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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief



When will we as a nation stop relying on a warmist to tell us that we have six more weeks of winter if we see its shadow?

Every year on Feb. 2, it seems the country stands still to find out if the groundhog in Pennsylvania, the one on Staten Island, or the one at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange has seen its shadow. Aren't we taking superstition a bit too far with Groundhog Day?

This year, the one in Pennsylvania saw its shadow; the one on Staten Island didn't. Is there really anyone out there concerned about this?

What makes this more mind-blowing is that the official Feb. 2 and March 20, the briefest first day of spring, there is a period of seven weeks. Who determined that if a groundhog sees its shadow, we're only going to have six more weeks of winter? What happened to the seventh week? Questions like this remind me of being in the sixth grade and asking the priest who taught our religion class that if Adam and Eve were the first two people on earth and they had two sons, Cain and Abel, where did their sons' wives come from? The only difference is I don't expect anyone to punish me for asking the groundhog question.

Let's eliminate Groundhog Day and live the life as it should be — by the calendar. ...

Speaking of eliminating Groundhog Day, let's also eliminate TV meteorologists. It seems they weather people drive on scaring the heck out of people every time a dark cloud hovers over the metropolitan area.

Have you watched them on a steady basis? It doesn't matter what network they are representing, these people can take a minor storm and turn it into something that sends viewers ten-deep in the supermarket check-out lines.

Last week, the weather people were telling us at least four days in advance that Tuesday night, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were going to be "ugly" with rain, snow, sleet and a whole lot of wind. "Bat-ten down the hatches" was one promotion for the nightly news. "An ugly winter mix" was another promotion. They had people believing that they in the metropolitan area were going to feel like Dorothy before she struck her head and went on her way in the tornado.

Of course, we had rain and some wind, but nothing like the weather people predicted, and I would bet the supermarkets in the area were out of stock on items such as toilet paper and milk because people feared they would be mobbed for at least three days.

I worked in a supermarket for 10 years. I watched people's reactions to the weather reports.

Even when last week's storm was coming to an end, the weather people on TV seemed like they didn't want to give up that last

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House Speaker Newt Gingrich gestures while addressing the crowd at a campaign fund raising breakfast in Mountainside for Congressman Bob Franks Saturday.

Gingrich assists Franks in kickoff for re-election

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Committee to Re-Elect Congressman Bob Franks, R-Union, showed they know how to hold a campaign kick-off breakfast Saturday. About 800 people, packed a campaign office, according to L'Affaire ballroom in Mountainside to hear remarks by Franks and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich, R-Georgia, outlined his Four Goals for a Generation program to the Republican Party faithful. He and Franks' addresses were preceded by smaller fundraisers for the Diabetes Center of New Jersey and a policy roundtable talk.

About 200 people each paid \$200 a plate to eat and listen to Gingrich. The \$4,000 generated from their donations will go to the Plainfield-based diabetes education and treatment facility.

There was also a 30-minute, \$2,500 per person roundtable discussion and a 110-guest, \$1,000 per person photo session with Gingrich and Franks. An estimated \$185,000 was generated for the Franks Finance Commission.

Gingrich then discussed his four goals proposal which calls for working toward a drug-free society for American children, developing an improved system of learning and education, creating a retirement commission to keep Social Security solvent

and reducing governmental taxation to an overall 25 percent.

"We were winning the war on drugs back in the 1980s, of which First Lady Nancy Regan's 'Just Say No' campaign was a part," said Gingrich. "I want to see 'Just Say No' return and to combat the flow of drugs here in the United States instead of in Latin America."

Gingrich emphasizes every pupil reading and writing English by the first grade and to develop a lifelong system of learning and education. He advocates part of the school week devoted to reading and studying the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The tenure system for teachers would be replaced with five-year, merit-based contracts.

"When you talk with the so-called baby boom and younger generations, many of them expect Social Security not to be there for them," said Gingrich. "This is why I propose a non-partisan retirement commission made of equal thirds of at retirement age, baby boomers and younger people. One concept the commission would consider is to have personal retirement accounts so individuals can have a better financial control."

Gingrich is calling for a reduction of local, state and federal taxation on individuals to an overall 25 percent. The average combined rate, he said, is

38 percent. This would be accomplished by a combination of downsizing, privatizing and general waste elimination.

"This is one of the larger gatherings at L'Affaire that I've been in," said Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilante. "We don't often get a person as prominent as Newt Gingrich here."

"I came out to support Bob Franks," said Springfield Committee-man William Ruocco, "and to see Newt Gingrich for myself. Some of Gingrich's ideas are worth considering on the local level."

"I'm very excited about some of Gingrich's goals," said Summit Councilwoman Kelly Hatfield. "The tax reduction to a 25 percent rate is something we have to look at."

"Seeing Newt Gingrich in person leaves me with an impression different from the clips I see on television," said Rahway Councilman Francis Janusz. "To hear his talk about saving Social Security is important to all of us."

"I thank everyone who came out and supported us on a Saturday morning," said Franks. "With Newt and the first Republican-controlled House of Representatives in 40 years, we've been able to have a balanced budget in ahead of time and end welfare as we know it. But there's still work to be done, like fighting for New Jersey's share of transportation funds."

education, government, health care, journalism, public relations, law and law enforcement, volunteerism and/or woman's advocacy, according to Wortman.

The dinner and award ceremony will take place Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Westwood Restaurant in Glenwood. Tickets are \$40 in advance and are available by calling (908) 903-6045.

The following is a list of honorees:
• Government — Carol I. Cohen, Westfield, newly appointed county counsel and former freeholder.
• Law — Bette R. Grayson, Springfield, attorney
• Woman's Advocate — Mary Ann

Fulmore, employed in Elizabeth
• Entrepreneur — Lois Schneider, Summit realtor
• Law enforcement — Sgt. Gail Smith, Union County Sheriff's office
• Journalism — Carlotta Holton, Journalism teacher at Union County College

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• Education — Barbara Wheeler, Kean University teacher, Union resident
• Business — Patricia Heller, Westfield resident
• Health Care — Julane W. Miller-Arbiser, Plainfield resident

Air noise plan slated for March

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

A controversial plan to reduce airplane noise from Newark International Airport may be in place on March 15.

The Federal Aviation Administration will be implementing the "260 turn" plan, a routing plan for some planes leaving Runway 22 at Newark International Airport that refers to one of the turns the planes will take: to a heading of 260 degrees or west-southwest.

The plan is meant to reduce airplane noise in central New Jersey and Staten Island. But the FAA has come under fire from politicians and citizen groups in both states because of it.

The plan was originally to begin Jan. 1 and continue for 180 days in order for the FAA to assess it.

It is a modification of the Solberg Mitigation Plan that would affect 20 percent of the planes leaving Runway 22. The runway ends in Elizabeth and points toward Carteret.

According to the Solberg Mitigation Plan, planes are supposed to make a turn due south towards the lightly populated Arthur Kill. They are then supposed to follow this route along a heading of 220 degrees — southwest — before turning west toward Solberg Airport, supposedly missing most of Union County.

The plan is supposed to let planes climb over the kill so that, when they turn east toward populated land, they are high enough that their engine noise won't disturb people.

Citizen groups in New Jersey have criticized the FAA because air traffic controllers have planes immediately head due east after taking off, this minimizes the controllers' workload, say critics, but the planes fly over populated terrain while they are close to the ground.

According to Arlene Salat of the FAA, the "260 turn" plan has planes turn to a heading of 260 degrees instead of 220 degrees between Rahway and Carteret. The FAA had

already tried, and abandoned, a 250 degree plan in July and August.

Jerome Feder, chairman of the county's Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board, has said that the 260 turn plan would send planes along in a corridor over Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway and Clark.

The original start of this plan was delayed, according to Salat, because of concerns from the public and from politicians.

But, according to the "New York Times," Republican Representative Vito Fossella, Jr. of Staten Island threatened to hold Congressional hearings on whether the FAA had given in to political pressure when it postponed implementing the plan.

New Jersey politicians, from the federal to the local level, have since lined up against the 260 turn plan.

"I am outraged that the FAA continues to show no concern for the impact its policies have on the people of New Jersey. This is only the latest in a series of actions by the FAA that ignore resident concerns," said United States Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ).

He added, "It is disturbing that the concerns of New York residents are once again being given priority over those of New Jerseyans. I will continue to fight the FAA on issues where they insist on testing New Jersey residents as second class citizens."

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders has also opposed the plan because it brings planes over "large parts of the county," according to Chairman Dan Sullivan.

Clark Mayor Robert Ellempon said he is against the plan because it will "increase the noise and make the quality of life more uncomfortable for the citizens and the schoolchildren of Clark."

"The decibels from sound from passing aircraft have created a disturbance in Clark," said Clark Councilman Lyle Hatch.

Hunters near goal in reservation hunt

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

With twelve days of hunting completed, the county is close to meeting this year's goal of reducing the deer population in the Watchung Reservation.

Volunteers hunting in the reservation this year killed 102 deer as of noon Friday, according to Chuck Sigmund, director of the county's parks and recreation department. This is 18 deer away from the county's minimum kill of 120 deer and over halfway to the maximum goal of 189 deer to be killed this year.

The controversial hunt, which began in early January, is in its third year. The hunt will either end in March, when 189 deer have been killed or after 30 days of hunting, whichever comes first.

The aim of the hunt is to reduce the

reservation's deer population to what the county feels is a manageable number for the three square-mile park.

There were an estimated 300 deer in the reservation before the hunt started — about 100 animals for each square mile. The aim of the hunt is to reduce that number to 60 — or 20 deer per square mile.

The hunt began in 1996 after complaints that deer were destroying residents' landscaping. Deer have also been blamed for overgrazing and threatening the native plants in the reservation and for causing traffic accidents.

A report issued in July claimed that the hunt was the most cost-effective method of controlling the deer population.

But opponents have said that non-lethal methods, such as contraceptive drugs, have not been fully explored

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Tax targeted to pay off debt from incinerators

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

A state legislator has introduced a series of bills that could help pay off the debt of county garbage facilities with a new tax.

Assemblyman John Rooney (R-39) recently introduced his "solid waste package," a series of five bills, in the Assembly's Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee, which he chairs. If passed by the state legislature, it could put a six percent tax on each ton of garbage in the state. This money would be collected from the haulers — in Union County, either municipal governments or private companies — based on the tax revenues that they report to the federal Internal Revenue Service and would then be put in a state fund administered by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

According to Rooney, the \$1.4 billion to \$1.6 billion in annual garbage revenues in the state would generate \$70 million to \$80 million from this tax.

This would add six percent to per-ton garbage disposal fees or "tipping fees." But, Rooney added, this would be offset by a 26 percent decrease in tipping fees. In Bergen County, his county, the garbage bills would go down by about \$40 per household, he said.

