

## From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan  
Editor in Chief



The State Attorney General has completed a report that strengthens former Governor Kean's Executive Order 123. The executive order, enacted in 1985, is a supplement to the state's Right to Know statute that details the information police departments across the state are required to release to the news media.

The new version, scheduled to go into effect July 1, reportedly will allow as much disclosure as possible without violating an individual's right to privacy. Two key points of the order are a 24-hour time frame for producing arrest information after a request has been made, and county prosecutors must come up with countywide plans on how police departments will address this requirement.

One of the reasons for the amendment is a crime that took place in Bergen County in which a teen-ager was raped and the police did not reveal the incident to the press. When the story was discovered, it created an uproar in Bergen County because this type of crime, which should be revealed to the public and to the news media, was not reported. The incident also led to a newspaper's examination of all police records in the county's communities from the same time period and the discovery that many incidents were not revealed to the press when reporters examined the police blotters.

Basically, the new order is to provide better access for reporters to police reports.

I don't believe either of the new points will strengthen reporters' access because neither point puts the onus on the police departments. The first point references information to be released within a 24-hour time frame, but the clause, "after a request has been made," gives police departments the full power of deciding what can or should be released to the media. This makes it easy for any police department to say, "They didn't ask about the incident," referring to any media's inquiry.

The second point, ordering county prosecutors to devise plans to implement the first point, doesn't change how police departments should release information to the media.

Why the cynicism?

In some of the 23 communities we serve, police departments are reluctant to release any information to the media because they don't want any crime-related incidents published. In their minds, those stories are a blemish on the community. Sometimes it means sending them a copy of Executive Order 123 so they understand that we know what we are entitled to as far as arrest information.

Police blotters are the kinds of features in newspapers that are hated by as many people as those who look forward to reading them each week. There are those who don't want to read a listing of criminal incidents because they say it makes their community look bad. There are others, and those with whom I agree, that a police blotter is a public service to a community.

If several criminal incidents are reported in a section of town, or at a specific intersection, and they are reported in the newspaper, our readers may use caution when traveling to that area. If several houses in an area of town are reported to have been burglarized and they are published in the newspaper, homeowners in the area may use more caution when leaving for work or an afternoon shopping spree.

Executive Order 123 should be made even stronger by requiring police departments across the state to allow the media to examine every incident report that is filed. That way, the onus is on the media to ensure that every criminal incident is reported in the newspaper. And if a case of rape, for example, goes unreported, it would be the newspaper that gets taken to task. And I hardly think we would ignore that kind of a story.

## Prosecutor to be named county manager tonight

Tonight, the freeholders are expected to name 1st Assistant County Prosecutor Michael Lapolla to the post of county manager.

The 40-year-old Elizabeth resident is a veteran of the county's government, having served two terms as a freeholder. Elected to that board in 1983 at age 26, Lapolla was the youngest person elected freeholder in the state.

It was during his tenure on the board when court orders prompted the county to construct both a solid waste incinerator and a county jail — two issues that continue to dominate discussion among freeholders. That experience, plus his work as a department head in the Prosecutor's Office, prepared him for the task he'll assume later this year, he said.

"I'm really looking forward to it," he added. While his appointment is assured, his salary and whether or not he'll be signed to a contract will be decided during the freeholders' meeting tonight. Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender said he could be hired and employed "at the pleasure" of the board, rather than to a specific term defined by contract.

"All those who know and have worked with Michael share my enthusiasm for his impressive qualities," Stender said on Tuesday. "Like his predecessor, he brings to this position superb administrative skills, in-depth experience in the operations of county government and bipartisan respect and confidence."

Lapolla's predecessor is Ann Baran, who announced

her resignation May 6. She will finish her term, which ends July 31, and the transition to Lapolla's turn is expected to begin before her departure, Stender also said.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Lapolla earned his law degree from American University. He was admitted to the state bar in 1981.

During his second three-year term as a freeholder, he was elected chairman of Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1988. Early in the Florio administration, he served as assistant counsel to the governor. Later, he headed the New Jersey office of Sen. Bill Bradley. In 1991, he was named 1st Assistant Prosecutor of Union County.

The question of who will succeed Baran has been heard in political circles around the county since the Democrats won election and the majority of freeholder seats in November. Off-the-record rumors included the names of county Democratic Party boss Charlotte DeFilippo, Democrat Assemblyman Joseph Suliga and Elizabeth Director of Policy and Planning George DeVanney, who headed the Democratic freeholders' campaign last year.

— Following Baran's announcement on May 6, Stender said the freeholders would conduct a search for a new manager. On Tuesday, she explained that the county saved time and money without convening a search committee, as the freeholders also had done when Baran was hired.

## Freeholders, UCUA agree to cooperate

### Goal is cutting incinerator rates

County Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender and Union County Utilities Authority Chairman John Kulish announced last month the UCUA and the freeholders will develop and implement a plan to make the \$296 million incinerator's rates competitive with low cost disposal opportunities offered by out-of-state landfills.

Such reductions would enable the UCUA to attract sufficient waste volume to survive the expected demise of its monopoly control over waste flow next year.

Following a meeting held on April 15 among freeholders, UCUA board representatives and attorneys, Stender and Kulish said their first priority in searching for a solution is to protect the interests of taxpayers.

"The responsibility for setting county solid waste policy rests with the Board of Chosen Freeholders," said Stender. "This has always been the case in Union County and it was affirmed by Judge Edward Beglin's recent court ruling. Although created as an autonomous body, the UCUA is responsible for implementing the policies we set."

Kulish and Stender acknowledged that different approaches exist with regard to solving the problems likely to occur if waste flow control by local authorities is removed by the courts.

"Our primary concern," Stender said, "is to assure the UCUA is functioning in concert with our policy to protect the interests of the taxpayers of Union County. At our meeting, we agreed to work cooperatively to make sure that our resource recovery facility does not end up as a burden to Union County taxpayers. We want to accomplish that by making its tipping fees truly competitive in the open marketplace."

The UCUA also agreed to continue re-evaluation of strategies concerning the renegotiating of its contracts with Ogden/Martin of Union, Inc., the builder and operator of the Rahway-based incinerator; Public Service Electric & Gas Co., purchaser of electricity produced at the plant; and Empire Sanitary Landfill, of Taylor Pa., the disposal point for ash residue from the Union County facility.

Kulish announced that the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Gluck has been retained by the UCUA as special counsel to interface with the UCUA's general counsel, Bivona, Cohen, in its contingency planning process. Attorney Jonathan Williams, of the DeCotiis firm, is special counsel to the UCUA. Until last month, Williams represented the county in the effort recently rejected by Beglin to reorganize the UCUA. Following the Beglin ruling, Kulish called for a cooperative effort with the county to resolve their disagreements and invited Stender to the meeting that took place on April 15. The contract reviews outlined at the meeting will be under the supervision of the UCUA general counsel.

The question of competition arose last July, when Federal District Court Judge Joseph Irenas ruled that waste flow control by county authorities represents a violation of the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution. If appeals of the Irenas decision fail, municipalities will be permitted to send their waste to facilities offering the lowest tipping fee. At facilities such as the one in Rahway, which the UCUA opened in 1994, tipping fees include provisions for the payment of the bonds sold to fund construction.

Consequently, three facilities operate at tipping fee levels higher than those available at landfills. Without waste flow control, the UCUA and other authorities around the state will have to find ways to pay off their bonds while operating at a competitive tipping fee level.

During the past several months, the freeholders have said that the UCUA has not developed a contingency plan to their liking. The UCUA said it is renegotiating contracts.

While the UCUA has cut costs to stabilize the tipping fee for the year, the need to use nearly half of its tipping fee income for bond payments would keep UCUA rates above what's regarded as competitive.

A bill introduced by Cape May Assemblyman John Gibson, would remove the bond payment obligation from the local authorities and reduce their rates accordingly, permitting them to compete for solid waste business. Lower tipping fees would result from implementation of the Gibson bill would permit payment of the bonds to be made with local property tax dollars in what could be a break-even arrangement.

Of the \$296 million in UCUA bonds, \$35 million are general obligation bonds underwritten by Union County. The remainder is in the form of revenue bonds intended for repayment through tipping fees and other smaller sources of revenue.

A recent attempt to solve the bond payment problem by federal government action was a measure introduced by Congressman Bob Franks. The Franks bill would permit waste flow control to remain in effect in areas where bonds were sold for the construction of facilities prior to the 1993 Supreme Court action that triggered waste flow problems throughout the nation.

## Law enforcement officials start annual anti-drunk driving effort

This month, county officials began their annual campaign against teen drinking and driving.

As the prom and graduation season nears, officials from the Prosecutor's Office, the county juvenile officers and police chiefs associations and school officials are broadcasting their message to try to combat that carnage that often is linked to this time of year.

"We're making this part of our special program on May 14 at the Westwood," said Plainfield Police Sgt. Donald Moye, president of the Union County Juvenile Officers Association. "And, we're making our special 15-minute video available to the high schools once again."

Acting Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey said members of his staff, including detectives and attorneys from the Fatal Accident Justice Unit, are taking a "zero tolerance" approach when it comes to prosecuting drunk driving cases involving young people.

