

Honest liberals can't win

Late last month, New Jersey earned the dubious distinction of delivering the vote in the Senate that killed, for the year, the chance of passing the Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. Of course it was Sen. Bob Torricelli who dealt the death blow, but we're all to blame because we habitually elect liberals.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

It's a nasty habit we have. In statewide elections, liberal candidates promise to be fiscally prudent, and too many of us buy it. In 1988, candidate Jim Florio swore he wouldn't raise taxes, and then Governor Florio put together a \$1 billion tax hike package that left New Jersey lagging in the recovery from the national recession caused by the Bush tax hikes. The state supported Bush too.

In Torricelli's case, the lie is uglier. He campaigned to victory last year promising to continue his support of the balanced budget amendment. It was a believable promise; as a congressman, he had voted repeatedly for the amendment. Of course then he was representing conservative Bergen County, where his true thoughts on the balanced budget amendment would not have been well received.

What makes the lie even worse is Torricelli's vote as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee last month in favor of the balanced budget amendment, getting the legislation out of committee and to the floor for a vote. It's a contradiction that even our three-faced president would admire.

New Jersey voters have been duped again, and we'll never learn. We forget that liberals cannot afford to be sincere about their intentions, because their ideals are not shared by the majority of those who have to pay the taxes.

Fortunately we have a law that provides for the recall of politicians who lie their way through campaigns. Unfortunately, the liar in question has to be in office for one year before the special election to decide his fate can be held.

In a way that is good news, because mobilizing and organizing the turn-out needed to oust these people will take time. I just hope fiscally prudent citizens of all political parties can unite and pull it off.

And speaking of liars, the Save the Children from the Evils of Tobacco Movement, that has gripped this county especially, has been revealed to be based on fraudulence.

We know the story all too well: In 1989, a doctor in Georgia claimed to have devised a game in which children were to identify name brand products. Joe Camel, the cartoonish pitchman for RJ See CANDOR, Page B2

Time has run out



Legislators representing Union County show the "National Debt Clock," which recently was displayed at L'Affaire in Mountainside, to call attention to the vote on the proposed Balanced Budget Amendment. The clock has become a landmark in midtown Manhattan, where it continuously displays the dollar amount the federal government spends and the resulting debt for each family in the country. Passage of the proposed amendment to the Constitution was prevented in the Senate for the second time in two years, this time when Sen. Bob Torricelli cast the deciding nay vote last month. From left: Assemblymen Alan Augustine and Richard Bagger, R-Union, and Rep. Bob Franks, R-7.

Transportation planners allocate \$3.4M to county

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority will provide \$3.4 million for transportation projects in the county, said Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, the county's representative to the board.

The Newark-based authority recently finished budgeting for its capital program for fiscal year 1998, which will begin Oct. 1. Funding for the work will come from the federal government.

The infrastructure work will include resurfacing roads and improving traffic signals around the county.

The \$1.5 million resurfacing project will encompass Seventh Street in Plainfield, Stiles Street in Linden, Chestnut Street in Roselle, Mountain Avenue in Springfield, Milton Avenue in Rahway, West Grand Street in Elizabeth, River Road and Passaic Avenue in Summit, and North Avenue and Midway Avenue in Westfield and Fanwood.

Improvements also will be made to 20 intersections in Westfield, Elizabeth, Garwood, Cranford and Roselle. The improvements will include incorporating "Intelligent Transportation Systems" components — video detection devices, radio communications and system detection equipment — with upgrades of traffic signals.

The total for these projects was estimated at \$2 million, with the federal government picking up \$418,250 of the cost.

In addition, the county will receive \$1.5 million for an upgrade of traffic signals in Summit.

"I am enormously pleased that Union County has earned the lion's share of available federal monies available to the region of this federal funding program," Gonçalves said. "This is a great help to our county taxpayers. There is a tremendous need to improve traffic flow throughout our county and, hopefully, these projects will make a significant difference to commuters, shoppers and residents of Union County."

The NJTPA approval of Union County's funding request was part of a \$11 million appropriation to the region. The NJTPA represents 13 counties and the state's two largest cities — Newark and Jersey City — on transportation planning and investments.

The 20-member NJTPA board, which includes elected officials from each county, two mayors, plus representatives from the governor's office, the state Department of Transportation, New Jersey Transit, the Port Authority and a citizen's representative, allocates nearly a \$1 billion a year for regional transportation work.

Commission reports '96 success

Speaking from the commission's headquarters in Clark, the chairman of the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission said the county made progress in prosecuting those who illegally dump trash and hazardous waste in the county.

"Illegal dumpers have been caught and numerous dump-sites cleaned up," said Nancy Koblis, who also is Linden's health officer. "Fines were assessed and monetary rewards paid due to the close cooperation of our county and local police, local health and public works officials as well as county residents."

That cooperation is fueled in part by the commission's 24 hour hotline, (800) 235-DUMP, manned by the County Police, which the public can call to report incidents they witness. Callers then become eligible for a

cash reward of either 10 percent or \$2,500-\$50,000 under either state or county laws. Persons convicted also face forfeiture of the vehicle used, loss of drivers license and up to 90 days of community service.

"We are pleased with the accomplishments, but our main goal is to assist the property owners who won't have to pay for costly clean-ups and can enjoy improved environmental quality," she added.

"Everyone wins when the dumpers are caught. We see fewer dumping incidents whenever we publicize the guilty pleas and convictions," Koblis also said. "The system works because the public and all levels of government are directly involved."

The county counsel prosecuted several cases in 1996, the first occurred at

Cedar Brook-Park in Plainfield where County Police responded to a reported illegal dumping. The material was two truckloads of construction debris. An investigator from the Regional Environmental Commission assisted with the investigation and a summons was issued. The defendant pleaded guilty to dumping, was fined and the material was cleaned up.

In the second incident, Rahway Police responded to a report of dumped car parts and subsequently traced the material to an auto body repair shop in Plainfield. A detective contacted the commission and Senior Environmental Health Specialist Arnold Schmidt performed follow-up inquiries and interviews which lead to the filing of dumping charges in Rahway Municipal Court. The defendant plead guilty and paid a fine of \$1,700.

Freeholders want new UCUA board

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The new crop of commissioners at the UCUA may be less than a week old, but the Board of Chosen Freeholders already wants them out.

The Democrat-controlled freeholders gave initial approval to an ordinance that would reorganize the strongly-Republican Board of Commissioners at the UCUA and, in the process, dismiss all of the current commissioners.

The ordinance, which is up for approval on March 13, would reduce the number of commissioners from nine to seven. When asked about the change in the number of commissioners, Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan said that a seven-member Board of Commissioners would be "more responsive," "more cohesive" and "more manageable." He added that Rahway, the site of the UCUA's incinerator, will still have the right to recommend two of the commissioners.

"The main reason is that we feel that the current commissioners on the UCUA have not done enough to show that they can drop the tipping fee to a competitive level in the next year to 18 months," said Sullivan, a Democrat.

The new Board of Commissioners is about three weeks old, with two new members, both Democrats, being sworn in recently.

But Sullivan said that the other seven, most of them Republicans, are long-time members and that there is "bitter division" between the Republican contingent.

It was a bipartisan coalition that replaced William Ruocco as chairman with John Kulish recently of the commissioners. Both are Republicans, but Ruocco said that at the time that he was being replaced with Kulish was being done to fulfill the "agendas" of certain commissioners. Kulish could not be reached for comment.

"Seven of these people have been here for years and they haven't been able to address this problem efficiently," said Sullivan.

"This problem" is the fact that the

UCUA may lose a virtual monopoly on garbage disposal in Union County in a little more than a year's time.

This is the result of a ruling by a federal court that ruled the waste flow laws of New Jersey are unconstitutional. This means the 21 municipalities of Union County, which have been forced to send their garbage to the UCUA's incinerator, will be allowed to look for cheaper garbage disposal facilities and that the UCUA will have to compete in an open market.

If the UCUA loses enough business, it may not be able to pay off its more than \$200 million in bonds.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders hired the legal firm of DeCotiis, Fitzgerald and Gluck to find ways to make the UCUA perform more efficiently to lower its tipping fee. UCUA officers in the past have said that they will not be able to lower the tipping fee enough to become competitive because of the way the bond payments and debt service are structured.

But such a climate is one reason not to pass this ordinance, said Republican Freeholder Ed Force, and that the ordinance is "creating chaos in an atmosphere that is already unstable."

"We're sending the wrong message to 21 towns that no one has a handle on solid waste management," he said, adding that such an ordinance would result in the appointment of an all-Democratic Board of Commissioners instead of the current bipartisan one.

Force added that the Board of Commissioners is working on its tipping fee.

According to Force, the state Treasury Department, which is nearing the end of an audit on the UCUA, has said that the UCUA is doing "a lot," including studies of how to bring in more revenue with selling the steam from its incinerators to the state for heating and cooling purposes.

But Sullivan said that the results of such programs could take months or years to bear fruit and that the stay the court decision could be lifted. This would mean that the UCUA would have to begin competing immediately.

Women's group to give awards

Tomorrow night, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women will hold its fifth annual dinner honoring "Women of Excellence" in Union County.

The award recipients will be:

Business: Maureen Tinen of Westfield, employed with the Union County Economic Development Corp.

Community Service: Mayor Maryanne Connelly of Fanwood, employed at AT&T.

Education: Andrea Green of Springfield, employed with Union County College.

Entrepreneur: Janet P. Haggerty of Union, owner of Serendipity Balloon Design.

Government: Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Chairman Linda Stender of Fanwood.

Health Care: Mary Lou Delano of Cranford, employed with Visiting Nurses and Health Care.

Human Services: Joanne F. Maslin of Westfield, employed with the Union County Division on Aging.

Law: Monique Vinet Imbert of Westfield, employed with the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Volunteerism: Majorie Odell of Fanwood, involved with the Organization.

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Paper Mill's 'Jane Eyre' is a classic

Theater View

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Robert Johanson's in-depth interpretation of Charlotte Bronte's classic novel, "Jane Eyre," is a phenomenal offering at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. This near perfect production, with its 23 sets and 15 scenes, its huge, extremely talented cast, its costumes, staging, lighting and other physical qualities, would have made Charlotte Bronte proud. Perhaps the ghost of the author might well have been standing in the wings applauding the results of her book-turned play during Sunday matinee's performance.

