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County is as county does

Every November, many of us at Worrall Community Newspapers grow poetic and philosophical as we daydream about the abolition of county government. In fact, during the interviews we conduct to assess the candidates before making our endorsements; a stock question we ask regards the freeholder candidates' plan to eliminate county government.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

When I posed the question to Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly last month, she looked at me as if I'd just suggested the stoning of all first-born children, and proceeded to convince me that our way of life would collapse if the freeholders privatized the county golf courses.

The conversation steered toward the role county government should play in peoples' lives: Should Runnells be privatized? Can law enforcement agencies be combined? What can the county government do to reduce costs and spend money in the manner seen in the private sector?

Needless to say, the consensus among the two major parties' freeholder candidates was support for county government.

While it sometimes looks as if the end of the era of big county government is overdue, I have to give credit where it is due. A county program that reduces the number of workers' compensation claims seems to be working.

Union County's Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention Program has been cited by the National Association of Counties as one way county government can reduce its burden on taxpayers. Nine others also were praised, but I'll focus on this one because of the direction the county manager has taken in this area in recent years.

In 1995, something called Division of Risk Management began auditing workers' compensation claims. This division has been recording such claims according to type of accident, type of injury and employee name.

The result has been an ability to identify departments where claims are numerous and even the causes of the injuries.

After classifying the compensation claims, the county can identify those employees still able to work for their pay.

Logic dictates that that be accomplished before trying to uncover fraud and waste, and that seems to be working.

According to County Manager Ann Baran, the county now can assign light-duty tasks to employees who, after physical examinations, are considered able-bodied.

"Every effort is made so that employees can work in temporary assignments within their job titles," she said. "Money is saved, and residents benefit because productivity continues."

According to the 1996 county government budget, last year the number of compensation claims dropped by 20 percent and the average cost per claim has been reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,200.

"The program also allows injured employees who do not want to be out of work to continue on the job," Baran said. "And it discourages workers from abusing the Workers' Compensation plan."

The county's ability to do this is not a God-given right. Instead it is temporary power granted by Trenton. For Union County to continue, a state law will be needed.

Maybe the freeholders can persuade Union County's three state senators and six assemblymen to champion a good cause. Of course, someone would have to pry away Sen. Louis Bassano and Assemblyman Neil Cohen from their bill

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Softball the hard way



Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, Bill Sharkey and Darryl Warner show off the Union County Police Softball League championship trophy their team won earlier this month. The sheriff's team defeated the Elizabeth Police team in two straight championship games at Warinanco Park on Oct. 14. Sharkey and Warner coached the team through its 16-0-1 season. The coaches said they'll give the team a rest, but expect a tough season in '97.

UCUA wins national award for solid waste incinerator

The Union County Utilities Authority and Ogden Martin Systems, the owners and operators, of the county's solid waste disposal facility in Rahway, have received the Gold Award for Excellence from the Solid Waste Association of North America.

The award was presented at SWANA's 34th International Solid Waste Exposition held in Portland, Ore. last month.

The award measures a wide variety of technical and administrative categories including general operations, regulatory compliance, emissions, siting process, ash testing, pollution control, sizing and technology of facility designs, permitting process, ambient monitoring, environmental assessment, facility integration with overall solid waste system, public information, and operational and safety training.

Receiving the award were UCUA Chairman William Ruocco and Executive Director Jeffrey Callahan. In a statement made at the presentation, Ruocco said that the award "is a tribute to the UCUA and Ogden Martin staffs who have worked tirelessly to make the Union County

facility a national standard for waste disposal efficiency and environmental safety.

"Union County as a whole, and the designers, builders, operators and managers of this facility can take a great deal of credit for having established a truly state-of-the-art waste disposal system," said Ruocco.

Callahan said that he had been contacted by the SWANA representatives who examined the facility in connection with the award application. "We are indeed grateful to SWANA for this important national recognition of our facility," said Callahan.

The SWANA award is the second national recognition received by the Rahway-based facility this year. In March, the Solid Waste Processing Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers presented its "Facility Recognition Award for Combustion Process" to the UCUA plant.

As 1996 began, the UCUA passed the 1 million ton mark in waste processed at the facility, which began operations in February of 1994. Now in its 11th year, the UCUA was created by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1986.

Snow money falls from FEMA

County, 21 towns receive more than \$1.5 million

Less than two months before the onset of winter, Union County and its 21 municipalities have been reimbursed for most of the costs incurred during last January's record-setting snowfalls, Freeholder Vice Chairman Henry Kurz announced.

Coordinated by the county's Division of Emergency Management, the \$1,462,134 in Disaster Assistance Funds came through the state from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The money — \$1.2 million to the towns and \$259,511 to the county — represents 75 percent of the costs for overtime, equipment, contractors, snow hauling and vehicle removal required during the approximately 32 inches of snow that fell Jan. 7-14. During that time, Gov. Christine Whitman declared a state of emergency, and President Clinton authorized the Disaster Assistance Funds.

Kurz said the reimbursement will enable the towns and county to prepare for winter emergencies.

"The money eases the financial burden on the county and municipalities," said Kurz, liaison to the Union County Emergency Management Council. "We will be better able to handle whatever nature throws at us over the next several months."

The reimbursement was as follows:

Union County: \$259,511	Rahway: \$32,396
Clark: \$4,070	Roselle: \$29,623
Elizabeth: \$331,708	Roselle Park: \$14,562
Hillside: \$22,713	Springfield: \$26,602
Kenilworth: \$17,766	Summit: \$39,492
Linden: \$160,224	Union: \$75,211
Mountainside: \$54,707	

County TV show addresses parks

The new "Union County Update" cable television program features capital improvements in the parks system, and the first of two shows celebrating the 75th anniversary of the county Parks System.

They will air at various times on the county's four cable providers through Nov. 16.

Program guests include Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, Division of Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Sigmund, and Diane Kurz, chairman of the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The focus of the show is to provide a brief snapshot of how tax dollars are used on several capital improvement projects that are underway or in the initial planning stages, such as the Galloping Hill Golf Course renovation, rebuilding various playgrounds and restoring the county's waterways, such as Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation. The projects will ensure that county parks continue "to benefit the whole population," the motto of the county Parks System since its creation in 1921.

The segment of the show on the system's 75th anniversary will highlight the planning necessary to ensure the parks remain safe and clean. The second show, scheduled to air from Nov. 17 through Dec. 7, will focus on the social value of the Parks System to residents.

The schedule:
TV 36 in Summit, channel 36, at noon today, on Tuesday and Nov. 14.
Comcast Cablevision, Union, channel 57, at 9:35 p.m. on Monday.
TKR, Elizabeth, channel 12, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders and the County Manager's Office invite feedback. To reach them, call (908) 527-4100.

Democrats take freeholder seats

Weingarten wins in 21st

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

For the second consecutive year, the county Democrats have swept the three contested seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Incumbent Linda Stender and newcomers Nick Scutari and Don Goncalves defeated their GOP rivals, incumbents Linda DiGiovanni and Linda-Lee Kelly, and Mountainside Mayor Bob Vigilanti.

By the time this newspaper went to press Tuesday night, final totals were not available. Nineteen of the county's 21 municipalities had reported their election results. Union and Plainfield were the two stragglers.

In the 21st Legislative District, which includes Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit and Union, Republican Joel Weingarten won election to a full year in the Assembly.

Appointed earlier this year to complete the term of the late Monroe Lustbader, Weingarten defeated Democrat Bob Peacock.

Berkeley Heights

The three Republicans carried the Township of Berkeley Heights by a 2-1 majority, with the GOP candidates averaging 3,400 votes to the Democrats' 1,600.

Clark

DiGiovanni, Kelly and Vigilanti won the Township of Clark, where the GOP candidate for mayor lost by 156 votes.

Cranford

The Republicans also carried the Township of Cranford, where Freeholder Chairman Ed Force had been mayor.

Fanwood

Voters in the Borough of Fanwood backed former Mayor Stender, splitting their vote to support both Kelly and Vigilanti.

Garwood

The two Republican incumbents won over Garwood's voters, but that borough's electorate rejected Vigilanti. That candidate was at odds with that borough's voters in May, when the referendum on dissolving the Regional High School District was held.

Hillside

All three Democrats carried the Township of Hillside by a margin of almost 3-1. The hometown of county Democratic Party boss Charlotte DeFilippo delivered an average of 4,400 votes to the Democrats, as compared to the GOP's 1,600.

Kenilworth

In the Borough of Kenilworth, the GOP won, but the race was tight. Forty-four votes separated third-place Republican Vigilanti from first-place Democrat Stender.

Linden

The City of Linden supported one of its own. Board of Education member Nick Scutari and running mates Stender and Goncalves each garnered more than 8,000 votes. None of the Republicans polled more than 3,300 votes.

Mountainside

Mayor Vigilanti polled the fewest votes among the GOP candidates in the Borough of Mountainside, where three Republican councilmen won election, continuing the 101-year GOP domination of the government. Kelly and DiGiovanni garnered more than 2,100 votes each; none of the Democrats broke 1,000.

New Providence

In the Borough of New Providence, hometown of Rep. Bob Franks, the GOP dominated by a margin of more than 2-1.

Rahway

Voters in the City of Rahway favored the Democratic candidates. Stender polled the most votes — 4,770 — and her running mates garnered more than 4,500 each.

Roselle

In the Borough of Roselle, only Republican Kelly polled more than 1,500 votes, while the Democrats each garnered more than 4,300 votes.

Roselle Park

In the Borough of Roselle Park, the GOP freeholder candidates won. Fewer than 92 votes separated the two parties. Republican Vigilanti polled 2,158 votes; Democrat Stender polled 2,066.

Scotch Plains

In the Township of Scotch Plains, the Republicans won another tight race. Vigilanti, who placed third, beat fourth-place Stender by 66 votes — 4,552 to 4,486.

Springfield

In the Township of Springfield, the Democrats won, joining fellow Democrats at the local, state and national levels.

Summit

Voters in the City of Summit supported the Republicans by almost 2-1.

Westfield

Voters in the Township of Westfield, traditionally a Republican stronghold, the GOP freeholder candidates won, while the Democrats won the mayoralty and control of the Township Council.

Winfield

The Democrats carried this small township by a margin of almost 2-1.

2 score & 10 years ago



State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco visits the Union campus of Lincoln Technical Institute on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. From left: DiFrancesco, LTI President Pat Santangelo and LTI Union campus executive director Fred Parcells, Jr.

County employees to join ITV classes

Union County College will conduct four non-credit courses for county employees via the Interactive Television Network, throughout the month.

