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Retarted Elf returns to B-CS tonight

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By Margaret Claughton and Dena Dizdar

THE BATTALION

The nine musicians of the Austin band Retarted Elf will collide on stage at the Stafford Opera House tonight producing the groove sounds of '70s funk mixed with a little rap and metal.

Retarted Elf, a winner in several categories of the '90, '91 and '93 Austin Music Awards, has gained a reputation for dazzling audiences every show with energetic, carnival-like performances, according to Austin newspapers.

Using a combination of drums, guitar, bass and a three-man horn section, Retarted Elf produces a modern sound that has been called everything from "pimp

funk" to "big band rap."
"We'd like to think of our-

go funk with an extra dose of attitude tossed in," said lead singer

Betsy Nissen, owner of Retarted Elf's booking company Mophead, describes the band's sound as "kinda funky, kinda rappy, kinda hip and very in-your-face.

Their performance is said to be of the most original sort. Dressed in disco king drag and b-boy gear, the band displays a jumpy interaction of its nine members, including two dancers Madame Scorpio and Fu Flex.

Nobody else does anything like what this group does," said Bill Detko, manager for Retarted Elf. "Watching them is great. Madame Scorpio is a riot.

In keeping with Retarted Elf's reputation for eccentricity, the band's name seems to have no

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The nine-member band from Austin, Retarted Elf, returns to the at the Stafford Opera House tonight.

Plenty of laughs to go around in 'Greedy

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By Traci Travis

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"Greedy Starring Michael J. Fox, Kirk Douglas, Nancy Travis, Olivia d'Abo and Phil Hartman Directed by Jonathan Lynn

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who is older than dirt and lessthan-pleasant to visit.

'Greedy," a hilarious comedy about a mean, old relative and his groveling offspring, will bring back vivid memories of those awful trips to Uncle So-and-So's

Talk about your comedy chemistry. This film cooks with characters that play off each other with

We all have one - a relative rude comments, cut downs and some of the most obscure facial expressions you'll ever lay eyes "Greedy" is the sort of film

that doesn't need sound effects. Just stick goofy characters on a set and let their actions speak for themselves. It could easily be made into a modern-day silent film and still succeed in making you laugh. 'This movie asks the question:

How far will you humiliate yourself to get your hands on 25 million dollars?'" said director Jonathan Lynn. "'Greedy' is a movie for anyone who's ever wanted more money or isn't too fond of their relatives

Uncle Joe McTeague (Kirk Douglas) is old, and to put it bluntly, loaded. Like all people his age, he's gonna die. And his money-grubbing family hopes it's sooner than later.

In an effort to get to Uncle Joe's fortune, the McTeagues resort to brown-nosing and back-stabbing. As they wait for him to conveniently keel over, the cousins go through the motions of forced family fun; spending long hours with their least favorite people –

One of the most memorable scenes in the film is filled to the rim with fake smiles and compliments. Over a brunch at the extravagant home of their "dear" Uncle Joe, the McTeagues spend the meal name-calling and exposing each other's faults, scandals and deep, dark secrets obtained by hiring personal detectives.

Much to the family's dismay, however, Uncle Joe is in no mood to die. He soaks in all of this attention and manipulates his nieces and nephews into doing anything for him. He is, indeed, wise in his old age.

Besides enjoying the ringside seat he holds in his family's ongoing fist fight, Uncle Joe has a er reason to stick around. H just received his own pers ive-in nurse, Molly (d'Abo), who happens to bea mer pizza delivery girl. With Barbie-doll body and cute, Br accent, the McTeagues are a concerned. After all, butt-kiss can only go so far.

Thursday, March 10,

They begin to fear the wors Uncle Joe is going to leave M everything.

In an effort to retaliate, cousins bring out their see weapon — Danny (Michael Fox), Uncle Joe's favorite, lo ost nephew

Once an adorable singing Danny is now all grown-up a struggling to make a living pro bowler. The cousins beg to join them in their quest to the loot before seductive M can get her hands on it.

Danny, the hero, appears ave the day, but not for long. The film is filled with so m

deception and unexpected t arounds you don't know who believe or who to trust. makes for an exciting 113 min

Cousin Frank (Phil Hartman star of "Saturday Night Live" the greediest McTeague of al cold and heartless, but incred

The best part about the imbesides the side-splitting line and cast of favorites, is the mean ing behind the words. This fil entertains and teaches its aud ence a valuable lesson about the evil power of greed. Is mor worth sacrificing your selfspect? Your family?

Unfortunately, the answe these questions are not all bla and white. But, the colorful sor of "Greedy" will help the answ stick out like a couple of ra thumbs.

