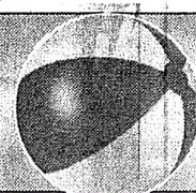




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## Hamptons *Diary*



**H**HEY, all you producers reading this, if you're looking for a funny guy for your next film, **Chevy Chase** is your man — and he wants you to know he's available.

The comedian had a friendly chat with *Diary* before an Amagansett benefit for the East Hampton Daycare Center, the East End Hospice and The Retreat on Saturday evening.

"It's time to get back to work," said Chase, 59.

The former "Saturday Night Live" funnyman and star of "Caddyshack" and "Fletch" noted that while he has filmed five movies over the past year, he had only one starring part. Now, he said, he's going for the better roles.

"It will be very competitive ... You have to hope and pray you get the material you like," he said.

Frank Sinatra's granddaughter set her blue eyes on the final match of the Mercedes-Benz Polo Challenge. **A.J. Azzarto**, 29, **Nancy Sinatra's** daughter, co-hosted the Bridgehampton event on Saturday and, as the chukkers progressed, she spoke to the *Diary* about Hoboken, N.J. — Frank's birthplace.

Azzarto, a music consultant, has lived in Hoboken



**CHEVY CHASE**

since 1999 and feels a special connection to the place where Grandpa was born and grew up.

"There's a feeling of closeness to the person I knew," she said.

**Joan Jedell**, publisher of *The Hampton Sheet*, was at the Artists & Writers Softball Game on Saturday and asked some names, "Where were you when the lights went out?"

Former talk-show host **Dick Cavett** said he rode out the blackout in Montauk, but he did imagine what he'd do if the power outage put him in a precarious situation:

"If I were stuck in the elevator, I'd be the first to say, 'Sorry, guys, I have to pee.'"

Writer **Carl Bernstein** said, "I was in the dentist's chair [in New York City]. The lights went out — but the drill kept going."

New power woes yesterday morning hit parts of Amagansett. The Stephen Talkhouse bar, among other sites, lost its electricity around 1:30 a.m. during a heavy storm. A fire marshal entered the Talkhouse and told the staff to evacuate all the customers due to safety concerns. About 45 minutes later, the power came back on, but the bar shut down, losing a lot of business.

"I tried to run after the people that I forced into the pouring rain but, for some reason, they had left," joked **Nick Kraus**, the bar's co-owner.

Later in the morning, another blackout caused 1,500 outages on the East End.

The East Hampton Village fire department had to rescue someone trapped inside an elevator at 66 Newtown Lane. Hopefully it wasn't Dick Cavett.

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