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## Superior Court reverses freeholders UCUA law

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The UCUA is back to the way it was, but not after a fight in court. Superior Court Judge Ed Beglin ruled April 2 that an ordinance passed by the Democrat-controlled Board of Chosen Freeholders to reorganize the UCUA Board of Commissioners was invalid.

Beglin also ruled that a Republican-sponsored bill signed into law by the governor to block the freeholders' ordinance, too is invalid.

The result is that the UCUA Board of Commissioners will remain, at least for the time being, a nine-member and bipartisan body. The freeholders' ordinance, passed on March 13, would have changed this to a body of seven commissioners and two alternates, all Democrats with three Democratic incumbents staying on the board.

When asked to comment, James Kennedy, one of the Democrat commissioners, said, "I don't know. From my perspective, Rahway won't be affected either way."

Kennedy is also the mayor of Rahway, where the UCUA incinerator is based. According to Kennedy, who would have remained on the Board of Commissioners no matter what, said that Rahway is guaranteed two rep-

resentatives on the board under its host communities agreement with the UCUA.

"Basically, we're pleased with it," said John Kulish, the Republican chairman of the UCUA Board of Commissioners. "We don't consider it a victory, rather than he followed the law."

Beglin stepped into the picture after the ordinance was appealed by the UCUA on March 14, the day after the ordinance passed.

Beglin was to have made his ruling on March 25, during which time there were two boards of commissioners, each kept abreast of developments at the UCUA and neither allowed to make policy decisions.

But the Legislature's bill was signed into law Gov. Christine Whitman on March 24, one day before his ruling was anticipated.

This bill, an amendment to the Optional County Charter Law which governs the structure of government in certain New Jersey counties, would have prohibited the freeholders "from purging the members of a county utilities authority through its power to 'reorganize' an authority...."

This bill, sponsored simultaneously by Assemblymen Alan Augustine and Richard Bagger, both R-Union, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, and state

Sen. John Ewing, R-Morris, Somerset, was retroactive to March 3, almost two weeks before the freeholders' reorganization ordinance was passed.

Beglin said the retroactive provision is not a violation of the state Constitution, as argued by the freeholders' special counsel Jonathan Williams.

But he added that the application of the provision would be unjust and give the impression that it was altered after the fact. The bill began going through the Legislature about a week before the ordinance was passed.

When asked about Beglin's decision, Dan Sullivan, the vice chairman of the freeholders and liaison to the UCUA, said, "Just that I was disappointed in his opinion, because we thought that we were on solid legal ground, but he did reassert that the freeholders are the policy-making body of the county and the UCUA is the implementing body."

"He basically said that the freeholders don't have the right to change the UCUA," he added.

Augustine, when asked about Beglin calling his bill "manifestly unjust," said, "I've never seen any appointments vacated at any level of government unless there was a legal cause of action. You just can't do it because you're a different political

persuasion, only if there is a legal reason."

Sullivan said that the freeholders have not decided on whether they would appeal Beglin's ruling. Tonight's meeting of the freeholders will include a briefing on the matter by Williams, an employee of the law firm of DeCotis, Fitzgerald and Gluck.

"I don't think the residents of Union County think either board is acting rational," he said.

Joseph Spatola, the executive director of the UCUA, said that he did not know whether Beglin's ruling would be appealed, but "there will be more cost and expensive litigation" if there is.

The freeholders attempted to reor-

taken off of the books. They were ruled to be unconstitutional by federal court judge Joseph Irenas.

The UCUA's tipping fee, or per-ton disposal fee, is \$83.05. This is about \$40 higher than some landfills in Pennsylvania, though Spatola said that some of these landfills may be increasing their fees with the closing of the Fresh Kills landfill in New York City.

About \$40 of the UCUA's tipping is for paying off its bonds and cannot be changed for several years yet because of the way its debt service is structured.

The UCUA is already involved in finding new revenue sources, such as selling steam to East Jersey State Prison for heating and cooling purposes and finding more types of waste to burn, thus increasing the incinerator's waste flow and business. The UCUA is also supporting laws at the state and federal level that could "grandfather" New Jersey's waste flow laws.

But the freeholders have said that this is not enough, and Spatola was not sure that the new revenue sources being explored would reduce the UCUA's tipping enough to be competitive.

"If it's 50 cents of \$1.50 or \$2, we're going for it," Spatola said.

**UCUA Chairman John Kulish sent a letter to Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender, asking the county to not appeal the ruling. She has not replied.**

"Well, I hope they don't," said Kulish.

According to Kulish, the UCUA sent a letter to Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Stender last Friday to state off such a possibility. He said on Monday that he has not received a reply to that letter.

Kulish added that the terms of two Republican commissioners would be up in 1998, nine months away. The freeholders, which will still be controlled by the Democrats, will have the opportunity to put two Democrats on the Board of Commissioners and get a majority then.

ganize the UCUA because it is not being "proactive" enough in reducing its fees.

The county has guaranteed \$35 million of the UCUA's over \$280 million in bonds.

Normally, the UCUA would have enough business, in the form of garbage, to pay off its debt service. This is because the 21 municipalities in Union County are required to send their garbage to the UCUA for disposal.

This may change next year, when New Jersey's waste flow laws are

### In salute of service



On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Freeholder Walter McNeil, Jr., right, presents a resolution to members of Frontiers International Service Clubs, Inc. The organization, the freeholder said, works to promote the advancement and application of higher business, professional, social and civic standards in their home communities. "I was happy to sponsor the resolution commending Frontiers International Service Clubs for their dedication to the community," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "My hat is off to all their hardworking members." From left: John Brinkley, Michael Pyne and Jeffery Adkins.

## Once a pilot program, county academy will take off in July

Graduation almost guarantees job, says Cranford chief

Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey announced that the John H. Stamler Police Academy will again offer the Alternate Route Basic Police course when the next police recruit class begins on July 25.

Neafsey said one of the project's goals is to create a pool of trained officers who could be hired by local departments, sparing the departments the costs associated with officer training, especially the payment of salaries during the recruits' training.

The alternate route course was first offered as a pilot project at the academy in 1993, said Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde, adding that more than 95 percent of alternate route candidates who graduated from the academy obtained jobs in law enforcement.

There are 10 alternate route candidates in the current class, and the more than 40 prior graduates were all able to secure full-time employment with law enforcement agencies, said Acting First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla.

Wilde also said that after an extensive review and selection process, the civilian participants are inserted into the academy's regular training class, which includes cadets who have been promised employment by police agencies.

Academy Director Robert Luce said the civilian recruits receive the same instruction as the regular police cadets during the 20-week class including courses in firearms, investigations, court system procedures, crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence,

the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury managements, crime scene management, constitutional rights, use of force and other law enforcement-related topics.

Monday is the deadline for the return of completed applications.

Luce said the academy functions much like a military basic training course. The civilian and police cadets wear the same uniforms and must adhere to a strict regimen, which includes plenty of daily physical training. Luce said

The program, which includes classroom and field instruction, begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

"All candidates must have previously obtained 60 college credits at an institution of higher learning," Neafsey said.

Luce said the civilian graduates, while not guaranteed a position by the program, will have met all the state requirements necessary to become police officers.

Wilde said that all candidates, who must be county residents, are charged \$900 tuition to cover costs. Those candidates who can demonstrate financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition, he added. They will also receive 12 academic credits from Union County College.

Anyone interested in applying for the alternate route course can pick up an application at their local police department or at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, at 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

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**For the week of April 13 to 19**

**Aries**  
March 21-April 20

Be sure to stay on top of things and finish what you start. Letting things slide now could cause problems later. Your imagination soars and lets you escape a dull routine. Other people want to help you but are unsure how you'll respond, so be gracious and accept their advice in the spirit it is offered.

**Taurus**  
April 21-May 21

Take on added tasks and responsibilities, distractions will dwindle to a minimum, and you'll have plenty of time and energy to concentrate on important matters. Keep your plans simple for the immediate future, anything too elaborate could backfire. Do your research first.