Last month, he said, a 24-year-old Basking Ridge man, who was driving the wrong way on the Garden State Parkway, was sentenced to a 21-year prison term for killing five people because he was "extremely reckless" by drinking heavily and then getting behind the wheel of a car.

Neafsey said he also has asked Act-

ing Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary to remind juvenile officers about the new provisions of the state's code of Criminal Justice that make parents criminally liable for serving alcoholic beverages to underage drinkers in their homes.

First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla said the office has received a number of requests for copies of the statute.

Throughout New Jersey, school officials and law enforcement officers are planning special festivities and education programs to heighten awareness about drunk driving.

Events planned in high schools include Project Graduation, where students have a night of substance-free fun in one location rather than driving around from house party to house party; and support networks for proms and prom parties set up by concerned parents with support from groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the various Municipal Alliance Committees.

The New Jersey Juvenile Officers Association is pushing for programs for every high school. "It's really a great thing when all the juniors and seniors get together, have fun and decide they don't want to lose a single

graduation to a tragic accident," said Perth Amboy Sgt. Joseph Britton, president of the NJJOA.

Last year, the county chiefs association commended the area's juvenile officers for producing a video, titled "Death in the Fast Lane," which features interviews with survivors and defendants from fatal accidents involving alcohol.

"It's quite graphic, but it's meant to get the kids' attention and start them thinking about consequences of bad choices," O'Leary said, adding the association will lend out copies of the video to interested schools.

Other activities being planned include mock car accident drills, placing of crashed vehicles outside the high school buildings and getting local businesses, liquor stores, tuxedo rental shops and florists to help post messages about the efforts.

"Here's the bottom line: We don't want to lose one youngster this year," Neafsey said. "It's supposed to be a time of joyous celebration and fun, not a night of needless tragedy."

Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde, president of the chiefs group, said he was pleased that parts of a film made by his municipal alliance committee wound up in the video being distributed.

## County jail inmates could repay costs

### Intent is to collect their 'debt to society'

On Tuesday, the Assembly passed legislation, sponsored by two Union County assemblymen, that would allow county and local governments to charge inmates for their prison stays.

Assemblymen Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten's measure would allow county or municipal officials to charge either a nominal or a per diem fee calculated on a sliding scale, against anyone found guilty of a crime, offense or violation. The fees collected are intended to help offset the costs of incarceration, and to place a lien on the prisoner's property to ensure payment.

"The county's treasurer or a municipality's chief financial officer would calculate, on a per capita basis, how much it costs to keep the prisoners in custody," said O'Toole. "It would then be determined what percentage individual inmates would be charged based on their ability to pay."

"Taxpayers are tired of working long hours, only to see an ever-growing portion of what they earn go toward supporting prisoners," O'Toole continued. "It's time hard-

working people stopped footing the bill for inmates, and time these inmates literally pay back their debt to society."

"Crime victims, by definition, have already paid a high price for the hardships they suffer," said Weingarten. "We should not add insult to injury by forcing our taxpayers — including these victims — to foot the bill for keeping these assailants behind bars. It is only fitting and proper that those who would victimize society should pay their own costs for their incarceration."

According to the Office of Legislative Services, the state pays \$58.50 per day to house each state inmate in county correctional facilities.

The measure was approved by a 74-0 vote and now heads to the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee for consideration.

The two assemblymen represent the 21st Legislative District, which includes Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit and Union, in addition to eight towns in Essex County.

## Not just a walk in the park



Freeholder Henry Kurz leads a contingent of volunteers through the Watchung Reservation during Litter Day '97 last month. The effort, sponsored by the freeholders, resulted in the collection of more than 2,000 pounds of recyclables and almost 1,500 pounds of trash. Almost 100 citizens participated in the event, Kurz said, including children, scouts and Teamsters. Each participant received a T-shirt, gloves and a perennial plant in honor of Earth Day.

# Future success hinges on coherent strategy

Ask just about any Union County resident or business to name the most important challenge facing us today and the answer "economic development" will be high on the list.

Small wonder. Union County, over the past decade, has seen its once powerful economic base eroded by the loss of manufacturing jobs, an aging transportation infrastructure and just plain old lack of confidence in our competitiveness.

Your Board of Freeholders, however, believes we can achieve solid growth in jobs and business opportunity if we pull together and coordinate all the economic development forces in the county. That's why we recently passed a package of measures to assure that our county moves rapidly to harvest the high-paying jobs, tax rates, export opportunities and the general ripple effect on business.

First and foremost, we'll require a strong, united economic development team that will focus and coordinate the entire effort. I have asked Freeholder Donald Goncalves to head up this team. As an economic development professional, he is ideally suited to lead a revitalized team to success. We must make sure our various economic development entities have broad, strategic coordination.

## Freeholder Forum

By Linda Stender

Under the recently passed initiative, the Board of Chosen Freeholders created a new Freeholder Economic Development Committee and an Economic Development Department reporting to it through the county manager. A new Council of Economic Development Advisors will be named to provide broad policy advice to the freeholders. The County Economic Development Department would, in turn, coordinate the activities of the autonomous economic agencies, including the Union County Economic Development Corporation, the New Jersey Gateway Center for Regional Development, Union County College and the Workforce Investment Board.

We are setting up this mechanism to clearly define Union County's economic needs and integrate the specialties of these various entities in order to cultivate Union County's economy according to the policies of the freeholder board. The initiative — and economic growth — are dependent on

each entity's focus, not parallel efforts. We will be bringing together organizations that specialize in job and business creation and retention, provide workforce training and education and work toward legislative change.

The key competitive factor for Union County is its unique strategic location. We have justly earned the designation as the Gateway to America. No other area in the entire U.S. can claim Union County's exceptional combination of transportation facilities, access to markets and skilled, productive workforce.

Almost half of Newark Airport — one of the busiest in the nation for passengers and cargo — is in Elizabeth. As is all of Port Elizabeth, one of the largest, most modern containerization ports in the world. Couple this with the immediate access of cargo to a vast trucking fleet, the New Jersey Turnpike, nationwide rail lines and a U.S. Interstate Highway system. Nowhere else in America is so much transportation and clout packed into one concentrated region. With this network in place, Union County can truly be said to be "going places."

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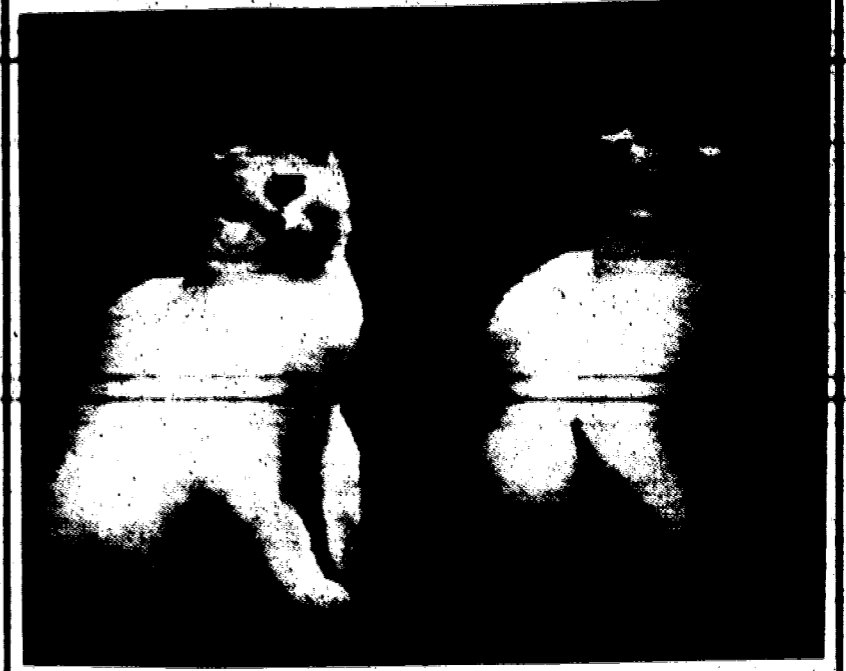
That means we stand to gain the lion's share of the economic activity related to importing and exporting in the U.S. When you consider that international trade will drive the world economy of the next century, there is good reason for believing Union County's economy can be robust once again.

The freeholders strongly believe our economic development changes will result in a far more focused and effective economic development program in the future. The next century will be filled with great opportunity and great dangers in a truly global economy. Union County's residents and businessmen can be either enriched by these changes, or impoverished by them.

The answer to that question lies in having an aggressive, world-class economic development team. The Board of Freeholders will accept nothing less.

Linda Stender, who chairs the Board of Chosen Freeholders, is serving her second term as a freeholder. "Freeholder Forum" is a new series of opinion pieces that will appear monthly.

## Feline finesse



The Tri-State Cat Fanciers of New Jersey will present its annual judging ring championship cat show in the Westfield National Guard Armory this weekend. The public is invited to view the more than 330 cats that will be on display and witness the crowning of the Best of the Best. The show will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The armory is located at 500 Rahway Ave. in Westfield. Admission costs \$6, and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. For more information, call (201) 379-2816.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## County Teen Arts Festival promotes talented youths



Above, visitors to the Union County Teen Arts Festival 'drop in' to one of the Drop-In Art Stops to create with yarn. Below, student musicians head to the buses after a long day of performing.