Johanson, the multi-talented actor, singer, writer and director, also directed this original masterpiece, whose love affair with the classics has placed in a theatrical world by himself, created this play to denote the 150th anniversary of Bronte's novel. "Jane Eyre" is Johanson's third 19th century novel adapted for the Paper Mill — the others were Dickens' "Great Expectations" and "A Tale of Two Cities." And he perfected the difficult task of directing so complex a production and so large a cast. Coordinated by the brilliant scenic designer, Michael Anania, with his dark, dreary, drafty house called Thornfield Hall, scenes that come up from the floor and down from the ceiling, lighting and thunder that blasts through the theater, fog and rain that nearly reaches to the audience, and a fire that erupts and is put out by Rochester and Jane, he, too, is to be commended.

The cast is led by Elizabeth Roby, a brilliant actress, who plays the title role of a plain governess with utter charm, and a myriad of emotions that

can tear an audience's heart out. She comes to Thornfield Hall in Northeast England during the mid-1800s, to care for the ward of a strange, mysterious man, Edward Rochester, played with strong emotions, fire and ice, by Tom Hewitt. Roby is onstage every moment of the two-and-a-half hours that it takes to unfold the fascinating tale. Even more fascinating, in the first act, is Roby's narration of her life as an orphan, during which she stands alongside of the child, who is, herself, marvelously played by Blythe Auffarth. They are at Gateshead, where Jane Eyre is mistreated by her aunt and family members, who send Jane to Lowood, a disciplinary school where she is poorly treated, and where her ailing friend, played by Natalie Van Kleef, dies of consumption. When Jane is grown, she takes a position as governess to Adele, and immediately falls in love with the man of the house, Rochester.

The beautiful Glory Crampton, last seen at the Paper Mill in the title role of "Gigi," is seen in "Jane Eyre" as the seductress, Blanche Ingram, Rochester's fiancée, who wants to marry him for his money. She is also seen in other roles and disguises throughout the play. The principals, John Littlefield as St. John Rivers,

Amanda White, who plays the ward, Adele Varens, a lovely child, who speaks French fluently, and, who, incidentally, is the daughter of Richard White and his wife, Sharon Halley; the Paper Mill's choreographer: John A. Andrews, Nancy Auffarth, Laura Benanti, Mikel Sarah Lambert, Julie-Anne Liechty, Nancy McDoniel, Ruth Moore, Karen Phillips, Justin M. Restivo, William Ryall, Maureen Sadusk, Ronald H. Siebert, Edward Staudemayer and Julie George Thomas. Many of the cast members have multiple roles in which they all excel.

Much credit must go to Tim Hunter, the lighting designer, who provides special lighting appropriately, and particularly in one scene, where the lighting appears to be in sepia, is exceptionally effective. Gregg Barnes designed the authentic costumes. Also to be commended are Albert Evans, who was in charge of the musical background, and Rick Sordelet who created the fight choreography.

The atmosphere of "Jane Eyre" is appropriately frightening and mysterious, and when the crazy laughter is intermittently heard throughout Thornfield Hall, and the cause, later revealed, is incredibly devastating.

Through the creative powers of Johanson, "Jane Eyre" has brought to the theater an increased interest in the classics. In fact, this reviewer raced home Sunday afternoon to search for the Bronte book in the bookcase, and re-read it over again with a renewed appetite.

What next, Robert Johanson?



Tom Hewitt portrays Rochester and Elizabeth Roby is seen in the title role in the world premiere dramatization of Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre,' currently at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. Written and directed by Robert Johanson, 'Jane Eyre' will play through March 29, evenings from Wednesday through Sunday, and matinees on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Choir festival scheduled

The 27th Annual Plainfield Area Children's Choir Festival will be on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Twelve combined children's choirs, totalling nearly 240 children, under the direction of Mr. Mark M.E. Dolan, organist and director of Music at All Saints' — Millington, will present children's sacred choral literature to the theme "The Church Year in Song." Piano accompanist will be Pam Savo-Momyer, organist and director of Music at the Crescent Avenue Church.

The participating choirs will include: All Saints' Episcopal Church, Millington; First Presbyterian Church, Freehold; Wesley Methodist Church, South Plainfield; First Presbyterian Church, Cranford; Our Lady of the Mount Roman Catholic Church, Warren; Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield; St. Matthias R.C. Church, Somerset; Redeemer Lutheran Church, Westfield; St. James Church, Jamesburg; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bernardsville; Westfield Presbyterian Church; Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield.

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Theater company has a great couple of actors

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Individuals who have entered into the institution of marriage should find acting like they care about each other a natural process. This is not the case for Steven and Nathalie Yafet of Hillside — at least as far as the next production by Stony Hill Players is concerned. The couple will be portraying husband and wife Nadine and Lennox Boynton in Agatha Christie's "Appointment With Death," which opens tomorrow at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit.

Married for 13 years and Hillside residents for 10, the couple brings a wealth of performance experience to the theater company. An opera singer and actress, Nathalie has appeared in "Rigoletto," "Faust" and this season in Stony Hill's "Hansel and Gretel." An accomplished pianist, Steven has appeared in Stony Hill productions of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" "Happily Never After" and "The Pied Piper." Together, they have appeared in Stony Hill Productions of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "The Crucible." In addition, Nathalie serves as public relations director for the group, and Steven assumed musical director responsibility in "Die Fledermaus." Obviously accustomed to theater work and to working with each other, the couple had some interesting observations about portraying husband and wife onstage as well as off.

"We've done a cabaret, we've done recitals, we did a show in Chatham together," said Nathalie of the productions in which both she and her hus-

band have been involved.

"These characters are not as we are, I guess," said Steven. "There is quite a gap that we have to bridge, and furthermore, the play is kind of awkward in how this transformation occurs — initially a neurotic and very incapable individual, and after a certain event to all of a sudden have this transformation and become a well-adjusted individual," Steven continued. "And the ramifications of that for the marital relations is difficult to convey properly, because it's not life-like, really."

"You know, I disagree with Steven a little bit," his wife interjected. "I think you can always pull something out of your own psyche for any part that you play. I've played lunatics, and people might disagree but I'm not a lunatic. But certainly the character of Nadine is a very strong character and I'm a very strong person, and Steven in a way is very self-effacing and his character is the same way. Of course, we're not the same people at all, you wouldn't recognize us, but there are aspects of our personalities that do mesh with the roles."

Nathalie smiled. "It's delightful for me to play his wife, instead of, say, when we played in "Charlie Brown," I was Lucy, he was Snoopy. He was a dog, for heaven's sake!" She laughed. "And then we played in a fairy tale for First Night. He was the frog prince and I was Sleeping Beauty. He was constantly trying to wake me up and I kept saying let me sleep, and so we haven't had a very harmonious relationship on the stage until this play!" Nathalie laughed again.

Theater company has a great couple of actors

"We do have a certain amount of joking around that was exactly like what we had in "Charlie Brown," which fit us very well," Steven commented, then addressed his wife, "with your commanding, sort of 'If there's a wall, tough, because I'm walking through there,' that kind of approach to life, and mine being kind of trying to manipulate things but not expecting the best all the time, just manage as well as I could, and that worked out very well, in a way. When I look back that was a perfect role for the two of us!" They both laughed.

"Actually those two were a lot easier in some way; those were easier roles to play," Steven commented. "This is closer to the heart of it," Nathalie agreed.

The couple expounded upon the dynamics of playing Nadine and Lennox, characters with which they have become intimately associated.

"Nadine is, as I said before, a very strong woman," Nathalie began. "She's trapped in a terrible situation. The mother completely controls her husband's family, including her husband. She didn't know what she was getting into; she sees her husband becoming less and less like the man she married, and she's frustrated. There's another man who is in love with her. She doesn't really like him, but she doesn't know what to do. She feels her life is passing and she needs to grab the bull by the horns, so to speak, so she tries to force the issue."

"It's a wonderful character, I love her," she continued. "It's so refreshing not to play a lunatic or a sour old woman. I've played all these charac-

ter parts and this is a real character — very close to what I am."

"The wimpy aspect is very easy for me to play, really," said Steven mischievously. "And it's also the knee-jerk fear. Basically, I'm on edge. It doesn't take much to shake me up because of how I've been trained by my mother."

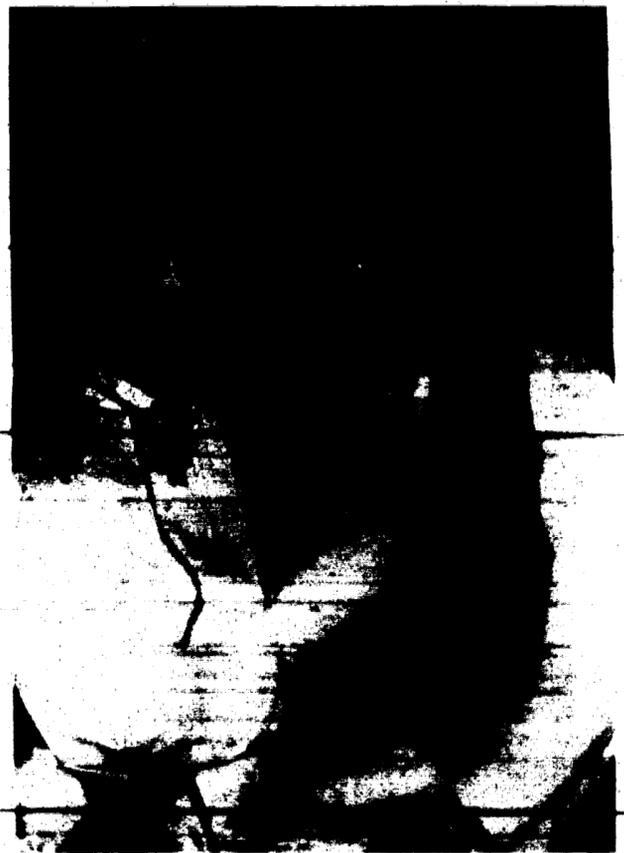
"I don't think that's so hard to do," he continued on a more serious note. "What's really hard to do is to realize the dialogue properly, because it's repetitive in the extreme. Almost everybody's finding it so difficult to remember their lines exactly, because they come over in different order, a different word order for the same thing, and you don't want this to be so static. I guess it's just the way Agatha Christie wanted to set it up, but it ends up being repetitive, and that's the difficulty in doing this play, both in learning your lines and not throwing other people off."

"It's terrible when you have to find a way to do it," Nathalie added. "I have the same line that line that I repeat five times, with different configurations."

When asked if the couple helped each other with their roles, Steven yielded the floor to his wife.

"Well, I found a certain amount of frustration because Steven doesn't learn lines as easily as I do," said Nathalie. "I just have this kind of trash memory that just picks everything up on the page, so I find myself learning everybody else's lines as well, and he tends to switch things around sometimes, not meaning to."

