

Erie gets a "taste" of Europe

by Christine Kleck
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Pâtisserie, a pastry shop and café new to the city of Erie, brings a European flair to the downtown area. This bakery-on-the-corner style shop features an array of desserts, pastries, cookies, boxed lunches, and coffees.

Pâtisserie's co-owners, Laurie McCarthy and Evelyn Jablonski, searched all over the Erie area for a bakery that features artisan style, made-from-scratch daily pastries and confections. After several unsuccessful attempts at locating such a place, the sisters-in-law decided to open a bakery of their own in Erie. With the help of their talented friends, the two were able to get the shop up and running.

Two months after opening their doors, the pastry shop and café have become a success in attracting everyone, from busy rush hour office dwellers to those who have a sweet tooth for European-influenced pastries, desserts and coffees.

"We don't use any fake dyes and preservatives in our creations. Everything is made from scratch using only the freshest ingredients," McCarthy explained. "It's a great place for people to stop before work to get their morning espresso, latte, or cappuccino, and a pastry, because we're open from 6:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 5 p.m. on Friday," she added.

The atmosphere of the shop includes freshly picked flowers on each table and three different clocks on the wall that give the current time in Erie, London, and Paris. The warmth from the oven and the welcome will give you a real taste of the traditional European-style corner shop hospitality.

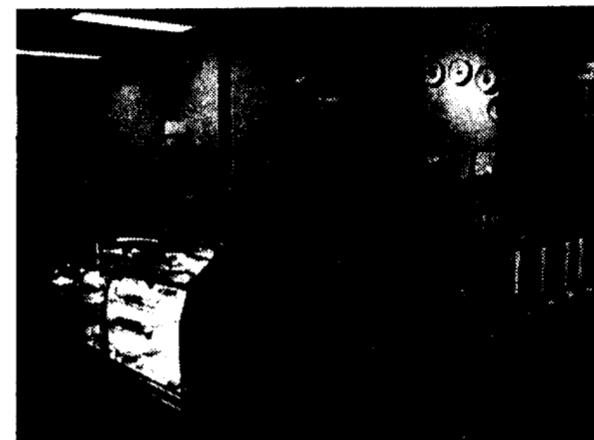
The cinnamon brioche (similar to a cinnamon roll or sticky bun), blueberry danish, flavored muffin, and blackberry cream scone, are just a few of the treats that can be found on one of their daily morning pastry menus. Their list of breakfast confections can also include things like the chocolate croissant and the cheese danish.

If a last-minute meal is what you need, try one of their boxed lunches consisting of things such as the smoked turkey and Swiss cheese croissant, a bowl of French garden vegetable soup, or an asparagus savory tart.

If you have a sweet tooth for Old-European rustic style desserts, try a slice of their Manhattan-style cheesecake or carrot cake. For smaller appetites they also carry a variety of cookies made fresh daily. Their list of cookies includes everything from traditional chocolate chip to the lace wafer.

"We want our customers to feel happy when they are here," Evelyn says. "This is a great place to relax and retreat while you enjoy some wonderful pastries," she continued.

For a real taste of Old-European artisan style pastries, visit Pâtisserie at 410 French Street, or call 454-EURO for more information on the shop.



Delicious pastries on display and being made at Pâtisserie.



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Website of the Week

by Christy Piccola
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Toothpaste, hand cream, shampoo, soap, deodorant, breath mints, ice cream, vitamins, film, coffee, tea, and printer paper—sounds like a grocery list, doesn't it? It's actually a list of just some of the free samples that you can get online. Most companies are more than willing to send you a trial sized sample of their products with the hopes that you'll like it and continue to use it.

It's actually easier to go to websites that offer search engines for these freebies rather than going to actual company websites. About.com has a Freebies section and Weekly Freebie Compilation section both offering a multitude of offers that the owners of the

site have found, and also that users of the site have visited. These offers don't cost a cent.

Other sites such as *Freeshop.com* and *Free2Try.com* are collections of free trial offers that are sponsored directly by the advertisers. Look through the sites and you'll find valuable services, for example free voice mail and faxing, long distance phone cards, and even backup space for the important files on your computer. You can find free samples too, including anything from trial magazines, perfume, vitamins, pain relievers, and even food and drink samples.