By Jacquie McCarthy  
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The Union County Teen Arts Festival, held March 27 and 28 at Union County College in Cranford, was a two-day celebration of the creativity and imagination of youth. The event has become a tradition, with the first Festival being held in 1969 at McCarter Theater in Princeton. This year, the custom continued as students from throughout the county presented endeavors in the genres of visual arts, film/video, writing, dance, music and drama.

Teen Arts is part of a nationwide arts-in-education movement, open to students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools. The Union County Festival is coordinated by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The event is described by coordinator and sponsor as enriching rather than competitive. Each year, the Festival hosts approximately 3000 students and a staff of 50 professional artists to accomplish the following goals:

- Develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills;
- Gain cultural awareness and understanding;
- Develop personal aesthetic values;
- Learn self-discipline, critical thinking and problem solving through analyzing, interpreting and making judgments.

The event includes a verbal and written critiquing process, with emphasis on constructive and supportive evaluation.

The Festival consisted of performance and critique schedules, and workshops. Included in the very qualified roster of instructors and judges were, in the visual art category: Christine Dolinich-Matuska, mixed media artist and director of Union County Conservatory, an art and piano studio in Rahway; Herb Way, popular photographic artist from Elizabeth; Nancy Ori, artist and faculty member at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, and Denise

Devone, artist and instructor at the Newark Museum, Morris County College and Holy Cross School.

Musical performance instructors/judges included, for the instrumental ensemble category, Anthony D.J. Branker, director of Jazz Ensembles at Princeton University and Joe Brashier, director and associate director of Bands at Rutgers University; for vocal solo/duo and chorus, Edward D. Pierson IV, apprentice choir director of the Newark Boys Chorus School and Lynne Ransom, music director of VOICES, an award-winning professional ensemble.

Among the creative writing staff were Alex Pinto, published poet and non-fiction writer; Wendy Jones, short story writer and novelist, and Catherine Doty, poet and poetry teacher. Instrumental to the theater critiques and workshops were actor, producer and director Gary Cohen, actress/educator Kathryn Hunter and media editor/musician Jerry Heer. Dance workshops and critiques were instructed by Irene Fitzpatrick, dance instructor/choreographer.

Students from 48 schools in Union County attended the Festival. When not participating in critical studies, students took advantage of the diverse workshops offered, some of the more unique being "Journey From Bach to Rock," a discussion about the classical roots of today's music, instructed by international concert artist Sondra Tammam; "Keepin' It Real," an exploration of the origins of rap music, instructed by Montclair State College music professor Tommie McKenzie, and "Songs In Silence — A Sign Language Experience" presented by Toby Marx, Gerontology program coordinator at Union County College. Between workshops and performances, visitors enjoyed viewing art exhibits by participating schools, which were displayed on the ground floor of the College's Humanities building. In addition, Drop-In Art Stops were stationed around the campus, offering ample opportunities to keep creative minds and hands occupied.

According to Cultural and Heritage

Affairs, students from each discipline are chosen to represent their counties at the State Teen Arts Festival, held this month at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township. Linda Stender, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, offered congratulations to all participating schools, adding that the selection process was not easy.

At the state level, students' work will receive further evaluation from professional artists, including prize-winning poet Alicia Ostriker; Elizabeth Keefe, producing and casting director for American Globe Theatre in New York City; Mark Roxy, former dancer with both Joffrey Ballet and American Repertory Ballet; George LaVigne, artist for Marvel and Event Comics, and nationally known pianist Ingrid Clarfield.

Chosen to participate in the 1997 New Jersey State Teen Arts Touring Visual Art Exhibit were Sara Churchman of Union County Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains, for photography, and Lori Mathisen of Linden High School for watercolor. According to the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the Touring Exhibit will hang at locations throughout the state, including Waterloo Village, the New Jersey Aquarium, Newark Airport, the Monmouth Museum, Noyes Museum, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, and the MetLife Corporate Gallery.

Union County representatives in the Creative Writing category are: Thomas Chung, A.L. Johnson R.H.S., Clark, fiction; Jennifer Brady, Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, poetry; Abbie Lathrop, Mother Seton R.H.S., Clark, poetry; J. Liebman, New Providence H.S., poetry, and Christopher Buffa, Rahway High School, fiction. These students, with others who excelled in the category, will take part in the 3rd Annual Teen Arts Poetry Reading, to be held at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. and will have their writing and illustrations published in an anthology.

## Arts Center paves the way for future audiences

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, less than 6 months from Opening Night, has introduced a unique membership program to build support among the rank and file of its future audiences.

"When NJPAC opens in October 1997," said Richard T. Bryant, vice president of Marketing and Public Relations, "founding members of the NJPAC Charter Club, a select group of individuals and their families, will be sitting in front and center on the magnificent new Prudential Hall."

The NJPAC Charter Club, explains Bryant, will reward arts patrons who choose to join in support of this effort now with substantial benefits during the opening season and long after.

Arts patrons can become charter members with contributions ranging from \$40 to \$5,000. All membership levels include significant benefits, Bryant said. One of the most intriguing benefits is offered to \$100 Silver Charter Members.

Silver Charter members, in addition to advance subscription notices, priority tickets handling, gift shop discounts, member-only events and other goodies, will have their name engraved on a brick in Theater Square, a public

plaza and outdoor arts venue adjacent to the 2,750 seat Prudential Hall.

"What a wonderful way to record in perpetuity for all future generations to see, that you were one of the visionaries who supported the building of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center," Bryant said.

NJPAC recently launched its initial marketing campaign to identify potential subscribers. The campaign includes a "Dream Destination" contest in which participants have the opportunity to win two round-trip airline tickets on Continental Airlines to a performing arts festival of choice in Mexico City, London, Madrid or Paris. Continental Airlines is the official Airline of NJPAC.

Though opening season dates will not be announced until early next year, promotional mailings already hint of the world's finest symphony orchestras, opera and ballet companies, jazz artists, pop musicians and Broadway musicals.

Further information about membership in the NJPAC Charter Club and opportunities to purchase bricks engraved with names of family members may be obtained by calling, toll-free, (888) GO-NJPAC.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## A 'Vail' of secrecy surrounds the frightening plot of 'Primal Fear'

At the heart of every good film is the script. Without a solid screenplay which builds the characters and propels the story, a film will stumble and fall. "Primal Fear" is one of the best scripts to come along in years and has one of the most talked-about performances by a newcomer, Ed Norton as Aaron.

The film begins with Martin Vail, played by Richard Gere, a high-powered attorney enjoying another victory. Vail is the epitome of what many believe is wrong with the justice system. He's an attorney who's more interested in the big financial score and press coverage than making sure the good and had get what they truly deserve. So when an Archbishop is brutally murdered, Vail knows the case is destined for big prime time coverage.

The possibility of public interest explodes when the manhunt for the killer is televised and we see helicopter shots of the 19-year-old assailant being chased on foot by dozens of policemen. The alleged murderer, a choirboy by the name of Aaron, is captured and Vail, smelling opportunity, has his assistant track down the young man. Vail makes a beeline for the holding unit and tells Aaron that he will defend him free of charge. Aaron, desperate and scared, voices his appreciation and adds, "I'm innocent. I didn't do it." Vail, showing his true colors, says, "I don't care." He's in it for the exposure and maybe a book and movie deal.

But after another visit and another lengthy discussion with the shy, withdrawn, stuttering Aaron, Vail begins to believe there is no way the young man could have performed this grisly, horrific act. The evidence, though, is stacked against him. Aaron was caught in bloodstained colors, blood which matches the archbishop's blood. And he ran from the crime scene. If he was innocent, why was he running? On the other hand, there's no motive. Aaron had claimed that he has blackouts. They started when he was twelve and every so often they

## The Video Detective

By Tracey De Angelis

him. He was in the room with the Archbishop and had one. When he woke up the Archbishop was stabbed 78 times.

The more Vail talks with Aaron, the more he believes he is innocent. Vail's greedy black heart begins to change as his interest in interviews and magazines covers is overtaken by his true need to get Aaron out of the eyes of the electric chair. Vail now needs to find out who this third person is and why he wanted the Archbishop dead. Together with his assistant, he begins to look into the background of all the archbishop's financial dealings.

But when he goes back to the cell to talk to Aaron again, he meets another person, Ray. Actually Ray isn't exactly another person, he's another personality. And he's not a nice one. The conversations Martin had with Aaron were pleasant and calm. The conversations he now has with Aaron's alter ego, Ray, are angry and intense. They seem like they could easily become violent.

Vail is now getting confused. It's obvious someone wanted the Archbishop dead. In the last year he had received over 100 death threats. And when Vail went to one of the principals in the bankrupt real estate company, he was politely told to mind his own business or pick out a coffin.

