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At last, a real fight for reform

You have to applaud anyone tenacious enough to fight the state on a matter that will benefit most people.

We live in a time when legislators keep themselves busy by passing inane laws, which prompt the creation of government agencies intended to ensure you and I abide by those laws. Simultaneously, countless special interest groups lobby the legislators, seeking the ban of everything from cigarettes to

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

firearms, because you and I can't be trusted to make our own decisions.

I mention this because there's a candidate for governor who has not made headlines yet, but should — despite an awkward name.

Those of you who will bother to vote in the Republican primary elections may see "Mandate for Real Automobile Insurance Reform" on the ballot, alongside Gov. Christine Whitman.

Of course, that's not the name of a person. It is the result of an effort by the Automobile Insurance Reform Alliance to give the public a voice at the polls.

While many other states give citizens the power to vote on issues — a process called initiative and referendum — New Jersey does not.

This is ironic, considering how the current Republican majority in the Legislature campaigned to victory several years ago in part on a pledge to give citizens that power. Upon being sworn, they wretched.

It is not ironic that the Automobile Insurance Reform Alliance has chosen the GOP gubernatorial primary as the place to fight.

The plan is to force a showdown. Instead of enjoying a primary season without a challenge, Whitman will have to remind voters of her stand on car insurance reform and maybe explain why it has taken four years for her to act.

Auto insurance will be a big issue in this election year, and what will make it interesting is neither major party has any credibility on it. Whitman discussed her ideas in her State of the State address last month, but I was embarrassed for her due to the tardiness of her comments.

One of the many reasons Jim Florio was so despicable was his overseeing of the insane wastefulness of the Market Transition Facility. The MTF, the result of the Democrats' Fair Automobile Insurance Reform Act of 1990, replaced the Joint Underwriting Association when the state devised a plan wherein high risk drivers could obtain insurance outside of the free market.

Why the state joined the insurance business is a mystery to me; why it still is in the insurance business needs explaining — and the governor will be given that chance thanks to the Automobile Insurance Reform Alliance.

Rather than think of "Mandate for Real Automobile Insurance Reform" as a competitor of Whitman's, think of it as your chance to pass a binding referendum.

If it is "elected," the mandate will be seen as an unmistakable message to the governor and all 120 state legislators. The Automobile Insurance Reform Alliance wants insurance rates cut in half and all surcharges eliminated.

As unusual as its approach is, I hope the Automobile Insurance Reform Alliance does well. I know I'll be supporting "Mandate for Real Automobile Insurance Reform" when I vote on June 3.

Democrats hire lawyer who helped establish UCUA

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

It seems that a ghost from the UCUA's past has come back to haunt the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The ghost is Jonathan Williams, an employee of the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzgerald and Gluck that was hired to do a review of various aspects of the UCUA, including contracts for the disposal of incinerator ash and the incinerator's debt service.

According to Freeholder Frank Lehr, Williams, who was hired by the Democrat-controlled Board of Chosen Freeholders, was the general counsel to the UCUA when it was first being set up and issuing bonds.

"I'm not knocking that, but I'm saying that the Democrats are knock-

ing the whole system — and he put it together," Lehr said.

The Democrats, particularly Chairwoman Linda Stender, are "knocking" the UCUA for not being "proactive" in dealing with the overturn of the state's waste disposal laws.

Stender, who could not be reached for comment, has said that Williams has been hired to look into the UCUA's service contracts with Ogden-Martin, its contracts for the disposal of incinerator ash and the structure of its debt service, worth more than \$200 million.

But Lehr said he did not know what Williams' "marching orders" were "since he was hired by the Democrats."

The hiring of Williams comes less than two months after a presentation

by the accounting firm of Hutchins, Laezza, Farrell & Allison on Dec. 5 of last year.

The firm had been retained by the freeholders to review the UCUA's service contract with Ogden-Martin and a possible restructuring of the UCUA's debt service to reduce the UCUA's per-ton or "tipping" fee for garbage disposal at its incinerator in Rahway. A representative of the accounting firm said at the time that neither would reduce the fee.

Williams' hiring also comes just before the release of a state audit of the UCUA. This audit could be released to the freeholders as early as tonight; Lehr could only say that the audit investigated the "operational aspect" of the UCUA.

"We are anxious to see what they

come up with because we have no idea what they have," he said.

The concern over the tipping fee and the "proactiveness" of the UCUA is a result of a recent federal court decision by Judge Joseph Irenas.

Irenas struck down as unconstitutional the waste flow laws of New Jersey, which required counties to build disposal facilities for solid waste. These laws, which could be repealed in less than two years, required Union County towns to send their trash to the UCUA, guaranteeing business for the Rahway incinerator.

The UCUA could lose business if forced to compete in an open market because of relatively high tipping fees. The tipping fee at the UCUA is \$83.05, almost \$40 higher than that of some Pennsylvania landfills.

The UCUA cannot reduce this fee to a competitive amount because of the way its debt service is structured; the UCUA's biggest customer, the City of Elizabeth, has already vowed to take its garbage elsewhere after the waste flow laws are repealed.

If the UCUA loses enough business, it may not be able to pay off its debt service, or the bonds it sold to get set up and the interest they have accumulated. This would mean that the UCUA would have to default on its bonds.

The freeholders are concerned because the county has guaranteed \$35 million of these bonds and recent bills in the Legislature may force the county to pay off all of the bonds with increases in property taxes.

Historical posters



United Way of Union County representative Sheila Coleman, center, holds one of three posters designed to commemorate Black History Month. Elizabeth Public Library Director Joe Keenan, left, and Janet Wheeler, president of the Consortium of Libraries for Union County, right display the others. The posters were distributed to libraries and high schools around the county. They depict Thurgood Marshall, Barbara Jordan, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington and others.

Bipartisan group ousts UCUA chair

Ruocco blames 'personal agendas'

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

William Ruocco is no longer the chairman of the UCUA Board of Commissioners.

At its reorganization meeting last week, a bipartisan coalition — including two newly sworn-in Democrats — voted out Ruocco and replaced him with John Kulish.

Ruocco is still a member of the UCUA and could have had a second term as chairman.

But, according to published reports, Republicans Kulish and Katherine Fulcomer joined Democrats William Wolf, Richmond Lapolla and James Kennedy in ousting Ruocco.

