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Republicans squabble over county leadership

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

A recent pattern of election defeats and dwindling Republican support county-wide require Union County Republicans to oust long-time county chairman Frank McDermott, said challenger Anthony DiGiovanni.

With his formal announcement expected to come next week, along with that of his running mate, DiGiovanni said McDermott has in nine years as party chairman evolved into a weak leader — one who allowed the party to lag far behind the Democrats. Last year's Freshholder election gave Democrats unanimous control of that body and prolonged a GOP losing streak that started in 1994.

"The county is not in good shape politically," DiGiovanni said. "There is no leadership."

To win the seat, DiGiovanni needs only a simple majority of the county delegation when delegates vote June 9. Already, with approximately 100 votes coming from the large Union delegation behind him, DiGiovanni seems

poised to seriously challenge McDermott and possibly even unseat him.

The chairman's position is important for a number of reasons, foremost of which is the power to give or withhold party support for candidates during elections.

However, some party members outside Union see DiGiovanni's bid as an premature attempt to swing support toward Bob Franks' gubernatorial bid in 2001. Franks, who is being challenged by Fanwood's mayor, Democrat Maryanne S. Connelly for control of the Seventh District Congressional seat, is, along with state Sen. Donald T. DiFrancesco, widely considered to be a top candidate for the governor's office.

"I don't think Tony would run without the verbal support of Bob Franks," McDermott said. "I've shown my ability to lead, to raise funds. For him to run again, he must have support from a high place."

Two years ago, DiGiovanni strongly considered challenging McDermott but was dissuaded after DiFrancesco asked him not to.

He dismissed suggestions that his candidacy is geared toward supporting one man over the other for governor.

DiGiovanni said his running is "not about Bob Franks and Donald DiFrancesco" but about solidifying the Republicans and giving them the chance to retake control of the county's operations.

"If it was between Don DiFrancesco and Bob Franks, DiFrancesco would not back Frank McDermott if he felt his life was on the line," DiGiovanni said.

McDermott supporters said DiGiovanni's inability to keep his town a Republican stronghold and his failure to win Union for Gov. Whitman in last year's gubernatorial race make him ill-suited to succeed McDermott.

Last year, Republicans in Union Township lost their hold on the township government when Democrats swept aside the Republicans and, in the process, took the mayor's seat.

"When Union Township goes down, the county goes down with it," McDermott said.

However, McDermott has also watched his town of

Westfield elect a Democratic mayor, Thomas C. Jardim, for the first time in over 80 years.

"This guy has not done the job," DiGiovanni said of McDermott.

In his defense, DiGiovanni said that Democrats were able to win in Union because they focused on a single issue: the controversial buyout of a township administrator that was supported by the then-Republican-controlled government.

"We lost on one issue," DiGiovanni said. "There's no objection to what Republicans have done in this town."

Union Republicans are currently experiencing internal strife. A Republican Commitment, John Paragano, is suing DiGiovanni, claiming that he improperly filed a petition with signatures that DiGiovanni cannot verify. Paragano alleges that DiGiovanni, as the petition's certifier, did not attend a Republican Club meeting where the petition was being circulated and, therefore, the two Republican candidates-for town office should be removed from the party line.

County gives poor venison from hunt

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside normally only hands out staples to poor families — noodles, cereal, milk, stuff like that.

But some people have recently found, besides the usual items, something of a delicacy in their food packages. It's venison — deer meat — compliments of the county government.

"We don't get meat donated very often and our charities need protein to feed poor people," said Mary Nigro of the FoodBank. "In that sense, we're grateful."

The meat is the result of the annual county-supervised hunt in the Watchung Reservation, which ended on March 13.

The hunt claimed 169 deer, according to Dan Bernier, chief of park operations. The deer yielded 5,670 pounds of butchered and dressed meat, which was donated to the Community FoodBank.

This amount is slightly higher than last year's yield — 5,349 pounds of meat — from 185 deer killed.

Other figures from the hunt, such as costs and the estimated number of deer left in the park, were unavailable at press time. Bernier said the information will be included in a May report to the county's Watchung Reservation Deer Hunt Subcommittee.

Last year's hunt cost \$10,476.75, or about \$56.63 per deer killed. The county conducted two separate deer counts after the hunt.

The first was an aerial count, done from a helicopter, on March 27. This was done with an infrared camera, which picked up the deer's body heat. Bernier said it will take about six weeks to get the results back from this count.

The aerial count cost the county \$500. It covered the entire reservation and surrounding areas in Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains. It also covered the Balharroul Golf Course in Springfield, which had paid for its own count; both were done at the same time.

The other, a "spotlight" count, was done on April 7. This was done in a police vehicle equipped with two high-power spotlights. The spotters searched for the "eye shine" from the deer, after which their number and position were recorded.

This count cost nothing because it used an on-duty police officer and county employees who were not paid overtime.

The spotlight search found 64 deer. Bernier stressed that the spotlight count "won't mean anything" until it is compared to the results of the aerial count.

But, Bernier said, "I was a little surprised to see 64 deer." The county had killed a lot of deer, he explained, so the herd should have been smaller.

The aim of the hunt is to reduce the number of deer in the reservation to 60, or 20 per square mile. Before the hunt this year, there were about 300 deer in the reservation — 100 per square mile.

Poster contest set for kids

The Joint Meeting of Essex and Union counties, owner and operator of a wastewater treatment facility serving the two counties, is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

Middle school students are being asked to design a poster and high school students are being asked to design a logo, according to Executive Director Bryan J. Christiansen.

First prize for both contests is a \$100 savings bond, to be awarded to one middle school student and one high school student in each participating school district. The grand prize for

both the poster and logo contests will be a \$100 savings bond to be awarded to one middle school student and one high school student from all participating schools.

The contests will be open to students in the eleven member municipalities and Elizabethtown, where Joint Meeting is located. The member municipalities include Hillside, Roselle Park, Summit and Union.

Packets of contest guidelines, rules and application forms have been mailed to more than 50 eligible schools. All entries are to be collected May 14 at the schools.

Fighting birth defects



Union National Bank President Don Parcels with five-year-old T.J. Stallbaumer, 1998 March of Dimes National Ambassador, and 1998 Union County WalkAmerica Chairwoman Susan Gordon. About 900 people are expected to walk at Union County College's Cranford campus Sunday to raise money to support the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. T.J., from Rogers, Ark., was born at 25 weeks weighing 1 pound, 10 ounces. The March of Dimes helped provide him with medical care.