The script for "Primal Fear" continues to travel at high speed down this winding bumpy road and every time you believe you have it figured out, it throws another curve at you. Richard Gere gives a solid turn as the ego-ridden Vail, but he's overshadowed by the incredible performance of Ed Norton, from "The People vs. Larry Flynt."

## No matter what it's called, 'I'm Herbert' is a treat

"Ah, yes, I remember it well," falls from the lips of young and old alike, but whether we do remember well or not is hard to corroborate. Not many of us would enjoy having our reminiscences corrected by one who memory is more accurate, or perhaps less subjective, but it certainly was fun to watch Rich Aront and Liz Mahon have a go at it in the May 16 performance of "I'm Herbert," the latest Lunchtime Theater presentation at The Elizabeth Playhouse.

Aront and Mahon played a couple of old-timers whose favorite pastime is pricking each other's egos with ill-recalled memories of times gone by. He calls her by his first wife's name, or was she his wife? and speaks of their first-born child, even though Muriel, played by Mahon, says she never had children. They change the details each time the story goes round, effectively pushing each other's buttons and resulting in a "Who's on First?" kind of interaction, with the question of who got to third base and with whom never really answered to either character's satisfaction.

These two actors, old Playhouse hands themselves, pulled the humor out of the lines with the straight-faced delivery of folks who have seen many years go by. Side glances told the rest of the story.

## Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

with reactions almost as comical as the lines themselves. Without these, the audience might wrongly assume that these spouses are strangers to each other. It becomes apparent that what they remember or don't remember doesn't really matter at all, even if he does have to keep reminding her, "I'm Herbert."

Also, kudos to this cast for maintaining concentration and attention during a mild audience disturbance, and for, ironically, good memorization of a script that had potential to be as confused as the characters seemed to be.

"I'm Herbert," a part of the play "I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running" by Robert Anderson, was a charming and light way to spend a lunch hour. Lunchtime theater is free at The Elizabeth Playhouse, which is located at 1100 East Jersey St. in Elizabeth. "Backstage Tarts" will continue weekends through June 8. Tickets are \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

## Simply stated, 'Elements of Style' contains great cool jazz sound

In the April 25 issue of this publication, we profiled Rahway resident Joe Kurasz, a jazz musician, composer, songwriter and producer. Kurasz, a Rahway resident, has added computer knowledge to his list of credits, and has found a way to integrate his musical genius with computer-generated musical tracking and sound. His first CD, "Simply On The Move," was an exploration of electronically-oriented jazz. His current release, "The Elements of Style," is an effort to combine the computerized with the live elements of music he feels are just as important to the genre.

Kurasz likes to keep his approach simple, but this by no means implies a lack of sophistication or mastery. Rather, the listener is treated to a clean yet artful presentation of contemporary cool jazz sound, with Kurasz' special brand of improvisation carefully mixed in. These tunes elicit response, whether it be emotional or thoughtful. The word "music" contains the word "muse," and this is what you will find yourself doing, in spite of yourself, when you give this recording a spin.

"Elements" opens with the title song, a short, melodic piece performed by Kurasz on piano, representing live instrumentation, and string pad for synthesized sound. Listening to it, one is reminded of a romantic piano bar setting, and this reviewer wishes it was longer.

This intro flows into "Just A Simple Song," winner of Billboard's jazz songwriting award in 1994. The title is deceptive, as the song might be better described as "pure" in style and sound. Drum programming provides a beat to Kurasz' fav instrument, the Hammond B3 piano. Featured musicians are George Nara on guitar and Robert Youngblood on bass. Kurasz also performs on keyboards. This song makes you want to kick off your shoes and chill out in a hammock with a cool drink, it is so relaxing, and sets a tone for the selections to come.

"Soft Music" includes vocals by Kurasz, Ethel Barnes and Patricia

## Music Notes

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

Kurasz. With simple lyrics by Kurasz and Trish Panno, this one will lull you into a seductive frame of mind. Also featured is Rahway resident Darryl Dixon on alto sax. This piece employs more live instrumentation than previous tunes, with Kurasz again on the B3, keyboards and drum programming.

"Living in Dreams" creates the very mood the title infers — languid, mysterious and romantic, with strains of contemporary jazz throughout. This is another selection incorporating mostly live musical performance.

Following is "Smooth & Easy," which it is, again featuring saxophonist Dixon, and then "Love's A Loneliness," with beautiful vocals by Lauren Palermo, a teacher at Rahway High School. Music and lyrics were both by Kurasz, and the tune is very sweet and soft, with all music performed by the composer.

Simply stated, this CD is highly recommended as great summer relaxation music, and definitely demands repeat listening. You'll get a lot of play out of "The Elements of Style" as you cool down with some very cool jazz.

"The Elements of Style," was composed, arranged, mixed, engineered, produced and mastered by Joe Kurasz, with most of the recordings done at Kurasz' studio, Ren Media, in Rahway. Kurasz hopes to schedule some local performances this summer to promote the CD, which is available at Borders Tapes and CDs in Cranford and Loria Music in Rahway, and also at Borders bookstores and Compact Disc World.

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### Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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This year's distinguished panel of judges includes Dan Heidel and Sharp Todd, both of Boise, Idaho. The remainder of the panel, somewhat more local, includes Charles Nagel of Ridgewood, Al Stoeckert of Liberty Corner...

Previous competitions have attracted around 2500 slides and 500 prints, submitted by lensmen — and women — from every continent. This year, there has been an upsurge of entries from overseas, finally surpassing domestic entries in quantity.

Entries may be either color or black-and-white, with sub-categories for large — over 8 x 10 inches — and small prints.

The Watchung Arts Center, 'on the Circle' in Watchung, is easily reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78.

The Photography Salon is just one of a monthly series of art exhibitions and juried shows that enliven the galleries at the Watchung Arts Center.

The non-profit Watchung Arts Center is supported by ticket sales and modest dues paid by those choosing to become members. A monthly newsletter and other benefits award them, especially if they are involved in the arts themselves.

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NEW JERSEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY exhibition of works will be on display at the Renee Fossener Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse through Sunday.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from one hour before performances through intermission and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m.

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTINGS by Michele Bernstein will be on display through May 31 at The Common Ground Cafe in Summit.

The Cafe is located in Ahrr's Coffee Roastery, 50 Maple St. in Union Place in Summit.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibition of paintings and graphics by James E. Thoubboron III through May 31.

Color is Thoubboron's theme, optical mixture and color relationships. Thoubboron paints with dots and bold dashes of color which make visual allusion to the impressionists.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off Exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway.

VOX GALLERY will host art work by Brazilian artist Iva Poitevin through June 2.

Poitevin's subject matter involves horses, a main love of her life. She has been studying their anatomy, movement and behavior for more than thirty years.

Vox Gallery is located at 444 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BACK IN HAVANA, an exhibit by artist Enrique Flores-Galbis, is on display at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

The artist's oil paintings portray his native Cuba with political wit aimed at the myth and dominance of Fidel Castro.

The show continues through June 7, weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday to 4 p.m.

NEW JERSEY TAPESTRY OF ART exhibition is being presented at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through June 8.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

THE BEST OF KEAN, an exhibition of photographs by students in the Department of Technology at Kean College of New Jersey, will be on display at Las Malenut Art Gallery in the Union Library.

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

BUNNYSIDE BRANCH of Linden Library will feature 11 works by Linden artist George Jarvis. Jarvis' works are bright, colorful and whimsical, frequently featuring children.

The library is located at 100 Edgewood Road in Linden. The exhibit may be viewed during the library branch's regular hours, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will host "Color, Line and Form," an exhibit of works by Alice Bryan Hondru in the Members' Gallery from Saturday through June 26.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

ANNUAL SPRING FINE ART AND CRAFTS at Nomahegan Park show will take place on May 31 and June 1 in Cranford across from Union County College.

The show will feature over 140 juried, professional artists, photographers and crafts people displaying and selling their hand-crafted work.

Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library will present "Protecting the Pinelands Through Art," an exhibition of botanical illustrations by Robin A. Jess.

There are no auditions required to join the production, just to assign the students to the available roles once they have registered.

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ART COMPETITION

1997 UNION COUNTY JURIED ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION is open to all artists and craftspeople who live or work in Union County.

The exhibition is open to artists living or working in Union County, who create 2- or 3-dimensional works such as photography, painting, sculpture, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, wood or mixed media.

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are available upon advance notice.

ANNUAL ART COMPETITION is being sponsored by the Watchung Arts Center. Seven one-person shows will be awarded in a competition open to all artists throughout the area.

Artists must submit up to three clearly labeled slides by Tuesday. A check for \$30 entry fee must be included, plus a resume and a sturdy self-addressed envelope with return postage.

AUDITIONS

LINDEN SUMMER PLAYHOUSE has announced auditions for "LI Abner." Auditions will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Gregorio Center, Helen Street, Linden.

SPARTAN PRODUCTION COMPANY will hold auditions for "Much Ado About Nothing" and a Greek comedy/drama today from 6 to 8 p.m.

THEATRE UNDER THE STARS will be holding auditions for "Oliver" on Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Robin Hood, presented by Westfield Summer Workshop, is holding auditions at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield.