Fulcomer was also selected as vice chairman, beating Blanche Banasiak Kennedy, a newcomer, beat Richard Hunt for the position of treasurer and Lapolla, also a newcomer, beat Banasiak for the position of secretary.

"We're very pleased and we have a bipartisan coalition and we want to make cuts in costs," said Kulish of his appointment this week.

Kulish said that the UCUA has "quite a bit of personnel problems." These include negotiations with a new employee union and a state audit on the administrative make-up and number of employees at the UCUA.

"This was a driving force that brought about the bipartisan coalition," he said.

Kulish said that, during his one-year term, he wants to reorganize the administration of the UCUA, raise the morale of employees and ensure "by whatever means possible" that the UCUA will survive the overturning of New Jersey's waste flow laws.

These laws, which were declared unconstitutional last year by federal court Judge Joseph Irenas, will be overturned in less than two years. They guaranteed the UCUA business by forcing every town in Union County to send its trash to the UCUA's Rahway incinerator for disposal.

The Irenas decision is "life and death" for the UCUA, said Kulish. It

would mean that the UCUA would have to compete in an open market for trash-disposal business. A number of Pennsylvania landfills have per-ton disposal costs of almost \$40 under the UCUA's fee of \$83.05 and the UCUA cannot reduce its fee because of the way its debt service is structured.

For this reason, Kulish said that the UCUA would be working with the state Legislature in order for laws supporting the UCUA to be passed. A bipartisan group like the one that elected him could work much better with the Legislature, he added.

Kulish also helped sponsor the elimination of an empty position in the UCUA of a confidential secretary at the UCUA, worth a little under \$50,000 in salary and benefits, and transferring her duties to the supervisory secretary. Kulish said that there were one or two people that the UCUA could cut through attrition.

Ruocco himself took a dim view of Kulish's appointment to chairman.

"It seems that people have some personal agendas," he said. Ruocco would only comment off of a statement that he had prepared before the meeting; he said that he knew that he would be replaced as chairman "although the people who put this thing together didn't have the courtesy to notify me."

According to Ruocco, there were "back-room deals made" between two of the Republicans on the board, who he did not identify, with the incoming Democrats on the board.

When asked about this, Kennedy said, "My understanding of this is that there are six Republicans and three Democrats."

Kennedy said that Ruocco never asked him for his support. Kulish, on the other hand, called Kennedy up to say that "he was interested" in the chairman's position.

"Someone asked me if it was a really hostile thing and it wasn't," said Kennedy. "I met Kulish one week before. I've met Ruocco once."

Prosecutors say carjacking reports decreased in 1996

For the second consecutive year, the number of carjackings dropped sharply in Union County, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

Countywide totals released by Acting Prosecutor Edward Neafsey show how the incidence of the violent theft of motor vehicles has decreased by 16 percent from 84, in the peak year of 1984, to 70 in 1995 and down another 25 percent to 52 last year.

"Even though some of the violent juvenile crime categories are still on the upswing, residents should take comfort that these numbers reflect a real commitment by law enforcement to crack down on car thieves," Neafsey said. "I take my hat off to every police officer, every member of our auto theft task force and every alert driver for helping us be vigilant."

Besides the annual totals, a five-year analysis of carjacking cases compiled by Deputy Chief David F. Regal has revealed that more than half the cases have two or more defendants working together, that the average age of the suspect is 23 years old and that most cases occur in the evening.

In the review of all 301 cases, including 253 successful thefts and 48

unsuccessful attempts, it was revealed that 162 of the carjackers were armed with firearms and another 30 had knives.

"We treat these cases with the highest priority and all the force of the law we can muster," Neafsey said. "A threat to motorists sitting in a car minding their own business deserves as much state prison as the statutes."

In about half the cases, the victims were either approaching a car, getting in or out, or sitting inside while parked. In the remaining cases, the driver was either on the roadway, in a parking lot or stopped at a traffic signal or sign.

"This gives you an idea of how bold and brazen the defendants are when they try to make off with a vehicle," said Acting First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla. "This is also a case where we almost always seek an adult waiver for prosecution when the robber is under 18 years of age."

The most frequent time of occurrence is 8 p.m. to midnight, followed by midnight to 4 a.m. and then 4 to 8 p.m., according to Regal.

County clerk joins 900 calls opposition

Rajoppi endorses congressman's passport plan

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi sent a resolution and letter to Rep. Jim Saxton, R-3, supporting his efforts to fight the State Department's policy of charging citizens \$1.05 a minute for telephone calls to obtain passport information.

Rajoppi's office processes passport applications and her staff responds to public inquiries. "Since the inception of the 900 number at the National Passport Information Center, my office has received numerous complaints from the public expressing anger about having to pay a phone fee to obtain information from a government agency," she said.

Rajoppi, who also serves as section head for the state's 20 other county clerks, said all 21 clerks approved a resolution supporting Saxton.

"In our capacity as passport agents for the federal government," she said, "we oppose the use of a 900 number to handle citizen inquiries which makes taxpayers pay twice for a service through their taxes and the phone charge."

A brochure containing information on passport and other services of the Union County Clerk's Office is published by the Clerk's Office and is available at all of the county clerk's locations.

Lauded legislator



State Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, left, accepts the Legislator of the Year Award from Nicole Brossoie and Peter Lillo of the New Jersey Hospital Association. The group honored Bassano for his work on health care legislation in 1996.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Union comedian has his humor down to a science

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Most of us never think about the effects of living in our highly technical society — having a machine answer our phones, listening to a novel on the drive to work and watching our heart rates rise and fall at the gym have become part of an ordinary day. Union resident Ron Yacovetti has given it a great deal of thought, and his comedy repertoire about the "de-generation" in which we exist is making him a star in his own right. Yacovetti recently appeared at Caroline's Comedy Club in Manhattan, and opened the evening with his jocular observations about calling home shopping networks — "I'm just looking," telephone features — "Let's call it what it really is — call interrupting" and turning portable exercise machines into shoe trees. Much of his act is incorporated into his current one-act play, "The Drone Age," which is scheduled to resume in March. In "The Drone Age," Yacovetti plays himself, a young man overwhelmed by the sheer laziness and absurdity of our technological society. Whether speaking to us from a stage set up to look like his bedroom or one in a prominent comedy club, the material keeps you laughing — and thinking — and laughing again. According to Yacovetti, this is exactly the reaction he is looking for. "I like it that way. I've always liked the thinking comics, Carlin, Richard Jeni, Brian Regan. I always liked the guys that are, I guess, more thought provoking. Some of those to me are just as gut-wrenching as the ones that aren't, and if anything, more. So I like to go for that."