Facility's future in question

Board to vote on composting site

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The county composting facility in Springfield may be privately operated within the next two years.

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders will vote on whether to take the first step toward privatization tonight, when they vote on a \$10,500 contract with the consulting engineering firm of Park Civitus Ruppert.

If the contract is approved, the firm will prepare a Request for Proposal or RFP. The RFP would be the first step toward seeking bids for managing and operating the seven-year-old Conservation Facility.

"I've heard from private entities that they can do it cheaper," said Frank Darn, director of the county's Department of Public Works.

Darn said that he hoped to have the contract up for vote before the freeholders by the beginning of 1999.

The composting facility would still be owned by the county, but a private contractor would take over its operation, he said.

At the Springfield site, leaves are turned into fertilizer with the aid of microorganisms, which break them down into small pieces. The facility also runs a pilot program for composting grass clippings from Springfield, the host community. Future plans include composting grass and wood chips for the county.

The facility is permitted to take in 150,000 cubic yards of material a year. Last year, it took in only 80,000 cubic yards.

"My goal is to have a free tipping fee for Union County and ultimately the operator will have the final product to market as they wish," said Darn.

The material produced by the facility is in high demand; its value has gone up 400 percent in the past three years, according to Darn.

The facility is currently operated by two county employees. The employees, who work for the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, will be reassigned to road work if the facility is privatized, Darn said.

Eight arrested in mob sweep

Union men among those netted

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

— Federal agents on April 15 arrested eight men, with alleged mob ties in charges of racketeering, loansharking, and extortion while operating illegal gambling dens at the docks in Port Elizabeth and nearby wharves of Port Newark and the Down Neck section of Newark.

The crew profited from illegal video gambling machines and also operated "wire rooms" in New York City that took bets from around the nation, according to the FBI.

Investigators described the 20-year-old operation along the waterfront as an old-style example of organized crime activity. The eight, said to be members of the Genovese crime family, were apprehended in a series of raids at their homes, according to the FBI.

A 33-page, 16 count federal indictment, which was unsealed Tuesday, alleges the leader to be Joseph Queli, 51, of Union. Queli has been identified as a member of the Genovese

crime family who ran a faction bearing his name from the mid-1970s until November-1996.

Queli, is accused of being the gang's ringleader, reporting directly to New York Genovese family boss Dominic "Quiet Dom" Cirillo, successor to Vincent "The Chin" Gigante who was sentenced to prison several months ago after attempting to elude jail by pleading insanity.

Queli and his associates used threats, and intimidation to extort money and collect debts from patrons of their operations based in businesses and social halls along the waterfront of Port Elizabeth, Port Newark and Newark's industrial Down Neck section, authorities said.

Queli's headquarters in the Iron-bound Republican Club in Newark was billed as a local political club but was actually a front for mob activity, said authorities, whose investigation spanned several years.

Also arrested by FBI agents was the club's president, Anthony "Skins" Stola, 61. According to the indictment, Stola managed gambling machine operations and collected high-interest illegal loans.

The case against the eight reputed mobsters, was built by the FBI and federal prosecutors based on information provided by the Waterfront Commission.

Stola and Queli used Distribution Automotive Services in Port Elizabeth, Toyota Logistics Services in Port Newark and Maher Terminal in Newark as fronts for illegal activities which the FBI said reaped thousands of dollars a day.

Stephen "Beech" DiPiro, 42, of Kenilworth, another of the reputed mobsters indicted, has a rap sheet with gambling arrests in New York.

An unexpected byproduct of the raid yielded murder suspect Michael "Little Mike" Coppola's monogrammed golf clubs. Coppola has been in hiding since August of 1996 and is said to be the acting captain of the Genovese family. He dropped out of sight when asked to produce blood, hair and saliva samples for the murder investigation.

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COUNTY NEWS

NJ Transit mum on rival's complaint

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Lakeland Bus Lines and an administrative law judge in Newark are waiting for New Jersey Transit's reply to an unfair practices petition the bus company has filed against the public transit agency.

The suit, filed April 1 by Lakeland owner Marta Mazarisi, claims NJ Transit is undercharging its riders on the commuter rail Morris and Essex Line. The suit claims Lakeland has lost about 55,000 daily riders since the Midtown Direct link was built in June 1996.

Lakeland is asking NJ Transit to change fares and subsidies or discontinue Midtown Direct service. NJ Transit, by law, has until May 1 to respond.

The bus routes and rail line paralleled each other through 43 towns, including Summit, Millburn and Chatham. Mazarisi said her line carried about 90,000 daily passengers daily.

"Lakeland started running from Morris County in 1952," said Mazarisi.

is. "We added the Somerset and Union county routes in 1981 and, later, Shunpike and River Road service through Summit."

That was all before NJ Transit opened Midtown Direct in 1996. The link, anticipated by commuters for 36 years, provided direct service to New York's Penn Station. Riders previously had to complete their midtown commute by transferring to the PATH tubes at Hoboken Terminal.

As NJ Transit gained nearly 8,000 daily passengers, Lakeland lost about 55,000 riders, Mazarisi said. The line had to cut 53 trips, including the Shunpike and River Road service March 30, and laid off 20 employees.

Another 50 daily riders are presumed lost to NJ Transit due to the four-day bus drivers strike last November.

NJ Transit estimates that 2,157 people use its Morris and Essex Line at Summit daily, including transfers for Gladstone Branch and Midtown Direct trains. Lakeland's daily ridership in Summit is estimated at 625.

"People have made a lot of press

out of our leasing 53 MCI buses from NJ Transit," said Mazarisi. "They make up part of our 87-bus fleet. People forget that we got those buses in 1982 and we have to do our own maintenance and repairs all that time."

The 53 MCI buses are owned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey but are leased out by NJ Transit for \$1 each per year.

Lakeland charges that NJ Transit's access to state and federal operating and capital funding gives it an unfair advantage over private bus lines. Mazarisi said the advantage can best seen in NJ Transit's fares, unchanged since 1990.

At first glance, Lakeland's fares are lower than NJ Transit's. Manhattan-bound Lakeland passengers boarding in Summit, Millburn and the Vauxhall section of Union pay \$5.60 one-way and \$11.20 round trip. Lakeland also makes available 10-trip tickets for \$49.90.

