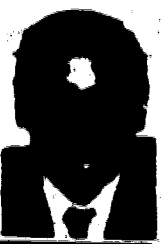


From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief



Two weeks ago, this column decried some of the actions taken by teachers in school districts in Union County where contract negotiations had reached an impasse. Covering students' work on bulletin boards, refusing to give homework and unannounced sick days were some of the things teachers in Union, Hillside and Rahway had been doing to get even with the Board of Education. I use the words "get even" because of the responses I received from the column. I asked readers to comment on the column as well as the negotiations themselves.

The most thoughtful response came from a retired member of the education community, who said, in part, "We need teachers who are dedicated to teaching our children, who can actually teach and relate to them because they like teaching and want to teach, and not because the money is so great and they are protected by the powerful union to earn such large salaries. The children suffer in classes taught by incompetent teachers and it affects them during their entire life."

The reason I feel this is profound and expect more from teachers is because when I interview people for jobs and have them write a trial story, I find that many of them can't even write a complete sentence. I put the blame on teachers and the education system because the classroom, from kindergarten to senior in high school, is where basic skills are expected to be taught.

I attended Catholic school for 12 years and basic skills were drilled into our heads, whether it was English, reading, math or any other subject. Having teachers who enjoyed teaching their classes — and I doubt the lay teachers in the early to mid '70s were paid high salaries — prepared us for a future in the real world.

The writer continued, "More than 75 percent of money allocated for education is for salaries and maintaining buildings, and not toward educating the children. Remove the union as strong as it is, make it an elective for employees or just take unions out of education entirely. They are choking the educational system with their strength and politics. Politics should never be part of a school system. Today, it is. The unions are killing education, making it unaffordable."

Here are other responses to the column:

"I read Mr. Canavan's column today regarding no homework in Union High School. The one thing he doesn't understand after reading his article is that when public employees like police and firemen in unions reach an impasse, they go to binding arbitration to settle a contract dispute with the town. What the teachers have to look forward to is the Board of Education imposing a contract. That's the difference and that's the reason we were forced to take the action we did not want to take."

"The actions they are taking are absolutely deplorable, childish and stupid and should not be tolerated. Whether they have a contract or not, they are still getting a paycheck and that paycheck requires them to work. And if they're not dishing out homework assignments, and if they're not maintaining bulletin boards and doing the other little things they have to do, they are not working. I believe their pay should be docked. That's speaking as a parent."

"Speaking as a taxpayer, somebody should point out to these teachers that they should be dragged kicking and screaming into the 20th century. I don't know who they're trying to kid, but whatever health care they get, since they are not paying for it, they should be thankful. The rest of the world who works for industry has been forced to give cutbacks in medical care, take managed care, up their contributions, and these teachers gleefully go ahead like nothing has ever changed and we're still living in 1953. Their salaries are absolutely... See NOTEBOOK, Page B2

By the book



County Police Detective Tracy Diaz and Officer Danny Tate join AAA Automobile Club Assistant Manager Jennifer Schneider following the completion of the club's Basic At-Scene Traffic Accident Investigation course. The course is sponsored by the club's Foundation for Safety and Education.

Freeholders give clerk \$18K raise

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi recently received a raise; the reasons for the raise depend on who you talk to.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders voted to give Rajoppi a raise at its meeting on Feb. 27. She is being paid \$77,154, but will have her salary raised to \$94,919.

The raise is retroactive to April 1, 1996, when the offices of the Register and County Clerk were merged and Rajoppi started doing the jobs of both.

According to Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, a Democrat, the raise was approved to bring Rajoppi into "parity" with the two other constitutional officers in the county government, the sheriff and the surrogate. Both of these people receive \$94,919.

But Rajoppi's raise was not unanimously approved. The vote for her raise was along party lines on the Democrat-controlled board.

Freeholder Edwin Force said the raise was "total political patronage" and was a "pay-off" for favors.

Rajoppi, a prominent Democrat who was a New Jersey delegate to the 1996 Democratic National Convention, was elected in 1995 to her five-year term. According to Force, Rajoppi has donated \$17,000 to the Democratic Party in Union County, the same party whose members on the freeholder board approved her raise.

In response, Sullivan said, "I don't know how much, but I'm sure that that's not any different with Republican clerks or Democratic clerks. I find that statement rather amusing."

Force also contended that the raise was unnecessary and made Rajoppi, if anything, overpaid.

Force said that the raise would make Rajoppi the most highly paid county clerk in the state and one of the best paid constitutional officers. The average salary for county clerks in New Jersey is \$69,500, he said.

As for parity, Force said "you can argue parity all you want, if the jobs are in parity. I happen to think that the sheriff has more responsibilities than the clerk."

"I personally think we are overpaying our other constitutional officers," he added.

The salary has been the same for the county clerk since the term of Paul O'Keefe.

O'Keefe was acting county clerk and was filling in the last year of the term of Walter Halpin, a Republican clerk for 29 years.

In 1995, Rajoppi's Register's Office was eliminated and its duties merged with the Clerk's Office. O'Keefe and Rajoppi competed for election as clerk, and she won. According to Force, her salary was to continue at the existing rate.

"She knew exactly what the salary would be prior to running for County Clerk," he said.

But Sullivan said "it's my understanding that there were commitments by the Republicans to the constitutional officers' salaries to parity and that some people reneged on that deal."

Force denied this, saying "there's no basis for any charges that we took that away from her."

This is the second attempt to raise Rajoppi's salary. The first was made by Chairwoman Linda Stender at the freeholders' re-organization meeting on Jan. 5, when the Democrats took control of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The issue of her salary was used by the Republicans during their campaign last year, alleging their rivals were going to give the clerk a raise to repay \$17,000 in campaign contributions Rajoppi had made to the party.

Rajoppi has explained the money by saying her contributions were added to a party fund that she would use herself.

Bank eyes Collective

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Summit Bancorp's appetite for smaller banks was fed March 3, when it announced it is acquiring Collective Bancorp.

While the former Summit & Elizabeth Bank boosts its branch total by 82 offices to 350, Collective customers won't notice the changes for another six months.

"We acquired Collective so we can have a stronger market presence in southern New Jersey," said Summit spokesperson Barbara Horn. "Summit will have 17 percent of all deposits in that part of the state and 16 percent in north

Jersey. Collective customers will benefit by having available mutual funds and other expanded services."

Summit Bancorp, formed when United Jersey Bank merged with Summit & Elizabeth two years ago, is New Jersey's largest bank. Summit has 28 branches throughout Union County.

"We won't be making any changes in bank locations for a while," Horn said. "We have a criteria which considers such factors as proximity and volume."

Horn said there are other milestones to make before they decide on which branches to keep.

Freeholders, Legislature vie over UCUA control

Legal question of counties' power over utilities is posed

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Forces are aligning in the battle over the UCUA Board of Commissioners, and the battle itself could come to a head tonight.

On one side is the Democrat-controlled Board of Chosen Freeholders. The freeholders will vote tonight to reorganize the structure of the UCUA's board, reducing the number of members while dismissing the current members, most of whom are Republicans.

According to Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender, the move is warranted because the commissioners have not been "proactive" in making the UCUA's incinerator in Rahway competitive with other garbage disposal methods.

The UCUA is exploring a number of ways to bring in extra income, including selling steam to the state; this extra money could allow the UCUA to reduce its per-ton garbage fee or "tipping fee." But, according to former Executive Director Jeffrey Callahan, these moves are not enough to make the incinerator competitive.

Current Executive Director Joseph Spatola said the freeholders' ordinance is "totally inappropriate, totally unwarranted and totally surprising, not only to me but to the commissioners."

Chairman of the Commissioners John Kulish and Commissioner William Ruocco could not be reached for comment.

On March 5, the commissioners ordered their attorney, John Coley, to take whatever legal action is necessary to prevent the freeholders' ordinance from being enforced.

"It was really the consensus of the board to take action," said Spatola, adding that he could not say what action would be taken.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, who is the freeholders' liaison to the UCUA, said the result may be a temporary restraining order.