Rooney said he introduced the bills because of a Supreme Court decision

on the state's waste flow control laws. This "Solid Waste Act" was declared unconstitutional last year by the Third Circuit court; the Supreme Court basically upheld this decision by refusing to hear a state appeal of the case.

This act had required each county to build its own facility to dispose of its own garbage. Now, however, haulers were then required to send their garbage to be disposed of at these county facilities; according to Rooney, all 22 counties were mandated to build incinerators like the Rahway-based UCUA incinerator, but only five did. Nevertheless, each of the county garbage authorities had a monopoly and guaranteed business in their counties.

The loss of the Solid Waste Act has forced the counties to open their garbage markets to outside facilities, even out-of-state facilities. This was a problem because many of the county garbage authorities, like the UCUA, had large bonded debts and uncompetitive tipping fees. Only two counties — Somerset and Hunterdon — have bonded debt on their garbage facilities.

The UCUA is attempting to pay off its \$287 million in bonded debt partly through an "Environmental Investment Charge" of \$13.53 per ton of garbage. This EIC is imposed on all garbage generated in Union County, whether or not it is disposed of at their incinerator.

Rooney, who is a former commis-

sioner on the Bergen County Utilities Authority, said that the problems with these fees is that they add to the authorities' tipping fees, many of which are already uncompetitive.

Warren County's garbage authority, which has the most debt of all, would have to add a \$7.90 EIC-like fee per ton of garbage. The BCUA would have a \$28 fee per ton; he added that the BCUA would have enough garbage tonnage coming in.

Rooney's bill would only pay for "arrended debt." This is debt on a facility that is above its actual worth. Rooney said that half of the \$1.6 billion in garbage utilities debt in the state is actually stranded debt.

Rooney said that the bill will attempt to keep the county authorities from defaulting on their bonds, many of which were guaranteed by the counties.

According to Rooney, if a county authority defaults on its bonds, then the bond rating of that county goes

down. And if enough counties have their bond ratings go down, then the state government's bond ratings will go down.

But Rooney's bill is not very popular in Union County.

"We don't think a tax is a good way to go," said Dan Sullivan, chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. John Kulish, chairman of the UCUA Board of Commissioners, agreed.

"I don't believe in a statewide tax for solving countywide problems," he said. "I think they should do what we're doing: solve it without a new tax."

The UCUA is in the final stages of hammering out a lease agreement with Ogden Martin Systems. Under the lease agreement, Ogden Martin would lease the incinerator for 25 years in exchange for buying \$175 in reissued bonded debt. The remaining \$112 million would be paid for with the EIC.

According to Kulish, negotiations on the lease are "at the 11th hour, near completion" and predicted that it would be signed in a few weeks.

Rooney's bill seemed to be popular in one of the counties that it would hurt the most: Hunterdon County, which has no stranded debt to pay off and consequently would receive none of the tax money.

According to Hunterdon freeholder Paul Sauerland, the tax will be on haulers and will not come out of the pockets of the county's taxpayers.

Rooney said that both Somerset and Hunterdon Counties had had a "free ride," using other counties' authorities to dispose of their garbage.

But Sauerland said that their transfer station — basically a collection point — was paid with, at the most, short-term debt; Hunterdon County has no bonded debt on the transfer station.

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Election brochure

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has issued a 1998 election date brochure as a public information service to county residents. The brochure is available free of charge at area libraries, municipal clerks' offices and the Office of County Clerk.

Rooney, who is a former commis-

sioner, municipal clerks' offices and the Office of County Clerk.

"We're pleased to provide a calendar of school board, special school board, primary and general election information to residents, to alert voters to important deadlines for registering and applying for absentee ballots," Rajoppi said.

This is his second year the clerk has issued the public service brochure. It's especially helpful, she noted, because of the additional special school elections. In addition, voters are alerted to other informational resources such as the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission, the Union County Board of Elections and N.J. Division of Election for election forms and information of voting registration.

Voters may request a copy of the brochure by calling the County Clerk's office at (908) 527-4998.

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minute news report telling us the storm is not over yet. It was as if they couldn't let go, or were disappointed that have had not been wreaked on the metropolitan area.

"We're still going to have those winds," one meteorologist warned when a ure was moving on my block. "The morning commute will be horrendous," warned another. The following morning, traffic seemed to be moving smoothly on the Garden State Parkway.

I guess I don't appreciate the way meteorologists give us the weather report because I don't like sensationalism in any aspect of the news. I'd prefer that they tell us what chance of rain or snow we can expect, how hard the winds will be blowing, and when they expect it to end. Beyond that, I don't need to hear them get excited for me.

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TIME: 9am-5pm
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by St. Mary's Church

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FRIDAY
February 20, 1998
EVENT: Annual Auction
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Ramble Road, Roselle, NJ
TIME: Doors Open 6:00pm, Auction Starts 7:00pm
PRICE: Admission \$5.00. No children allowed.
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School Mothers Club. Call 908-245-2350.

SATURDAY
February 21, 1998
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue
TIME: 9am-5pm
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February 21, 1998
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The hazy days of Linden Summer Playhouse draw to a close

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

After almost 20 years of helping young performance artists hone their craft, Linden Summer Playhouse has closed its doors. Founded in 1979 by Tom Pedas, LSP was a non-profit organization which sponsored theater education for children ages 8-22.

Andy and Amy King, long-time members of the group, took some time to speak about the many fond memories they have of their involvement with the playhouse, and how working together on the project has brought them closer together.

"I started in 1983," Andy recalled. "I was a cast member in the production of 'Hello Dolly!' and then 'West Side Story' was the following year. Ever since I've been going back in different capacities, either as an just audience member or a volunteer for something."

In 1995, Andy became a trustee on the board of directors, and a producer for 'Oklahoma' and 'Meet Me in St. Louis.' As a past president of the board in 1996, while new wife Amy signed on to add her marketing expertise to the publicity effort.

"President sounds exciting, but I was in charge of ice..." Andy laughed. "In the local theater group, you're in charge of anything that has to be done. Amy, she was recording secretary, but she did the payroll, she did advertising, she took pictures for the newspaper, but she was excited about it."

"Yeah, I had a good time." Amy agreeing when she did not really well. "She actually marketed our theater, and anything she did went really well. We had the best attendance of senior citizens when she sent out all the letters," a comment which evoked a smile from his wife. "We've always had good attendance at our shows, always."

"We also did a cabaret show in January, which was a fund raiser and a get-together, because a lot of our kids are college age and they'd come back from winter break," Andy added, "and we'd do a cabaret show of just them coming to sing a song that they enjoyed, and for our audience to come back and remember that our theater was going to be starting up again in June."

But not this year. "It's really hard to say," Andy said regarding the demise of the Playhouse, "several factors. Part of it might be that some of the board members have been there since the start of the theater group. Some of the board members, like Allison Dooley, just had her second child. She's involved in so many other things."

"We just bought a house," Amy said. "We're looking to start a family," Andy added. "I'd like to stay positive on everything, but there's not one reason."

"We always had a good base parents group when the summer show came in June, because the parents saw that it was a nice operation and everyone was friendly with each other. We always had a good amount of volunteers then, but they don't realize that a theater group also does fund-raising during the off-season, for all sorts of royalties, the playbills. All sorts of things go on behind



Andy and Amy King on their honeymoon in 1995.

the scenes that no one realizes, and after the show's over, the parents go on to another show, or soccer, or basketball. We understand that they're taking their kids and going on to another project. We enjoy the volunteer effort, but we need some more volunteer support, and we weren't finding that on a 12-month basis."

"It's tough. You hear that parents with their kids are involved in so many things. I could certainly understand, they can't be involved in everything. It's just tough finding the parental volunteers for any organization. I'm sure, because the kids are so involved in so many things."

Andy mentioned city budget cuts as another factor in the decision to close the Playhouse.

"They cut a significant amount of money from our budget. On the other hand, the board of education is charging us now to use the school, where we never were charged to use the school. We're a bunch of volunteers in town trying to do something nice for the city." Andy paused, "and it's hard! None of the board members get paid. We're all volunteers. The only paid staff are the professional directors, choreographers, musicians. And businesses are less likely to contribute like they have in the past when they get hit by so many charitable organizations, so we have a hard time fund raising, and it just becomes a lot of work."

Amy, who was raised in Union, acknowledged that the decision to close the Playhouse brought both relief and sadness.

"When we do the show, I love seeing the kids, and after the show is over, you're sad because all the effort you put into it is done and over. So, it's not so sad to think that the Summer Playhouse isn't going to be any longer, but we did sit down and discuss it several times with our board, and it's something that finally had to come to a screeching halt."

But although the Playhouse will never see another opening night, young aspiring actors won't have to suffer the same fate. Playhouse trustees have begun the process of creating a performing arts scholarship based on current LSP guidelines.

"We imagine it's going to run five or six years. We're going to fund children's music or theater education, which can be anything from going for dance lessons, acting school, Westminster Choir College, Paper Mill Playhouse. We're going to include all sorts of scholarships."

Andy asserts that some of the best theater education can be found working in community theater.

"I'm great to be on both sides of the fence sometimes, because I still do theater. I'm involved in productions now, so I enjoy going and watching the process with someone else up onstage. It's always a learning experience for me to watch the younger kids do what they're doing, and they're becoming more and more talented as the years go on," Andy said. "And some of the children that have been in our shows now, I've worked with. Matt Price, I've done shows with at the Union County Arts Center, he's one of our up-and-coming stars. Diane Foster, I've worked with at the Paper Mill Playhouse. I'm sure I'll be seeing more and more of the kids who have gone through LSP in their productions. I'm involved with, so being on the production side and the acting side is just an enjoyable experience."

"It's nice to see the transition, when you say, 'Oh, we had this kid in LSP when he was little; now, she's doing Broadway or in the Paper Mill.' It's just nice to see that we contributed something to their well-being," Amy commented. "Especially since I'm not from theater, it's even. 'I can't sing to save my soul, so to see these kids, how talented they are, they don't think they are. I'm like, wow! Just that they have the guts to go up there and sing and dance. I'm in awe of these kids.'"

"It's rewarding to watch them start out with having a hard time with the steps onstage, and then see the final product where, a week before the show, you never think the show is ready to open," with a knowing look to his wife, "and then." Andy snapped his fingers, "the kids just pull it together."

It sounds so easy, but LSP has had its share of trials and tribulations. "Any problems, we've always faced. We've had the ceiling falling in the

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Playwright's latest maintains a high standard

Last year, "For Tiger Lilies Out of Season" by Dr. Andrea Green of Union County College took a piercing and provocative look at one woman's battle with breast cancer. Green's latest endeavor "Joel and Julia" proves once again that the good doctor is an expert at helping audiences lose themselves in a bittersweet tale — this time, about love, or the lack thereof.