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Steven and Nathalie Yafet appeared in Stony Hill Players' production of 'Die Fledermaus.'

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It's a crime not to see 'Murder at the Vicarage'

Who would suspect a dutiful vicar's wife, a naive assistant or a respected neighbor of cold-blooded murder? The audience would, and will, until Miss Marple steps onstage in Carnival Productions' "Agatha Christie's 'Murder at the Vicarage,'" which finishes its two-week run this weekend at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Rahway.

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Suspects are in abundance in this mystery, which takes place in the study of the Vicarage in the village of St. Mary Mead, England, hometown to the irrepresible Miss Marple. The title of the play gives the obvious clue to the circumstances surrounding the plot. What the title does not tell you is whodunit, and although several characters make a heroic attempt at unraveling the tangled web, they must inevitably bow to the superior knowledge of the divine Miss M.

We are introduced to the Vicar, his wife and family, Assistant Vicar, an inept maid, a cultured neighbor, an unhappy wife, an adulterous scoundrel, and a maiden scorned — almost at the same time. The action moves quickly on to the heart of the matter, or the lack thereof, whether referring to the body of Col. Protheroe slumped on the Vicar's desk or the killer responsible for his situation.

"Murder at the Vicarage" is doubtless one of the more challenging Christie mysteries to produce on stage, judging from lengthy and difficult dialogue, complicated blocking and a stage full of props. The cast works hard at keeping the information flowing, masterfully playing off of each other and making valiant attempts at English accents.

Several members of the cast succeeded in taking the complex script and producing well-delivered lines.

Jean Kuras is colorful and prim as Mrs. Price Ridley, Daymon Blevins appropriate ineffectual as assistant Ronald Hawes. David Christopher is stalwart and pious as the Vicar and Julie Zatkow sweetly understated as his wife, Griselda. Theater goers can expect some great reactions from Syndi E. Cirillo as Lettice Protheroe and Judy England as Anne Protheroe, survivors of the dearly departed Colonel. Christian Fitzgerald nearly steals the show as the determined Inspector Slack, whose interrogation style keeps the audience giggling.

A dynamite performance is in store from Mark Szabo as the cavalier Lawrence Redding. Szabo gave a great performance as devil-may-care Nicky in Carnival's recent production of "Bell, Book and Candle," and has found a way to top that effort. Veteran actress Ronnie Bromm of Rahway is unassuming as the all-seeing Miss Marple. Special note should be paid to 14-year-old Randolph Chapin as Dennis Clement, and Michael Ream is a stand-out as Police Constable Jennings. Last but not least, prepare for a chilling performance from Morton Logan.

The audience will need to pay close attention to actions and details, but it is well worth the effort to get to the last act. Let's just say that cast and crew take a shot at keeping you in suspense.



Vicar Clement, played by David Christopher, and newly-widowed Anne Protheroe, played by Judy England, discuss the deadly event in Carnival Productions' "Agatha Christie's 'Murder at the Vicarage.'" Remaining show dates and times are today through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Theater, located at 169 W. Main St., Rahway. For information and reservations, call (908) 388-0647.

Philathalians slip 'Sly Fox' into this season's run

The Philathalians of Fanwood has opened "Sly Fox," the second production of their 65th season. "Sly Fox" by Larry Gelbart is an updated version of Ben Johnson's "Volpone." Greed fuels this rollicking comedy in which three unctuous suitors prey to bribery, chicanery, and subterfuge as each tries to outdo the others and become sole heir to Sly's fortune.

"Sly Fox" is directed by Jeff Caplan of Linden. The cast consists of Jennifer Barry — "Miss Fanny" — of Orange, Gwen Caplan — "Mrs. Truckle" — of Linden, Alan Gershenson — "Jethro Crouch" — of Linden,

Stewart Herskowitz — "Abner Truckle" — of Roselle, Joe Pagano — "Police Chief" — of Gillette, Aaron Todoroff — "Capt. Crouch" — of Kearny, and Andros Thomson "Lawyer Craven" — of East Millstone.

Nine performances are scheduled as follows: Fridays and Saturdays through March 15, curtain time 8:30 p.m., and one matinee on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Performances are at the Fanwood Carriage House, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood. Tickets are \$10, seniors \$8. For reservations call 322-8686.

Playhouse seeks director

The Linden Summer Playhouse, a non-profit theater organization, has been teaching children and young adults between the ages of 8-22 the thrill of acting.

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.

Practices are June 1 through show-

time in the evenings. This position also requires assistance with fundraising activities.

If interested, please send your resume to LSP, P.O. Box 304, Linden, NJ 07036. Attention: Andy King.

The playhouse's next production is Cabaret Night, held in January.

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

Last stop for Teen Arts tour

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks & Recreation, announces that the 1996 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit has been moved to CoreStates Bank, 68 Broad St., Elizabeth, where it will remain until March 21.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works shown at the 1996 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March 1996 at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation. The next Union County Teen Arts Festival will be held March 26 & 27. Students may attend the Festival by registering through their school.

The exhibiting students are: Berkeley Heights — Pam Weag, Gov. Livingston RHS; Cynthia DeRama, Columbia MS

Clark — Mary Callahan, Mother Seton RHS; Shannon Hull, C. Kumpf MS

Cranford — Mary Straszniak, Cranford HS; Steve Oliveria, Hillside Avenue MS

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Catch a glimpse into Stern's 'Private Parts'

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Howard Stern. Usually that is all you have to say to get a reaction from those fans who love him and those people who wish he never got past his college radio show. But love him or hate him, Stern plans to take the country by storm with his new major motion picture "Private Parts." At the risk of sounding dramatic this motion picture is bound to be the biggest and best picture of 1997 if not the decade.

For those who may be thinking that "Private Parts" is going to be nothing more than the adolescent game playing of an egomaniac complete with naked women and lots of penis references than you are right, but don't let these brief moments in the plot scare you away from a truly moving story of an underdog who conquers the world of radio despite overwhelming odds and the touching story of how this rise to fame affects his family life.

Bottom line: This movie is funny — laugh-out-loud funny — and it gives an insight into Howard Stern that many people have not yet seen. The character-driven movie is well-adapted from Stern's best-selling novel of the same name by Len Blum, and it is the characters that make this movie the screen success that it is.

From long time sidekicks Fred Norris and Robin Quivers, to somewhat lesser-known players like Pig Vomit, the name given to a former WNBC radio executive who tried everything in his power to have Stern taken off the air during his run at the AM radio station, all of the characters at one point or another steal the show which is a tribute to how well this picture is done.

It took Stern four years to get this movie out to the public and if the result is any indication of the time spent, than all Hollywood movies should be four years in the making. The movie takes the audience through the early life of Stern, with a brief look at his childhood and teen-age years. But most of the movie focuses on Stern during his time at Boston University and the following years as he traveled the country from one small radio station to another, and his struggle to do the radio show that he wanted and felt would be successful.

At every turn Stern is faced with people — including his own father — who tell him that he will never amount to anything and that his radio career will never take off, but like other great stories of our time we see Stern's slow rise to the top despite those who try to keep him down.

The other major story in the movie is the surprisingly honest look that Stern gives the audience into his personal life, namely the relationship between he and his wife, Allison. Why would someone marry Howard Stern? Well, "Private Parts" explains this enigma quite well, showing the more relaxed and sensitive Stern in action with his family and how he and his wife overcome the lack of privacy that Stern thrusts into their relationship, to which his wife becomes very angry. The film takes an honest look at what it is like to be married to Stern and the fact that everything from their sex life to his wife's miscarriage ultimately becomes fodder for the most important thing in Stern's life, the radio show.

See for yourself what all the talk is about. This is the funniest movie of the year — bar none.

Hillside couple has learned to act married

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When asked how the couple originally met, Steven once again assumed an amused look, and related the couple's first meeting at a party held at the University of Wisconsin, where Steven was living with other graduate students.

"Nathalie had placed a call to somebody else in the house, who was not in. She was told there was a party, a musical evening. Anyway, she showed up. I guess you didn't call for that other person after that, did you?" he teased, stealing a look at his wife.

Would they recommend this sort of endeavor to other married couples?

"Absolutely," said Steven without hesitation.

"You spend time together, otherwise you're not with each other," Nathalie said.

Judging from this couple's commitment onstage and off, "Appointment With Death" will be another fine performance from Stony Hill Players.

"Appointment With Death" will be presented by Stony Hill Players tomorrow through March 22 at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center on Morris Avenue in Summit. Showtimes are tomorrow, Saturday, and March 14, 15 and 22 at 8 p.m. and March 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12, \$6 for ages 12 and under. For reservations and information, call (908) 464-7716.

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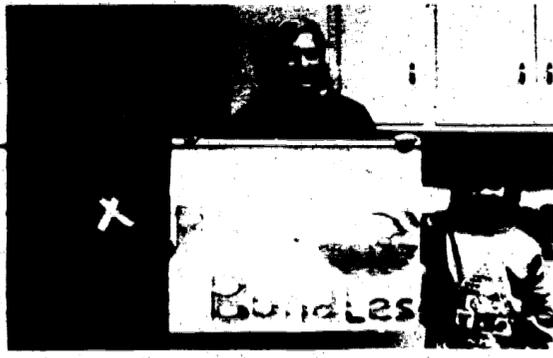
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The council initiated its Women of Distinction awards in 1992 to recognize women who exemplify the character and ideals of the Girl Scout Promise and Law and who serve as positive female role models for young girls. The Corporate Award is presented to a corporation which has demonstrated substantial financial commitment to Girl Scouting over the years and has supported the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County through provision of goods and/or services.

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ART AUCTION

TEMPLE SHALOM will present an art exhibition and auction on Saturday.

A wide selection of artwork will be presented by such artists as W. Scott, Gorman, Haenraets, Miro, Rockwell, Chagall, Moses, Dali and many more. All artwork is framed and matted. A preview of the exhibited works will be held from 8 - 9 p.m.

The auction will follow at 9 p.m. Opening bids are up to 50 percent less than traditional framed gallery prices. The exhibition and auction will be conducted by Ross Galleries, Inc.

Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Advance ticket purchase is preferred. Wine and cheese will be served. For information or tickets, call Jerry Klein at (201) 379-4768 or the Temple office at (201) 379-5387.

ART SHOWS

PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS Nancy Bernhaut, Helen Luecke and Anne King will be exhibiting their work at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through today.