**Gemini**  
May 22-June 21

You have time to catch up on things as well as enjoy your accomplishments. Do more listening than talking, idle talk can come back to haunt you if you're not careful. Your attitude improves, and you could be the one

others turn to for support and guidance. Be helpful, but refuse to get drawn into a bad situation.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22

Personal and professional pressures may be building up fast, but hang on — you will come out ahead in the end. Family and friends help you keep things in perspective. Your enthusiasm attracts others, and people will take your side. A quick trip or special night out will boost your spirits and recharge your batteries.

**Leo**  
July 23-Aug. 23

See yourself as others see you, and see others in a realistic light. Now is not the time to take things for granted. Make sure you read the fine print and check out the details. Draw inspiration and solutions from past successes to deal with current problems.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Trust your instincts. Someone you consider a friend may be more interested in getting something for nothing at your expense. Keep an eye on your budget. Don't neglect domestic chores and responsibilities. Loved

ones will come through when they're needed most.

**Libra**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Be aware of what's going on around you — much is occurring behind the scenes, but there are clues. Do something romantic and fun. Now is the time to take the initiative and be bold. Travel and education, perhaps together, could be on the horizon. Catch up on phone calls and errands.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You have more energy and enthusiasm, but don't get drawn in over your head. You may be frustrated with a friend who needs more help than you can provide. Know when to back away from a situation and cool down. Accept support and encouragement from a loved one who wants to offer it.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Make an effort to balance work and family. Going to extremes with either one will cause problems. Do things with a group rather than alone. Taking a moderate risk could lead to a big reward. Try to keep a secret, though it may be hard. You'll be glad you did.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Ask questions and be persistent to get the answers you need. Support from a friend or family member could have strings attached; be aware and decide if you want to pay that price. Older person offers helpful advice and younger person's enthusiasm proves contagious.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You have the time and the information to find the source of a problem and clear it up. Strive to see the big picture and refuse to get bogged down with small detail. Don't be too proud to accept help from friends and family members. Take a small break and get away from things to collect your thoughts.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-March 20

You know the right thing to say and the right time to say it. Someone who has been opposing you comes over to your side. You could reunite with old friends. Listening to a friend or loved one who needs to talk could score points as well as give you a new perspective.

## Artist concerns herself with the spiritual side

Rebecca Ross had for years been making large color works with religious themes, based upon her own drawings. "One day, it occurred to me to use Rembrandt's drawings as a departure point instead," she confides. "His loose gestural drawings served as shorthand for his intaglios and oils. They left ample room for interpretation and were close in spirit to my own drawings."

The result is "Concerning the Spiritual Again," a solo exhibit that Ross will present at the Watchung Arts Center through April 29. She will feature about 30 religious works done over the past seven years. Admission is free during gallery hours, which are weekdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm. "Works on Paper" runs concurrently in another room.

These works are done in a unique oil pastel scratch board technique, not often used, where the artist scrapes into a base coat of fluorescent and iridescent color. The subjects concentrate on popular Christian themes, such as crucifixion and resurrection, with the emphasis on the figures and the vivid colors.

The public reception on Sunday gives people a chance to meet the artist as they explore her work. The

reception, in the gallery itself, runs from 1 to 4 pm, with no admission charge. Refreshments are served.

Most of the works are based on masterworks of Italian and Northern Renaissance artists. "I emphasize the geometry of the Old Masters," she explains, "and incorporate it modernistically into my pieces." Ross' work is frequently featured in solo and group shows throughout the country. The Birdsboro, PA artist has been shown at Watchung before, during a past exhibition in 1992. Recent shows were at the Princeton Theological Seminary and the Billy Graham Museum at Wheaton College in Illinois.

With both BFA and MFA degrees, Ross makes her living working in history museums. Her artwork synthesizes her interests in studio art, art history and spirituality.

Monthly shows at the Watchung Arts Center attract art fans and the merely curious from the four counties surrounding its site on the Watchung Circle. The Center is but a mile from either Interstate 78, exit 40, or Route 22, Plainfield overpass.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

From farms to feathers — a famous 'female' steps out in Rahway

By Jacquie McCarthy  
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What do Greenwich Village and Rahway have in common? This week and next, the answer to this question is Mike Fulk, otherwise known as Victoria Weston, who will play Zaza in "La Cage Aux Folles," opening tomorrow at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Fulk has performed internationally as Victoria Weston, receiving kudos for his one-woman show, "Victoria's Secret," which recently closed at Greenwich Village's Eighty Eights cabaret. His path from his early years in a small farming community in the Midwest to becoming an internationally known female impersonator has been a long — and interesting one:

An accomplished vocalist, Fulk, who grew up in Kansas, made his singing debut while in grade school at a 4-H club function. Years later, in his college years, friends talked him into dressing in drag to lip sync at a St. Louis fundraiser as a Halloween stunt. According to Fulk, this experience is a common starting point for many female impersonators.

"You dress up once, and it sticks," said Fulk.

Fulk studied acting and directing at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, where he began his female impersonator career.

"I guess I've always had a penchant for being attracted to women's clothing, because it's more interesting than the bill of fare guys are allowed," Fulk elaborated.

Another female impersonator happened to catch one of Fulk's shows, and convinced him to make impersonation his career. Inspired, Fulk ventured from his home state to New York City in 1979, stayed for six months and went back home.

"I felt like the city chewed me up and spit me out," he said. "But I came back to town to try to win this time."

And win he has, but not in the way he originally intended. With theater still his first love, Fulk intended to gain a foothold as an actor, but found the competition too fierce. As an impersonator, however, he had no equal, and his return to New York City in 1989 was the start of a steady rise to the top of his field.

Impersonator jobs were somewhat sporadic until 4 years ago, when Fulk's appearance at an Imperial Court of New York fundraiser got him noticed. Opportunities to appear at benefits and functions became more and more frequent, and led to his one-woman show, which close in February of this year.

Fulk describes "Victoria's Secret" as "one man's journey to total acceptance." He incorporated many song parodies about learning to deal with being an out gay man, and struggling with the "Hoosier" stereotype which has haunted Fulk throughout his life.

"My show deals with how I deal with that and how I accept myself now."

In fact, Fulk/Weston's personal quote on his America OnLine page reads "You have to love and accept yourself before you can expect anyone else to love you." Fulk epitomizes this philosophy not only in his life but also in his acting, as it is clear he loves Zaza, his lead role in "La Cage Aux Folles."

"He is the star of the club, the significant life partner. He's very grand in his demeanor. Everything is over the top, how he speaks, acts, when he is upset. How he performs to his audience is very flavorful." Fulk also describes the character as very presentational, doing everything in a big way.

"He is sensitive, full of love and very protective of his family." He described Zaza as being very tender and loving with his son, who is somewhat bereft of a motherly influence, and kind and understanding to the



'La Cage Aux Folles,' featuring Mike Fulk, otherwise known as Victoria Weston, will open tomorrow at Union County Arts Center in Rahway. For information and tickets, call (908) 499-8226.



butler/maid in the cast, who "wants desperately to be a performer. He treats him like the daughter he never had." Fulk added that Zaza dislikes getting older, and goes to great lengths to maintain a youthful appearance. "He pampers himself very much."

Fulk has previously performed another role in "La Cage Aux Folles" in summer stock, where people told him he would be perfect as Zaza. He never followed up on the advice, however, until participation in a beauty contest led to the offer to play the role at UCAC. In 1996, Fulk participated

in the Miss Fire Island pageant. He entered and won first prize in the Best Professional category, which is strictly a talent contest. One of the judges, John DeMarco, concurred with the evaluation of Fulk as the ideal Zaza, and sought him out after the contest to audition for the role in Rahway. The deal wasn't closed, however, until Fulk had met with "La Cage" Director Jim Murphy, who was not convinced that Fulk was right for the role.

"Murphy didn't want a drag queen," said Fulk, who provided the director with a videotape of "Victoria's Secret" which Murphy declined to

watch. An introduction to Fulk in the flesh changed the director's mind.