On Friday night at Union County College, we were introduced to the all-too-typical Julia — divorced, 90s woman on the go, upwardly mobile, but never allowing herself to let go and really live life, come what may. Enter Joel — from a distance. On a whim, Julia had taken out a personals ad. After a harrowing day climbing the corporate ladder and fielding phone calls from wrong numbers and a self-centered ex-husband, Julia is

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

less than happy to hear from someone who "just wants to get to know her." And in the process of getting to know Joel, Julia learns some important things about herself.

Tricia Burk works to balance Julia — pray much like walking a tightrope, but she does a wonderful job. Her Julia can be irritating, but there's a softness underneath. Prosper Bellizia's Joel has just the right amount of chutzpah. Other players have smaller,

but moving roles, such as Eli Levine as Raymond, Howell Mayer as Greg, and Angela Della Ventura and Nancy Heins-Glasser as Julia's mother and Joel's mother.

Directed by Michelle Begley of 12 Miles West Theater Company in Montclair, much of the play is written in flashback and daydreams, the latter portrayed lyrically, tenderly. Scenes are changed in black-out, which can be confusing to the audience, but accents the seriousness of the moment. For lighter moments, Julia's ice cream blender is adorable, and "His/Her Fantasy" is genuine.

Dr. Green has constructed characters with depth, without becoming imitative or saccharine. "Joel and Julia" will sneak up on you, and may leave you "verklemp" — I was.

Reaching out



Students from the four-year-olds' class at the Black United Fund Community Center in Plainfield, with Arthur Wilson, teaching artist.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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The Arts Extension Service is now taking orders for its craft show directory Fairs and Festivals 1998. This 23rd edition is larger than ever, listing more than 1,200 fairs and festivals that sell crafts throughout the eastern half of the United States.

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as locations, contact and application information, as well as attendance and show sales figures. It also includes two indexes. One index sorts events by state and application deadline, the other sorts by festival type.

Other helpful information includes a list of statewide craft organizations, craft centers, state tax number contacts and a selected bibliography. Fairs and Festivals 1998 is an indispensable marketing tool for thousands of crafts people, artists, performers

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Playhouse brings a 'mystery' to an enthralled audience

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The Tuesday night symposiums at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, in conjunction with its current shows, have become an exceptionally popular event. It is free of charge, and the public has really taken advantage. Once, every six or eight weeks, the theater fills up with curious theater goers. And on Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, people gathered in large crowds when the Paper Mill Playhouse Humanities Series presented "Meet the Mystery Writers."

It was an especially interesting evening, fun-filled, informative, entertaining — and unique. What made it unique was the presence of four literary people, enmeshed in mystery literature, and offering an insight into what mystery writing is all about and why everyone loves a mystery. The four included Amber Edwards, host-producer of New Jersey Public Television's Emmy-winning weekly arts program "State of the Arts," who served as commentator; Carol Higgins Clark, writer-actress, whose Regan Reilly mysteries have been New York Times bestsellers, and who is the daughter of the famous mystery novelist, Mary Higgins Clark; Justin Scott, author of 16 novels, who also created the Ben Abbott detective series and has won awards for his books, and Priscilla Ridgeway, the executive director of Mystery Writers of America.

Additionally, and just for the fun of it all, a mystery playlet, "The Strange Case of the Victoria Diamond," written and directed by Michael T. Mooney, was staged. Audience participation required, members of the audience were bombarded with the actors in the playlet requesting and explaining the loss of the Victoria Diamond — with heavy British accents.

The actors were W. David Wilkins as Lord Hampstead Heath, Danielle Stanley as Lady Hannah Belzize-Park, Susan Hari Epstein as Mrs. Caraby, Dawn Ally as Miss Angela Thom and Gil Hagovsky as Sergeant Robert Stout; with special thanks to Paxton Whitehead, who plays Sherlock Holmes in the current Mill production, "The Mask of Moriarty," and whose voice, incidentally, is heard at the climax of the play, explaining the whole situation — marvelous! Lid Cass, Josh Lutzki, The Chatham Players, the staff and crew of the playhouse, and Susan Szepiet, director of education for the Paper Mill Playhouse.

During the symposium between the mystery writing crew, Scott explained that "The reason mysteries are so popular, statistics show that the mystery is still strong. There are no formulas. I like historical mysteries. And why I like to write mysteries is because we get the best readers. I write mysteries and thrillers. All good mysteries elevate the quality of life. We learn to observe. And these days, instead of staring at a blank page in a typewriter, I stare at a blank screen on my computer. But not for long.

"Mystery writers avoid amateurs to solve mysteries. But readers are not amateurs when they're finished reading my books."

"You need a good clear beginning," said Clark. "My first book took place on a cruise ship. Everything happens in a week. I have a fourth book coming out next month and that features my character Regan Reilly. I like the idea of using a character a lot. However, I don't use her when I write short stories. Mysteries have gained in population a lot," she informed. "People don't look down on them anymore."

How did the actress get into the mystery writing business?

"I'm following in the footsteps of a famous woman-my mother," she said. "When I went to college, I used to sit down at the typewriter and type her manuscripts for her. I studied acting, but I always worked for my mother. I guess it was my contribution to her books that made me interested in trying it for myself. Everything is grist for the mill for the writer. You have to know basically where you're going."

Edwards explained that "We work with the nicest people in the world — mystery writers. Their work is a puzzle involving real people. At least, they're real to me. There are fan clubs for mystery writers, you know," she said. "The mysteries are popular and well-liked," said Ridgeway. "It's the respect of humankind — like solving the mystery becomes a momentous judgement."

"I belong to about four or five myself including one for Sherlock Holmes," said Ridgeway. There are some fan clubs for dead authors and live authors. They put out newsletters, quotes, Holmes was a man of science. In his time, the finger print was important. Now it's DNA. There were others like Holmes who tried to help the police, even though the police weren't too receptive. And writers, such as Hammer and Chandler were tough, but helpful, too.

"One wonders why some many wonderful mysteries are set in England," "Holmes may be a big part of the answer," said Scott. "Holmes and Agatha Christie."

And there certainly was no mystery about the audience's appreciation of such a program. No mystery at all.



NJ Ballet Artistic Advisor Edward Villella rehearses with an NJB dancer. Villella was recently honored by the Kennedy Center for his contributions to dance. The former international star of NYC Ballet is celebrating 27 years with NJ Ballet.

Ballet dancer receives Kennedy Center honors

Edward Villella, perhaps the greatest American dancer ever, was recently honored for his contributions to dance by the Kennedy Center in Washington. Long before that august institution was built, the former star of New York City Ballet had already formed a strong and lasting association with New Jersey Ballet as artistic advisor and coach.

Since the early 60s, Villella has made frequent guest appearances and taught master classes at New Jersey Ballet. In 1971, he became artistic advisor and danced the leading role in New Jersey Ballet's "Nutcracker," at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

"It has given me great pleasure and satisfaction to be associated with the Company," said Villella. "Under the excellent guidance of Carolyn Clark, I have seen the Company grow to one that serves its audiences well and of which the people of New Jersey can be extremely proud."

Villella frequently comes to New Jersey Ballet Studios to teach master and coach the 11 Balanchine works in the Company's active repertory. He has also choreographed two ballets for the Company.

"His appearances at NJB are always a major event," said New Jersey Ballet Director Carolyn Clark. "His impact on dancers and students as well as audiences is tremendous. A true pioneer who changed the image of the male dancer in America, he possesses an energy and drive that makes things happen. It is a wonderful association and has been an outstanding 27 years."

In addition to the prestigious Kennedy Center Award, Villella garnered Emmy Awards for producing, choreographing and starring in "Harlequin — A Patchwork of Love," the first ballet ever commissioned by an American TV network. As a performer, he starred with New York City Ballet, guested at the Bolshoi, performed as President Kennedy's Inaugural, and was the first American to guest with the Royal Danish Ballet. In 1968, the Bell Telephone Hour's "Salute to Villella" became an Emmy Award-winning special. He is a former member of the President's Council on the Arts and a past recipient of the Capozzi Award. Villella is director of Miami City Ballet.

'The Real Thing' is about as real as movie come

Rupert has been out of jail for about a year. He is trying hard to go straight. He doesn't associate with his former friends and has a full-time job working in a factory. The only person he keeps in contact with on his crime days is Eddie. They work side-by-side in Ray's, played by Gary Bussey, plant. Life is hard but at least he's holding it together. There is one small problem, though. Rupert has a younger brother, James. James likes to mess with cars and rob houses. Each time Rupert hears that James is headed for trouble he explodes. He doesn't want to see Rupert end up like him.

One night James is arrested for a minor crime and is put in a holding cell. He eavesdrops on two criminals who are planning to rob a nightclub on New Year's Eve. It seems the owner will have around \$500,000 sitting in a suitcase in his office unguarded. The cash will only be left alone for about 10 minutes so the daring, time-sensitive robbery will have to be executed perfectly.

James gets out on bail and talks to friend about the robbery. They decide to try to beat the other guys to the punch and make off with the loot themselves. James goes to Rupert and John to see if they want in on the deal. Rupert is disgusted and tries to beat some sense into James, but James runs. Rupert does not need to worry though because James won't be robbing the bank. One of the men in the holding cell finds out about James and decides to put a few bullets in his head.

James is now clinging to life in a hospital. He needs a liver transplant to stay alive. Since James is poor and has no health insurance, he's low on the list. Rupert does not want to see his brother die and John suggests they rob the nightclub. With no other option, Rupert reluctantly agrees.

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

But the two know they can't do it alone. Rupert begins to bring up names from the past. Alfredo is one they both like. He's a good-natured Greek fellow who likes to kill people. Eric is another employable old pal. He seems like he drinks way too much coffee and doesn't have a good time unless someone is thrown off a bridge or beaten with a baseball bat. These two seem invaluable for this type of work and the gang now numbers four.

But one more is needed. Lisa is another old confidante and, though she once beat up four policemen, she's now working in a library. Bound to tears by books and library fines, Lisa jumps at the chance.

The group of veteran criminals meet and blueprint the heist. New Year's Eve arrives and they get ready for action. There's only hitch. It seems they forgot that someone else was going to be robbing the nightclub at the exact same time. Is this a problem? Yes it is.

"The Real Thing" is not going to change the history of movie pictures, but it moves along quickly and has an ending that will leave you with your mouth hung open. And it also has a great cast that includes Ed Morales, Rod Steiger, Emily Lloyd, James Russo and Max Perlich.