NJ Transit, on the other hand, charges riders taking Midtown Direct

service from Summit \$5.85 one-way, \$8.50 round-trip and \$58.50 for 10-trip tickets. The savings come from weekly and monthly passes — \$50 and \$164 respectively, which lower the per-ride cost to \$5 and about \$4.10.

Short Hills and Millburn NJ Transit riders have at their disposal \$5 one-way, \$7 round-trip, \$50 10-trip tickets and \$43 weekly passes. The \$140 monthly pass, based on 20 average working days, comes out to \$3.50 a ride.

Vauxhall riders do not have rail access but can board at Maplewood station. The NJ Transit rates are \$4.45 one-way, \$6.50 round-trip and \$44.50 for a 10-trip ticket. Passes cost \$38 weekly and \$125 monthly.

Union Township is set to drive Trolley Station built on the Raritan Valley Line by 2000.

"We're not afraid of the competition," said Mazarisi's lawyer, Frank Fuzisimmons, "but we cannot run for less than our costs."

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El Nino worsens allergies
Allergy sufferers may have to cope with their symptoms for a longer period of time this year because of El Nino's unprecedented havoc on winter weather conditions, according to Dr. Kenneth F. Garay, medical director of the Center for Sinus & Nasal Disease in Englewood.

El Nino's disruption of winter weather conditions has prompted early growth of pollen-producing ragweed and grass.

"Pollen is wind driven and can travel considerable distances, causing allergy sufferers significant distress," Garay said.

Symptoms such as congestion, post-nasal drip, irritated eyes, and sinus pain or pressure that are presumed to be allergy-related may actually be a treatable sinus infection called sinusitis. This manifestation is caused or aggravated by existing allergies.

Raid nets area men

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Coppola is wanted in connection for the Easter 1977 slaying of John "Johnny Coca-Cola" Lardiere in front of a Bridgewater motel.

According to published reports, DiPiro "was stunned" when nabbed by FBI agents as he relaxed in a white limo enroute to Newark International Airport with Coppola's son, Vincent. The pair had plane tickets for Las Vegas.

A search of the limo revealed \$6,000 in cash and Coppola's golf clubs. Coppola, whose wife has also disappeared, has been spotted in the Las Vegas area. Investigators believe that DiPiro and the younger Coppola planned a vacation of golf and gambling with the elusive reputed capo.

The search for Coppola in Las Vegas will intensify now that the golf clubs have provided another clue to the fugitive's whereabouts, authorities say.

Meanwhile, a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Judge Stanley K. Chester in U.S. District Court in Newark last Wednesday set bail for the eight defendants between \$100,000 and \$250,000 each.

On many of the charges, they face maximum sentences of 20 years to life in prison.

Ronald "Quack" Quacquanti, 40, of North Arlington, who works as a shop steward at Distribution Automotive Services in Fort Elizabeth, is accused of loansharking and supervising gambling there.

Another defendant, Raymond "Ronnie" Cardoso, 47, of Newark, worked as the assistant clinic administrator at the International Longshoremen's Medical Clinic in Newark. He was charged with acting as a gambling agent and running loan-sharking activities from the clinic offices. He faces five years and the same fines as the other seven reputed racketeers.

The other defendants arrested in the case include Anthony Napolitano, 45, of Roseland, who is accused of serving as the strong-arm collector for the organization; Manny Rodriguez, 34, of Newark, said to be responsible for loansharking and gambling activities and Louis Raimo, 38, of East Hanover who is the president of L.A. Amusements, a firm that provides video gaming equipment.

All eight defendants were released on bail.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Concert to honor memory of musician

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Many, many people are expected to attend the Union Municipal Band's concert on May 4, "A Tribute to Trager," at Burnet Middle School, Morris Avenue, Union, which will be dedicated to the memory of Jack Trager, who died on Jan. 28.

Trager had been more than a musician, artist and teacher in his lifetime. He was a gentle, kind and loving human being, whose characteristic generally was felt by all who came in touch with him and who were better for this gift of his.

The very special concert, which will be directed by John H. Bunnell, and assistant directors, Casey Bork and Elizabeth Thompson, will feature music by John Philip Sousa, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Richard Malloy, George Kleinsinger, Leroy Anderson, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Richard Rodgers. But more than that, it also will feature two of Trager's nine grandchildren, Laurie Trager Kika as soloist for French horn and Wayne Trager as soloist in the "Toumament of Trumpets."

Nearly everyone in Union County who loves music knows of the magnificence of Jack Trager. He served as director of the Union High School Band from 1954 to 1978, as music teacher at Central Six School, Union, from 1978 to 1981, as music teacher at Battle Hill, Livingston, Hamilton and Franklin Elementary schools, Union, from 1981 to 1992, and as music teacher at the Summer Music School in Union, from 1993 to 1997. He also was a member, trumpet player and soloist of the Nutley Symphony Orchestra, the Union Symphony Orchestra and the Westfield Community Band. Trager also was a private music instructor of various brass instruments and a freelance artist whose specialization was in miniature paintings.

"John Bunnell and I talked about doing something appropriate to honor Jack Trager, and what better than to



Musician, artist, teacher Jack Trager, who died on Jan. 28, is seen playing his beloved trumpet at one of the many concerts in which he was featured. The Union Municipal Band will offer 'A Tribute to Trager,' dedicated to his memory, at the May 4 concert at Burnet Middle School, Union.

honor him at our May concert," asked Leonard Galley, who plays the French horn in the Union Municipal Band, and who also does the public relations for that group. Galley, who visited this office last week, said that "I've known him since he'd been playing in the band for several years. We also played in a small group called the Gillette Brass Ensemble. He had a great affection for his fam-

ily, including his wife, Miriam, their two children, Kathy Trager Block and Holly Trager, and their nine grandchildren, two of whom are in the band." Galley said, "During his illness, no one ever heard any complaints. He was very positive about everything. Over the years, he taught brass instruments to many young people in Union."

Photographs capture a world of culture

By Tontann Antonelli
Staff Writer

When opportunity knocked, Richard Schliebus made sure he was there to open the door.

The up-and-coming artist, whose medium of choice is photography, will show his work at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintop from May 2 through 30.