Fulk's stage credits include "Came-lot," "Bubblin' Brown Sugar" and "Happy Birthday, Wanda June." He has also been seen in the films "A Bronx Tale," "Johnny Suede" and "To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar." Although he will certainly continue to pursue stage and screen roles, Fulk says he finds female impersonation fulfilling, and will not be totally satisfied until he is able to earn a steady income in the field.

"It is an acting job, and I view it as acting," Fulk said.

Fulk stated that he would like to perform on cruise ships and in Atlantic City or Las Vegas. Ideally, the youthful 43-year-old would like to open a live singing performance club.

Until he can make those dreams come true, he will act them out with style and flair as Zaza. Those of us lucky enough to see him and the rest of the amazing cast perform in what promises to be a highly entertaining production will get to share in the dream.

Former Mountainside resident projects her philosophy of life

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

Group home counselor — well traveled photographer — Special Education teacher — NYU graduate film student — these are just some of the credits that former Mountainside resident Laurie Collyer can lay claim to. Also a successful documentary filmmaker, Collyer has found a way to take her diverse life experiences and communicate them on the big screen, in "Physical Pain," a short narrative slated for independent release this summer.

A native of the New York metropolitan area, Collyer grew up in Mountainside but was immersed in Italian-American subculture through frequent visits to family in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. A graduate of Gil St. Bernards High School, she obtained an undergraduate degree from Oberlin College in Ohio, a school the 30-year-old filmmaker described as very liberal and politically oriented. Fluent in German and Spanish, Collyer moved to San Francisco after graduation to teach students with learning disabilities at the middle school level, and there began shooting short films and videos in her spare time.

Her next effort was "Thanh," inspired by her middle school teaching experience. "Thanh" tells the story of a severely disabled teenage girl who speaks with a computer. Released in 1993 on a limited basis, it gained renown and has been screened at festivals, conferences and on television worldwide,

and also garnered several awards including Best Documentary and Best Theme Program at the Superfest International Media Festival.

According to Collyer, "Thanh" originally was a 2-minute assignment for a film class she attended in the evenings during a stay in Europe. Students and professors alike encouraged Collyer to expand the piece, and it became a half-hour documentary, "Thanh," which Collyer advised means "success" in Vietnamese, is the true story the first physically disabled student to be admitted to a new learning program utilizing computer-generated communication. According to the young filmmaker/former teacher, most profoundly disabled students are also profoundly undereducated due to lack of an effective means of two-way communication. Reflecting on both the making of the film and her experiences working with Thanh, Collyer used the film to communicate that the new computerized technology which enabled Thanh to speak represented a real breakthrough in Special Education curriculum.

As with "Thanh," Collyer's current effort, "Physical Pain," is derived from her experience as a volunteer with pregnant teens, and with friends and family members dealing with this issue. Like "Thanh," this production also began as a class assignment. "Mariah and Rosemary," a 10-minute documentary about two Mountainside teens dealing with pregnancy issues, was named one of the top 5 films of the class and garnered a scholarship

for the director. The expanded version of the film, currently in post-production, may run as long as 20 minutes.

"It's about best friendship between these two girls. They've both completely raised themselves. It's just a portrait of a friendship between these two wacky teenagers."

The main character, Donna, checks into a Catholic home for unwed mothers at the opening of the film. There she meets many other teen mothers who are finding a way to deal with the issues that confront them — continuing education, wayward boyfriends/fathers, angry parents, and the day-to-day concerns of maintaining acne breakouts and getting a copy of their favorite band's latest CD — the least of which, it seems, is the actually physical trial which awaits each of them upon onset of labor.

Donna is withdrawn during her first days in the home, until she meets and befriends Bridget, a sixteen-year-old white mother of a black baby. The two discover a sense of camaraderie in spite of differing backgrounds and life experiences, a sense which is readily apparent in Collyer's favorite scene from the film, which also appears in "Mariah and Rosemary." The two young mothers take a trip to a Kay-Bee toy store to select items for their newborns, only to find themselves enjoying a play-date with each other.

The institution scenes were filmed at Good Counsel home for single



Bridget and Bradley are caught in a playful swat by friend Donna during rehearsal of a scene from "Physical Pain," a short film by Laurie Collyer to be released this summer.

mothers in the Bronx, NY. Donna and Bridget's trip to the toy store was filmed at Kay-Bee Toy and Hobby in Westfield.

"The movie has nothing to do with abortion or birth control," said Collyer, stating that her concern was more about the life of poverty and lack of opportunities which inevitably haunt teenage single mothers. Collyer

explained that, during a stay in Germany before the Berlin Wall came down, she had observed that the government offered free day care to all mothers, regardless of background or situation. The majority of these women obtained and maintained gainful employment, and were strong and confident individuals. The director is planning a story

about mothers in prison as her next project.

"The most important thing is that it looks good, and that it says something," expressed Collyer hopefully about the film.

Judging from the success of her previous efforts, audiences can look forward to a moving and profound experience.

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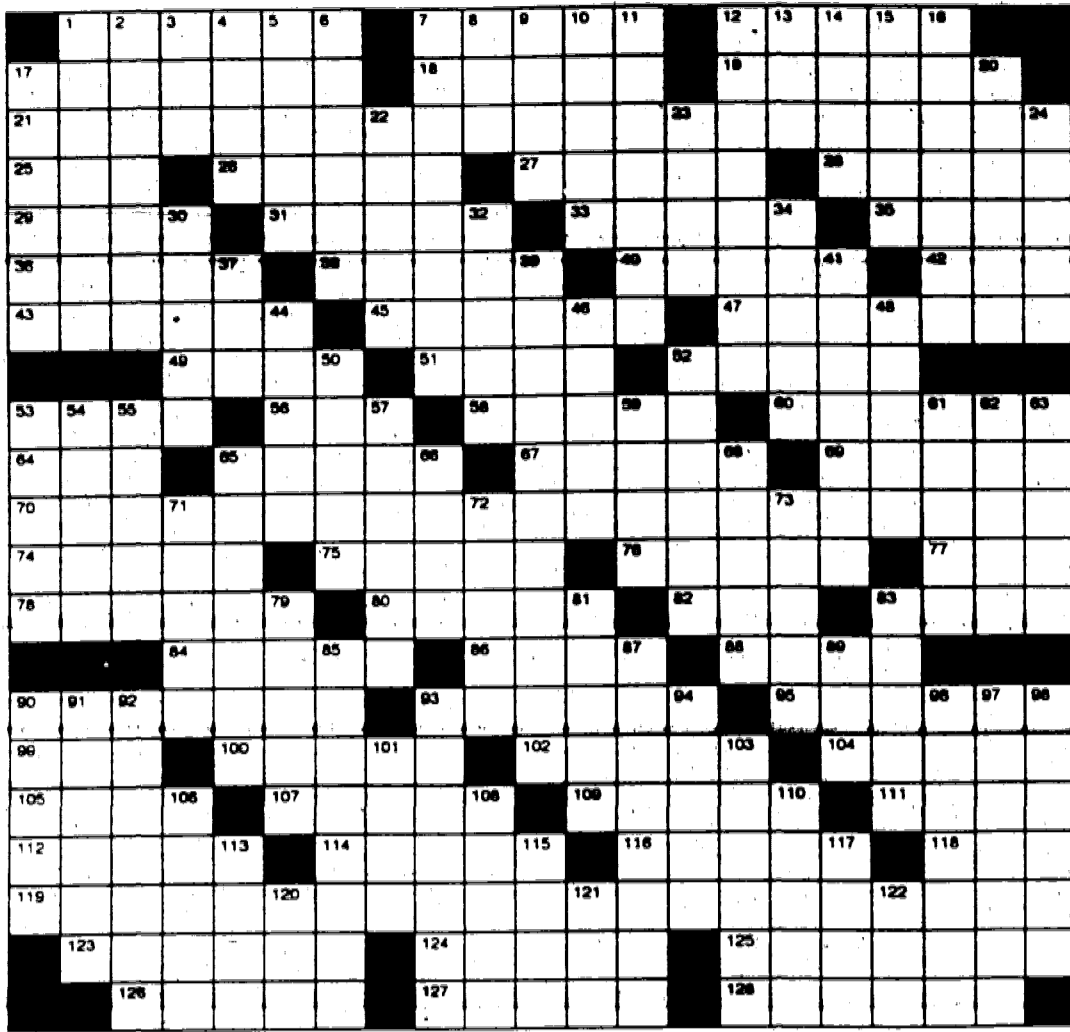
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# What's Going On?