Nancy Bernhaut, a photographic artist who resides in Livingston, specializes in nature, landscape and still life color photography. With her Nikkormat camera she catches the interplay of color and light which is critical to the overall effect of each print. Photographic artist Helen Luecke from Westfield has always been inspired by natural subjects. From her earliest work of oil paintings of flowers to her current photographs of the natural world, she finds nature to be a compelling subject. Anne King of Springfield has loved her hobby of photography for over twenty years. She feels photographs offer a challenge for others to view life's humor, beauty and everyday living looking through someone else's eyes. Some of her accomplishments include acceptance into the 1986 New Jersey and You photography contest for the state's official calendar.

The Donald Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For further information, call (201) 376-4930.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is pleased to present an exhibit of tapestry by Jozefa Tomaszewska and sculpture by Lubomir Tomaszewski through today.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway. The Skulski Art Gallery is open Monday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Aleksandra Nowak at (908) 382-7197 or (908) 862-7989.

DU CRET SCHOOL OF THE ARTS is sponsoring its 18th Annual New Jersey High School Student Art Show. The show will be held in the du Cret Gallery at 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield.

All high school juniors and seniors from New Jersey are eligible to submit one piece of original work from their chosen medium, excluding sculpture, pottery and handicrafts. The show will be open to the public through tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call (908) 757-7171.

PASSING THROUGH, an exhibition of photographs by George Apteker of Irvington, will continue through March 13 at the Les Malamut Art Gallery at Union Public Library.

The Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Library is located at Friberger Park in Union. For information, call (908) 686-0420 or (908) 688-4536.

SPACES, PLACES, an exhibit of photography by Judith J. Friedman will be on display in the Kent Place Gallery through March 14.

Friedman says that her house, yard and neighborhood provide material for images. Moving from these intimate spaces to the larger landscape, she creates collages of images on the negative. The final black-and-white photographs recreate the way people visually explore landscape.

The Kent Place Gallery is located on the campus of Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment with the gallery director.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT has been moved to Corestates Bank, 68 Broad St., Elizabeth, where it will remain until March 21.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works 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.

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SWAIN GALLERIES will present watercolors by artist Al Grafke through March 28.

Grafke, a native of Summit, expresses in his watercolors a love of the outdoors and his "affection for the simple things that surround us in our everyday lives." Using watercolors, Grafke believes he achieves the most flexibility and permanence while simultaneously experimenting with new techniques that convey a particular spirit all his own.

Grafke's solo exhibit continues weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

BILL LEECH will have a solo show at the Watchung Arts Center this month. The exhibit runs through March 29, concurrent with "Material Metaphors" in the other gallery.

Leech works primarily in acrylics on unstretched canvas. His images have evolved to reduced, fragmented and stylized figures and body parts, set against large, flat areas, moving his work solidly into the abstract field.

A free reception will be held Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

MATERIAL METAPHORS, an exhibition of the works of Sarah Crooks, Mike Murphy and Robert Sorenson, will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center through March 29. A free reception is scheduled for Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Visitors may meet the artists, and refreshments will be served. "Material Metaphors" brings to issue the use of varied materials as substrate, as medium and as metaphor.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. every day except Sunday. Admission is free at all times. Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. For further information, call (908) 753-0190.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will present black-and-white photography by Art Carlson Sunday through the end of March. Carlson's work can generally be grouped into three categories — landscapes, architectural studies and close-up views of both subjects.

Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

VOX GALLERY presents an exhibit of pastels and oil paintings by Alden Baker through the month of March. The New Jersey artist paints landscapes, still lifes and portraits, in both oil and pastel.

Vox Gallery is located at 444 Springfield Ave., Summit. Gallery hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. For further information, call (908) 273-2551.

LOCAL LANDSCAPES AND OILS by Louis Winarsky will be exhibited at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through April 16.

On display are oil paintings of local landscapes in Springfield and Short Hills, portrait drawings from life and experiments in art from family photographs.

The Donald Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

HAVANA REVISITED, a collection of oil on canvas works by Enrique Flores Galbis will be on display in the Members' Gallery Sunday at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. An opening reception will be held Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Recently returned from a trip to Old Havana, the artist produced these realist works based on Cuba in its current state of desolation. Providing a view forbidden to most Americans, the paintings capture "the streets, the light and the countryside of Old Havana."

NUCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday from noon - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. For further information, call (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

STONY HILL PLAYERS needs actors to portray hotel guests for the March production of Agatha Christie's "Appointment With Death." Performance dates are today, tomorrow, and March 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center located at 120 Morris Ave. in Summit. All shows are at 8 p.m. except for the March 16 performance, which is at 2 p.m.

A commitment to all shows is preferred. No experience is necessary. For further information, call Jay at (201) 377-2443.

STONY HILL PLAYERS will be holding auditions for their final show, "Three By Chekhov," on Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit.

Readings will be from the scripts. Production dates are May 9 - 24. The three one-act comedies are "The Brute" — 1 man, age 50+, 1 man and 1 woman age 25-40; "A Marriage Proposal" — 1 man age 50+, 1 man and 1 woman age 25+, and "A Wedding" — 5 men, 5 women and mixed extras, ages vary from 25 on up. Backstage help is also required.

Oakes Memorial Outreach Center is located at 120 Morris Ave., corner of Russell Place, in Summit. For more information, call the Director Philip J. Dolan III at (908) 753-2593 after 6 p.m.

STAGESTRUCK KIDS performing arts camp is holding auditions for all students interested in becoming Counselors-in-Training and Counselors for the 1997 summer program. Students must be entering the ninth grade and must prepare a song from a musical — please bring pre-recorded cassette tape as accompaniment — as well as a serious or comic monologue and must bring comfortable shoes for dancing.

Auditions will be held on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Cindy Smith Dance Studio, 98 North Ave., Garwood. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, call (201) 912-9051 or (908) 276-5053. Applicants will be invited to attend the Stagestruck Kids Open House on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, Walnut and E. Lincoln avenues, Cranford.

Valdes recently won the 1996 Concerto Competition with the Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra. She has also performed at Carnegie Hall, Merion Hall, Miller Theater, the Sarasota Music Festival, the Norfolk Contemporary Music Seminar and the Music Academy of the West.

First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, 42 Broad St., next to the Union County Court House. Admission is \$5 per concert or \$12 for all three. A tea and reception with the artist will follow the concert. Call the church at (908) 353-1518 from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for more information. All proceeds will be used to help the Needy and Homeless of Elizabeth.

'GUITAR' BOB MESSANO, a popular performer of children's music, will be appearing at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Messano will perform original numbers such as "Blues, Bops and Bunny Hops," "Sam the Clam's Blues" and "Rockin' in the Rabbit Hole."

The Museum and Library are located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m. The program is free and open to all. For more information, call (201) 376-4930.

DANA, Irish singing star, will perform a concert of contemporary Christian music at St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

For information and tickets, call (908) 272-4444.



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CONCORD SINGERS invites women who love to sing to join in rehearsals, held Mondays from 7:30 - 10 p.m. The group is preparing for their May 14 concert.

Practice is held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. For further information, call Debra Boyman at (908) 771-0978.

CONCERTS

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE will present *The Short Sisters and Broadside Electric* tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

The Short Sisters pick and choose from the best of old, new and original songs which feature their beautiful voices separately and together. They do many songs in a capella style, engage the audience in choruses, and specialize in intricate rounds and multi-part vocal arrangements.

Broadside Electric takes traditional English and Irish songs and music and puts them in modern settings with hard-edged arrangements on acoustic and electric guitar, fiddle and bass.

Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. The Coffeehouse is located at Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge. Shows are held every Friday year-round, with the second Friday of the month open stage/audition night. Admission is \$5, no alcohol or tobacco is allowed. For further information, call (201) 335-9489.

SUMMIT CHORALE will present vocal rarities of Schubert and Brahms Saturday at 8 p.m.

The concert will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Madison, 19 Green Ave., Madison. General admission is \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. For further information, call (201) 762-8486.

27th ANNUAL PLAINFIELD CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

Twelve combined children's choirs, totalling nearly 240 children, will present children's sacred choral literature to the theme "The Church Year in Song."

For further information, call Mark Dolan at (609) 637-7350.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Elizabeth is presenting a series of spring concerts featuring talented New Jersey artists. Cristina Valdes of Elizabeth will open the series on Sunday at 3 p.m.

MID-DAY MUSICALES, sponsored by First Congregational Church of Westfield, are presented on Wednesdays at noon. The half-hour concert is free, and a modestly-priced luncheon is available in the church social hall following each program.

The next scheduled concert will be Karen Leigh, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Brandt Fredriksen, piano. The church is located at 125 Elmer St., Westfield, and is handicapped accessible. Large print bulletins are available. For further information, call (908) 233-2494.

JAZZ NIGHT is presented every Sunday evening at Van Gogh's Ear cafe in Union. Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. For further information, call (908) 810-1844.

LASER CONCERTS are being presented by the New Jersey State Museum Planetarium on Fridays and Saturdays through May 11. Programs include "Laser Beatles," "Laserpalooza," "Laser Smashing Pumpkins," "Pink Floyd - The Wall," "Laser Show Tunes" and "Laser Motown."

Times and prices vary. The Museum is located at 205 W. State St., Trenton. For information, call (609) 292-6333.

DANCE

NEW JERSEY BALLET will appear in the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey Saturday and April 19 at 8 p.m.

Agnes de Mille's landmark American classic "Rodeo" will be performed. Premiered in 1942, "Rodeo" changed the face of ballet in America because it translates the movements of working cowboys into dance.

Tickets cost \$17 for general admission, faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens are \$15 and students are \$10. All seating is reserved. For further information, call (908) 527-2337.

CHILDREN'S BALLET SERIES, presented by the New Jersey Ballet, will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey. The Ballet will present "Carnival of the Animals." Inspired by the well-known suite for orchestra by Camille Saint-Saens, with choreography by NJB resident choreographer George Tomal, "Carnival of the Animals" is a witty romp with some amazing animals including a very kingly lion, high-hopping kangaroos, Chaplinesque penguins and frantically funny fossils!

Ticket prices for adults and children are \$7. For further information, call (908) 527-2337.

DANCE/STORIES, performed by Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company will be presented at Union County Arts Center on March 15 at 8 p.m.

"Dance/Stories" is an exciting interdisciplinary collaboration which features a selection of folk tales and stories from around the world, and artistically explores the integration of narrative, music and movement.

Tickets are \$15 with discounts available. Group rates are available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa or Mastercard, or in person at the Irving Street Box Office. The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For more information or ticket availability, call (908) 499-8226.

LECTURES

JUST ABOUT ART, the ongoing Thursday night forum of informal talks and discussions with artists and curators at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, will feature the following programs:

March 20 — Enrique Flores-Galbis, NUCVA Instructor of the Month, will talk about returning to his homeland via a study grant that allowed him to capture Havana and the Cuban countryside, previously inaccessible to him, in his oil paintings which will be on view in the Art Center's Members Gallery from March 9 - April 14.

