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## Ex-officials sue authority in contract dispute

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

The restructuring of the Union County Utilities Authority isn't going as smoothly as planned.

Two employees who were let go during the restructuring — Deputy Director Harry Pappas and Deputy Comptroller Lois Miskowitz — have sued the UCUA. Both have employment contracts with the UCUA — contracts they say the authority has broken.

The UCUA was able to get part of their cases thrown out in court last Thursday.

Superior Court Assignment Judge Edward Beglin dismissed part of Pappas' suit. Pappas had named the county and individual members of the UCUA in the suit; this part was dismissed.

But Pappas' lawsuit against the UCUA as an organization continues. A new court date has not been set; Beglin has told the attorneys trying the case that he wanted it to be soon.

Pappas, whose five-year salary contract runs until January of 2002, is paid about \$82,000 a year. He is suing for his back pay.

Miskowitz's salary was not avail-

able at press time; she has about six months left on her contract.

UCUA Chairman James Kennedy said that lawyers write contracts "all the time" in business deals.

"They write them and boards are intimidated by them, but they might not mean anything," he said.

"A contract is a contract is a contract," said Pappas, "and if the courts break this contract, then what good are contracts for anyway?"

Pappas' contract can be legally broken under certain circumstances, but he said that these include circumstances like drug addiction, inability

to continue his job or being convicted of a crime.

"This is not being done because of an individual," said Kennedy. "This is being done because of a need."

The UCUA approved a restructuring plan last month in the wake of financial difficulties.

The UCUA was on the brink of bankruptcy. According to Kennedy, it is losing \$100,000 a week and has a \$14 million bond payment coming up.

To pare down spending, the UCUA decided to fire 23 employees, cutting its annual administrative costs from \$6.5 million to about \$1 million. The

only employees remaining are Executive Director Joseph Sniatka, Comptroller Tom Brennan and three aides.

"You can't lose \$100,000 a week and keep operating like you did," said Kennedy.

The UCUA's financial plight came about as the result of changes in the state's waste flow control laws.

The Supreme Court recently struck down these laws as unconstitutional; towns virtually had no choice where they could send their garbage for disposal.

Before being struck down, the

waste control laws gave the UCUA a monopoly on garbage disposal in Union County. Now the authority is in danger of losing its customers, since it must compete with other facilities, even from out of state.

The restructuring was first recommended in a voluntary audit by the state Treasury Department. An ad hoc committee assembled by the UCUA later gave details of the restructuring, including letting go its employees.

Interestingly, the UCUA recently went to court to keep the Bergen County Utilities Authority from breaking its contract.

## Renewed transportation bill cuts state's share of funds

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

New Jersey can anticipate about \$7 billion in highway and transit improvement funds as a result of President Bill Clinton's signing of the renewed Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act bill on June 9.

Clinton, in a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, put his signature to the \$204 billion bill before an audience of 40 members of Congress and trade union workers. The document, renamed the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, or TEA-21, boosts overall transportation spending by \$20 billion over ISTEA.

Under TEA-21, federal aid for highways would rise 50 percent and transit aid would increase by 30 percent.

TEA-21 will be largely funded by the 18.4-cent per gallon federal tax on oil — the amount motorists have paid during ISTEA. Additional revenue will come from closing a program which gave veterans benefits for tobacco-related diseases.

Considered the largest public works bill in history, TEA-21's funding formula would mean New Jersey receives \$676 million for highways. While no new roads are to be built with the funds, the state's 49 earmarked projects include:

- \$22.5 million towards upgrading the Interstate 78/Garden State Parkway Exit 142 interchange in Hillsdale.
- \$2 million to improve Port Elizabeth access to New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 13A.
- About \$265 million per year would be allocated for transit projects. They include:
  - \$2 million to integrate connections in Elizabeth and Newark.
  - Replace 2,000 buses and 200 rail cars for New Jersey Transit.
  - Start work on the Newark-Elizabeth-Plainfield light

rail line, including a connection with the Newark International Airport Monorail.

Allocations for the latter two projects were not specified, since New Jersey will supply some supporting funds. Indeed, Governor Christie Whitman recently unveiled a \$30 billion New Jersey FIRST transportation program. Whitman proposed a 7-cent state fuel tax hike to pay for New Jersey FIRST, along with an open spaces conservation campaign.

This is not the only part of TEA-21 where New Jersey will not see all of its transportation wishes granted. While spending levels are up, funding formula changes translate to the state getting 2.58 percent of highway funds, down from ISTEA's current 2.85 percent.

This is the result of more funds going to southern and western states. Legislators from those areas lobbied to change the formula for a year, prompting about 20 versions of renewed ISTEA bills. A joint Congressional subcommittee fleshed out differences between the House and Senate bills before sending TEA-21 to Clinton.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., will not find his call for a national 08 blood alcohol level in the bill. Instead, \$719 million would be used to encourage states to crack down on drinking and driving.

Lautenberg was one of several members who lobbied for inclusion of certain line items as special transportation improvements. That roster, cited by critics as a menu for pork barrel projects, was cut from \$9 billion to \$7 billion.

While the cut was made for federal budget balancing, it forced legislators to lobby for their line items. Rep. Bob Franks, R-Union, for example, campaigned for inclusion of the Route 78/Parkway interchange upgrade.

Franks said the bill will ease traffic congestion, enhance safety and expand mass transportation in New Jersey.

## Health law project to aid public

By Mark Hrywca  
Staff Writer

To combat the sometimes complex and complicated system of managed health care, the Community Health Law Project launched a new program, "To Your Health" in conjunction with the opening of its administrative and litigation office on June 11 in South Orange.

Currently in the development stage, "To Your Health" will be piloted in Union, Essex, Bergen, Passaic, Morris and Hudson counties. Focus groups composed of consumers and providers of managed health care will share their experiences with the aim of providing information that will be incorporated into a training program that offers practical and useful information.

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Photo by Jeff Grazi

Harold Garwin, executive director of The Community Health Law Project, welcomes people to the opening of the organization's administrative and litigation offices in South Orange on June 11. The project has a new program, "To Your Health," which seeks to educate the public about managed health care.

## Focus on teen talent



Union County Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, left, admires a photograph by Leah Jenkins, center, a student at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, during the recent showing at the Elizabeth Public Library of artwork from the Union County Teen Arts program. Looking on is Susan P. Coen, director of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

## Seniors want cash, not safety tips

By Philip Sean Curran  
Staff Writer

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla strongly defended a new program created to educate senior citizens about home safety after critics said it would merely repeat community services already available county-wide.

