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► **Acoustic at Sharon Woods:** The Somerset Concert Series kicks off today with music by **Doug Boyd**, 7:30 p.m., Somerset Church, Heritage Village Museum, Sharonville. 53. 563-0484.

► **Jazz Thursday:** United Healthcare's free Thursday jazz series starts 7:30 p.m. today on Fountain Square with **Sound Body Jazz Orchestra**. More jazz — other groups — weekly through June. 578-3101.

► **Art on the edge:** It's an opening at Intuitive, the downtown shop known for its adventurous merchandise. You'll find ceramics by **Roy Cartwright**, jewelry by **Beth Persell** and visual arts by **Helen Burden**, **June Cash** and **Gina Stevenson**. Meet the artists 6-10 p.m. today. 913 Vine St. 721-4772.

STAYING IN

► **Critic's picks:** Strike up the band! **Erich Kunzel** and the **Cincinnati Pops Big Band III** Parade taped in 1997, wraps up Thursday (8 p.m., Channel 48) before **Evening at Pops** starts June 17. And TV Critic **John Kiewers**, ter says **Carlos Santana** will open the 1999 **ALMA Awards**, the American Latino Media Arts award (8 p.m., Channel 9.2). (Check out **Santana** live June 17 at Riverbend.)

THE GOODS

(What's in stores today)
► **Muscle-mania:** *Muscle & Fitness* magazine, the bible for "living super-fit," celebrates its 16th anniversary in high style with its thickest issue yet. The 400-page special collector's edition features a faxed-back Joe Weider, founder and publisher. It also includes a special pull-out Photomatrix collage of a shirtless Arnold Schwarzenegger.



► **More muscle:** *Men's Health* magazine is now on sale as a bimonthly magazine in France, and publisher Rodale Press is calling it the magazine's most successful of 20 years — success launched to date. The French language edition will circulate in Canada, Belgium, Switzerland and Africa. Also on tap for international versions of *Men's Health* this year are Japan, China and Italy.

PLANNING AHEAD

► **A day away:** Here's a low-cost way to entertain the little ones after school is out: Super Saver Cinema at Forest Park Mall and Big's Esquire, where tickets to second-run films normally cost \$2, are cutting prices to \$1 per ticket for all weekday morning shows (before noon) beginning Friday and continuing through August.

► **72 hours 'til Sunday:** Scroll through five beautiful gardens during the Wyoming Annual Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Benker's Market on Springfield Pike: \$10 day tour. 821-5887.

► **One week away:** Summer means outdoor concerts. This time — free jazz. The Wyoming Business Association presents "Jazz on the Green," 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at the park at 400 Wyoming Ave. Local group the **Clyde Brown Trio** performs. 821-9300.

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► Mary Helen Sinclair, far right, and Sandy Martin, second from right, chat with Cheryl and Sally during the Las Vegas gathering.

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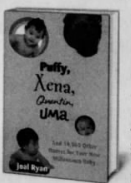
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Baby names: So long, Ashley; hello Xena

BY LORETTA GRANTHAM Cox News Service

You may have thumbed through one of those dog-eared, pink paperbacks searching for your moniker's derivation and deep meaning. You know: "Jennifer: Celtic, 'white wave'." But a new baby-name book has been born, this one line green and with an attitude: **Puffy, Xena, Quentina, Uma** and 10,000 Other Names for Your New Midwestern Baby. Jennifer's out. So is Kimberly, Ashley, Matthew and Robert. Also passe: otherwise same names spelled weirdly that will create a lifetime of headaches for the DMV, such as Jaycye and Mychell.



The tots of tomorrow, just to name a few, are Jabel, Ite and Quon. Baine, Ingo and Zafon. The first three are in the girls' section, but we sense a unisex trend.

Written by Joel (dad John mom Alice) Ryan and in stores Monday, **Puffy, Xena** is more than a hand roster. It's also a commentary.

Ms. Ryan divides names into categories. Among them: ► Picket T's. Durable classics like Paige, Vanessa, Eric, James.

► Peanut-Butter-and-Jelly Sandwiches. Easily digestible like Jill, Karen, Alan, Keith.

► Trendy Suspenders. Flashes in the pan like Gwyneth, Whitney, Frasier, Garth. "So it's come to this, has it?" writes Ms. Ryan, 32. "You with the living room full of cheap

Swedish furniture, a decade-old college debt and an expansive videogame collection. You, friend, have just had your ticket to Grown-Up Land punched. So, what are you gonna name the kid?"

Many entries include pros and cons. Gloria "Plus A side choice. Minus: That Laura Branigan song." Campbell: "Plus: The less trendy alternative to Cameron. Minus: The soap thing."

The author stresses that "everyone's got an opinion on what's good, bad and why."

"In the end," she says, "there are no rights and wrongs, just degrees of therapy bills." Sure hope little Puffy has insurance.