The programs are free and open to the public. Hours are 7:30 to 9 p.m. The Center is located at 68 Elm St. in

THEATRE

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER AT THE VICARAGE, presented by Carnival Productions, has opened at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Theatre in Rahway.

"Murder" takes audience members to the quiet village of St. Mary Mead, Miss Marple's home in the English countryside. When the notorious Col. Protheroe is found shot in the Vicar's study, everyone, including the intrepid Miss Marple, falls under suspicion. The cast of characters and suspects is populated with imperious matrons, inept maids, dogged detectives and many others, including the Vicar himself.

Show dates and times are today - Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens. Dinner-and-show packages are available. El Bodegon is located at 169 W. Main St., Rahway. For information and reservations, call (908) 388-0647.

SOUTH PACIFIC is being presented at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Showtimes are today at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow at 11:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. For tickets and information, call Mrs. Axelrod at (201) 376-1025, ext. 1403.

GOING BACK HOME, the gospel adaptation of the prodigal son, will be presented by Wilmore and Company on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Going Back Home" chronicles the life of David Lee Wilson, a restless and bored North Carolinian, who leaves his country home to pursue a more exciting life in New York City. With plenty of enticement and manipulation from the Devil/narrator, David Lee forsakes his family, fiance and Christian values for the fast life in the big city. He soon becomes homeless, penniless and friendless, and his life and soul are spared only through repentance and the grace of God.

The play will be produced at Plainfield High School, 920 Park Ave. For further information, call (908) 687-0742.

THE MUSIC MAN will be presented by students from Rahway High School's tomorrow and Saturday.

The shows will be at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226.

SLY FOX, presented by the Philathalians of Fanwood, runs for two more weekends.

"Sly Fox" is an updated version of Ben Johnson's "Valpone." Greed fuels this rollicking comedy in which three unctuous suitors fall prey to bribery, chicanery and subterfuge as each tries to outdo the others and become sole heir to Sly's fortune.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays through March 15 at 8:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Carriage House, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 seniors.

The Philathalians, in their 65th season, are a depression-era community theater club. For further information, call (908) 322-8686.

APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH will be presented by Stony Hill Players tomorrow - March 22 at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit. The play tells the suspenseful and often hilarious story of a curious American family abroad in the exotic Middle East and their fellow travelers.

Showtimes are tomorrow, Saturday, and March 14, 15 and 22 at 8 p.m. and March 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12, \$6 for ages 12 and under. For reservations and information, call (908) 464-7716.

WIZARD OF OZ will be presented by Cranford Dramatic Club on Sunday at 3 p.m. The production is being performed as a benefit for Raphael's Life House, a transitional residence for pregnant women who are homeless.

The play will be presented at Cranford Dramatic Club Theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Tickets cost \$25 per person, and refreshments will follow the performance. For tickets and information, call Nora McFadden at (908) 272-4974.

LITTLE FOXES by Lillian Hellman will open at the Elizabeth Playhouse on March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Hubbards of "Little Foxes" were rapacious, cruel and callous long before the Ewings of "Dallies" appeared on television. Regina Hubbard is a woman capable of sending her brothers to prison, letting her husband die, wrecking her daughter's life and destroying a whole town, for no better reason than a little social climbing.

"Little Foxes" will run every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sundays at 2 p.m. for 5 weeks. General admission is \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 East Jersey St. For reservations, call (908) 355-0077.

SCHMALTZ, the Purim version of "Grease," will be presented by the Elmora Players on March 15 at the Elmora Hebrew Center in Elizabeth.

In the play, the students and teachers at Schmaltzville Yeshiva High School will present to the audience a taste of the 50s through drama, song and dance. The presentation will be preceded by a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, beginning at 8 p.m.

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Only paid ticket holders will be assured of entrance. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call Carole at the Center at (908) 353-1740 for reservations and information.

MUSEUMS

MILLER-CORY HOUSE is a restored 18th century farmhouse, where demonstrations in colonial-era crafting and cooking are held Sundays from 2-5 p.m.

Colonial taverns and open-hearth cooking will be featured Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Kyle Nardelli of Scotch Plains will give a presentation on the history of colonial taverns. Jean Peters and Diane King of Cranford will prepare foods over the open hearth using fire-side tasks and techniques practiced in the 18th century.

The Miller-Cory House is a living museum that offers visitors the opportunity to step back into the past and experience life as it was in early New Jersey. Every room in the house beautifully captures the atmosphere of the colonial era complete with volunteers dressed in authentic period-clothing to regale visitors with stories of the past.

Admission is \$2 for adults; 50 cents for children over six years of age. The house is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. For more information, call 232-1776.

POETRY

PRESENTING POETRY AND PROSE SERIES will be held at the John Harms Theater Cabaret on Tuesday at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

This month's featured poets are James Haba and Robert Carnevale. Haba is a teacher in the English Department at Rowan College of New Jersey. Since 1986 he has served as Poetry Coordinator for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Haba's poems have frequently appeared in anthologies and literary magazines and have won numerous fellowships and prizes. Carnevale is an assistant professor in the English Department at Drew University. He served as assistant poetry coordinator for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation for six years.

The John Harms Center for the Arts is located at 30 North Van Brunt St., Englewood. For information, call Joan Cusack Handler at (201) 224-9653.

POETSWEDNESDAY will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge.

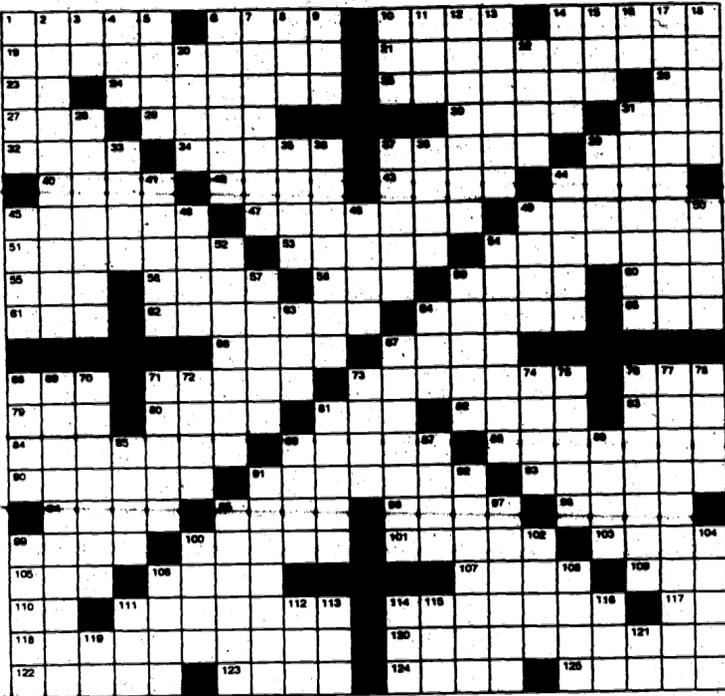
Scheduled poets include Linda Lerner, Adele Kenney and Sam Friedman. An open reading follows.

The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For information, call (908) 634-0413.

Legendary

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6 Mountain range
10 Twofold
14 Flower part
19 Value justly
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23 Roman six
24 Handsome horse
25 Control
26 Chinese pagoda
27 Frozen dessert
29 Rabbit
30 Teepee tribesmen
31 Biblical boat
32 Uninteresting
34 Trojan king
37 Fatigued
39 Donkey sound
40 King
42 Utah lily
43 Unique thing
44 Mr. Antony
45 Delineates
47 Softest
49 French hats
51 Fine furs
53 Wild dog
54 Golf club
55 White mineral
56 Brazil
58 Greek goddess of the dawn
59 Water carrier
60 Power project
61 Take a mate
62 Meat cutters
64 Isle of
65 Japanese coin
66 Get along
67 Lacinae
68 Illinois Indian
71 Mediterranean island
73 Songbirds
76 Hive dweller
79 Spanish gold
80 Makes angry
81 Pronoun
82 Greek portico
83 English river
84 Imprisoned
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88 Capitol worker
90 Slips
91 Jewelry item



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- 93 Of a fruit
94 Proceeds
95 Pleased
96 Attack
98 Yard tool
99 Acquires
100 Arctic explorer
101 Whales
103 Roll-call response
105 Type of poem
106 Desolate: poet.
107 Furniture items
109 Man's nickname
110 Display
111 Any GI
114 Thief
117 You: Fr.
118 Aegean island group
120 Destroyed
122 Wintry
123 Slave Scott
124 Intentions
125 Pronoun

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4 Apparel item
5 Balkan man
6 Taunters
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8 Standstill
9 Clock dial number
10 Obstruct
11 World power
12 Gives confidence to
13 Covey of kittens
14 Titled ones
15 English cathedral town
16 Breadwinner
17 Having allure
18 Not watertight
20 Complain
22 Reward

- 28 Chosen
31 Checks
33 Comedian Bert
35 Advanced in years
36 French dramatist
37 Chinese clubs
38 Sail
39 Taverns
41 Checks
44 Wealth
45 Sufficient: poet.
46 Tarsus
48 Biblical oldster
49 French cheese
50 Mr. O'Casey
52 Smothered
54 Highwaymen
57 Drives off
59 Candy pieces
63 Period
64 For each
67 Unruly ones
68 Tarnish
69 The final conflict
70 Bowl-shaped dish
71 Swampy places
72 Greek god of war
73 Count cards
74 Yuletide song
75 More judicious
76 Indicate
77 Frees from blame
78 Skraige
81 St. Louis Blues composer
85 Employs
86 Listen to
87 Crisp cookie
89 Oriental nurse
91 Dixie agriculturist
92 Roof timber
95 Verbal noun
97 Is fearful of
99 Lacinae
100 Negri
102 1551: Rom. num.
104 Musical composition
106 Frilly
108 Denomination
111 Fasten with thread
112 Compass pt.
113 Color
114 Vest amount
115 Numerical prefix
116 Football cheer
119 Scale note
121 Take heart

(See Answers on Page B11)

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, N.J.
TIME: 10am-1pm. New and used items! Books, records, jewelry, etc. (Snowdate March 15th).

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Murawski Towers, 1551 Dell Avenue, Linden, N.J.
TIME: 9am-4pm.

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, N.J.
TIME: 9am-3pm. New and used items! Clothes, books, jewelry, etc.

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 1997
EVENT: Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Connecticut Farms Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and W. Chestnut Street, Union.