ElderCare Companies recently won support to begin carrying out its "Senior Citizen's Home Safety Program," which cost the county \$83,500 to operate for 12 months, Lapolla said. The program will include seminars on accident prevention, namely dangerous falls that occur in the home.

Lapolla expects the program to reach a large audience; each of the county's 21 municipalities are included.

According to ElderCare's proposal, the program is a much needed one: an estimated 30,000 Union County senior citizens are expected to fall by year's end. Of those, 7,500 will need medical attention as a result.

"This allows us to get to the most seniors in the shortest possible time," Lapolla said. "All 21 towns get coverage."

But while he does not oppose the program's intent, Richard Stone of the Union County Senior Council said it is an unwise use of money, especially

when support has dried up for county programs.

"We see it as a duplication of existing services," Stone said.

Stone said his offices were deluged with calls from angry senior citizens, who learned about the program by reading a report in a daily newspaper. He said the callers wanted to know why county senior citizen groups could not receive the money instead.

A Union Township-based organization funded partly through county grants, the senior council works on numerous projects to assist the elderly: sharing home safety information, offering employment opportunities, and meeting with some 40 clubs to discuss relevant issues. Also, the council publishes "The Union County Senior News," which reports on senior-related issues.

Audrey Hoffman, the council's executive director, said area hospitals like Elizabeth General and Muhlenberg and state organizations like Rutgers Extension also hold seminars and distribute literature explaining home safety.

At Overlook Hospital in Summits, officials in the geriatric department started an education program to teach doctors, patients and nurses how dangerous falls can be and how they can be prevented.

He wrote that seniors "have been calling the council to ask why the county was wasting their money for a repetitive program."

For his part, Lapolla defended the program's worth and said Stone does not "decide how money is spent."

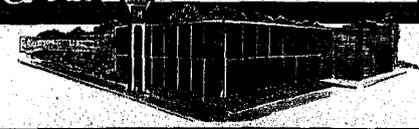
"It is our opinion that it is not repetitive," Lapolla said.

While Lapolla said the ElderCare Program shares similarities with existing programs, he believes that it can be a valuable supplement to the household safety efforts that Hoffmann mentioned. "Some of the agencies don't go into every part of the county," Lapolla noted.

Stone said representatives from the senior council and the county will likely meet soon to discuss the matter again.

The program's proposal outlined six core services it would provide: holding safety seminars and workshops; reaching out to children of senior citizens about keeping their parents safe; making safety brochures available; meeting with doctors, social workers and other professionals in the geriatric field; creating a "Union County Senior Citizens' Safety Volunteer Corps" which would visit seniors in their homes to evaluate their safety; and plans are underway to host a health and safety fair.

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Shakespeare Festival starts off the season with 17th century flair

The name of the company is the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. The theater in which the company performs is called the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. Given the presence of "Shakespeare" in both names, what is the Dickens possessed Festival Artistic Director Bonnie M. Moore up to with this theater's inaugural season with "Cyrano de Bergerac"?

In her program notes Moore provides a clue to this conundrum: she finds the quixotic quests of Cyrano analogous to the efforts of her staff and supporters to bring plans for a new theater to fruition and the play's large cast and heroic style appropriate for such an auspicious undertaking.

Edmond Rostand wrote "Cyrano" in 1897 in a vain attempt to inject romance into modern, realistic drama. Set in mid-17th-century France, "Cyrano de Bergerac" tells the tale of the swashbuckling hero Cyrano, whose poetic and noble spirit is as beautiful as his enormous nose. Despite his secret love for and devotion to the beautiful Roxanne, he agrees to help the dopy, handsome Christian win her hand by composing romantic speeches and letters to be sent over Christian's signature.

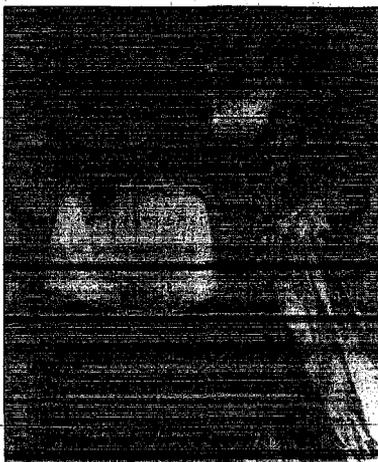
So, you ask, why the beef? For one thing, the play is too verbose for modern audiences. Rostand may have found strong emotions significant

Theater View

By Ruth Ross  
Theater Correspondent

enough to be exposed on the stage, important enough to carry the full weight of the rhetoric with which he invested them. For modern audiences, however, this means long stretches of talk, much of it overwritten "purple" poetry, clocking in at three hours. Second, although his selection of a grotesque hero gave Rostand the opportunity to explore the possibilities of an ironic view of life, along with its authentic counterpart, much of this is lost in long-winded proclamations and non-essential stage business.

Supersaturated in color and movement, a work of pure theater, the flamboyant and passionate play boasts one of the largest cast of characters — 35 — in modern drama. Despite the play's shortcomings, Moore's cast serves her very well. As the adventurous Cyrano, Tony Award-nominee Gabriel Byrne physically suits the role to a tee with a real — long nose and an agile, lanky body. His ability to memorize so much text — and to



Gabriel Barre as Cyrano and Tricia Paoluccio as the woman he secretly adores, Roxane, in the NU Shakespeare Festival production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison.

deliver it so well — is absolutely extraordinary. Barre renders Cyrano's idealism and gallantry — so at odds with his self-deprecation — with humanity so palpable that the audience really feels for his unrequited love.

The object of his affection, the beautiful Roxane, is played by Tricia Paoluccio as a self-involved, shallow wit: it's hard to see what, beyond her looks, Cyrano sees in her! Of course, when she realizes, too late, that he loves her, she becomes a woman worthy of such affection. Steve Wilson plays the third role in the famous love triangle, Christian de Neuvillette, as a handsome hunk without a brain. Cyrano's friends include Herman Petras as a wonderfully warm Ragueneau, a baker who'd rather write poetry than bake bread; Edward James Hyland as the drunken satiric rhymist Liguere and Mark Elliot Wilson as his steady, loyal comrade Le Bras. Rounding out the principals, Edmond Genest is a slimy Count de Guiche, intent on securing Roxanne for his lackey Valvert or for himself when Valvert dies, and bent on eliminating all rivals for her affection.

