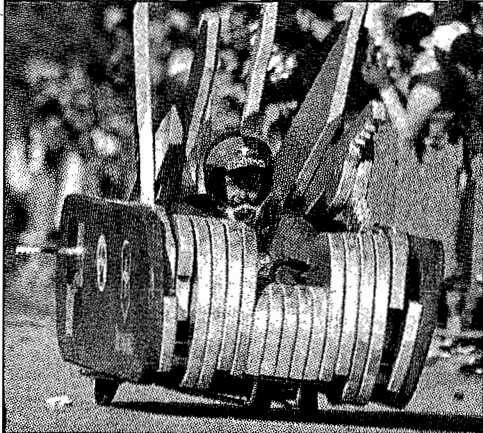


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## seize today

Creative soapbox  
race on College Hill

The **Red Bull Soapbox Race** pits 61 teams of riders against one another today on a course that runs from the top to the bottom of College Hill. Entrants are judged on speed, creativity of their improvised vehicle and showmanship. The event's opening ceremony is at the top of Waterman Street in Providence at 12:30 p.m., followed by the start of the races at 1, continuing through the afternoon. For more information, visit [www.redbullsoapboxusa.com](http://www.redbullsoapboxusa.com).

## R.I. Philharmonic

The **Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra** kicks off its 63rd season at Veterans Memorial Auditorium tonight with Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The Philharmonic, under conductor Larry Rachleff, opens the evening's program with Richard Strauss' tone poem "Don Juan." The concert begins at 8 p.m.; tickets range from \$27 to \$65. Call (401) 248-7000.

## See the stars

The **Astronomical Society of Southern New England** holds its annual **open house** tonight at Carpenter Museum in Rehoboth. It's a family event with demonstrations, and an evening of viewing through many types of telescopes. The event is free at 7 p.m.; the museum is at the corner of Locust and Bay State roads just off Route 118. Call (401) 245-6471 or visit [www.assne.org](http://www.assne.org).

South  
County  
art

The second annual **HopArts Studio Trail open studios** event takes place this weekend in Hopkinton and neighboring communities in South County. Hours are today

and tomorrow, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and brochures and maps are available at Langworthy Public Library, 24 Spring St., Hope Valley. Call (401) 539-4203 or visit [www.hoparts.org](http://www.hoparts.org).

