

## This week...

Southern California singer-songwriter Anya Marina will perform tunes such as "Clean & Sober" and "Sociopath" at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 16 as the headliner at Ashley Cox's Spotlight Revue at Mezzanotte Cafe & Bar, 658 N. Salina St., in the Little Italy neighborhood; 478-7001.

## CITY BEAT



## Jeff Davies' artwork and animus celebrated Sunday at Pasta's

Next time you're hanging at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que take a gander at that T-Rex eating some juicy ribs (or is it a cheeseburger?) on the mural behind the stage. Look and laugh.

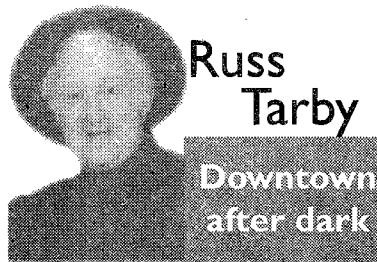
The artist, the late Jeff Davies, would like that.

Several dozen of Davies' pals attended a two-day-long party and barbecue in his honor June 3-4 at the rural Red Creek residence of musician-jeweler Shirley Wood-Kolb and her ping-pong playing husband, Larry Kolb, both of whom knew Davies well. He died last spring in Syracuse from complications due to diabetes.

Anyhow, many of those same old friends – and a bunch more who couldn't make it to Red Creek in June – will attend a reception and art exhibit in his memory from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday Aug. 13, at Pastabilities Restaurant, 311 S. Franklin St., in Armory Square, downtown.

Pasta's was always one of Davies' favorite hangouts. He often held court near the corner of the bar there, as he sipped vodka and shared his newest paintings, sometimes with the paint still wet!

Exhibit up all month



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after dark

dialectic, "Multiculturalism and the Mouse." A film critic, Brode was one of Shepperd's colleagues at the New Times during the 1970s.

The quintessential man-about-town, the 65-year-old Shepperd now helms the high-flying City Eagle, this very

newspaper.

By the way, the New Times also recently lost its longtime publisher, Gregg Gambell, whose departure was sudden and essentially unexplained.

**New blood at The Redhouse**

Songwriter Timothy Daniel Oleston has joined The Redhouse as music programmer while Scott Allyn takes a long sabbatical in Europe with his family.

The 26-year-old Oleston, born in Wisconsin and recently relocated here from California's Bay Area, performs as Timothy Daniel.

In San Francisco, Oleston started NorCalTV, which videotaped live music acts.

"As NorCalTV was launching, I met Syracuse-based musician Joel Ackerson who was on tour with Brett Hobin (son of local legend Todd Hobin)," Oleston said. "Then I joined forces with Joel as manager for the band. We completed a national tour to most major U.S. cities."

After the band broke up, Oleston began touring the country himself before founding Intellectual Records; [www.intellectiverecords.com](http://www.intellectiverecords.com). Then he toured England.

Oleston – as Timothy Daniel – has released three discs, "The NonPop EP" (2004), "Better Than Truth - Limited Edition" (2005) and "The Desert Island EP" recorded with former members of the Joel Ackerson Band (2006).

Earlier this year, Oleston purchased a home in the Syracuse-area and was hired to oversee music presentations at The Redhouse, downtown's multi-faceted art house at 201 S. West St.; 425-0405.

The Redhouse is presently dark as new red seats are being installed in its intimate theater

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sical work through August at Pastabilities. Some of the pieces donated for the show haven't been seen in public for 10 or 20 years or more.

If you have photos, letters, or mementos of Davies that you'd like to share, bring them along to add to the reception's memorial area.

Bergman Broome (aka Dennis Friscia) will perform live music, maybe even a couple of his famous dinosaur songs.

Techno-artist Carl Geiger will provide a digital slide show of Davies' art. Dave Hickock A limited-edition T-shirt created by Dave Hickock will be for sale at the reception, with proceeds to benefit Davies' estate.

#### Shepperd's flock

Walt Shepperd's been getting lots of ink lately.

In the Aug. 5 Post-Standard, columnist Dick Case mentioned Shepperd's happy-talk interview with Destiny USA developer Bob Congel which appeared in the Aug. 2 New Times. Case didn't mention that Walt also covered the 'other' side of that mega-mall miasma with a much more edifying interview with Common Councilor Stephanie Miner in the same edition.

Then a local news story by Laura Ryan, also in the Aug. 5 Post, revealed that after 35 years Shepperd left the New Times to take over as editor of the City Eagle.

Then in the August edition of Table Hopping, its "literary consultant," Doug Brode, cited Shepperd's 35-year-old book, "Conjuring a Counter-Culture," in an interview about Brode's new Disney

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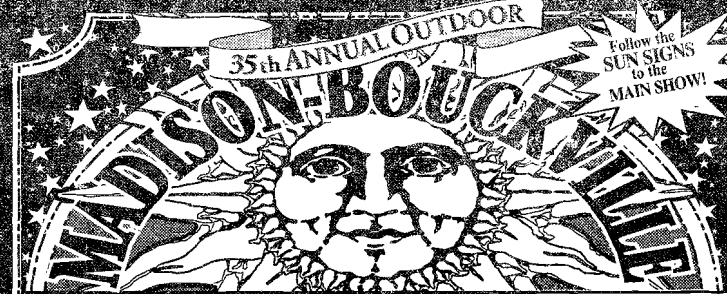
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