The commissioners have received a somewhat unexpected ally in the form of the New Jersey Legislature.

Assemblymen Alan Augustine and Richard Bagger, R-Union, and state Sen. Jack Ewing, R-Morris, Somerset, are sponsoring bills that would block the freeholders from reorganizing the UCUA. Both bills and the freeholders' ordi-

nance are up for votes today, although it is unclear which piece of legislation will be passed first.

Augustine's and Bagger's bill would prohibit county freeholders from "purging" a county's utilities authority under the Optional County Charter Law.

The "municipal and county authorities law" contains sufficient procedures for dissolving an authority or removing authority members for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office that a freeholder board should not need to resort to a vague "reorganization" power that has a great potential for political abuse," says the bill.

Augustine, who left the freeholders for the Assembly one year before the incinerator came online, said the freeholders' reorganization ordinance is a "throw the baby out with the bathwater ordinance."

"The secret of solving this problem is to come together in a bipartisan way because we need the skills and talents of both sides," he said. "We can solve this if we put our heads together, not if we make this a political issue."

Ewing could not be reached for comment, but Augustine's office said that his bill is identical to the bill sponsored by the assemblymen.

When asked to comment about the legislators' bills, Spatola said, "I'm glad. I think these are all the actions deemed necessary to prevent what is going on to disrupt the Board of Commissioners and the experienced commissioners who are working very hard in the face of the court decision."

That court decision was a federal court ruling last summer that invalidated New Jersey's waste flow control laws, calling them unconstitutional.

But Sullivan said, "It just proves that we made a correct analysis and they are trying to prevent us because, if we weren't, they wouldn't try to pass legislation to stop us."

"I think they're fast-tracking it and I think it's very unusual for a bill to come up in the Assembly and then the Senate and pass in a week's time," he added.

"I would like to see the legislators focus attention on assisting the counties," he added. Stender has said the state should help the counties with various waste disposal facilities because it was the state government that forced the counties to be responsible for their own garbage.

Political and powerful



Former Deputy Secretary of Education Madeline Kunin, left, and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, right, attend the 25th anniversary reception of the Center for American Women and Politics of the Eagleton Institute. Between the two are, from left: Delores Truchon, executive officer of the Communications Workers of America; Eileen Thornton, president of the Women's Political Caucus; and Deborah Walsh, acting director of CAWP.

Two Elizabeth firms seek additional trash to recycle

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Two recycling facilities in Union County soon could be increasing the daily volume of recyclables they bring in.

In public hearings before the Board of Chosen Freeholders March 6, J & J Recycling and the Ellesor transfer station, both in Elizabeth, asked for increases in their daily volumes.

Ellesor has requested a straight increase in its volume, from 800 to 1,600 tons of recyclables per day, while J & J has requested for more "flexibility" that would allow them to take in more of one kind of recyclable material. Both are or incorporate Material Recovery Facilities.

According to Peter Roselle of Ellesor, the request comes because of a switch in the hours of the operations of his facility, from eight to 24 hours a day. His hours increased after the UCUA incinerator was built in Rahway.

"What I could process in eight hours I can certainly process in 24 hours and I don't have enough mater-

ial to keep my workforce occupied," he said.

The material that Ellesor takes in comes from 12 counties, including Union County, and is "co-mingled" — that is, regular trash is mixed with the recyclable materials. Ellesor takes the recyclables — glass, aluminum, tin, newspaper, tires, grass, vegetable and "aseptic" waste, wood and construction materials. All "residual" trash is sent back to the county that sent it; this includes trash from Union County, which is sent to the UCUA incinerator.

Roselle said he is permitted to take in trash, but he does not take waste unless it is recyclable. There would not be enough unrecyclable trash to make it worthwhile.

He would also not take in trash from New York after New York City's Fresh Kill Landfill is closed. Ellesor is part of a large chain, he said, and there is a transfer station much nearer to New York that could handle their garbage.

J & J Recycling has two facilities,

one an MRF and one a Class B facility; both have a 1,000-ton daily capacity. According to Christopher Daul, a consultant for J & J, the facility would also like to use its Class B facility as needed for recyclables.

Such an arrangement would require no additional vehicle trips and no expansion, so there would be "no adverse environmental" effects. The only changes would be changes in when material would come in; J & J Recycling would take in the bulk of these recyclables — 1,500 tons — between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

UCUA Executive Director Joseph Spatola said that there was a "potential" for Ellesor to compete with J & J Recycling and thus with the UCUA. J & J Recycling is a contractor for the UCUA.

But Daul said that J & J Recycling is set up to take in commercial waste while Ellesor is set up for construction waste. Both are classified differently under New Jersey law.

"His company is one. Our company is another," said John DeMarco, president of J & J Recycling.

NEWS CLIPS

'My County' contest

A poster contest titled "My County," to promote County Government Week, April 13-19, is being sponsored by the County Officers Association of New Jersey.

The contest is open to all fourth-grade children throughout the state said County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who is serving as coordinator for the project in Union County. Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and Surrogate Ann Conti are the Union County Constitutional Officers, with Rajoppi sponsoring the contest.

Details, information and guidelines on the contest have been sent to public, private and parochial schools throughout Union County. The guidelines instruct students to create a poster that depicts all that's special and unique about Union County and how this relates to county government.

The deadline to submit posters is March 27. A winner will be selected by the judges and first, second and third runners-up, as well as a selection of three honorable mentions, will be awarded. The winners will receive certificates and be invited to meet the county clerk, sheriff and surrogate at the courthouse in Elizabeth.

Teachers, school administrators or parents who would like further information on the contest can call (908) 527-4998. Posters submitted by the students will be exhibited in the county courthouse during County Government Week.

Mini-camp sign-ups

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County is taking registration for its spring Mini Camp, which will be held March 24 and March 31 through April 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children will participate in a full day of activities including arts and crafts, group games, physical education activities, swimming and more. Registration will take place at the Boys and Girls Club, 1050 Jeanette Ave. in Union.

Camp fees for a one day session is \$15, and for the week of March 31 through April 4, fees will be \$75 for the first child, and \$65 for the second child, and \$55 for every child thereafter.

For more information on club programs, call (908) 629-1858, (908) 687-2697, or visit our web site at <http://www.ncnatural.com/ucyouth>.

Classes offered

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County's Healthy Indoor Air for America's Homes continues.

"Take a Deep Breath" will have training on Monday and March 31 and April 7, 14 with graduation on May 6 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. or from 9 to 11:30 a.m. today and March 20 and April 3, 10, 17 with graduation on May 1.

All classes will be held at 300 North Ave., East, in Westfield.

Classes are free but those interested must register. Volunteers that receive training will be asked to give 15 hours of time to their community. If interested, call (908) 654-9854 between 8:30 and noon or 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Players needed

The Division of Parks and Recreation, with the ARC of Union County and the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Five Points Branch, will present a Volleyball Program for people with developmental disabilities.

The program will be held at the Five Points YMCA, 201 Tucker Ave. Union, Wednesdays through April 9, from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Emphasis will be placed on teaching the fundamentals of the sport, and provide fun and exercise. It is possible that a Union County Special Olympics team will be formed by the participants.

Registration is on a first-come,

first-served, mail-in basis. The fee is \$3. Applications can be requested by calling the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

'Green dance' planned

The Division of Parks and Recreation, with Summit YMCA, invite all people with disabilities to its first annual "green dance," Monday.

The program will be held at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple Ave. Summit, 3:30-5:30 p.m. The afternoon will feature music by a professional disc jockey, lots of food and more.

Admission is \$5 with registration required by March 10. For more information, contact the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4930.

County-wide cookies

It's Girl Scout cookie time again. Through Sunday, Girl Scouts from the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will be taking orders for their annual cookie sale. Girls will be hosting displays, booth sales, and taking order door-to-door in Clark, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield and Union.

This year's cookie line-up includes

three new varieties: Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies, Five World Cinnamons, and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes. The famed other cookie selections include: Thin Mints, Short-breads, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, and Caramel deLites.