**FAIR**

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 20, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Nutley 2nd Annual Red Cross Street Fair (Rain date April 27th).  
**PLACE:** Held along Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.  
**TIME:** 10am-6pm.  
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**ORGANIZATION:** The Nutley Red Cross.

**FLEA MARKET**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 12, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Big Indoor Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Roselle Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle, NJ.  
**TIME:** 9am-4pm  
**ORGANIZATION:** Roselle Catholic High School.

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 19, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Flea Market.  
**PLACE:** 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ.  
**TIME:** 9am-3pm. Great Buys! Sample wedding and formal gowns, clothes, jewelry, books, records, etc.  
**PRICE:** Tables Available for \$15.00. Call before 6pm, 372-0084.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 19, 1997**  
**EVENT:** The Mothers Market.  
**PLACE:** Cedar Grove High School Cafeteria, Rugby Road (follow signs from Ridge Road or Route 23), Cedar Grove, NJ.  
**TIME:** 9:00am to 2:00pm.  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. About 50 Vendors! Used and new toys, clothing, furnishings and accessories for babies, children, new moms. Also bake table, snacks, lunch, 50/50 raffle tickets sold.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Junior Women's Club of Cedar Grove, 201-857-1419.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 12, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Huge Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** Community Congregational Church, (Corner of Hartshorn Drive and Parsonage Hill Road), Short Hills, NJ.  
**TIME:** 9am to 3pm  
**ORGANIZATION:** Community Congregational Church

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 18, 19, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Rummage Sale and White Elephant.  
**PLACE:** United Methodist Church, 321 North Wood Avenue (next to City Hall, Linden, NJ).  
**TIME:** 9:00am-2:00pm.  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Used clothing, linens, shoes, books and white elephant items.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Linden United Methodist Church.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 18, 19, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Women's Annual Spring Rummage Sale.  
**PLACE:** Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road Union, NJ.  
**TIME:** Friday, 9:30am to 7:30pm; Saturday, 9:30am-12:00pm.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Townley Presbyterian Church.

**SATURDAYS**  
**APRIL 19, 26, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Rummage Sale.  
**PLACE:** St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church (corner of Stanley Terrace and Porter Road), Union, NJ.  
**TIME:** 9am-4pm, April 19th; 9am-1pm, April 26th.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Blessed Sacrament Society.

**ANTIQUES**

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 11, 12, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Antiques Show and Sale.  
**PLACE:** Montclair Women's Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ.  
**TIME:** 11am-9pm, Friday; 11am-5pm, Saturday.  
**PRICE:** Admission \$3.00. Appraiser \$2.50 per item, 1pm to closing.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Montclair Women's Club.

**AUCTION**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 12, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Raffle, Silent and Live Bi-Annual Auction.  
**PLACE:** Prospect Presbyterian Church, 646 Prospect Street, Maplewood, NJ.  
**TIME:** Preview at 7pm; Auction begins at 8pm.  
**PRICE:** \$5.00 includes sheet of raffle tickets and refreshments.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Prospect Co-Op Nursery School, 201-763-8955.

**FUN AUCTION**

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 12, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** Saint Theresa's Church Hall, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ.  
**TIME:** 6:30pm.  
**PRICE:** \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at door. Includes coffee, Danish, sheet of tickets.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Saint Theresa's Home School. For tickets call 908-276-5339.

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 18, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Maplewood Lions Club Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood, NJ.  
**TIME:** 7:00pm-11:00pm.  
**PRICE:** \$5.00 Admission. Includes one raffle card with 25 coupon chances. Free refreshments. Many prizes. 50/50. For ticket information please call 201-762-7088. Proceeds will be used toward purchase of life-saving Thermal Imaging System for Maplewood's Firefighters.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Maplewood Lions Club.

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 24, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Annual Spring Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** Christ The King Home School, Church Hall, Bloy Street and Rutgers Av., Hillsdale, NJ.  
**TIME:** Opens 6:15pm. Under age 18, won't be allowed.  
**PRICE:** Tickets \$5 in advance thru School or Rectory; tables of 10 or more pre-paid, can reserved. Call 908-686-6740 during school hours; Rectory 908-686-0722. Prizes, menu for purchase. Refreshments served.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Christ The King Home School Association.

**OTHER**

**FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 11, 1997**  
**EVENT:** Argyle Fish 'N Chips Dinner.  
**PLACE:** Ridgeview Community Church, 174 South Valley Road (corner Meeker Street), West Orange, NJ.  
**TIME:** Pick-ups begin at 5PM until 6:30PM (seating available). Reservations requested.  
**PRICE:** Adults: \$8.00; Children: \$4.50. Call 201-731-6486 for reservations.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Ridgeview Community Church.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

International opera stars excite Union audience

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

A little bit of the Metropolitan Opera and a lot of culture were offered Saturday night at the Burnet Middle School in Union when the internationally acclaimed mezzo soprano, Linda Heimall, a former Unionite, and three other outstanding opera stars performed arias from Italian and French operas and excerpts from Broadway shows and Italian and Neopolitan favorites.

The most marvelous voices echoed off the walls and throughout the auditorium from beautiful women and handsome men, including Heimall, Anthony Buono, tenor; Leigh Adoff, lyric coloratura soprano, and Paul Aquino, baritone, with fine piano accompaniment by Hugh Murphy, in "An Evening With the Stars," presented by the Kiwanis Club of Union Township as a benefit for the Key Club of Union High School.

It was a night to remember — a most unusual night in Union — and when it was over the audience, including Mayor Greg Muller and his wife, stood as one, applauded and shouted "Bravo! Brava!" and refused to allow the evening to end.

In the first half of the program, the audience was thrilled to hear such operatic selections as "Libiamo" from "La Traviata," sung by Heimall and Buono. And to see and hear Heimall as "Carmen" perform "Habenera," "Mon Coeur" from "Samson et Dalila" and "O Mio Babbino Caro" from "Gianni Schecchi," was an experience unto itself.

The excerpts sung most beautifully by Buono included "La Donna e Mobile" from Rigoletto and "Una Furtiva Lagrima" from "Elisir D'Amore."

In his masculine, resounding baritone voice, Aquino excited the audience with the "Toreador Song" from "Carmen," and "Largo al Fac-

totum" from "Il Barbiere De Siviglia."

The versatile, truly wonderful Adoff, who can change characters in the split second of a moment, enacted, in her marvelous soprano voice, "Musetta's Waltz" from "La Boheme," "Sempere Libera" from "La Traviata" and "Canzone di Doretta" from "La Rondine."

Then all four, in operatic symphony, treated the audience to "The Quartet" from "Rigoletto."

Before the audience could recover from the satisfaction of such a musical experience, intermission was over, and all four offered Broadway excerpts and Italian and Neopolitan songs. Heimall and Aquino sang "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera" and Aquino's rendition of "Music of the Night," also from "Phantom," certainly gave Michael Crawford a run for his money. It was superb!

Buono had the audience on the edge of its seat when he sang "Bring Him Home," from "Les Miserables," and followed it up with "In Another Lifetime" from "The Happy Prince."

Aquino provided some fine moments with such Neopolitan music as "Back to Sorento," "The Morningtime," as did Buono with "Ungrateful Heart." Adoff sang the operetta from "The Bat," called "Laughing Song."

The members of the audience held their breath when Heimall sang with such emotion the Italian favorite, "Mama." Men blinked their eyes and women reached for tissues. It was a memorable moment.

"An Evening With the Stars" was an exhilarating experience for music lovers, and the audience, unsated with all the evening had to offer, required more.

Isn't it time for another cultural, wonderful musical program? We need some more of the same in the near future. It is, after all, contemplated. Let's see it to fruition.