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United Methodist Church in Summit from June 2 to 13 through private appointments. Beginning class lessons are being offered.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES barber shop quartet rehearse in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield, every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

CLASSES

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Fairy Tale Theater is for first, second and third graders who are interested in entering the magical world of classic fairy tales while acting out selected scenes.

Adventures in Drama teaches first and second graders the basics of drama through theater games, pantomime and story dramatization.

Abracadabra will teach youngsters sleight of hand. The class is divided up into four sections: grades one and two, two and three, three to five, or four through six.

Clowning Around is a fun class dedicated to introducing kids to the world of clowning. Magic, mime, timing, stage presence, makeup and costume are all a part of this course.

Children's Theater is a course designed to help fourth and fifth graders develop their acting technique while performing dramatic scenes from plays.

Junior Acting Workshop, for grades six to nine, takes acting technique one step further by developing a sense of character, timing, movement and dialogue in the students.

Storytime Playhouse, for third and fourth graders, incorporates pantomime and improvisation into story dramatization.

The Workshop also offers 80 other courses in a wide variety of subjects, from French Horn to fencing, which can be taken in conjunction with drama offerings and productions.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE Cranford campus is offering three new courses providing critical reviews of films throughout movie-making history to the present.

"Great American Films: 1900 to 1950" will review the works of filmmakers such as Frank Capra, Victor Fleming and Orson Welles.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 3 through 17. "Great American Films: 1950 to the Present" will deal with how the advent of major technological advances in color, sound and special effects changed the thrust of today's movies.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 8 through 22. "Hollywood Changes: Films of the 70s" will cover the trend away from making critically acclaimed pictures and more towards making blockbusters.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 5 through 19. Those interested in further information should call the College's Department of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

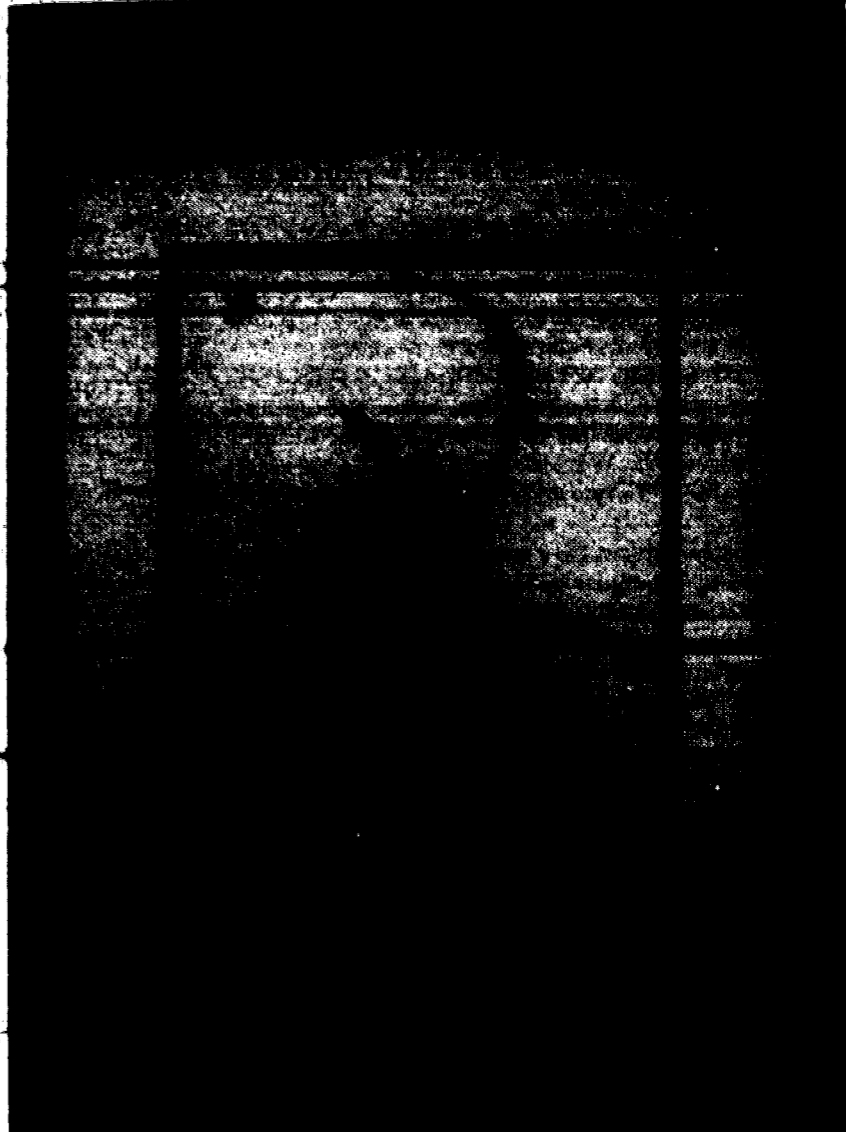
PLAYWRIGHTS THEATRE is sponsoring the following summer adult workshops: The Production Workshop is an intensive rehearsal and performance laboratory featuring individual mentoring sessions for actors, directors and playwrights.

Four directors will be chosen to work alongside the playwrights and actors throughout the production process. Approximately 20 actors will be selected to perform.

Playwriting Class will focus on student writing. The class will be held Monday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. The fee is \$200.

Pitch Your Screenplay will present the pitching process over the course of four sessions from Aug. 6 to Sept. 3. The class will be held Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m.

Playwrights Theatre is located at 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For information, call (201) 514-1787.



Chinese Brush Paintings by Michele Bernstein will be on display through May 31 at The Common Ground Cafe in Summit.

CONCERTS

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE will present acoustic performer Ken Gaipeau and guitarist/songwriter Kathy Moser tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

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.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA will perform at the Stirling Duo Recital and NJIO Dessert Party today at 7 p.m.

NEW JERSEY POPS will perform in concert on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Theresa in Kenilworth. The church is located at 541 Washington Ave.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES will perform at the annual Memorial Day ceremony with the V.F.W. Post No. 2636 on Monday at 11 a.m.

LASER LIGHT ORCHESTRA will be presented at Traillside Nature and Science Center's planetarium on June 8 at 3:30 p.m.

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ter, 120 Morris Ave. in Summit. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

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

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.

BACKSTAGE TARTS will be presented at The Elizabeth Playhouse through June 8.

Five lovely actresses struggle valiantly to do Shakespeare in a Vietnam setting, but the real war is in the dressing room.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

THE FANTASTICKS will be presented by Carnival Productions in Rahway from June 13 through 28.

"The Fantasticks" is the longest continuously-running musical in theater history, having opened at Broadway's Sullivan Street Playhouse on May 3, 1960.

"The Fantasticks" will run weekends from June 13 through 28 at El Bodegon, located at 169 W. Main St., behind the Union County Arts Center.

NJ SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" from June 13 through 29 at the Community Theater of Morristown.

Performances are held Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

THE MUSIC MAN will be presented at Summit High School on June 26, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and on June 29 at 2 p.m.

The musical made its Broadway debut almost 40 years ago. It remains an endearing show that provides suitable and wholesome entertainment for all members of the family.

Three By Chekhov will be presented by Stony Hill Players through Saturday. The show consists of three one-act plays — "The Brute," "The Marriage Proposal" and "A Wedding."

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# HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

## Support groups offered at St. Barnabas

The following support groups are offered by St. Barnabas Medical Center:

- **Breast Cancer Support Group.**  
This group is open to women currently receiving treatment for breast cancer. The group provides a supportive atmosphere in which to gain emotional support and practical information about issues specific to breast cancer. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room located on the second floor of the East Wing Building. For more information, call (201) 533-8414.
- **Perinatal Bereavement Group.**  
Those who have experienced a loss during pregnancy or the death of a newborn often benefit from sharing their distress and receiving support from others who have suffered a similar tragedy. The group offers this support to help parents come to terms with their grief. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There is no registration fee. If you plan to attend, call the Saint Barnabas Social Work Services Department at (201) 533-5855.
- **HIV/AIDS Support Group For Patients.**  
This support group provides participants with an opportunity to discuss medical, emotional and spiritual issues relative to the disease with an emphasis on the mind/body connection. Meetings are held on alternate Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the East Wing Building at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. The program is facilitated by clinical specialists in the field. Educational programs on specific interests and other activities are planned by the group. For further information or to register for the program, call (201) 533-5193.
- **Joslin Young Adult Support Group.**  
This support group provides an opportunity for young adults, ages 18 to 30, with diabetes to meet with peers to discuss common concerns such as employment, relationships, dining out and sports. The group meets Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Joslin classroom at Saint Barnabas Outpatient Centers located at 101 Old Short Hills Road, directly across the street from the Medical Center. Call (201) 533-6555 for further information.
- **Basic Life Support Courses.**  
The basics of life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation are taught in this six-hour course for the layperson. The course includes adult one-man CPR and Adult Foreign Body Airway Obstruction Management Heimlich Maneuver for choking victims. The course is offered once a month either in two 3-hour evening sessions or one 6-hour day session. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$45.00 per student. Call (201) 533-5023 for further information.