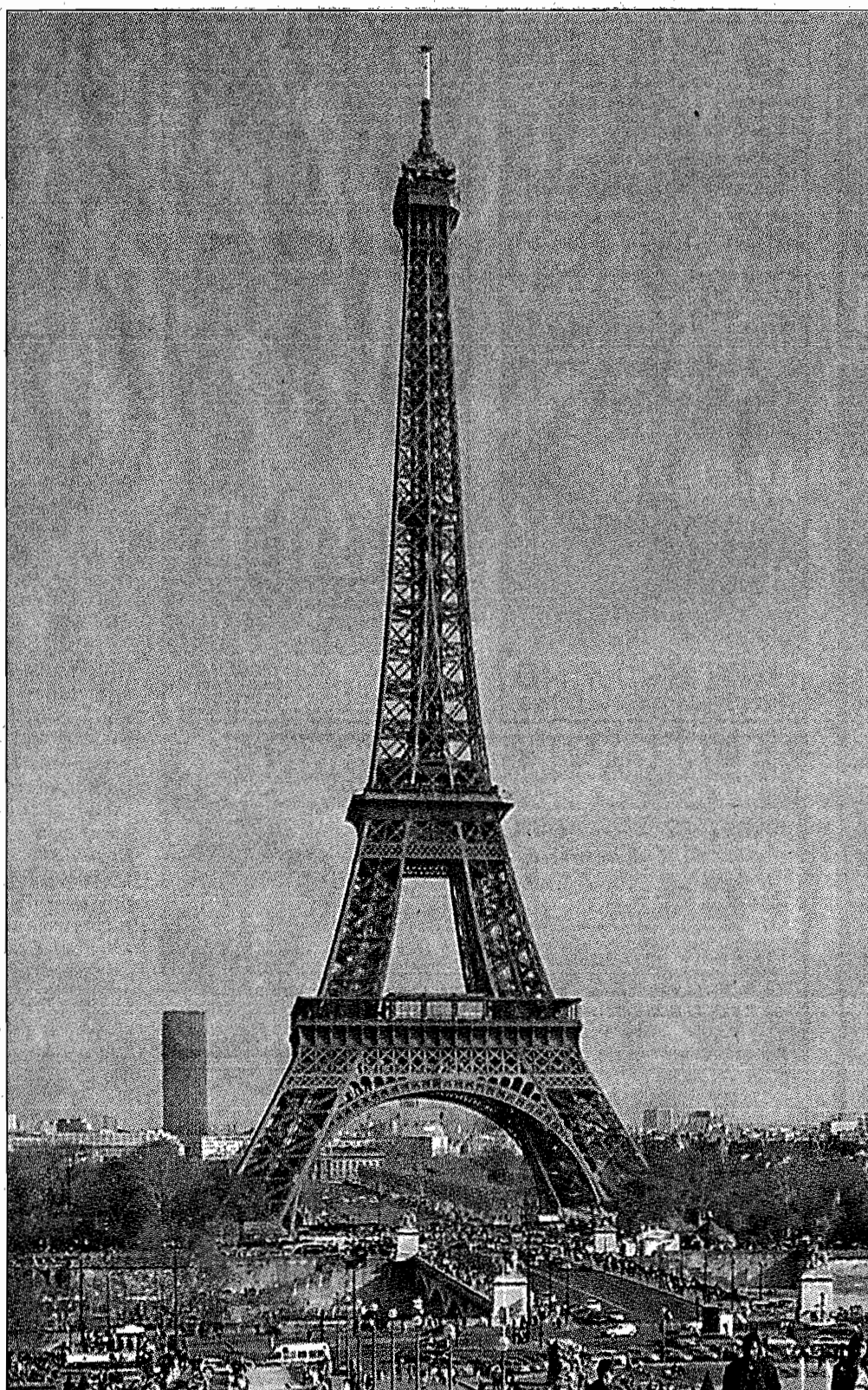
## Wildlife in wood

The seventh annual **Bird and Wildlife Carving Exposition** is today and tomorrow at the Audubon Society's Environmental Education Center, Route 114 in Bristol. Twenty of the best carvers in the Northeast will be there, displaying their works and leading workshops. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. Call (401) 245-7500 or visit [www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org).

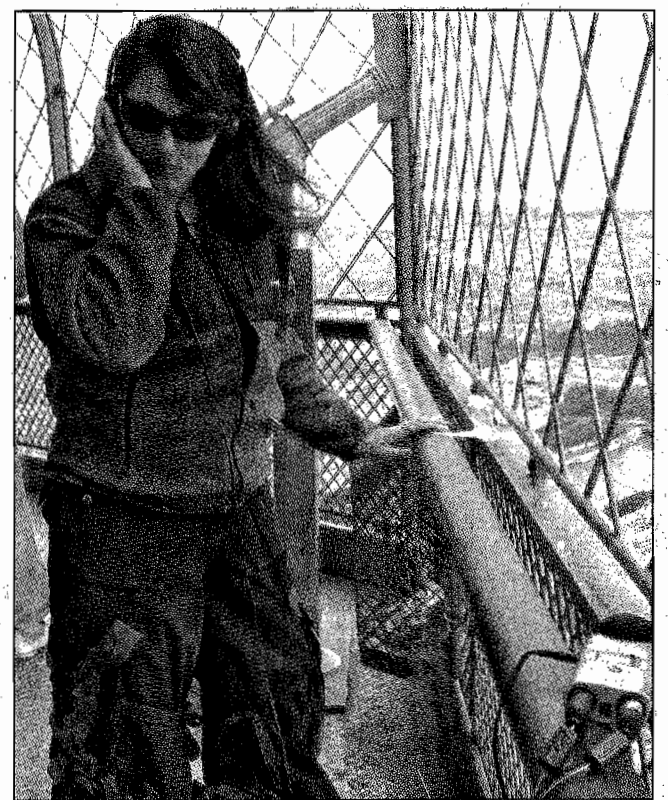
For complete movie listing, See D8. For more events today, see What's Happening, D3.

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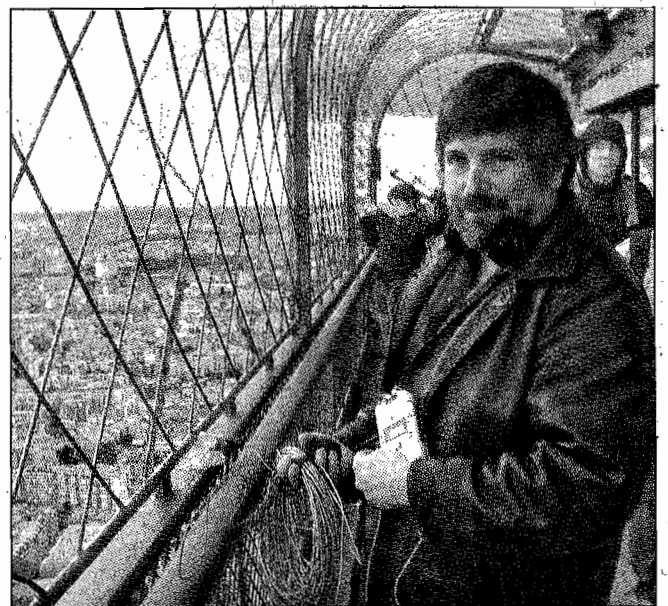
Want to learn more about weekend events? Read the Lifebeat Weekend section every Thursday or go to [projo.com/lifebeat](http://projo.com/lifebeat) anytime.



