

THE BARFLY



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The Vestapolitans at Hot Rods BBQ



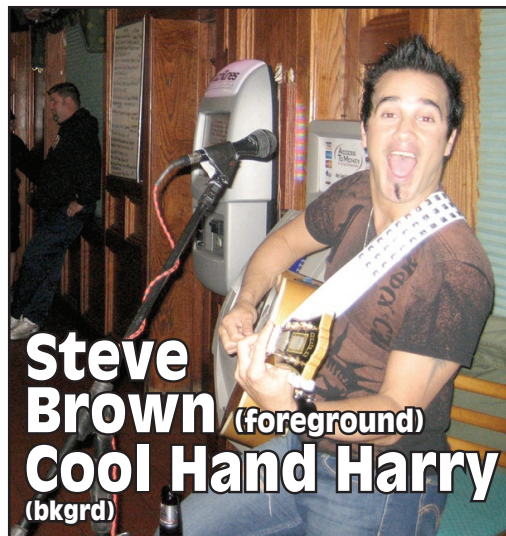
Are you ready for **Halloween** yet? If not, thumb through these pages (or mouse-flip them if you are online), and you will no doubt find dozens of potential venues at which you may even be able to earn a little loot if your costume is a knockout. Good luck!

If you are a fan of live music, I have two very different options for you to suit whatever mood you might be in. The first is the relatively new live Blues Music nights that you can find at **Hot Rods BBQ** in Wharton, N.J. every Friday and Saturday. Hot Rods has some of the best barbecue anywhere, and hey, they even carry **Hades Hot Sauce** so they are up even higher on the barbecue ladder in this writer's opinion. lol

On a recent jaunt to the 19 N. Main St. location, my wife **Beth** and I enjoyed a veritable

feast of barbecue and some pretty amazing margaritas. As the dinner hours wound down, we saw **The Vestapolitans** from Manhattan loading in their gear and soon after they began to jam some very cool Blues music. It really set the perfect tone to just hang out and enjoy a few more cocktails. The Vestapolitans were clearly veteran players who mixed up their set with originals and covers and had a smooth rapport with the audience. Quite frankly, it was amazingly special to be able to catch a group like this who would normally, most likely, be found in a hip NYC Blues club, out in the sleepy hamlet of Wharton. It was like having Manhattan come to you, which never happens unless you are talking about **"Broadway at Blend"** Mondays in Ridgewood, N.J. but more on that in next week's column... To find out whom Hot Rods has coming up in the next few weeks, surf to www.hotrodsbbq.com or just call them at (973) 361-5050.

The next live music choice that I was there to enjoy recently is during Friday happy hour at Wayne, NJ's **Grasshopper Too**. Instead of just kicking on the jukebox, the Hopper now has various one-man-bands jamming to the pleasure of the after work crowd. The evening I was there **Steve Brown** of **Trixter** fame and whose band



Steve Brown (foreground)
Cool Hand Harry
(bkgrd)

Steve Brown & The Fallout you can see all over the club circuit, was jamming. Singing and playing classic and current rock tunes, Steve is the consummate entertainer. To see what else goes down at 26 Erie Ave mouse over to grasshoppertoo.com or call (973) 696.9698.

Cheers! 