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## MARY ALICE KELLOGG

**"It got to the point where I told my friends I had rented my house for the month of August"**

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## LOVE LETTERS



Jason Robards and Elaine Strich revive their roles in the A.R. Gurney play "Love Letters" at the Bay Street Theatre in a special one-night-only performance Tuesday. Showtime is 8:00 p.m.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FORUM

With elementary school opening postponed until September 8, the school administration will host an open forum on Monday night at Pierson High School's auditorium to answer questions and offer final information about school opening. The forum begins at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to last until 8:00

## BANJO CONCERT

What's the sound of dozens of banjos strumming at the same time? You can find out tonight, Thursday, when the Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Long Island Banjo Society to Marine Park at 8 p.m. for the final summer concert.

## ON THE SCREEN

**SAG HARBOR THEATRE**  
Phone #725-0010  
When the Cat's Away - 7 p.m.  
The Van - 9 p.m.  
Fri. - Thurs.  
Dreamer Awakens (a play)  
Sunday at 5 p.m.

**SOUTHAMPTON CINEMAS**  
Phone #287-2749  
G.I. Jane  
Conspiracy Theory  
Event Horizon  
Money Talks

**EAST HAMPTON CINEMA**  
Phone #324-0448  
The Full Monty  
Copland  
Leave it to Beaver  
Air Force One  
Picture Perfect  
Contact  
A Smile Like Yours

## WEEKEND WEATHER

**THURSDAY AUGUST 21**  
 Rain will end late in day, temps in high 60s

**FRIDAY AUGUST 22**  
 Mostly cloudy, foggy, temps in low 70s

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23**  
 Sun and fair-weather clouds, high 70s

**SUNDAY AUGUST 24**  
 Mostly sunny with temps in low 80s

## Neighbors Irate Over EPA's Rowe Plan

by Bryan Boyhan  
The neighbors around the former Rowe Industries plant argue it's a case of too little too late. For twelve years, they say, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has been trying to develop a plan to get rid of the plume of toxic chemicals that flows through the groundwater beneath their homes, but the agency's efforts have not addressed the entire problem and, indeed, are cavalier.

consultants hired to effect the clean-up, has also caused the reconvening of the Rowe Industries Information Committee, a task force of local governmental officials, environmentalists and citizens who hammered away at the agency three years ago when it appeared that the original remediation plan might actually do more harm to the environment than good. But despite the tumult that ensued at Monday's meeting, EPA Project Manager Pamela Tames said yesterday that the agency plans to initiate the current plan beginning this September.

### Claim proposal doesn't address all the pollution

cal solvent and degreasers that have polluted the ground for more than twenty-five years. According to history and eyewitness testimony, the company, which was eventually purchased by Nabisco, Inc., would regularly dump the solvents into drywells and drains both in the building and outside. When the building burned in the 1960s, according to neighbor Anthony Fabiano who worked at the plant, 55-gallon drums of the solvents that had been stored behind the building, were plowed into the rubble and buried.

While the EPA has claimed they have no evidence that the mass burial of toxic waste occurred — and some neighbors claim they simply haven't looked for it — the agency assigned to oversee the restoration of the land and groundwater said on Monday that they are initiating a more aggressive cleanup measure than initially proposed three years ago, and the focus of that new effort will be the drum storage area and the parking lot behind the building that now houses Sag Harbor Industries and a handful of other local businesses. The amount of contaminated soil on the site, believed to be the prime source of the plume, has risen from 230 cubic yards to 1700 cubic yards.

soil vapor extraction system, a series of wells that will be inserted into the ground that will suck the contamination in the form of vapor out of the earth, through a charcoal filter, releasing presumably clean air. In addition, the consultant hired by Nabisco, who is paying the lion's share of the cleanup costs, Leggette, Brashears and Graham (LBG) will scrape off the top four feet of the most contaminated soil and treat it on-site before it is shipped off to a disposal area, likely Niagara Falls. The treatment will also add an air-sparging system which forces air into the ground below the water table which volatilizes the contaminants in the groundwater, neutralizing them, and

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## Late For School

### Parents have mixed reaction to delay in school opening

by Dave Udoff  
The Sag Harbor School Board's decision to push back the first day of classes at the elementary school from Wednesday, September 3 to the following Monday, September 8 due to the slow progress of the building's renovations has drawn a mixed reaction within the community.

Bateman, who has one other child in the elementary school, is not bothered by the board's decision but believes that any more delays could cause problems for the children. "They might start really late and take away vacation time throughout the year when kids really need that," she said.