The 27-year-old, who called himself "a born and bred hometown American boy," explained that he got his first chance to do stand-up as an assignment while attending Kean College in Union. It was a spur-of-the-moment decision, for although his major was Communications, Yacovetti had no definite career plans.

"I wanted to communicate," he teased with a twinkle in his eye. "It was the first time I ever did it. It was actually offered as a speaking project, and I tried it, and it was kind of fun. Obviously I didn't have an act then, so I just, well, winged it."

His attempt impressed a friend, who owned a local bar which sponsored an amateur/professional comedy show once a week. Amateurs would get a chance to try out their stuff, followed by the pros. Yacovetti showed up at the bar one snowy evening only to find that, of all the people scheduled to appear, he was the only amateur going up against the one professional comedian who had braved the bad weather. Yacovetti had a great set that evening, then came back on another evening and bombed. He realized that he needed an act.

The young comedian worked on finding an angle for three years. "Having a theme or a hook as a comic, you know, it's hard to find that. You want to have it, you can't really force it."

In the meantime, he was introduced to several people working on comedy routines and one-man shows, and got a chance to study their styles. One of these individuals was Agustin Fernandez of Union, a young director recently profiled in this publication.

"I saw Agustin do a one-man play, and then I saw another guy who is a VJ on VH1 who did a one-man show. Agustin's was a theatre show, the other guy's was more of a comedy. It was entertaining, but it was lacking a hook. A lot of stand-up comics do one-man shows and what they do is like an hour of their act." Yacovetti shrugged. "They can do that in a club, there's no writing or theater going on, so I wanted to do theater like what Gus did, but comedy like what I had seen."

Yacovetti struggled with his muse for nearly a year-and-a-half.

"I sat down trying to write or do something, and just nothing. Then as I was trying, very little because you can't force it, I kept continuing writing comedy and started to come into these little technology jokes here and there, and then I started putting things together."

"I had written before, too, so I had a linear style to my comedy. I don't just hop around from 'Hey, men do this,' then 'You ever have a dog' and 'Who here smokes?' So I started putting it together the way it fit or flowed together. I put together the idea of one invention putting us back and putting us ahead kind of thing. I wrote the actual script in two, three months once I knew, because the whole process to get to the idea — which is the hardest part — took that long."

Friend Fernandez took on the responsibility of directing the show.

"The setting we designed together when we actually put the show up. The setting of it being in my bedroom, with my phone and answering machine, was what I had written. The interruptions with the people calling

in and the doorbell, I had written. What Agustin did, as a very talented director in my opinion, was he personalized those things. He made the phone calls, the mom, he made the answering machine thing, my friend Phil, he made those things people instead of having them be empty phone calls. I hadn't put the names and faces on them. He did that."

"And then I also have to credit Hollywood Hamilton, because he did the characters by his choice for what the answering machine was going to sound like, what the Ticket-on-Tape was going to sound like, the doctor chart. When we sat down to record them, he had lines and he had a script, and he just said 'Ok, this one's going to be the southern cop,' and he did the ticket and we sat in the studio and we just laughed like hell."

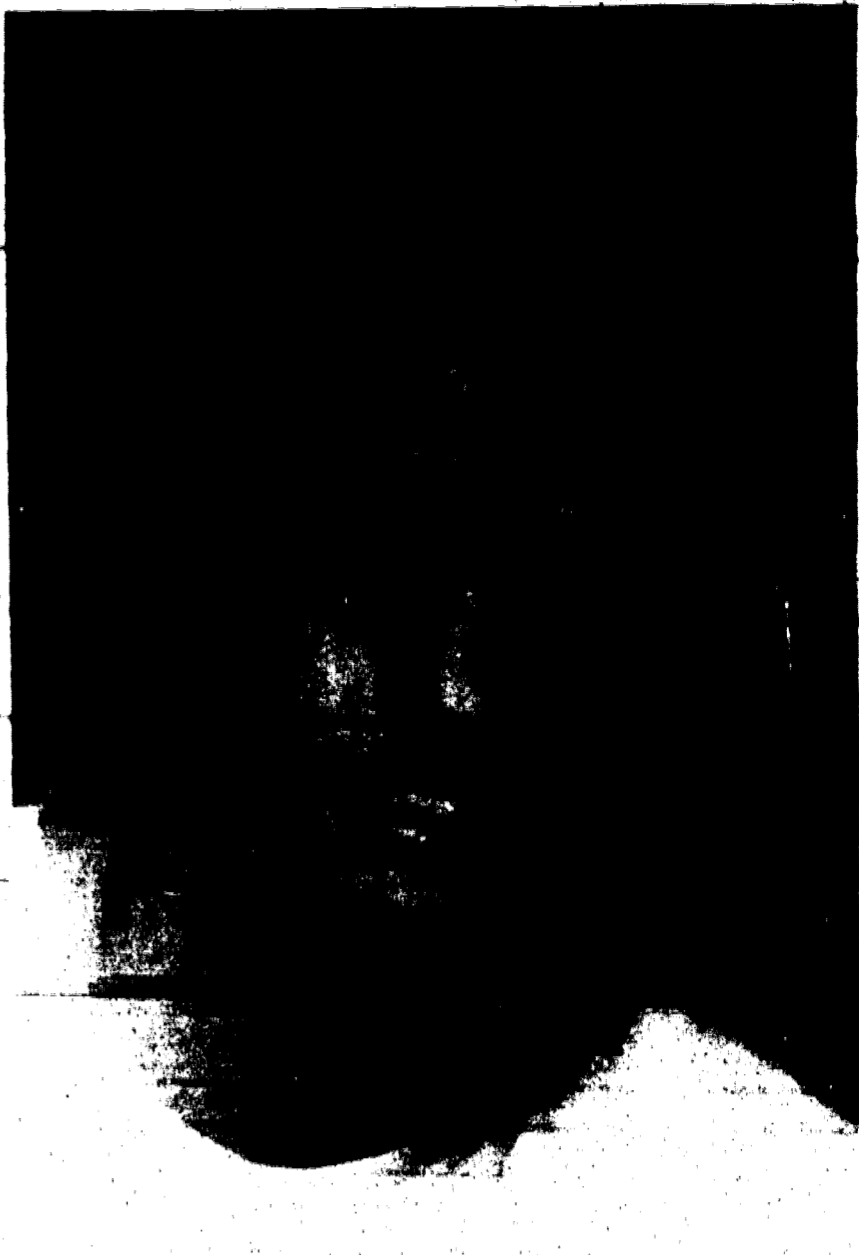
Hamilton's volunteer work with "The Drone Age" has evolved into a possible walk-on part when the show resumes, and other projects are pending.