A resident of Mountainside, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

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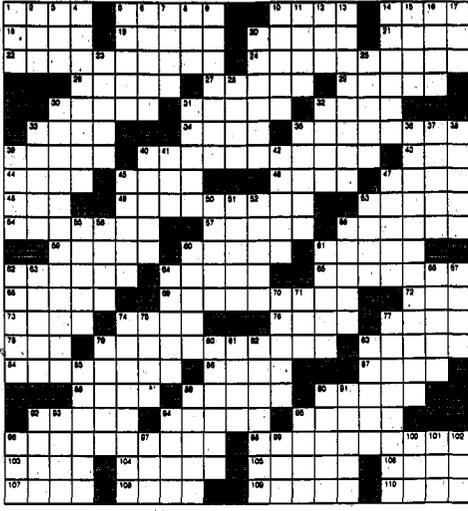
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This remarkable collection, Mankoff said, is dedicated to the people of New Jersey, for teachers, historians and researchers and for kids who have never seen a trolley car. The site was updated to commemorate the opening of New Jersey's first new trolley lines in more than 50 years-New Jersey Transit's waterfront line along the Hudson in Hudson County and the Bloomfield-Elizabeth route in Essex County.

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Feb. 16, 25, March 4, 11, 18, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27.

Classes will be held at Sunnyside Recreation Center, on Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace, Linden. For information call (908) 488-1408.

FLIMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be held on Monday evenings starting Feb. 23 at Loew's Theaters Mountaintide. A second session begins on April 6.

Subscription is \$95 for six weeks or \$178 for 12 weeks, plus \$20 registration fee. For information, call (908) 222-7719.

THE ARTISTS' WAVE is a six-week workshop series beginning Feb. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. sponsored by the Resource Center for Women.

Classes are held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. Fee is \$70 for Center members, \$85 for nonmembers. Text is \$12.95. For information, call (908) 273-7258.

AMERICAN PERFORMANCE STUDIOS Rome Festival Choral Institute will offer two courses:

Late February and March — Winning Vocal Auditions.

April, May and June — Choral Theater Course.

The studios are located in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-7214.

CLUBS

CLUB BENE DIMITR Theater showcases popular entertainers on weekends. On Saturday, belladon Jer Lucian.

Dinner-and-show, as well as show-only tickets are available. Club Bene is located on Route 35 in South Amboy. For information, call (908) 727-3000.

COVE LOUNGE presents live music by alternative bands every weekend. The tavern is located at 114 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (908) 241-1226.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a weekly lineup of musical rotation:

Tuesdays — Acoustic Open-Mic Night. Blues guitar stringer and vocalist Rhett Tyler opens the show, and then opens the stage to any aspiring player who enters. The show opens at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays — B.B. of the B.B. and the Singers hosts Open Jam with all musicians welcome.

Thursdays — Psychedelic Thursdays presents the greatest sounds of classic rock, performed by local bands.

Weekend performances include blues, roots and rock music. An upscale and traditional blues brunch is presented every Sunday.

information, call (908) 527-2337.

YOUTH CONCERT featuring jazz and classical music will take place at Elizabeth Public Library on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The library is located at 11 South Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

HOLIDAY

LOVESONGS THROUGH THE AGES, a harpsichord and vocal concert, will be performed on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Rahway Public Library.

The library is located at 1175 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. For information, call (732) 398-0761.

SEASONAL FEEL at Union Public Library will feature books and magazines on African-American history and Valentine's Day throughout February.

The library is holding a sale of Harlequin and romance paperback books through Feb. 20.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Children's room closes at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The library will be closed today and Monday. The library is located at Fibergar Park off Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 851-5451.

An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is carried in regular limited English captioned New Jersey cable systems throughout the state. For more information about "The Arts" and/or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4489/3888.

THEATER

THE MASK OF MORIARTY will be staged at Paper Mill Playhouse through Sunday.

The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Milburn. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

JOEL AND JULIA will be presented at Kean University today at 8 p.m.

The college is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

BLOOD BROTHERS will open tomorrow and run through Feb. 22 at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

Admission is \$15. For information, call (908) 228-0082.

SHE LOVES ME will open tomorrow and run through March 7 at Cranford Dramatic Club.

Tickets are \$15. CDO is located at 78 Whimsy Ave., Cranford. For information, call 276-7811.

SOCIAL SECURITY will be presented by The Philanthropists of Fanwood on Saturday through March 14.

The production will take place at The Carnegie House, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood. For information, call 322-8686.

VARIETY

PASU Holistic Healing Workshop is today at 6 p.m. at Kean University. The event will take place in University Center 228. Kean is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

SBDC workshop at Kean University will feature "How to Develop and Use an Effective Business Plan" tomorrow, 9 a.m. to noon.

Kean is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

WATCHING STABLES will accept registration for horseback-riding lessons on Saturday.

The stables are located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountaintide. For information, call (908) 789-3665.

INTERFAITH SINGLES for adults over age 45 meet Sundays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for continental breakfast at First Baptist Church in Westfield. Movie night will be held on Sunday from 6 to 10 p.m.

Breakfast donation is \$2. The church is located at 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-2278.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will feature Professor Carmine Yorbanough, who will speak on "A History of African Images in the Media" on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The lecture will take place in J-100. Kean is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present a lecture by Jerry Phlogens on "Works of Traditional and Contemporary Artists of Italian Descent" on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The lecture will take place in University Center 228. Kean is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

LATIN FESTIVAL WORKSHOP will feature "Borinquean Culture Through Dance" on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Kean University.

The event will take place in University Center 228. Kean is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2000.

THE WOMAN THAT I AM reading group will meet on Wednesday "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The monthly book discussion group is free and open to all area women. Readings are sponsored by the Reading Center for Women and held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-7253.

LINDEN LANES features Laser Light Bowling to the music of the 70s every Saturday night from 10 p.m.

Games cost \$9 per person. Linden Lanes is located at 741 N. Bites Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3555.

SPORTLAND Union's indoor family fun center, offers bumper cars and video games, redemption games, basketball, and more. The center also features a Laser Tag Arena available at a cost of \$8 per person. Reservations are accepted at 841-A Route 22, Union. For information, call (908) 627-5000.

ANTIQUES

CHATHAM ANTIQUES SHOW and auction will be held through Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.

Admission is \$5. The event will take place at the United Methodist Church of Chatham, 460 Main St., Chatham. For information, call (908) 635-2406.

ART SHOWS

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE INVITATION exhibition will be on display through Sunday at Renee Footsner Art Gallery.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, from one hour before opening through intermission and on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. Parking and admission for the gallery is free, and visitors do not need a ticket to a production to gain entry to the gallery. The Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Milburn. For more information, call 373-3636.

DEAD LIFE TALKING will be on display through Feb. 19 at Tommaso Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. The gallery is located in the Mackay Library of Union County College Cranford campus. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

FANTASY LANDSCAPE SERIES by abstract painter Eugene Cuyper will be on display through Feb. 22 at Eugene Gallery in Scotch Plains.

The gallery is located at 501 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-6333.

STREET SCENES AND OTHER by Leon L. Tacknik will be on display at Les Matmut Gallery in Union through Feb. 26.

The gallery is located in Union Public Library at Fibergar Park. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call (908) 686-0857.

MILLBURN LIBRARY will display "The Life and Times of Bill Monroe: A Photo Essay" through Feb. 28.

The exhibit is located at 229 Glen Ave., Millburn. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4:45 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-1006.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will feature sculpture by Peter Regato in the outdoor art park through Feb. 28.

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

SWAIN GALLERIES will exhibit "Twentieth Century Posters" through Feb. 28.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and until 4 p.m. on Saturday. The gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit artwork by Westfield public school students grades K-12, and artwork from middle school students of Africa throughout February.

Student artwork cannot be sold. Other artwork is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the hospital.

The exhibit is located on New Providence Road in Mountaintide. Artwork is displayed in the East Wing. For information, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will exhibit African-American art and themes by Derek Danks throughout February.

The library is located at 115 Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

UNION COUNTY BOARD of Chosen Freeholders have sponsored an exhibit of historic documents, photos and stories at Union County Administration Building, 100 Somerset County Building, African-American History Month. The display will be on view through February.

The administration building and outdoor space are located in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 527-1744.

INTERACTIVE THREADS by Ellen O'Brien will be on display at New Jersey Center For Visual Arts through March 6.

The exhibit will hang in the Member Gallery, NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

THE GLOVE PROJECT, an art and sculpture exhibit, will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through March 12.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The library is located at 68 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (908) 373-9200.

VESELS, a pottery exhibit by Phil Homes, will be on display at Kent Place Gallery through March 13. A reception will be held on Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.

AUDITIONS

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will hold musical auditions for "Romance, Romance" on Sunday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Prepare a song and bring sheet music. Show dates are April 25, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, and July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

GEMINI GROUP is seeking cameramen and technicians for filming original works for broadcast on local cable stations.

For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054 or write to Gemini Group, 569 Trinity Place, Westfield, 07090.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES barbershop quartet rehearses in The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Men of all ages are invited to stop by. For information, call (908) 233-7186 or (908) 382-2870.

SANGERCORHOR men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Schwabacher Sangebund mixed chorus rehearses Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Dutchess Club. New members are welcome. For information, call Maritied Schneider at (908) 382-4900.

UNION HARMONICA BAND holds practice sessions at the Senior Civic Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites male singers to come and sing at rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Parish Building Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Junilla at (908) 232-0673.

CAFES

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents an artsy coffeehouse atmosphere. Jazz entertainment is presented on Sunday evenings. Feb. 15, John Cafriti Trio. Feb. 22, Ginny Johnston.

Open Mic Night is presented every Tuesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with sign up at 7 p.m.

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union. For further information, call (908) 801-1844.

AMORE DI CAFE is located at 485 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 666-8366.

BARNES & NOBLE CAFE in Springfield emulates a coffeehouse atmosphere with a literary spin, appealing to young adults.

The Cafe hosts a wide variety of family-oriented entertainment, ranging from folk singers to jazz ensembles, in addition to other programs, the Cafe hosts Open Mic Poetry Night on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-6544.

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 Harding 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.

MUSIC BOE CAFE of the Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library. Musical and other entertainment is presented on scheduled days.

Those interested in performing at the Music Boe Cafe should submit a resume or letter of introduction to Susan Permosco, Springfield Free Public Library, 65 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081.

CLASSES

KEAN UNIVERSITY will host "How to Hang and Promote an Art Show" on Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. Deadline for registration is tomorrow.

Fee is \$5. The workshop will take place in the Learning Center Building, 100 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 658-2550.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION is offering visual arts classes on Wednesdays in five-week segments. The schedule is as follows:

AMERICAN REPERTORY BALLET is offering two new classes: Dance Visions, for children who are blind or severely visually impaired, and Movement Class for adults with mobility impairment.

Dance Visions is open to children ages 7-11, beginning Feb. 28, and will be held at the Cranbury studio. Fee is \$50. Movement class begins March 4, and will be held at 301 North Harrison St., Princeton. Fee is \$50. For information, call (732) 249-1254.

TAKING YOURSELF SERIOUSLY AS A WRITER is a four-week series beginning March 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., sponsored by Resource Center for Women.