The Union County ITV Network consists of broadcast and receiver sites at the county Administration Building, in Elizabeth; the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains and the UCC campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield.

Each is equipped to enable students at remote locations from the site where the instructor is delivering a lesson to not only listen in on the program, but also participate.

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The network allows county employees to attend class at a nearby location, rather than travel to a single site. The courses last one or two sessions and are held during mornings and afternoons.

Among the courses are:

- management skills for supervisors, where students can learn to improve their communication skills, motivate staffers, evaluate performances and organize their time.
- human relations skills, where participants hone their supervisory skills and train a results-oriented employee.
- business writing, where students will learn to increase the effects of their personal and written communication.

Service offers help

The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has a toll-free 800 number.

The service provides information for patients, families and the general public on all aspects related to cancer, including causes, prevention, detection, treatment and patient services.

To reach this service, call 800-ACS-2345, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Craft fair

On Nov. 30, Union Catholic Regional High School is sponsoring an indoor craft fair and holiday gift market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, located at 1600 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

More than crafters will display a variety of seasonal, decorative and functional crafted and new gift items.

There is ample parking, and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Photos with Santa will be available between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

For additional information, call (908) 889-9475.

Teen Arts

The Union Center National Bank, at 2455 Morris Ave. and 2003 Morris Ave. in Union, will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit through Nov. 29.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual artworks shown at the 1996 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation.

Home repair training

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will hold a fall training series for the volunteer-based Master Home Repair Program.

Participants receive technical training in simple home repairs and air quality. After training, volunteers are asked to donate 40 hours of community service.

Each training session consists of a lecture and hands-on experience. Classes are from 7 to 9 p.m. at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield on the following dates: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, and Jan. 6, 13, and 27, 1997.

The cost is \$40, which includes the cost of supplies and a manual. Registration is required. For more information, call Elizabeth Levin at (908) 654-9854.

Position open

Like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival has a volunteer position open for volunteer recruitment coordinator. The part-time position is from November to April. Duties include community outreach, communication with interested volunteers, scheduling and volunteer management at the festival.

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, is a two day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 26 and 27, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in the county.

At the festival, 3000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in visual arts, music, creative writing, theater and dance.

Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites, and staff information stations.

Anyone interested may call (908) 558-2550.

'Upscale' garage sale

The Arc of Union County will hold its 21st annual upscale garage sale in the Lincoln Municipal Complex on Academy St. in New Providence Saturday.

The doors will open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Everything from books and baby items to antiques, tools and electronic equipment will be on hand.

At the "boutique," designer jewelry, clothes and other items will be available.

Donations of new and slightly used items are welcome. Items in good condition should be dropped at the Lincoln Municipal Complex on Nov. 8, between noon and 8 p.m. For further information, call (908) 464-1663 or (908) 754-7826.

Crafters wanted

St. Theresa School on Clinton and Liberty streets in Linden will hold a Christmas Craft Show Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crafters interested in participating may call (908) 862-1619 for more information.

Pirates of Penzance

"The Pirates of Penzance," one of the most popular Gilbert and Sullivan works, will be presented by the Ridgewood Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company under the sponsorship of the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Linden High School auditorium for one performance only.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For more information and ticket reservations, call 925-3516.

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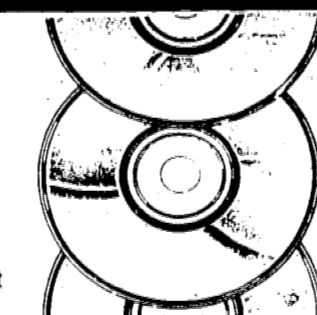
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Police lobby supports gun bill

In a prepared statement released at the Statehouse, New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association President James Leavy commended state senators Louis Bassano and Louis Kosco for introducing legislation concerning guns in the state.

The Senate bill would establish a new offense concerning the illegal sale or transfer of a firearm to an individual under the age of 18, providing that the seller is liable if the

youth uses that firearm in the commission of a crime. "I am very pleased to be here today to congratulate senators Bassano and Kosco for introducing this bill and to join with them in steadfast support of this measure," Leavy said. "On behalf of the membership of the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Officers Association, we applaud their efforts for this much needed legislation."

The bill establishes a chain of accountability in cases where a

juvenile commits a crime with a firearm. "Adults who engage in the practice of providing firearms to minors can be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. At present, the penalty is not strong enough to serve as a deterrent to such actions," said Levy. "Each and everyday we hear of tragedies occurring in our neighborhoods, malls and schools. It seems unthinkable that these children are able to return to the very same supplier for more and more weapons.

With this gun bill sponsored by Mr. Bassano and Kosco, gun dealers will think twice about having underage children as customers.

The NJSLEOA is a non-profit organization formed in 1938 and is an association which was created to promote and secure legislation and increase recognition of all law enforcement officers. The association's membership includes thousands of law enforcement officers from local, state and federal agencies throughout the state.

UCC appoints new head of economic development

LaMonica will work with local businesses

Elaine LaMonica, former director of business development for the Union County Economic Development Corp., has been appointed director of Union County College's Industry-Business Institute.

The Industry-Business Institute provides customized business, management, computer, office systems, and technical training, as well as basic skills and workplace literacy, instruction at many companies throughout northern New Jersey, primarily Union County. It offers both credit and non-credit courses on-site or at a UCC campus to employees of participating companies.

Among the firms that have contracted with the Industry-Business Institute for employee training are AT&T, Ciba-Geigy, Schering-Plough, Allied Signal, General Motors, Bell Atlantic, and Merck & Co.

In her new role, LaMonica oversees all customized training contracts in which the college engages with large corporations, small businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. This includes every aspect of contract development, from a needs assessment for selecting the right types of instructional services for a particular firm, to execution of a customized program that suits the company's needs and interests.

Among her responsibilities will be to help implement a workforce development/economic development plan for the college to carry out community economic development. She also supervises the administration of a training consortium for 13 participating companies under a \$900,000 grant

from the state Department of Labor. LaMonica said her primary goal in her new position is to better market the Industry-Business Institute to the local business community, mainly through speaking engagements before civic organizations to generate referrals, and direct mail. She now is working toward the creation of a new, comprehensive workforce development marketing piece that combines information on the Industry-Business Institute with the college and its Career Institute.

Prior to joining the UCC staff, LaMonica was employed five years as director of business development for the Union County Economic Development Corp., based in Union, serving as primary ombudsman for the local business community. She handled all marketing and promotional activities for the corporation, which is a private, non-profit agency that provides programs and services, such as loans and procurement assistance, primarily for the small business community. During her tenure there, LaMonica also managed a real estate program that helps companies relocate or expand in Union County.

Earlier, she was employed as marketing manager for six years, working in the plastics industry in Passaic County.

LaMonica holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a marketing concentration, from Montclair State University. She is a member of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, Union County Chapter, the Union County Chamber of Commerce, and many other professional affiliations.

County holds contest

Gift certificates for parks offered

In honor of its Park System's 75th anniversary, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is sponsoring a contest for gift certificates usable for admission to its recreational facilities.

Through Nov. 20, with each paid admission, patrons will receive an entry form for the contest which will be held Nov. 21, the anniversary of the founding of the original Union County Park Commission. The winning contest tickets will be from each of the following facilities:

- Ash Brook Golf Course and Pitch and Putt, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.
- Galloping Hill Golf Course and Pitch and Putt, Kenilworth Boulevard, Kenilworth.
- Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Road, Clark.
- Pistol Range, Springfield Avenue, Shunpike Road, Springfield.
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The state of the arts



County and state officials celebrate Union County's winning of an Award of Recognition, the highest honor the state can bestow on a county arts organization. From left: Soriana Martinez, of the State Council on the Arts; county Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board Chairman Sophie Kauchak; county Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs Administrator Susan Coen; Assistant Secretary of State Latha Morris; State Council on the Arts Chairman Lillian Levy; and council member Jeffrey Wells.

Three major roads to get facelift

Three key roads in Union County will undergo a facelift with the help of state aid grant money secured with the help of Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union.

The county has been awarded \$200,000 in grants as part of the Local Aid for Centers program.

The money, Bassano said, will be used to mill and resurface Third Avenue, Jersey Avenue and Morris Avenue, three highly trafficked roads.

"This money will be a valuable investment to improve not only the appearance of these vital roadways, but their safety as well," Bassano said. "By ensuring our local roadways are in good repair, we lessen the potential for dangerous accidents."

Local Aid Centers grants are awarded for non-

traditional transportation improvements in municipalities that are designated as "urban, regional, town or village centers" under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Bassano added that through programs such as this, towns in Union County can undertake important road projects. "This is another way state government has strived to help municipalities lessen the property tax burden by providing assistance for local needs."

In total, nearly \$6 million is being distributed in grants to municipalities across the state. Bassano said this is an excellent opportunity for local towns to use state tax dollars to improve their communities, making roadways more attractive and effective.

County could manage welfare reform locally

(Continued from Page B1) that would have children finish their vegetables.

And speaking of the benefits that would arise if bigger governments kindly would get out of the way, welfare reform also would be more effective if the counties were able to manage it.

As it stands now, federal welfare dollars will come to the states in the form of block grants. Trenton will spend the money as it sees fit.

"The state and federal govern-

ments should loosen the restraints and let block grants come to Union County so they can tailor their welfare systems to the needs of their constituents," said Freeholder Ed Force. "This county can create an innovative welfare program that will better serve residents without additional burdens to taxpayers. We did it with workers' compensation, we can do it with welfare reform."

With that, the era of big government truly will come a step closer to ending.

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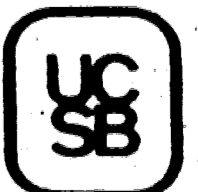
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

You can believe the 'Rumors' about Union High School

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Something utterly new is taking place in the auditorium of Union High School. The Union High School Theater Company will stage a comedy, Neil Simon's "Rumors," for the first time in its history. Known and renowned for their annual fabulous musicals, the students and their award-winning director and teacher, Yvonne Rago, are attempting to add to their repertoire: a straight play in the fall and a large scale musical in the spring.

Rago and a few of her principal cast members, Nicole Martone, Diane Foster and Greg Solomon, took time out of a hectic rehearsal period to visit this newspaper and boast about the marvels of doing a comedy — particularly one by Simon.

"We have a huge musical every year," explained Rago, "and a lot of schools do two shows a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. So, we wanted to do the same. I chose 'Rumors' because it is a side-splitting comedy. I saw 'Rumors' on Broadway about five or six years ago, and I had so much fun that when the script became available, I had my students read it in my musical theater class. And when I saw how well they adapted to the script, I knew it would be a good play to do."