But in the meantime, Yacovetti has continued working on his stand-up act, and reports that a video recently made of his act is the best work he's ever done.

The comic has had a method to his climb to the top. Fernandez took his new friend under his wing and helped him plan a strategy for success.

"He showed me the ropes, took me in, showed me where all these places were to go to do amateur shows, and I started doing the open mike circuit out in New York, just to get rolling. But I also did that with a strategy — I stayed out of all the "A" rooms, all the top, big rooms, even if they had an

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Ron Yacovetti will return to his one-man show, 'The Drone Age,' in early March.



Paul Wheilhan, who has a half-dozen roles in 'Shmulnik's Waltz' at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St., Metuchen, points to the future as Stuart Zagnit, in the title role, listens apprehensively. The comedy, with music, which opened on Valentine's Day, is being staged through March 16, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Wednesday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling (908) 548-0582.

Trip down to The Forum for 'Shmulnik's Waltz'

A small theatrical playhouse can do so much with a priceless piece of work that audiences can overlook simple scenery, a make-believe door that opens and closes, and limited costumes, while being consumed by lighting that sets the moods of the moments, wonderful direction and a cast of talented actors who seem to be born for their roles.

And it all flourishes with "Shmulnik's Waltz," which opened Friday — appropriately for Valentine's Day — at the Forum Theatre in Metuchen. It is a tender comedy filled with pathos and wonderment, led by a marvelous, versatile young man, Stuart Zagnit, in the title role, who is never offstage during the entire two acts.

The romantic play, written by Allan Knee, with music by David Shire, is tightly directed by John Wooten, the artistic director of TheatreFest, resident company at Montclair State University. It is set in Russia at the turn of the century and later in New York City. It had an extremely successful run off-Broadway after it was transferred from the Jewish Repertory Theatre in New York. And one need not be Jewish to appreciate the antics, jokes, tender romance and exceptional performances. "Shmulnik's Waltz" will run through March 16 with per-

Theater View

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

formances Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

In the Forum Theatre production, Zagnit, who enchanted audiences at the Paper Mill Playhouse in "Applause," is equally enchanting as a struggling young man, actually a shlemiel — the Jewish word for a nobody, who considers himself a professional letter writer, and who falls helplessly in love with a beautiful young woman, Rachel, played by Alysia Reiner, who is a few rungs higher than Shmulnik in class distinction. Nevertheless, Shmulnik, a la "Romeo and Juliet," beckons to her under her balcony and sings a soft, pleasant waltz, each evening to her delight, and her sister's disgust.

When Rachel moves to the United States with her sophisticated father, played by Gary Cohen, who also heads Plays in the Park, and her bookworm-turned-teacher sister, Fey-

la, portrayed by Rachel Brown, Shmulnik immigrates to America. It takes him a long time to get there too, but with perseverance and hope, odd jobs including that of a junkman and peddler, he finds his beloved. But at this point, she is engaged to a handsome young businessman, Jonathan, handsomely played by Doug Bollinger, who, alas, cannot read or write. Shmulnik manages to befriend Jonathan, offering to write love letters to Rachel for him and sign them "Jonathan," a la "Cyrano De Bergerac," which entice the passions of his fiancée. She, in turn, answers his letters with equal passion — that is, her sister writes her letters for her — a la double Cyrano De Bergerac.

And the plot thickens. There is a show-stopping scene, in which Vicki Tripoli, an exceptionally versatile actress, who also serves as managing director of the Forum, portrays an aging prostitute, who is visited by the bashful, hesitant boy-like Shmulnik, and turns him into a virile,

high-powered man. Tripoli, alone, is worth the price of admission.

Another performer, Paul Wheilhan, whose versatility can give Tripoli a run for her money, plays a half-dozen comedic roles, including Zalmann, the magician-wizard, a friend, a countryman — you name it, he plays it — and with such zest that he brings the house down every time he is on stage. Wheilhan, by the way, is the artistic director of Pushcart Players.

"Shmulnik's Waltz" is funny and sad and touching all at the same time. It also has several adult scenes, all provided in good taste for adult audiences. And when one is finished giving credit to its playwright and director, much more credit must be given to its absolutely fantastic cast. Peter J. Loewy, artistic director of the Forum, also must be congratulated for bringing "Shmulnik's Waltz" to the Forum.

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The Arts Center would like to supplement its pictorial archive with whatever additional photos and other memorabilia people may have collected over the years and are willing to share. Especially desired at this time, during restoration of the building's facade, are photos that show the kiosk-type ticket-booth that had been in use for only a short time.

If anyone has in their possession historic photos or other materials with which they do not necessarily wish to part, the Arts Center would be content merely to borrow them long enough to have reproductions made for its archives. It will handle the originals with great care and return them to the lenders after copying.

The number to call at the Arts Center is 499-0441 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Barbershop quartets compete for harmony

Barbershop Harmony quartets from several states will perform in the 36th annual Novice Quartet Competition to be held Saturday at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield.

Sponsored by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the program has scheduled approximately 15 newly-formed quartets from the Mid-Atlantic District of the singing society to harmonize in competition before an appreciative audience under contest rules. The Jerseyaires Chorus will also give a brief performance. The musical show is open to the public. Admission is free. For information call (908) 549-8012 or (908) 925-2629.