## Social work social



In recognition of National Social Work Month in March, Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Union, recently honored Social Services Director Barbara Saad, right, and Social Worker Regina Sobon, both of Cranford. The women act as liaisons and advocates for Cornell Hall's 170 residents.

## You can act your way to good health

The Mental Health Players of Union County are educational volunteer performers using interactive discussion to depict stressful situations such as mental illness, AIDS, suicide, alcoholism, coping with a mentally ill friend or relative, dealing with the hyperactive child, pressure in the work place, discord, divorce and their effects on the family. Their presentations engage the audience emotionally, making them aware of their attitudes and reactions in similar circumstances.

The group's members include housewives, actors, police officers, lawyers, social workers, therapists, students, teachers and mental health professionals. They welcome volunteers of all ages who like to act and are interested in mental health.

If you are interested in becoming a Mental Health Player or would like more information, call Rosario Torres at (908) 272-0300.

## Join the healing circle

A Healing Circle is scheduled to meet monthly at the YM-YWHA of Union County.

The circle will meet on the first Tuesday of each month. It is open to everyone and is free to Y members.

The goal of the circle is to provide a safe, comfortable space for relaxation and renewal. Participants will learn how to ease tension and pain and discover their own inner guide to health and well-being.

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Same-day surgery is available for people of all ages. At Union Hospital, a new admissions process was implemented to provide security and comfort and help eliminate confusion for patients during what can be a very stressful time. Patients first visit Admitting to complete paperwork and meet with nurses and physicians. Next, patients go to the changing room and are then brought to the operating room.

"Our goal is improved care and quality of service," said Nancy Slaughter, RN, director of Perioperative Services at Union Hospital. "We have taken a customer service approach to health care. Our exceptional staff of seven registered nurses and one certified nurse's aide ensure that each patient's visit is both efficient and personalized."

According to Press Ganey surveys, which are designed and tracked by an outside research company to determine levels of patient satisfaction in hospitals, the majority of patients who have had surgery in Union Hospital's Same Day Surgery Department believe that overall Department operations exceed standards. In order to maintain high levels of patient satisfaction, the Department gathers additional information from patients by sending detailed department-specific surveys created internally. With this, members of the Department meet regularly to discuss customer services and patient feedback. Also, nurses call each patient within 24 hours following their surgery to answer any question or concerns.

In 1995, Same Day Surgery admissions averaged 250 patients per month. The Department saw an increase of 59 percent the following year, with the average monthly admissions at 426 patients in 1996. Slaughter attributes the Unit's increased admissions to more frequent use of the facility by hospital physicians, new surgeons joining Union Hospital's Medical Staff and additional pain management cases.

"We have had a positive response from our physicians since last August when the enhancements in our Department began. Physicians enjoy working with the Department's highly-skilled staff, with surgeries running according to schedule," said Slaughter. The Operating Room features a table, a C-Arm, which provides the medical staff with x-rays intermittently during a procedure; and new sinuscopy equipment.

For more information about same day surgery, call Union Hospital's Same Day Surgery Department at (908) 687-1900.

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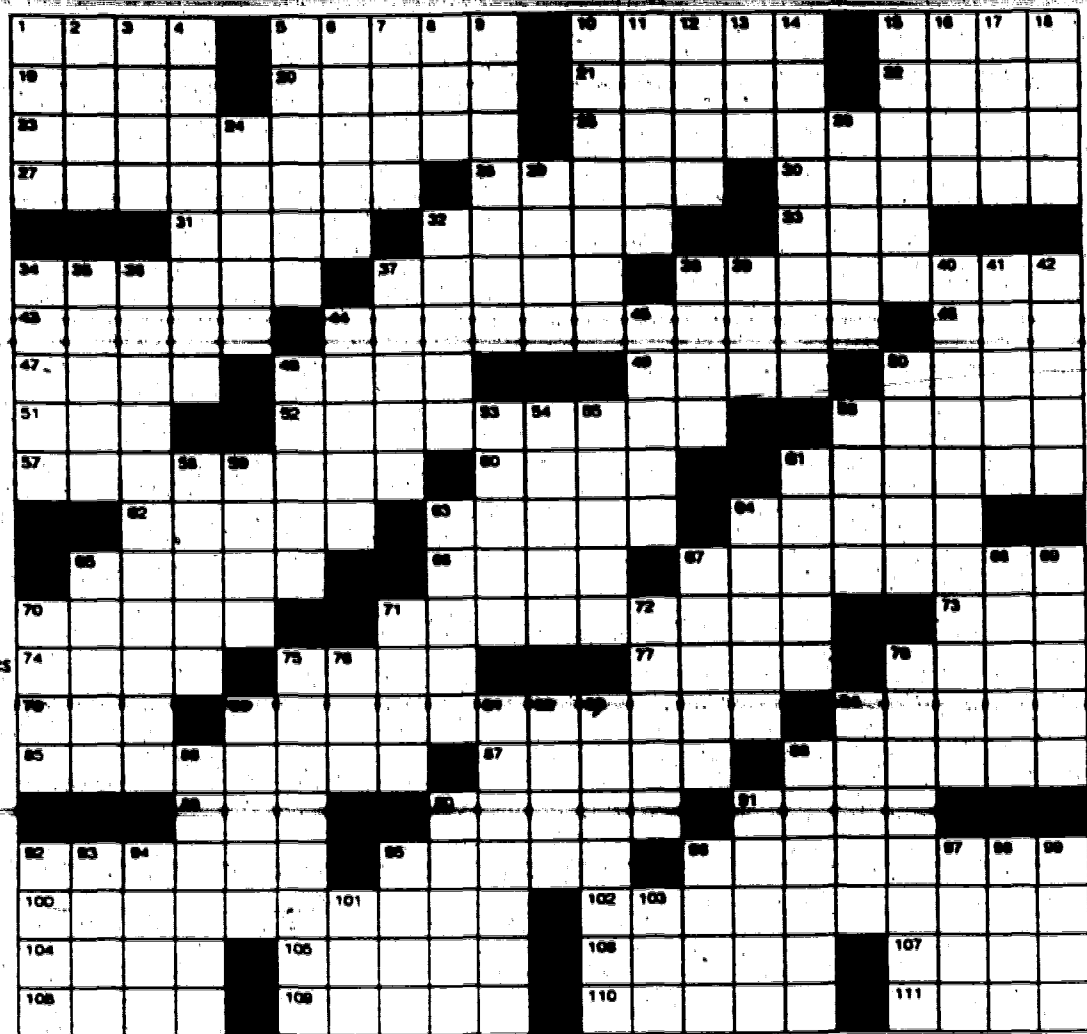
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY & MONDAY
MAY 25 & 26 (Memorial Day), 1997
EVENT: Flea Market Two "Big" Days
PLACE: Geriatric Center, 520 Belleville Avenue, Belleville (corner of Franklin & Belleville Avenues).

SATURDAY
MAY 31, 1997
EVENT: Indoor/ Outdoor Flea Market
PLACE: Hillside Elks Lodge, 244 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205.

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY
MAY 30, 31, 1997
EVENT: Annual Rummage Sale
PLACE: Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Avenue, Summit, NJ.

DINNER-BANQUET

SATURDAY
MAY 31, 1997
EVENT: Dinner Dance, Roselle Park Youth Baseball League
PLACE: Knights of Columbus, Garwood Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ

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WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS,
JUNE 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 1997
EVENT: 2 Session Workshops on Mind/Body Health, Stepparenting, Business IQ.

OTHER

SATURDAY
MAY 24, 1997
EVENT: Sidewalk Sale
PLACE: Park United Methodist Church, Broad and Park Streets, Bloomfield, N.J.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
MAY 30, 31 & June 1st, 1997

EVENT: Greek Holiday Festival
PLACE: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, Community Center, 510 Linden Place, Orange.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MAY 30 & 31, 1997

EVENT: Job Grand Lodge & Bethune Grand Chapter Convention
PLACE: Somerset Marriott, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J.

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March 21-April 20
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Taurus

April 21-May 21
Inspiration hits and you'll feel in the mood to try something new.

Gemini

May 22-June 21
Ignore pressing family or financial concern at your own risk.

Cancer

June 22-July 22
Support for your plans or ideas may be shown in a number of ways.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 23
You're on the verge of a major breakthrough. Take your time because rushing too fast or pushing too hard will defeat your purpose.

Virgo

Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Dream about the future but remember the reality of the present.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You get a chance to show off your leadership skills.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Curb your extravagant streak. Be aware of quality and take advantage of sales or bargains.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Rules and regulations hinder your plans and dreams. Bend them when you can but be sure of the consequences.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Be aware that your actions affect others. Moving too soon could hinder

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You may be feeling pessimistic about life in general but know that the feeling will pass.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20
Stand up for your rights and others will be impressed. Friends and family issues are center stage.

your chances for success. Make your waiting pay off by learning something new or going out with a friend or family member.

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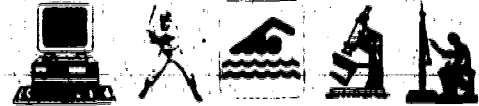
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### Zazzara qualifies

Elin Zazzara, a sales associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Summit office, has once again qualified for the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club Silver Achievement Award. She also earned the prestigious Silver Achievement Award in 1986, 1988, and 1991-1996, for exceeding \$5 million of business in a year. She is a member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club, an award designated for at least 10 years of membership on the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club.