"Rumors," which will be presented Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Union High School auditorium, was much different to prepare. "We only had six weeks to put it together," said Rago. "But we have a very professional way of doing things, and in the same professional way there is the same concentration. There are a lot of lines to

memorize. Concentration is tough. The inuendoes and timing are everything. Our musicals take three months to prepare.

"We want the community to be aware that now there are two shows to look forward to, as opposed to one. We had been very successful with our musicals, particularly 'Leader of the Pack,' 'Fiddler on the Roof,' 'The Wizard of Oz,' 'Grease' and 'My Fair Lady.' And I must admit, the first year is always the hardest."

Because of the complexities of the script, there will be two groups. Cast 1 will perform Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., and Cast 2 will perform Friday at 10 a.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Solomon, who will play Lenny Ganz in both Cast 1 and 2, mentioned that "in my case, it's very cool. Lots of the kids are good actors who may not be comfortable with musicals. This is a good time for them to take a chance to do straight theater."

Martone, who will play Claire Ganz in Cast 1 — Christina Vasquez will play Claire Ganz in Cast 2 — added, "I think doing this show gives us a chance to develop characters. It gives us a chance to be original. I never thought I could do that, but," she smiled, "I find now that I can."

Foster, who will share the role of Chris Gorman with McKenzie Burkhardt, who will play it in Cast 2, exclaimed that doing a straight play "is like doing the flip side of a record. It broadens your horizons and gives you a chance to characterize."

The cast includes Don Burkhardt, who will also play Ken Gorman in

Cast 2; Everett Lippel will play Ernie Cusack in Cast 1, and Brian Madrigal will play Cusack in Cast 2; Marilyn Munoz will play Cookie Cusack in Cast 1, and Robin Raskin will play the role in Cast 2; Ryan Christenson will play Glenn Cooper in Cast 1, and Jacob Claveloux in Cast 2; Debbie Lipkin will play Cassie Cooper in Cast 1, Tennale Norman in Cast 2; Kristy Rodriguez will play Officer Welch in Cast 1, Christina Reeves in Cast 2, and Jackie Leddy will play Officer Pudney in Cast 1 and Roxanne Torres in Cast 2.

Scenic and light design are by Peter Avagliano. Amy and Roman Myhal are in charge of concessions, props and scenery construction, with Ron Rago, husband of the director, also in charge of scenery and lights. The assistant director is Lauren Monto, who graduated from Union High School last year.

"Last year," said Rago, "when the Paper Mill Playhouse had 'The Rising Star Awards,' 66 schools competed. We were nominated in 13 categories, which included Best Overall Musical Production, for which we came in second; we won Best Musical Direction," the director stated proudly, "Best Scenery, Best Design — graphics, lighting — Diane was nominated for Best Supporting Actress, and my daughter, Marissa, was nominated for Best Child Actress."

Rago beamed. "The whole cast has been working so hard — memorizing and also doing their own school work. It can't be easy for them."

Tickets are \$5 each and information can be obtained by calling Rago at 851-6500 or 851-6780.



Union High School seniors McKenzie Burkhardt and Christina Vasquez perform in Neil Simon's comedy, 'Rumors.' The play will be staged Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Union High School auditorium.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor
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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Thank heaven for Paper Mill's 'Gigi'

Theater View

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The songs, "Thank Heaven For Little Girls" and "I Remember It Well" will forever be associated with the late Maurice Chevalier, who, in his inimitable style, sang them for prosperity in the memorable and charming movie, "Gigi."

So, when Gavin MacLeod, well known for his "Love Boat" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" on TV, sings both Lerner and Loewe songs in the role of Honore Lachailles in "Gigi" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, the audience at first does a turn-about. "He's no Maurice Chevalier," murmured members of the audience during Sunday matinee's performance. No, there will never be another Maurice Chevalier, but MacLeod gives his all to the role, and adds his own charm and style and an acceptable French accent. The veteran actor grows on an audience, and by story's end, he has not only charmed the lovely Gigi, his nephew, Gaston; his former lover, Mamita, and Gigi's fanciful Aunt Alicia, but the entire Paper Mill crowd.

Richard White, in the role of Gaston, a well-known favorite of the Paper Mill, returns to this theater offering a fine acting job and a glorious operatic voice — improved with time, it seems — and he is as handsome as ever. And when he sings the song, "Gigi," everyone ultimately succumbs to him.

Glory Crampton, in the title role of Gigi, is lovely and exceptionally convincing as the young girl who is groomed to be a courtesan by her Aunt Alicia, wonderfully played by

the captivating Liliane Montevecchi, and her grandmother, Mamita, played by the versatile Anne Rogers.

The Paper Mill's all new production of "Gigi," based on the movie, which won nine Oscars, and derived from the novelette by Sidonie Gabrielle Colette and the Broadway production, is stunningly staged by the multi-talented Robert Johanson, with breathtaking scenery created by the one and only Michael Anania, and some of the most exquisite Parisian gowns of the early 1900s, arranged by Gregg Barnes. The dance numbers, choreographed by Sharon Halley, the musical direction by Wendy Bobbitt, and the spectacular lighting designs by Tim Hunter, heighten the talents of Alan Jay Lerner who wrote the book and the lyrics and Frederick Loewe, who wrote the music.

The story of "Gigi" is brought to life in the era of the early 1900s, called "La Belle Epoque," meaning the Beautiful Era, and the center of high society in Paris, the world of artist Toulouse-Lautrec, where marriages were fixed and mistresses enriched and romantically accepted.

In the first act, the "Bois de Boulogne," is performed by the company, and thus begins a musical adventure

that is both entertaining and thrilling. With Honore singing "Thank Heaven For Little Girls," and with Gaston, "It's A Bore," and Gigi's rendition of "The Earth and Other Minor Things" and "I Don't Understand the Parisians," theatergoers are offered the flavor of the Parisian world.

Outstanding are such numbers as "Paris Is Paris Again," with Honore and Company, "She's Not Thinking of Me," Gaston, Liane and Co., and the wonderful "The Night They Invented Champagne," sung by Gaston, Gigi and Mamita. The end of the first act, when Honore and Mamita sing "I Remember It Well," is a show-stopper, and the audience is enthralled by MacLeod and Rogers; the dance in that finale between Honore and Mamita coinciding with a younger couple, who portray Young Honore and Young Mamita, alone is worth the price of admission.

In the second act, when Gaston introduces a verse before he sings the delightful "Gigi," it is reminiscent of the Lerner and Loewe musical number from "My Fair Lady," "I've Grown Accustomed to her Face." Also outstanding is Honore's number, "I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore." The atmosphere of the famous Maxim's is spectacularly staged with the lovely dancers dancing a famous "Can Can" number.

And thanks to Anania, the famous Paper Mill prop, the automobile, repeats its entrance on the theater's stage. This time, it emerges as a fancy car of the 1900s.



Photo By Jerry Dalla

Two of the leading cast, Gavin MacLeod and Glory Crampton, are seen in a scene from the musical, 'Gigi', which will continue its run at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through Dec. 15. Performances are Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. with matinees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call (201) 376-4343.

There's no question about the fact that "Gigi" is a difficult show to direct, and Johanson comes through with flying colors. He's an absolute marvel. "Gigi" has much to offer; it is like a rare gift, and theatergoers are flocking to the Paper Mill in huge numbers, and coming away happily humming and singing at least three of the play's famous numbers. This reviewer sang the title song for the rest of the evening.

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DINING REVIEW
November 7, 1996

Villa Brazil
A brief visit to Brazil

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Looking for Brazilian cuisine? Rodizio? Avocado ice cream?

If you are, then Villa Brazil is what you've been looking for. This Newark restaurant has been open for three months on Adams Street and has been bringing the tastes of Brazil to America.

Joao Coralini, part-owner of the restaurant, admits that many of the people in the area hail from that region of the world or have relatives who did. Indeed, many of the stores in the area have signs in Portuguese, the language of Brazil. Maybe for that reason, much of the menu is "basic" Brazilian food.

It turns out that "basic" Brazilian food — or at least what they serve at Villa Brazil — is tasty and reasonably priced. Many of the items on the menu are under \$10. The most expensive dish is espeto de picanha — skewered steak — at \$16.

One of the specialties of the house is feijoda completa for \$9.95. This is a variety of meats still on the bone in a thick black bean stew. The smell was very spicy but the taste starchy. Some of the meat was chewy while some just fell off of the bone.

The feijoda completa, like all of the dishes at Villa Brazil, came with a number of side dishes, including rice, a vinaigrette relish and a peeled orange. According to Coralini, it is a tradition "for some reason" to serve an orange

with feijoda completa; he could not say why, except that he remembers his mother doing it.

I also tried one of the daily soups. Most of these were prosaic chicken and chicken rice soups, but I had the cassava soup. This was a beef soup with the beef apparently washed and tasting like chicken.

One of my favorite dishes there was one of the most expensive — rodizio at \$13.50. This is an unusual dish that Coralini said was "really big overseas"; apparently there are restaurants with capacities of 800 to 1,200 on a single floor that serve rodizio exclusively.

Rodizio is a skewered meat dish that the restaurant cooks over an open fire at the front of the store. This was a fun dish, with the waiter bringing up individual skewers of roast chicken, pork ribs and two cuts of beef, one of them like sauerbraten. All you have to do is say how much you want or refuse the proffered skewer altogether. This was also one of the tastiest dishes, with the beef and chicken absolutely heavenly.

Villa Brazil also serves a number of desserts. They make use of a homemade gelato machine, which is how they make their avocado ice cream. It turns out that cook and part-owner Humberto Lavalli will put any unusual fruit that he comes across in the gelato machine. The restaurant currently has or is planning to have cranberry, mulberry, starfruit, kiwi and guava ice cream, among

others. The avocado ice cream was surprisingly good — very creamy and sweet but with a sour aftertaste.

In all, I recommend Villa Brazil for a change of pace or for dinner anytime.

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PRICE: No admission price.
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

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Playhouse seeks director

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Founded in 1979 by Tom Pedas, the playhouse has been performing shows such as "Oliver," "Hello! Dolly," "West Side Story," "Oklahoma," and many more every summer for the past 19 years.

The Linden Summer Playhouse is currently seeking a director for their July show. This paid position requires experience in community theatre, a good working relationship with children, dedication, and a positive attitude.