Gemini Group keeps you 'Grasping' with laughter

By Bill Van Sant  
Staff Writer

Desperation can be funny, at least according to playwright Scott Coffey, whose first full-length play, "Grasping at Straws," opened last weekend.

"Grasping at Straws," the latest offering from the Mountainside-based Gemini Group of which Coffey is co-founder, asks the question, "How far will a roomful of desperate people go in order to get what they want?" While that query may not be answered by the final curtain, audiences are too busy laughing to notice.

The show, an engaging story of lives intertwined, is set in the apartment of Kurt and Diana Montgomery. Diana, whose career as a model has long since ended, has decided it's time for a comeback. She hosts an elaborate party with the most important guest being her former agent, Marty.

Unfortunately for Diana, there are more surprises in store than she's prepared for, the first of which is Kurt's ex-wife, Delia. Among the items on her agenda are reclaiming unpaid back alimony and, while she's at it, her ex-husband as well.

Then there's dry cleaner Andie, who delivers Diana's dress, but not before announcing that the couple has a large debt to pay.

More guests, invited and otherwise, arrive only to complicate the situation. They are greeted by the maid, Celeste, who then makes the rounds of the party guests, distributing canapes and collecting gossip. Before long, Celeste has the dirt on everyone.

Drinks and sarcasm are poured out in equal shots by Eddie, the rented bartender. But don't push Eddie aside as simply hired help; he, too, has a secret he's waiting to share.

Also present are Diana's confidant, Randy, and her long-absent cousin from Alabama, Irene, as well as Irene, a 70-year-old party girl who brings her current beau, the Italian and much younger Dondy.

It's not long before Irene's eye is caught by Benji, yet another unexpected guest, who is not only younger than Dondy, but successful to boot.

While Diana tries to navigate this party on its intended course, her plans



The cast of "Grasping at Straws" gathers the center of the action — the bar — in this original production by Gemini Group. The play will be repeated tomorrow and Friday at 8 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054.

go further awry as a Marty's attention is occupied by his current model, the teenaged Tina, and a new acquaintance, songstress Marilyn Mitchell.

Plenty of fun and surprises, as well as many funny lines, await theatre goers as this comedy deftly makes its way to its hilarious conclusion. By the second act, once all the players are in place and the stakes are at their highest, the pace reaches a break-neck speed as everyone tries to get what they came for.

The set is a multi-level arrangement, making efficient use of a non-traditional theatre space to effectively create the various areas of Kurt and Diana's apartment. The contemporary setting of the play presents few obstacles in the area of costuming, and the company has risen to the occasion with style.

Often the death of a community theatre comedy, the pace of this farce is excellent, rarely allowing the viewer time to dwell on the minor and relatively inconsequential flaws which appear here and there.

The star turn of this comedy comes from the entire cast as a whole, with a palpable ensemble chemistry at work. Particular note must be paid of Elaine

Dooman, whose Celeste is delivered with dead comic aim. Audrey Monaco and Ed Maher also turning in fine performances as Delia and Kurt, respectively.

Coffey has done triple duty on this production, having written and directed it, as well as playing boy toy Dondy. One might question if perhaps this was one too many hats to be worn well, and whether a script of this nature might have benefited from a

director who did not write it.

To find serious flaws in this engaging comedy, however, is truly "grasping at straws."

"Grasping at Straws" has its final performances tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. The show is presented at the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside, and admission is the donation of canned goods for the needy.

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# Stepping Out



**Violinist Mark Steinberg will perform with Arbor Chamber Music Society on Saturday at 8 p.m.**

## ART SHOWS

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

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.

**ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW** will be on display in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through April 20.

Juried by leading national art critic and historian Donald B. Kuspit, the works represent artists in the United States and abroad and includes all media. Artists represent 42 states and 10 countries. Works range from water-colors to black-and-white photography, with a strong selection of conceptual and narrative sculpture.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. Reception and exhibitions 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 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**HAVANA REVISITED.** A collection of oil on canvas works by Ennque Flores Galbis is on display in the Members' Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through April 20.

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."

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**WHISPER.** 30 years of black-and-white and color photography by Peter Colby Ortner will be on display through April 21 at The Jacob Trapp Gallery in Summit.

The Gallery is located at Community House, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call (908) 273-3245.

**A SPECTRUM OF ART WORKS,** paintings by Grace Sharpe, will be presented at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Library through April 24.

The Union Library is located on Morris Avenue near Friberger Park, Union. For information, call (908) 686-0420 or (908) 688-4536.

**CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL AGAIN,** a solo exhibit by artist Rebecca Ross, will be presented at the Watchung Arts Center through April 29.

She will feature about 30 religious works done over the past seven years. The works are done in a unique oil patel scratch board technique, not often used, where the artist scrapes into a base coat of fluorescent and indescendent color. The subjects concentrate on popular Christian themes, such as crucifixion and resurrection, with emphasis on figures and vivid colors.

A reception will be held April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. Gallery hours are weekdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** will present an exhibition featuring the fine art photography of James Humphries, the watercolors of Flo Rosenberg and works in various media by Jean Buckley throughout April.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Visitors are requested to use the hospital's ambulance entrance. All artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale benefits the hospital. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

**SKULSKI ART GALLERY** of the Polish Cultural Foundation is pleased to present a photographic exhibit by two Polish artists, Slawoj Dufiel and Marek Szyrnyk, through April 30.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public Monday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday - Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information, contact Aleksandra Nowak at (908) 382-7197.

**WORKS ON PAPER,** an exhibition of the work of artists Alice Harrison and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be displayed at the Watchung Arts Center through April 30. A reception for the artists is scheduled for April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Hamson employs both color and movement in order to create a conversation with the viewer through paintings and prints.

Schneider's exhibit includes a variety of printmaking techniques as well as mixed media pieces.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. For further information, call (908) 753-0190.

**BARRON ARTS CENTER** will present an art exhibit by Woodbridge Township Middle School students beginning today and running through Wednesday. An opening reception will take place today from 7 - 9 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The Barron Arts Center is located at 562 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For information, call (908) 634-0413.

**SEASONAL IMAGES,** a solo exhibit by Louis Lanzafama, will be on display at Swain Galleries in Plainfield from Saturday through May 2. Subject matter includes the Jersey shore. An opening reception will be held Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

The show 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.

## AUDITIONS

**THE MUSIC MAN** auditions, a benefit production for the Summit Public Library's capital campaign, are open to anyone age 7 and up who lives, works, or worships in Summit. All proceeds from the performances, which will be held June 26, 27, 28 and 29 at Summit High School, will go toward the remodeling and expansion of the library.

Auditions for children's chorus, a total of 15 boys and girls ages 7-13, will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Summit High School Auditorium. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those unable to attend the Friday audition may come Monday at 6 p.m. All children auditioning should come with one verse memorized from "Wells Fargo Wagon."

Auditions for adult chorus and dancers, a total of 20 men and women ages 14 and up, will be held Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Summit High School Auditorium. Those interested should memorize one verse from "Wells Fargo Wagon." Those auditioning for dancing will also be taught a combination that evening by choreographer Dee Robertson.

A sign-up sheet for audition order will be posted on the SHS auditorium door 30 minutes prior to each audition.

Auditions for the pit orchestra, conducted by Summit Symphony's Director James Sadewwhite, will be held in early May.

In addition to performing roles, there are many opportunities to volunteer on a wide range of crews and committees. A committee and crew volunteer coordination meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Summit Public Library for anyone who is interested. For information, call Anne Poyner at (908) 596-1512.

**SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE CONSERVATORY,** sponsored by Paper Mill Playhouse, will hold auditions Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

The five-week program is designed for gifted and talented performers aged 10 to 17 who demonstrate a commitment to developing their musical performance skills. The conservatory provides intensive study led by a faculty of theater professionals and teaching artists.

To schedule an appointment or obtain additional information, call (201) 379-3636 ext. 2626.

**NOTHING PERSONAL,** an original romantic comedy, is being staged by Edison Valley Playhouse. Auditions will be held Monday, Tuesday and April 20 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Backstage help is also being sought.