What's Going On is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is prepaid and costs just \$20.00 (for 2 weeks) for Essex County or Union County and just \$30.00 for both.

DINNER-BANQUET

MARCH 15, 1997
EVENT: Swing into Spring! St. Peter and Paul Big Band Dinner.
PLACE: St. Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, 216 Ripley Place, Elizabeth, N.J.

FUN AUCTION

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 1997
EVENT: Spring Auction
PLACE: St. Demetrius Church, 721 Railway Avenue (off Liberty Avenue), Union, N.J.

OTHER SATURDAYS

MARCH 15th, 22nd, 1997
EVENT: Try-outs for Springfield Traveling Soccer Team.
PLACE: Chisholm School, Springfield, N.J.

SUNDAY

MARCH 16th, 1997
EVENT: Annual Purim Carnival.
PLACE: Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, N.J.

Exhibition winners announced

The Westfield Art Association announces the award winners from their recent 72nd Annual Oil, Paster and Sculpture Member Exhibition.

Edmund Spiro and Violet Brennan.
• Honorable Mentions were given to: Ralpheeta Johnston, Burton Longenbach, Richard Grotzohann, Steve Tomczyk, Alice Regent, Fran Azzara, Gloria Wallace and Robert Lee.

The show was judged by artist and educator Edith Anderson Feisner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR.,
737 Stokes Road
P.O. Box 1088
Medford, New Jersey 08055

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

Robert A. Spagnoli d/b/a Town & Country Contractor.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear on WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Union Planters National Bank is plaintiff and Robert A. Spagnoli d/b/a Town & Country Contractor et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after March 6, 1997, exclusive of such date.

Exxon awards grant to theater company

The Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund has awarded a grant of \$1,000 to Westfield Community Players. Exxon established the fund to encourage and support employees and requires that voluntarily help non-profit organizations in the communities where they live or work.

Through the efforts of Vincent Parlapiano of Roselle Park, an Exxon retiree and director of Production at WCP, this grant was obtained for the purchase of a video camera and monitor that will broadcast the

action on stage to the backstage areas.
President Cynthia Smyth noted that the group was pleased to receive the grant and added that the video setup will make it easier for the stage manager to run the show as it will broadcast the action onstage to the backstage area. She added, "We are very pleased to receive this grant, and are grateful for the efforts of Vince in writing and submitting the grant to the Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund."

PUBLIC NOTICE

sole with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 671, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.
The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated February 4, 1993, made by Samuel J. Jones and Marian D. Jones to Colonial Mortgage Service Company and duly assigned to plaintiff, Union Planters National Bank, and concerns real estate located at 515 Grant Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

properly being foreclosed.
An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: The Lawyer Referral Service telephone number is (908) 353-4715 and Legal Services is (908) 353-4340 for Union County. DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court

Orchestra volunteers needed

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra has opportunities for volunteers to assist with a wide variety of activities, from poster distribution and ushering at concerts, to assisting with mailings and research.
Hours are flexible and the office is centrally located. For information, call the Symphony office at 232-9400.

Jacque McCarthy, Editor
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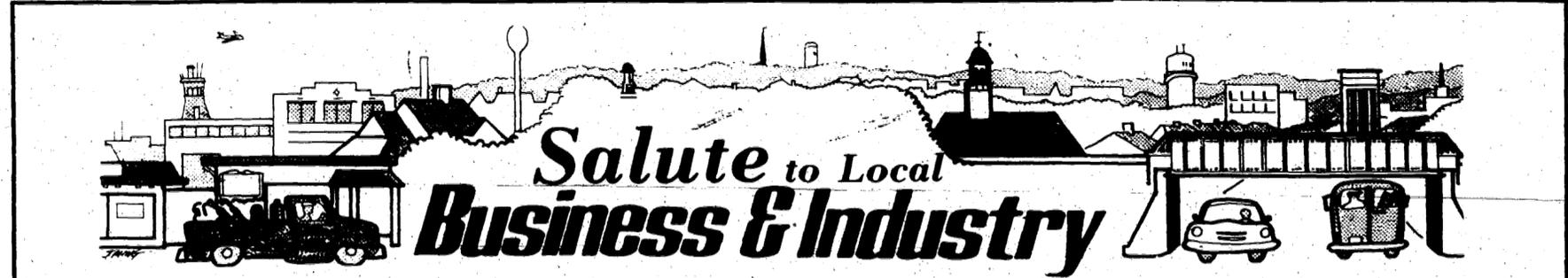
PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE OF REAL ESTATE
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION, to me directed, issued out of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, Docket No. F-1583-90. Will be sold at Public Vendue on

WEDNESDAY,
THE 19th DAY OF MARCH, 1997
at 2 o'clock, local time, in the afternoon of said day, at the law office of Marcia Graydon, 75 S. Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside and City of Newark, County of Union and Essex, State of New Jersey.
Premises is known as: 48-50 Grumman Avenue, Newark and Township of Hillside, N.J., and more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the Southeastern line of Grumman Avenue with the northwesterly line of Bergen Street, as laid out on map entitled "Map of property of the Weesquicquick Park Front Realty Company," made by John E. Laird, Construction Engineer and Surveyor, dated August, 1908, filed in the Register's Office of Essex County 900309 as Map #604; from said beginning point running thence (1) North 40 degrees, 1 minute West along said line of Grumman Avenue, 50 feet, thence (2) South 49

degrees 59 minutes West 100 feet, thence (3) South 40 degrees, 1 minute East, 50 feet to the said northwesterly line of Bergen Street, and thence (4) North 40 degrees, 59 minutes East, 100 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.
BEING known and designated as Lot 102 on aforesaid map.
BEING BLOCK 3667, LOT 1 on the tax map of Newark, N.J.
BEING BLOCK 1001, LOT 36 on the tax map of Hillside Township, N.J.
Commonly known as 48-50 Grumman Avenue, Newark and Hillside Township, NJ.
Approx. Dimensions: 50 feet x 100 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Intersection of Grumman Avenue and Bergen Street.
A 20% deposit is needed on all sales, in cash or certified funds.
The approximate amount of the Judgment sought to be satisfied by this sale is \$62,063.99.
The right to adjourn this sale is specifically reserved by the undersigned.
Seized as the property of Winston Sullivan, taken in execution at the suit of Tan, Inc. and to be sold by
MAARCIA GRAYDON, MASTER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
DATED: February 20, 1997
William M. E. Powers, Jr., Chartered Attorney for the Plaintiff
Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 1997
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HOROSCOPE

For the week of March 9 to 15

Aries March 21-April 20 Clear away all distractions early in the week, and you'll be able to enjoy some unbroken concentration later.

Taurus April 21-May 21 This week holds promise for being unusually productive. Long trips and long, rambling conversations yield fruitful insights.

Gemini May 22-June 21 This is a terrible week to indulge in gossip. No matter how good your intentions are, things will backfire.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Staying at home instead of looking for adventure helps you bank a little extra money.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Treat yourself and a friend to a

culinary experiment. You've got nothing to lose, and it could be a lot of fun. This week is also good for making lifestyle changes that involve your diet or exercise.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Head away from the beaten path to add a touch of adventure to your life. Face up to your responsibilities.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A free-spirited acquaintance has a great outlook. Follow that lead, and your mood should improve dramatically toward the weekend.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Get some busy work out of the way early in the week to clear the way of an enjoyable weekend.

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Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Getting a talkative person to buckle down and get some work done will be a chore, but if you use your charm, it might not be as bad as you expect.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Use your creativity to stretch your budget and create a memorable occasion. Romance is favored toward the weekend.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you're trying to keep a secret, watch out for inadvertent slips. If the wrong person hears the right thing, all your careful effort could be in vain.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Avoid impulse spending - a bill could be looming. This week is a good time to reorganize - whether it's closets, drawers, finances or priorities.

Table with 4 columns: Sign, Number, Sign, Number. Includes Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Aquarius, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Scorpio, Pisces.

Tapestry and sculpture exhibits in Clark

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is pleased to present an exhibit of tapestry by Jozefa Tomaszewska and sculpture by Lubomir Tomaszewski through tomorrow.

holds a B.A. in Visual Arts from the College of Higher Learning in Poland. Josefa creates sheer magic by interweaving sisal ropes, strings, pieces of wool, cotton rugs and leather.

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Seniors need to take steps before stepping outside

Because older adults are more at risk during the winter, Union County is advising them to take precautions during the cold weather with simple steps that could save their lives.

"Many senior citizens' deaths from the cold weather could be avoided," said Freeholder Walter D. McNeil, Jr., liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging, "if they take the crucial steps to protect themselves from the ravages of winter. Union County is ready to provide elderly and those who look after them from the ravages of winter. Union County is ready to provide elderly and those who look after them with information and other assistance in order to make sure that they have a safe and healthy winter."

Susan Chasnoff, director of the Union County Division on Aging, said seniors must guard against hypothermia, or low body temperature, be prepared with everything they need in the event a major storm shuts them inside, and be sure their heating systems are working properly.

"Older adults, particularly the frail, are most prone to hypothermia, which is caused by the body losing heat faster than it can be replaced. If body temperature drops below 95 degrees, the heart slows and weakness and confusion may ensue. The condition can be fatal," she said.

The best cure for hypothermia, Chasnoff explained, is prevention. Seniors should:

- Dress warmly. Wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothing in layers. If hands and feet get cold, a hat, gloves, socks and boots should be worn — even indoors.

- Keep extra blankets and hot water bottles on hand.
- Never use an oven as a heater. Cook or bake something instead. The activity will provide warmth.
- Eat healthy, hot meals.
- Contact someone or have someone call or visit daily.
- Check with a pharmacist or doctor to see which medications they are taking might interfere with the body's ability to control its temperature.

Chasnoff said that a properly operating home heating system also is important to prevent hypothermia.

"Many older adults spend a bitter winter in homes and apartments with inadequate heat," she said. "Sometimes there is no heat at all."

- Have heating systems checked and serviced. Those who reside in apartments should speak with the landlord or organize fellow tenants to make sure the system is working properly; and
- Call the local public utility company for repairs or emergency response.

She added that last winter was a stark reminder of how snow means hardship, isolation and helplessness for many senior citizens.

"Heavy snowfalls make it difficult for them to get around," Chasnoff said, recalling that 32 inches of snow fell last January in Union County. "Icy or unshovelled walks and extreme cold make it impossible for many to go outside at all, to get food."

She advised the elderly to be ready ahead of time by:

- Listening frequently to weather reports for storm warnings;

- Keeping a battery-operated radio and flashlight handy, as well as extra batteries, matches and candles;
- Checking supplies of medications and ordering in advance;
- Taking a cordless telephone outside with them, in the event they need assistance; and
- Keeping in close touch with a neighbor or friend, and regularly checking with each other during snowstorms.