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The playhouse's next production is Cabaret Night, held in January, which brings together old, new, and future LSP members. It is held at the Reformed Church in Linden.

Auditions for Cabaret Night are December 15 at 3 p.m. in the Reformed Church located on Wood Avenue. Come prepared with the materials you would like to perform.

If interested in becoming a member or volunteer of the Linden Summer Playhouse, write to the above address to the attention of Andy King.

Corporate merger at the OK Corral

Though there are a few good new films being released on video this week, there is an old picture that is being re-released in a letterbox format with an interview with the director. The film "McCabe and Mrs. Miller," ranks as one of the best Westerns ever made.

The story never ventures far from the fact that, as glorified as it has been, the Westward expansion of the American frontier was business as usual. "McCabe & Mrs. Miller," however, is not any other Western.

Warren Beauty is the protagonist, a young, confident gambler man set on building a town based on his simple values. He is the quintessential entrepreneur which we often hear of, even today. He is propositioned by Julie Christie's character, Mrs. Miller, an equally profit-minded individual practicing the oldest profession in the world. She presents an offer to upgrade his dreams with the refinements of a well-run *bother/bathhouse*. Together these two benign human beings gradually build a small town from the blood, sweat and tears of the common man and woman.

You can almost smell the raw wood for the buildings mingled with the smoke and pines. The ripe mountain air would be the only sobering aspect of the entire scenario if it weren't for the inevitable American phenomenon we now call big business; a euphemism for big money and its partner, greed.

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

A mining operation comes to town and makes our hero an offer to sell his holdings for cash. McCabe quickly refuses their offer and doubles the stakes. This bold act puts McCabe in the cross-hairs of the mining company; as the two reps leave only to be followed the hired guns.

Any Clint Eastwood film would make the ending at this point. "McCabe & Mrs. Miller" overflows with memorable scenes, especially the ending.

Robert Altman is considered one of the best directors in movieland by many. I've always liked the syncopated rhythm of his work and the straightforward ironies of everyday America he presents us with. To me his work represents the spectrum of man we call American culture. In addition, this film is a big town, Hollywood, Warner Bros. major motion picture production with big names. Altman has always included top actors in his films. Yet, there is nothing mainstream about the directing. The gentle pride of the people, the beauty of the land, even the occasional shots of the Chinese all form a quilt of ethnic patches held together by a common thread of mutual respect and industriousness. It is against his backdrop of simple righteousness that Altman has set a tale as realistic as any hostile Wall Street take-over deal.

Video Detective's Trivia Question: Which cartoon character did Robert Altman direct a film about? Answer: Popeye

A resident of Mountainside, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

Artistic animals

"Wildlife Images," recent pastels by Leslie Delgyer, will be on display at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Dec. 5.

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EVENT: Boosting Mother's Self-Esteem: A Key for Raising Successful Kids
PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey, 769 Northfield Avenue, #LL2, West Orange, NJ
TIME: 8:00pm to 9:00pm
PRICE: Free
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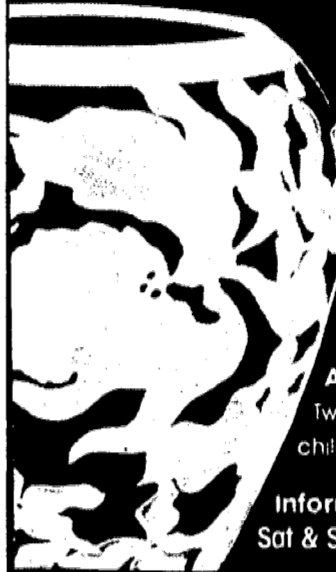
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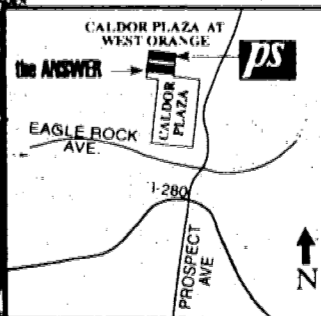
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A singular gift

Performer gains renown with a little help from her friends

By **Jacquie McCarthy**
Associate Editor

Many aspiring artists would agree that having faith in yourself and loving what you do is the key to making it to the top. If this is true, then singer/writer/actress Roslyn Curry is surely destined for stardom. This Union resident has gone from singing in gospel choirs to playing female lead in a soon-to-be released television pilot, and credits the tremendous love and support of the people in her life to keeping her on the path to success.

I first met Curry in September at Juices Nightclub in Hillside, where she sang a duet with Kenny Simmons, former member of singing group The Commodores. I was knocked out by her style and sublime singing voice, and made a point of finding out more about this talented young lady.

Curry speaks generously of her parents, especially her mother, who gave up a professional singing career to become a wife and mother.

"I inherited my voice from my mom and dad. I've been singing since I can remember as a child, and my mom taught me how to sing love songs, the traditional kind of Gershwin or jazz tunes that would teach you phrasing and breathing and motion.

"So that's what I did as a kid. I used to pretend in the living room that I was in concert, especially at Christmas when my mom would put lights around the doorway, that was my spotlight. And I would entertain, and I would sing a medley of songs."

Curry's dad encouraged her to live her dreams.

"My dad, he always said, 'The sky's the limit; never box yourself in or your dreams,' so whatever I saw that was art focus, entertainment focus, I went for it, never mind the odds. And people always said, 'Well, you're going to be afraid of the competition.' I never thought like that, because my parents always taught me that everybody has a gift so there's no

such thing as competing. You just equal yourself as you develop yourself, but you don't compete because everybody's gift is unique."

Armed with the inspiration gained from her parent's love and support, Curry set off to find her singular gift.

She entered beauty pageants in her teens, performing in the National Teenager pageant and being named as finalist in a Junior Miss Pageant, "and I did public speaking. I did any form where it reached out to the audience, to the people, because I love people."

Heading her father's advice, Curry tried not to limit herself. The path, however, kept leading her back to singing.

"I like diversity; I love different music, and I tried to find an avenue for it, but I just kept singing."

Curry attended Rutgers University, where her studies included opera. Her solo and choir performances were quickly noticed, and she was asked to be a guest vocalist at a Christmas concert with singers from the Met.

"And I sang solo and I sang with them — and I just kept singing!" Curry laughed.

Curry soon found that her parents were not the only people that believed in the dream. Rutgers voice instructor Evelyn Green made her reach for the highest note.

"She was tough," Curry mused. "Evelyn Green was my mentor with voice. She never discounted you and she never let you settle. You learned to hit that note."

Green recommended Curry to several church choirs, in addition to the opportunity to sing with professionals from the Met.

"That's a mind-blower. You stand up there and you wonder, 'Why am I up here on this stage, can I do this?'"

Curry decided to sing everything and everywhere she could. She studied gospel singing at Essex County College, and even found a venue for



Roslyn Curry sings her heart out at the opening of Juices nightclub in Hillside in September. She will again be a featured performer at the nightclub on Dec. 20.

her talent and love of people at her full-time office job.

An avid theater fan, Curry remarked that she was especially touched by the song "Memory" from Broadway show "Cats."

"I had best friends at my job that were retiring and relocating, and I wanted to give them something because they always looked out for me. I sat there one day and I said, 'I want to give you something,' and I sang the song for them. And I said, 'I sing you this song because you are a part of my memory.'" She laughed. "I'm a romantic, ok?"

Her friends were quite moved by her gift, and began urging Curry to develop her talent even more.

"They cried and cried, and one of

when you have a delicate dream you wonder about sharing it, will people understand why you're trying to do what you do, and when he went out and did that on his time, I just took hold of that paper and never let it go.

"And I just kept going, and I kept seeing plays and would see the people who perform. Gregory Hines told me, 'I want to hear your name at every audition.' I just kept asking people how, what to do next, and they kept encouraging me. I was fortunate, I went to movie premieres. I spoke to Robert Deniro, I spoke to the Wayans Brothers. Different people were receptive."

Curry hit paydirt when she met Bill Stone of The Urban Stage, who gave her the audition for a singing performance. He liked her so much he recommended her for the part in the ABC pilot of "The Prodigal Son," which is being considered for insertion into the winter lineup.

"It's the story about the history of a Southern man who decides to migrate up north to the promised land, so to speak, and realizes himself where his dreams should lie, the limitations due to reality of the North versus the South, and just to persevere."

Curry plays the love interest, Janie Mae, in the musical drama.

"I felt honored because I was auditioning for one purpose, and I got cast for something else, alongside Bill Stone, and that just made my heart beat."

The association with Stone led to an introduction to Kenny Simmons, who invited Curry to sing at Juices, and featured her as an individual artist on a demo for his original song, "Put God in Your Life."

"And now he wants me in his show December 20 as a guest singer, so I'm learning a single that he wrote, and the world just keeps turning and I just keep walking through every open door."

But into every life a little rain must fall, and Curry learned a great lesson in love and perseverance when best friend Barbara was killed in an auto accident in 1993. Curry described her as a support base, always there to help and encourage.

"When I sang at the Apollo for the Show-Off Competition, the night before, she left a message on my answering machine, saying, 'I apologize, I won't be able to be there with you, but always remember I'll be with you in spirit.'"

"And then I found out she had gotten killed, and I had to perform, and I remember the security guard said, 'Now come on, you want to be in this, business or not? You've got to get out there, because there's a whole world out there that doesn't know what happened,' and they just want to know who you are."

Curry became tearful as she remembered that night. "I said, ok, God, help me do this. And I thought about Barbara, and I thought, we've been so many places together, how can I fall apart now?"

"So I got out there and I sang, and I brought the house down."

Curry is grateful for the love and support which has brought her so many opportunities to express herself.

"I just try in life to give back all the time. I'm just living for a short time, we all are, and the question is, what are you going to do with it?"

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The titles of popular Broadway productions smartly reflect the content of plays, hinting at the entertainment to come — "Showboat," "Cats," "Guys & Dolls," just to name a few. Union County Arts Center's latest endeavor could have been sportingly titled "Hicks & Chicks," revealing the potential for playful dance numbers

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

and silly one-liners. But when all is said and done it boils down to boy meets girl, and so the content will remain a pleasant surprise and great entertainment for audiences fortunate enough to see this wonderful production of "Crazy For You."

