

## The Weekend in Preview

The following is a brief list of weekend events. Please call the venue for more information.

### CONCERTS:

Duffy's, 1412 O St.

Sunday: Walker Kong and the Dangermakers, Wide

Duggan's Pub, 440 S. 11th St.

Friday and Saturday: Radio King

Kimball Recital Hall, 301 N. 12th St.

Friday and Saturday: Cellobration

Sunday: Clark Potter

Knickerbockers, 901 O St.

Friday: Oil, Shutterbug  
Sunday: Merle Saunders

Lied Center, 301 N. 12th St.

Friday: Perlman/Nikkanen/  
Bailey Piano Trio

The Royal Grove, 340 W.

Cornhusker Highway  
Friday: Decker  
Saturday: Motorhead,  
Nashville Pussy

7th Street Loft, 504 S. Seventh St.

Friday and Saturday: HOWLOOSEANATION

Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.

Friday and Saturday: The Bel-Airs

### THEATER:

Howell Theatre,

Temple Building,  
12th and R streets

Friday and Saturday: "The Dining Room"

Mary Riepma Ross

Film Theater,  
12th and R streets

All weekend: "Run Lola Run"

McDonald Theatre, 51st &

Huntington

All weekend: "Alison's House"

Mueller Planetarium, Morrill

Hall, 15th and U streets

Friday: Alternative Laser  
Saturday: Sci-fi TV Laser Show

### GALLERIES:

The Burkholder Project,  
719 P St.

All weekend: works by Carol Gallion, Sammy Lynn, Patsy Smith and mixed works by Prairie 7

Haydon Gallery,

335 N. Eighth St.

All weekend: works by Judith Ernst Cherry

Lentz Center, Morrill Hall, 14th

and U streets

All weekend: paintings by Shi Hu

Noyes Gallery, 119 S. Ninth St.

All weekend: "Roaring '20s," works by Sandy Meyers, LeRoy Van Ghan, Ray Anderson, Max Cox and Ralph Spangler

The Sheldon Memorial Art

Gallery, 12th and R streets

All weekend: "Black Image and Identity," "Modern Masters," Charles Rain's "Magic Realism," "Robert Colescott: Recent Paintings"

# PARKING FAMINE



RUBY TUESDAY EMPLOYEES Susan Houton, left, Andy Witt, middle, and Melanie Kluever, right, discuss the Thursday evening schedule at the host stand. They expected a big rush around five o'clock.

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## Parking problems afflict Haymarket shops, restaurants

BY JASON HARDY  
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The sower on top of the capital building has long been a symbol of Nebraska and the people who work its land.

He stands proud against the Lincoln skyline, caught in mid-motion as he sows away, scattering seeds across the flat land beneath him.

If only he were scattering parking spaces instead. While much attention has been given to the parking famine at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, little has been paid to the situation just a few blocks to the southwest in the Haymarket.

An area housing some of the finest restaurants in the city and a unique array of shops and galleries, the Haymarket has always been one of the most crowded places to park in Lincoln.

And with the recent addition of Ruby Tuesday, a chain restaurant that opened just south of La Paloma, the parking situation can only get worse.

Or will it? "It's a double-edged sword," said Dan Sloan, co-owner of the Mill, a coffee shop in the Haymarket. "People want to go where the crowds are. They whine about standing in line, but I think that if you had acres and acres of parking, they would go look for a place where the crowds are."

"It's sort of a weird thing. I don't think that if parking were really easy it would be a miracle cure for people's wishes for more business."

As the saying goes, nothing attracts a crowd like a crowd. But what about places that don't necessarily depend on a crowd to attract businesses, such as the antique shops, the craft stores and the Salvation

Army?

It's those places that concern Scott Miller, president of the Haymarket Development Corporation and Telesis Incorporated, the company that owns Lazlo's Brewery and Grill and Jabrisco, two restaurants in the Haymarket.

Miller said in addition to the Haymarket's reputation as a crowded hot spot, other issues complicated the parking shortage.

"The restaurants don't get hit as hard as the other businesses," Miller said. "If you want a diverse Haymarket, you have to have better parking. If you're going to shop, you have to have a place to park. Otherwise, it hurts retail."

"It's nice, because the Haymarket is the place to be, but when you're competing with South Pointe and Gateway, the parking situation is just not good."

Nancy Martin, assistant manager of the Burlington Arcade Antique Mall, 210 N. Seventh St., said that while restaurants depended on peak times for their business, other shops like the Burlington Arcade depended on the availability of business all day long. Who would want to buy an expensive antique and carry it for blocks and blocks because there was nowhere to park near the shop?

"I think people probably try and adjust the times when they come down here so parking is a little easier to find," Martin said. "I think most of the places would benefit from more parking because there are quite a few new businesses in the Haymarket. So more parking is definitely needed."

Miller said the lack of parking was by no means a derivative of a lack of initiative by the people who work in the Haymarket. Plans have been made to create new parking places, but none have actually gone through.

"There are three components that are tough to deal with: the post office, Burlington Northern, both of which have huge bureaucracies, and the city of Lincoln," Miller said. "There's not a local decision

maker that can actually get something done, and it's just a mess to try and deal with lawyers from all three entities."

And unfortunately those three entities are the area's only major hope for any parking solution.

Ruby Tuesday's addition to the Haymarket has no doubt caused increased stress on the already feeble parking environment, but more importantly it brings up the idea that if more businesses continue to come into the Haymarket, parking is going to become increasingly rare.

"Things have been so bad for so long that it's hard to notice when things get worse," Miller said.

"I'm sure it's worse, but you can't really tell. They do have a lot of employees who park in front of the building, and that's sort of a sore spot."

"The area itself is just booming so much that people want to jump on the bandwagon. There are already restaurants wanting to come down here and suck up more parking."

However, Robby Yendra, managing partner for Ruby Tuesday, said that for his outfit, parking was a concern but not necessarily a huge problem.

"We knew that there was a parking crunch, and we were able to accept that because the other aspects (of the Haymarket) were a great match," Yendra said. "We haven't suffered because of parking. It's funny because people always seem to find a place."

Some people anyway. It is impossible to tell how many people shy away from the Haymarket because of the parking situation, and the severity of the situation seems to change from person to person, depending on what type of Haymarket business they are affiliated with.

"Of course, any improvements would be great, but I think you'll see the Haymarket continue to grow because it's such a happening place," Yendra said. "I don't think the parking will get any less hectic simply because of all the continuing activity down here."

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co-owner of the Mill