



JUNE 9, 2004 - JUNE 16, 2004

SATURDAY **12TH**

Whirl on over to Coney Island, where a host of artistes also known as the **Dreamland Artists Club**, under the aegis of artist **Steve Powers**, have taken Coney Island back to its glory days with all sorts of signs, murals and so forth. Mr. Powers, who has displayed a considerable penchant for **madrás** and designed **clear sneakers** for Nike, said: "The first thing I did when I moved to New York from Philly 10 years ago, after I dropped my bags, was to **hop on the train to Coney Island and get on the Cyclone**." He added that he loves Coney Island because "it's **tough and unsentimental**. It's a **hustling kind of place: the id of Brooklyn**. It keeps all of its fantasies alive, the pleasant as much as the not-so-pleasant." If you're part of that group that's **swarming, cicada-like, eastward**, stop by Southampton's **Parrish Art Museum**, where a weekend program of "**Landscape Pleasures**" includes a symposium where East Enders can learn about the region's ecological history they've so happily destroyed with their **real-estate pissing contests** If, on the other hand, you kept your dignity by **passing on that shabby Westhampton share**, and the line for the frogs exhibit (*rrribbit!*) has wrapped itself twice around the planetarium, **hippity-hop on the E** (N.Y.C.'s most timely subway!) and head to **Alley Pond Park** in Queens (*not* the new Brooklyn) to learn about **backyard bugs** like the aforementioned cicadas that are heading our way.

[*Landscape Pleasures*, the Parrish Art Museum Concert Hall, 25 Job's Lane, Southampton, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., 631-283-2118, ext. 33; *Backyard Bugs*, the Nature Center at Alley Pond Park, noon, 311; *Dreamland Artist Club*, Coney Island, tours every half hour beginning at 2 p.m., www.creativetime.org.]