

Better Living

Thu. 05.14.09

Award-winning native solo in the top

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

Ye olde re-enactment season is upon us again. Here you can learn the ways of Civil War soldiers with Company B of the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers (based in Clifton), which will replicate the living conditions of the Union Army.

When: 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Where: The Hermitage, 335 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus.

How much: Museum admission/tours \$5.

For more information: 201-445-8311 or thehermitage.org.



FAMILY NEVER FORGETS

TODD'S FAMILY DISCO

Named for Todd Ouida of River Edge, who died at 25 in the World Trade Center attacks, this family-friendly dance party

WORLD OF

COMEDY

7 AND 9:30 P.M. FRIDAY, ENGLEWOOD

FUNNY FUSION TAKEOUT

A local woman goes all-out for laughs, starting with the title of her multicultural comedy presentation: "3 Chop Schticks and a Jew."

TELL ME MORE: Demarest resident Esther Goodhart, a Korean-American-Jewish comedian who



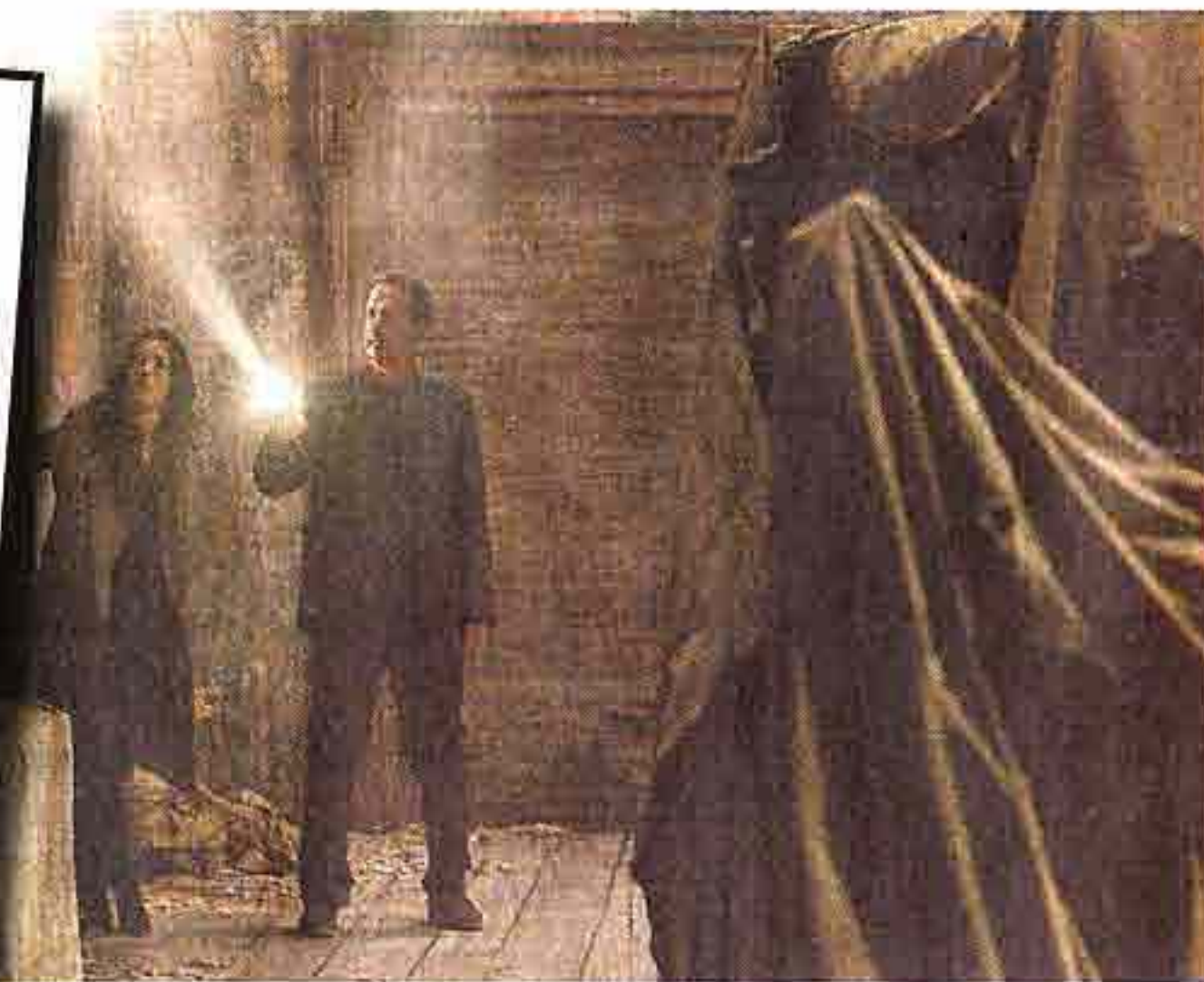
Helen Hong

calls herself the "Oriental Beauty," has been putting together cabaret-style events at bergenPAC to keep performance alive and to "give back to the diverse communities" that have enriched her own comedy. In this week's "3 Chop Schticks and a Jew" show, the lineup of comics reflects the show's title: Shecky Wong (Chinese), Rio Kioko (Japanese), Helen Hong (Korean) and Brad Zimmerman (the Jew).