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23 yr old single full figured black woman. Enjoy talking on the phone, long walks and enjoying each other's company. Looking for anyone, 24-35. BOX 15811

GENTLEMAN WANTED
49 yr old, 5'7", 150 lb single female. Seeking a gentleman, 50 to 60. Enjoy movies, dining out, quiet times at home, walking, the beach and more. BOX 38185

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Attractive 35 yr old single white male, 5'9" and 175 lbs. Enjoy running, racquetball, socializing, quiet evenings and more. Looking for an attractive, fit woman who is mature minded and serious in herself, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 38025

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23 yr old single white male seeking a single white female with similar interests. Enjoy dining out, walking on the beach, movies, music, and more. BOX 37603

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51 year old, 6'3", easy going, caring, honest, kind, sincere, NS, and light drinker. Enjoy outdoors, movies, sports, dining out, and more. You are interested, please call. BOX 40272

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CAN YOU PASS...
The test? 46 yr old, professional gay white male, 5'8", 160 lbs. I am healthy, good looking, sincere, honest, outgoing and passionate. If you are a bi or gay professional white male with qualities similar to mine, call! BOX 11228

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GIVE IT A TRY!
18 yr old, 6'11", smart, lovable, caring male. In search of one special person for love and companionship. Let's take time to get to know one another. BOX 39038

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Professional 38 yr old single Jewish female, 5'4" and 108 lbs. I'm intelligent, slim, childless, emotionally and financially independent. Looking for a trim, n/s single Jewish male, 40 to 55, for a long term relationship. (Essex County) BOX 13233

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To Dr. Stephen Hirschberg, a podiatrist who treats foot disorders from his office, Foot Pain Associates of N.J., 389 Passaic Ave., Fairfield, the three "R's" stand for remove, remodel and re-direct. He practices this formula with the help of revolutionary, advanced technology imaging equipment developed through space age research. Dr. Hirschberg is one of only a few doctors across the state of New Jersey and less than a couple hundred across the nation who practice foot surgery with the help of Xi-Scan imaging machinery.

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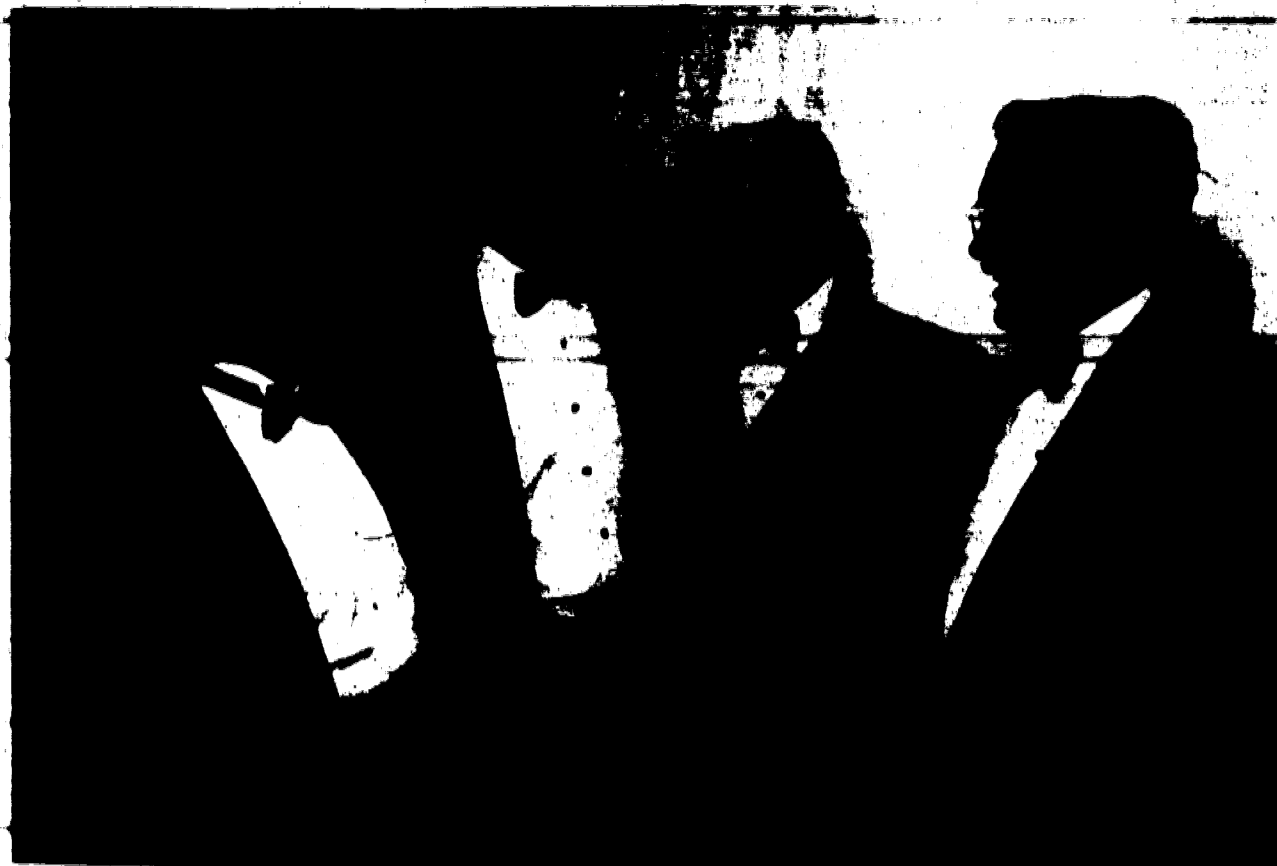
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Hirschberg also pointed out that the foot is the furthest part of human anatomy from the heart, thus, due to reduced circulation, is often one of the most difficult areas of the body to heal quickly. Correction of such common foot disorders as hammer toes, calluses, bunions and other foot deformities is routinely performed with the use of Xi-Scan imaging. Surgical procedures utilizing Xi-Scan fluoroscopy are most often performed under local anesthesia on an out-patient basis in the podiatrist's office. The patient returns home the same day.

Operating time is also reduced with the help of the Xi-Scan. Procedures such as the removal of a heel spur, for instance, which may take from one to two hours using traditional surgical methods, takes an average of ten to fifteen minutes with the minimally-invasive surgical advantages of Xi-Scan fluoroscopy.