Fee is \$50 for Center members, \$60 for nonmembers. Classes are held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-7253.

POLISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION will begin "Singing for Enjoyment" classes on March 11. All evening classes are held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Fee is \$80 plus materials. The Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call (732) 382-7197.

UNION MUSIC SCHOOL is holding mail-in registration for courses in music performance, dance, theater and fine arts, for students pre-K through grade 12.

Classes run from June 2 through July 31 from 9 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. daily at Kawamech Middle School in Union Township. Planned musical theater productions are: "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" grades 3-7. Grades 8-12 are to be determined. Musical productions, art exhibits and dance, music and drama performances will be held at Union High School. For a brochure, write to Union Music School, P.O. Box 3568, Union, NJ 07083-1865, or phone (908) 851-6476.

UNION HARMONICA BAND provides free harmonica lessons. For those who play, but do not read music, lessons will also be given. The only expense will be purchasing a harmonica. Practice sessions are held at the Senior Citizen Building, Caldwell and Morris avenues, Union, every Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

PHYLLIS PLACE presents live musical entertainment on weekends.

The tavern is located at 836 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-8990.

SHOUT! presents live musical entertainment on weekends.

The tavern is located at 116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 769-5860.

COMEDY

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on weekends.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 398-6511.

CONCERTS

TEEN GOSPEL EXPLOSION will take place on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Public Library.

The library is located at 11 South Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

THE LADIES OF THE PACK featuring The Shagris, The Marvelettes and Shirley Alston Reeves of the Shirlettes will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Union County Arts Center.

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226.

MOSTLY MUSIC presents the Walden Horn Trio on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel in Westfield.

Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. The temple is located at 756 East Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (973) 782-4486.



Sculpture by Peter Regato is on display at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

KIDS

BEAVERS, a slide show, will be presented on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center. Also, various vacation activities and planetarium shows will be presented on Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. For information, call (908) 789-3570.

MEETINGS

UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, call (908) 964-1675.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-9971 or (908) 232-7058.

MUSEUMS

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House Museum stands on the "road to the mountains" in Westfield. The Miller-Cory House was named in honor of the two Revolutionary warriors, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area. Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been certified as an historic site and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors are introduced to a variety of colonial skills as trained artisans and costumed docents recreate the everyday life of the two Revolutionary warriors and the 19th century farm family in Westfield.

For information about the museum and its schedule of programs, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

POETRY

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY will hold a poetry reading on Wednesday from 8:45 to 8:30 p.m.

The library is located on 8th Street at Park Avenue. For information, call (908) 757-1111.

PRESENTING POETRY AND PROSE SERIES at the John Harris Theater will feature Penelope Scamly Schott and Irene Willis on Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.

The theater is located at 30 North Brunswick St., Englewood. For information, call (201) 224-9553.

RADIO

WJML, 60.3 FM features Leone and Simoni, "Put God in Your Life" every Sunday from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The soundtrack will be in your head as you hand the toll collector your last dollar bill and drive tentatively into that lonely lane toward the Arms of Joseph. But like, who's playing that crazy organ? RIX, Bob Rozor, WJMU 91.1 FM, Tuesdays at 11 p.m.

STATE OF THE ARTS programming is aired Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. on New Jersey.

TELEVISION

PBS "Great Performances" will broadcast the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Opening Night Gala tomorrow from 9 to 11 p.m. on WNET/13 and New Jersey Network. This documentary, "New Steps For a City," will follow from 10:30 to 11 p.m.

COVER TO COVER, Kean University's cable series forum, will be broadcast on Monday at 7:00 p.m. (908) 527-2000 for channel information.

EGTV, a diverse comedy show based in Scotch Plains, will air their newest show on Comcast Channel

Kean presents the fabric of a family

A wondrous, enlightening, sensitive, cultural and charming program was offered on the evening of Feb. 5 at Kean University's Wilkins Theater. It was called "A Stitch in Time," presented by Seven Quilts by Seven Sisters in conjunction with Black History Month.

Theater View

By Bea Smith
Associate Editor

In story, anecdotes and some of the most beautiful harmony of spiritual songs, The Seven Sisters and a violinist provided an insight of African-American Slave History, the practical craft of quilting and how it flourished in early American slave life. But more than that, the compassion and warmth that were unveiled when seven women sat around in a circle on the stage with authentic costumes, their hair covered with shawls and bangles, each sewing a quilt, and discussing their experiences in quilting and living, captured one's heart with a passion. Additionally, during the evening, to the reception of the audience's aha and ohhs, they displayed their colorful quilts, large and small, replicas of those made by the slaves, interspersed with their harmonious marvelous voices, and reported on the history of each quilt. It was informative, inspiring and entertaining all at the same time.

The women, five of whom are sisters—the other two Elenora Gardschire and Loreta Carter, both of whom are retired, and to take their places are the Sisters' nieces, Kim McIntosh as Missy and Debbie Kellum as Miss Retta, resemble each other. The others are Phyllis Walker as Miss Mandy, Ida Rowe as Miss Iddie, Bertha Kellum as Miss Bertha, Anna Stevens as Miss Annie and Kathleen Lindsey, narrator, as Miss Kat. Liz Thomas, who recently joined the family, portrays Miss Lizzy, the violin player.

The exceptionally talented woman, who, during their conversation and reminiscing, took turns to stand up and offer an anecdote, pleasant to the ear and significant to the occasion. A reviewer felt that she was transported to the time and place of a warm and loving family gathering down south

without feeling like an intruder. And when the Seven sang in perfect harmony to Thomas' violin accompaniment such stirring numbers as "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Down by the River Side" and "No Hiding Place Down Here," the audience was enthralled.

Among the large and small quilts displayed by the women, who named each one and told the story behind the patchwork, included "The Lincoln Forever Quilt," "Blessed Be the Tides That Bond," "Let There Be Peace," "Family Ties," "Sweet Potato Pie," "Socks to Mend," "The Underground Railroad Quilt," "Free at Last," "Time," an "enormous quilt made by a short person, depicting stories from the Bible," "The Beauty of Africa" and "I Have a Dream."

The Sisters were quoted as saying: "...the time and constant use pull the design apart, but our diligent hands and compassionate hearts can make a stitch in time to keep us tightly sewn together."

At the conclusion and appreciation of the memorable evening, one of the Sisters smiled and said, "We just love making quilts." Evidently.



Pushcart Players in a scene from 'Dear America,' a colorful musical for young audiences about cultural diversity in the US.

'Dear America' is coming your way

Pushcart Players, the Verona, NJ-based professional theater company for young audiences, is pleased to announce the revival, by popular demand, of the critically acclaimed musical "Dear America," beginning in February and running through July 1998.

Specifically designed for students from K-8, "Dear America" is the perfect introduction to concepts concerning cultural diversity, tolerance and the precious legacy of freedom and democracy in America. A collection of fascinating stories about various ethnic groups and their roles in creating the mosaic of our nation, this moving musical play places human values issues squarely on the agenda while celebrating multiculturalism and the triumph of the human spirit. "Dear America" brings a little bit of "Broadway" to schools in a production that is filled with color and motion, served up in a highly entertaining format.

Pushcart Players is a dynamic ensemble of theater artists, well-known for tackling difficult issues and bringing them to life in an innovative, lively and accessible way. In addition to "Dear America," Pushcart is currently offering a variety of challenging productions

and programs. These include "The Last, The Very Last Butterfly," A Holocaust education piece constructed with sensitivity, care and concern for young viewers while offering a well-informed starting-point for understanding, clarification and discussion of this difficult subject.

Pushcart's Story Theatre Series for very young audiences provides a gentle introduction to theater through interactive and educational entertainment. It includes "Once Upon A Time," a collection of timeless fairy tales; "Stone Soup and Other Stories," a compilation of well-known folk tales from around the world, and "Chasing Rainbows," a blend of stories, mime and songs about self-esteem.

Pushcart is now in its 24th season of producing theater and arts-in-education programming for young viewers. All production are accompanied by comprehensive study guides for classroom teachers and discussion/assessment session with the cast following performances. For further information regarding Pushcart programs call (973) 857-1115 or write "Pushcart," 197 Bloomfield Ave., Verona, NJ 07044.



New Jersey Center Performing Arts Center's Artist-in-Residence Cathy Roy with students at Lincoln Avenue School in Elizabeth.

It's never too early to learn at NJPAC

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Early Learning Through the Arts—The New Jersey Wolf Trap Program will reach more than 750 preschoolers, ages 3-5, in Newark and other New Jersey cities during its inaugural year.

The program, which was developed by the Virginia-based Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, a program of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, is administered by New Jersey Performing Arts Center as a regional program.

NJPAC's Early Learning Through the Arts program is made possible by the generous support of The Prudential Foundation.

Children at 11 locations in schools, Head Start programs and day care centers, from Newark to Jersey City to Paterson, are learning basic academic and life skills through the performing arts from professional artists specializing in creative dramatics, puppetry, music, storytelling and dance. Artists twice a week for a seven-week period.

The program also includes components for parents, teachers and school administrators, training them in the practical application of arts-related techniques. Children also experienced a fully staged puppet performance at NJPAC on Nov. 20, when they attend the Caskill Puppets' colorful production of the young people's classic "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" in Victoria Theater. Parents participated in a parent-child workshop in November at each site.

"The ultimate goal of this program is not only to inspire the children for the time the artist is with them in class, but to encourage teachers and parents to use and expand on the performing arts techniques used in the classes, after the artist has left the classroom," explained Philip S. Thomas, NJPAC's vice president of Arts Education.

Students, imports on display at hospital

Explore the artistic expression of the people of Kenya, Africa, and of local students, with a visit to the exhibitions by Haynes Imports and the Westfield Public Schools at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, throughout the month of February.

In celebration of Black History Month and cultural diversity, Children's Specialized Hospital will present African artwork from Kenya in a show produced by Haynes Imports.

Specialties such as banana leaf art and batik will exemplify impressive artwork created with natural materials by the people of Kenya.

"The arts should be an integral and ongoing component of the education of young children. NJPAC is especially proud to be a regional participant in this important program, and we look forward to this arts adventure with New Jersey's children. Learning through the arts has been proven to help young children improve their self-confidence and socialization skills, their ability to concentrate and remember, their gross and fine motor control and their conceptual and verbal skills."

The Early Learning Through the Arts classes began in October. Classes take place at the following sites: La Casa de Don Pedro Day Care Center, Newark Day Center, Roberto Clemente School, South Street School and Newark Preschool Council, all in Newark; Beth El Preschool in South Orange; The Goddard School in Piscataway; Black Union Fund Community Center in Plainfield; Concerned Parents for Head Start in Paterson; Glen Ridge Public Schools in Glen Ridge and Michael Conil School #5 in Jersey City. Each site receives a full set of Wolf Trap curriculum.