QUOTE: "Most Asian girls my age have old-lady names like Helen or Esther or Pearl, you'll notice. It's like our immigrant parents somehow got their hands on a baby-name book from the 1920s and they just passed it around." — Helen Hong, onstage at Gotham Comedy Club

DETAILS: bergenPAC, 30 N. Van Brunt St., Englewood; 201-227-1030; or bergenpac.org. \$20 cover, plus two-drink minimum.

— Virginia Rohan



COMING FRIDAY

Hanks returns to theology-based intrigue in "The Da Vinci Code," the follow-up to the blockbuster film "The Da Vinci Code."

NEW MUSIC

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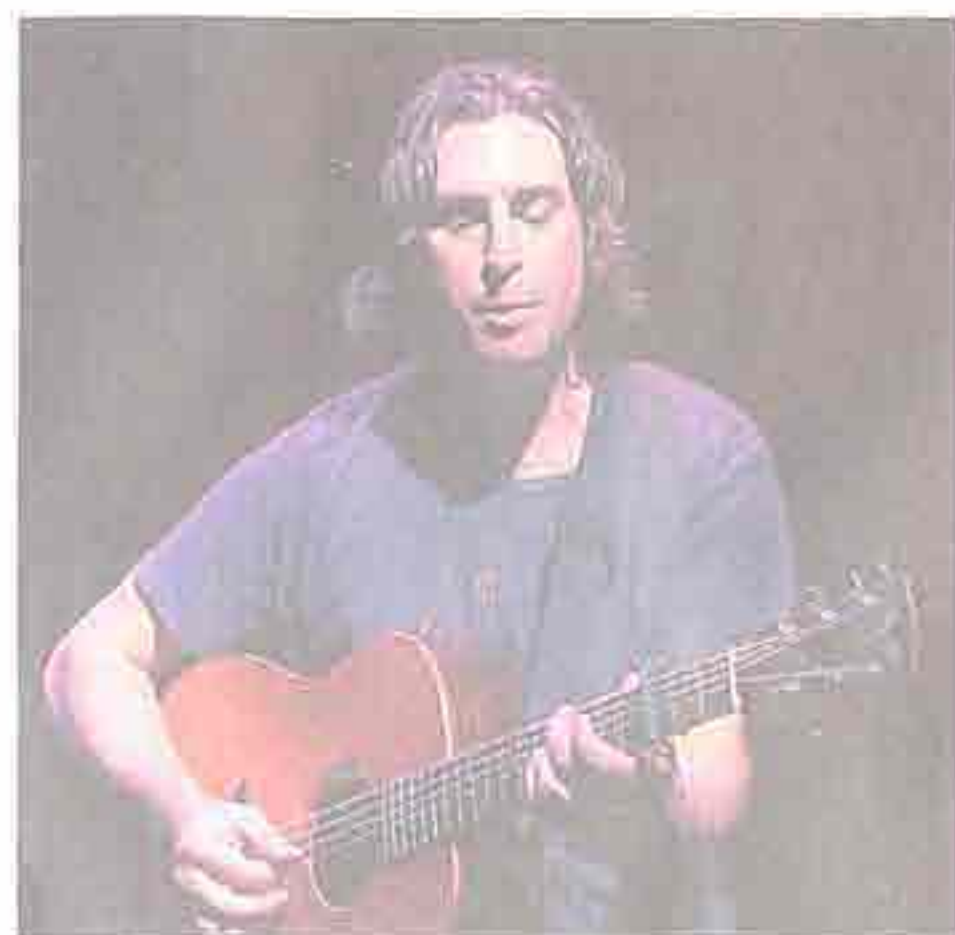
Acoustic guitar (and an acoustic bass) + dude-with-a-folksy sound = the duo's last show of the season.

7 p.m. Saturday.

The Acoustic Café at St. Mary's School, 100 Mont Ave., Park Ridge.

Ticket: \$15.

For more information: 201-261-8888 or cafeacoustic.org.



PLAYING A NEW GAME

BERNIE WILLIAMS (CD SIGNING)

He had more than 2,000 hits as a Yankee. Now he's pushing for one as a guitarist. Pick up his new CD, "Moving Forward," for which Bruce Springsteen is a guest.

When: 7 p.m. Friday, May 15.

Where: The Record, 100 Park Ave., 10th floor.

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