Remember that your \$3 per box order not only buys a cookie competitive with national brands, but it has a lifelong impact in changing a girl's life. The Girl Scout cookie sale dates back to the early 1920s.

For more information, call Catherine Davis of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at (908) 232-3236.

Mothers meeting

Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge is a national support group for all women who have decided to temporarily leave the workforce to stay at home with their young children.

Discussion groups are held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Library, Walnut Avenue in Cranford. Prospective members are encouraged to meet the group at this informal meeting.

For any additional information on FEMALE, call (908) 381-7912.

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outrageous for the amount of time they put in, which is six hours a day, with an hour for lunch and an hour free period, which translates into a four-hour day for 180 days per year. The most dangerous thing in the world is dodging the teachers' cars at 3:15 p.m. as they're rushing home from work."

"This is a good example of bias in writing. It has loaded words, emotionally charged words. The 'ultimate crime.' What is an 'unannounced sick day?' What is an 'announced sick day?' Do we have public intervention in police negotiations? You say 75 percent of a budget is salary and benefits. It's the same in any industry. When you get your car repaired, what is the biggest cost of your repair bill?"

"It's ridiculous that you want to get more of the public involved. What is the Board of Education but elected public officials? Who is going to pick them? We have a Board of Education and that's what they're there for. The only way to get someone's attention is to irritate them. The Board of Education has constantly made promises and doesn't keep them. The Board of Education isn't being fair and the teachers have to react."

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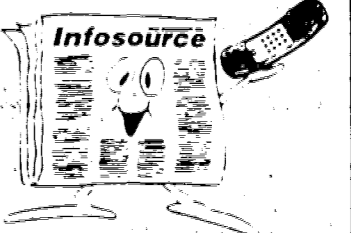
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Ballet rides high in 'Rodeo'

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Highlighting the spring season of the New Jersey Ballet Saturday night at the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey, Union, was the exciting and entertaining Agnes de Mille American classic "Rodeo," featuring Russian dancers, and Gershwin music that brings back fond memories along with music by Tchaikovsky.

When "Rodeo" was premiered back in 1942, it reportedly changed ballet by translating movements of cowboys into dance. "Rodeo," as presented Saturday night after intermission, was an absolutely marvelous, exceptionally entertaining light piece of work.

During the first part of the evening, the audience was enthralled with a brief ballet by the New Jersey Ballet principal dancer Elie Lazar called "Rosini For Three." The many talented Lazar choreographed the original work and the gifted dancers, Rhonda Murray, Christina Theyoung and Wil Turner, displayed their talents to the music of Gioacchino Rossini's opera, "Siege of Corinth." The beautiful costumes were by Paul McRae, another dancing member of the ballet.

In "Sleeping Beauty Pas de Deux," a purely classical work of art, the elegant Lori Christman, as Princess Aurora, is awakened by a kiss by her prince, Andrei Jouravlev, a fiercely muscular dancer, who has strong turns

and jumps. They dance a pas de deux, revealing their feelings for each other. It was choreographed by Marius Petipa, staged by Eleanor D'Antuono, with music by Peter Tchaikovsky and costumes by Vasia Benusi, McRae and Christman.

"Who Cares?," a sentimental medley of George Gershwin's music, choreographed by George Balanchine, who knew Gershwin in Hollywood, created dances for him, and four decades later, premiered "Who Cares?" at the New York City Ballet in Lincoln Center, delighted the audience in Union. It was reminiscent of a jazz ballet, and Jennifer Banks, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, Debra Sayes, You Qing Guo, Andrei Govorov and Lazar danced to such numbers as "Fascinating Rhythm," "Embraceable You," "Liza" and "I've Got Rhythm." It was a combination of jazz and ballet with some trios, doubles and solos. Arrangement was by Hershey Kay, and it was staged by Judith Fugate, with costumes by a busy Christman.

Following intermission, an anxious audience awaited the revival of "Rodeo," or "The Courting at Burnt Ranch," with music by Aaron Copland. "Rodeo" definitely is a modern ballet. What made the entire production so unique was that of the seven male dancers, four were Russian. And it couldn't have been easy for the four, Alexandre Antichoutine, Govorov,

Jouravlev and Maxim Knysch, nor the Russian woman, Era Korotava, to sway from the normal dances and turns of the Russian ballet to the western "Oklahoma" type dance and tap dance.

There were two scenes in "Rodeo." The first, Saturday afternoon, at the corral, with an interlude: "Retrospect." The caller was McRae. The second scene, which took place on a Saturday night at the ranch house, tells a story of a tomboy-type girl who wants to be a cowboy and yet wants to be like the other girls, and awkwardly insinuates herself until she gets a man. The excellent dancing of Sabovick-Bleich as the tomboy in contrast to the elegant dancing of the ranch owner's daughter, played by the versatile Christman, thrilled the audience to submission. Guo played the head wrangler, Joseph Fritz the champion roper, and the friends from Kansas City were Murray, Sayes, Theyoung and Lindsay Kochevar. The women-folk were Banks, Korotava, Jacqueline Lorenzi and Jennifer Nix.

The entire production was an absolute delight, and while the audience shouted "bravo" and "brava," this reviewer added a little more culture to a personal world of dance and music. It was a great repertory concert-ballet, and isn't it wonderful that one need not travel to New York City to see the cream of the crop? It's all here, right in our backyard.



Photo By Gerry Goodstein

Robert Johanson, left, directs Tom Hewitt as Rochester in a rehearsal for 'Jane Eyre,' a world premiere production, written and directed by Johanson, which will run at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through March 29.

Director brings classic into the present

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Whether he is performing the title role with his sweet, tender face and soft voice in "Jesus Christ Superstar," flying across the Paper Mill Playhouse stage as "Peter Pan," portraying an old man in "The Secret Garden," singing his heart out in numerous Mill musicals and in his fantastic concert, "Life on Earth," or directing countless productions, the versatile Robert Johanson is — without a doubt — unique.

In the third of his interpretations of classical novels for the stage, "Jane Eyre," a fabulously huge production currently at the Paper Mill, the tireless Johanson also served as director.

How did he manage to do it all to such perfection?

"Well, the way I did it," Johanson explained during a chat the other afternoon, "was that I re-read the book and wound up working with the book for six months. Actually, it only took six weeks to do the writing. And it was easier directing it because when I was writing it I was directing it in my head. Directing someone else's play is more complex and difficult."

The playwright, director, singer and actor smiled his special smile. "This one was really a labor of love. I can't believe it was written in 1847. I had studied the book for a long time. And when I wrote it, I wrote double parts for some of the principals — and sometimes triple parts.

"For example," Johanson said, "Glory Crampton, our star of 'Gigi' which we recently did at the Paper Mill, has three roles in 'Jane Eyre.' She played Miss Maria Temple, the school teacher; Blanche Ingram, Rochester's fiancee, and Bertha, Rochester's crazy wife in that wild fight scene. It was really fabulous!"

Johanson said that "I wanted to try different things. I wanted it to be an interesting mystery, and so I asked for a lot of shadow on the stage to keep it mysterious. I was always exploring new ways to present this story."

Directing all those scenes and all those adult actors was no problem for Johanson. He had to work harder with the children, however, even though Johanson gets along very well with youngsters; he has lots of nephews and nieces, all favorites.

"A lot of the children have to learn about a classical novel, and it was hard work, but they learned, especially Blythe Auffarth and Amanda White, who played two roles; the featured role of Adele Varens, Rochester's ward, and Augusta Brocklehurst, one of the youngsters at the Lowood School. You know, of course, that she is the daughter of our own veteran actor and singer, Richard White and our choreographer, Sharon Halley.

"As Adele Varens," said Johanson, "she speaks only French on the stage. She learned French in school; that is why she speaks it so well. She really is a natural.

"What's so wonderful," he

exclaimed, "is that it's great to have done both children in my head first. I wrote it with all of that in my mind, and they both go hand-in-hand."

Another classical novel? Johanson mused. "I am already thinking about 'Wuthering Heights.' It's the only one left of that period. And it does give audiences a special interest in re-reading the classics. I read them all the time. They are my favorites."