The actors get to perform on a versatile set designed by Chris Muller, which is easily transformed into the Hotel de Bourgogne, Ragueneau's Bakery of the Poets, the courtyard of

Roxanne's house, a battlefield and the cloister of a convent. Colorful period costumes designed by Murrell Horton complete the effect of 1640s France.

Moore has directed the play well and keeps the action moving forward, but some judicious editing would have tightened things up a bit. Since much of Rostand's references are topical to the 17th century and to France, much of the wit is lost on a modern audience. The wit of the play, I think, reads better today than is apparent in performance.

Does all this mean you should miss this particular production? Well, if you are interested in theater of any period, if you adore excellent performances or if you just want to see the new theater, go on over to the Drew University campus in Madison. Otherwise, rest assured that Shakespeare will be performed this summer: "All's Well That Ends Well" in late July and "King Lear" in early September.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" will run through July 5 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre. Tuesday through Saturday nights at 8; matinees at 2 p.m. For information and tickets, call the box office at (973) 408-5600. The F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre is wheelchair accessible.

Ziegfeld and Co. are an audience favorite at Paper Mill

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

A stunning production of the sparkling Tony-awarding winning musical, "The Will Rogers Follies: A Life in Revue," is adorning the Paper Mill Playhouse stage in Millburn. The scenery is spectacular and the costumes are exquisite, particularly as displayed on some of the loveliest women to prance along this stage in as near-perfect figures this reviewer has seen in a long time.

Our hats are off — with reverence to Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer, and Robert Johnson, artistic director, for presenting "The Will Rogers Follies," a 1991 winner of six Tony awards, a 1991 Drama Desk Award, a New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Musical and a 1992 Grammy Award; with music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green and book by Peter Stone. These "Follies" follow on the heels of the hugely successful revival, "Follies," and both concerned the famous showman Florenz Ziegfeld. This reviewer also must bow to Mark S. Hoshes, for a superb job in directing such a huge production and D. J. Salisbury, for his immense choreographic skills.

As Will Rogers, the most successful

Theater View

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

public speaker, radio personality and an equally successful star of The Ziegfeld Follies of his time, actor John Davidson twists his rope, acts his homespun stories of current and past events in a slow Western draw, and convinces the audience that he really is "Will Rogers."

In addition to some truly lively music, fantastic dancing and good acting, the show also features The Madcap Mutt, a real vaudeville dog act, trained by Tom and Bonnie Brackney, and a real show-stopper, which delighted the audience, particularly this past Saturday matinee.

Ann Crumb, who has a lovely voice, portrays the faithful wife, Betty Blides. The very beautiful Pamela Jordan, who plays Ziegfeld's Favorite, who can seductively walk and dance and sing, undoubtedly seduces every audience at every performance at the



Pamela Jordan as Ziegfeld's Favorite flirts with John Davidson as Will Rogers in the Paper Mill Playhouse production of the Tony Award-winning musical, "The Will Rogers Follies: A Life in Revue," which will run through July 26 in the Millburn theater.

Paper Mill. The others in the enormous cast of really beautiful people must be pointed out. They include the wonderful Robert E. Fitch as Will Rogers Sr., Lori Alexander, Stephanie Bishop, Vincent Paul Boyle, Janet Kane, Barry Cavanagh, Jennifer Clippingier, Jennifer Lee Crowl, Ashleigh Davidson, Mary Lee DeWitt, Paul S. Isomco, Jean Marie, Temple Kane, Louisa Kendrick, Krista Lepore, Frank A. Leusner, Blaine Masarik, Shane Parlow, Miss Price, Tara Radcliffe, Ivy Riser, Casey Ross, Joseph, Yurko, Karvin Stiel, Seth Swoboda, Yurko Tamaki, Scott Wakefield and Jessica Waxman.

The musical numbers, which tell the simple story of Will Rogers' life leading up to Ziegfeld — "whose marvellously deep voice is occasionally heard as instruction or reprimand from up in the gallery — began with "Will-A-Mania," offered by Ziegfeld's Favorite and Company; "Give a Man Enough Rope," by Will and the "Will Rogers Wranglers"; "It's a Boy!" with Clem and Will's six beautiful, but single sisters, and "So Long, Pa," sung by Will; "My Unknown Senses," sung by Betty. The other wonderful tunes are sung and danced to by the girls in the Follies. "The Big Time," with Will, Betty and the child-

ren; "My Big Mistake," by Betty; "The Powder Puff Ballet," with the New Ziegfeld Girls; "Wary Me Now," which Will sings to Betty, and Betty answers her own rendition of "Without You."

In Act 2, Will and the Chorus offer "Favorite Son," at the convention when Will is nominated for president of the United States, and later, his wife sings, "No Man Left For Me." Will and the Will Rogers Wranglers and the New Ziegfeld Girls sing and dance to "Presents for Mrs. Rogers." Then Will and Clem offer "Will-A-Mania," and when Will and Company sing Rogers' favorite expression, "Never Met a Man I Didn't Like," they bring the house down.

There is a backdrop with pictures and signs of Will Rogers to demonstrate the life he lived. And his death in an airplane crash, which is well known to the public, still has a powerful impact.

The Paper Mill Playhouse has announced extra matinees for the month of July, and one can certainly understand why. This is a show that rivals any current Broadway show — one that really must be seen at least once more. It is too overwhelming for just one sitting.

Actors can return to the source for Shakespeare training

Wroxton College, in the Cotswolds Hills of England and just 15 miles from Stratford-upon-Avon, has announced an extraordinary summer opportunity to study Shakespeare at the source.

From June 29-July 24, Dr. Pamela Mason, a Fellow of the Shakespeare Institute, University of Birmingham, and a faculty member at Wroxton College, will lead two undergraduate and two graduate courses in Shakespeare that focus on the ways in which plays work in performance.

Each week, students will explore and experience plays in the repertoire of the Royal Shakespeare Company with theater tickets included in the course fee. Typically, there is one theater experience for each credit taken.

The opportunity to study with Dr. Mason, who has an international reputation for dynamic teaching of Shakespeare, makes this offering extraordinary. She is co-editor of "Shakespeare in Performance," and editor of a casebook on Shakespeare's early comedies. Dr. Mason has contributed a volume on "Much Ado About Nothing" to the Macmillan series on "Text in Performance."