Schliebus, who comes from a small family in the Bronx, N.Y., currently resides in Roselle Park. A graduate of Rutgers-Newark with a B.A. in economics, he works as a title searcher for a mortgage company.

Schliebus said that his interest in photography began shortly after his brother purchased a 35mm camera with a zoom lens. He then bought one of his own and began taking photographs of various subjects, primarily concentrating on nature.

In his photographs, Schliebus said that he primarily focuses on capturing color.

"I just try to capture color and things that I find attractive," he said. "I'm not interested in documenting the gray and black-and-white reality of the world."

The artist's work is heavily influenced by two of his favorite hobbies — jazz music and European travel. Schliebus said that he has traveled extensively throughout Germany and the United Kingdom. In addition, while he has taken numerous photographs abroad, the majority of his work is shot much closer to home.

"There's a number of places that I've always found enjoyable, including Waranaco Park and the South Mountain Reservation," said Schliebus, who does not consider himself a good "people shooter" despite having taken photographs of jazz musicians.

Schliebus said that he has found



Richard Schliebus

photography to be a "most enjoyable hobby."

"I have been able to combine it with two of my greatest interests — jazz and European travel," said Schliebus.

His display, "First Show Photographs" at Children's Specialized Hospital, will mark his first solo exhibition.

"As a non-professional, I thought I would be limited to the members' shows at the Watchung Arts Center," said Schliebus. "Then, last year, my contribution to the WAC shows struck the right chord with the right person."

The artist said that, of the photos

he selected for the show, the vast majority were taken in Union County and its neighboring counties, where he has resided for the bulk of his 47 years.

A number of artists' works will be on display during the exhibition at Children's Specialized Hospital. Each artist will be given an entire wall on which to display his or her work.

"I have taken thousands of photos in the past dozen years," said Schliebus. "And it has been that process of continued trying that has brought out whatever unique vision I might have."

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Spirit of New Orleans visits Paper Mill

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn brought its own private Mardi Gras to its stage Monday evening when the exciting sounds of New Orleans jazz filled the theater and thrillingly entertained an especially responsive audience. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans, comprised of seven men, all artists within themselves, returned to the Paper Mill Playhouse for its 12th year, brought forth the traditional music that was imbedded in the souls of the men who created it. And throughout the fascinating concert, the audience, which filled every single seat, comparatively made up of middle-aged to senior citizens, tapped its feet, clapped its hands, sang along to the music of "Bill Bailey" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" — in fact, did everything but dance in the aisles. These enthusiasts were too polite for that. While the lights stayed on — there were no spotlights — the seven musicians were able to see their audience, feel their enjoyment, appreciate their fanfare, and play the music they loved best with abandon. With Wendell Brunious on the trumpet — he also served as the leader — Frank Demont on the trombone — whose bright red socks and huge red handkerchief had a comic effect, and Dave Griller on the clarinet, perfection was

accomplished in the horn section. Narvin Henry Kimball, who played a left-handed banjo, and who is 89 years old, performed amazingly, constantly and even sang a few solos, such as "Because of You" and "Georgia On My Mind." Kimball has been with the Preservation Jazz Band of New Orleans since it started in 1961. And he gave precedence to the band — without a doubt. Rickie Monie at the piano was jazz perfect, Joe Lassie on the drums gave off sounds that made one's heart thump and Ben Jaffe, bass player, offered some unusual solo sounds that the band and the audience found comical. To be able to listen to the true, deeply imbedded jazz repertoire of the real New Orleans was a joy unto itself, particularly when the band together and with solos bounced to "Basin Street Blues," "Shake It and Break It," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Ice Cream," "St. Louis Blues," "Nellie Gray" and the theme from "Dr. Zhivago." The concert, which ran for more than two hours, simply because the audience would not call it quits, encouraging the seven wonderful men to stay and play just a little bit longer, was a memorable one. One whole year seems a long time to wait for the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans to return to the Paper Mill Playhouse for another season. Much too long.

'The Best Little' musical visits Rahway

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

A good time can be had by all at Union County Arts Center — or, to be precise, at The Chicken Ranch, as "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" checks into Rahway for a spell. "Colorful" is a good way to describe this production — from the set on down to some of the language. Honestly, the title makes it seem stronger than it really is — mildly bawdy and suggestive is more accurate. Overwhelmingly, this production will charm the pants off of you. Visitors to The Chicken Ranch are treated as "guests," escorted by "ladies" with as much decorum as any Southern belle ever filled out a corset. The Ranch is run by no-nonsense Miss Mona, played with a comfortable demeanor by Carolyn Popp. Alas, as easy as Miss Mona is on the eyes and ears, she is no match for Joe Caruso's Melvin P. Thorpe, a "Watchdog" journalist

who is dead set on spreading the word that Texas has a whorehouse in it. All performances are downright fun. It is a pleasure to see Must Price on stage again, as both an Aggie and a Watchdog. Another stand-out is Ayesha Singleton as Jewel, whose performance and singing earns the name. Vic Moroso is completely adorable as the Governor, whose "Slidestep" dance routine knows no equal. Speaking of numbers, "Twenty-Four Hours of Lovin'" featuring Jewel and The Girls is terrific. "Angeline March" is cleverly choreographed, and "The Aggie Song"

will knock your socks off. Applause is well-earned for "Good Old Girl" featuring Craig Mason's Sheriff Ed! Earl Dodd and The Aggies, and "Hard Candy Christmas." Not to be overlooked are Miss Mona's Boys, neatly tucked away as they are, especially Narrator Andy Fedlow. The faint-of-heart should be aware that there are several gunshots during the play. However mild it may seem, however, this musical is not for the faint-of-heart. It is, however, for the young-at-heart, though there's "noubin' dirty goin' on." "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" will run through May 2 at Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and April 26 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24, \$19 and \$17. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