This new production is an old-fashioned musical comedy with scenes reminiscent of vaudeville. Thom Christopher Warren in the lead role of Bobby Child has a smile that shines brighter than the spotlight as he portrays the poor-little-rich-kid stung by the dancing bug. He can't get a break at the Zangler Follies in New York City, however, and when his mother gives him an opportunity to get away from his long-suffering fiancée, he heads off to Deadrock, Nevada to foreclose on a building. Of course, the building is a theater and the owner is a beautiful girl, and the impetuous tapper falls head over heels for her both, hoping to land on his feet. Bobby's friends from the Zangler Theatre join him in his "folly," and attempt to convince the good-ol'-boys from town that it is time to step away from their tractors and into the chorus line.

Ensemble dance numbers are impressively flawless and giddily comical. Special notice is warranted for ensemble numbers "Entrance to Nevada," when the Zangler dancers stir up the dust in downtown Deadrock, and "Slap That Bass" inside the Gaiety Theatre. Individual scenes are no less impressive. "What Causes That?" is delightfully jocular, with staging based on Susan Stroman's original Broadway choreography, and performed effortlessly by Warren and Bill Perlach as Bela Zangler. Bobby's forgotten fiancée Irene, Roth lets her



"Crazy For You" at the Union County Arts Center stars Thom Christopher Warren as Bobby Child and features Alison Brunton-Dooley, Susie O. Ellis and Brenda Neville in the ensemble. The show runs weekends through Nov. 16. For information, contact the box office at (908) 499-8226.

frustration in "Naughty Baby," as Sandy Mammano proves that she can do a lot more with her voice than whine. Lastly, no-one will have to be told to keep their attention on Stacey L. Sander as Bobby's love interest Polly Baker. Time seemed to stand still during her absolutely entrancing rendition of "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Warren and Sander do some terrific singing and dancing. The audience is as likely to fall in love with Warren's 'Bobby' as Polly, and Sander pulls off an incredibly natural Midwestern drawl. Jeanne Wilhelm as Mrs. Child keeps us giggling with an endearing interpretation of a mother's dry sense of humor. All the dancers outdo themselves, and Alison Brunton-Dooley, who is also the choreographer, and Macada K. McMullen as Zangler dancers Tess and Mitzi absolutely max out on the cute scale.

No matter what you call it, audiences for "Crazy For You" are guaranteed leave the theater smiling. Having undergone recent refurbishing, watching the play in Union Coun-

ty Arts Center's plush velvet seats is almost like seeing it on Broadway itself. The UCAC is centrally located in downtown Rahway, which has a wonderful selection of ethnic and American restaurants, some of which offer pre-theatre dining. Patrons can park in secure, free municipal parking lots a few feet from the theater or take the NJ Transit train to the Rahway station which is two blocks from the UCAC. Valet parking will be provided at selected performances. The theatre was recently cited by the New Jersey Council on the Arts as being in total compliance with the American Disabilities Act and a signed performance will occur on Nov. 15.

"Crazy For You" is produced under the musical direction of Ruby Robertson-Knox and directed by resident artistic director Marsha Watson. The play runs weekends through November 16. Ticket prices are \$24.00 for Loge and \$19.00 for Orchestra and Mezzanine.

For further information, call the box office at (908) 499-8226.

Stay tuned for Part II

Continuing its commitment to New Jersey talent, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will be featuring Part Two of the exhibition "Sculpture From New Jersey" in the Palmer Gallery Nov. 17 - Jan. 5. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2 - 5 p.m. Works by eight established and emerging New Jersey artists will be featured. A panel discussion with the artists will be held Thurs., Dec. 5 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. as part of NJCVA's "Just About Art" discussion series.

Incorporating a variety of found and fabricated elements, each sculpture conveys its own message. Artist Nancy Cohen of Jersey City makes references to human experiences and relationships in her sculpture "Cou-

ple," constructed of objects rich in cultural and symbolic meaning. "The elements function like a cast of characters in an (unwritten) play," says Cohen, who composed her piece from plaster, metal, glass, wood putty and wax. As if floating in space, the piece is suspended from the ceiling by a single cord. "Groups naturally stand for human groups," added Cohen.

Working in essential materials, Willie Cole of Newark created "Bread Babies" completely from flour, water, salt and yeast, allowing for their historical appearance. Creating a "new mythology," he ensures their authentic appeal. "I have totally changed everything (in time) and nobody would ever know the truth," says Cole of his sculptures. "I sometimes think

of it as archaeological ethnographic Data."

Other NJ artists who will be featured include Richard Dobra of Westfield; Betty McGeehan of Chatham; Carol Rosen of Califon; Janet Taylor Pickett of Monclair; Tyler Smith of Hoboken; and Elaine Lorenz of Cliffside Park. Docented tours are available by appointment; receptions, discussions and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, noon - 4 p.m., Thursday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. and weekends from 2 - 4 p.m. The Center is located at 68 Elm St. Funding for this exhibition has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State.

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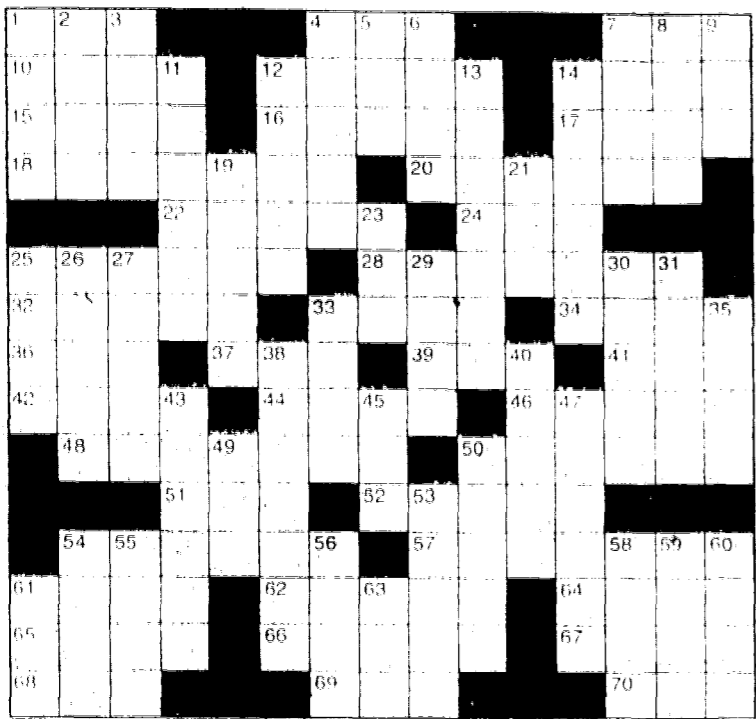
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Stop your busy schedule and take the time to observe this week. You may learn more by watching than doing. Plan a weekend excursion. This is definitely the time to do some reflecting and soul-searching.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21

Take a friend up on an offer. It's time to do something special for yourself. A family gathering will lift your spirits and present a new way of looking at an old problem. Don't take your relatives for granted.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21

Get a head start this week at work. Working ahead will prevent falling behind later in the week. You may receive an enticing invitation that's too good to refuse. Listen to your heart.

will finally have the chance to shine through. Don't be shy. Show what you can do!

LEO
July 23-August 23

This is not a good time to let your temper get the better of you. You would eventually regret your careless actions. Complete a project that's been set aside, and you'll feel much better. A loved one will share something that will answer many questions.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22

Your boss needs some help getting organized. It may be a long week if you don't offer your skills. Life will get hectic by midweek, so plan ahead. A relaxing weekend is just around the corner.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22

Keep your guard up when dealing with strangers. They may want to know what you're up to, and it's none of their business. An old friend may come back into your life, and this time for more than friendship. Take things slow.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21

Don't ignore your natural instincts. You know right from wrong. Don't let someone talk you out of telling the truth. Romance will take off toward the end of the week. It may be just what you need.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20

Your hard work is finally paying off. Don't stop now. Your best

thinking time is morning. You'll get the most work done then. People around you may be in the mood for an argument, but you may not share their opinion.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18

Either do what you're told today or have a very good reason for not doing so. Stalling on a tedious project may be to your advantage. Think of a more efficient way to achieve the same result. You could save yourself many long hours.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Someone else's quarrel may teach you a valuable lesson. It's not good to eavesdrop, but you may not have a choice. Keep what you've learned to yourself.

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Singer shares her gift with the world

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Her way of giving back was to found the Random Act of Kindness Foundation in 1994, described as the first humanitarian foundation to provide charity dedicated to single parent households nationwide. Family and friends work as volunteers to provide gifts of clothes, toys, and school supplies to children in households with a yearly income of \$27,000 or less.

there's an absence in my soul. "Me, I told God, I want to meet the world. I love to work in an office, but I want to meet the world. The world is outside, how do I meet them? I can sing."

Curry presented her gift of song to audiences at the PNC Bank Arts Center this September, as guest singer at the African American festival. Her resume also includes appearances at the Meadowlands, Symphony Hall, the Helmsley Palace and major churches in New York and New Jersey. She often appears at "Don't Tell

Mama" nightclub in New York, and has been interviewed for cable television. Her next local appearance will be as guest singer with Kenny Simmons at Juices on Dec. 20.

She also has been asked to write four songs for a record company, and has a children's book and a poetry book which is being evaluated for publication.

Curry has definitely taken her parents advice. There seems to be no limit to the things she can do.

to choose one? Do it all! God gave all of us different things we can do, why do you have to pick one?"

She's too busy to be nervous anymore.

"To this day, instead of feeling nervous, I think about the whole list of people that were there. I want to sing, I want to just burst out and spread my arms and give you all I have, because I've been blessed. I've had a troupe of people behind me, and a troupe of people in front waiting to meet me, and I can't get nervous. I just get happy."

And she keeps on singing. "I'm educated, I've worked, and I've given to a company, and now I want to give something in my soul to the world, and that's voice, singing, acting."

"I find in life if I don't keep developing this gift, I miss it. I feel like

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If last year is any indication, physicians can expect to see patients with the flu as early as this fall. According to The Journal of the American Medical Association, influenza activity occurred in moderately severe levels during October 1995 and lasted through March 1996. Flu activity peaked during late December 1995, just in time for the holidays. Last year, for the first time since the 1991-92 season, influenza viruses were associated with epidemics in several countries, including the United States.

Flu is often called a respiratory disease, but it affects the whole body. The virus causes fevers, chills, weakness, loss of appetite and an aching body. Dry cough, nausea and burning eyes may also occur. Fever mounts quickly, but usually subsides after two to three days, leaving the patient feeling exhausted. While most people with the flu recover in about a week, the elderly often suffer complications from the flu which can be fatal.

"The flu is a contagious type of virus that can cause serious illness as well as complications and even death in certain people," says Alvin Goldstein, D.O., clinical chairperson for the Department of Family Practice for Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. "Those over 65 or those who have ailments such as diabetes, kidney disease, chronic heart or lung disease or HIV should be among the first to receive the vaccine. The present vaccine is very effective."

