

GO! TONIGHT

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A small, small stage

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SOUNDS

It's not fair that some of us get to look like Jamie-Lynn DiScala and sing like Patti Smith, and the rest of us do not. (And it's really unfair that some of us inspire cruel comparisons to Blair Warner on "The Facts of Life," but we digress). Anyway, Go! will try our darnedest not to hate Saugus native Eileen Rose (above). So what if she's beautiful, inspires a cult following, and gets to live in London? Now that we've reached the age where disclosing our age isn't really an option, maybe we can just nod in godmotherly approval at Rose's gift for turning irony and breakups into rootsy country rock. She'll take the stage at the tiny Tir na nOg, Union Square's rockin' roots spot, tonight at 9. The show is free. 366A Somerville Ave., Somerville, 617-628-4300.

JERSEY GROWL From the looks of it, **deSol** (inset) is a big bunch of fun-loving dudes from New Jersey, that murky den of political intrigue and really good pizza and bagels. (Go! harbors a secret love of New Jersey, having driven over the Tappan Zee and later onto the Garden State Parkway for holidays with the relatives of our Jersey-born spouse more times than we are willing to disclose. It was a question of surrendering to New Jersey, to the big, brassy fact of it, and now we're hooked.) Anyway, these seven Latin hipsters have an explosive, addictive rhythm that would sound great in our IROC-Z Camaro (if we had one). They play at **Ryles Jazz Club** tonight at 9. Tickets are \$10. 212 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 617-876-9330.

WHERE DID SUMMER GO? Labor Day Weekend is just two weeks away, pupils, and already we can smell the chalk dust. Soon enough, a lot of you will have more reading to do than you have waking hours, tee-hee! (Sorry, but it has been a long time since Go! had homework.) So let's pack a picnic and head out to **Franklin Park** for tonight's concert by the **Blue Notes**. Local vocal fave Valerie Stephens will open, setting the stage for a real jazz throwdown at the **Elma Lewis Playhouse** in the park at 7. Anyway, it's free, so you won't blow your schoolbook and lunch money. *Franklin Park, Columbia Road, 617-908-4002.*

BACK IN THE SADDLE Buffalo Tom has (for now, anyway) ridden off into the alterna-rock sunset, but former frontman Bill Janovitz isn't sitting 'round waiting for the next train to Georgia. As the leader of **Crown Victoria**, a foursome of friends including Buffalo Tom keyboardist Phil Aiken, he's reinvented himself. A few sessions at the old Fort Apache studio led to a new CD, "Fireworks on TV," that has a stripped-down, ragged intensity. But these were no throwaway jam sessions, dearies; the songs that emerged tell a story and, at moments, give Go! a mild case of the cigarette-lighter-waving goosebumps. Janovitz has a gruff but pleasant voice and a pretense-free style we wouldn't mind getting more of. In other words, we dig. Crown Vic pulls up to the **Paradise** tonight at 9 with Francine and Señor Happy. Tickets are \$7. 969 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8814.

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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY The winter holidays are, thank goddess, still a long way off. But it's never too early for some family dysfunction, which comes up in spades in "**The House of Yes.**" Hipsters know it as an indie film that dished up Parker Posey at her cruel and clever best (the rest of you can just shut your eyes and picture the merging of Rebecca Pigeon and Cruella De Vil). It's also a play that finishes a two-week run tonight at the **Loeb Experimental Theater** in Harvard Square (where, coincidentally, Pigeon has herself appeared in plays by husband David Mamet). The play, about a Jackie O.-obsessed, pill-popping faux socialite and her twin brother, takes place during a family Thanksgiving in the midst of a hurricane. The Harvard-Radcliffe Summer Theater Company production stars Rebecca Levy and Geordie Broadwater (above). Tickets are \$14. 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-496-2222.

BITES

SLOW AND SEASONAL What would you say to a year-round public market that offered fresh locally grown produce, dairy products, poultry, and seafood in a large, centrally located hall in Boston? The Boston Public Market Association, a nonprofit consortium of foodies, has been working since 2001 to bring this dream to reality. Chefs at Hamersley's Bistro, Icarus, L'Espalier, Rialto, Radius, Oleana, and other tony restaurants are lining up behind the effort with a series of fund-raising dinners. The first round will take place at several of these spots on Sept. 21. Dinner costs \$200 per person, including wine and tip. Guests will hear a short presentation about the market as they dine from a specially created menu. Call 617-945-0111 for more information and tickets. Of course, September is still a long way off, so meanwhile, Go! suggests stopping by **Enoteca**, the wine bar at Via Matta, for a taste of chef Michael Schlow's new menu of seasonal snacks. He's got heirloom tomatoes with cucumbers, warm marinated olives, Tuscan spareribs, and homemade ricotta with sage and olive oil, ranging in price from \$8 to \$17. 75 Park Plaza, 617-422-0008. *Events can always be canceled, rescheduled, or sold out; call to confirm. Go! can be reached at go@globe.com or by calling 617-929-8257. ■*