Available roles are:  
2 men, age late 20's - early 30's  
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Edison Valley Playhouse is located at 2196 Oak Tree Road in Edison. For information, call (908) 755-4654.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ** is being presented by Westfield Summer Workshop's Studio One. The production is open to children between grades six and ten from all New Jersey towns. No auditions are necessary for inclusion.

Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, is located at 152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 789-9696.

## CONCERTS

**BARNES & NOBLE CAFE** will present Strategy, jazz trumpet and more, tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m., and Sunna's Trio, jazz/new age piano, on Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

**MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE** will present Open Stage tomorrow at 8 p.m. To sign up for a 15-minute set, show up between 6:30 and 7 p.m. to be among the first 7 acts to arrive and be guaranteed a set. Others, just come and enjoy!

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. The Project is located at the Somerset County Environmental Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge. Shows are held every Friday year-round, presenting folk music in its broadest sense. Coffee, tea and baked goods are served, no alcohol or tobacco are allowed. Admission is \$5. For information, call (908) 766-2489.

**ARBOR CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY** will present music for strings and piano on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit.

Featured artists are violinist Mark Steinberg, pianist Marija Stroke and cellist Caroline Dale. The program is Mozart's "Violin and Piano Sonata in G, K 379," Stravinsky's "Due Concertante," Schubert's "Due in A" and Brahms' "Piano Trio in C, Op. 87."

Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors and \$7 for students and may be ordered in advance by calling (908) 232-1116.

**CHORAL ART SOCIETY** of New Jersey, Inc. will perform on Saturday at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The choir will present Handel's Oratorio "Jephtha."

The church is located at Broad Street and Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors. For information, call Helen Armstrong at (908) 322-7240.

**NEW PHILHARMONIC OF NEW JERSEY** will present a Pops Concert on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at The Community Theatre in Morristown.

Tickets are \$35, \$30 and \$20. The Community Theatre is located at 100 South St. in Morristown. For information and tickets, call (201) 267-0206.

**CALVARY CHORALE** continues their season with a special Youth Concert on Sunday, featuring composer John Rutter's "The Reluctant Dragon" performed by Madjazz, a popular area vocal group.

"The Reluctant Dragon," in its original form, is a children's story by Kenneth Graham. On one level, it is a charming story about a dragon who prefers writing poetry to fighting; on another level it is an allegory about prejudice and reconciliation.

The performance will be held at 4 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be collected. For further information, phone (908) 277-1814.

**PLAINFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will present its "Young People's Concert" on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Admission is free. The concert will be held at Plainfield High School, 950 Park Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 561-5140.

**THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** of New Jersey concludes its "Meet the Music" Family Concert series on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Bedminster Township School.

The orchestra will present "New Orleans Ragtime Brass Band." The Band will take the audience on a musical visit to New Orleans. Through informative comments and rousing authentic musical selections, the program will illustrate how African, European, Caribbean and early American music blended together to create jazz.

Tickets are \$10 each and can either be purchased at the school on the day of the concert or ordered in advance by calling (908) 356-6165.

**ROCKAWAY REVUE,** sponsored by The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., will perform on Sunday at 6 p.m. at Rahway High School.

Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors. For information, call (908) 381-3584 or (908) 388 9271. Rahway High School is located at 1012 Madison Ave., Rahway.

**MUSIC BOX CAFE** of the Donald P. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Free Public Library, will present a jazz concert by Gary Haberman and Patti Dunham on Sunday at 2 p.m. when will present.

The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** of Elizabeth is presenting a series of spring concerts featuring talented New Jersey artists on Sundays.

First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth is located at 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.

**KEAN COLLEGE CONCERT AND JAZZ BANDS** will perform on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the College's Wilkins Theatre.

The Concert Band will perform both traditional and less familiar fare from Sousa marches to Broadway shows. The Jazz Band brings the big band sound to a wide spectrum of style.

Admission is free. Kean College is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

**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 206 W. State St., Trenton. For information, call (609) 292-6333.

## DANCE

**KEAN DANCE THEATRE** will present its Spring Dance Concert tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kean College of New Jersey's Wilkins Theatre.

Tickets are \$6, with discounted tickets available. For further information, call (908) 527-2337.

**DANCE IN THE PARK,** a presentation by The Westfield Dance Company, will be held on May 3 at 1 p.m. at Mindoskin Park, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.

The event is free to the public. For further information, call (908) 789-3011. In case of rain, the event will be held on May 4 at 1 p.m.

## KIDS

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** presents the Spring 1997 Children's Theater season, including six new productions in the seven-show series of weekend performances.

"Pinochio" returns in the Gingerbread Players and Jack production on April 19 and 20. Suggested for ages 3 to 6.

"Cinderella" is brought to life by New York's Prince Street Players on April 26 and 27. An original musical score highlights Cinderella's adventures. Suggested for ages 3 to 7.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy" will be presented by Theatre IV for Virginia on May 3 and 4. Suggested for ages 3 to 7.

"Laura Ingalls Wilder: Growing Up on the Prairie" will be presented by New Jersey's own Arts Power on May 10 and 11. Suggested for ages 6 to 12.

"Thumbelina," presented by Theatre IV, returns on May 17 and 18. Suggested for ages 3 to 6.

"Seed Story," from New York's Arms-of-the-Sea Theatre, will end the season on June 7 and 8. Through an innovative work of mask and puppet theatre, "Seed Story" explores the history of human agriculture and offers sign-interpreted and audio-described performances for children's theater productions upon request.

For tickets or additional information, call the box office at (201) 376-4343.

**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER** will present a series of plays for children. These 75-minute musicals, all performed on Sundays at 2 p.m., are produced in conjunction with the American Family Theater of Philadelphia. Aimed at children of all ages and their families, this year's season includes classic fairy tales, a special holiday show, and a new musical version of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Remaining shows are:  
• "Pinochio," April 27.  
• "Wiley and the Hairly Man," May 3.  
• "Winnie the Pooh," May 14.

All tickets may be ordered with Visa or Mastercard by calling the box office at (908) 499-8226, or in person at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

## TELEVISION

**NJN-THE NEW JERSEY CHANNEL** will present an interview with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson on "State of the Arts." NJN's award-winning arts and cultural affairs

series, on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The show will be rebroadcast on April 20 at noon. Also appearing will be Metropolitan Opera star Sharon Sweet of Princeton and the Princeton High School Choir. In addition, poet Gerald Stern, who has recently published his latest collection of poems called "Odd Mercy," will speak about his work and upcoming appearance at the Second Annual Paterson Poetry Marathon at Passaic Community College on May 3.

Wilson's new play, "Jitney," opens at New Brunswick's Crossroads Theatre Company on Tuesday and runs through May 18. Wilson has been called one of the most important American playwrights of modern times.

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## THEATRE

**LITTLE FOXES** by Lillian Hellman has opened at the Elizabeth Playhouse.

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-bom Caligula's are scrambling for what they view as a place in the sun.

"Little Foxes" will run tomorrow and Saturday at 7:30 for one more week. 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.

**GRASPING AT STRAWS,** an original one-act play, will be staged by Gemini Group tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The setting is an upscale penthouse party, with each guest bringing a proverbial axe in the hope of getting an opportunity to grind it with other guests.

The play will be presented at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054.

**MACK AND MABEL** will be presented at Union High School for two weekends. Performances are scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, and April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., and Sunday at April 20 at 2 p.m.

Union High School is located on North Third Street in Union. For information and ticket reservations, call (908) 851-6780.

**NO, NO NANETTE** will be presented by Paper Mill Playhouse through May 25. The all-star cast includes Kaye Ballard, Eddie Bracken, Helen Gallagher and Lee Roy Reams.

Paper Mill Playhouse is an accessible site, with audio-described performances for the visually impaired on May 8 at 2 p.m., May 10 at 3 p.m. and May 11 at 8 p.m. Sign-interpreted, open captioned performances for the hearing impaired are scheduled for May 11 at 8 p.m. and May 16 at 8 p.m.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call (201) 376-4343.