Zazzara has qualified for Burgdorff's Leader's Circle and has been a member of Burgdorff's elite President's Council, a distinguished advisory board to the president and senior management comprised of the top 15 from among the firm's more than 600 associates.

A real estate professional for 19 years, she holds the respected Graduate Realtor Institute designation, a Massachusetts broker's license and belongs to several real estate boards and Multiple Listing Services.

### Lainez joins Weichert

Maria Lainez, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors' Union office, has earned the office's top sales award for the month of January.

Lainez has been a licensed real estate professional for six years and is a licensed broker. Her sales achievements in 1996 earned her a place in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club. She resides in Bridgewater, is married and has two children.

For real estate transactions, call Lainez at Weichert's Union office at (908) 687-4800, located at 1307 Struyvesant Ave.

### Parada is associate

Raymond Parada has joined the Chatham office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

A newly licensed real estate professional, Parada brings retail manage-



Elin Zazzara

ment experience to Weichert. He and his wife are residents of Summit.

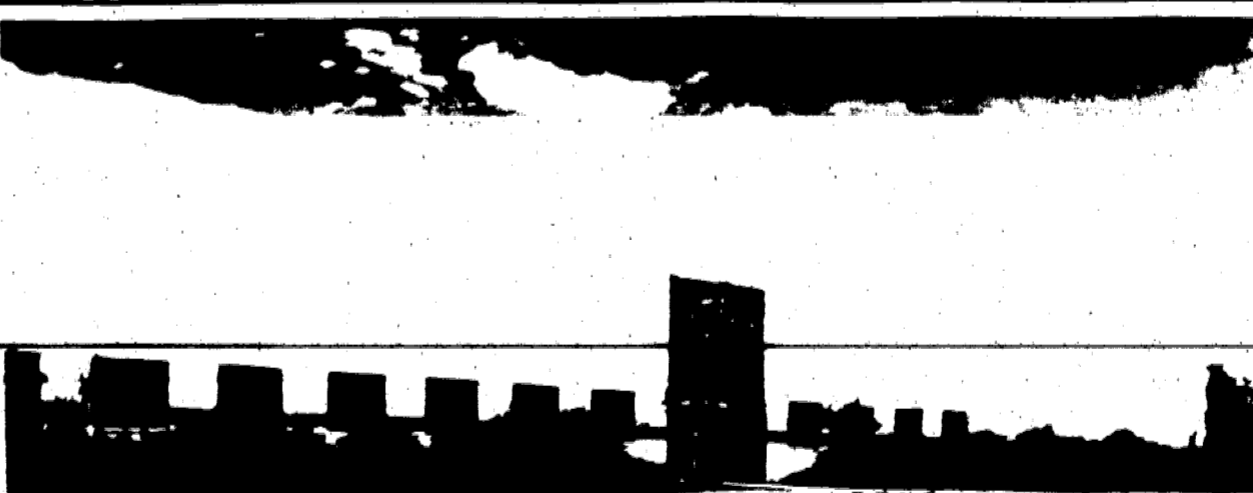
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7/1-30 YR	7.38	0.00	8.00	FEE	7.25	0.00	7.27
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5/1-30 YR	7.38	0.00	8.12	FEE	7.50	0.00	8.07
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World Savings	201-613-5872	INFO	1754	West Essex Bank, FSB	201-695-7888	INFO	1754
30 YR FIXED	7.80	0.00	7.80	APP	7.38	0.00	8.09
1 YR ADJ.	3.75	1.50	7.39	FEE	7.63	0.00	8.08
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# Automotive

## Chevrolet unleashes its fifth generation Corvette for '97

For only the fifth time in history, Chevrolet has recreated a legend. The 1997 Corvette is a new generation designed to excel in the areas most important to Corvette customers - ride and handling, performance, comfort and overall refinement.

### Auto Spotlight

According to Dave Hill, Corvette vehicle line executive and chief engineer, designers considered every aspect of the vehicle for potential improvement.

"We examined our weak points, and turned them into strengths," said Hill. "Things that were good, we made great. Things that were great are now even better."

Hill's team designed the '97 Corvette to appeal to a wide range of buyers. According to Hill, "Even those customers who are import inter-enters are going to take a long, hard look at Corvette."

"Make no mistake," added Hill, "it'll thrill our current owners. It provides more sports car for the money than anything in its market segment. It'll pull nearly 1 g, and it starts and stops quicker than you can blink. It truly is the best 'Vette yet."

John Middlebrook, Chevrolet general manager, concurs with Hill, and paints a bright future for the Corvette.

"Corvette is now, and will continue to remain Chevrolet's flagship," said Middlebrook. "It is our technological and image showcase. Even more importantly, Corvette stands as the most singularly dramatic example of what we mean by 'Genuine Chevrolet.'"

"Corvette is much more than just a car," said Middlebrook. "It's a love affair. Words alone fail to convey the passion it inspires."

The enabler for many of Corvette's improvements is its underbody structure, which is several times stiffer for '97. The result: Better ride and handling, usable space and quality.

The heart of Corvette's new structure is a full-length perimeter frame made (in part) using single-hydroformed side rails - the largest single hydroformed parts in the auto industry. These side rails are made of a light

piece of tubular steel, replacing the 14 parts previously used.

Corvette's stiffer underbody structure helps promote a quieter, more vibration-free environment and enhances quality. By stiffening Corvette's underbody structure, engineers were able to radically reduce structural variation and movement, and improve the ride and handling exclusively through suspension modifications.

For '97, Corvette features a brand new, exclusive suspension design, unlike some competitors who use off-the-shelf parts.

The new suspension is height-adjustable. Each car's suspension is adjusted during production according to specific option content. Now, every Corvette off the line is consistent in terms of ride and handling.

At the heart of every '97 Corvette beats a brand new LS1 small block 5.7-liter V8 engine. Engineers retained the small block's 5.7-liter displacement, traditional pushrod design and 440 bore ends, but that's where the similarity ends.

The new aluminum small block v8 is the first of its kind for Corvette. The block's "deep skirt" design helps reduce engine noise and vibration.

Other improvements include a simplified valve train, unique "extended sump" oil pan, redesigned pistons, composite intake manifold, revised ignition system and dual-wall stainless steel exhaust manifold. The LS1 is GM's first gasoline engine with Electronic Throttle Control (ETC), which results in more precise throttle response through all rpm ranges.

The LS1 produces 345 horsepower and 350 lbs.-ft torque - more than either engine offered on Corvette in 1996.

New for 1997 is a rear-mounted transmission configuration that

enabled engineers and designers to create more interior space. Corvette offers a choice between a standard four-speed automatic or optional six-speed manual.

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But under the skin, Corvette features a redesigned architecture that creates more interior space for people and cargo.

For instance, the '97 Corvette features more head, leg and shoulder room than the previous model. Footwell width has been increased on both sides - enough on the driver's side to allow room for a real "dead pedal."

Corvette's rear cargo area has nearly doubled. Now, the Corvette can hold two large sets of golf clubs in the rear compartment. Reach-over distance has been shortened to make the trunk easier to access.

Corvette's wheelbase is 8.3 inches longer with a wider track (equal in the rear to the ZR1) which provides greater stability.

Overall, Corvette is more comfortable and more user friendly. Standard leather bucket seats and power driver's side adjuster have been designed for improved comfort and support. Instruments, switches and controls are strategically located, creating an intuitive environment that is responsive to the driver's needs. Good examples are the ignition switch (mounted in the dashboard for '97) and the parking brake lever (moved to the center console).

A lockable, lighted glove box is standard for the first time since 1993. And, the center console has been redesigned to hold cassettes, CDs, a portable phone, sunglasses or a variety of other small items.

On the outside, Corvette's hood is



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lighter and easier to open and close. The removable top has been simplified - no special tools are required for removal. Doors are lighter and well balanced, and openings are larger,

making it easier to get into and out of the Corvette.

The 1997 Corvette is built exclusively in Bowling Green, Ky. Corvette's home since 1981. Today, the

Bowling Green plant is one of the industry's most sophisticated assembly plants, featuring computerized manufacturing techniques and one of GM's finest paint processes.

### AAA says that good brakes are crucial to road safety

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club reminds motorists that good brakes are crucial to keeping a vehicle under control when driving on snow or ice-covered roads this winter.

"Brake components that are badly worn or a brake system in need of hydraulic fluid may not provide the responsive control needed for safe winter driving," said Rick Town, assistant vice president of automotive services for the Florham Park based Club.

"Have your brakes checked annually by a qualified technician as part of a broader maintenance and safety inspection. And since brakes can't be thoroughly inspected without removing the wheels, be sure to request this service."

The same friction that brakes use to stop a vehicle's wheels also causes brake components to wear out and need replacement. By practicing good driving habits, motorists can make their brakes last longer and reduce

repair expenses. When stopping, slow the vehicle gradually instead of stopping suddenly. It's a good idea not to ride your brakes on steep hills. Downshifting helps slow the car and limits the amount of braking that's needed.

