

West Keansburg troop to make bicycle trip

W. KEANSBURG
Boy Scout Troop 149 will make a bike hike from W. Keansburg to Englishtown Sunday, with free passes to Raceway Park issued to scouts who finish the trip.

The hike is a warm-up, according to Scoutmaster Vincent Fornione, for a longer trip to Great Adventure, Jackson, which is currently being planned.

Fifteen Scouts 10 to 16 years old will ride to Englishtown, he said, taking in historical sites along the way.

They will be coached by Tony Schiavo, owner of The Peddler Bicycle Shop, Long Branch. Schiavo has also donated two bicycles for underprivileged scouts to use on the trip.

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Entertainment

Hamilton's Dracula tragic, hilarious

'Love at First Bite' fine comedy

By Lee Dugon

Some day people will stop making Dracula movies. It wouldn't be a bad idea to wrap up the Count's saga with "Love at First Bite."

"First Bite" is a comedy. It will make you chuckle or laugh out loud once every couple of minutes. But in spite of all the sight gags, Lugosi quotations, and leg-pulling, the film shows a certain appreciation of the subject seldom found in straight horror flicks.

George Hamilton (who also co-produced the film) does a bang-up job as the vampire, poignantly and hilariously

complaining about "going around for 700 years dressed up like a head waiter...subsisting entirely on a liquid protein diet...never tasting potato chips, mallomars, etc. Being Dracula is not without its disadvantages.

It's funny because Hamilton is so genuinely melancholic. Contrary to tradition, his is not an evil Dracula.

Hamilton speaks every line with a pure, stony, mock-Tsangyan accent. He never falters, never seems inwardly amused by his own jokes. It's a splendid comic performance.

The tragic Count is accom-

panied by the madman Renfield, who eats live insects and small animals. Arte Johnson is outrageously funny in this role.

In the Thirties, Dwight Frye devoted his film career to playing Renfield and several other maniacal "servants" to classic horror figures. I would have thought it impossible to parody these performances, but Johnson does it. He makes a liberal use of the insane, wheezing laugh of Frye's Renfield. It certainly doesn't do much to put his fellow airline passengers at ease.

"Love at First Bite" is

Dracula's swan song. When the communist government of Rumania decides to transform his castle into an Olympic training camp, the Count decides to go to New York to pursue a model (Susan Saint-James) he has loved in her several previous incarnations.

Naturally, he is totally out of place in the Big Apple. Black hoodlums try to mug him; an unemployed Puerto Rican family tries to eat him (they identify his bat-shape as "a black chicken"); and his lady love, at her first sight of him, informs him that she's already ordered.

There's just no place for mystery and romance in the banality of the Seventies.

The only one who's scared by Dracula is the model's crazy psychiatrist (Richard Benjamin), grandson of the Count's old nemesis, Dr. Van Helsing.

Benjamin turns in his usual excellent performance. He plays his part with a manic intensity which is grating at first, then side-splitting. By the time he hits his stride, he's getting a laugh with nearly every line.

Benjamin teams up with a cynical, middle-aged cop (Dick Shawn) to stop Dracula.

Shawn is a tough, worldly-wise old cop who can't get anybody to be afraid of him. It's very frustrating for him and very amusing for the audience.

Ms. Saint James is given the task of playing straight man to all these lunatics. It's a good thing she's up to the challenge. The film would be bad without her.

Don't miss "Love at First Bite." You'll be cheating yourself if you do.

CFPA to pick club officers

MIDDLETOWN

The County Foster Parents Assn. will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Monmouth Family Center, 270 Route 35 (near Pine Street).

Election of officers will be conducted. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, according to club president, Janice McCarthy.

Mrs. McCarthy, one of the founders of the eight-year-old organization, has been club president for three years, and before that, vice president for four years. She said she will not seek re-election.

Society to hold doll program

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

"Dolls, You'll Love 'Em" will be the theme of a program to be presented 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Atlantic Highlands Historical Society.

The meeting will be held at Borough Hall.

Antique, glazed china, and porcelain dolls, and collector's items from the 1860s to the turn of the century will be displayed.

Church group sets yard sale

MIDDLETOWN

The Old First Church Women's Fellowship will sponsor its annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the church, 69 Kings Highway.

Featured will be a table of homemade foods, including breads, cakes, and soups.

Rain date is June 23.

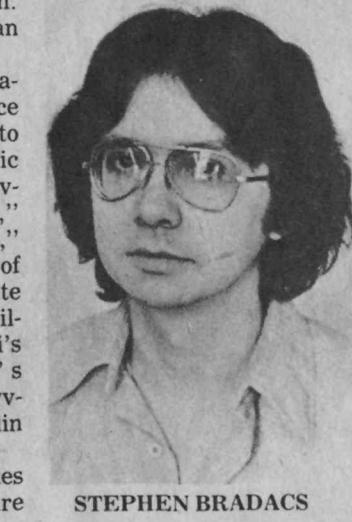


The Hazlet Recreation Commission will sponsor a production of the dance fantasy "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Raritan High School. Among the stars in the production are (from the left) Kate Fay, Patty Celestino, Ellen Barbieri, and Suzanne Madden.