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Westfield residents John Dalton, chairman of the Children's Specialized Hospital Board 1992-1994, far left; Robert Duncan, chairman of the CSH Board, 1987-1989, second from right; and John Fox, current chairman of the Board, far right, reminisce about past CSH Umbrella Ball events with Richard Ahlfield, CSH president. The CSH Ball, held recently at the Central Railroad of the New Jersey Terminal in Liberty State Park, raised close to \$190,000 for the pediatric rehabilitation hospital.

Guests gather expressly for hospital

Exotic stops, tantalizing foods, exquisitely attired guests and beautiful music transformed Central Railroad of the NJ Terminal at Liberty State Park into a Disneyesque movie set recently for an "Evening on the Orient Express" to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital.

Despite torrential rains befitting the event's name "Umbrella Ball," more than 375 guests ventured out to the CCRNJ. There they enjoyed the sights, sounds, and cuisine of the Orient Express without leaving the country. Food and entertainment on railroad lines including France, Germany, and Italy, were featured.

In addition to enjoying the Orient Express atmosphere, guests were given the chance to win a trip on the real Orient Express. The trip, which was arranged through Travelong of

Summit, was won by Ellen Hunovel of Summit.

The raffle and other revenues from the Ninth Annual Umbrella Ball raised \$190,000 for the hospital. This brings the total amount raised for the hospital from all the Umbrella Ball events over the past nine years to nearly \$1.4 million.

The evening was a huge success due to the hard work of Duke Parker of Basking Ridge, 1996 Advancement Committee chairperson; Suanne Korn of Scotch Plains, Umbrella Ball chairperson; and Gary Whyte of Mountainside, Ad Journal chairperson.

"The dedication of Duke, Suanne, Gary and the committee members to the success of this year's Umbrella Ball was quite evident," said Richard B. Ahlfield, CSH president. "The

funds raised will help Children's Specialized Hospital continue its mission of providing specialized and primary care to children and adolescents."

One of the hospital's better-known "graduates" and Paralympic Athlete, former patient, Jennifer Hazen of Bloomfield, was the guest speaker for the evening. Hazen, a member of CSH Lightning Wheels and a college freshman, spoke about her athletic achievements during the past fourteen years including her recent participation in the 1996 Paralympic in Atlanta.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital, treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years of age. The hospital maintains facilities in Mountainside, Fanwood, and Toms River, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

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Automotive

The 1997 Chevrolet Venture is a different kind of minivan

Chevrolet recently introduced Venture, a minivan that gives customers unique features — while retaining the minivan qualities people love.

Chevrolet Venture offers exclusive features in several key areas — seating, space/storage, power and "creature comforts" — all housed in a minivan that customers in research clinics describe as "classy" and "upscale."

Chevrolet Venture features include:

- Dual-mode sound system. Front seat passengers can listen to the radio while rear seat riders listen to tapes or CDs (or vice versa).

- More standard horsepower. Venture has more standard horsepower (180 HP) than any other minivan. A powerful 3400 V6 engine with sequential fuel injection is teamed with an electronically-controlled 4-speed automatic transmission.

- Pollen/dust filter. The driver and passengers can enjoy breathing cleaner air due to this standard feature.

- Power sliding passenger-side door. Providing a larger opening than the Chrysler minivans, this optional passenger-side door can be operated from a keyless remote, the overhead console or the "B" pillar located behind the front passenger seat.

- More storage areas. Venture has more storage areas (26) — including a netted storage area between the front seats — than any other minivan.

- Convenient seats. The seatbacks fold forward and the entire seat folds and slides forward, easily adapting to several people — cargo arrangements.

"Many of Venture's exclusive features make for happier families," said John G. Middlebrook, who succeeds the retiring Jim Perkins as Chevrolet General Manager, May 1. "The dual-mode sound system is my favorite. The adults can listen to Bob Seger, while the kids are in the back listening to Hootie and the Blowfish."

Music can be enjoyed in one of three seating configurations — bucket, bench and splitbench — all of which seat seven persons — and all of

which are lightweight and create "space on demand." Venture's driver's seat can be lowered or raised with a manual seat adjuster — the only one in the industry. Seatbacks can be folded down and used as tables. Single or dual child safety seats are optional. Convenience is also enhanced by ordering Venture's optional fourth door, a left side sliding door with a protective child lockout feature.

Loading cargo is easy: To stow as many as 14 grocery bags, removing seats is unnecessary — just slide the third seats forward. Remove seats for even more cargo space is easy too because they're the lightest in the industry. Venture can accommodate 4' x 8' sheets of plywood with the seats in (folded flat), with the seats out (in between the wheel wells) and with the liftgate closed (extended wheel-base). Not so for the Ford Windstar!

And travel is always easier if you have a place for your stuff. The Chevrolet Venture has 26 storage areas, more than any other minivan: built-in storage pockets in all doors — even the sliding doors, a convenience net between the front seats and cargo nets along the side rear trim panels. The driver's seat even folds forward so packages can be stowed behind it and coat hooks can be used easily.

Available in regular and extended lengths, Venture features a comprehensive standard safety package that includes dual air bags, a four-wheel anti-lock brake system, a rigid steel safety cage surrounding the entire passenger compartment and automatic Daytime Running Lamps. Traction control is optional.

Attention to detail is evident throughout Venture. A Sungate windshield keeps Venture's interior 20 degrees cooler on a hot, sunny day compared to uncoated glass, and also functions in the antenna. Venture's optional load-leveling suspension has an air pump that can also be used to inflate tires, balls and other toys.

Like Goldilocks searching for the perfect bowl of porridge, it's hard to find one van that's "just right" for everybody. Understanding this, Chevrolet presents its "Family of Vans" — a vehicle lineup that offers variety to the growing and diverse van market.

"As vans go, one size does not fit all," said John G. Middlebrook, who succeeds the retiring J. C. (Jim) Perkins as Chevrolet General Manager, May 1. "Customers need choices, and Chevrolet provides more choices than any automaker to satisfy van buyers — whatever their needs."

Chevrolet's van family is comprised of the full-size Chevy Van and Chevy Express, the midsize Astro and, debuting today at the New York International Automobile Show, the Chevrolet Venture — Chevy's new entry into the minivan market. This combination of vans offers customers options in size, power, economy and utility.