The roots of the Early Learning Through the Arts program were planted early in the summer, with professional development sessions for educators and artists. The artists also took part in a week of training with a Wolf Trap Master Artist in July.

The artists who are participating in the 1997 program are storyteller Beth-Phillips Brown; dancers D'Ta-Relle Franklin-Tullis and Bel Diaz; theater specialists Anbur Wilson and Judy Weiner; music specialist Bonnie Balas and creative movement specialist Carina Rubaja.

For more information about the Early Learning Through the Arts program, or to be placed on a mailing list for next year's program, call (201) 642-8989, ext. 3108.

education program encompassing studio production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics.

According to Westfield's Fine Arts Department Supervisor Linda M. King, the arts are an avenue for students to express themselves beyond academics.

"We express our fears, our anxieties, our hungers, our struggles and our hopes through the arts," says King. Students from the middle school and high school will be exhibiting varied work, from leaving to drawing to painting, at Children's Specialized Hospital.

The student artwork at CSH will not be for sale. Children's Specialized Hospital's art exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the Ambulance Entry.

Playhouse members recall memorable shows

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the week before the show, we've had all sorts of problems, and it's always been pulled off."

One of the most memorable shows, according to Amy was "Meet Me in St. Louis." The audience had no idea how many catspooches beleaguered that production.

"We had just everything going wrong. We had the asbestos cleaning, the ceiling fall in the school was closed, we had to have our practice in somebody's backyard one night, and it was just one catastrophe after another. But it turned out to be a great show."

"We're close to getting Amy on stage," Amy teased his wife.

"I got as far as doing the raffle calling. That's my claim to fame," Amy said.

Amy and Andy met Feb. 13, 1992 on a blind date.

"We went bowling, and I kicked his butt."

"Not true," Andy protested.

"And then we went out for drinks and then we went home and I didn't think he liked me."

"Long story there," Andy said. "I have to tell it, though, because I always tell this story. We're driving home from the bowling alley, and Amy and her girlfriend were in the back seat, and me and my friend John were in the front seat. Paula, Amy's friend, says to John, 'Could you drive Amy home because it's snowing out...'"

Amy, interrupting, "At which point, you were supposed to say, 'No, I'll drive her home.'"

"Now, if there's two girls in the back seat and you're in the front seat driving, and you hear the one girl say to her boyfriend, 'Could you drive Amy home?' you would have to assume that they're whispering, 'I don't like him, he's not my type.' Is that a fair assumption? So the next day, Paula calls me and says, 'Well, what do you think?' and she said, 'Do you want to go out again today, Valentine's Day?' And that's when I had the idea that she must like me."

"He brought me two roses," said Amy. "And he drove me home that night."

The couple was married in May 1995. They reside in Scotch Plains. "Being so active in community theater, Andy credits his wife with being very understanding of his schedule."

"When I'm in a show, we don't see each other that often, because I come home from work and go right to practice."

"Which is probably why we're still married," Amy said.

"Yes! Now stop it, this is supposed to be nice and loving," Andy laughed.

Amy has also been understanding about on-stage commitments — to a point.

"I almost jumped on-stage a couple

times with his 'West Side Story' kissing scenes."

"You said I wasn't going to bother you, until you watched."

"It wasn't one of those small peeks on the cheek," said Amy matter-of-factly.

A native of Elizabeth, and currently a police officer for the DARE program in the city, Andy was "discovered" in a friend's room, and picked for the role in "Oklahoma."

"I had never done theater. I didn't even know what he was talking about. And I ended up getting the lead!" He described it as a "scary experience."

"I've been doing it ever since. Once you're on stage and you get that response from the audience, it's something that you just keep going

back for, the clapping and laughing. Unfortunately, sometimes my wife tells me to get off the stage sometimes at home."

"He's a big ham," said Amy.

"I guess it gets a tad annoying, but she puts up with it," said Amy good-naturedly.

Andy is not sure where his theater career will take him next. He performed at Paper Mill Playhouse on New Year's Eve.

"I'm not exactly sure what's coming on the stage next, because it's a very big commitment to be involved in theater."

Lucky for Amy King, Andy doesn't seem to have a problem with commitment.

HOROSCOPE

For the week of Feb. 15 to 21

Aries
March 21-April 20

Try to schedule an interview with a person who could let you know the ins and outs of a job you've been interested in learning. Before you make any commitments, consider all of the relevant information.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

You have natural leadership, and others will depend on it this week. Use your knowledge to solve some problems that might not be apparent to the people in charge.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Business matters could yield rich rewards if you pay attention. You could learn more by doing than watching. If you take some time to look at your options with a loved one, it could generate some new ideas for your future.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

What seems tough right now may not seem so bad tomorrow. Stay focused on what you're doing and don't let the bad news take you further down than you already are.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest of men. Don't be afraid to take a pie in the face this week if it will improve the moral of those around you. It might even make you smile.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

The benefits of variety in your life

are going to be apparent this week. You can't avoid burnout if you take the time to learn a new skill. Don't hesitate to ask for the help you need normally avoid seeking.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You've had something on the back burner for a while and it may be nearing the boiling point. Don't forget to check on it. Tough decisions may offer you profits.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

It will be time to weigh your options when a dilemma presents itself. Be very careful that the easy way out is the right way out. Poor strategies could cost you now and later.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You might be within reach of a goal you thought was unattainable. Don't let slip between your fingers when you realize how close you are.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Adopting the right perspective can clarify a situation that's been muddled until now. Black-and-white decisions are more easily made.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Unusual circumstances could strengthen a relationship that appeared tenuous. Trust your instincts, and don't get so wrapped up in your excitement that you lose perspective.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Blazing a path sometimes means you're going to get cut, but don't give up.

HEALTHY LIVING

Drug courts prove to be an effective deterrent

Many of the crimes committed on our streets today have their roots in alcohol and drug addictions. Yet, too often we simply lock the offenders away in jail and do not try to treat problems that lead them there.

Making A Difference

By The Union County Coalition Against Substance Abuse

rate of success is high. According to Drug Strategies, an organization dedicated to promoting effective approaches to the nation's drug problem, early research has shown promising results:

Participants in the drug court in Oakland, California, spent 40,000 fewer days in custody over a three-year period, reflecting a 50 percent reduction in felony recidivism and saving the county \$2.5 million in prison costs.

In Miami, the re-arrest rate among graduates of drug court treatment was significantly lower than among drug offenders not in treatment.

Through providing treatment and creating community and criminal justice partnership, we can reduce crime and make our streets safer. To get involved in supporting such efforts in your community, contact the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substances Abuse at (908) 686-6644.

The Union County Coalition is a three-year project funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, with the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network as the lead agency. The coalition is designed to increase and enhance the prevention efforts and programs in Union County. The Coalition has established a number of task forces to link prevention with each sector of the community — Business, Criminal Justice, Schools, Parents, Health Care and Youth.

This oversight is really at our expense. When we release criminals with addictions back to our communities, they usually pick up with a new crime spree and new prison sentences. Essentially, our safety and our tax dollars are at their mercy.

Consider that by the end of the 1990s, about one-third of people in state prisons were there because of drug offenses — and 60 to 70 percent had a history of substance abuse. Yet, despite this, in 1991 only 13.5 percent of state prisoners were enrolled in drug programs. This gap simply does not make sense when you consider that it costs less to provide treatment than to keep an inmate in jail for a year. Outpatient drug treatment averages about \$3,000 to \$10,000 per person, while housing an inmate in jail for a year costs close to \$30,000. Studies confirm that jail alone increases the likelihood of further crimes, while substance abuse treatment decreases it.

Some communities have started alternative programs, like drug courts, that make their streets safer and save taxpayers money. They also give offenders a clearly supervised chance to become responsible, law-abiding taxpayers. Drug courts steer addicts who commit non-violent crimes, such as larceny or drug dealing, to treatment instead of jail. Studies have indicated that every dollar spent on treatment leads to a \$7.46 reduction in crime-related spending and lost productivity.

When community groups and criminal justice agencies join together to provide treatment for offenders, the

Survey finds that vitamin knowledge is sorely lacking

A recent survey revealed widespread misunderstanding about antioxidant vitamins. More than half of those surveyed had heard of antioxidant vitamins, but 82 percent of those aware couldn't name a single example.

Of those participants aware of antioxidants, almost half said that "All the information I see about vitamins confuses me," and 59 percent said that they don't understand the difference between antioxidant vitamins and other vitamins.

Just as a piece of metal rusts or an apple turns brown when exposed to air, the human body is vulnerable from contact with air, especially pollution and smoke. Antioxidant nutrients — beta-carotene, vitamins C and E — help the body fight this reaction by stabilizing harmful molecules, called free radicals, before they attack cells.

Although the optimum way to achieve adequate levels of antioxidants is through a healthy diet, it may be necessary to use supplements to achieve many of their potential benefits. Eating five servings or more of fruits and vegetables a day will help to provide adequate levels of vitamin C and beta-carotene.

Vitamin E is harder to obtain while following a low-fat diet because vegetable oils, nuts, seeds and other fat-rich foods are the best sources of vitamin E. It is virtually impossible to get enough of this vitamin in the diet without consuming too much fat. Antioxidants are not a substitute for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, i.e., not smoking, exercising regularly and eating right.

Study findings recently published in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" showed that vitamin E appears to slow the growth of fatty deposits in the arteries of heart disease patients.

The telephone surveys were conducted by AIMS Consultants/ACR Survey Research Group for BASF.

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Cancer care at hospital begins with prevention

Cancer is a disease which touches everyone in some way during their lifetimes. Most people do not like to think about it, but consider this: you can greatly reduce your risk of many cancers by making healthy lifestyle choices. In the United States from 1990 to 1995, a team at the University of Alabama recorded a 3.1 percent decline in total cancer deaths. They attribute the drop to cancer prevention activities and improvements in medical care.

Lillian Pilner, M.D., FACP, director of Oncology Services at the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas at Union, offers some tips in reducing the risk and preventing cancer.

- Kick the smoking habit — smoking is responsible for nearly 90 percent of lung cancer deaths.
- Eat a healthful diet — add more fruits and vegetables to your diet. • Exercise regularly — exercise can reduce the risk of colorectal, breast and prostate cancer.
- Maintain a healthy weight — obesity is linked to cancers of the uterus, gallbladder, breast and colon.
- Drink alcohol only in moderation — heavy drinking is linked with cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus and liver.
- Avoid the sun's ultraviolet rays, which cause 90 percent of skin cancers.
- See your physician to discuss what screening tests you may need.

For more information on reducing the risk of cancer or to obtain more information about the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas at Union, call the Center at (908) 810-5470.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System has been a leader in the delivery of quality cancer care in New Jersey, treating the largest number of newly diagnosed patients in the state. The state-of-the-art facility in

Union offers cancer patients and their loved ones the most advanced medical treatment by highly trained and dedicated specialists, in an environment that enhances the quality of life.