But before Johanson can get to that part of his life, he has become actively involved with directing the Paper Mill Playhouse's stage version of "The Wizard of Oz." This spring he will direct the musical at The Theatre in Madison Square Garden, with Roseanne as the Wicked Witch of the West, and the Paper Mill's wonderful Judy McCauley as the Good Witch.

"In fact," he said excitedly, "I'm flying out to Los Angeles tomorrow to meet with Roseanne. We want to shoot the sequence in the Chrystal Ball. And all day tomorrow she will do her witch's stuff, you know, putting on that green makeup.

"It's all very exciting. It will open on May 7 in Madison Square Garden and run for four weeks, and then we'll probably go to Los Angeles with it. There are 5,000 seats in the New York theater. And we plan to do it every year in the spring in Madison Square Garden. I'm just thrilled about it. It's been in the talking stage for four years."

And now, tomorrow.



Photo By Joseph Schreiber

The Cowgirl and the Champion Roper enact the Saturday Night Dance in the New Jersey Ballet's production of the American classic, Agnes de Mille's 'Rodeo,' which was presented Saturday night at the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey, Union.

Travel images featured at Mountainside exhibit

Art Carlson specializes in black-and-white photography. His work can be generally grouped into three categories—landscapes, architectural studies and close-up views of both architectural and landscape subjects. He is largely self-taught and does his own developing, printing, mounting, matting and framing.

His exhibit at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside during the month of March features images from a trip to England, Scotland and Wales this past summer. Also shown in the exhibit are photographs from his extensive travels in the United States and Canada, includ-

ing a driving trip to Alaska and back.

He has exhibited his work in several one-man shows, most recently at the Les Malamut Gallery in Union, and has also participated and won awards in many art shows in Northern New Jersey. He is a past president of the Plainfield Camera Club and since retiring has operated an architectural photo studio from his home in Hillsborough.

The Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside, just south of Route 22. Follow the signs to the Ambulance Entry.

Comedian takes a break from pulling teeth

Dr. Gary Schneider of Union made a second attempt to show off his talents — comedic, not dental — on the Tonight Show. In May, Jay's monologue coordinator, Jim Brogan, extended a VIP invitation to the doctor. This was the first of the two meetings with Jay and his staff. Dr. Schneider, who is also a stand-up comic, jumped at the opportunity and the invitation to be a VIP guest at both tapings. On Dec. 27, Dr. Schneider flew out to Hollywood, audition tape in hand, and met with Jay Leno for a second

time. The doctor was much impressed with Leno's humble and unpretentious style. To date, the comedic dentist is eagerly awaiting Jay's call.

Away from the chair, the doctor is known nationally as a stand-up comic. He was featured on the "Sally Jessy Raphael" show and Channel 7 Eyewitness News. He recently appeared at Caroline's Comedy Club in New York as well as numerous comedy clubs in the tri-state area.

Artists are invited to join association

Westfield Art Association President Barbara Schwinn extends an invitation to artists and members of the community interested in fine art to join the group and enter their exhibitions.

General meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. Programs focus on artist's demonstrations, speakers and workshops. A wide range of topics and media, including photography, are covered. One need not be an artist to participate.

Three member exhibitions are presented to the public annually. The featured categories in the Fall Exhibition, held through today at the Community Room, are oil, pastel, sculpture and mixed media. The exhibition held in early spring includes watercolor, graphics, photography and mixed media. The shows are judged and awards are presented at an opening reception where you may meet the artists.

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Drs. Gerard and King confer on the cause of an untimely demise in Stony Hill Players' 'Appointment With Death,' running for two more weekends at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit.

Paper Mill announces Gilman partnership

In its continuing effort to bring the best theatrical entertainment to the stage, the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, has announced its partnership with the Howard Gilman Foundation in presenting the world premiere production of "Jane Eyre."

The foundation is a privately-owned endeavor representing the interests of Howard Gilman, chairman of the board of the Gilman Paper Co. Founded in 1884, the Gilman Paper Co. is the largest solely-owned paper company in the United States. The foundation is dedicated to the preservation of

natural and cultural resources. Over the years, support from the foundation has enabled Paper Mill to breathe new life into classic pieces of musical theater.

The production of "Jane Eyre" continues through March 29 with performances Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. and matinees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$31 to \$46 and \$10 student rush tickets may be available 15 minutes prior to curtain. Paper Mill is complete accessible to individuals with disabilities. For tickets and information call (201) 376-4343.

Coppola's 'Jack' is innocently amusing

The Video Detective

By Tracey DeAngels

In the '70s Frances Ford Coppola brought us such classics as "The Godfather," "The Godfather Part II," "Apocalypse Now" and "The Conversation." Well, it's the '90s and Coppola has a new film for us, "Jack." While I am confident that "Jack" won't be remembered as one of Coppola's masterpieces, and may not be remembered at all by many, it does have a few poignant moments and may be the answer for an upcoming snow day rental for your 10 - 14-year-old.

In an attempt to capture some of the charm Tom Hanks brought us in "Big," Robin Williams plays a 10-year-old boy captured in a 40-year-old man's body. A mysterious medical condition has aged Jack Powell, Williams' character, at 4 times the normal rate. His protective, caring parents, played by Diane Lane and Brian Kerwin, have homeschooled him and shielded him from teasing that might come from other children. After ten years of such protecting, Jack's tutor, played by Bill Cosby, confronts his parents and challenges them to give Jack a normal life filled with friends and school.

Jack's first days at school are filled with teasing, loneliness and embarrassing moments. Those chair/desk combinations just aren't made for 6 foot/200 pound men. But, as you may have guessed, the jokes about his size and receding hairline quickly fade.

Jack wins things around when he steps onto the basketball court. In an endearing scene, Jack has his classmates cheering for him and dancing around the playground as he wins the game for his teammates. Looking forty when you're only ten has other

advantages, too. Jack pretends to be the principal to get his friend Louie out of a jam. In a very cute scene with Louie's mother, Dolores, played by Fran Drescher, Jack makes Louie out to be the best student in school and gets Dolores' phone number forced on him. Drescher does a great job playing a lustful single mom who, as the son says, is always "lookin' for love in all the wrong places."

In his syrupy way, Coppola tries to tell us that time is precious. In a closing scene, Jack receives his award for valedictorian and delivers the speech of an enlightened 17-year-old from a 68-year-old body. He tells his classmates that life is short and they should make theirs "spectacular." As hackneyed as this may be, "Jack" tries to deliver this message in an innocent way. Although it's by no stretch a masterpiece, it's a good diversion from the Hollywood blockbusters you're usually sent to get at the video store.

Trivia Question: Who played the transvestite in Robin Williams' first hit, "The World According to Garp."

Answer: John Lithgow.

Our true Video Detective is busy editing his new feature film entitled, "Howard Stern: Shut Up and Listen," due to be released on video in March

Make sure to schedule 'Appointment With Death'

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

What scares you? For some, the response would be chainsaw massacre films, for others, thunderstorms, and still others might mention the 6 o'clock news. Hold onto your comfort zone, however, when you take a seat at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center to see Stony Hill Players' "Appointment With Death." This psychological thriller takes a close look at humanity's dark side, forcing analysis of just how far someone might go to get what they really want.

In the lounge of the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem the audience is introduced to an interesting mix of characters, travelers from many places and stations in life all looking for a unique and enriching experience. Of primary interest is a wealthy American family, the Boyntons, consisting of teen-age Geneva, eligible bachelor Raymond, and reserved Lennox and his wife Nadine. Playwright Agatha Christie immediately brings the family's idiosyncrasies into focus — Geneva's psyche seems a bit frail, Raymond inexplicably self-doubting, and Lennox and Nadine's relationship somewhat strained.

The source of the tension becomes readily apparent — Mrs. Boynton, the family matriarch, who expertly manipulates the purse strings, causing her children to jerk around like so many puppets. It doesn't take a master

leuth to deduce which one of these people you might want to kill.