While emphasizing the need for planning and prevention, Freeholder McNeil reiterated the County's ability and willingness to help senior citizens through the upcoming winter.

"The elderly can plan ahead, but they should also know that we are here and ready to help in case they need us," he said.

Anyone needing help to prepare for a winter emergency should call the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4870 or 527-4872 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The County Division of Emergency Management monitors storms and cold weather, warning municipalities of their seriousness. This information also is given to news organizations. Everyone is advised to stay tuned to local radio and television stations for weather updates. They should not hesitate to call local police in the event of a crisis.

For information on programs and services offered by Union County, call the County's Customer Information Line at (908) 558-7000 Monday through Friday, or visit the one-stop Customer Information Center at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield.

Have a heart American Heart Association



Nelson Fallman, chairman of the AHA Board of Directors, presents the Hospital With Heart Partnership Award to Brian Buonanni of St. Elizabeth Hospital as Gloria Buonanni looks on. The award is presented to hospitals that participate in the AHA Hospital with Heart program and actively promote heart health education throughout the year to patients, employees and the community.

Hospital sponsors various classes, groups

The basics of life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation are taught at St. Barnabas Medical Center, in a six-hour course for the layperson. The course includes adult one-man CPR and Adult Foreign Body Airway Obstruction Management/Heimlich Maneuver for choking victims. This course is offered once a month, either in two 3-hour evening sessions or one 6-hour day session. Preregistration is required, and a fee of \$45 per student will be charged. Call (201) 533-5023 for further information. Saint Barnabas Medical Center is located on Old Short Hills Road, Livingston, New Jersey.

Check out your eyes

The key to good vision throughout your life is proper care. Many cases of vision loss can be prevented with regular eye checkups. "Checkups become more important as we become older," said Drs. Spier and Crane of the Northern NJ Eye Institute. "Modern techniques can sometimes restore sight you may think is lost." For some diseases, early detection can save your sight.

As a community service, the Northern NJ Eye Institute is offering free eye health checks, during the month March, by appointment only. The program is offered to seniors who have not had any eye examination in one or more years. These examinations will be offered in the South Orange, Elizabeth, West Caldwell and Vernon offices.

The Northern NJ Eye Institute specializes in cataract care, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration, and eye diseases of older Americans. The Institute has an office-based surgery center and accepts Medicare, most HMOs and other major insurances. Bernard C. Spier, M.D. and Charles J. Crane, M.D., both board certified ophthalmologists, will be providing this service to the community.

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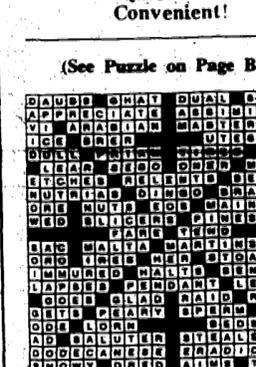
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Clark
 Linda Neveil sold property at **280 Valley Road** to Lorraine M. Allen for \$133,000 on Nov. 15.
 Anthony and Vivian D'Urso sold property at **78 Hillcrest Drive** to Luis Vagueiro for \$235,000 on Nov. 15.
 Leon and Gladys Golodner sold property at **68 Post Road** to Piotr Olaszewski for \$200,000 on Nov. 22.
 Joseph and Eugenia Anisko sold property at **37 Briarheath Lane** to Rose Gaudio for \$397,500 on Nov. 25.
 Harriet Cullinane sold property at **62 Prescott Turn** to Mark David for \$144,250 on Nov. 26.
 Louisa Disarro sold property at **155 Walnut Ave.**, to David Beynon for \$161,500 on Nov. 26.

Elizabeth
 Mattie L. Jackson et al sold property at **524 Jackson Ave.**, to Maletos Construction Inc. for \$52,000 on Nov. 6.
 Hazel Dye sold property at **565 Pennsylvania Ave.**, to William E. Johnson for \$60,000 on Nov. 19.
 Margarita Fernandez sold property at **1246 Clinton Place** to Gerardo Dejo for \$157,000 on Nov. 20.
 Joaquim R. and Wanda Pragosa sold property at **325 Fulton St.**, to Enrique Gonzalez for \$65,000 on Nov. 21.
 Victoria Stypula sold property at **623 Court St.**, to Lennon G. Powell for \$40,000 on Nov. 22.
 Robert Scarlata et al sold property at **715 Madison Ave.**, to Paulo J.

Marques for \$115,000 on Nov. 22.
 Anna W. Sokoloski sold property at **629 Chetwood St.**, to Adriana Ospina for \$87,000 on Nov. 25.
 Jose and Maria DaFonseca sold property at **168-70 Monmouth Road** to \$138,000 on Nov. 25.
 William A. and Ida Hashkowitz sold property at **44-48 Bellwood Place** to Confesor Torres for \$149,000 on Nov. 26.

Hillside
 Hope Horstmann sold property at **115 Virginia St.**, to Paulo Pedrosa for \$90,000 on Nov. 8.
 Geraldine Lordi sold property at **1264 Salem Ave.**, to Joao Ferreira for \$110,000 on Nov. 22.
 Amado and Raquel Gorrita sold property at **167 Wilder St.**, to Audete Francois for \$176,000 on Nov. 25.
 Jose and Maria Brito sold property at **1264 N. Broad St.**, to Gilberto Saenz for \$170,000 on Nov. 26.
 Wardelle Schwartz sold property at **335 Hollywood Ave.**, to Wagner Nogueira for \$85,000 on Nov. 27.
 Carmen R. and Ann Dill sold property at **116 Woodruff Place** to Mario Ocasio for \$132,000 on Nov. 27.

Kenilworth
 William H. and Annie R. Fudge sold property at **303 N. 8th St.**, to Abraham Turner for \$130,000 on Nov. 18.
 Marcial Carbajal et al sold property at **683 Fairfield Ave.**, to Carmen I. Carbajal for \$2,000 on Nov. 25.
 Peter and Paulette Graziano sold property at **45 Columbia Ave.**, to Arnel H. Mendoza for \$168,000 on Nov. 27.
 Steven J. and Joan Grohol sold property at **51 Arbor St.**, to Elizabeth McNamara for \$155,000 on Nov. 27.

Linden
 Beneficial Mortgage Co. sold property at **1008 Lincoln St.**, to Thomas

Hollman for \$58,000 on Nov. 14.
 Mary L. White sold property at **749 Lindegar St.**, to John M. Alvarado for \$95,000 on Nov. 19.
 James E. Webb sold property at **923 Smith St.**, to HMS Affordable for \$65,000 on Nov. 19.
 Alice M. Kennedy sold property at **2123 Fay Ave.**, to Robert Wagner for \$100,000 on Nov. 25.

Mountainside
 Eugene and Louise Goralski sold property at **1371 Stoney Brook Lane** to Arthur Tate for \$207,500 on Nov. 13.
 Chris and Julia M. Federico sold property at **1221 Cedar Ave.**, to Norman R. Chretien for \$265,000 on Nov. 16.
 G. Robert and Susan Ayd sold property at **347 New Providence Road** to Charles J. Pijanowski for \$445,000 on Nov. 19.
 Joseph P. and Judith A. Ganun sold property at **123 Mountainview Drive** to Steven N. Witt for \$485,000 on Nov. 22.

Rahway
 Vito and Phyllis Labraccio sold property at **669 Hamilton St.**, to Carlos Latony for \$150,000 on Nov. 15.
 Federal National Mortgage Association sold property at **344 E. Milton Ave.**, to Moises Davalos for \$35,000 on Nov. 15.
 Elaine A. Barnowski sold property at **1056 Stone St.**, to Thomas A. Porra for \$138,000 on Nov. 18.
 Robert F. and Barbara Hoose et al sold property at **198 W. Lincoln Ave.**, to Anthony Q. Richburg for \$124,000 on Nov. 27.
 Sean and Melissa McCarthy sold property at **619 Jefferson Ave.**, to Sally Daniels for \$433,000 on Nov. 22.
 Robert B. and Lorraine Lewis sold property at **1949 Lufberry St.**, to HMS Affordable for \$75,000 on Nov. 22.

Lawrence P. and Phyllis M. Young sold property at **830 E. Milton Ave.**, to Jonathan R. Parham for \$92,000 on Nov. 26.
 Kenneth R. Pleasant sold property at **1457 Esterbrook Ave.**, to Robert T. Thomas for \$100,000 on Nov. 27.
 Edward R. and Donna Zweig sold property at **1097 Charlotte Place** to Bertha Gleaton for \$107,000 on Nov. 27.
 John R. Gregorio Jr. et ux sold property at **926 Ross St.**, to Steven W. Kupez for \$185,000 on Nov. 27.

Roselle
 Ronald G. Turner et al sold property at **433 W. 4th Ave.**, to Fatima E. Plumey for \$115,000 on Nov. 1.
 Herman D. and Minnie P. Kelly sold property at **620 Walnut St.**, to Jean V. Losier for \$90,000 on Nov. 15.

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Joseph P. Fleck sold property at **29 Colonial Road** to Armando J. Correia for \$82,000 on Nov. 20.
 Diane Kennedy sold property at **398 W. 4th Ave.**, to Darrin Jennings for \$105,000 on Nov. 22.
 Dorcas Federico sold property at **257 W. 1st Ave.**, to Millie Alvarado for \$125,000 on Nov. 25.
 Stanley and Sophie Padlo sold property at **124 Kennedy Drive** to Samuel D. Bishop for \$140,000 on Nov. 26.
 Joseph G. and Donna M. Hunter sold property at **351 W. 1st Ave.**, to Andre D. Dorcent for \$120,000 on Nov. 27.
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 Dominickarella sold property at **368 E. Westfield Ave.**, to Vince Tropeano for \$100,000 on Nov. 15.
 Franklin E. and Marilyn Hucker sold property at **41 W. Roselle Ave.**, to Elsa Rios for \$100,000 on Nov. 22.

Springfield
 Associates Relocation Management Co. sold property at **41 Kipling Ave.**, to Heather Francis for \$152,000 on Dec. 19.
 Walter S. Dobushak Sr. sold property at **154 Mountain Ave.**, to 433 North Broad Associates for \$195,000 on Dec. 30.
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TRANSACTIONS

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Summit

Carl J. and Nancy D. Kreidler Jr. sold property at 88 Essex Road to Jonathan M. Greene for \$1,490,000 on Nov. 7.

William R. and Ruth Meagher sold property at 285 Kent Place Blvd., to Paul Monaghan for \$282,500 on Nov. 11.