Those who could be most helped by flu vaccines include seniors age 65 and older, health care workers, and those with chronic health conditions. However, many people in high-risk categories do not receive flu shots because of doubts about their effectiveness and fear of side effects. An article in the Archives of Internal Medicine in 1994, describes flu shots as "effective, reducing serious complications of influenza by about one-half." The American Lung Association finds the vaccine to be 75 percent effective in preventing flu. Regarding to safety issues, influenza vaccine is made from highly purified egg-grown viruses that have been rendered non-infectious.

"It is very important that the vaccine be given at such a time so that the body can produce antibodies from the vaccine," says Dr. Goldstein. "This generally takes two to three weeks, so the ideal time to receive the vaccine is early October through November. People who get the vaccine in January or in the middle of a flu season should wonder how much protection they are going to get."

Since the flu virus is passed by "droplet infection," when the organism becomes airborne after a sneeze or cough, Dr. Goldstein offers some suggestions for avoiding flu germs this season. These include avoiding crowds, washing hands frequently, and avoiding those in the throes of the flu.

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Westfield resident clings to life, awaits transplant

Maureen Forrester, a 30-year-old resident of Westfield, is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. She has been waiting three-and-a-half years to receive this transplant and her condition has become critical.

The victim of a childhood kidney disease called Medullary Cystic Disease, Forrester received a kidney transplant 11 years ago which her body rejected seven years later. She has been receiving hemodialysis ever since to perform the functions of her diseased kidney.

Maureen, her husband Mike, and her parents, Mr. Jack Coloney and Mrs. Peggy Coloney, are exasperated to see the reason why it has taken so long for a kidney to become available. Maureen is registered at four transplant centers nationally and has not received a single phone call in three years.

Recently, Maureen's condition has worsened. Her inability to fight off infection and the debilitating nature of the dialysis has meant frequent visits

to the hospital and extended periods of bed rest.

Maureen has the same dreams as any other 30-year-old woman, but unless a kidney becomes available for transplant immediately, she will never have the opportunity to see them come true.

Maureen Forrester is the administrator of Theo House, a residential hospice facility in Elizabeth. Theo House is owned by the Center for Hope Hospice, Margaret Coloney, Maureen's mother, is the president and co-founder of The Center for Hope Hospice.

The Center for Hope Hospice has cared for over 4,000 terminally ill individuals and their families since its genesis in the late 1970's. As the administrator at Theo House, Maureen uses her skills as a social worker to help terminally ill individuals and their families through the most important time of their lives — their final days.

Maureen was diagnosed by the age

of one year but remained asymptomatic until age 19 when she began experiencing fevers. Further evaluation lead to impending renal failure and hemodialysis. After 7 months of hemodialysis, in March of '86, Maureen was fortunate enough to receive a donor for transplantation. Six months following a successful transplant, Maureen developed meningitis, which was thought to be secondary to her suppressed immune system. She received six weeks of treatment for her meningitis and was discharged with continued intravenous treatment. This transplanted kidney lasted for 7 years, although Maureen had to be hospitalized several times for infections, viruses and to have her spleen removed. In March of '93, six weeks prior to her wedding, Maureen experienced rejection of the transplanted kidney. Hemodialysis was started 2 times per week for 3 hour intervals. This made it necessary for Maureen to receive hemodialysis even while on her honeymoon. By the end of July,

one month later, her condition warranted hemodialysis 3 times per week for 3 hour intervals. Maureen is registered at four transplant centers, however over the last three years she has not received one phone call regarding a potential donor.

Maureen's condition has continued to deteriorate over the last three years as she awaits a donor for transplant. In the last two months she has required hospitalization twice, once for a surgical procedure to re-open her clotted fistula and the second time due to a life-threatening infection. Maureen was discharged last Friday and has resumed outpatient hemodialysis 3 times per week. These last few hospitalizations, and the rapid decline in her condition have left her physically and emotionally exhausted.

The Center for Hope Hospice would like to increase public awareness as to the importance of organ donations. Anyone with questions or information on organ donations can call the hospice at (908) 486-0700.

Drug abuse series begins in Westfield

"Prozac and Beyond" and "Depression, Anxiety and Panic Attacks in Addiction" are among the topics to be explored in the seventeen different courses being offered by the NCADD of Union County's 1996-97 Alcohol and Drug Training Series which begins tomorrow. All classes are being held at NCADD's offices at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. Each class will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

All courses have been submitted to The Certification Board for CADC certification and recertification credit.

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In September 1992, the United States Public Health Service recommended that all women of childbearing age take folic acid to prevent spina bifida and other neural tube defects. During 1991, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation had already begun a national health education effort about the importance of consuming folic acid. More than four years later, those recommendations have gone largely unheeded.

It wasn't developed in a laboratory and it's not a miracle drug. But what folic acid does is a miracle. Folic acid is a simple B vitamin found in many types of foods which Godfrey Oakley, head of the birth defects section of the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention referred to in September 1995 as the "Salk vaccine of the 90s." Since 1991, the March of Dimes has urged all women of childbearing age that are capable of becoming pregnant to start consuming folic acid daily — prior to and during pregnancy.

A recent study by the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta indicated that only 20 percent of women surveyed were taking folic acid supplements. Only 29 percent knew folic acid prevents birth defects. 71 percent of the women surveyed did not know that folic acid can prevent birth defects.

In addition to providing to the public absolutely free "Think Ahead!" pre-pregnancy planning packets containing folic acid information, the public can call the March of Dimes at (201) 882-0700 and request free folic acid information. Folic acid can be found in green leafy vegetables, enriched cereals and whole grain foods, asparagus, citrus fruits and juices, navy and pinto beans, and many other food products, in addition to multivitamin supplements.

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Expecting to learn



Susan Weinstein, RN, director of Women's Health Education, far right, teaches infant care to new mothers in one of the many education programs offered by Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

Indulge in good health at the fair

On Sunday, the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, will host over 25 health professionals in the 10th Annual Health Fair, done in conjunction with the Union Township Board of Health. The doors open at noon. In addition to a full array of cancer screenings, there will also be free flu shots, diabetes screenings — must fast hours prior — and cholesterol testing/cardiac profiles. There is a nominal fee for the cholesterol and cardiac profiles. Other participants include dentists, podiatrists, nurses, various Senior Programs, and a Fire Safety Trailer for the children. Fruit, herbal teas, lowfat yogurt pops, and lowfat bagels are just among some of the refreshments that will be available.

The "Speaker" program will consist of the following lineup:

- 12:30 p.m., Dr. Ernest Federici will talk about "Questions and Answers About Your Heart"
- 1:30 p.m., a professional representative from the American Red

Cross will discuss "Myths and Realities About HIV and A.I.D.S."

- 2:30 p.m., Dr. Glen Davison will present a seminar entitled, "Oh, My Aching Feet."
- 3:30, there will be a workshop on "Cancer, Detection, Prevention and Cures."


Sample Yoga classes will be offered by Paula Borenstein at 1:30 p.m. for adults, and at 2 p.m. for children age 12 and under. At 2:30 p.m., she will present a special program to relieve stress and pain entitled, "The

Healing Circle." All these programs are free of charge.

For more information or directions to the Y, call Jani Kovacs-Jonas at (908) 289-8112.

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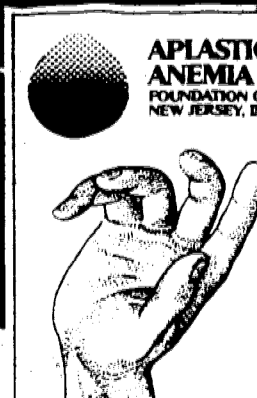
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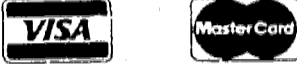
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Clark
 Victor C. and Dorothy A. Tamburr sold property at 51 Lance Road to Gregory Heller for \$277,000 on Aug. 6.

Joseph Zygala sold property at 91 Fulton St., to Socha Construction Co., Inc. for \$91,000 on Aug. 6.

Barbara J. Spiewak sold property at 81 Maebelle Drive to Armando N. Chavez for \$325,000 on Aug. 8.

Robert Bonnet sold property at 1637 Raritan Road to David Riley for \$114,000 on Aug. 12.

Louise L. Brucka sold property at 7 Orchard Terrace to Christine M. Mesaros for \$180,800 on Aug. 12.

Elizabeth
 Antonio and Maria Montalvo sold property at 554 2nd Ave., to Ricardo Medeiros for \$150,000 on Aug. 1.

Antonio M. Pinello et al sold property at 732 Monroe Ave., to Angel Gutierrez for \$105,000 on Aug. 5.

Alliance Funding Company sold property at 532 Marshall St., to Jose Sabater for \$65,000 on Aug. 5.

James D. and Florence Isello sold property at 916-8 Monroe Ave., to Maria I. Arocho for \$169,000 on Aug. 7.

Margaret Wagner sold property at 445 Linden Ave., to Joannis J. Et Diakouloukas for \$115,000 on Aug. 7.

Nicosoto Enterprise Corp. sold property at 142 Orchard St., to Jose Valdiviezo for \$175,000 on Aug. 8.

Joao M. and Maria DaSilva sold property at 598 Adams Ave., to Jonas P. DuJour for \$166,000 on Aug. 9.

Catherine Lesniak sold property at 718 Grier Ave., to Miguel Sierra for \$90,000 on Aug. 9.

238 Bloy St., to Valdete Almeida for \$83,000 on Aug. 5.

James L. McCray et ux et al sold property at 55 Bailey Ave., to Thomas Mollet for \$108,000 on Aug. 9.

John G. and Sandra J. Robinson sold property at 87 Williamson Ave., to Frederick Parsons for \$106,000 on Aug. 9.

Carl and Gloria Mickens sold property at 1413 Boa Place to Caryl Andre for \$150,000 on Aug. 9.

Bristol Oaks LP sold property at 257 Conant St., to Citicorp North America Inc. for \$74,764 on Aug. 12.

Gumersindo and Sofia V. Perez sold property at 112 Valley View Road to Jesus Portal for \$150,000 on Aug. 13.

Kenilworth
 James C. and Elise A. Pappas sold property at 10 N. 13th St., to Miguel Santiago for \$120,000 on Aug. 13.

Sara B. Staiger sold property at 572 Quinton Ave., to Silvano Berardinelli for \$132,000 on Aug. 13.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at 412 Coolidge Drive to John C. Durniak for \$139,900 on Aug. 16.