Cleverly disguised as a typical Christie whodunit, this play provides an abundance of opportunities to emote, and the cast takes advantage of them. Character development is very strong and focused in the first act, clearly establishing relationships which in turn lead to possible motives. Lisa Silverman is sweet as troubled Geneva, whose innane ramblings voice what her siblings are afraid to say. Philip J. Dolan III is endearing as socially inept Raymond. Steven Yafet's Lennox turns submissiveness into an art form. Effective performances are in store from Audrey Ann Monaco as Dr. King, who falls for the bumbling Raymond, and Bob Gagliardi as Dr. Gerard, passionately researching a cure for young Geneva.

Expect an excellent performance from Nathalie Yafet, whose facial expressions alone tell more about Nadine's feelings than words ever could. Without exception, however, Wendy Weinberger gives a commanding performance as the insidious Mrs. Boynton. Living or dead, you won't be able to take your eyes off her.

Dispersed throughout the seriousness are some truly comical characters. Darlene Lloyd as the hotel clerk plays off of Jeffrey Michalowski's campy Abdullah, bellboy/waiter, with

flair, as does the array of colorful hotel guests. Another delightful pair are Stony Hill veteran Jean Dembaugh as the pompous Lady Westholme and Anthony East as the thoroughly annoyed Alderman Higgs. Christine Peterson is hilariously distracting as native guide Aissa. Not to be overlooked is Robert Peyser, perfectly cast as Colonel Carbery. With his only appearance in the last act, his Clouseau-esque style of tripping up his suspects leaves a definite impression.

Kudos to Jay Gaffney for excellent set design — the elevator with a button that actually lights is impressive. Also impressive is the staging, another credit to Director Gaffney.

The entire cast and crew worked well together to bring this gem, written specifically for the stage by dear Agatha, to life. It is nearly impossible

not to become absorbed in the machinations. These characters elicit so much sympathy that you may find yourself hoping someone will get away with murder.

Exhibition winners announced

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

• Kathryn and Denzel Bush Award: Kathleen Thompson.

• Catherine Barnett and Freed Sitzer Award: Thomas Bradley.

• Awards of Excellence were presented to: Helene Briant, Marilyn Ostrich Nelson, Hella Bailin, S. Allyn Schaeffer.

• Awards of Merit were received by: Terri Marsala, Gladys Reimers, Edmund Spiro and Violet Brennan.

• Honorable Mentions were given to: Ralphetta Johnston, Burton Longenbach, Richard Grotyohann, Steve Tomczyk, Alice Regent, Fran Azzara, Gloria Wallace and Robert Lee.

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

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CRAZY FOR YOU will be presented by the Performing Arts Company at Union Catholic Regional High School tomorrow, Saturday and March 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.

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Union Catholic High School is located on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. For ticket sales and information, call (908) 889-1600.

HELLO DOLLY! will be presented at Summit High School tomorrow and Saturday and March 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.

General admission is \$7; \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be bought in advance at the high

Stepping Out

school office or at the door the night of the performances.

For further information, call Cathy Fernandez at (908) 273-5355.

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

The Hubbards of "Little Foxes" were rapacious, cruel and callous long before the Ewings of "Dallas" 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. A whole clan of flow-born Caligula's are scrambling for what they view as a place in the sun.

"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.

REHEARSAL FOR MURDER, performed by Westfield Community Players, continues for two more weekends.

This mystery involves Broadway intrigue, a murder on opening night and a wily playwright's scheme to trap the guilty. The playwright holds an audition and invites all the suspects in the murder of Monica, his star and girlfriend.

Shows are tomorrow and Saturday, and March 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. All tickets are \$12. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. For information and reservations, call (908) 232-1221.

SLY FOX, presented by the Philathalians of Fanwood, runs for one more weekend.

"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 tomorrow and Saturday 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.

THREE CHEERS FOR AMERICA will be presented by Pushcart Players at Connecticut Farms School, 711 Stuyvesant Ave., Union tomorrow at 1:45 p.m.

"Three Cheers for America" is a spirited salute to 20th century America in song, dance and story, designed to illustrate the struggles and achievements of past generations in preserving the freedoms enjoyed in the United States today. It takes a loving look at a small group of immigrants who came to this country in 1903 seeking freedom, opportunity and a better life for themselves, their children and their children's children. Prevailing themes throughout the play are the immigrant experience, ethnic diversity and affirmation of the promise of democracy.

Pushcart Players is a dynamic ensemble of theatre artists, well known for tackling difficult issues and bringing them to life in an innovative, lively and accessible way for young audiences.

Representatives from schools interested in considering Pushcart Players for future assembly programs may preview this or other performances by calling (201) 857-1115.

SCHMALTZ, the Purim version of "Grease," will be presented by the Elmora Players on Saturday 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.

IS THERE HOPE FOR ME? will be presented at Townley Church in Union on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

This play is a dramatic presentation of five women in the family line of Jesus. The production is performed by women from the Cornerstone Evangel-

ical Free Church of Morristown.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the performance. Townley Church is located at 829 Salem Road, Union. For further information, call (908) 686-1028.

FOR TIGER LILLIES OUT OF SEASON, an original contemporary drama of one woman's rite of passage through the experience of breast cancer, will be performed at Kean College of New Jersey on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Little Theatre.

The play tells the story of Justine Danie, a divorced, educated, talented photographer who is on the brink of

professional success when she discovers that she has breast cancer.

The play is free and open to the public. A panel discussion will follow the performance. A reception will be held at the conclusion of the program in the Pre-Function Lobby of the College Center. Kean College is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, contact Robyn Rais of the HRCC at (908) 527-2082.

WORKSHOPS

THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF ART for individual artists, sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will be presented in the Student Center at Kean College from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee will be taken at the door. Kean College is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For further information, call (908) 558-2550. The TT number is (800) 852-7899.



'Three Cheers For America' will be presented by Pushcart Players at Connecticut Farms School in Union tomorrow at 1:45 p.m.

A view of the great outdoors is inside Swain Galleries

Watercolors that express and explore artist Al Grafke's love of the outdoors will be exhibited through March 28 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Grafke's affinity for painting and drawing extends from early childhood, and even as he completed in 1990 his formal training in fine arts at the du Cret School of the Arts and Design in Plainfield he had begun to exhibit and receive awards in professional art competitions through New Jersey. At age 25, he was elected to full membership in the New Jersey Watercolor Society, Garden State Watercolor Society, American Artist Professional League and the West Essex Art Association. Recognized as one of the state's ascending artists, Grafke is a vice-president of the NJ Watercolor Society and Instructor for both the du Cret School and the

Livingston Art Association.

Grafke, who was born in Summit and maintains a studio in Colonia, also expresses in his watercolors his "affection for the simple things that surround us in our everyday lives." Influenced by the Hudson River School of painters, yet contemporary in approach, he strives for depth and atmosphere "whether it is a still life or a landscape with a specific mood illustrating a time of day or season," he explained. 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.

In 1995 alone, Grafke received three awards: The Grumbacher Gold Medal Award at the West Essex Art Association annual exhibition; the Award of Excellence at the Millburn

Art Association members' exhibit at Paper Mill Playhouse and first place in the Plainfield Arts Festival.

In prior years he was honored with six Best of Show accolades in Madison, South Plainfield, Sparta, Madison and Mendham, where he was awarded in two consecutive exhibitions.

Invited to show his work in a number of annual exhibitions of the American Artist Professional League, he has also been included in the Garden State Watercolor Society's annual open exhibits and in countless art festivals and a wide range of private and corporation collections throughout New Jersey.

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

Singers light up their golden years

The Golden Lights, a seniors musical group from Evangel Church of Scotch Plains, is available to present their concert "The Time of Our Lives Opus" for your group's enjoyment. Community centers, convalescent

care facilities, etc. who would like to schedule a presentation of this musical may call Kathleen Deary at (908) 322-9300 to make arrangements.