**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** will open at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Friday. The show will run weekends through April 20, and a benefit performance for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS will be presented April 19.

This hit Broadway musical, based on the long-running French play of the same name, explores the comedy and drama of two conflicting sets of in-laws: a conservative politician and his wife, and a nightclub impresario and his drag queen partner of twenty years. This story was popularized in last year's film hit, "The Birdcage."

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, and April 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday and April 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$19. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226.

**WEST SIDE STORY** will be presented by Mystic Vision Players on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Linden High School.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (908) 925-1389.

**DAMEN** will be presented by Stageworks/Summit on Saturday and Sunday.

Stageworks/Summit is located at Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, (908) 273-9383.

**FOR TIGER LILIES OUT OF SEASON,** written by Union County College professor, administrator and playwright Andrea Green, will have one scene from the original play presented at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield on April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

## POETRY READINGS

**WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION** will present Roberta Graene reading her recently published poetry tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

The reading will be held in the Westfield Community Room located at Westfield Art Association, 425 East Broad St. in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-2393.



**Pianist Marija Stroke will perform with Arbor Chamber Music Society on Saturday at 8 p.m.**



Comic skit from "You Don't Have to Be Jewish!" at the Forum Theater, 314 Main St., Metuchen, stars actresses, left, Vicki Tripodo, who also serves as managing director, and Susie Paplow. Tickets for the show, which will run through May 4, can be obtained by calling (908) 548-0582.

# You don't have to laugh at Forum comedy, but you will

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

It's laugh a minute at the Forum Theater in Metuchen whether or not you are Jewish. In fact, "You Don't Have to Be Jewish!," which opened Friday, had many members in the audiences in hysterics during Sunday afternoon's performance as five very funny, very hard-working actors enacted old time jokes, musical revues and Bob Booker's comedy album by the same name.

Peter J. Lowey, who directed the show, is to be congratulated for his sharp timing and staging of minute by minute skits, change of scenery and change of costumes.

And even if some of the jokes were old — people were overheard saying, "I remember that one. It's so old, but it's so funny" — the performers are so professionally proficient that one feels that "I've laughed at it before. I'll laugh even more now!"

And there is much to poke fun at with classic-philosophies that go beyond national origin, family background and cultural heritage, according to the author.

The five are led by the versatile, exceptionally talented Vicki Tripodo, who also serves as managing director of the Forum Theater. In her classic portrayals of the typical Jewish mother, the gossip monger, the enduring wife of a roaming husband, and many more roles, she has the audience in the palm of her hand. This actress can't give a bad performance, even if she tried. And in her quick changes with dozens of costumes, wigs, shoes and characters, Tripodo is at her best. She is a joy to watch.

The versatility of Paul Whelihan is outstanding, and he is able to do so much and be so funny with his bald head, his sheepish grin and his Groucho Marx-type mustache. Whel-

han, incidently, is a director and administrator, a co-founder of the Ironbound Theater and the artistic director of the Puschcart Players, a touring theater troupe now in its 23rd season.

Then there's Allen Lewis Rickman, who can put on a heavy Jewish accent and remind an audience of the characters it has known in years past. He is absolutely precious.

And speaking of versatile performers, Susie Paplow can go from a femme fatale to a little girl asking papa to read from her "Red Riding Hood" book. She is extremely attractive and is well known at the Forum Theater.

The fifth, last but not least, is Terrence P. Burnett, a slightly built young man, who has comic durability and who has an outstanding, show-

stopping scene in "You Don't Have to Be Jewish!" This reviewer will not reveal the outcome of the skit; it has to be seen to be believed.

The show has much to offer. Its musical skits are outlandishly hilarious. And it's a wonderful experience watching the performers do such quick changes and even help remove the scenery and props after each skit.

As this reviewer walked up the aisle after the show, a theater-goer remarked to another: "How'd you like it?"

"I enjoyed it," said her friend.

"I did, too," said the theater-goer.

So, you really don't have to be Jewish to enjoy an artful, funny array of comic and musical mummies. After all, a laugh is a laugh.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor  
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## Doctor has great concern for effect of cancer on patients

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

It takes a special kind of person with a unique set of human feelings and a compassionate nature to do the things that Lillian F. Pliner, M.D., FACP, director of Oncology Services for Union Hospital, does for humanity. The woman, who supervises St. Barnabas Cancer Center in Union at 1050 Galloping Hill Road, and who gives so much of herself to cancer patients and their families, visited this office the other afternoon to talk about the oncology center.

"One of my primary goals," she said, "is to decrease fragmentation of care. We want to work closely with patients and their families to help manage symptoms either related to side effects of chemotherapy or from the cancer itself, and help to coordinate their care to ensure continuity of care."

Dr. Pliner explained that "St. Barnabas Cancer Center at Union basically is a branch of St. Barnabas Cancer Center and was opened up on Jan. 15, 1996 to bring more services to Union. Now that Union and Livingston are affiliated, as a result we can offer more than diagnoses and therapy. We also offer a wide range of educational and support programs. These are free of charge and part of our comprehensive approach to cancer patients."

The kind-faced woman said, "I think that what's important in that our philosophy is that we can provide all the services that are needed — in one place. We have an extensive patient education room and library, where we have video and audio tapes, library books and pamphlets; we have several VCRs and a lot of books on a variety of topics. Among them are how to cope with a cancer diagnosis all the way to how to give patients an injection.

"We feel strongly that patients should be fully informed about their diagnoses and treatment alternatives, and how to manage side effects."

Born in New York City, Pliner moved to Long Island and went to Smith College in North Hampton, Mass. Then I went to the State University of New York in Stony Brook for medical school, then to Boston University Medical Center for internship and residency." The doctor, a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of the American



Lillian F. Pliner, M.D., FACP, is director of Oncology Services for Union Hospital.

can Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, received her training at the Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She previously was acting director of the Division of Medical and Dentistry/New Jersey Medical School.

"Then there was an opportunity over here," she said. "And I found that I would have to divide my time between my work and my two daughters, Kate, 4, and Caroline, 3, in our home in Short Hills, and my husband,

Stephen Dreyfuss, who is an attorney in Newark."

She was always interested in becoming a doctor, but why, of all departments, oncology?

"This was something I preferred throughout childhood. You see," she smiled, "I love being with people, and it turned out to be true. In oncology, I've been much happier taking care of patients that need a lot of give-and-take with a physician. There is the sci-

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### Doctor focuses on human aspect

(Continued from Page B8) ence aspect," said Pliner, "and the human aspect about a big part of what I do, and that's where I get my satisfaction."

She sighed. "Over the years you come to learn what the patients need and to be able to acknowledge someone who will not give up hope. You have to become one who is well grounded in the common sense aspect of medication. It's plain old common sense — what needs to be done — some people lose sight of that."

"One of my areas is pain control," said Pliner. "I try to help patients understand what pain control is all about. Realistically, 90 percent of our patients should be rendered pain-free. When we give our patients chemotherapy treatments, we prepare the chemotherapy right there, and we check people's blood counts as well. Helping people to cope, dealing with the pain and the emotions, we try to

do that in our cancer center. That's what sets us apart from others."

At the Cancer Center in Union, "we provide cookies and coffee. We celebrate all our holidays, and the lonely senior citizens who come to volunteer their services focus on the patients and each other. This can be the high point of their week when they come."

"Also, we have a wonderful social worker, Angela McCabe, and while the patients are having treatment, their families will discuss issues and family values with her."

"During treatment for cancer," said Pliner, "many people experience intense and sometimes confusing moments. Because there are so many different ways to cope with these feelings, we offer a variety of services, including individual counseling and specialized support groups."

Patients treated in the Union Cancer Center also may participate in support programs held at St. Barnabas Cancer Center in Livingston, such as

a Primary Breast Cancer Support Group, Prostate Cancer Support Group, and the Children's Circle, a program for children of cancer patients. The Union site utilizes a team-oriented approach, combining the experience of professionals in pathology, radiology, radiation oncology and surgery from Union Hospital and Saint Barnabas Medical Center. "This approach," the doctor indicated, "also enables eligible patients to have access to clinical research programs investigating new treatment options in a variety of areas."