Students live in historic Wroxton Abbey, the fully modernized Jacobian mansion that is Wroxton College. The campus, set on 56 acres of park and woodland, is just outside the thriving market town of Banbury. The college is owned and operated by Patehall Dickinson University, using British faculty and the traditional British tutorial system. All course work is accredited through

FDU. For more than 30 years, students from 200 colleges and universities have selected Wroxton College for their study abroad experience.

Summer Shakespeare classes meet Monday-Thursday, with special week Friday-Sunday. The comprehensive fee includes 21 meals per week, room in the Abbey with library and computer labs, texts, theater tickets, weekend trips and course-related travel.

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'Trespass' threatens to scare you to death

Over the last ten years, the story elements of Hollywood big budget films have focused on three main points. 1. How many out-of-control, burning cars can we send over a roof, into a brick wall, or careening through a crowded city street? 2. How many different ways can we have a futuristic cyborg, robot or alien gruesomely dismember somebody? 3. How many body bags should be taken out of the building while some wisecracking detective chomps on a fat cigar, making goofy remarks?

'Trespass' is a movie which outsmarts the average Hollywood box office smash, while proving a psychological fact: The threat of violence scares people much more than violence itself. In the first 90 minutes of 'Trespass,' only four people are killed and only two cars are damaged. That's pretty low for a "violent action film." But the script by Robert Zemeckis and the direction by Walter Hill keeps the threat of violence so constant and so intense that you will not be able to leave your seat.

Bill Paxton and William Sadler play two firemen who find a hand-

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

written map showing the location of a treasure in ancient gold. The hiding place is a deserted warehouse in East St. Louis. The boys are searching through the dusty old building when they accidentally witness a gangland murder. The next thing they know, they've barricaded themselves in a room and the gang, afraid the two firemen will run to the police, want them dead.

Luckily, Paxton and Sadler have taken one of the gang members inside with them. Besides Paxton and Sadler, who both give great performances, the film also features rap singers Ice T and Ice Cube, who are also very effective on the screen.

New on video: "Mouse Hunt," family, "Fast, Cheap and Out of Control," documentary, "Shutdown," thriller.

'A Shayna Maidel' turns heads in Rahway

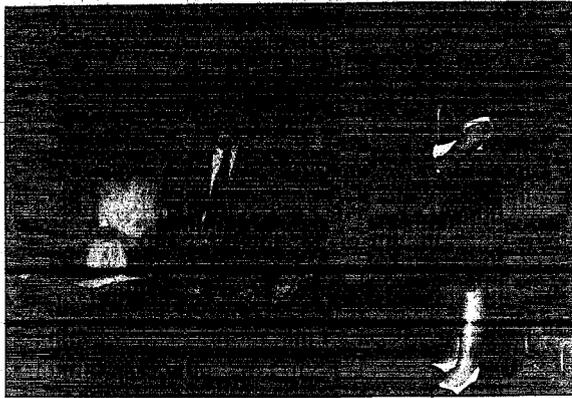
By Jacque McCarthy Associate Editor

There was not a dry eye in the house when Carnival Productions opened the most-feel show of the season, "A Shayna Maidel," this weekend at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Theater in Rahway.

Suffies were audible as early as Act I, where we meet Rose White, a.k.a. Ressel Weiss, daughter of Mordechai, in her New York City apartment circa 1946. An Americanized, sophisticated young woman, Rose recalls little of the traumatic circumstances that brought her and her father out of war-torn Nazi-infested Poland when she was a child. She is distraught to learn that her long-lost sister Lusia has been located and must stay at Rose's apartment — where will they sleep? Is there enough food in the house? What will she say to her sister — a relative stranger — who was not lucky enough to escape Nazi tyranny?

Melissa Blevins gives an excellent performance as Rose, the younger of the two sisters, whose flight from immediate danger creates a guilt from which she cannot flee. Glenn Mahler is imposing as Mordechai, who demands from his daughter the fortune he himself cannot muster, but only bluster.

A profoundly affecting performance is in store from Tracey Ran-



Proud Mordechai brings his family together at last in 'A Shayna Maidel,' currently on stage at Carnival Productions in Rahway.

delli as quiet, haunted Lusia. The scars in her eyes tell only part of the story, the rest depicted with intense detail through her memories, which feature the talents of Carnival veterans Daynon Blevins and Faith Agnew

as Lusia's husband David and friend Hanna, respectively, and Nora Hummel as Mama. These actors exhibit enviable range in these demanding sequences, achieving quicksilver shifts from fancy to anger to abject

terror without missing a beat. As tight as it is, the show runs a bit longer than most, but don't let that keep you away. Break out your handkerchiefs and call (732) 388-0647 for reservations.

NJ Pops performs with pride

The New Jersey Pops Orchestra prides itself on having treated the people of New Jersey to 20 years of fine and recognizable music — right in their backyards. Founder and Musical Director Mike Buglio has brought the orchestra to locations in New Jersey as far north as Bergen County and as far south as Cape May. The Pops have performed repeatedly in the western part of the state in Sussex County, numerous times in Morris County, and often in Atlantic City. The orchestra has been most accessible to nearly all New Jerseyans.