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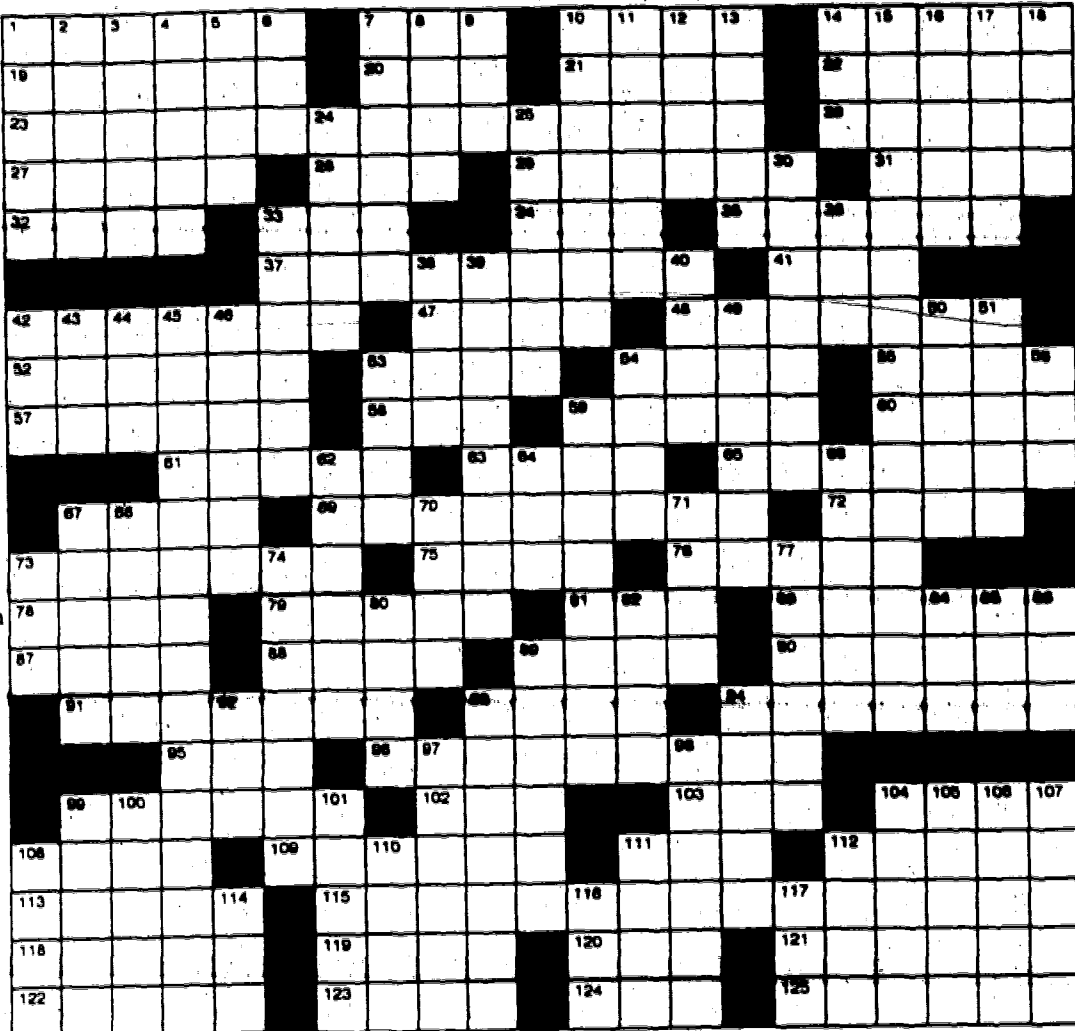
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
MARCH 15, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market.
PLACE: 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ.
TIME: 9am-3pm. New and used items! Clothes, books, jewelry, gowns, etc. Tables available to dealers for \$15.00. Snow date March 22nd.
PRICE: Free Admission. For info call 201-374-9377 or 201-763-3261.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY
MARCH 15, 1997
EVENT: Indoor Flea Market.
PLACE: Connecticut Farms Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and W. Chestnut Street, Union.
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Vendors Tables \$20.00, call for information, 696-2902
ORGANIZATION: Presbyterian Women's of Connecticut Farms.

CRAFT

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
MARCH 22, 23, 1997
EVENT: Craft Show
PLACE: Jefferson Elementary School, 110 Ashwood Avenue, Summit, NJ.
TIME: Saturday, 10am-4pm; Sunday, 12 noon-4pm.
PRICE: Free Admission. Featuring 50 crafters, children's craft activities, raffles and food available.
ORGANIZATION: Jefferson School PTO.

SATURDAY
MARCH 22, 1997
EVENT: Craft Fair
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Paritan Road, Roselle, NJ.
TIME: 9am-4pm
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School Mothers Club, 908-245-2350.

GARAGE/YARD SALE

THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY
MARCH 20, 21, 22, 1997
EVENT: Garage Sale.
PLACE: Unitarian House, 185 Summit Avenue, Summit, NJ.
TIME: Thursday, 9am-4pm; Friday, 9am-4pm; Saturday, 9am-2pm.
PRICE: Free Admission. Thousands of quality items at bargain prices. For more information call 908-273-3245.
ORGANIZATION: Unitarian Church in Summit.

OTHER

SATURDAYS
MARCH 15th, 22nd, 1997
EVENT: Try-outs for Springfield Traveling Soccer Team.
PLACE: Chesholm School, Springfield, NJ.
TIME: Children born August 1, 1986-July 31, 1988 come 2pm! Children born August 1st, 1988-July 31, 1990 come 12 noon! Soccer Club of Springfield seeks experienced players. Dress comfortably, sneakers and shin guards are required. For information, call Sandy Walsh, 201-467-5807.
ORGANIZATION: Soccer Club of Springfield (not affiliated with Springfield Recreation).

SUNDAY
MARCH 16th, 1997
EVENT: Annual Purim Carnival.
PLACE: Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ.
TIME: 12:30pm-3:00pm
PRICE: Tickets 4 for a \$1.00 (those in costume will be given 1 ticket free). Great games! Bean bag throw through Haman's Mouth, Shushan's mini golf, Vashiti's Blackjack, Esther's make-up booth, fishbowl toss. Also Purim Cafe selling hot dogs, knishes, hamantaschen and soda. For information call 201-376-0539.
ORGANIZATION: Temple Beth Ahm.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY; MONDAY-SATURDAY
MARCH 13th-15th; 17th-22nd 1997
EVENT: Annual Used Book & Music Sale.
PLACE: 26 Park St., lower level, Montclair (across from YMCA).
TIME: March 14, 20-21, 9:30-9pm; 15, 22, 9:30-6; 17th-19th, 2-8pm. Children's book sale March 13th, 2:00-5pm. Adults must accompany child.
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ORGANIZATION: College Women's Club of Montclair; Funding Scholarship Fellowships. 201-783-7040.

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HOROSCOPE

For the week of March 16 to 22

Aries
March 21-April 20

You're dynamic in group endeavors this week. You don't even need to take a prominent role if you're not feeling up to it. You're lucky in small risks early in the week, but do your homework before taking on anything larger.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

Keep your opinions to yourself this week. It's easy for others to misunderstand you, and it's better to avoid creating controversy. Look to an educational opportunity if you're seeking a new romance. If you need a favor, ask an older person.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Don't sit around wondering this week — ask questions instead. Be tactful and a good listener, and you could learn far more than you expect. A friend's offer could have some strings attached. Get the full story before accepting or rejecting.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

When solving a sticky problem, try to break it down into its components. You may have better success tackling one issue at a time. If someone near is sabotaging your efforts, address him directly and tactfully. This weekend, go explore someplace you have never been before.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

If you're feeling a bit down this week, give yourself a little extra TLC. People close to you mean well, but they may not have the energy to help you. Don't hesitate to ask for assis-

tance from a different source. Your hard work is beginning to pay off.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Feeling cluttered lately? Take a careful inventory and then get rid of everything you don't need. Be ruthless, and you'll breathe a little easier. Projects around the house demand your attention. Don't skimp when asked to contribute to a group effort.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

This is a good week to make a romantic commitment. If you're certain of another person's feelings, then go ahead and take the plunge. If you're feeling overworked, ask a sweetie to provide assistance or stress relief.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A long-held goal may be almost within reach. It may be difficult, but you must remain patient a while longer. Watch out for double meanings — what you mean might not be what another person thinks you said. This is a good time to ask for a raise.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Plan something special with your sweetie. Whether it's a mini-getaway or just an evening out, you'll improve your frame of mind and have a wonderful time.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Your organization and effective planning help you get through a mountain of responsibilities early in the week. Use your extra free time to have a little fun. Be careful when flirting — odds are, someone is paying more attention than you had first thought. Don't lead him or her on.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

If you're feeling stuck, take a few moments to write down your dreams and hopes. Then talk to someone who can help you list ways to make your dreams come true. Be sure to listen carefully to what that person has to say, or you could miss an unspoken message.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

A private matter demands discussion with the other people involved. Be discreet, and you'll enjoy a positive outcome. When a person you respect speaks, take careful notes.