NJPAC, students get serious about dance

This spring, New Jersey Performing Arts Center and high schools in Trenton, Newark and Paterson will provide serious dance students with an opportunity to study with some of New Jersey's premiere dance artists. Mercer County Vocational School for the Performing Arts in Trenton, Newark Arts High School and Rosa Parks School for the Fine and Performing Arts in Paterson have partnered with NJPAC in an effort to enhance their own dance training programs. The Master Dance Series, sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is structured so that students' time with professional dancers is intimate and focused. Three NJPAC Principal Affiliates: Deborah Mitchell, Nai-Ni Chen, and Nicholas Rodriguez will share their expertise with young dancers during master classes, lectures and open rehearsals.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, dedicated to preserving the history, artistry and tradition of rhythm tap dancing, Deborah Mitchell founded the New Jersey Tap Ensemble in 1994. This 26-member ensemble, the state's only rhythm tap dance company, is comprised of adults and children as young as seven years old. During her career, Mitchell has appeared on Broadway, in Lincoln Center and on tour with Cab Calloway. Nai-Ni Chen has won critical acclaim for her combination of Eastern and Western dance techniques. Nai-Ni and her Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company meld Chinese poetry and Asian-American culture together into a unique art form, and have been in residencies nationwide developing and sharing their strong belief in both innovation and the value of tradition. Professional artistic director,

dancer and choreographer Nicholas Rodriguez presented his first Dance Compass concert in 1984. Currently dedicating his time to providing educational dance opportunities to urban schools, colleges and local communities, Rodriguez has held dance residencies worldwide and has received the prestigious Fulbright Grant for Artist-in-Residence activities in Bolivia. Conceived for both traditional and popular cultural events, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center serves as a home orchestra and host to nationally and internationally celebrated performing artists and the New Jersey arts community. NJPAC is located on the Newark Riverfront near Gateway Center, Newark's Penn Station and the Ironbound District in downtown Newark. Save your newspaper for recycling.

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Don't try to play the peacemaker in your life. There's too much going on in your life right now, so try to stay out of the line of fire. Don't suggest any hasty solutions. Unwind this weekend with a good book or by getting away by yourself.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
Get ahead on some of your mundane tasks at the beginning of the week. That will give you the time you'll need for an exciting new project at work, one that will let you show the full extent of your creativity. Enjoy some time outside this weekend.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
Stay away from giving financial advice. If people would take that advice too literally, they could end up blaming you for any problems they may encounter. Do something different to relieve stress, like cooking a gourmet meal or trying a new hobby.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Don't act in haste concerning your finances. Get a second opinion before you take a plunge. Before you ideas of someone who will be truthful with you, not someone who agrees with you too readily. Don't forget to set aside some time for family this week.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23
Someone you are very close to could be making a big career or financial mistake. Even if you cannot influence his/her decision, your support and caring will make a big difference in the way they handle it. So keep plugging away and don't lose hope.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22
A new opportunity may be headed your way. Evaluate it carefully, and look to the way of experience for some sage advice. Maybe you should plan some time away from your everyday life to consider what this opportunity could mean to you.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Look to the outdoors this week. First, the outdoors could play a vital role in your current workload. Use it for creative ideas or solutions to problems. Beyond work, the outdoors could mean great relaxation for you and a friend or partner.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Watch what you say this week. Keep some of your comments to yourself. You never know who might be listening, what someone else might pass on, or how that you've said might be interpreted. Consider doing something special for someone at work.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21
It's a great week to make a change for the better. Set your mind to make a change in your career or personal life — anything from a new job to just moving around the furniture. It will give you a fresh outlook on life. But don't get discouraged if it seems to take too long.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20
If you are criticized concerning a project or comment this week, take it in the best way you can. Use the criticism to better yourself by analyzing what was said to you. Then get out of the house this weekend. Give yourself a new lease on life.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Stress levels are high at home this week. You need to deal with the problem right away, so the stress eases. Otherwise, it could affect your work, too. Take a long look at your feelings concerning the problem, then help everyone work through it.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
Your first priority this week? Getting your finances in order. Shop around for a good financial consultant, then start planning for financial security in your life. A close friend may be facing a difficult time. Be there to help him/her get through it.

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Aptitude for sports does not lead to narrowness of mind

On The Arts

By Jon Plaut

Larry Doby's election to the Baseball Hall of Fame has unleashed for memories and ideas about sports and culture rooted in my past. Larry Doby was the second Black Player in the major leagues, after Jackie Robinson, and the first in the American League. He was a player of great ability, and accomplishments, leading the Cleveland Indians to pennant and personal fame. He is now a fine gentleman, living in Montclair, NJ, who suffered many indignities on the way to that greatness.

Before coming to the major leagues, Doby played infield for the Negro League's Newark Bears. He was converted to the outfield by Cleveland to give him a spot on the already talent-rich Indians. Doby has given credit to a book written by my father, Abe Plaut, with Yankee outfielder Tommy Henrich, called "The Way to Better Baseball," for helping him make the conversion.

Abraham Lincoln Plaut was a former minor league catcher and outfielder who, during the Depression to make a living, became an English teacher and three-sport coach at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn. He was friends with Lou Gehrig in college. When the Great Yankee died, Gehrig's wife wrote a moving tribute to my father for the friendship he and Lou had shared. Abe Plaut nurtured young players like Frank Ciuffone, New York City High School Player of the Year in 1941, and tragically killed in World War II, and Saul Rogovin, American League ERA leader and later highly respected teacher himself. Abe's talents won

young men came into Abe's orbit. Those of competitive sports abilities and richness of intellect particularly sought out Abe as a mentor, because of his philosophy that sports and brains should go together, along with cultural diversity and decency.

Abraham believed that the contract with life we all make required personal standards. I grew up with that role model. When Abe presented the annual Lincoln High School award to Jackie Robinson, I was not surprised to hear at the dinner table the following evening that Jackie had commented on the influence that good people had had on his life as both athlete and citizen.

In those years we were going to Ebbett's Field 20-30 times a year because my dad was scouting for the Dodgers part-time and had a pass for it. I remember Harold Parrott, Dodger road secretary, leading us to Branch Rickey's office after one memorable game with the Cardinals in 1947. Rickey never missed an opportunity to praise Jackie Robinson's talents and the immensity of what Robinson was accomplishing. He enlisted my father's support in the venture, which was, of course, very eagerly given and led, I believe, to the Lincoln award for Jackie.

When I was playing baseball in high school, my dad and I sometimes surreptitiously played semi-pro weekend ball on Long Island. He was still a terrific hitter, much better than I. But he was also a dedicated teacher, a prolific reader, a Master bridge player, and an amateur thespian — he

loved Gilbert and Sullivan — an avid theater and movie-goer, and challenging intellectual partner for my mother. He hated the term "dumb jock" just as he disliked religious zealotry. He felt both showed a narrowness of mind.