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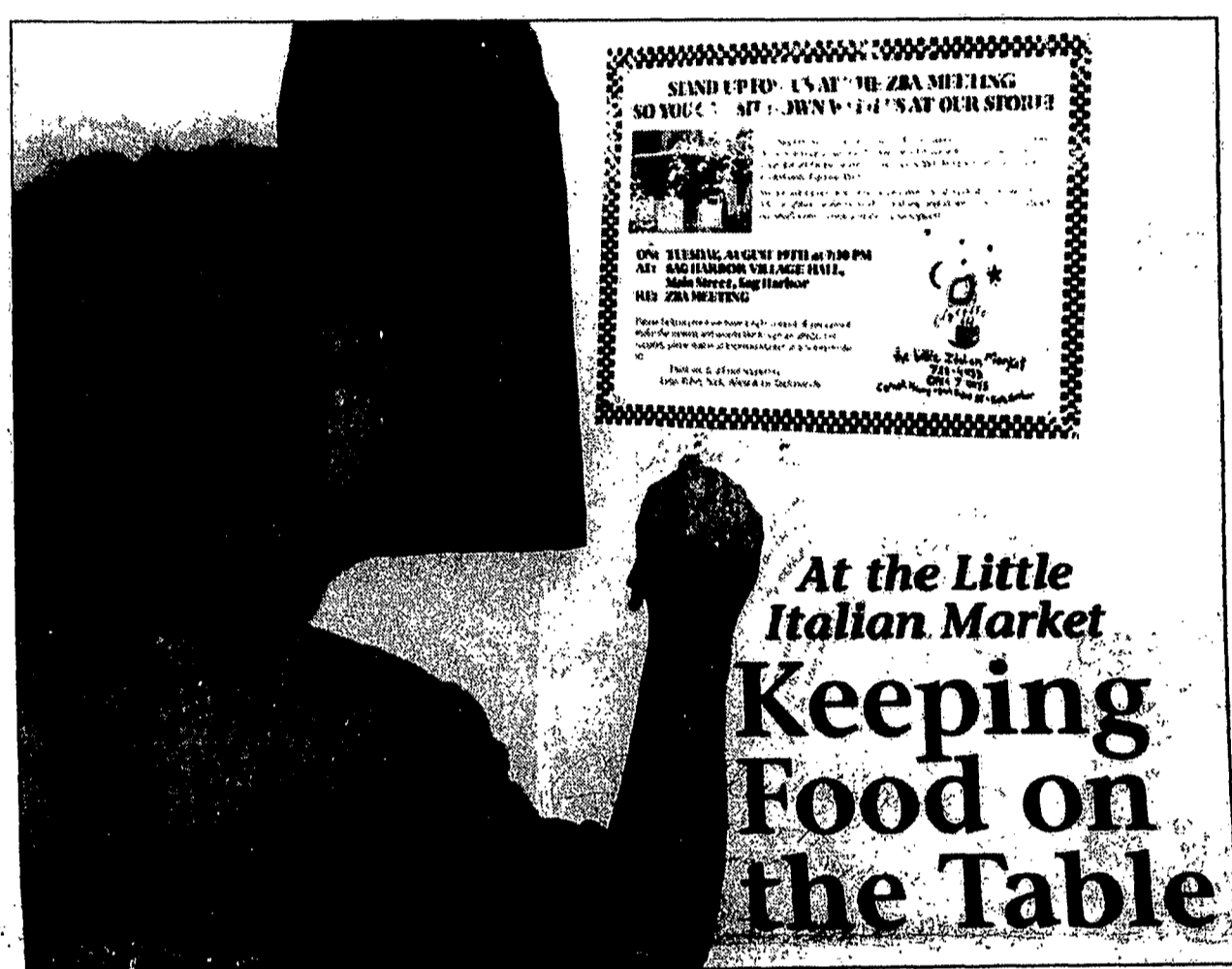
## OK Bridge Speed

### State agrees to lower proposed design speed

by Bryan Boyhan  
Residents of Sag Harbor and North Haven who have been concerned about the proposed speed on the new bridge to be built between their communities received some good news this week. According to State Assemblyman Fred Thiele the state has found a way to reduce the proposed design speed without seeking a special waiver from the federal government, a decision that will assuage local residents' fears that traffic crossing the bridge would actually wind up traveling faster than it currently does.

bridge to accommodate traffic traveling 37 mph. The state, which has regularly clocked traffic crossing the bridge at much higher speeds, argued that it needed to adhere to federal regulations that dictate a bridge be designed to the mean traffic speed: 44 mph.