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DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months. To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your fiext injection promptly at the end of 3 months. DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy, DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

HOW EFFECTIVE IS DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION? DEPO-PROVERA is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth

DEPO-PROVERA IS over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of bird control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

PERCENT OF WOMEN EXPERIENCING AN ACCIDENTAL PREGNANCY IN THE FIRST YEAR OF CONTINUOUS USE

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant®)	0.3	0.3
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill) Combined Progestogen only	0.1 0.5	3
IUD Progestasert Copper T 380A	2.0	3
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18 .
Cervical Cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1 - 9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge Used before childbirth Used after childbirth	6 9	18 28
No method	85	. 85

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you think you might be pregnant, have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason, have had cancer of the breast, have had a stroke, have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs, have problems with your liver or liver disease, or are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients). You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your doctor if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications or if you have a family history of breast cancer; an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples; kidney disease; irregular or scanty menstrual periods; high blood pressure; migraine headaches; asthma; epilepsy (convulsions or seizures); diabetes or a family history of diabetes; or a history of depression. WHO SHOULD NOT USE DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

WHAT IF I WANT TO BECOME PREGNANT AFTER USING DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF USING DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: Irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 57% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorfhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not

occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

The star-studded comedy "Greedy" uses an interesting casting

2. Bone Mineral Changes Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

combination to create a funny, family flick.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

5. Other Risks
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

WHAT SYMPTOMS MAY SIGNAL PROBLEMS WHILE USING DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA: Sharp chest pain, coughing of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung); sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or faintling, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arrol leg (indicating a possible stroke); severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg); unusually heavy vaginal bleeding; severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area; or persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION?

1. Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 9.3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: Irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, and hot flashes. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolus, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

1. Missed Perious During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months, then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

Laboratory Test Interactions
 If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions
Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for

HOW OFTEN DO I GET MY SHOT OF DEPO-PROVERA CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION? The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is important that the injection be given only during the first 5 days after the beginning of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA should be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are breast-feeding they own injections, or longer than 6 weeks after childbirth, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription. You must see a doctor to receive a prescription.

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Missions

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shelter and with each other makes the whole experience worthwhile. Heading south for the break, a dozen Aggies not associated with

any one particular organization will travel to La Pesca, Mexico, a coastal town about 150 miles south of the border. Nelson Mitchell, the trip's

organizer, said the "group of Christian guys" will replace many of the houses' thatched roofs with tin roofs. The group will paint and do some minor construction jobs as well.

Although this is the first year such a trip has been taken, Mitchell said he'd like to see it become an annual occurrence. He anticipates a memorable time spent fishing, camping and serving others.

For a second consecutive year, the Wesley Foundation (Methodist student organization) will travel eastward to the lower bayous of Louisiana. A group of 26 students will repair homes and work to improve overall living conditions in Dulac, a community hit hard by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. A list of 75 homes with damages ranging from leaking roofs to buckled floors will provide the group with many chances to soak up bayou rays while building relationships and rebuilding houses, said Billy McKinney, Wesley's spring break service chairman. One of his favorite parts of the trip, McKinney said, is the bonding and fellowship that takes place.

"Even though you're always working, it doesn't seem like you're working," McKinney said. Feelings of accomplishment are rewarding, McKinney said, but

helping others is its own reward Heading west, Intervarsity interdenominational Christian fellowship) will travel to Trinity University in San Antonio. Abo 20 students will spend the week living in dorms, getting acquainted and sharing their all

with Trinity students. Intervarsity evangelism coordinator Rebecca Daniels sa the smaller, more liberal campu gives students an environment which their religious beliefs are tested. "People have to be willing to step out of their comfort zone Daniels said.

Intervarsity will receive evangelism training, or instruction concerning the shari of their faith, while they are on Trinity campus. She said the week spent at Trinity will bea time to grow and to learn how defend her beliefs.

"I think evangelism is a lifestyle," Daniels said. "A lotd Christians are afraid of evangelism."

Texas A&M's Intervarsity chapter will team up with Trinity's Intervarsity chapter and interact with the student body with a cookout, book table, scavenger hunt and religion surveys.

Daniels said her spring break will be a learning experience for "life-changing" interactions with the Trinity students.

"You don't need to be ignorated about other religions because if you want people to listen to you you have to be willing to listen! them also," she said.

Many students will return for spring break with souvenirs and memories, but not many will leave something behind. These students, with their various missions, will leave behind repaired roofs, spruced-up shelters and perhaps a bit of hop