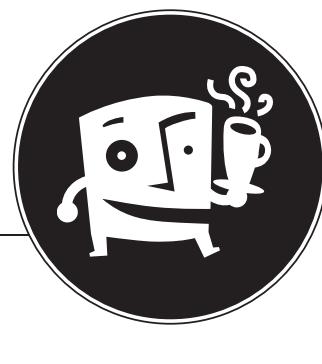


# AFTER DARK

*Clubs, Music and Nightlife*

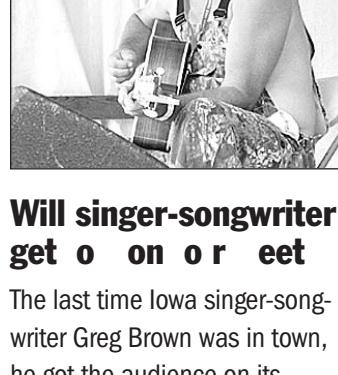


## BEAT



### Berlin still breathing with new wave craze

New wavers Berlin made a splash in the early '80s with their single "Sex (I'm A...)," but really burst on the scene with "Take My Breath Away," the very breathy and steamy love theme from Tom Cruise's "Top Gun." Berlin spent much of the '90s on the sidelines — with lead singer Terri Nunn going solo — but Nunn rebuilt the band in 1999 and released a new disc, "Voyeur," in 2002. "We didn't even know what to do with Berlin, and we broke up because of that," Nunn said. "A lot of bands that came out in the '90s — like Garbage and the Sneaker Pimps and Nine Inch Nails, who took electronic music to a completely different area — excited me as to what Berlin could do now." Berlin will perform at 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Chilkoot Charlie's. Tickets to the 21-and-up concert are \$25.



### Will singer-songwriter get o on or eet

The last time Iowa singer-songwriter Greg Brown was in town, he got the audience on its feet. "The 750-plus folks who showed up knew to expect plenty of edgy wordplay, eccentricity and a deep, gravelly, frail vibrato of a voice," according to a Daily News review of a 2003 concert. "Brown didn't disappoint them, and the crowd would later pay him a standing ovation for it." Brown will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in Discovery Theatre. Tickets are \$22.50, available at CarrsTix or Metro Music & Book. Brown's daughter, Pieta, will open, and Bo Ramsey will accompany both on guitar.



### AK This Month ignites noise at birthday bash

AK This Month will celebrate its fourth anniversary in a loud way. Metal band Re:Ignition, featuring Steev Esquivel and Snake from Skinlab, will perform at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Chilkoot Charlie's. The concert is free, though a cover charge may apply. Local bands Spitshine & Dead on Fourth will open.

# A 'Star' fete Boba would be proud of

*Use these tips to throw the best-ever 'Sith' bash*

By JAMIE ROGERS  
Anchorage Daily News

**S**ome were weaned on and Jawas and Wookies in 1977. Others only began to pay attention to Padme Amidala in 2002. Fans of the "Star Wars" saga are a motley assortment of old-school aficionados and prequel devotees. But they all likely will be anticipating the sixth installment of George Lucas' sci-fi epic.

More than 25 years after the saga began, "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith" opens in theaters Thursday, May 19. As the story of a great adventure in a galaxy far, far away comes full circle, why not celebrate with your own circle of friends and fans. Whether throwing a pre-party for midnight showings of "Sith" or a wake for what was once good filmmaking, these tips will help get your "Star Wars" party started.

#### SUPER SONIC

Nothing sets a mood better than music. Create a galactic groove with some specially selected "Star Wars" tunes.

For an authentic vibe, find John Williams' soundtracks for all six movies at retail music sellers or online merchants.

Need the tracks at hyper-speed? Download individual tracks from Williams' scores for 99 cents or buy the entire albums via iTunes.

To make your party truly memorable, cue up your own mix of music influenced by the stars. Here are some suggestions for satisfying most species of partygoers:

- "Imperial March," John Williams
- "Intergalactic," The Beastie Boys

- "Lucky Star," Madonna
- "Venus as a Boy," Bjork
- "Cosmic Thing," The B-52's
- "Baby I'm a Star," Prince
- "Space Oddity," David Bowie

- "Rocket Man," Elton John
- "Cantina Band," John Williams

- "Subterranean Homesick Alien," Radiohead
- "Lost in Space," Aimee Mann

- "Starship Trooper," Yes
- "Space Truckin'," Deep Purple

- "Chewbacca," Supernova
- "Yoda," Weird Al Yankovic
- "Watermelon Man," Herbie Hancock (channeling Ewoks)
- "Stardust," Willie Nelson

If you'd rather stick with complete albums, try "The Planets" by Gustav Holst or "Mothership Connection" by Parliament. Just play anything to get the Force flowing on the dance floor.

#### PARTY CLOTHES

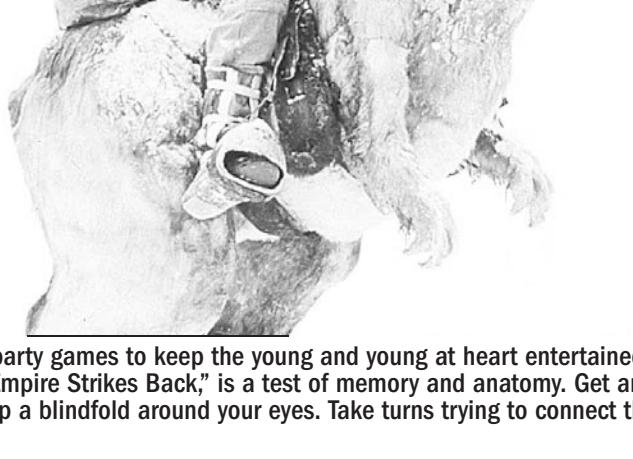
Leave your earthly iden-

tity behind and come dressed as your favorite character or one of the nameless mass of extras. Professional costumes can be purchased online from the official "Star Wars" site at [www.shopstarwars.com](http://www.shopstarwars.com). However, Dooley's Tuxedo & Costumes at 730 E 15th Ave. has adult costumes of Darth Vader, a stormtrooper, Yoda, Chewbacca and Leia. Costs for a one-day rental range from \$57 to \$97 depending on the outfit. The shop also stocks child costumes for sale.

Store owner Starla Heim says the costumes could rent quickly, but there are plenty of non-"Star Wars" costumes that could be adapted to resemble outer-space characters. For availability, call the store at 272-5517.

Party World at 3810 Arctic Blvd. also has adult "Star Wars" costumes available to rent. Call 561-5558 for prices and availability.

To complete your look or just strike fear in your party hosts, check out Borders Books & Music, 1100 E. Dimond Blvd. The

  
Fans of the "Star Wars" saga can adapt classic party games to keep the young and young at heart entertained. "Pin the Tail on the Tauntaun," inspired by "The Empire Strikes Back," is a test of memory and anatomy. Get an adult to help you cut out the tails, kids, then wrap a blindfold around your eyes. Take turns trying to connect the tail to Luke's steed on the ice planet Hoth.