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<b>Pasta Meridiana</b> Shellfish in saffron rice 10.95		<b>Comarões à Malagana</b> Shrimp with garlic and roasted peppers 8.00		<b>Salmão à Provençal</b> Salmon in a tomato & wine sauce, with fried tomato and anchovies 14.95	
<b>Filet de Salmão à Vaca</b> Filet of sole with shrimp, clams and mussels 9.50		<b>Chicoutis Assado</b> Braised smoked sausage 7.25		<b>Basilhas à Óleo de Ponze</b> Grilled codfish with black olives, olive oil, garlic and boiled egg slices 13.25	
<b>Salmão Guisado</b> Grilled salmon 8.95		<b>Meriscada à Meridiana</b> Mussels in marinara sauce 6.50		<b>Carnes - Meats</b>	
<b>Comarões em Salsa Verde</b> Shrimp in green sauce 8.50		<b>Copomeiros à Guishe</b> Mushrooms in garlic sauce 7.50		<b>Bife à Europeia</b> Steak Europe style 14.95	
<b>Comarões Enfiados</b> Shrimp in hot tomato, pepper and onion sauce 8.50		<b>Sopas - Soups</b>		<b>Bife de Topo Guisado</b> Grilled beef with saffron steak 13.95	
<b>Comarões à Guishe</b> Shrimp in garlic sauce 8.50		<b>Sopa à Montezuma</b> Soup Montezuma style 2.50		<b>Comarões à Brasileira</b> Braised shrimp with shellfish in a red wine and brandy sauce 14.95	
<b>Carnes - Meats</b>		<b>Sopa do Dia</b> Soup do Jour 2.00		<b>Caril de Frango Oriental</b> Chicken curry oriental style 11.50	
<b>Frango à Guishe</b> Chicken in garlic sauce 7.95		<b>Mariscos e Peixe - Seafood</b>		<b>Frango à Guishe</b> Chicken in garlic sauce 10.95	
<b>Filet de Frango</b> Chicken breast sautéed in white wine sauce 8.00		<b>Pasta Valenciana</b> Shellfish, chicken and sausage casserole 15.95		<b>Filet de Frango Meridiana</b> Chicken breast in tomato wine 11.50	
<b>Molho de Vinho Branco</b> Chicken breast sautéed in white wine sauce 8.00		<b>Pasta Meridiana</b> Various types of shellfish in a saffron rice casserole 15.95		<b>Molho de Vinho Branco</b> Filet cooked prepared in a sherry and brandy sauce 13.95	
<b>Chicoutis de Porce com molho de Alho</b> Pork chops in garlic sauce 7.95		<b>Meriscada em Salsa Verde</b> Shellfish casserole in a green sauce 15.95		<b>Basilhas à Óleo de Ponze</b> Filet cooked prepared in a sherry and brandy sauce 13.95	
<b>Escalopes de Vitelo com Copomeiros</b> Veal cutlets in a mushroom sauce 8.95		<b>Lepete à Europeia</b> Lettuce with shrimp, clams, mussels 16.95		<b>Comarões de Ponze à Salsinha</b> Pork chops with capers and pickles 11.95	

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# HOROSCOPE

## For the week of June 21 to June 27

### Aries March 21-April 20

This would be a great time to make a change for the better. Decide whether to start at home or on the job — anything from rearranging the furniture to a new job. It will give you a fresh outlook on life. Just don't get discouraged if it seems to take too long.

### Taurus April 21-May 21

Opportunity is the name of the game this week. If you recognize it when it comes along, evaluate it carefully, look to the voice of experience for some sage advice. Consider planning time away from your everyday life to consider what this opportunity could mean to you.

### Gemini May 22-June 21

It's time to add adventure to your life, so invite a close friend to do something new and different with you. You'll unwind and put some heavy care behind you. Once you get back, you'll be able to deal with anything that comes along with a more confident attitude.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

Is someone close to you under a lot of pressure? Don't make judgments — lend your support and be there to help him/her. It would mean a lot to him/her if you'd take time for an evening out. Make it simple — go shopping, to dinner or take in a movie.

### Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you try to juggle too many things at once, something will suffer. You don't want it to be your family, so consider giving up one of your commitments. Once you work it out, plan a family outing. Take a trip to the beach or a park for a picnic and some quality time.

### Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Have you been hunting for just the right gift for that special person in your life? You'll find just what you're searching for when you head to the specialty shops this weekend. In the meantime, don't make any heavy-duty decisions at the beginning of the week.

### Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

It's time to take an aggressive approach to handling that persistent problem that's been nagging at you. Solve it once and for all. With so much going on, you and your partner haven't had much time for each other. Plan some time away just for the two of you.

### Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Get a second opinion before you take a plunge with a major purchase. Discuss your ideas with someone who will be truthful with you, not someone who just tends to agree with you. Make it a priority in your schedule to set aside time for family this week.

### Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

If an idea seemed utterly useless at first, reconsider it because it may turn out to be a great success. Don't dismiss anything as silly the first time you review it. Let business take a back seat to family matters this weekend. Your family needs your help and understanding.

### Capricorn Dec. 21-Jan. 20

Don't put too much stock in someone else's grudge. Listen carefully and weigh the facts before you jump to any conclusions. Most importantly, don't take sides — just know the facts in case you're called on to help out. Special family time is important this weekend.

### Aquarius Feb. 19-March 18

Do not get financial advice this week. Someone could take that advice too literally and end up blaming you for any problems they may encounter. Do something different to relieve stress, like trying your hand at a new hobby or taking a cooking class.

### Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Whatever you do this week, don't give in to your impulses. Delay making any important decisions. Before you make them, seek expert advice. Someone in your life could really use reassurance. Save time for them this weekend and shower them with TLC.

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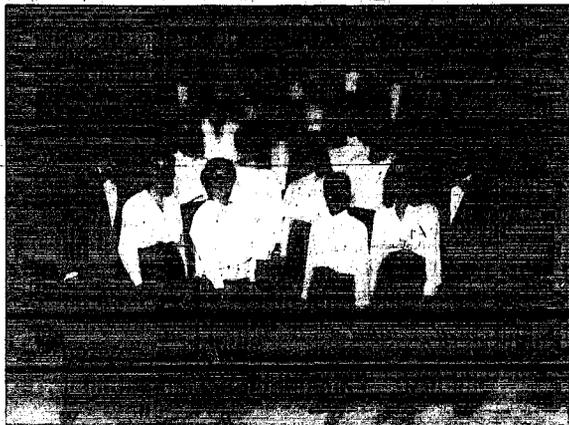
# Cantors raise their voices in tribute

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

A unique, immensely touching, spectacularly entertaining evening was presented on Sunday when Temple Israel of Union offered "A Concert of Jewish Music, in Tribute to the Memory of Cantor Hillel Sadovitz," featuring the New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble. Seven women and seven men, all cantors, composed the ensemble, each with his or her special blend of professionally operatic, resonant voices, solo and together. They represented Conservative and Reformed temples in Union, Springfield, Summit, Millburn, Metuchen, Lawrenceville, Scotch Plains, West Caldwell, Toms River, Plainfield, Manalapan, Livingston, New Milford and Clifton.

The event was given for scholarships to cantorial students, and the temple was filled to capacity with happy, smiling people, who laughed and cried and sang along with some of the cantors. The highlight of the entire program was what Cantor Sadovitz's son, Bruce, presented to the audience — a video tape of his father, with family members, friends, synagogue members, and a concert in which Cantor Sadovitz sang Yiddish melodies, with such vigor and happiness that the audience astonishingly sang along with him. It was truly a moment to remember.