David C. and Shirley K. Brewster sold property at 14 Shadyside Ave., to Michael J. Wagner for \$170,000 on Nov. 15.

Norman L. and Beverly R. Constant sold property at 15 Tanglewood Drive to Howard H. McClure for \$472,000 on Nov. 15.

Alan and Jeannie T.H. Pang sold property at 108 Canoe Brook Parkway to Randolph F. Ollom for \$227,000 on Nov. 20.

Sheriff and County of Union sold property at 220 Woodland Ave., to Chase Manhattan Bank for \$209,000 on Nov. 21.

Randolph F. and Jan A. Ollom sold property at 8 Edgar St., to Linda M. Covello for \$167,000 on Nov. 22.

Eugene P. and Mary W. Hanson sold property at 48 Oakland Place to Mark J. Bruce for \$605,000 on Nov. 22.

Timothy R. and Rebecca J. Smalls sold property at 16 Hillside Ave., to Kurt W. Wassenaar for \$500,000 on Nov. 30.

Union

Keith C. Martin sold property at 1022 Bashford Ave., to Douglas J. Ferrigno for \$105,000 on Nov. 5.

Robert and Barbara Busler sold property at 1499 Gregory Ave., to Manuel P. Batista for \$239,000 on Nov. 5.

John E. and Mattia Raguseo sold property at 2507 Woodside Road to Manuel Ferreira for \$180,000 on Nov. 6.

Antonio and Maria DaSilva sold property at 2045 Stowe St., to Maria DaSilva for \$75,000 on Nov. 7.

Rodney DellaSalla et ux sold property at 106 Locust Drive to Wilson Avila Jr. for \$186,000 on Nov. 7.

Savo and Frieda Plemic sold prop-

erty at 305 Broadwell Ave., to James Kalousis for \$162,500 on Nov. 8.

Ainsley and Wanda Ratray sold property at 891 Pennsylvania Ave., to Michael Craig for \$162,000 on Nov. 8.

Donald P. and Joann Demcsak sold property at 1406 Isabella Ave., to Arsenio Baptista for \$146,500 on Nov. 11.

Stefan and Maria Ott sold property at 2529 Gallini Drive to Vibert A. Jones for \$150,000 on Nov. 12.

Rajendra P. and Smita R. Patel sold property at 2825 Allen Ave., to Giocanni Facchini for \$167,250 on Nov. 12.

Natalie Budzinski et al sold property at 1147 Sayre Road to Marianne Francois for \$138,000 on Nov. 13.

Mark Veltre sold property at 44 Portland Road to Manuel B. Perreira for \$130,000 on Nov. 14.

Helen H. Siegel sold property at 670 Fairfield Way to Kevin Galgano for \$170,000 on Nov. 14.

Patricia Frazer sold property at 240 Burroughs Terrace to Jose A. Aureliano for \$155,000 on Nov. 14.

Philomena F. DeGennaro sold property at 930 Lafayette Ave., to Donna L. Dellamonica for \$138,000 on Nov. 15.

Macario and Judith Torre sold property at 1295 Wildwood Terrace to Aymen A. Bandy for \$164,000 on Nov. 15.

Robert W. Gladysiewicz et ux sold property at 1878 Arbor Lane to Carlos Oliver for \$215,000 on Nov. 15.

Samuel A. Deloatch sold property at 241 Burkley Place to Marvin D. Clark for \$118,000 on Nov. 18.

Michael N. Bonner sold property at 1988 Morrison Ave., to Karl G. Spicer for \$133,000 on Nov. 18.

Carmine Marotto sold property at 1058 Woolley Ave., to Michael Marotto for \$60,000 on Nov. 20.

Mary Reilly sold property at 984 Salem Road to Fidel S. Noguera for \$138,000 on Nov. 20.

Margaret Chopiga sold property at 741 Suburban Road to Joseph M. Holian for \$174,000 on Nov. 20.

Rose M. Vazsal sold property at 740 Salem Road to Deborah Consu-magno for \$138,000 on Nov. 21.

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30 YR FIXED	8.25	0.00	8.25	APP	7.13	3.00	7.47
15 YR FIXED	7.75	0.00	7.75	FEE	6.75	3.00	7.30
3/1-30 YR	6.75	0.00	7.84	\$ 350	4.38	3.00	4.64
							\$ 325
Axia Federal Savings	908-494-2266	INFO	1752	Kentwood Financial Svc	800-353-6898	INFO	1760
30 YR FIXED	8.13	0.00	8.13	APP	7.88	0.00	8.00
15 YR FIXED	7.50	0.00	7.50	FEE	7.50	0.00	7.63
1 YR ADJ.	5.75	0.00	8.25	\$ 350	6.63	3.00	7.13
							\$ 300
Banco Popular FSB	201-481-2264	INFO	1768	National Future Mortgage	800-291-7990	INFO	1758
30 YR FIXED	7.63	0.00	7.66	APP	7.00	3.00	7.25
15 YR FIXED	7.13	0.00	7.16	FEE	6.38	3.00	6.68
1 YR ADJ.	6.50	0.00	8.10	\$ 383	5.25	0.00	5.62
							N/P
Capital Savings Bk	800-353-3333	INFO	1766	First Federal Savings Bk	800-723-0351	INFO	1766
30 YR FIXED	7.88	0.00	7.90	APP	7.63	1.50	7.78
15 YR FIXED	7.25	0.00	7.29	FEE	7.25	1.50	7.45
1 YR ADJ.	5.50	0.00	7.51	N/P	4.88	1.50	5.01
							\$ 375
Commonwealth Savings	800-924-9091	INFO	1766	First Federal Savings Bk	800-723-0351	INFO	1766
30 YR FIXED	7.50	0.00	7.50	APP	8.13	0.00	8.15
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First Savings Bank SLA	908-224-4450	INFO	1751	Pulse Savings Bank	908-252-2400	INFO	1753
30 YR FIXED	7.63	3.00	8.00	APP	7.75	0.00	7.75
15 YR FIXED	7.38	0.00	7.38	FEE	7.50	0.00	7.50
5/1-30 YR	6.88	0.00	7.68	\$ 350	6.00	0.00	8.00
							\$ 350
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First Federal Mortgage	800-322-4444	INFO	1742	Source One Mortgage	800-353-3333	INFO	1742
30 YR FIXED	7.38	2.88	7.70	APP	6.75	3.00	7.09
15 YR FIXED	6.75	3.00	7.29	FEE	7.50	0.00	8.30
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New for 1997, the optional supercharged 3800 Series II V6 delivers 240 horsepower and 280 lb-ft of torque compared with 225 horsepower and 275 lb-ft of torque for last year's supercharged 3800 V6. Riviera with the new engine has been clocked from zero to 60 mph in 8 seconds. EPA fuel-economy ratings are 18 mpg city, 27 mpg highway.

Standard with both engines is an electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission, which provides smooth, consistent shifting under a wide variety of driving conditions.

The 1995 Riviera was honored as "Best Luxury Coupe - Driver's Choice Awards" by the national TV show MotorWeek and received a design and engineering award from Popular Mechanics. The Robb Report named Riviera as an "Exceptional Merit Award Winner" and the Chicago Sun-Times placed it among its "Ten Best 1995 Vehicles."

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The available memory door locks feature allows the driver to choose whether both doors automatically lock or unlock - or only the driver's door unlocks - when the car is shifted into "Park." In those cases the doors automatically lock when the car is shifted out of "Park." Another choice: No automatic lock or unlock.

Delayed locking allows the driver to open any door to retrieve articles within five seconds after the power

door lock has been activated. This can be overridden by pressing the driver's door lock button twice.

Security feedback provides the remote keyless entry used with a horn "chirp" or exterior lamp flash to signal that the lock command - or an exterior lamp flash for the unlock command - has been received. The user can also choose no feedback.

Perimeter lighting provides personal security by turning on headlamps, parking lamps and back-up lamps for 15 seconds when the remote keyless entry unlock button is pushed. With Twilight Sentinel lighting, this feature will activate only if it is dark outside. This feature can also be deactivated.

With available memory driver's seat and mirrors, when the driver uses the keyless fob to unlock the car, the driver's seat and outside rear-view mirrors are automatically adjusted to that driver's programmed preference.

For 1997, the remote keyless entry has an "instant alarm" feature, allowing the driver to activate the lights and horn in an emergency situation.

In addition to Personal Choice, Buick offers standard "Convenience Plus" electrical features.

For example, there is a delayed entry and delayed exit lighting feature. The interior lights remain on for 25 seconds after a door is closed, making it easier to enter the car. The interior lights turn off when the key is inserted into the ignition. When exiting the car, the interior lights will remain on for about 25 seconds after the ignition key is removed.

The interior lights also have "theater dimming." The lights fade down over about five seconds instead of switching off all at once.

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keep from draining the battery. To reactivate the electrical system, the driver need only turn on the ignition, turn the light switch on and off, or open a front door.

A new lockout protection feature prevents the power door lock from activating while the key is in the ignition, so the driver doesn't become locked out.

Convenience Plus also features warning chimes for leaving on the parking brake, turn signal or headlamps and for leaving keys in the ignition while exiting.

On the subject of durability, Riviera, like all '96 Buicks, is equipped with such long-life features as a new engine coolant with a recommended change interval of five years or 100,000 miles, platinum-tipped spark plugs with the first recommended service at 100,000 miles and transmission fluid that requires no change under normal operating conditions.

Also new is a sophisticated new on-board diagnostic system called OBD II, designed to reduce exhaust emissions by alerting the driver to malfunctions that might cause emissions to rise.

Riviera's updated instrument panel has real wood accents. Other real wood accents dress up the console.

Riviera features Buick's new climate controls and a radio which is one of Buick's new family of radios. Both have large, back-lit controls and easy-to-read graphics and displays. A new dual-playback system, which includes both a cassette deck and a convenient in-dash CD player, is standard. Also standard are Concert Sound II speakers, a power antenna and steering-wheel mounted controls for key radio and temperature functions.

Riviera's four-wheel independent suspension, with MacPherson struts in the front and semi-trailing arms in the rear, provides a comfortable ride and excellent control.

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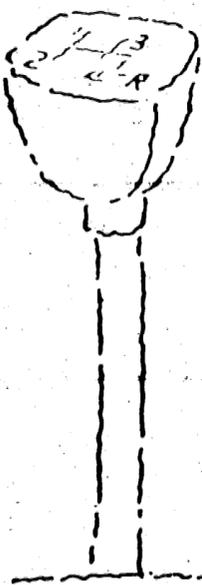
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