The Cancer Center utilizes a team-oriented approach which combines the expertise of Union Hospital and Saint Barnabas Medical Center professionals from a variety of disciplines. The Center offers specialists in surgical oncology, radiation oncology, gynecologic oncology and medical oncology, as well as diagnosticians in radiology and pathology, all of whom have regional and international reputations. Excellence in cancer treatment also requires psychological, emotional and social support for those receiving treatment and for their loved ones. The Cancer Center recognizes the importance of administering this care in a comfortable, convenient environment by a devoted and knowledgeable staff. It is the combination of all of these factors which distinguishes the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center at Union.

Services within the outpatient facility include medical oncology consultations and follow-up care; administration of chemotherapy and transfusions in a private setting; on-site laboratory; individual and group counseling for patients and their families; financial counseling; home care planning; and a community resource library. All aspects of cancer care are addressed, including prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment. Those treated at the Center maintain a close relationship with their physician, as well as with one of several specially trained nurses who provide additional education, support and communication.

The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas at Union, located within the Saint Barnabas Union Medical Building at 1050 Galloping Hill Road, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

AIDS benefit committee prepares for annual fund raiser

On Jan. 18, a volunteer reception was held for participants in the upcoming AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey Auction. The reception was held at Pireaux Interior Design of Summit and was hosted by its owner, Ron Oberdick, who is the president of AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey. Catering was graciously donated by Jude Roppante, owner of Richfield Regency Catering.

ABCNJ, a non-profit organization, will host its tenth annual auction on March 7. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the Committee's efforts to help people afflicted with the AIDS virus. The auction will take place at Temple Emanu-El, 775 East Broad St., Westfield. Cocktails, pre-view and silent auction begin at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m., and a live auction, coffee and dessert begin at 8 p.m. Jon Bramnick of Westfield, voted the "Funniest Lawyer in New Jersey," will serve as auctioneer once again this year.

Items including art, antiques and services will be available in the auction. Minimum bids range from \$50 and up.

ABCNJ was founded in 1986 by John DeMarco, a Westfield realtor. DeMarco is distinguished as a member of Coldwell Banker's "President's Circle International," reserved for the top 1 percent of Coldwell Banker's salespeople worldwide. DeMarco first learned of the scourge of AIDS in 1980. He started to raise money in 1982 when he saw that AIDS was becoming an epidemic. John raised money for many friends. One of those friends was Tony LoPitolo of North Plainfield, who died of AIDS in August of 1988. Four other founding members have passed away as well.

The first auction was held at DeMarco's home in the Sleepy Hollow section of Plainfield. 350 individuals attended. In addition to annual auction, the AIDS Benefit Committee has held holiday house tours and theater parties. The organization is also corporate donations and major gifts this year.

The mission of the AIDS Benefit Committee is to help people with AIDS to live as comfortably as possible. The Committee reaches this goal through raising funds, which it distributes to organizations that can help people live with AIDS, but that may not have the ability or resources to raise substantial funds independently. The Committee is made up entirely of volunteers.

Helping people with AIDS is important to the members of the ABCNJ because they have been touched by the disease in a special way. Here are some of their stories...

- The Committee's president Ron Oberdick became involved with the organization three years ago. The death of his long-time companion from AIDS made him want to help others with AIDS. Oberdick is a principal in Pireaux Interior Design of Morrisstown and Summit.
- The Committee's treasurer, Elynn Jennings, has a cousin who is HIV positive. Her cousin, Sheri Lewis, has lived well for 10 years on a macrobiotic diet; she does not use any of the modern drugs for treatment. Lewis is an actor whose one woman show "Life is a Beach" documents her life dealing with HIV infection.

The show is playing to packed audiences in Boston at the ICA Theatre and Lewis plans to take this show on tour.

• After their son died of AIDS, Rita and Dick Lane of Watchung wanted the involvement of an organization that directly benefited individuals dealing with AIDS.

• Paul Orlando is a former manager of "One If By Land Two If By Sea" of New York City. He currently runs a business that distributes his own recipe of uranium through the Northeast. He became involved with the Committee because he has lost many friends to AIDS.

• Mike Kenny of Westfield became familiar with the Committee through managing Temple Emanu-El, the synagogue at which the Committee now holds its auction. Two of his nephews are HIV positive. They are hemophiliacs and contracted the disease through blood transfusions.

• Jeff Scheckler and Jay Mandel are a young couple who have become involved in the Committee. They have recently become parents of twin sons. They live in Plainfield and have had friends stricken with AIDS.

• Ruth Kreisman was exposed to many of the stories of the committee members. She was compelled to become a member herself when she learned of the good work of the ABCNJ. Ruth also has two single daughters who have made her aware of the challenges young people face in dealing with the risk of AIDS.

• Helen Walton and her husband David, of Bernardsville, became involved following the 1990 death of Helen's brother Marc from AIDS. His courage — as one of the first to undergo many experimental treatments — has helped lead to research that enables some AIDS patients to suffer less and live longer. Marc co-owned the Paris Commune restaurant in Manhattan.

The diverse backgrounds and experiences of the members of the AIDS Benefit Committee show that AIDS can affect anyone at any time. It does not just affect the gay community, as some previously imagined. For example, AIDS is the number-one killer of women ages 20-34. AIDS affects those at all walks of life, not only the well-known high-risk communities.

No one is immune from the disease, making it imperative that everyone contributes to help people suffering from AIDS. Many believe that they will never get, or encounter anyone with, AIDS, but the stories of the people on the AIDS Benefit Committee show this is not always true.

Tickets for the cocktails, dinner and the auction are \$40 each. Individual sponsorships are available for \$75 each. Corporate sponsorships, which include 10 tickets and a listing in the program journal, are available for \$750. For information about AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey auction tickets, sponsorships or donations, call Helen or David Walton at (908) 766-7279. Donations can be sent to 101 Washington Corner Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Don't remain silent about the 'silent killer'

Today more than 13 million people in the United States have diabetes. Unfortunately, more than half are not aware that they have the disease.

Every 60 seconds at least one person is diagnosed with diabetes. About 65,000 people will be diagnosed this year.

Diabetes is the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in the United States; this year, more than 160,000 will die from this disease and its related complications.

Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure.

Diabetes is a silent killer. Many people first become aware that they have diabetes when they develop one of its life-threatening complications.

• **Blindness.** Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in people ages 25 to 74. Each year from 15,000 to 39,000 people lose their sight because of diabetes.

• **Kidney Disease.** Ten percent of all people with diabetes develop kidney disease. In 1990, more than 13,000 people initiated treatment for end-stage renal disease — kidney failure — because of diabetes.

• **Amputations.** Diabetes is the most frequent cause of non-traumatic lower limb amputations. The risk of leg amputation is 27.7 times greater for a person with diabetes. Each year, 54,000 people lose their foot or leg to diabetes.

• **Heart disease and stroke.** People with diabetes are two to four times more likely to have heart disease — more than 77,000 deaths due to heart disease annually. And they are five times more likely to suffer a stroke, with more than 11,000 deaths each year.

If you have recently learned that you or someone in your family has diabetes, you are probably worried. But diabetes is a manageable condition. In fact, with proper care, most people can live much as they did before developing diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease that affects the way the body uses food. It causes sugar levels in the body to be too high. Normally, during digestion, the body changes sugars, starches and other foods into a form of sugar called glucose. Then the blood carries this glucose to cells throughout the body. There, with the help of insulin — a hormone — glucose is changed into quick energy for immediate use by the cells or is stored for future needs. Insulin is made in the beta cells of the pancreas, a small organ that lies between the stomach. This process of

turning food into energy is crucial, because the body depends on food for every action, from pumping blood and thinking to running and jumping.

In diabetes, something goes wrong with the normal process of turning food into energy. Food is changed into glucose readily enough, but there is a problem with insulin. In one type of diabetes, the pancreas cannot make insulin. In another type, the body makes some insulin but either makes too little or has trouble using the insulin — or both. When insulin is absent or ineffective, the glucose in the bloodstream cannot be used by the cells to make energy. Instead, glucose collects in the blood, eventually leading to the high sugar levels that are the hallmark of untreated diabetes.

Of the 14 million Americans who have diabetes, more than 1 million people have insulin-dependent diabetes, and almost 13 million people have non-insulin-dependent diabetes. Unfortunately, an estimated 6 million people have non-insulin-dependent diabetes and do not know it. The people most at risk for this type of diabetes are over 40, overweight, and have a family history of diabetes. Anyone with these characteristics should see a doctor periodically to be tested for diabetes.

The causes of diabetes are still a mystery. But researchers believe that the tendency for diabetes is present at birth. In insulin-dependent diabetes, any of several different viral infections and a process called autoimmunity are believed to trigger diabetes. In the autoimmune process, the body's defense system attacks its own cells, the insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas. Note: Although insulin may help to cause some cases of insulin-dependent diabetes, diabetes is not "caught" from someone else. In people prone to non-insulin-dependent diabetes, being overweight can cause diabetes, because excess fat prevents insulin from working properly.

Diabetic complications are usually caused by changes in the blood vessels and nerves. Unfortunately, they can include eye and kidney disease, heart attack, numbness or pain in the legs, foot infections, leading to gangrene and stroke. Fortunately, however, treatments continue to improve.

So far, insulin-dependent diabetes cannot be prevented, although researchers are working on many promising approaches. Non-insulin-dependent diabetes can often be prevented by maintaining normal body weight and keeping physically fit throughout life. A major aim of treat-

ment is to control blood-sugar levels, which means keeping them in the normal range. Research suggests that tight control can help prevent or delay long-term diabetic complications.

• **Insulin-dependent diabetes** is treated with daily insulin injections, regular exercise and a balanced meal plan that limits sugar. Your meal plan will be tailored to your individual needs and is likely to include three meals and two or three snacks a day. You will generally have to eat these meals and snacks at set times each day to properly balance insulin, which is also given at fixed times. Insulin lowers blood sugar, and food raises it. To control diabetes, you need to balance these effects.

• **Non-insulin dependent diabetes** is treated with an individualized diet plan that restricts calories. If you are overweight, you need to slim down. Treatment also includes restricting sugar and following an exercise plan. These steps should improve your body's ability to use its insulin. If diet and exercise alone do not control blood sugar, prescribed pills or insulin may be needed. They do not take the place of diet and exercise, however.

Studies indicate that diabetes is generally under-reported on death certificates, particularly in the cases of older persons with multiple chronic conditions such as heart disease and hypertension. Because of this, the toll of diabetes is believed to be much higher than officially reported.

Diabetes is likely to cause changes in your life, but you will be able to work these changes into your usual routines. At times, however, living with a chronic disease may cause anger and frustration. When you feel that way, you may find it helpful to talk about your feelings to a family member, friend, clergy member or health professional.