Another way to get "free stuff" is to check out new websites. Sometimes they will offer sign up bonuses such as mouse pads, coffee mugs, T-shirts, baseball caps, and other items emblazoned with a corporate logo. It usually doesn't cost anything to sign up for the services, because they are

often things that are given away.

The final website to check out online is to sign up for a rewards program. Sites like *Swagbucks.com* and *Cybergol.com* offer you money for doing things like signing up for services. With sites like *Swagbucks.com*, you can accumulate points and use them online to purchase items like *Cybergol.com* offers. When you do that, you can use the money to purchase items like a printer, a scanner, or a digital camera.

Before you sign up for any of these sites, make sure you read the fine print. Once you're signed up, you'll usually have to wait a while before you can cash in on your rewards.



Criminal Hearts revs up

by Matt Buser
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The comedy *Criminal Hearts* will be performed at the Behrend Studio Theatre starting Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m. The show will run through Sunday, April 9, with no performance on Monday, April 3.

"This is a play about the joy of revenge," said Tony Elliot, the show's director and Behrend professor.

Criminal Hearts revolves around the central character, Ata Windust, and takes place exclusively in her apartment bedroom. Her husband, Wib Windust, deserted her and gutted the apartment.

"Her husband took everything and left," said Elliot. "It had been years of verbal abuse. 'You're nothing, you stand for nothing, I'm the important one, your life revolves around me,' and she bought it. And now that he's totally abandoned her, she's pretty much realizing, 'he abandoned me a long time ago.'"

Ata forms an unlikely friendship with a female burglar, Bo, who climbs in her window during a robbery attempt.

"They become friends and accomplices, to a degree, after they get to know each other," said Elliot. "Bo inspires Ata with her take-charge attitude, then Ata is on a mission, and revenge is the name of that mission," Elliot added. "there's a redemptive quality to the revenge, if there is any such thing."

The vulnerable Ata Windust is be-

ing played by Jamie Lojewski, who also performed in *Crimes of the Heart* two semesters ago. Wib Windust will be played by Ryan Widrig. Elliot said he is "almost too right" for the part, that is "all about golf and cell-phones, and I don't know if he went to Princeton or not, but he sure thinks he did." Molly Means plays Bo, and is described by Elliot as "strong and very focused." Bruce Waller plays the final character, Robbie, who is Bo's accomplice, and brings "a savvy view of the world to the role."

"It's a small play in a lot of ways," commented Elliot. "It's a fairly simple show, very few props, and that's what makes it so fun, because



FILE PHOTO
Jamie Lojewski gets ready for *Criminal Hearts*.

it's so open." He continued, "the two men couldn't be more different; the two women couldn't be more different; and, it literally takes place in a totally empty room with a box spring and mattress and a lot of trash. So, the set is very interesting."

Elliot said that he hopes the audience comes away from the performance "having been very much entertained, first of all, and having laughed a lot, but secondly, to see how the two women especially, really come to appreciate each other."

"Ata is the central character, and she makes a real journey from being totally helpless and a victim, to really grabbing the world by the tail and taking charge. Not in necessarily a lawful way, but, she's taking charge," said Elliot.