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Mancuso is the fourth executive director of the Arts Center, but the first since the Rahway theater's interior renovations were completed six years ago.

One of his primary functions will involve inviting more and more key players of New Jersey's corporate and business community into the Arts Center family for a variety of sponsorship and development opportunities.

American Stage Company in Teaneck, "The Heidi Chronicles" at Miami University, "A Saint By Any Other Name" at the Atlantic Theatre Festival, and "Lessons on How to Behave Under Peculiar Circumstances."

Mancuso was co-founder, with Joe Hart, and executive director of Shoestring, the internationally renowned performance and theatre workshop organization for young audiences.

Mancuso is currently on the faculty of the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, where he introduces the art of live performance to more than four hundred students each semester.

beautifully restored 1928 vaudeville house in Downtown Rahway. In 1990, a major renovation of its interior recaptured the grandeur of its early decades.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGIONS TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEW JERSEY recorded on 01/07/78, in Book 3047 of Mortgage for Union County.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated September 23, 1983 made by Richard S. Robinson and Darlene Robinson as mortgagors to the County Mortgage Company, recorded on September 20, 1983 in Book 3405 of Mortgage for Union County.

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, Docket No. C-2886-87 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Aladdin Interstate Corp.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08065.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, 377 W. Madison Ave., Trenton, NJ 08646. (609) 393-4340.

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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Keep an eye on your sight

Men and women over age 50, at an increased risk of going blind from glaucoma, can almost always avoid this danger with a simple test from an eye doctor, according to Jordan Burke, M.D., F.A.C.S., ophthalmologist at Summit Eye Group.

"Everyone knows someone with glaucoma," says Dr. Burke, who notes that the disorder causes damage to the cells comprising the optic nerve, which is responsible for transmitting visual information from the eye to the brain. "As the baby boomers join the 69 million Americans already over the age of 50, the incidence of glaucoma will reach unprecedented levels."

With more than 17 million baby boomers moving into the blindness danger zone by the year 2000, the need for this simple test becomes more critically important than ever, notes the ophthalmologist.

Recent worldwide research has developed new treatments, and current studies in the U.S. and overseas are focusing on optic nerve protection and regeneration.

"Because glaucoma leads to blindness, yet has no symptoms, a simple eye exam is the only way to protect vision from this insidious disease," says John W. Corwin, executive director of the Glaucoma Foundation.

In addition to aging, other risk factors for glaucoma include nearsightedness, family history, diabetes and race. African Americans are six times more likely to have glaucoma than Caucasians.

"Anyone can get glaucoma, from babies to senior citizens," says Dr. Burke. "There are virtually no signs or symptoms. That is why regular eye check-ups are the key to preserving sight."

The Glaucoma Foundation's free worldwide services include literature, information, and medical referrals, all available by calling (800) GLAUCOMA.

Walk together in all kinds of weather

Do not discontinue your walking routine just because it is cold outside. Everyone is invited to join SeniorHealth members for a one-mile walk in the indoor comfort of Menlo Park Mall on the upper level in the food court. After the morning walk, participants enjoy a health talk and light breakfast provided compliments of the mall management.

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SeniorHealth, a free membership program for people age 50 and older, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. The program currently has over 47,000 members who enjoy a variety of programs, lectures, trips, discounts and services throughout the year at both the Saint Barnabas and Union Hospital locations. For more information, call (201) 325-6503 or (908) 964-0444.

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Commitment to the cause



Richard P. Oths, president/chief executive officer of Atlantic Health System, was honored at the American Diabetes Association Third Annual Ball for his steadfast commitment to prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of all affected by the disease. From left: Louis B. Lombardi, chairman of the event; Keith S. Usiskin, M.D., president, Northwest Regional Chapter, ADA; and Oths.

Fertility specialists offer hope to prospective parents

Eric K. Seaman, M.D., a board-certified urologist specializing in microsurgery and male infertility, reverses vasectomies for men who have renewed interest in fathering children. Dr. Seaman is affiliated with Associates in Urology, a West Orange specialty group diagnosing and treating male and female genito-urinary conditions.

"An average one of 2,000 men who have had vasectomies seek reversal," says Dr. Seaman, who completed a fellowship in male infertility at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. "Most often, they are successful professionals in their mid-forties or fifties. Many already have fathered children, now grown, in a first marriage." Dr. Seaman adds that "There also are younger men in intact marriages who thought their families were complete when they decided on the original surgery, but years later change their minds. Perhaps they have lost a child, or they simply want to enlarge their families because their financial situation or personal outlook has improved."

Vasectomies prevent sperm from reaching the ejaculate, preventing couples from conceiving. During reversal, a microsurgical procedure with the patient under general anesthesia, Dr. Seaman reconnects the ejaculatory system. Sperm can then travel from the testes through the epididymis, where it matures, and on through the vas deferens, muscular tubing, to the penis's ejaculatory ducts and urethra. To accomplish this,

the urologic surgeon cuts through the vas, which has been previously sutured or clamped. Using microsurgical sutures, each smaller than the width of a human hair, Dr. Seaman reattaches the vas segments. The surgery can take from two to four hours.

Success depends on several variables, according to Dr. Seaman. "Physiologic makeup differs among men," he says. "Some patients may have a longer vas, better allowing what is called vasovasostomy reconnection of the tubing only. When there is blockage — called blowout — in the epididymis, we need to perform an epididymovasostomy. This creates an additional sperm pathway at the vas-epididymis juncture."

The decision to perform EV is made once Dr. Seaman visualizes the operating field and assesses sperm presence — or absence — in the vas deferens near the epididymis. Where success rate, measured by the presence of sperm in the ejaculate, reaches 90 percent with VV, EV is successful about 50 of the time.

"Patients who wait 14 years or more after vasectomy are at higher risk for blowout, as are men with a shortened vas," says Dr. Seaman. "Another contributing factor to minimum sperm return after EV is the structure of the tubules within the epididymis." More delicate than the vas, these tubules require longer time to connect them to the vas, and often do not result in a viable sperm count in the ejaculate until six months post-operatively. Dr. Seaman notes that, in

rare cases, EV sperm return takes a year or longer. In contrast, within six weeks VV can produce strong sperm counts that continue to improve up to a year after surgery. The surgeon advises, that although the surgery may be successful technically, producing normal sperm count, the major criterion for success is a couple's pregnancy.

If patients desire, Dr. Seaman can perform microsurgical sperm aspiration obtaining motile sperm he sees during surgery for freezing. "The wish to become a parent again is what motivates men to undergo the procedure," he says, "and frozen sperm may be necessary for in vitro fertilization or insemination if the count does not appreciate adequately or if there are other couple-related infertility problems."

Dr. Seaman received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed his urology residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York. He holds membership in the American Society for Reproductive Medicine; the Society for the Study of Male Reproduction; and the American Urological and Medical associations. He has researched and published extensively about topics including prostate cancer, ejaculatory dysfunction, and male factor infertility.

Your doctor can help you put your best foot forward

One of the most frequently asked questions from the local community involves care and recognition of the diabetic foot.