During the Second World War, Abe Plaut volunteered to organize sports activities for American soldiers in the south Pacific. He was too old for combat service, but he went anyway as a Special Service Officer to do that job. He got malaria in New Guinea but he never regretted those years. I believe his idealism and wanderlust made it a forgone conclusion that he would serve in any capacity he could.

Abe's grandchildren, my children, are adults now, but each remain athletic and interested in the subtlety of ideas. Their grandfater left them a legacy of practical idealism, combining athletic and intellectual aspirations in their everyday lives. I remember in the late 1940s my dad coming home from school with *The New York Times*, *The World Telegram* and *The Brooklyn Eagle* under his arm. We would browse the sports together while anticipating the nightly radio ball game. I remember him telling me of his hopes as we followed the accomplishments of Robinson and Campanella and the Dodgers, and of Larry Doby and Satchel Paige and the Indians. He felt we were at a new beginning in baseball and in society, where sports figures would be truly the kind of role models he remembered Lou Gehrig being.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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SOUFFLE
By Tonlani Antonelli
Staff Writer
Having never sampled French cuisine, I entered Souffle restaurant in Summit with an open mind and an eager appetite. I left maintaining a new respect for French food, and for Head Chef Jimmy Schrabby, who has created a dining experience that is the epitome of class and elegance. Entering the dining room, which is run by Schrabby's wife, Mary, we instantly felt welcome. There were no language barriers between myself and the very accommodating servers, who ensured that no plate or glass was ever left empty.

Abandoning my two years of high school French class, I began by ordering a salad composed of mixed organic greens with a light champagne vinaigrette, garnished with warm, herbbed goat cheese baguettes. As we waited for the first course to arrive, we nibbled on warm, nutty dinner rolls with fresh, sweet butter, and soaked up the elegant atmosphere.

The main course that I selected consisted of a done-to-perfection steak, glazed with a brown wine sauce, as well as jumbo shrimp wrapped with crabmeat and bacon. A wedge composed of shredded potatoes complemented the meal along with baby carrots and brussels sprouts. For those with a more traditional and less adventurous palate, a breast of chicken stuffed with roasted red peppers and mozzarella cheese in a light, saucy sauce offered yet another unique menu item.

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Stepping Out

ART AUCTIONS

THE GRAN CENTURIONS in Clark will hold an art show and auction tomorrow beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. The Gran Centurions are located at 440 Madison Hill Road in Clark.

ART SHOWS

HELLA BAILIN of Union will hold an exhibit "Joys of Travel," featuring her expressive paintings through today at the B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will display sculpture by Peter Regaino in the Art Park through April. Gallery hours are weekdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will exhibit "Bill Littel," by artist Nancy Brangaccio through April 30. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 703 Wauching Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 755-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountaineers will display "Second Look," a collection of over 100 pieces of artwork by members of the local community throughout April. The exhibit may be viewed daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the East Wing, via the Ambulance Entrance. CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountaineers. For information, call (908) 561-6185.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will display the artwork of Cecilia Nair throughout April. Also on display are works by Elizabeth High School Photography Club. The library is located at 20 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

WESTFIELD ART GALLERY will feature sculpture and photography by Westfield native Alison A. Hopper throughout April. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The gallery is located at 152 East Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 783-8844.

KUSLSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark will display "Landscapes from the Hartman Park," an exhibit of paintings, through May 1.

Art shows are Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call (732) 382-7197.

ART CARLSON, an exhibition of photographic works, will be on display at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through May 4.

Gallery hours are weekdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

SPRING FEVER by Dolores Fahey Whitelaw of Union will be on display through May 7 at Les Malanday Art Gallery.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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 gallery is located in Union Public Library, Fibergar Park, Morris Avenue, Union. For information, call (908) 698-0857.

EUGENIE GALLERY in Scotch Plains will display the art of Debra Livingston of Scotch Plains and Marguerite Brennan of Summit through May 23. A reception will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at the corner of Park Avenue and Second Street in Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-6333.

LYRICAL FLOWERS AND LANDSCAPES will be on display through May 31 at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Reeves-Reed is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8787.

ROBERT KUSHNER's 25 years of Making Art will be on display through May 31 at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. Gallery hours are weekdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

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Edward V. Walton School in Springfield through June. The books are on display in the Children's department. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

ART IN SUMMIT outdoor show will take place on May 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Green in Summit. For information, contact New Jersey Center for Visual Arts at (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will hold auditions for Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory on Saturday, by appointment.

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KEAN UNIVERSITY Gay Pride Theatre will hold auditions on Tuesday and Wednesday for the following: "Jigsaw" by Andrea Gordon, three women roles.

"Andre's Mother" by Terrance McNally, two men and two women needed. "Kiss of the Spider Woman," two men needed. (Not the Broadway musical.)

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SANGER CHORAL MEN'S chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Schwabacher Sangerbund mixed chorus rehearses Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Newark. New members are invited. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4900.

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

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites new members to sing at all rehearsals on Mondays at 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church Parish Building Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

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CAFES

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CLASSES

BRICKS, MORTAR AND SPIRIT: The Endurance of Newark is a four-part seminar being presented by New Jersey Performing Arts Center from Monday through May 31.

April 27 and May 11 session will be held at NJPAC from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 18 session, a panel discussion, will be held at Sanctuary Trinity St. in Newark, Newark. The tavern is located at 830 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-9900.

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COMEDY

JOE'S BASEMENT at Tavern in the Park features popular comedians on Fridays. Tomorrow, Mike Marino and Glen Cealano. May 6, Dennis Ross. Admission is \$8 for show only, \$25 dinner package is available. Show begins at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on weekends. The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-5511.

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FRANKLIN SCHOOL in Rahway will present a spring concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m. **JENSEN CONCERT SERIES** will present high singing star Dana performing

COMEDY

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A light dinner is included for \$50. Individual tickets are \$7. The temple is located at 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 273-1175.

TWO OF US nature and science program will be held on Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon at TriaLife Nature and Science Center in Mountaineers. For ages 3-4 with an adult. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

CHILDREN'S TROUT DERBY will be held through May 2 in Rahway River Park. The park is located on St. Georges Avenue, Rahway. For information, call (908) 827-4900.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE at Paper Mill Playhouse will present "Charlotte's Web" on May 2 and 3. "Culliver's Travels" on May 2 and 3. "The Princess and The Pea" on May 9 and 10.