Accompanied by the talented pianist Cynthia Shaw of Brooklyn, the program began with Cantor Arthur Katlin of Adah Israel Congregation, soloist, offering Secunda's "Pischa Li," conducted by Cantor Daniel Green of Congregation B'nai Israel. Then Cantor Janet Ruth Krupnick of Summit Jewish Community Center conducted Hirsch's "Tzion Halo Tish'al," which was arranged by Carmel/Jacobson. Green conducted Heilman's "Haskiveim," with the beautiful voice of Cantor Mordcai Goldstein of Temple New Shalom, and that of Cantor Jennifer Werby



The New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble performed a tribute concert to the memory of Cantor Hillel Sadovitz on Sunday at Temple Israel of Union.

Levy of Congregation B'nai Israel, as soloists. Seltzer/Jacobson's "HaKote" was conducted by Krupnick, and Shernert/Adema's powerful "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav" was conducted by Cantor Matthew Axelrod of Congregation Beth Israel. There was a pause in the program when Cantor Ben Borow of Temple Israel of Union offered an aria from Donizetti's opera, "Una Furtiva Lagrima," Cantor Emeritus Max Reibel of Fairawn sang Rappoport's "Modin Anachnu Lach," Krupnick conducted Zahavi/Parker's "Yesusim Midbar," and Katlin conducted soloist Cantor Leonard Reiter of Beth Tikva New Milford Jewish Congregation in Rosenblatt/Meisels' "Shomer Yisrael." The first part of the program ended with Nadel's "Sim Shalom."

In the second part of the program, Goller conducted Lavry's "Emek," Axelrod conducted Osborne's "Samachi B'morim Li" and Katlin conducted Cook-Jacobson's "Zol Shoyt Kumen Di Geule" with soloists, Cantor Anita Schubert of Beth Shalom, Reform Congregation and Cantor Ruth Katz Green of Temple Beth Shalom. Axelrod conducted soloists Green and Cantor Curtis Boscov-Rapaport of Temple Shalom in Zilber's "Ahava Olam." Bokow was soloist again in Shov's "Seydikhon Bet Hamikdash." A delightful "Yiddish Medley, Maz'li Ad Gezum" by Sheyn Vi Di Levone" by Picon/Rumshinsky/Tauber, was sung by Krupnick. There was an amusing and delightful group of Levine's "Adon Olam," conducted by Katlin, who also joined soloists Axelrod, Cantor Joel

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Levy of Congregation Agudath Israel, Goller and Green. Krupnick conducted Lewandowski's "Halleluyah" Psalm 150. Green conducted the national anthem, Ben Haim's "Haikvah."

Cantor Amy Daniels of Temple She'aray Shalom, Springfield, and Cantor Emilee Coopersmith of Temple B'nai Abraham also sang in the choir.

Rabbi Meyer Korbmam of Temple Israel spoke of his wonderful memories of a great man, Hillel Sadovitz.

The cantors — known in the Jewish world as chazzans, from the earliest synagogue days, had been the creators and custodians of its music. They "remain now, as always, first and primarily the emissary of the congregation in prayer before the Holy Ark."

# Museum presents photography exhibit

John Wynn's photography exhibit "Mark Me For Life" will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library through July 1.

"Mark Me For Life" is a photography exhibit in black-and-white of heavily tattooed people in either their home or work environment. The exhibit is a segment of work that is intended to be a published book. The photographs are accompanied by interviews in the subject's own words.

When Wynn began photography, he chose a subject that he had a fascination with since childhood. He wanted to dispel some of the stereotypes that the public has of tattooed people. The subjects represent a diversity of socio-economic groups, and include many tattoo artists. The emphasis of the portraits is on the person and not the tattoo art. He chose the more heavily tattooed people as he was interested in the idea that those people choose to make a lifelong commitment to their belief in their art and themselves, regardless of societal disapproval.

Wynn, a resident of Westfield, has shown his photographs over the past 20 years in numerous galleries in New York and New Jersey. His museum work is included in the permanent collection of the Jersey City Museum, and he has received two awards from the Union County Cultural Heritage Advisory Board. Wynn's photographs have been published in the "Tattoo," Geoff Gaylord and Christopher Wright, Adrian Servus Publishing, Sydney Australia; "New Jersey Art Form" and "Camera Arts."

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

ART SHOWS

TOMASULO Art Gallery of Union County College will feature the sculpture and installations of Bascha Mon through today.

JACOB TRAPP Gallery in Summit will present "Synergy/Themes and Variations" through June 26.

Children's Specialized Hospital will present color photography by Sheila Kanga of Union, Heinz W. Otto of Warren and James J. Stachek of Parsippany throughout June and July.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the ambulance entry.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY will display self-authored and self-illustrated children's books by Kindergarten classes at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield through June.

Summit Frame and Art will have an exhibit of oil paintings by Geoffrey Mayby throughout June.

Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 7 p.m.

MARK ME FOR LIFE, a photography exhibit by John Wyatt, will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through July 1.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

SKULSKI Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will display paintings by Andra Galicki through July 3.

Hours are Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark.

SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will display "Voyages/Viajes," paintings by Cabellero Soto of Roselle through July 3.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LES MALAMUT Art Gallery in Union will present "Journey Into Personal Ambitions," an exhibition of paintings by Amy T. Kaercher of Cranford, through July 7.

The gallery is located in Union Library, Friburger Park, Union. For information, call 851-5450.

ANNUAL MEMBERS SHOW of New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will be on display through July 12.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AVATAR GALLERY in Westfield will display "My Back Pages," paintings by Ed Adler from Saturday through August 21.

A reception will be held on Saturday from 3-8 p.m.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 102 Elm St., Westfield.

NU COUNCIL ON THE ARTS Fellowship Exhibition will open Wednesday and run through Sept. 19 at Jersey City Museum.

The museum is located at 472 Jersey Ave., Jersey City. For information, call 254-4514.

SENIOR ARTS EXHIBIT will be on display from Wednesday through July 31 at Schering-Plough in Kenilworth.

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ART AT OVERLOOK will be on display at Overlook Hospital in Summit. The hospital is located at 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

PORTUGUESE Cultural Exhibit is on display at Union Library. The library is located at Friburger Park, Morris Avenue, Union. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

AUDITIONS

BAIRD THEATER of South Orange is looking for a musical director for the 1998-99 season, with opening performances in late October.

The Baird Theater is located in the Baird Center, 5 Mead St., South Orange. For information, call (973) 763-2028.

BLOOMFIELD ORCHESTRA is looking for musicians for the string and woodwind sections.