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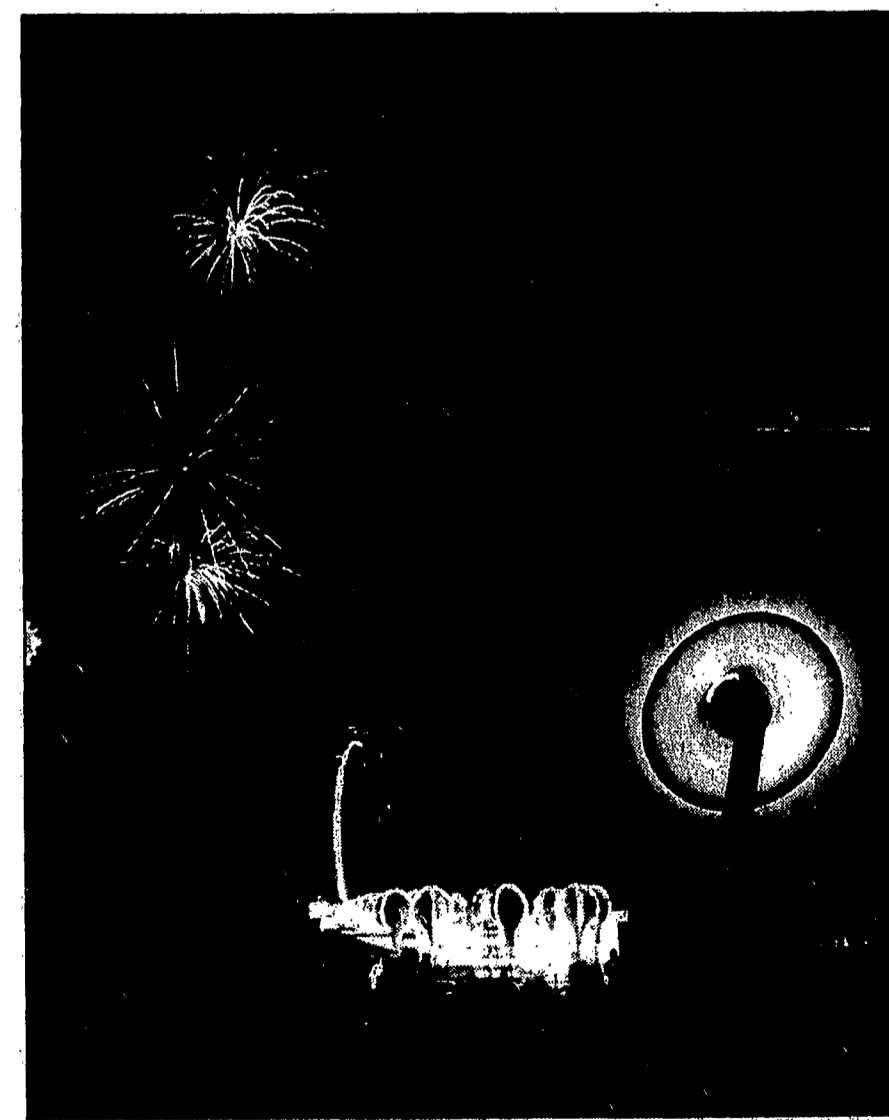


Attorney Patricia Weiss adds her name to a list of 841 others on petition on the wall of the Espresso market last week showing support for the business to continue allowing customers to eat inside the store

by Bryan Boyhan  
Surrounded by about fifty of his client's supporters, attorney John Bennett fought two battles on behalf of Espresso, the little Italian market in Sag Harbor, on Tuesday night. While he ultimately argued that the store which sells sandwiches, salads and other comestibles should also be allowed to let people eat them on the premises, he first had to convince the Sag Harbor Zoning Board of Appeals that theirs was the proper place to fight the battle. As of this writing it is still unclear if he was successful on either count.

no provision in the village code prohibiting retail food stores from allowing their customers to eat on-premise, virtually making it a permitted accessory use. And while it is fine if the village wants to prohibit the use in businesses now and into the future, said Bennett, they must allow Espresso to continue with its tables and chairs as a pre-existing, non-conforming use.

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Fire in the Sky

The Sag Harbor Fire Department's carnival attracted hundreds this past week, and featured fireworks over Havens Beach on Friday night.

## 911 Due in November

by Bryan Boyhan  
Today, the worst thing to do in an emergency if you live in Sag Harbor or Noyac is to call 911, according to an agent for Suffolk County. Your call could disappear to an operator in Chicago. Or Georgia. That will change, though, by the middle of November when a county-wide emergency service goes on line.

It would have excluded one of the local exchanges — either 283 or 287 — because of the way the system was unable to differentiate between the two exchanges.

village's police department. To confuse matters even more, the local fire department and ambulance squad are both dispatched by East Hampton Village. In times like this, the caller would be put on a patched call with dispatchers from both Southampton Town and East Hampton Village, one for police protection, the other for fire or ambulance needs. Some Noyac residents also are served by Southampton or Bridgehampton fire and ambulance services and the new system would be able to differentiate the districts.

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