What's Going On?

FAIR

SUNDAY
May 3, 1998
EVENT: Red Cross Springfest
Street Fair
PLACE: Along Franklin Avenue, from Church to Harrison Avenue, Nutley, NJ
TIME: 10am-5pm
PRICE: Clowns, face painting, pony rides, Magic Show by Darpo the Clown at 1pm and 4:30pm by the Kiddie Rides near Stager Street. Food Fest, Crafts, Live Entertainment, Blood Donor Trailer. Over 200 Vendors. For information: 201-997-9335
ORGANIZATION: Nutley Red Cross

SATURDAY
May 2, 1998
EVENT: South Mountain Craft Fair
PLACE: South Orange Duck Pond, corner North Ridgewood Road and Mead Street, South Orange, one block off South Orange Avenue
TIME: 10am-6pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Quality hand-crafted items by more than 100 artisans and crafters. All items Unique. Also Featuring Children's Craft Activities, All Day Live Entertainment and Extensive Food Court.
ORGANIZATION: South Mountain School

RUMMAGE SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
April 24 and 25, 1998
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Townley Presbyterian Church, 822 Salem Road, Union, NJ
TIME: April 24, 9:30am-7pm; April 25, 10am-5pm (last day)
PRICE: Free Admission. Large selection of items.
ORGANIZATION: Townley Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY
April 26, 1998
EVENT: Free Market
PLACE: Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ
TIME: 10:00am-6:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Over 150 vendors.
ORGANIZATION: Springfield Rotary Club

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
May 7, 8, & 9, 1998
EVENT: Gigantic 3 Day Rummage Sale
PLACE: Second Presbyterian Church, 1161 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: May 7, 10am-7pm; May 8, 10am-2pm; May 9, 10am-2pm
PRICE: Free Admission. May 9, Dollar Bag Day. Fill bag for 1.00. Used furniture, costume jewelry, clothing for everyone, housewares and more. Information 302-985-1959
ORGANIZATION: Second Presbyterian Church

FUN AUCTION
SATURDAY
April 25, 1998
EVENT: Fun Auction (Tricky Trays)
PLACE: Redemer Lutheran Church, 1161 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: Doors Open 4pm; Auction called at 6:15pm
PRICE: Tickets \$55.00. Food and beverage for sale beginning at 5pm.
ORGANIZATION: Redemer Lutheran Church

GARAGEYARD SALE
SATURDAY
April 25, 1998
EVENT: Garage and Bake Sale
PLACE: Trinity Covenant Church, 343 Third Street, Livingston, NJ
TIME: 9:30am-2:30pm
PRICE: No admission. We Have Everything!
ORGANIZATION: Trinity Covenant Church

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Find out what's cooking at Miller-Cory House

If you enjoy cooking, becoming a member of the Miller-Cory Museum's cooking committee is a wonderful way to experience the joy of cooking in an early American kitchen. As a cook, you will become a member of the Cooking Committee, meet warm & friendly people, experience baking and cooking many varieties of food over the open hearth and have fun.
 No experience is necessary, just the

LECTURES

TUESDAY
April 23, 1998
EVENT: An Evening With Elizabeth Dale
PLACE: Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Millburn, NJ
TIME: 7:15pm
PRICE: \$25.00. Benefactor Tickets includes Priority Orchestra Seating. Post-Evening Reception with Mrs. Dale: \$125 Patron Tickets includes Box Seating and Pre-Evening Reception with Special Speakers. Leisure Only Tickets: \$60 Orchestra, \$40 Mezzanine.
ORGANIZATION: The Junior League of The Oranges and Short Hills.

REUNION

SUNDAY
May 17, 1998
EVENT: Weeuvahic High School Reunion, Class of 1958
PLACE: Hamilton Park Conference Center, Florham Park
TIME: Afternoon Brunch
PRICE: Class of 1958 reunion 1998 will hold 40 year reunion on May 17, 1998. Know of classmates? Interested in attending? Call Barry Goto 973-325-3595, Judy Rullo 973-721-9777, Phil Grand 973-763-2964
ORGANIZATION: 1958 Class Reunion Committee

OTHER

FRIDAY
April 24, 1998
EVENT: Argyle Fish N' Chops Dinner
PLACE: Ridgeview Community Church, 174 South Valley Road (corner Meeker Street), West Orange
TIME: Beginning at 5:00pm
PRICE: \$4.50 adults; \$4.50 Children Take-Out. Fish N' Chops Dinner by Argyle. Pick-ups begin at 5:00pm until 6:30pm (Seating Available). Reservations Requested. Call 973-721-6486.
ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Community Church

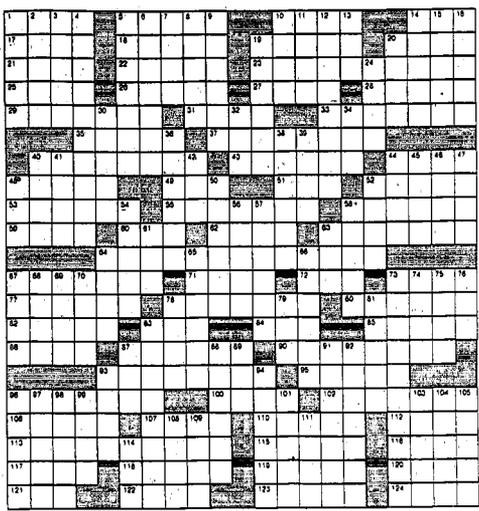
SUNDAY
April 26, 1998
EVENT: Aviation Extravaganza
PLACE: Linden Airport
TIME: 11:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Donation requested for parking. Airplane rides, Barbecue, Static Aircraft displays, tours, lun auction. Price of food and airplane rides varies.
ORGANIZATION: Boy Scout Aviation Explorer Post 224

SUNDAY
May 3, 1998
EVENT: Blessing of the Peas
PLACE: St. Elizabeth's School, Husa Street, Linden, NJ
TIME: 11:00am-12:30pm
PRICE: \$20.00. Good Shepherd Sunday. All Animals and Their Humans Are Welcome.
ORGANIZATION: Family Activity

SATURDAY
May 16, 1998
EVENT: Baby Byrnie Show
PLACE: St. Elizabeth's School, Husa Street, Linden, NJ
TIME: 8:00pm
PRICE: \$15.00. For information call Mary Davis 732-385-3545.
ORGANIZATION: St. Elizabeth School

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- 101 MOMA offering
- 103 Right-hand men
- 104 Cramping engine
- 105 — or whisper
- 108 Similar
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- 111 New York
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TELEVISION

THIRTEEN/WNET will air "Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart" on Wednesday at 10 p.m.

