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Garda warning after cars are set alight 'DON'T JOIN VIGILANTES!'

Hold tight!



HERE WE GO! Vanessa Hynes and Serena Swaine, Ballinteer, at the summer opening of Rainbow Rapids in Dun Laoghaire. Picture: Colin O'Riordan

by CHARLES MALLON

VIGILANTE style action against Dublin's southside crime wave was discouraged by gardai today.

Community groups also expressed concern at the threat of local reaction to a spate of arson attacks.

After a weekend in which eight vehicles were burned, a leading member of the Concerned Parents Against Drugs warned that action would be taken.

Meetings are to be held in Dun Laoghaire and Ballybrack to establish a community watch organisation, said Mr Kevin Fitzpatrick.

He said they would initially warn parents of those responsible about the actions of their children.

DANGERS

But the Sinn Fein member added that if the vandalism was not halted, homes would be targeted for vigils and public protests.

But Supt Matt Cosgrave, Dun Laoghaire said



One of the burnt-out cars after the arson attacks

"No vigilante style activity will be allowed here. There is only one police force and people must realise the dangers. They could be creating rival gangs."

The Superintendent promised extra patrols for the area and said a special patrol unit was already in existence. But the vandals carried out their weekend attacks around 5 am - just after the unit had finished duty.

"There are a group of young people out in the Ballybrack area who are

uncontrollable. We have a good idea of who is responsible but getting evidence is another matter," said Superintendent Cosgrave.

Fine Gael's Justice spokesman Sean Barrett insists that while taxpayers are paying heavily, they are left without proper protection. He plans to bring up the arson attacks in the Dail.

"It is only by sheer luck that there was no loss of life or serious injury when cars were set alight in Killiney and Ballybrack," he said.

Police hold Guildford 'two'

TWO members of the Guildford Four, Patrick Armstrong and Gerard Conlon, were among seven people arrested on suspicion of drugs offences in London over the weekend. They were held in police custody over-

night and then released. They were ordered to report to Kings Cross police station on August 14.

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Quinn boost



Soccer star Niall Quinn to join Irish squad in Boston after all. See Page 40.

Dub delight over Foran

GAA midfielder set to return for Dublin. See Page 40.

Why Aldo wants out

Republic star John Aldridge wants to leave Real Sociedad. See Page 40.

Harry packs them in

HE sticks to the traditions of Tin Pan Alley and the big band sound, but when Harry Connick Jr sings Gus Kahn, Ellington, Gershwin or Cole Porter, the songs and the arrangements do not sound one bit dated.

This 23 year old from New Orleans, complete with 15 piece orchestra, worked a packed Point Depot like it was an L.A. nightclub — ad libbing mid-song, joking with the audience and mixing his own latter day big band compositions with the music of another era.

Review Eugene Moloney

The voice is not as distinctive as Sinatra's but there is still much to admire.

Connick knows his territory well. He is right in there, a paid-up member of the song-writing school which reckons if you have a lyric with the word 'moon', it may as well rhyme with 'June.'

Certainly Harry does not doubt his own talent. Before launching into his composition Recipe For Love, he announced: "I want to leave my mark on my generation. That's why I write songs."

Et Cetera

I WONDER if the numerous Indian restaurants in Glasgow have had any sort of a marketing problem of late. Ad Lib passed a restaurant called Baghdad yesterday afternoon and a few yards further up the road we came upon a second: Gandhi

COMMOTION Theatre had a press conference in the Project Theatre last week which introduced the Romanian author of Vlad Dracula the Impaler to Ireland.

According to the Project "a number of intellectuals and poets had been invited to attend. Names yet to be confirmed." Do we have intellectuals in Ireland? Could they mean Richard Kearney?

Vlad is being put on as part of the international Mayday to Bloomsday Theatre Festival currently taking place. A number of Russians from other productions in town were also present. The Russians take these things very seriously. Not only do they send you their cultural attache type, but they also send the accountant.

Best of Irish for Cork rock event

Wired

THIS YEAR'S Annual Rock Showcase, Cork Rock '91, features a sensational line-up of the best of young Irish bands.

Of the 15 bands who'll be playing over the three nights of next weekend at Sir Henry's, only six are from Dublin — the Precious Stones, Bird, The Subterraneans, The Chelsea Drugstore, Brilliant Trees and Lir.