Another place to turn for support — and information — is the American Diabetes Association. In addition to funding research at a level second only to that of the federal government, the ADA offers an array of services and materials. These materials include a basic booklet for every age group — children, teens/young adults, adults in the middle years, and senior. Obtain these booklets from your physician or local American Diabetes Association.

Dr. Eric Munoz, a surgeon, is chief medical officer of UMDNJ-University Hospital, and lives in Summit.

Crunch your way to healthier eating

In a crunch? A simple way to bring balance and nutrition to your life and your family's meals may be found in the frozen food department of your local supermarket.

More and more Americans are using frozen foods as a quick, easy and nutritious way to increase their intake of fruits and vegetables. Frozen foods eliminate the time it takes to wash, peel, trim and cut raw vegetables and produce, helping to ease overcrowded schedules.

In 1992 the National Cancer Institute launched the national "5 A Day for Better Health" program, which encourages people to eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Despite the many benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables, busy, hectic lifestyles hold many consumers back from achieving the recommended five servings each day. According to the American Frozen Food Institute, many solutions to this dilemma can be found in the frozen food aisles.

But many myths surround the nutritional values of frozen products. It turns out, frozen vegetables and fruits are more nutrient rich than most people suspect. These products are flash-frozen at the peak of freshness within hours of harvest, locking in valuable nutrients.

That means they often have more nutrients than their raw counterparts, which travel for days to get to one's

home refrigerator, where the product may sit for several more days before being consumed, all the while losing vitamins and minerals.

Putting together a healthful meal is a snap with frozen foods. Here are some suggestions:

- Toss a package of steamed frozen vegetables with pasta or rice for a quick and easy primavera, or with lettuce for a five-minute salad.

- Choose from the variety of entrees in the frozen food aisles of your local supermarket and add steamed frozen vegetables and salad to complete the meal, or select a frozen dinner that includes vegetables and/or fruits.

- Jazz up pizza by sprinkling it with cooked frozen broccoli or spinach.

- Use a variety of frozen fruits to dress up waffles or pancakes for breakfast.

- Layer frozen cooked spinach in lasagna, or roll it in cannelloni.

Don't overlook your vegetables. For best results, steam or microwave them.

Whoever you do, remember you can rely on your freezer case for satisfying and healthy main courses for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as snacks in between.

'See' your way clear to eat more carrots

What you don't know can hurt you, according to a recent consumer survey that examined the link between diet and prevention of eye disease.

Among consumers who report eating specific foods for eye health, 72 percent chose carrots. Only seven percent named spinach, the source of an important nutrient that helps prevent the most common and devastating form of blindness among older Americans.

"We're not saying carrots are bad for you," said Steven G. Pratt, M.D., a senior staff ophthalmologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, California. "Vitamin A found in carrots helps protect color and night vision. But consumers seem completely unaware of new evidence that indicates lutein, a powerful carotenoid, is the primary antioxidant found in the retina and may be the key to preventing age-related macular degeneration. This is a case where ignorance can literally cause blindness."

A compelling link between nutrition and eye health was uncovered at Harvard Medical School in 1994. Research showed that people who ate higher amounts of carotenoids-antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables had a significantly decreased risk of macular degeneration. Lutein was singled out as the most effective antioxidant.

Although those surveyed linked diet and health, fewer

than one in five eat specific foods to protect their eye health.

"It's encouraging to see consumers make the connection between nutrition and their eye health," said Pratt. "It's discouraging, however, to see how ill-prepared they are to act on this information."

Understanding diet and eye health is clearly complicated by a lack of knowledge regarding eye conditions.

When asked to identify eye problems associated with old age, only nine percent mentioned macular degeneration, although AMD is the leading cause of irreversible blindness in older Americans.

"It's difficult to change eating behavior," said Pratt, "when the individual doesn't understand the disease you're working to prevent. People need to understand the serious nature of AMD before they're likely to change their diet."

Survey respondents indicated a strong interest in changing their eating behavior after hearing about the relationship between lutein and eye health. Sixty-nine percent reported being somewhat or very likely to eat more foods containing lutein, and 41 percent indicated interest in taking a daily supplement containing lutein.

For people who didn't like spinach, eye formula supplements containing lutein are available in health food stores, pharmacies and other chain stores.

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Clark
William and Mary J. Mercuro sold property at 47 Denman Ave., to Robert J. Bigg for \$210,000 on Sept. 19.

Hillside
Bank of America NT & SA sold property at 233 Bellevue Terrace to Wabed O. Mufan for \$90,000 on Sept. 9.

Kenilworth
Anthony and Ann M. Vaz sold property at 739 Kingston Av., to Judy Altansio for \$220,000 on Oct. 2.

Mountainside
Anna Buthe sold property at 1458 Orchard Road to Peter B. Gardner for \$325,000 on Oct. 15.

Rahway
Irene Blockus sold property at 1930 Henry St., to Tammy C. Murphy for \$115,000 on Sept. 17.

Roselle
Sherril and Anthony of Union sold property at 300 W. 3rd Ave., to Bankers Trust Co. for \$37,000 on Sept. 30.

Springfield
Vector Realty Inc. sold property at 46 Severna Ave., to Goldblatt and Samet Realty LLC for \$525,000 on Sept. 9.

Summit
Janice A. Edwards sold property at 82 Elm St., to Laurent L. Boukobza for \$320,000 on Sept. 30.

Union
Raymond L. and Sidonie E. Jones sold property at 347 Stiles St., to Natalie Coston for \$110,000 on Sept. 18.

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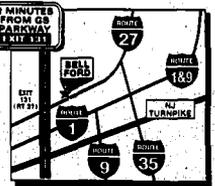
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1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue

The Olds Intrigue attracts much consumer attention

The 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue debuted in its production form at the N.Y. Auto Show. Intrigue show cars debuted last year and were named "most significant" of the North American International Auto Show by "AutoWeek" magazine.

Due out in the spring as a 1998 model, the Intrigue plays a major role in Oldsmobile's renaissance and resurgence in the midsize segment.

Aimed at the upper end of the massive midsize market, Intrigue is not intended to be all things to a broad range of customers. Instead it is tightly focused to deliver "one great car" to a specific group of customers. Following through on this promise the Intrigue team presents:

One body style: Clean and functional like the imports with shades of Oldsmobile's flagship, Aurora.

One scaling configuration: Five passenger with center console and floor-mounted shifter.

One powertrain: The 3800 195 hp V6, a perennial winner of "Ward's" Ten Best Engines designation.

One suspension configuration: Utilizing a combination of premium components unlike any other in the midsize market.

One elegant and functional interior design, including a low cowl for excellent forward visibility.

This package also includes a high level of standard equipment including a four-speed electronic transmission, traction control, four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes, air conditioning and speed sensitive rack-and-pinion power steering. Optional equipment moves the Intrigue further up the luxury scale with a BOSE stereo system, leather seating,

sunroof and a 12-disc Cd changer. For performance perfectionists an Autobahn package is also available.

Customer clinic results prove that Intrigue offers an uncommonly high level of ride and handling refinement. Achieving that praise from predominantly import owners and intenders was no mean feat. The foundation for exemplary ride and handling is a sound body structure. To fulfill that need, Intrigue has a very stiff unit-structure body with an isolated front subframe.

Another area that the Intrigue excels in is its suspension componentry. The front and rear struts utilize a combination of premium components — rebound springs, four-phase valving and synthetic fluid — unlike other midsize vehicles on the market today. In addition, the Intrigue is the first high-volume application of four-stage detuned disc technology within the NAO GM family. Other ride and handling features unique to the Intrigue deliver excellent ride and handling characteristics. There are four patents pending on Intrigue's ride and handling package.

The 1998 Intrigue is not intended to be a direct replacement for any existing product line. Instead it will compete in fresh territory and bring new customers to the Oldsmobile fold.

Combining the refinement of import models within a subtly more expressive and elegant package, the Intrigue is the composition of refinement, upscale features and advanced technology. Imports won an enviable reputation by setting high standards within the \$20-\$25,000 segment of the midsize market. Now it's the Intrigue's turn to demonstrate that the bar can be raised a notch higher.

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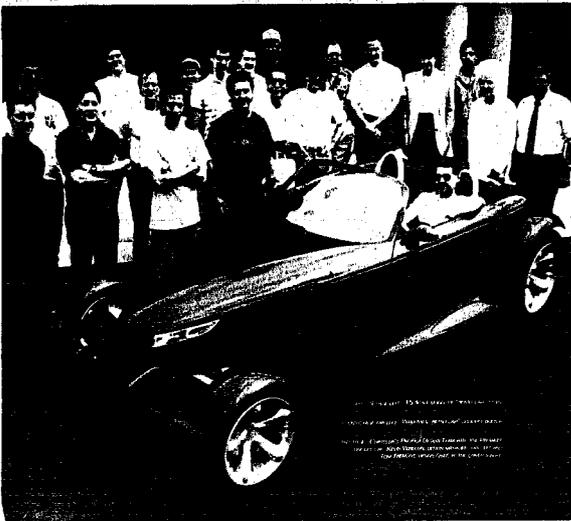
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Chrysler's Pacifica Design Team with the Prowler concept car.

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Prowler serves as the "calling card" for the Plymouth brand's revitalization in the United States, which began in 1996 under a multi-tiered effort that included new products and a whole new way of shopping for a vehicle. From a historical perspective, Prowler is the first United States-built Plymouth exclusive since the 1969 Barracuda.

"Prowler delivers the 'shock value' for the Plymouth brand while raising mainstream awareness for the full product range," it was noted. "Street rod enthusiasts who don't have the time or money to invest in a one-off roadster are clamoring for one, as are baby boomers and older professionals who are tired of look-alike cars and are ready to own and drive a unique automobile."

The significance of the Plymouth Prowler goes far beyond the car's distinctive profile — it represents the latest technology dressed with passionate design. Major innovations, such as the intensive use of aluminum and new assembly techniques, allowed Chrysler engineers to explore a wealth of new materials and processes for possible use in higher-volume production vehicles. Prowler further expanded Chrysler's teamwork approach to the

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"There are several reasons why you take on a project like Prowler," according to Craig R. Love, executive engineer for Team Prowler. "One is to create a test bed for new technologies."

One of the most important technologies was the evaluation of how to form, join and handle aluminum. About one third of the Prowler's curb weight is made up of aluminum components, including the frame, body sheet, metal and suspension components, some of which were formed using semi-solid forging techniques. The seat frames are aluminum as well, marking the first time such an extensive application has been used in the automotive industry. Another industry first is the use of die-casting magnesium for the instrument panel structure, resulting in greater strength and significant weight savings.

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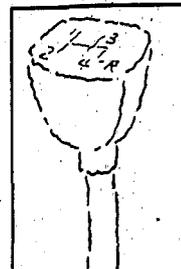
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