Linden
 Catharina J.M. Does sold property at 26 E. 10th St., to Ryszard Blizniak for \$70,000 on Aug. 1.

Ann M. Hahn sold property at 1427 Husa St., to Tracy L. Jenkins for \$120,350 on Aug. 1.

Marcus M. and Erika R. Pontes sold property at 1421 Sunnyside Drive to Waldemar Konopko for \$132,000 on Aug. 7.

Leon P. and Brunilda Ginter sold property at 305 Maple Ave., to Levis A. Pena for \$112,000 on Aug. 7.

Mary W. Lange sold property at 2206 DeWitt Terrace to Charles G. Ciborowski for \$140,000 on Aug. 13.

Robert E. and Dorothy Shalhoub sold property at 816 Alnsworth St., to Joseph Tilelli for \$142,000 on Aug. 15.

Feliks Lipinski et al sold property at 408 Kennedy Drive to Marian Mandala for \$212,000 on Aug. 15.

William Pohl sold property at 2827 Wickersham Ave., to Reuben Turner for \$137,000 on Aug. 15.

Edmund A. Stančzak for \$420,000 on Aug. 1.

Jay A. and Deborah J. Berez sold property at 1087 Saddlebrook Road to John J. Yenish for \$378,000 on Aug. 9.

Emma Gerhardt sold property at 350 Gren Briar Court to Joseph DeCosta for \$262,000 on Aug. 14.

Rahway
 Brenda Rosky sold property at 727 Hamilton St., to Thomas A. Newbery for \$159,000 on July 29.

Olga Tatarynw sold property at 561 River Road to Robert J. Tatarynw for \$50,000 on July 30.

Alan J. Petty et al sold property at 2348 Whittier St., to Pawel Kaczowski for \$80,400 on Aug. 2.

Peter Longhitano et al sold property at 533 E. Scott Ave., to Victor J. Gonzalez for \$92,500 on Aug. 7.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at 907 W. Inman Ave., to Egberto Colon for \$106,000 on Aug. 8.

Brian Foskey sold property at 44 W. Emerson Ave., to Edward J. Foskey for \$112,129 on Aug. 12.

Gloria Beckford sold property at 789 E. Milton Ave., to Paul Johnson for \$74,000 on Aug. 13.

William R. and Mary P. Bergen Jr. sold property at 1170 Greslin Terrace to Russell W. Yuengel for \$134,500 on Aug. 15.

Charles M. and Adele Eckert sold property at 1197 Elm Terrace to Glenn Currow for \$160,000 on Aug. 15.

Roselle
 Richard A. and Patricia A. Nelson sold property at 222 Cristiani St., to Kevin J. Simon for \$95,000 on Aug. 2.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at 403 W. 1st Ave., to Robert Linder for \$75,000 on Aug. 7.

Louis and Philomena Christiani sold property at 601 Kaplan St., to Gina Jeannis for \$124,000 on Aug. 8.

Gina Jeannis sold property at 818 Chestnut St., to Carmen E. Chin for \$125,000 on Aug. 8.

Bristol Oaks LP sold property at 109 W. 9th Ave., to Citicorp North America Inc. for \$48,760 on Aug. 12.

Roselle Park
 Michael J. Roman Jr. et ux sold property at 625 Filbert St., to Mario Pumar for \$140,000 on Aug. 15.

Loretta M. Lazar sold property at 115 Bender Ave., to Steve D. Wolcott for \$153,500 on Aug. 16.

Springfield
 Gayle D. Tseng sold property at 91 Denham Road to Christopher J. Alfano for \$205,000 on Aug. 13.

Summit
 Mary E. Triolo sold property at 7 Rotary Drive to Kathleen S. Zerweck for \$385,000 on July 31.

William and Barbara Brenn sold property at 19 Myrtle Ave., to Scott R. Massengill for \$434,000 on July 31.

Beatrice A. Reilly sold property at 140 Morris Ave., to Edward N. Scott for \$163,100 on July 31.

Mark and Lisa Grimmig sold property at 26 Linden Place to Thomas M. Mueller for \$595,000 on July 31.

Peter R. and Donna M. Smith sold property at 41 Oakland Place to Jeffrey A. Moon for \$675,000 on July 31.

Thomas O. and Audrey D. Moore sold property at 14 Colt Road to William D. Winslow for \$632,600 on July 31.

Donald R. and Janet S. Knab sold property at 14 Kings Hill Court to Terri LeCamp for \$840,000 on July 31.

John E. and Melissa M. Pflieger sold property at 102 Beechwood Road to Gerald Donini for \$835,000 on July 31.

Richard C. and Matilda W. Botwin sold property at 72 Fernwood Road to Dixon V. Peer III for \$470,000 on Aug. 1.

Wayne M. and Lisa Brandt sold property at 45 Oak Ridge Ave., to Mark J. Grimmig for \$725,000 on Aug. 1.

Elsie M. Hartmann sold property at 2 Eaton Court to Allen L. Jacobs for \$175,000 on Aug. 1.

Wayne M. and Lisa Brandt sold property at 45 Oak Ridge Ave., to Mark J. Grimmig for \$725,000 on Aug. 1.

Gordon L. and Vivian A. Wadmond sold property at 29 Dorchester Road to Jeffrey A. Burian for \$660,000 on Aug. 6.

Frank Flemming sold property at 34 Hobart Ave., to Jeffrey B. Wagenbach for \$400,000 on Aug. 6.

Jeffrey B. Wagenbach et ux sold property at 14 Passaic Ave., to Thomas M. Kopezynski for \$248,500 on Aug. 6.

Union
 Louis J. and Angeline Basile sold property at 656 Garden St., to Luis A. Frago Jr. for \$195,000 on June 25.

Gilbert D. and Lora L. Haines sold property at 2558 Audrey Terrace to Regina Frierson for \$177,000 on July 2.

George B. Policastro et ux sold property at 1700 Edmund Terrace to Benony Pierre for \$125,500 on July 2.

Mindy Zagorin et al sold property at 877 Hobson St., to Cheryl L. Riola for \$235,000 on July 9.

John J. and Jeanne L. Davidson sold property at 1215 Woolley Ave., to Jesus M. Martinez for \$162,500 on July 10.

George L. Martinez sold property at 850 Pinewood Road to Alan S. Boyce for \$135,000 on July 12.

Martin and Kate Stern sold property at 790 Terrill Road to Carlos Henriques for \$180,000 on July 15.

Raymond F. Hillard sold property at 809 Caldwell Ave., to Robert Cabunoc for \$182,500 on July 15.

Jose A. and Yolanda Orgueira sold property at 8 Creston Ave., to Brian Anderson for \$120,000 on July 15.

Joseph M. and Susan Testa sold property at 2037 Lentz Ave., to Palmer Johnson for \$159,900 on July 15.

Steven Helmstetter sold property at 1320 Orange Ave., to Virginia M. Scappoutta for \$130,000 on July 15.

Robert K. Basmadjian et ux sold property at 2059 Tyler St., to Henrique J. Cardosa for \$180,000 on July 15.

Peter P. and Phyllis DiSturco sold property at 2578 Eleanor Terrace to

Gregory W. Moir for \$195,000 on July 16.

Charles and Nora Wean sold property at 2274 Pershing Road to Burnett F. Mingo for \$159,600 on July 18.

Bernadette Campos sold property at 919 S. Park Terrace to Anthony Campos for \$7,000 on July 20.

John and Bernadette Giunta sold property at 222 Milton Ave., to Helen Bissoon for \$140,000 on July 22.

Lillian Casey sold property at 345 Tower St., to Mary Levant for \$124,000 on July 22.

John Strauch sold property at 2151 Keller-Crescent to Roy L. Dawson Sr. for \$161,000 on July 22.

Antonio and Theresa Somma sold property at 2656 Burns Place to Thomas Keith Jr. for \$189,000 on July 23.

Anna M. Zawislak sold property at 2030 Pleasant Parkway to Eiveus Sylvain for \$117,000 on July 23.

Frederick J. and Helga J. Miller sold property at

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 Bernice Policastro et al sold property at 148 Burkley Place to Richard Tavares for \$125,000 on July 29.
 Mary L. Winters sold property at 2122 Leonard Terrace to Monica L. Thole for \$128,000 on July 29.
 Richard and Kathleen Flitsch sold property at 1245 Plane St., to Brian Flitsch for \$100,000 on July 29.
 James P. and Anne M. Cooley sold property at 1833 Long Terrace to Mario Sierra for \$153,200 on July 30.
 Linda W. Waddington et al sold property at 531 Olive Terrace to Matthew Varughese for \$145,000 on July 30.
 Donald K. and Cathy Freier sold property at 765 Inwood Road to Karen A. Edgar for \$183,000 on July 30.
 Patricia Fennimore sold property at 2047 Pleasant Parkway to Daphne Scott for \$134,000 on July 30.
 David and Romola Kurtz sold property at 328 Hillside Road to Alberto Ong for \$151,000 on July 31.
 Daniel M. and Debra A. Klein sold property at 365 Huguenot Ave., to Alan Binstock for \$176,500 on July 31.
 George Zito sold property at 1349 Oakland Ave., to Richard N. Schellhase for \$157,000 on July 31.
 Lee F. and Alecdra M. Jacobs sold property at 1697 Union Ave., to Paul Cravo for \$190,000 on July 31.
 Margaret R. Verniero sold property at 627 Carlyle Place to Pedro and Ursula S. Ruiz for \$134,000 on July 31.
 John R. and Mary A. Quinn sold property at 2755 Spruce St., to David M. Lannon for \$163,000 on July 31.
 Anthony and Gloria Marsella Jr. sold property at 140 Mary Alice Court to Raymond Eisdorfer for \$195,000 on Aug. 1.
 Morris and Lebarbara Jones sold property on 1207 Brookside Ave., to Ronald L. Whitsett for \$212,000 on Aug. 1.
 Carol J. Schoenknecht sold property at 1063 Lorraine Ave., to Adolino A. Henriques Jr. for \$143,000 on Aug. 1.
 Dorul and Veronica Goliano sold property at 1713 Van Ness Terrace to Synetta A. Willis for \$125,000 on Aug. 1.
 Bharaf and Aruna B. Mistry sold property at 1203 Kelly St., to Bruce M. Werner for \$147,000 on Aug. 1.