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CHINA BLUE WONG

China Blue Wong, top, and husband, Seth Horowitz, above, record the sound of the Eiffel Tower, left. Sometime in the next few months, Wong says she'd like to take her tower recordings and turn them into installation art, what she calls a "sound sculpture."

## EIFFEL TOWER SOUNDS OFF

And Brown professor China Blue Wong is making art out of her recordings

BY BRYAN ROURKE  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Most people simply look at the Eiffel Tower. China Blue Wong listens to it. You can, too.

Wong, an adjunct professor in Brown's art department and a fellow in its psychology department, recently returned from Paris. There, she made recordings on and around the soaring steel structure: people visiting it, elevators traversing it and cars passing it.

However, Wong also recorded the sound of the structure itself. This, she says, no one has heard before. That's because no one can — not

without special equipment, which, of course, Wong used.

The goal is art. The means is science. Sometime in the next few months, Wong says she'd like to take her tower recordings and turn them into installation art, what she calls a "sound sculpture," a room surrounded with speakers giving visitors an audio sense of place, namely the Eiffel Tower.

"There's an interesting balance between the human experience and the actual structural integrity that coalesces in the acoustic arena."

While Wong's installation is months away, the contributing elements for her art are available now for all to hear, and see:

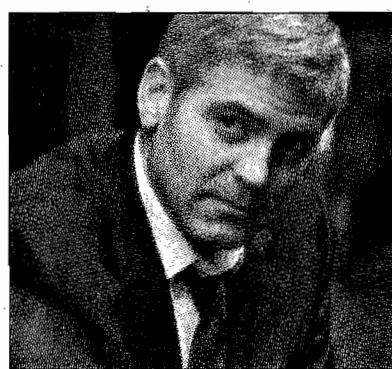
[www.chinablueart.com/eiffeltower.htm](http://www.chinablueart.com/eiffeltower.htm).

The site shows pictures of the four places on the tower where Wong recorded: the basement machine room for the elevators; the ground level in front of a restaurant; and two observation landings, one half way up and the other at the top. At each site, Wong recorded for 17 minutes. She used binaural microphones, one on each side of her head, which register the direction of ambient noise.

"What's recorded is from your vantage point. It makes it very personal."

And Wong used seismic microphones,

SEE **SOUND, D3**



CLOONEY

## Success lets Clooney do films that drive him

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If there's a do-it-yourself movement in Hollywood, George Clooney could be its leader.

After years of taking what was offered, including bad movies such as *Batman & Robin*, Clooney took charge of his career. The result has left the former star of TV's *ER* an Academy Award-winning actor and Oscar-nominated filmmaker who uses his stardom to do films he truly cares about, including the new legal drama *Michael Clayton*, which opened yesterday.

*Michael Clayton* stars Clooney in the title role, a former prosecutor now on the verge of financial disaster and toiling as a fixer at a huge Manhattan law firm, a man who makes unseemly problems go away for high-rolling clients.

Clayton's dormant humanity is put to the test after a colleague (Tom Wilkinson) undermines a lawsuit involving a huge corporate client, prompting ruthless action by the company's in-house legal eagle (Tilda Swinton).

SEE **ACTOR, D2**

## PEOPLE

## Bloom in car accident; Carey engaged; Roger Moore gets star

**Orlando Bloom** was involved in a minor car crash on a Hollywood street early yesterday morning, police said.

Witnesses told police the *Pirates of the Caribbean* star was driving alone on Fountain Avenue when another vehicle cut him off and he hit a parked car, said Officer Ana Aguirre. Bloom, 30, wasn't injured and filed a report with police, Aguirre said.

"No alcohol was involved, and he wasn't speeding," Aguirre said. There was minor damage to his car and the parked car, she said.



BLOOM

host of *The Price Is Right* just got engaged to **Nicole Jaracz**, a recent graduate of culinary school, earlier this week, said his spokeswoman, Christina Papadopoulos.

"It will be the first marriage for

Aguirre didn't know the exact time or location of the crash.

**Drew Carey** has finally found Ms. Right.

Carey, the new

both. No date for a wedding has been set yet," said Papadopoulos.

Carey, 49, will debut as host of the CBS game show on Monday. The comedian starred in his own ABC sitcom and also hosted the game shows *Power of 10* and *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

Best known for playing James Bond on the big screen, **Roger Moore** now has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of an address that includes the spy's signature 007.

Moore, 79, received his permanent spot on Hollywood Boulevard on Thursday, accompanied by friends and family.

The British actor made seven Bond films, starting with *Live and Let Die* in 1973 and ending 12 years later with *A View to a Kill*.

Moore's star sits in front of 7007 Hollywood Blvd., an ice cream parlor that claims to be the birthplace of the hot fudge sundae.

Compiled by Mikki Catanzaro from wire reports.