There are no auditions. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening at the Bloomfield Civic Center. For information, call (908) 666-1224 or (201) 239-3420.

THE PHILHARMONIANS OF FANWOOD needs technical help for ongoing season. For information, call Bob Paiser at (908) 688-0312.

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

For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 564-1010 or write to: Gemini Group, 659 Trinity Place, Westfield, 07090.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYVERSES barbershop quartet rehearses in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St., Westfield, every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call (908) 382-9370.

SANGERCORP men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome.

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 a.m.

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

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

CAFES

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents art and coffeehouse atmosphere. Jazz entertainment is presented on Sundays at 8 p.m. June 21, Majestic.

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

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Friends of the Park, folk music and arts organization. June 19, David Buskin and Harold Sells.

SHOUT! presents live musical entertainment on weekends. The tavern is located at 116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 789-8860.

COMEDY

JOE'S BASEMENT at Tavern in the Park features popular comedians on Fridays.

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) 388-4511.

CABUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on weekends.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-4511.

CONCERTS

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA will perform in concert on Monday at 8 p.m. at Paper Mill Playhouse.

The Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 378-4443.

OCEAN COUNTY STRING BAND will perform on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountlake.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain site is Temple Emanuel, 766 East Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 527-4900.

The tavern is located at 114 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (732) 885-3454 for information and reservations.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a weekly lineup of musical rotation: Tuesdays Acoustic Open-Mic Night, Blues guitar stringer and vocal; Fri-Sat: "Hot Tyme" open-the-show; and then opens the stage to any aspiring player who enters. The show opens at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesdays - B.B. and the Singers hosts Open Blues 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, and Karaoke with Leo Hoy and Danson.

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

PHYL'S PLACE presents live musical entertainment on weekends. On June 27 from 2-9 p.m., play rock with entertainment featuring DJ, dunking tank, basketball throw. \$10 in advance, \$16 at the door.

The tavern is located at 638 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-8990.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$2 for children. Call (732) 885-3454 for information and reservations.

DANCE

SHWINGIN' TERN DANCES will present the following lineup: June 20, Dan Pearl and Squeezology.

July 4, Sam Rotenberg and Four Potato Show.

July 18, Peter Sixx and Rockless Absolution.

Dances are held at Ogden Memorial Church on Main St. in Chatham, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person. Sneakers only are required. For information, call (973) 629-6266 or (973) 228-9729.

FESTIVALS

MEADOWLANDS FAIR at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford will open today and run through July 5.

For information, call (201) 933-0199.

WINGS AND WHEELS EXPO will take place on Saturday and Sunday at NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum in Tebeto.

The expo will be held in Hangar #2 on the west side of Tebeto Airport.



Al Jarreau and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform in concert on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

PUB ZONE in Union features DJ and live bands on weekends.

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Yankee Air Force will offer walk-through tours and passenger rides on the B-17. Cost is \$4 for the walk-through and \$400 for the half-hour flight.

The library is located at Friburger Park in Union. For information, call (201) 268-4344.

VINTAGE COLLECTIBLE show will take place on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

Admission is \$5, children under age 16 are admitted free. For information, call (212) 265-0020.

REINASCENCE KINGDOM will run through June 29 on Davidson Avenue in Somerset.

For information, call (732) 271-1119.

FILMS

RIN TIN TIN will be screened on June 25 at 11 p.m. at Union Library.

The library is located at Friburger Park, Morris Avenue, Union. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

FISHING

FORREST WOOD OPEN PROVAIM, the sixth stop on the 1998 Waltair FLY Tour, is a multi-day elimination format fishing tournament which will take place through June 20 on the Connecticut River in Hartford, Ct.

For information, call (502) 362-9886.

GARDENING

REEVES-NEED ARBORETUM in Summit will host of a garden photography workshop with noted artist Dwight Hiesano on June 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the contest.

For information on the photography workshop and fees, call Nancy Wright, adult education director, at (908) 873-8787. The Reeves-Need Arboretum is located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Summit.

GOLF

GOLF TOURNAMENTS in Union County have announced the following deadline dates:

Annual Women's Public Links Tournament at Ash Brook Golf Course. Entry fee is \$12. Entries close on June 29 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins on July 11.

Annual Best Ball Tournament at Gallop Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Entries close on July 19 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins on Aug. 1.

Annual Junior Boys and Girls Public Links Tournaments at Ash Brook Golf Course. Entry fee to boys and girls age 12-17. Entry fee is \$8. Entries close on Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins on Aug. 14.

Annual Senior Men's and Women's Public Links Tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Course. Open to men and women ages 50 and over. Entry fee is \$10. Entries close on Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. Tournament begins on Sept. 11.

Tournaments are open to county residents age 16 and older unless otherwise specified, who qualify as amateur golfers and are not members of private clubs. Applications can be obtained and turned in at any of the specified courses.

Ash Brook Golf Course, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. (908) 756-0414.

Gallop Hill Golf Course, Gallop Hill Road, Kenilworth. (908) 866-1556.

Oak Ridge Golf Course, Oak Ridge Road, Clark. (732) 574-0139.

Tea-Time Reservation Phone Number: (908) 351-0539.

CRESCENT Golf Range offers a driving range, baseball batting and a miniature golf course.

Hours are Monday, Open year-round. The range is located at 2235 Springfield Ave. in Union. For information, call 688-9767.

KIDS

CHRISTOPHER'S BOOKS in Summit will present Herman Parish, author of "Amelia Bedelia" books, on Saturday.

For information, call (908) 273-6077.

FRISBY FATHER'S DAY will take place on the Sun of New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden.

Pre-registration is required. For information, call (609) 616-JAWS.

UNION CORPS summer program, for ages 12-17, sponsored by New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, will be offered from July 11 through Aug. 16 on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SENIOR CORPS, for ages 15-17 or grades 10-12, will be held from June 20 through Aug. 9. Senior Corps meets three-hour times per week.

Tuition for both Corps is \$125. NJSP is located at 35 Madison Ave., Madison, on the campus of Drew University. For information, call (973) 403-3278.

STAGGESTRUCK KIDS Performing Arts Camp-Staggestruck Kids Juniors is for students entering Kindergarten-second grade in the fall. The half-day morning program runs from June 29-July 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Staggestruck Kids is for students entering third-grade in the fall. The full-day program runs from June 24-July 31 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The camp is located at 1245 Orange Ave., Cranford. For information, call Cindy Smith at (908) 276-5053 or Michael at (973) 912-9051.