"Often the first sign of worn brakes is a broken pedal that seems to require more pressure to stop the vehicle," explains Town. "Scraping, squeaking or chirping noises that come from the wheels when the brakes are applied, are other signs of potentially excessive brake wear. If your vehicle pulls to the left or right when you apply the brakes, it could mean trouble."

AAA's Town recommends conducting the following spot-checks for proper brake system maintenance: Master Cylinder- Brake fluid reservoir should be checked periodically to ensure proper fluid level.

Brake Lines: Steel brake tubing running from the master cylinder to all four wheels should be inspected

for leaks caused by damage or rust.

Brake hoses- Rubber brake hoses running from the brake lines to the brake calipers and wheel cylinders should be inspected for wear and cracking.

Linings and Pads- Brake components that create friction and dissipate heat should be checked for uneven or excessive wear. Glazing or saturation from brake fluid or grease are other potential problems.

Bearings and Seals- Wheel bearings should be inspected and lubricated as part of an annual brake check. Seals should be inspected for proper fit.

Brake Brake- Emergency or parking brake should be inspected and, if necessary, adjusted.

Owner's manuals usually begin by describing various components in the vehicle, followed by procedures on how to start and operate the car or truck and its various controls.

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# Saab automobiles synonymous with innovation technology

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

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

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

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

Today's Saab 900 and 9000's foam-core bumpers are still designed to restore to their original shape following a low-speed impact. Each year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) subjects new cars to a series of low-speed crash tests to

check the strength of their bumpers. In the latest round of tests, the 1994 Saab 900 was the only 4-door midsize car to drive away from the 5-mph front and rear flat barrier impacts without damage. In fact, the 900 is one of only four cars tested since 1990 that suffered zero damage in the flat barrier tests.

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

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

Saab's next "first" was the 16-valve turbo engine, introduced as the third generation turbo in 1983.

This engine was also equipped with an intercooler to lower the temperature of the intake air, which raises the engine's compression ratio and power output.

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

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

The use of daytime running lights (DRLs) has been proven to be an effective, low-cost method of reducing car-to-car crashes. DRLs come on automatically when the car's ignition is on, and turn off when the key is switched off. For the 1995 model

year, Saab was one of the first carmakers to debut this proven safety feature as standard equipment on all its new cars sold in the United States.

DRLs are new to the U.S., but Saab has offered a DRL alternative since 1968—a full 25 years ahead of NHTSA's new regulation that made DRLs possible nationwide. Every Saab 9000 and 900 includes an inter-lock system that automatically turns off the headlights through the ignition key. Consequently, drivers of earlier model Saabs can simply leave the headlight switch in the "on" position and keep the lights on continuously as DRLs, without fear of running down the battery when they leave the vehicle.

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

this feature, which later became required by law for all cars in Sweden.

There's much more to the rear seat in the Saab 900 than meets the eyes. Called the Saab "Safe-seat," the seat incorporates a full-width upper cross-beam that serves both as a load restraint and anchorage point for all three rear headrests and safety belts. All three positions use shoulder belts with inertia reel systems for maximum protection. Another full-width crossbeam is located in the lower seat cushion to add protection against side impacts, plus serving as part of an anti-submerging design to prevent occupants from sliding under the safety belts in a collision.

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

Saabs are legendary for their cargo-carrying capability. Despite the seat's built-in structural strength, the rear seat of the 900 Coupe or 5-door can be folded down in part or fully for 49.8 cubic feet of utility. Plus, the seatback has a pass-through behind the center

armrest. Even the rear seatback on the 900 Convertible folds forward to create a full-width pass-through to the trunk—unprecedented among Saab's soft-top competitors.

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

A driver's comfort is essential to safe and enjoyable driving. If a car is thoroughly cold on a winter's day, it may take 20 minutes or more for the occupant's body heat to warm the seat. This can be particularly troublesome for people who are susceptible to backaches or rheumatism. Saabs, built in the icy climates of Scandinavia, offer a welcome solution to a cold seat: heating elements built into the front seat lower-cushion and seatback.

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# Spring's the perfect time to undo the damage of wintertime driving

Spring is the perfect time to undo the damage done by winter driving and to get ready for the rigors of winter driving ahead.

But given the complexity of today's vehicles, many motorists, including former do-it-yourselfers, are looking for professional technicians as "tune-ups" have become "engine performance diagnoses" and on-board computer systems, electronic climate control, anti-lock brakes, digital dash boards, and other advanced systems grow popular.

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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Check around for an auto technician certified by the non-profit National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence. ASE certifies automotive technicians by means of nationally administered tests. Technicians voluntarily take these competency exams in from one to eight automotive specialties, such as Engine Repair or Brakes. There are also exams for medium/heavy truck and collision repair technicians, engine machinists, and parts specialists.

Those who pass and fulfill the two-year work experience requirement are awarded ASE credentials attesting their competency. The certified technicians are then eligible to wear the blue and white ASE shoulder insignia.

Not only are these credentials meaningful to the technician, they are reassuring to his employer, and important to you. They are the extra assurance that your technician knows his or her stuff. And, all ASE-certified technicians must recertify every five years in order to remain current with

technology and to stay in the program.

Currently, there are about 375,000 ASE-certified technicians across the country. Shops that employ these certified technicians often display the blue and white ASE outdoor sign and post their technicians' credentials in the customer service area.

Officials with the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence remind motorists that their involvement is important, too. Among ASE's recommendations:

- Read your owner's manual. Become familiar with the basic components and systems.
- Follow the manufacturer's service schedules.
- Make note of noises, unusual odors, changes in performance, and handling.
- When describing your vehicle's problem(s), be concrete, but resist the temptation to diagnose.
- Have small problems repaired before they become major headaches. Keep good records.

To help motorists get their vehicles ready for winter, ASE has prepared a brochure, "Don't Get Stuck Out in the Cold." For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped, business envelope to: ASE Winter Brochure, Dept. CCC-R95, P.O. Box 347, Hemdon, VA 22070.

## 1997 Saturns are sporty and economic

Boasting a sporty, redesigned exterior and increased interior space, the 1997 Saturn Coupe just arrived in showrooms. The entry-level Saturn Coupe I and upscale Saturn Coupe 2 reflect the company's commitment to serving customers' practical demands of comfort and safety, as well as their more indulgent desire for style and performance in a sport coupe.

A sleek look and more room on the inside don't usually go hand in hand, but the new coupe successfully delivers both. The new 1997 Saturn Coupe has more headroom, more elbow and leg room and features the aerodynamic look and maneuverability our customers want in a sport coupe.

The latest entry into the small, affordable, sporty subcompact market, the 1997 two-door coupe shares the larger wheelbase and underbody

structure of Saturn's sedans and wagons, laying the foundation for a roomier and more comfortable ride.

Both personal and vehicle safety were a priority in designing the second generation coupe, as the Saturn Security System has been enhanced to provide greater theft protection, vehicle immobilization and personal security. The vehicle security system activates when the doors are locked, with an interior indicator lamp that signals to outsiders that the alarm system is activated. When the system is armed, the starter system is interrupted to prevent starting the vehicle. Any ignition or door activity triggers the alarm, which the driver can disarm at the touch of a button.

A new "panic button" serves personal safety while parked on the street or in parking garages. One press will

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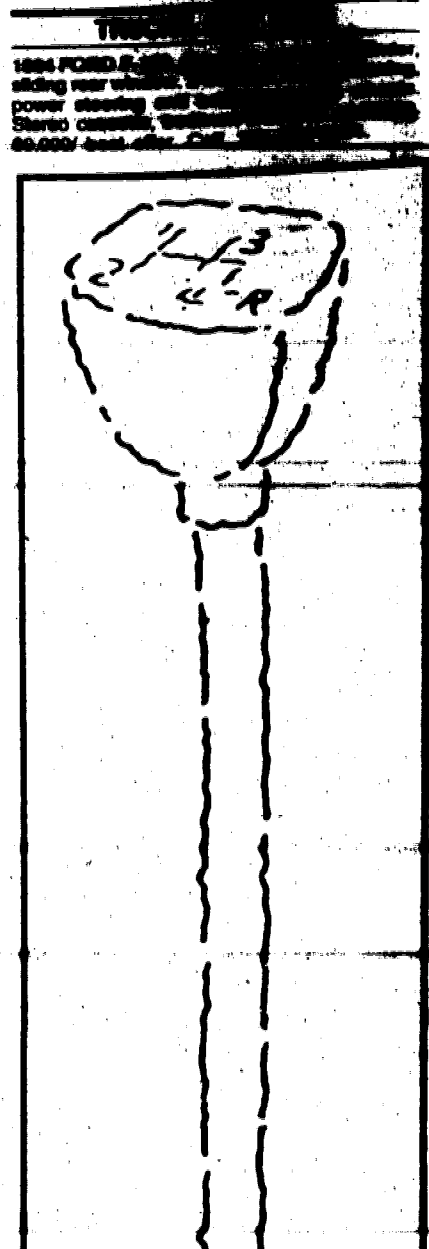
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