, 233 State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-8681 or www.sttheater.com. Adult admission, \$8. Students and senior citizens, \$6.25.
Call theater for schedule.
UPTOWN BIRMINGHAM 8, 211 South Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, (248) 944-3456. Adult admission is \$5.00 in the evening and \$6 for matinee showings before 6 p.m. Admission for seniors age 55 and older is \$5.50 all the time. Admission for children age 12 and under is \$5.75 all the time.
Call theater for schedule.
LOCAL FILMS & FILM ECLECTICAE Opened Feb. 21 with run of several weeks expected, P.I. Blues, directed, written and produced by Jim Duke of Detroit with local actors, a romantic comedy about a private detective wannabe. Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile in Novi, call (248) 319-3456.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items, if you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND

The State of Michigan in 1963 did not produce license plates. They made metal tags in 1963 for the 1962 license plates.

Reruns Consignment store at Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia (734) 522-2868 has women's clothing.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A bakery in the Canton, Dearborn area that bakes without peanut products for Key of Canton.

A store that sells pink and purple Legos for girls for Nancy.

A store that sells the game Battling Tops for Joanne of Westland.

A store that sells peach body lotion formerly sold by Victoria's Secret for Helen of Livonia.

A store that sells Royall Bermuda fragrances for men for Larry.

A store that sells Smith Brothers cough drops for Dan of Bloomfield.

The recipe for Bill Knapp's chocolate, chocolate cake for Carmel of Livonia.

A store that sells a Jiffy portable popcorn maker for Janet of West Bloomfield.

A store that sells a typewriter ribbon for a Royal Quiet deluxe manual portable typewriter for Teresa of Beverly Hills.

A store that sells a 34- by 4- by 2 1/2-inch puzzle frame by Springbrook for Joanne of Troy.

A store that sells a giant green shamrock banner for Jan.

A store that sells Johnsons ultra baby wash.

A store that sells girls ribbed knit tights.

A store that sells a black chicken wire adjustable dress form for Joan of Franklin.

A person not a store that remodels old fur coats.
A store that sells Earl Grey premium Ceylon tea made by the company MLESNA in Sri Lanka for Betsy of Canton.
A store that sells Walden Farms chocolate syrup 0 calories for Mary of Livonia.
A pattern for gowns, dress-

es and sleepers for Cabbage Patch Dolls and preemies for Margaret of Livonia.

A store that sells V620 color film for an Argus camera for John of Livonia.

A store that sells Adamski's Original chili starter champion chili in a 5 3/8 glass jar made in Livonia for Ollie of Garden City.

A store or catalog that sells Muscle Rub by Dr. Sheffield (for arthritis) for Loretta of Southfield.

A business that buys used opera albums in original jackets for Mrs. M.
A copy of the Harvest Moon Vegetarian Cookbook from the restaurant formerly in Plymouth (no longer in business) for Veronica.

A store that sells the sugar cookies from the Butcher Block formerly located (no longer in business) in Livonia for Melissa.

A store that sells Glade starid and zip bags and Zip-Loc easy stand bags for Mirabel.

A store that sells fabric to be used in making a woman's bathrobe in colorful material, preferably 100 percent cotton for Carmen of Orchard Lake.

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AT THE GALLERIES

Center Dr., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, (734) 466-2540

FESTIVAL

Nativity Episcopal Church 22nd Festival of the Arts, Friday, Sunday, March 28-30, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township, between Lahser and Cranbrook/Evergreen. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, gallery open, 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, reception with hargis Susan Price (519), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, gallery open, 2-5 p.m. tea with dessert (55). Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, gallery open. Admission, \$3 unless noted otherwise. (248) 646-4100

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery The Print: An Exhibition of Michigan Printmakers, reception and awards presentation 6 p.m. Friday, March 21. Exhibition runs March 14 to April 13 at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-8004, Ext. 104
Artspace Is celebrating its 20th year of business in March, 203 E. Maple, Birmingham. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment. (248) 258-1540. artspace2@mindspring.com
Cass Cafe Gallery Works by Robert Mirek through mid-May. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit, www.mindandco.com/events/2003
Livonia Arts Commission Paintings and photographs by Jay Asguni, March 2-31 in the exhibition cases, second floor Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Sharon Will, original fine art, March 3-31. Fine Arts Gallery (second floor), reception in the gallery, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, Palette Guild - Art Club, Mixed Media, March 9-29, Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic

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