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Saab automobiles have been synonymous with safety

Saab automobiles have been synonymous with innovative technology and advanced engineering since the first Saab was unveiled in 1947. The Swedish automaker has continued to pioneer a long lineup of safety, comfort and performance features, many of which have been adopted by other manufacturers. The following are Saab world innovations, and all of these features — small or large — are available on today's Saab 900 and/or 9000 models.

Although 1972 federal safety standards did not require specific side-impact reinforcement, Saab added steel beams to the side door structure of the Saab 99 model in the fall of 1972. Saab's real-world accident investigation team had found that many collisions involved side impacts. As a result, Saab engineers integrated longitudinally welded beams into the doors, at a height to provide maximum protection for passengers. These type of welded steel beams were an industry first, and are now used in some form by most carmakers.

Side-impact protection is an integrated part of the energy-absorbing Saab safety cage design. Saab was one of the first carmakers to design a car with integrated safety cage construction. Sturdy steel reinforcements surround the passenger compartment, diverting collision forces away from the occupants, regardless of whether the impact comes from the front, rear or side. In addition, the front and rear areas of the car are designed to absorb much of the kinetic energy generated in a collision. These so-called "crumple zones" take the brunt of a crash.

Saab was the first carmaker to introduce impact-absorbing, self-restoring front and rear bumpers in the U.S. The new bumpers debuted on the 1972 Saab 99E, one year ahead of the 1973 federal bumper standard that required all cars be capable of sustaining a 5-mph front and 2.5-mph rear barrier collision without damage "to the safety systems" of the car. The 1972 Saab 99E was the first car that not only met, but exceeded the regulation by suffering no damage at all in the low-speed impacts.

Today's Saab 900 and 9000's foam-core bumpers are still designed to restore to their original shape following a low-speed impact. Each year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, IIHS, subjects new cars to a series of low-speed crash tests to check the strength of their bumpers. In the latest round of tests, the 1994 Saab 900 was the only 4-door midsize car to drive away from the 5-mph

front and rear flat barrier impacts without damage. In fact, the 900 is one of only four cars tested since 1990 that suffered zero damage in the flat barrier tests.

Saab is synonymous with state-of-the-art turbocharging. Prior to 1977, other manufacturers used turbos only on limited production or very expensive sports cars. Reliability was low and cost was high. Saab revolutionized the concept of turbocharging family cars by applying an adjustable-boost turbo to a small displacement engine with the introduction of the 1977 Saab 99 Turbo, followed by the new Saab 900 Turbo a year later. Saab's turbo engines were engineered to achieve high torque at low speeds — a desirable characteristic for everyday driving.

The 1980 Saab 900 offered the award-winning Automatic Performance Control APC, which electronically monitored and adjusted the turbo engine for maximum efficiency and low emissions, and compensated for different octane gasolines.

Saab's next "first" was the 16-valve turbo engine, introduced as the third generation turbo in 1983. This engine was also equipped with an intercooler to lower the temperature of the intake air, which raises the engine's compression ratio and power output.

In 1992, Saab's remarkable Trionic system debuted, which further improved the efficiency of Saab turbo engines. Electronically, the award-winning Trionic system constantly adjusts the engine's fuel/air mixture, ignition timing and turbo charge.

Saab is still a leader in the production of advanced turbo engines. All of today's Saab turbo engines are inter-cooled, use four valves per cylinder, direct ignition and dual overhead camshafts. Over the years, refinements have reduced the feeling of "turbo lag" to virtually nil, and

today's turbos are as reliable as a normally aspirated engine.

The use of daytime running lights (DRLs) has been proven to be an effective, low-cost method of reducing car-to-car crashes. DRLs come on automatically when the car's ignition is on, and turn off when the key is switched off. For the 1995 model year, Saab was one of the first carmakers to debut this proven safety feature as standard equipment on all its new cars sold in the United States.

DRLs are new to the U.S., but Saab has offered a DRL alternative since 1968 — a full 25 years ahead of NHTSA's new regulation that made DRLs possible nationwide. Every Saab 9000 and 900 includes an interlock system that automatically turns off the headlights through the ignition key. Consequently, drivers of earlier model Saabs can simply leave the headlight switch in the "on" position

and keep the lights on continuously as DRLs, without fear of running down the battery when they leave the vehicle.

Starting with the 1971 Saab 99, headlight wipers and washers became another Saab contribution to safer driving. Today's Saabs all offer headlight wipers/washers as standard equipment. This innovation is activated automatically when the windshield wipers/washers are used. In 1971, the Swedish Automobile Association awarded Saab a gold medal for this feature, which later became required by law for all cars in Sweden.

There's much more to the rear seat in the Saab 900 than meets the eyes. Called the Saab "Safeseat," the seat incorporates a full-width upper cross-beam that serves both as a load restraint and anchorage point for all three rear headrests and safety belts. All three positions use shoulder belts

with inertia reel systems for maximum protection. Another full-width crossbeam is located in the lower seat cushion to add protection against side impacts, plus serving as part of an anti-submerging design to prevent occupants from sliding under the safety belts in a collision.

In addition, a pair of optional integrated child booster seats is available as part of the Saab 900 5-door's Safeseat design.

Saabs are legendary for their cargo-carrying capability. Despite the seat's built-in structural strength, the rear seat of the 900 Coupe or 5-door can be folded down in part or fully for 49.8 cubic feet of utility. Plus, the seatback has a pass-through behind the center armrest. Even the rear seatback on the 900 Convertible folds forward to create a full-width pass-through to the trunk — unprecedented among Saab's soft-top competitors.

Other automakers may tout the benefits of their "new" ventilation fil-

ters, but Saab drivers have been breathing filtered air since 1978, when Saab became the first car manufacturer to offer a cabin air filter on the new 1990. Saab introduced an even more efficient electrostatic cabin air filter as standard equipment on all models. The filter prevents most dust, bacteria, pollen and soot from entering the passenger cabin.

A driver's comfort is essential to safe and enjoyable driving. If a car is thoroughly cold on a winter's day, it may take 20 minutes or more for the occupant's body heat to warm the seat. This can be particularly troublesome for people who are susceptible to backaches or rheumatism. Saabs, built in the icy climates of Scandinavia, offer a welcome solution to a cold seat: heating elements built into the front seat lower cushion and seatback. Again, Saab was a pioneer by being first to offer this feature on the 1972 Saab 99. Now, heated front seats are standard on every new Saab.

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He'd need the 1997 Infiniti Q45. From the moment the passenger slips into the plush leather cockpit, the world of refined automobile luxury takes full effect. From heated seats to the Bose 200 watt audio system with eight speakers, CD-auto changer with four amplifiers, Infiniti leaves no stone unturned.

The introduction of the new Q45 flagship luxury performance sedan, continues Infiniti's renowned tradition of offering customers vehicles that are well appointed, providing nearly all features as standard equipment.

Two models of the new luxury sedan are available, the Q45 and a performance-oriented Q45 Touring Model, Q45t. The Q45 was designed to appeal to the premium luxury buyer, with a refined ride and elegant dish-style alloy wheels. The sportier Q45t, equipped with a sport-tuned suspension, performance cast aluminum alloy wheels and an attractive rear spoiler designed to add a hint of athleticism to the vehicle's new styling.

Both models of Q45 are equipped with a long list of standard equipment and features, surrounding the driver and passengers with comfort, convenience and security.

Since the company's inception, Infiniti has been in the forefront of safety. It was the first to feature dual air bags and ABS brakes as standard equipment in all its luxury cars. In fact, when it comes to safety, no detail is too small. Infiniti even goes as far as to gold plate all of its air bag sensor terminals to ensure that the operation of crucial safety features is not compromised.

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Leather seating surfaces, available in Beige, Stone Beige and Black, and 10-way power front seats invite driver and passengers alike into Q45's elegant interior. The driver's seat includes a two-setting exit and entry memory system that enables the seat, as well as the power-assist telescopic and height-adjustable steering column, to move to fully "relaxed" positions for eased driver entry and exit when the front door is opened. The seat and steering column return to one of two pre-programmed positions when the driver's door has been closed.

Once seated, occupants will find a custom-design eight-speaker Bose audio system with AM/FM/cassette/CD player, a two-way power operated sunroof with tilt feature, an Integrated HomeLink Transmitter for remote opening of gates and garage doors, and an automatic climate control system with CFC-free air conditioning system.

Also standard are: rear seat heating and air conditioning vents, an innovative three-way opening center console able to open toward either the driver or front-passenger side, full complement of analog gauges, and wood-tone accents throughout the interior.

The Q45t Touring Model adds as standard interior equipment two-setting heated front seats and a sportier steering wheel with ergonomically-designed "grips" for added driver control.

Both Q45 models are powered by a new 4.1-liter DOHC 32-valve V8 engine that produces 266 horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 278 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm. This technically advanced engine features aluminum-alloy block and heads, molybdenum coated pistons and Nissan's Variable Timing Control System, NVTCS.

Also standard on both models is a 4-wheel independent suspension systems with front MacPherson struts and a rear multi-link design. A 34.0 mm stabilizer bar is used on the front suspension in conjunction with sub-frame mounted coil springs and a strut tower bar. The Q45 uses a 24.2 mm rear stabilizer bar, Q45t is equipped with a larger 19.1 mm stabilizer bar. Vehicle-speed sensitive steering is standard on both models, to provide the driver with more power assistance at lower speeds and more feedback from the road as speed increases.

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Stopping power for the flagship Q45 models is provided by 4-wheel disc brakes with large ventilated front and rear brake rotors and a standard 3-channel/4 sensor anti-lock braking system, ABS.

The elegant styling of Q45 features a strong horizontal character line which runs from the slanted aerodynamic front of the car to the distinctively styled inverse curve of the C-pillar. The Q45t takes the look a step further, adding a unique grill with blacked out center brightwork at the front and a body-color rear decklid spoiler with integrated center high mounted stop lamp at the rear of the car. Unique "t" badging further distinguishes the sporty Touring Model from its Q45 stablemate.

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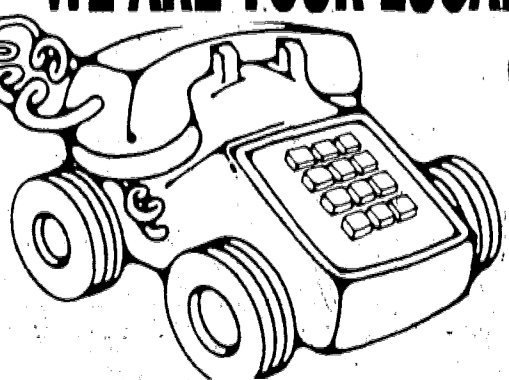
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