



WARWICK ROCKY



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FREE - AT THE WARWICK MALL CINEMAS

LET'S KEEP A GOOD THING

The RHPS will be entering it's fourth "big" week this weekend at the Warwick Mall. So far, the show has been a tremendous success as reflected in the attendance. Those of you who have followed the show have never seen such consistantly large crowds. There have been single isolated nights that matched this, but only on big occasions like anniversary shows, Halloween, give-away-nights, or last shows. (Can you imagine one of those big nights here - the manager would have to show the movie in 2 or 3 of his cinemas!)

Doing the show as a cast member, big crowds provide us with extra energy to really do the best we can because so many people are out there. We are not professionals in the sense of getting paid for what we do, so our reward is the excitement of "hamming" it up in front of the audience. All we really are are audience members like yourselves except we act out the show also. But we still are audience members because we all came from the audience and we all are participants in the very unique happening of the RHPS (What do you mean you know something else like it!). We are all here for the same reason - to have fun.

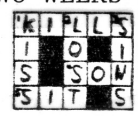
It is as an audience member that I ask that everyone who comes here has a good time. This is asked of the audience, the cast, the managers, the ushers, and even the security guards (they like it here too, they just don't want to admit it). And I know that most people do only just that. Throwing rice, toilet paper, toast, confetti, and cards is an expected part of the show. So is squirting water and holloring out lines (and insults and obsenities - we love verbal abuse). What I need to ask people, hopefully as a friend, is that those who do throw things that might hurt someone else or damage the theatre please not do that. Most of the time it hasn't even been cast members from the audience in the front who've gotten hurt, but audience members sitting down that have been hurt the most. One person from the audience last week was hit squarely between the eyes by an object. That's not having fun, it's just ruining it for everyone else at the show.

The people who throw objects that can hurt people are a very small minority. Everyone else just goes to go a little crazy and have some fun. It's a shame that the bad incidents stick out, but they do. They always will. They have to. All the rest of the audience is asking is that those few people who do try to hurt others keep coming but without the intention to hurt. The main force of the show is derived from insanity, not malice.

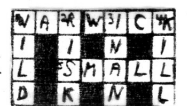
Most people who have gone a little too far problaby just caught up in a frenzy and acted out of their usual character. There may be 1 or 2 who simply have problems that can only be vented by hurting strangers sitting a few isles down with their backs turned to them and their concentration elsewhere. It won't really matter what the reason is once someone gets hurt badly by something they never saw coming from someone they never knew and problably never will. And there's no shame in any of you being affraid of getting hurt. I know I'm affraid sometimes.

Hundreds of people each night are having a lot of fun here without hurting anyone. They must be, or else they wouldn't keep coming back. But if one person throws something that hurts another person bad enough, everyone will lose. The fun will just go away.

TWO WEEKS AGO



LAST WEEK



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See you later.

Beware the Ides of March