And one of the most outstanding aspects, she said, "is the reaction of the families. It is so rewarding when families care about us and send cards. The family has to be a part of everything. I feel a responsibility toward our patients and their families. I think that's what kept me in oncology," said the good doctor. "It's the richness of this kind of relationship."

### New research reports potential relief from breast cancer pain

Women with advanced breast cancer may find relief of bone pain and experience healing or stabilization of bone lesions in the drug Pamidronate. Researchers at the Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas report their findings in the Dec. 12, 1996 issue of "The New England Journal of Medicine."

Robert S. DiPaola, M.D., and Deborah Toppmeyer, M.D., each a medical oncologist at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and an assistant professor of medicine at UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, are breast cancer experts and are available to discuss the Pamidronate study and its significance to New Jersey breast cancer patients.

Researchers compared patients receiving Pamidronate with those receiving a placebo. Patients on Pamidronate had occurrences of skeletal complications later than those

on the placebo. The Pamidronate group also had fewer skeletal complications and less bone pain.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is one of only fifteen planning sites nationwide chosen by the NCI for the development of an NCI-designated cancer research center. CINJ, established in 1990, is a partnership of the Atlantic Health System, Hackensack University Medical Center, New Brunswick Affiliated Hospitals, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, St. Peter's Medical Center, UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. CINJ affiliates are Jersey Shore Medical Center, Monmouth Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, and Southern Ocean County Hospital. UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School is an academic affiliate.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Diabetes (Four hour pre-test fast required)</li> <li>◆ Podiatry</li> <li>◆ Pulmonary Function (Adults 40 and over)</li> <li>◆ Oral Cancer</li> <li>◆ Body Fat Analysis</li> <li>◆ Height &amp; Weight</li> <li>◆ Cataracts &amp; Eye Diseases</li> <li>◆ Glaucoma Test</li> <li>◆ Hearing (Lion's Eye-Ear Mobile)</li> <li>◆ Cholesterol Test (18 and older)                      (Twelve hour fast required for accuracy)                      (Availability is limited)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Blood Pressure</li> <li>◆ Hemocult Kits</li> <li>◆ Children's ID program offered by Union Police Department</li> <li>◆ Information Displays:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Union Hospital</li> <li>- Saint Barnabas Pediatric Sub-Specialty Practice</li> <li>- Saint Barnabas Cancer Out-Patient Center in Union</li> <li>- Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network</li> <li>- Saint Barnabas Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Prostate and Colorectal Screenings 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
 Pre-registration is required for Prostate and Colo-Rectal screenings only.  
 To register, call (908) 687-4900, ext. 2025

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### April 12

Rahway 11:00am - 5:00pm Elizabeth 12:00 - 4:00pm

**FREE fun filled day for the entire family!**

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- Blood Pressure
- Scoliosis
- Dental
- Body Fat Analysis

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- "A Stay At The Hospital"
- "Good Nutrition For Healthy Kids"

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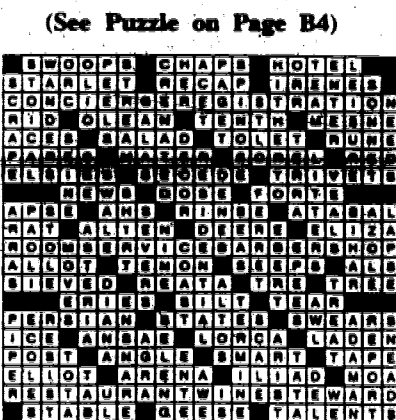
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**Clark**  
Agnes A. Ponzio sold property at 2-A Acken Drive to June Villa for \$280,000 on Jan. 13.

**Elizabeth**  
Leonidio and Maria Sousa sold property at 122 Ripley Place to Antonio Martins for \$157,000 on Jan. 9.  
Manuel J. and Edith A. Ruela sold property at 31 Atlantic St. to Hector Placeres for \$92,500 on Jan. 10.

**Hillside**  
Mildred Jones sold property at

1490 Hiawatha Ave., to Joseph Gross for \$1,000 on Jan. 28.  
Jethro and Mary R. Golden sold property at 333 Florence Ave., to Cheryl M. LaPierre for \$85,000 on Jan. 23.

**Kenilworth**  
Scott A. and Valerie K. Reinhardt sold property at 132 N. 19th St., to Carmine DeChiara for \$195,000 on Jan. 27.

**Linden**  
Lawrence C. and Carol A. Spiegel sold property at 1800 Dill Ave., to Anthony J. Paco for \$128,000 on Jan. 10.  
Garry Murray et al sold property at 1212 Lincoln St., to Alexander C. Buffaloe for \$30,000 on Jan. 17.

**Rahway**  
John T. and Judith A. Elicker sold property at 1212 Mayfair Drive to Gerardo Patino for \$130,000 on Jan. 2.

Jeanette Lapaz sold property at 95 Colonial Blvd., to Steven Mistichelli for \$95,000 on Jan. 14.

**Roselle**  
Raymond J. McCarthy et al sold property at 1252 Shaffer Ave., to Robert A. Mathis for \$148,900 on Jan. 13.

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# Show breaks attendance mark, looks at trends

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The recently concluded 97th Annual New York International Auto Show may well have brought record results on several levels. The 97th edition, said organizers, is anticipated to have set new attendance levels during its 10-day run at the Jacob Javitz Convention Center.

"The NYIAS attracted 158,908 auto enthusiasts March 30," said show spokesperson Lori Rosen. "It is a 9 percent increase over last year and established an Easter Sunday attendance record. The day before, which opened the show, also was strong at 142,651 consumers."

NYIAS staffers expected patronage to break the overall show record of a million patrons which the show has stayed at the last eight years.

The public had more than 1,000 motor vehicles to view from among 38 world manufacturers. Most corporate representatives and dealer sales consultants reported a high level of interest.

"We had more than a few potential customers come in and inquire about our Cadillac lineup," said Peter Labrada, sales consultant for Smith Cadillac/Oldsmobile of Elizabeth. "Most of the people came from New York and were interested in the new Catera, which is going after customers who aren't the traditional Sedan De Ville crowd."

"Our sales staff who were at the show came back here enthusiastic about the response," said Tim Pallay, sales manager for Mercedes-Benz dealer Powers Motor Company of Morristown. "They were asked about the CLK, SLK and revised wagon models plus the F200 concept car."

Cadillac's Catera is a V6-powered luxury sports sedan aimed at the \$30,000 Mercedes-Benz 280, Volvo and Infiniti J30 market. Between its use as a pace car on the CART Indy car circuit and a lively advertising campaign, the model is exceeding sales projections since its October debut.

The General Motors division also unveiled the Stabilitrak vehicle control system. Stabilitrak, according to a full-size chassis mockup, uses elec-

tronic yaw and pitch sensors to integrate antilock braking and traction control functions. The system is found on the DeVille Concours, Seville STS and Eldorado Touring Coupe.

Mercedes' F200, of the 10 concept cars on display, was one of the show's talking points. Among its futuristic features are curtain-like side airbags, dual joystick steering controls and rear view television monitors.

"Some of the F200's technology, like the side airbag curtains, you may find on the showroom models sooner than expected," said Pallay. "Other features, like the joystick controls are a long way off because it requires driver retraining."

Already on the sales floor, however, is the new SLK roadster. The model features a retractable hardtop reminiscent of Ford's late 1950s Thunderbird, a supercharged 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine and door-mounted airbags. The CLK coupe, set for a June launch, is a revamped two-door with three engine options while the M-class All Activity Vehicle will appear in the fall.

"The SLK roadster is a \$40,000 model which is a household's weekend or third car," said Pallay. "The CLK is more family-oriented while the AAV is an expansion of our station wagon platform."

Mercedes' AAV underscores the continuing boom in sports utility vehicles, which occupies nearly an entire floor of the show. That trend is intertwined with the trend for personal accessories. Where one can get hats, mugs and hot sauce with the company logo can also likely order bicycles, kayaks and golf clubs.

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