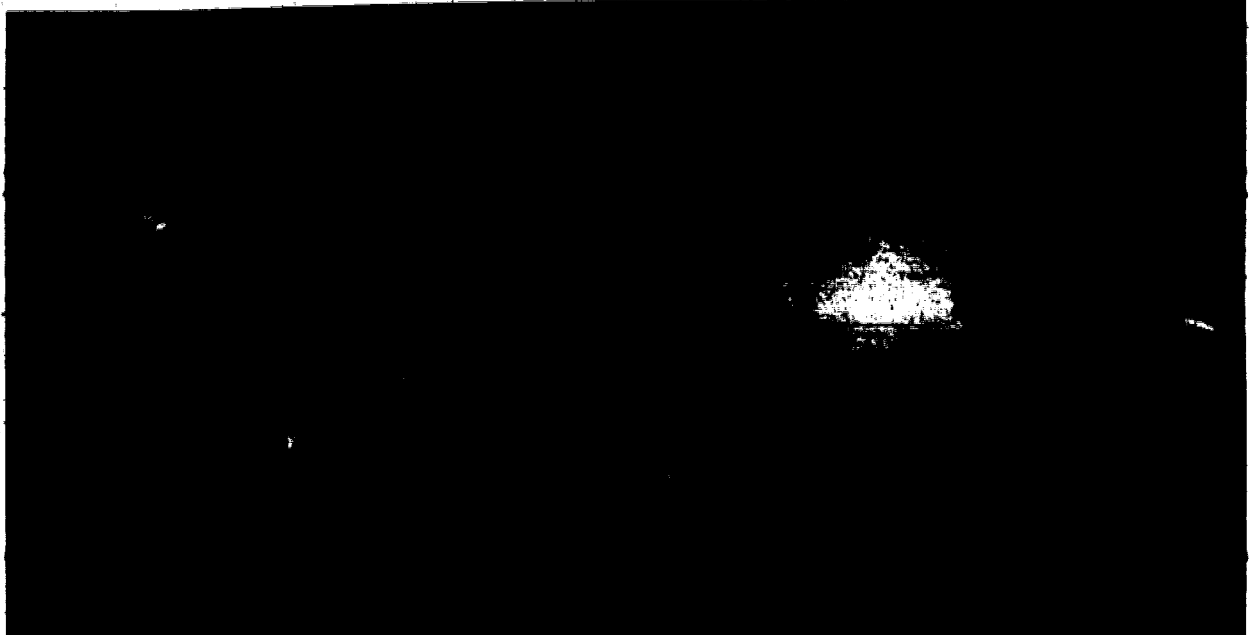
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AAA tips for getting a good start

The worst weather in years left millions of motorists stranded last winter when their vehicles failed to start, the American Automobile Association reports.

AAA is urging motorists to consider the main causes of vehicles not starting and what preventative steps they can take.

"Aside from towing, AAA's most common road service calls last year were from motorists whose vehicles would not start," said George Giek, managing director of AAA Automotive Engineering and Road Service. "Weak or dead batteries were the chief culprits, but loose or corroded battery connections and loose engine belts were other major factors."

By regularly inspecting for potential starting trouble, motorists can help prevent these problems, he said.

Most important, according to AAA, is to monitor the condition of the vehicle's battery, especially batteries more than two years old, including the terminals and cable connectors.

Although batteries can carry warranties for four years or more, a warranty is no guarantee an older battery will continue to work in severe weather," Giek said.

The most common sign of a weak battery is an unusual sound coming from the starter motor when the igni-

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tion key is turned, indicating difficulty in turning over the engine.

While starting a vehicle is more difficult when engines are cold and temperatures low, repeated trouble with starting can mean a problem under the hood.

First, check to make certain battery connections are tight and no corrosion is present on battery terminals. Next inspect the tension of all drive belts. They should flex no more than half an inch. If the battery's fluid level can be checked, make certain the fluid covers the battery plates.

If no problems are found, it is best to drive to a service station or auto parts store and have the battery tested and replaced, if necessary.

"Battery replacement only takes a few minutes if performed properly at a convenient time," Giek said.

In addition to self inspecting their vehicles for signs of starting trouble, motorists should have their cars and trucks thoroughly checked by a quali-

fied technician each spring and fall. Needed maintenance and repairs should be performed as soon as possible, Giek said.

Motors with vehicles disabled by weak or dead batteries during severe weather should remember that emergency road service providers often receive more calls during especially bad weather. Consequently, response times can take longer than usual.

AAA has the largest fleet of contracted emergency road service vehicles in the nation with more than 13,200 businesses operating 36,000 vehicles.

Last year, emergency road service calls to AAA jumped to more than 24 million, the highest number of calls in AAA's 92-year history. Approximately 33 percent were from members whose vehicles would not start.

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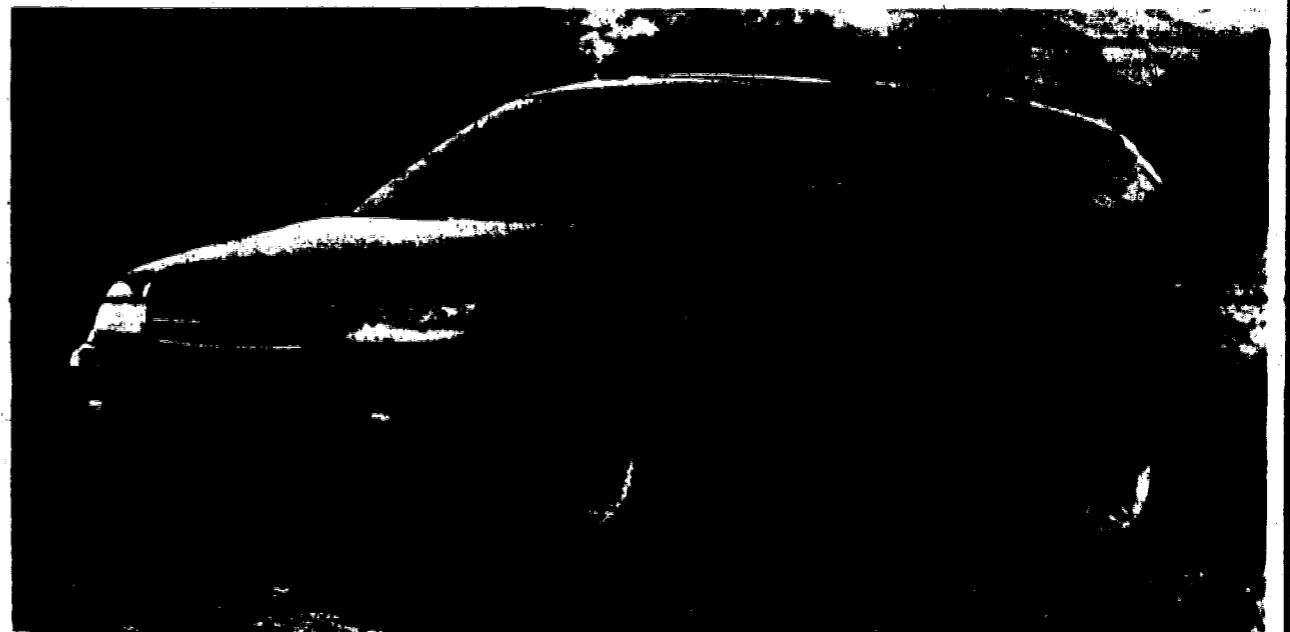
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New Buick Park Avenue has new design