The many different complications that can develop in the foot from diabetes can, in most cases, be diagnosed and treated before serious complications develop. Physicians can help to guard against further complications simply by asking the patient to remove their shoes and socks and examining the patient's foot and legs on a routine basis.

Not all individuals with diabetes will develop complications in the foot from diabetes. Ten to fifteen percent of the people with diabetes mellitus remain free of diabetic foot problems. But the majority will experience some degree of foot complications as a result of progression of the disorder over time.

Diabetes can contribute to foot problems in two ways:

- One, it can cause decreased feeling in the foot with the frequent complaint from patients of numbness and burning in the feet, symptoms that identify nerve damage. Local cuts and scrapes as a result go unnoticed and poorly-fitting shoes will aggravate the problem.

Secondly, diabetes can cause decreased circulation to the feet resulting in reduced ability to fight infection and heal wounds. The interaction of these two processes sets up the individual with an initially simple problem in the foot for more serious and life threatening complications over time. When the injury goes neglected or improperly managed by the patient which, unfortunately as a podiatrist, we see it happening all the time.

It is important for all persons with diabetes to understand the importance of controlling their diabetes. All individuals with diabetes mellitus should be evaluated on a regular basis by their medical doctor. A plan of care should be devised for each patient that helps to guard against serious complications.

The risk of developing foot problems can be greatly reduced if you follow simple principles of foot care and see your podiatrist.

For more information in diabetic foot management and care, call Springfield Podiatry Center, 493 Morris Ave., Springfield at (201) 379-1113, office of Dr. Peter Kelly and Dr. E. Aimee Williams.

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Dennis P. and Judith M. Berman sold property at 122 Yale Terrace to Michael Barrett for \$171,500 on Dec. 2.

property at 206 Maple Ave., to Ferzir F. Mohammed for \$202,500 on Dec. 5.

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Margaret DeSantis sold property at 136 Morristown Road to Virginia Gouveia for \$140,000 on Dec. 9.

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George and Sandra J. Hamilton Jr. sold property at 340 Darby Lane to Robert E. Evans Jr. for \$272,000 on Dec. 9.

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Gilbert and Clara L. Alicea Sr. sold property at 468 W. 3rd Ave., to Helmi Hernandez for \$95,000 on Dec. 5.

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Sally Gorka sold property at 1758 Union Ave., to Marta M. Alves for \$144,000 on Nov. 21.

property at 29 Skyview Road to Emma McKenzie for \$158,000 on Nov. 22.

Woodland

Stanley Sikora sold property at 880 S. Park Terrace to Mark Sikora for \$80,000 on Nov. 22.

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Josephine O. Szymanski sold property at 2454 N. 3rd St., to Miguel A. Puebla for \$189,000 on Nov. 27.

property at 2405 Seymour Ave., to Todd P. Hibbard for \$160,000 on Dec. 2.

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Robert M. Hilsen sold property at 1622 N. Hillcrest Terrace to Jose A. DaSilva for \$167,000 on Dec. 2.

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The following tips from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence should make finding a qualified automotive technician easier.

ASK a number of friends or business associates if they can recommend someone; a consensus is usually more reliable than counting solely on one person's judgement.

BE sure to call the local Better Business Bureau or consumer organization and inquire about the reputation of the place of business in question. Look for a relatively neat, well-organized facility with up-to-date equipment and polite service personnel willing to take the time to discuss your repairs. Policies concerning diagnostic fees, labor rates, guarantees, and other policies should be posted.

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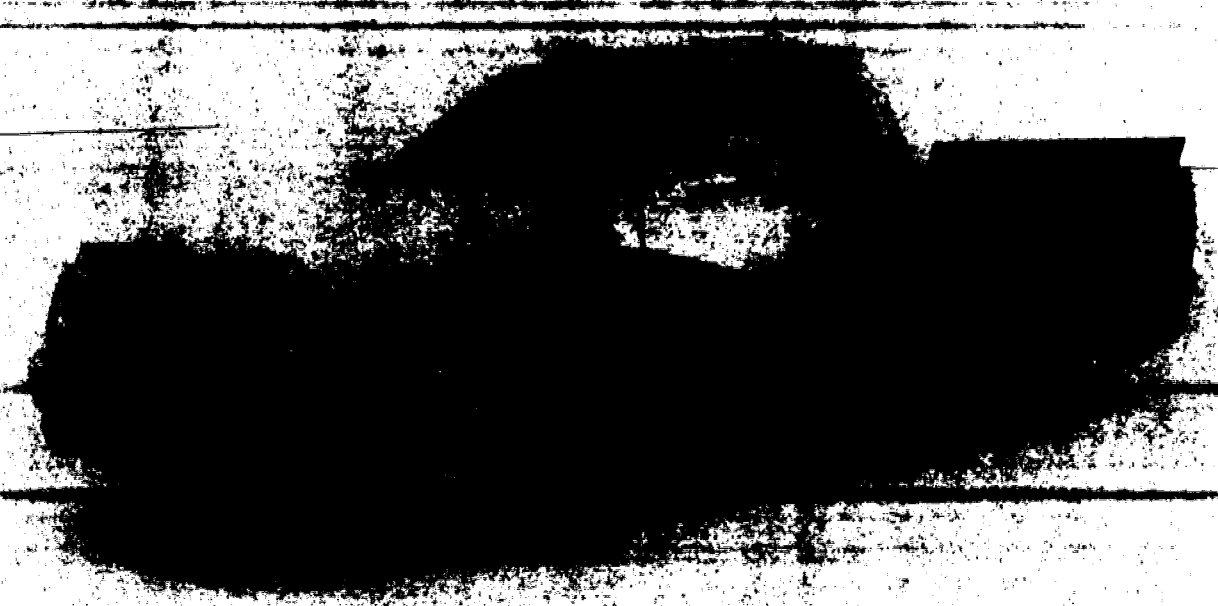
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As the 1997 Acura CL Series is officially unveiled today, the nearly 10-year history Acura in the United States gains yet another entry on its ever-growing lists of "firsts."

It all began in 1986 as the first Japanese luxury import brand, and has been first in import luxury sales for eight consecutive years. It brought the first Japanese exotic care to market with the 1990 introduction of the Acura NSX. And just last fall, Acura introduced the SLX, the first luxury brand sport utility vehicle.

Now, the CL represents the first U.S.-designed, engineered, and manufactured model ever offered by a luxury import nameplate.

"The introduction of the CL Series breaks new ground for Acura and comes during the most exciting year in our history," said Rich Thomas, Acura's executive vice president and general manager. "It assumes a very significant position in our lineup, which in the last year has grown to be the most expansive of the Japanese luxury import nameplates. And, it sets

four-cylinder engine, and adds a U.S.-made 3.0-liter V-6 model in the fall, was conceived at Acura's design studios in Southern California, where product planning, styling, technical and quality research, and local adaptability testing support is based. Further product development and the development of locally procured parts occurred at the Honda R&D facility in Ohio. Performance testing was conducted at two facilities: the Honda Proving Center of California and the Transportation Research Center in Ohio.

The result is a stylish, personalized sport-luxury coupe aimed at maturing baby boomers (age 35-44), who make up the largest segment of the general population for the first time since the late 1960s, when the personal luxury coupe segment was born.

More than a year of consumer research by the CL Series design team indicated these maturing baby boomers demand high levels of style, status, and performance at an attainable price point.

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the stage for exciting new U.S.-based design and manufacturing developments in the future."

Every way you look at it, Thomas added — from a business standpoint and a product standpoint — the CL Series makes perfect sense.

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From a product standpoint, the CL Series is the latest milestone in Acura's history of developing the right product for the right time.

The two-door CL, which went on sale last year with a 2.2-liter in-line

Expected to sell in the \$22,000 to \$27,000 price range and at a rate of between 20,000 and 30,000 units annually, the CL bridges the gap between Acura's sporty, performance-oriented Integra and the TL Series of luxury sedans. It includes:

- A high level of comfort and convenience items as standard equipment;
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- Sophisticated and elegant "neo-classic" styling, using unique front grille, a distinctive center character line, and a bold taillamp design;
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