CTN cable channel will broadcast "Art of the Western World" on Mondays at 11 a.m. On Tuesdays, "American Cinema" at 10 a.m.; "Faces of Culture," 11 a.m. On Wednesdays, "Powerworks," 12:00 p.m. "Total Entertainment," 6:30 p.m. "For Arts Sake" will be shown at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Tomorrow, "Arts&Arts" will be aired at 4 p.m. On Saturdays, "Off Beat Cinema," 1 a.m. and 3 a.m.; "In The Garden," 4:30 p.m.; "Golden Age of TV," 5 p.m. "Sagebrush Theater" will air "Lost Canyon" on Saturday at 7 p.m. "Prime Movie" will air "Royal Wedding" on Saturday at 8 p.m. On Sundays, "Music and You," 8



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Ovation cable channel this week will air "Bringing It All Back Home," "Literally," "Painting The World," "The Shock of the News," "Civilisation," "Leading Hollywood," "Cross Channel," "Absolutely Ballroom," "Bach Cantatas," "The Transatlantic Sessions," "Extreme Attractions," "Black Artists Series," "AnzOnze."

Film/documentaries include "Art in the Third Reich," "Martin Amis," "Degas: An Art," "Philip Johnson: Diary of an Eccentric Architect," "Happy Birthday, Mr. Johnson," "Julian Barnes," "In Search of Clarity: The Architecture of Heathway Seegal," "Ken Russell's Elgar," "The Lost Portraiture," "Hustlers, Hoaxsters, Pranksters, Jokers and Ricky Jay," "Curtis Mayfield: Darker Than Blue," "Burgie Fawcett: Not a Bad Girl," "Pioneers in Time," "Houdini," "Sidney Bechet: Treat & Genie."

Country: "Carmen McRae Lives."

THEATER

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Moodiness can be alleviated by indulging in a nice bath

Having a bad day? Experts say that a bath may be the perfect way to improve your mood. According to Dr. Avery Gilbert, psychologist and sensory consultant for the Vaseline Intensive Care line of moisturizing bath products, "Because the bath engages almost all of the senses, including visual, olfactory, tactile, thermal and auditory cues, it can be a powerful way to influence moods."

Here's how Dr. Gilbert explains it: "Adding different sensory inputs to the bath, like silky, fragrant bubbles, ocean sounds or flickering candlelight can actually trigger mood-enhancing emotional responses. By keying into a specific mood — the desire to feel romantic, pampered or awakened — it is possible to enhance that state of mind."

A recent study conducted by Vaseline Research indicates that many people recognize, perhaps subconsciously, the connection between the senses and moods. When women were asked what they do to put themselves in a better mood, 40 percent responded "Listen to music," a strong auditory cue. Sixteen percent said they "take a bath." Vaseline Research and Dr. Gilbert have created a road map of sensory cues that can be used to create a bath that will suit any mood.

To soothe when stressed, the peaceful bath should be taken in silence. Draw warm water close to body temperature, to calm and relax. The mood can be enhanced by the visual appeal of soft, peach-colored bulbs or warm candlelight. Add a scent that is warm and familiar. Fruit-based scents are known to be calming.

For dry or rough skin, draw a warm bath — hot water can strip skin of natural oils — and add a moisturizing bath oil. Use an exfoliating bath mitt to scrub away dry skin cells and reveal soft, smooth skin.

To increase circulation after a physical workout, try a cool bath that is a few degrees below body temperature. Fresh herbal scents help to cool and calm tired muscles. Finish off with a heated towel to restore warmth.

For physical or emotional exhaustion, adding lemon slices to tepid water will help revitalize the body. A crisp, effervescent scent can help improve energy levels. Look for scents with hints of citrus, lavender or jasmine. Heighten the mood with sounds of the ocean to create the experience of cool breezes.

A warm bath strewn with rose petals helps set the mood for a special evening. Play a classical CD, recline on a bath pillow and bathe in soft candlelight. Add a romantic fragrance that features hints of rose, jasmine and gardenia for a pampered and feminine feeling.

Young chemo patients can now join the 'club'

A kind gesture by the manufacturer of a hair treatment is helping children who have undergone chemotherapy to regain their self-confidence.

In the process of battling cancer with chemotherapy, many children lose their hair. For some the loss is temporary, but for a few children, the hair never grows back.

Being bald at such a young age can be traumatic. It's often the most distressing side effect of the cancer treatment.

Once kids lose their hair, it's obvious to everyone that they are sick. They no longer look like their friends and other kids can be cruel. Hair loss can be emotionally crippling to pre-teens and teenagers for whom appearance is so very important.

Coming to the rescue for some of these cancer survivors is Hair Club for Men, a company whose commercials promise men with thinning hair that they can have hair again.

Offering them a new lease on life, the company provides their non-surgical hair treatment free, which duplicates the way their hair looks, enabling them to go on to lead a very normal, active life.

Because it looks like their own hair, their friends accept them, making an unfortunate circumstance more comfortable.

"The program is the heart of the company," said Lisa Mauriello, national director of Hair Club for Kids. "Hair Club founders Sy and Amy Sperting created it because they believe that children are the future and they've seen what a difference it makes when these kids look in the mirror and see that they have hair again."

'Miracle Cures' can be found at the bookstore

"Miracle cures" sometimes really work. There is no substitute for quality medical care, but the healing effects of herbs, vitamins and other natural remedies continue to surprise scientists.

For example, in her new book "Miracle Cures," nutritional advice columnist and medical writer Jean Carper combines reports of leading scientific data, research from around the world and inspiring, true-life stories of people who have cured themselves with natural medicines.

"Unfortunately," says Carper, "Americans generally are unaware of the fantastic potential healing powers of natural medicines available in health food stores and drug stores, although they have been widely tested and extensively used in other countries."

The book focuses on 21 "miracle cures" that offer the most dramatic promise as safe, potentially effective, natural treatments that can be used in place of, or in conjunction with, conventional mainstream therapies.

Some of the book's suggestions for natural healing:

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