The '97 Park Avenue and Ultra features a new world-class structure and new design.

Park Avenue customers prize roominess, rich accommodations and a quiet, comfortable ride — as well as an attractive value. Mertz said he is convinced the new models will fulfill those requirements.

The most significant change is that the '97 Park Avenue consists of refinement of architectural components (primarily body structure and chassis systems) recently introduced in the Buick Riviera. Park Avenue is in fact a second-generation architectural design with a host of enhancements.

Park Avenue's robust architecture delivers a wealth of tangible customer benefits: a quiet, solid ride for the life of the vehicle, superior road manners and responsive handling, safety-cage construction for outstanding crash-worthiness and superior comfort.

The '97 Park Avenue is slightly larger than the previous model in practically all major interior and exterior dimensions. For example, the wheel-base is 3 inches longer to increase the room available for the driver and five passengers. The greatest gains in interior spaciousness are front head-room (+.9 inch), front hip room (+1.3 inch), and rear hip room (+1.5 inch). While the new Park Avenue's trunk volume is slightly reduced (from 20.3 to 19.1 cubic feet), its utility is improved because lift-over height is lower and the width of the opening is maximized with the use of diagonal outlines for the decklid.

One innovation is a new seat-mounted safety belt system for front passengers, designed so the shoulder belt fits comfortably irrespective of seat position and occupant size. An example of thoughtful design is this safety feature: In the event of an air bag deployment, the doors automatically unlock in 15 seconds.

Buick's successful 3800 Series II V-6s will continue to power the Park Avenue. Except for oil and filter changes, both the normally aspirated and the supercharged powerplants are virtually 100,000-mile maintenance free. Park Avenue's naturally aspirated Series II delivers 205 horsepower at 5200 rpm while Park Avenue Ultra's supercharged Series II produces an impressive 240 horsepower at 5200 rpm.

Park Avenue technical advances include a higher-capacity four-wheel-disc anti-lock brake system, magnetic variable effort rack-and-pinion power steering, several aluminum suspension components, fixed-lens halogen headlamps and a more damage-resis radio antenna embedded in the rear window.

Front and rear suspension systems are supported by rubber isolated sub-frames to block the transfer of road harshness and driveline vibration. A "cradle" design is used in front to mount not only the suspension but also the powertrain and steering systems while a T-shaped member carries the semi-trailing-arm rear suspension.

Engineers used state-of-the-art approaches such as torque-axis engine mounting and triple door seals to enhance comfort and quietness.

An example of the robust design is a one-piece cast magnesium cross-car beam that serves as a body structural member as well as the primary instrument-panel mounting support. Squeaks and rattles in the instrument-panel are much less likely because the beam eliminates numerous individual brackets. Magnesium is an exceptional material having high strength and stiffness with very low weight.

In addition, the new Park Avenue's front structure is strengthened by using closed-section, welded steel engine-compartment upper rails and radiator tie-bar, eliminating bolt-on structural reinforcements.

Among other enhancements is a new level of electrical architecture that means various systems can perform more tasks using fewer wires. For example, use of new multiplexing technology reduces the number of wires that go into a door by 75 percent, which translates into reduced complexity, less bulk for ease of packaging and improved reliability.

A single key opens all of the car's locks and operates the ignition. (A separate valet key is provided to maintain trunk and glove-box security when Park Avenue is handed over to an attendant). The ComfortTemp climate control system again has dual controls and adjustable rear-seat vents. Comfortable 10-way power driver and front passenger seats are a split-frame design which allows the seat bottom to be adjusted independently of the backrest. Four-way lumbar-support adjustment, standard on Ultra and optional on Park Avenue, is also power operated.

Buick's "Personal Choice" features have been increased from the previous Park Avenue, adding sound system and climate control settings. Previously, the remote keyless entry fob could be programmed to set mirror and seat positions, automatic door lock operation, perimeter lighting, delayed locking and security feedback.

William L. Porter, who headed its exterior design, said the new Park Avenue's styling was "in part inspired by the silky, undulating surfaces of the Riviera."

A number of features which are optional on the Park Avenue are standard on Ultra. For example, rain-sensing windshield wipers automatically maintain forward visibility according to moisture on the windshield instead of with a fixed delay interval. A tire inflation pressure monitoring system alerts the driver if a tire needs more air.

On the Ultra, real wood interior trim, leather upholstery and a Concert Sound III entertainment system — with nine speakers and eight sub-amplifiers — are standard. Most of the comfort and convenience features mentioned above are standard Ultra equipment so its option lists contains only a few items to suit specific tastes and applications. Ultra's exterior is distinguished by a grille-mounted Buick tri-shield badge (as opposed to the Park Avenue's stand-up hood ornament) and a specific Ultra wheel.

Park Avenue continues to offer a long list of standard features such as dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, remote keyless entry and traction control (standard on Ultra).

Convenience Plus electrical features continue with delayed entry and exit lighting, "theater dimming" interior lights, battery rundown protection, lockout protection on power door locks, and warning chimes for leaving on the parking brake, turn signal or headlamps and for leaving the key in the ignition when exiting.

Park Avenue and Ultra again feature an on-board diagnostic system (OBD II) that can reduce exhaust emissions by locating malfunctions before they cause emissions to rise.

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