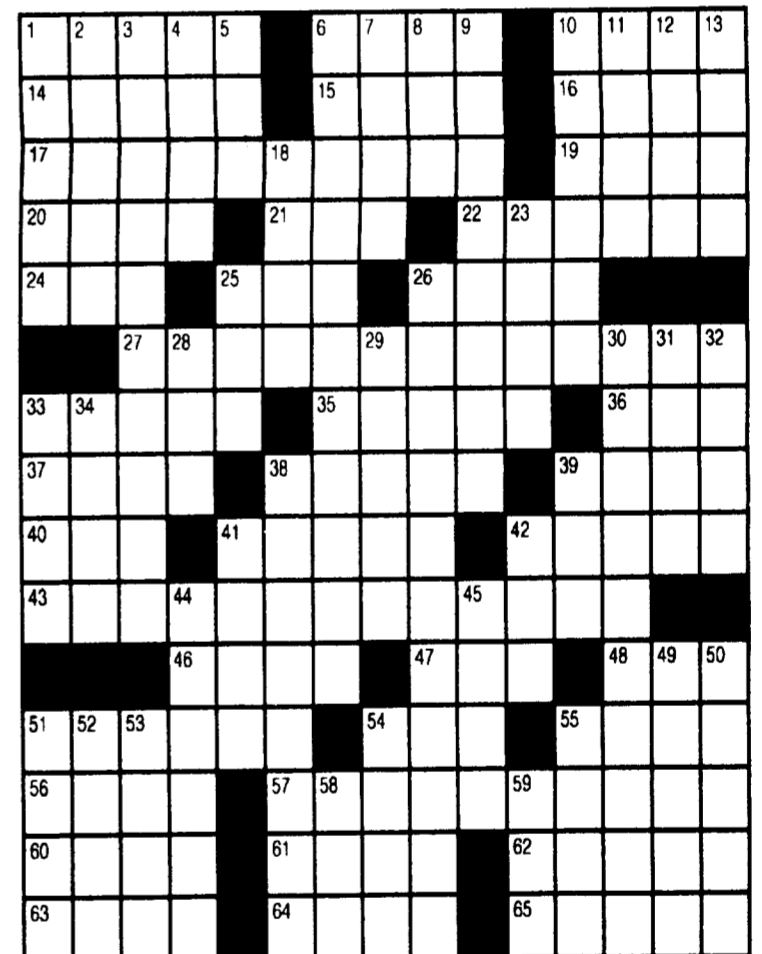
The play is contemporary, and the language of the performance reflects that. "Let's put it this way, I'd have to give a disclaimer, sort of an 'R' rating, as far as language is concerned," commented Elliot. "We're going to have to approach it gently. That's where we have to sort of go into it not knowing exactly what we're going to do, but then temper it, and decide what needs to stay and what can go."

Student tickets for *Criminal Hearts* are \$3, while general admission is \$5. Reservations are accepted for all shows. For the first time, tickets will also be available at the RUB desk. Reservations and tickets will be available starting Monday, March 20.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Play for time
 - 6 Small drinks
 - 10 Beer choices
 - 14 Musician Shaw
 - 15 Aid in crime
 - 16 Tree trunk
 - 17 Duke Ellington tune
 - 19 Fish choice
 - 20 Bakery buy
 - 21 Wynn and Begley
 - 22 Neither active nor passive
 - 24 Consumed
 - 25 Buddy
 - 26 Stern section
 - 27 Sidewalk surfing?
 - 33 Path of "Discovery"
 - 35 Punches
 - 36 Neither fish nor fowl
 - 37 Invented facts
 - 38 Demonstrated
 - 39 St. Vincent Millay
 - 40 Possessive pronoun
 - 41 Deluge
 - 42 Climbing plants
 - 43 Dixie Chicks' lead singer
 - 46 Canine litter
 - 47 Forbid
 - 48 Shed tears
 - 51 "Sophie's Choice" star
 - 54 Abel to Adam
 - 55 Cookie choice
 - 56 Critical point
 - 57 Using indirect references
 - 60 Adjutant
 - 61 Patsy
 - 62 Proportion
 - 63 "___ in the Attic"
 - 64 Chicken output
 - 65 Guinness and Baldwin

- DOWN
- 1 Brazilian dance
 - 2 Brook fish
 - 3 In top-notch form
 - 4 Tops
 - 5 Luau garland



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- 6 Two-tone footwear
- 7 Bird of the Nile
- 8 Tent stake
- 9 Prehistoric period
- 10 Ridiculously incongruous
- 11 Spoils taken
- 12 Vogue rival
- 13 Clairvoyant
- 18 No water or ice
- 23 Hearing organs
- 25 No-draw
- 26 British traffic circles
- 28 Young goat
- 29 Flower
- 30 Not divisible into parts
- 31 "And Then There Were ___"
- 32 Mardi ___
- 33 Actress Lena
- 34 Coolidge or Moreno
- 38 Loss of traction
- 39 Night before
- 41 Chimney passage
- 42 Lodging house
- 44 Summits
- 45 Woosnam and Fleming
- 49 Piece of history
- 50 Spinning toys
- 51 Ella's forte
- 52 Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
- 53 Mr. Vallee
- 54 Smelter's residue
- 55 Elliptical
- 58 Cabin element
- 59 Pers. pension

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March 17
Jr's Comedy Club
St. Patrick's Day Celebration w/ Bowling Team from Buffalo and Cleveland

March 18
Jr's Comedy Club
Comedian David Tucker

Forward Hall
Bands: Intergalactic Peyote, Confusion

March 19
Forward Hall
Band: The House