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Alec's at bat

Baseball can be about the park and crowd or the stats and players. For Alec Kraft, 12, it's also about triumph. Alec has arthritis and led his little league team to victory. Relive the heart of the game with his story, only at freep.com.

RUTH TO THE RESCUE

Prepare your pet for a summer vacation

Planning a summer vacation and want to take your pet? Some vacations are now more pet-friendly. Call before you book to see if your destination is pet-friendly. Also, get your pet travel-ready by taking it to the airport.

- RUTH SPENCER, LOCAL 4 NEWS



TECH TIP

Back up your cell phone contacts

Is it possible to back up a cell phone? Several programs will do the job. Some include cables. There is even a free program available, but you have to buy a cable for it. I have links to programs at www.komando.com/news. Also, ask your carrier. Many provide the means to do this.

- KIM KOMANDO, GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

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OVERHEARD

“I just like meat.”

ANTHONY FENECH, 63, of Westland, describing his grilling preferences. **STORY, 3A**

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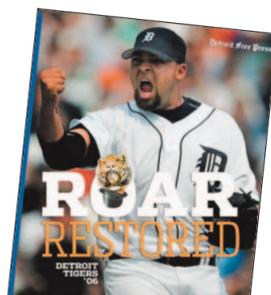
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■ A photo caption on Page 17 of Thursday's Play section incorrectly spelled the name of the lead singer of the band the Cold War Kids. He is Nathan Willett.

■ An article in Friday's Sports section about metro Detroiters' favorite Tiger should not have said Pudge Rodriguez has won a National League Most Valuable Player trophy. He has won American League and World Series MVP trophies.

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FOR RENT

Signing a lease? Here's what you need to know

Don't own your home? You don't have to settle for less. Renters have rights, too. Make sure it's all down on paper.

GET IT IN WRITING

Lease agreements must comply with Michigan law, said George A. Contis, an attorney with Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller in Southfield. He specializes in real estate law and has been practicing tenant law for almost 22 years.

“It's important for every tenant out there to have or insist on a written lease from their landlord,” Contis said.

“Most large-scale residential apartment managers comply with the law. It's those people who try to circumvent the law who make a bad name for landlords.”

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Before you even begin moving in, document the apartment's or home's appearance with a move-in inventory checklist. If your landlord does not give you a checklist, create your own.

This report notes the condition of the property. It should be detailed. Label the columns on your report “good,” “fair” and “poor.” Describe any damage.

Document the number of nail holes or marks in the walls as well as the condition of floors, ceilings, toilets, fixtures, furniture and appliances.

Have your manager sign it, and you do the same. Take pictures of each room in your living space and of any damage you find.

This report will help if your landlord tries to charge you to repair things that were in poor condition when you moved in.

“Make sure you are thorough and thoughtful, regarding the condition of each item on that checklist,” Contis said. “You don't want to let them try to nickel and dime you or reduce your deposit by taking a portion.”

THE DEPOSIT

Most rental agreements require a security deposit.

If the tenant damages the property or leaves owing rent, the landlord can use the security deposit to cover what the tenant owes.

In Michigan, the limit for any kind of deposit — security or otherwise — is 150%, or 1.5 times, the monthly rent.

Landlords also are allowed to charge a cleaning fee.

Within four days after tenants move, they are required to provide a forwarding address. “Without a forwarding address, the landlord is not obligated to provide an itemized checklist of charges for repairs,” Contis said.

TENANTS' RIGHTS

“As a general rule regarding repairs,” Contis said, “you have an expectation and a right for your dwelling to be free of broken windows, glass, free of water intrusion.”

Should damages occur that are beyond a tenant's control, he or she must notify the landlord or management company immediately “in writing so that you have a record of when you made the complaint and when they expect to resolve the complaint,” Contis said. If damages are

caused by tenants' negligence, generally they have to pay for repairs.

WHAT LANDLORDS CAN'T DO

Without a court order, landlords cannot:

- Change the locks.
- Remove doors, windows or locks.
- Shut off utilities.
- Put tenants' belongings on the street.
- Evict a tenant in retaliation for exercising legal rights against a landlord.

REASONS TO EVICT

A landlord can evict if:

- Tenants fail to pay rent.
- Tenants' use causes serious and continuing injury to the property.
- Tenants conduct illegal activities on the property.
- Tenants don't move after a lease is terminated.

Court approval is necessary for an eviction.



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