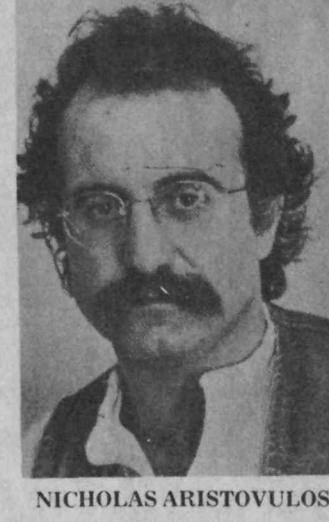
'Snow White' dance show to appear at Raritan

Costumes for the show were designed by Gail Rogers, Highlands. Nancy Levin, a Brookdale Community College drama student, also assisted with the production.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



STEPHEN BRADACS



NICHOLAS ARISTOVULOS

Park system sets two-man art show

Aristovulos and Bradacs will be exhibiting their works from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday.

The exhibit is part of the "Accomplishments in Art" series established by the park system.

Dining Guide

BUTTERWOOD MANOR, Route 34, Matawan. Dining in a charming lakeside setting. Specialties duck dinners, seafood, and prime ribs of beef. Lakeview Terrace dining room. Cocktail lounge & bar. **NASC** Wed., Fri., Sat. **Salad Bar**. American **Cafe**. **Private Parties**. **Luncheon**. **Carte** \$1.50-\$4.25. **Dinner a la carte** \$3.95-\$10.50. **Hours**: Luncheon, noon-2:30 p.m. Dinner, 4:10 p.m. (Sat. 11 p.m.) Sunday, noon-9 p.m. **Day Closed**: None. **Parties**: to 300. **Address**: Rte. 34. Phone: 566-6220.

YE COTTAGE INN, 149 W. Front St., Keenport. 264-1263. **Seafood specialties**. Bayside dining, nautical atmosphere. **Full** **lunch** **menu** **specials** **from** \$3.95 to \$25. **Dinner** **menu** **from** \$1.25 to \$2.50. **Cocktail lounge**.

CHURCH ON MAIN STREET, 74 Main St., Matawan. 583-1900. Former Trinity Episcopal Church converted to a restaurant. **Italian** **cuisine** and **historical** **antiques**. **Specials** **from** \$4 to \$10. **Dinners** **from** \$3.50. **Bar** **separated** **from** **dining** **area**. **Open** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Monday** through **Friday**.

COLTS NECK INN, Route 34 & 537, Colts Neck. 583-0394. **Lunch** **menu** **from** 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Dinner** **menu** **from** 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Specials** **from** \$3.95 to \$12. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Mon.** **Thurs.** **11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** **Friday** **11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** **Saturday** **11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.** **Sunday** **11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** **Address**: Rte. 34. Phone: 566-6220.

CHOWNER POT, 41 Route 36, Keyport. 583-9254. **Dinner** **menu** **in a cozy nautical atmosphere**. **Seafood** **specials**. **Dinner** **menu** **from** \$1.85 to \$2.85. **Sunday** **specials** **3:11-30 p.m.** **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **Thursday**, **Friday**, **Saturday** **8:30 p.m.** **Sunday** **8:30 p.m.** **Address**: Rte. 34. Phone: 566-6220.

RED OAK DINER & RESTAURANT, Route 35, Hazlet. 264-9882. **Open** 24 hours a day. **Breakfast** **lunch** **menu** **late** **snacks**. **Complete menu** **at all times**. **Reasonable prices**. **Complete home baked pastry** **selection**. **Facilities** **available** **for parties**.

HOUSE OF DRAGON, Hazlet Plaza, Route 35, Hazlet. 264-9882. **Complete menu** **at all times**. **Reasonable prices**. **Complete home baked pastry** **selection**. **Facilities** **available** **for parties**.

DON QUIXOTE INN, Route 34, the windmill, Matawan. 583-7977. **Lunch** **menu** **from** 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Tues. Thurs. 5:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Fri. Sat. 5:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sun. 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.** **Address**: Rte. 34. **Phone**: 566-6220.

TAHITI GARDEN, Route 35, Holmdel. 264-4422. **Puynesian and Chinese cuisine**, specializing in Szechuan and Cantonese. **Specials** **from** \$1.85 to \$2.85. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Address**: Rte. 35. **Phone**: 566-6220.

SHANTY INN, Route 79, Matawan. 583-9220. **Lunch** **menu** **every day**. **Blackboard** **specials**. **Specializing in seafood**. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Address**: Rte. 79. **Phone**: 566-6220.

BAHRS, Bay Ave., Highlands. 264-1245. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Mon.-Thurs.** **11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.** **Fri.-Sat.** **11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.** **Sunday** **11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.** **Address**: Rte. 34. **Phone**: 566-6220.

CLIFFWOOD MANOR, Route 34, Cliffwood. 583-1126. **Luncheon** **menu** **every day**. **Specials** **from** \$3.95 to \$12. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Address**: Rte. 34. **Phone**: 566-6220.

SHREWSBURY RIVER, Shrewsbury River, Shrewsbury. 264-1245. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Address**: Rte. 34. **Phone**: 566-6220.

WILDFLOWER, 74 Main St., Matawan. 583-9220. **Lunch** **menu** **every day**. **Specials** **from** \$3.95 to \$12. **Hours**: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Address**: Rte. 34. **Phone**: 566-6220.

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