The other nine bands prove that Dublin is no longer the centre of musical innovation. There are those who view the success of The Saw Doctors and The Stunning as just the beginning of a wave of talented bands from around the country.

Next weekend record company scouts can catch A Touch Of Oliver and The Cranberries from Limerick,

IRS from Athy, The Frank And Walters and The Sultans of Ping from Cork, Therapy from Belfast, Azure Days from Carlow, The Wishing Stones from Waterford and Toasted Heretic from Galway.

To complete the festivities, there'll be a Lark By The Lee on Bank Holiday Monday, headlined by Power Of Dreams.

DON'T forget that Jonathan Richman will be at McGonagles tonight... Mary Coughlan is working on her next album with her original producer Eric Visser... The Rolling Stones are looking for a record deal... as part of Salmon Festival.

Morrissey's tour plagued by problems

MORRISSEY'S tour seems plagued with problems.

Rock critic Eugene Moloney stirred up a hornet's nest when he gave the singer's Stadium gig the thumbs down. His opinions were shared by many other writers.

Then last week the unfortunate Morrissey was forced to postpone his sell-out show at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow because of a throat infection.

His voice problems began at Aberdeen. The trouper gamely attempted to fulfil his obligations the following night at Dundee. However he was forced to abandon the show after only nine songs.

It's expected that Morrissey will perform in Glasgow on his return from his American tour.



Meanwhile, his former partner in The Smiths, Johnny Marr releases his debut album with Electronic today.

The 10-track album is a collaboration with Bernard Sumner of New Order. The pair write, perform and produce themselves.

Pet Shop Boys join the duo on one co-written track. The album includes Electronic's current hit Get The Message.



Irish singles chart

Last week's placings in brackets

- 1 (1) The Shoop Shoop Song (Its in His Kiss) Cher
- 2 (3) Shiny Happy People REM
- 3 (10) Gypsy Women Crystal Waters
- 4 (4) Tainted Love Soft Cell
- 5 (28) Move Your Body Technotronic
- 6 (21) Your Swaying Arms Deacon Blue
- 7 (14) Baby Baby Amy Grant
- 8 (11) R.S.V.P. Jason Donovan
- 9 (9) Promise Me Beverley Craven
- 10 (26) The Simple Truth Chris De Burgh
- 11 (8) Call It What You Want

- 12 (—) I Wanna Sex You Up New Kids on the Block
- 13 (6) Fading Like A Flower Color Me Bad
- 14 (2) Senza Una donna (Without A Woman) Roxette
- 15 (—) Success Zuchero & Paul Young
- 16 (—) See The Lights Dannai Minogue
- 17 (—) Gameshow Simple Minds
- 18 (5) Touch Me The Subterraneans
- 19 (7) Sailing On the Seven Seas Cathy Dennis
- 20 (—) Caught in My Shadow OMD

Chart courtesy of the I.F.P.I.

The Subterraneans, During Stone Down and Thorax will perform at the Leixlip Amenities Centre at 6.15 p.m. on Thursday... Dick Farrelly's new outfit Forbidden Fruit at The Sandford Inn on Wednesday will feature Don Harris on drums and Niamh Kavanagh who sings three tracks on the soundtrack of the Commitment's movie... Crystal Waters, in the charts with the brilliant Gypsy Woman, is also a published poet.



MARY COUGHLAN new album

Cure contest t-shirt winner THE winner of Robert Smith's shirt in our recent Cure competition was H. Kearney, 32 Woodbine Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

News Update

Soccer teen

FOOTBALL mad British teenager Eleanor Maher has postponed going to college for a year to watch her favourite team.

Eleanor, 18, of Tylney Road, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, has turned down college places to follow the fortunes of newly-promoted Sheffield Wednesday.

Young love

Heart-throb soap star Sid Owen says young marriages are becoming fashionable because of the Aids risk.

Sid, 19, who plays Ricky in BBC's EastEnders, is engaged to Amanda Berry, sister of former Albert Square star Nick Berry.

Graves visit

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Duke of Kent today visited graves of servicemen in Crete who died in a battle for the island 50 years ago this week.

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