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Terri Roth



Peter Zolnowski

Mellow rhino finally meets his match

Bottom line: Did they leave a progress rhino in their wake? Referring here to Cincinnati Zoo staffers, Dr. Terri Roth, director of the Center for Research of Endangered Wildlife, and Steve Romo, hoofstock area supervisor. They specialize in getting endangered Sumatran rhinos pregnant (twice here, though would-be mom Emi lost both babies).

The International Rhino Foundation invited them to Way Kambas, Indonesia, to work magic (cycle monitoring, ultrasound, observation) on a male who lost interest (the mellow male, they called him) another who was too aggressive and six females who were getting impatient.

Well, whatever they did worked. To a point. Mellow male regained interest and did the deed with three females. So are we expecting? "We thought one was, but it was a false alarm. Two more are possible," Roth said. "We're waiting for news."

A follow-up visit is planned but uncheduled.

ALL FOR LAUGHS: Add this to the list of Jobs You Don't Want: Josh Sneed's.

Seems Go Hazzard, the Montgomery comedy club, put him in charge of its famed per se in Cincinnati contest. This is a town not known for its sense of humor, but Sneed is holding up. "We're halfway through, and there have been some duds, but there's some real talent, too. We'll keep digging."

Last year, he found winner, **Gary Bowling**, now an emcee at Bataan at night but still an accountant by day.

Now at the 1999 midpoint, Sneed has found more than 80 comedians — everyone from CPAs to paramedics. For Mitchell's Joe Seiter, a teen-ager who cast this close to winning last



JIM KNIPPENBERG
Knip's Eye View

year is back. Since January the comics have been competing on Wednesdays (every other Wednesday during the summer). The eight comics do five minutes each. Two are selected by audience response to return to compete against six other survivors. Professional judges whittle that group to one, who's invited to the December finals.

DRESS UPS: Yeah, we know the Drag Races are a lot of fun. But what's more fun is watching unsuspecting tourists. As out-of-towner Richard Mahley asked last year: "Why are these men in high heels?"

Well, the races are back, says Peter Zolnowski of AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, a people-watching Court Street Sunday are in for some gender-bending. First, there's a street fair room to midnight, highlighted by the race.

Relay teams, in heels, handbags, wigs and dresses, race down Court Street from Race to Race. Like the gay last year in yellow mini-skirt and checked pantyhose. Or the one in a tight red dress with a 15-foot tail trailing behind — and that pink bra.

Runners, 15 teams from bars around town, compete for the Golden Pump. The high heel now is on display at last year's winner, Carol's on Main.

Knip's Eye View appears Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Have an item to report? Call Jim Knippenberg at 768-8513.



Newly re-formed Pure Prairie League, from left: Fats Kaplin, Gary Burr, Craig Fuller, Mike Reilly, Rich Schell, Michael Connor.

Pure Prairie League reunites, will do June 13 show at Jillian's

BY LARRY NAGER The Cincinnati Enquirer

Pure Prairie League, the local country-rock band that rode to the top of the national pop charts in the mid-'70s with "Annie," has reunited. June 13, the group will appear at a concert at Jillian's.

The Jillian's show will introduce the club complex's 1,200-capacity warehouse facility for national concerts. Showtime is 8 p.m., with the expanded version of Wild Blue Yonder opening the show. Tickets are \$15. Ticketmaster outlets (662-4949) and at Jillian's (522 W. 12th St., Covington) 491-5288.

Craig Fuller, who wrote and sang the 1975 hit "Annie," a miniseries of oldies radio, is back with the band. The lineup includes original members Michael Connor on keyboards and Mike Reilly on bass and vocals. They'll be joined by late-tray PPL singer/songwriter Gary Burr (1981-83), multi-instrumentalist Fats Kaplin, on pedal steel, fiddle and mandolin, and drummer Rick Schell.

PPL formed in 1971, playing such local venues as Ludlow Garage. Signed to RCA, the band recorded a couple of commercially unsuccessful LPs before the label dropped them. Shortly after Mr. Fuller quit the band, FM radio stations began playing the "Falling In and Out of Love/Annie" medley from the band's second album, *Butter 'n' Out*. A single version became a Top 40 hit.

The song remains a perennial country-rock favorite. Last year, "Annie" was re-recorded by Randy Scruggs and Travis Tritt. Mr. Fuller returned to the band in 1985, but left in 1988 to front the post-Lowell George version of Little Foot.

Such well-known area musicians as singer/guitarists Timmy and Larry Goshorn and drummer Billy Hinds have been PPL members.

Vince Gill, performing June 10 at Riverbend, is PPL's most prominent alumnus. It was his voice that gave the band its highest-charting pop hit, 1987's "Let Me Love You Tonight."

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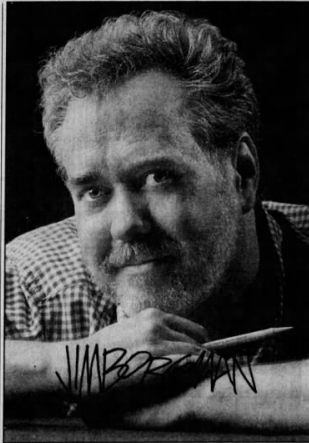
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