UNION LIBRARY Children's department is featuring an exhibit of memorabilia from US Space Camp.

The library is located at Friburger Park in Union.

PLAYWRIGHTS THEATRE will hold Creative Dramatics in three two-week daily sessions beginning July 6, July 20 and Aug. 3, for grades 4-8.

Playwrights Theatre is located at 83 Green Village Road in Madison. For information, call (973) 514-1737, ext. 32.

LECTURES

TOWN BOOK STORE in Westfield will feature Bob Sherman, author of "Dead Man's Float" on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

The book store is located at 255 East Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 225-3835.

WESTFIELD YOGA and Wellness Center will feature the Jewish mystic tradition of Kabbalah with Rabbi Spivak on June 28 at 2-4 p.m.

The center is located at 102 Elm St. in Westfield. Call the center for details at (908) 232-9066.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will hold "Meet the Great Ziegfeld," hosted by Robert Johnson, on Tuesday, July 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The playhouse is located at Friburger Park in Union. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

DRAKE HOUSE MUSEUM will present "Plainfield's Past: From 1800-1900" through June 30. The museum is open on Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

Admission is \$3. Children are admitted free. The Drake House is located at 1779 Drake House Avenue in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 929-3939.

WILL ROGERS FOLLIES will be performed through July 28 at Paper Mill Playhouse.

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

ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL will be the site of St. Anthony R.C. Church and St. Mary's R.C. Church production of "The Wizard of Oz" on Wednesday, July 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and students. The church is located at 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 226-0082.

A SHAYNA MAIDEL will run through Saturday at Carnival Productions in Rahway.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors, \$5 for children. Dinner and luncheon-and-show packages available. The production will take place at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Theater, 169 West Main St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 388-0647.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC will be performed at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival through July 5.

The festival is located at 88 Madison Ave., Madison, on the campus of Drew University. For information, call (973) 408-9600.

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**Jennifer Jones**

Abraham Clark High School  
 • SAT: 1110  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 3.55  
 • College: University of Virginia  
 Activities and honors: Who's Who Among America's Students, Xerox Award for Humanities-Science, Kodak Young Leadership Award, New York Times Young Citizen's Award, Abraham Clark High School Band Director's Award, Abraham Clark High School Softball Batting Title, State of NJ Distinguished Scholar, Principal Award nominee, Star Ledger Scholarship nominee, class vice president, Miss Junior, National Honor Society, Student Council representative, editor-in-chief, editor Reflections "Literary/Art Magazine," Peer Leadership, Peer Mediation, concert band, marching band and jazz band, Cheerleaders team captain, dance choreographer homecoming pageant, varsity softball team captain, softball team, basketball team, school chorus, Gospel Choir, Art Club, Christian Fellowship Club, International Club, Interact Club, Mock Trials and the Judicial System, Black Achievers Youth Program, candy stripper, Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, Make-a-Wish Foundation, New Jersey Teen Arts Festival, Rotary Youth Leadership, Spiritual Dance Group, Tap/ballet dance teacher, young adult and praise ensemble choir.



**Jennifer Scricco**

Union High School  
 • SAT: 1420  
 • Rank: 1  
 • GPA: 5.03  
 • College: The College of New Jersey  
 Activities and honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Union Exchange Club Student of the Month, National Honor Society (treasurer), National Spanish Honor society (member), College of NJ Merit Scholar, voted Class of '98 Most Likely to Succeed, Science Bowl Team (captain), Key Club-Editor, Great Books Club, President.

**Melissa Andrews**

Arthur L. Johnson High School  
 • SAT: 1270  
 • Rank: 4  
 • GPA: 3.97  
 • College: Undecided  
 Activities and honors: National Honor Society President, Spanish National Honor Society President, Key Club Vice President, Vice President of Catholic Youth Group, B'nai B'rith Junior Citizen of the Year 1998, 1997 Homecoming Queen, Student of the Month: February, Bloustein Scholar, 100-hour volunteer award, candy stripper at Rahway Hospital, Science League, Peer Leadership, Student Council, Spanish Club Vice President, varsity field hockey, sales associate, intern for optometrist, director of TOPS tutorial program.



**Jeffrey Discenza**

Arthur L. Johnson High School  
 • SAT: 1400  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 4.08  
 • College: University of Pennsylvania  
 Activities and honors: Honorable Mention in State Ranking for Science League Physics Team, Inducted into National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society, artwork displayed at Congressional Art Show, varsity football-'95 North Section II, Group II State Champions, 1996 MVC Champs, First Place Joseph J. Sott Mathematics Day, Second Place Joseph J. Sott Mathematics Day, Second Place Association of Mathematics Teachers of NJ Contest, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Chemistry Team 1st place Union County in Merck State Science Day Competition, Student of the Month, Key Club, SPEL, Spanish Club, Science League, literary magazine artwork, freshman baseball, football, winter track, spring track, Peer Leadership.



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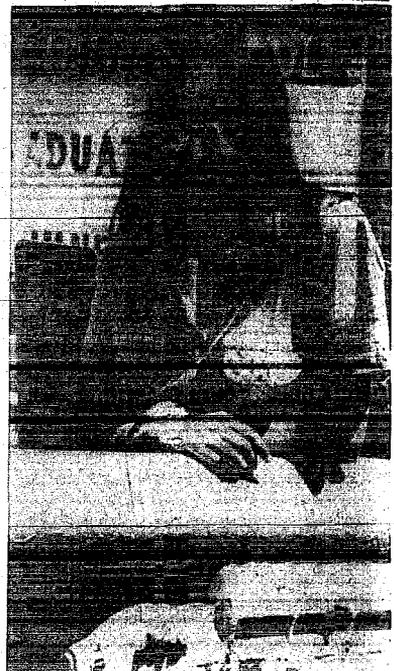


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**Kathleen Coday**

Summit High School  
 • SAT: 1500  
 • Rank: 4  
 • GPA: 4.32  
 • College: Dartmouth College  
 Activities and honors: National Merit Commended Student, National Foreign Language Honor Society, three varsity letter awards, National Latin Exam (Summa Cum Laude) 1995, '96, field hockey (captain), lacrosse (captain), track, club ice hockey, newspaper staff, yearbook, Key Club, Prejudices Free Club (co-president), Student to Student.



**Jagruti Patel**

Union High School  
 • SAT: 1400  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 5.01  
 • College: The College of New Jersey  
 Activities and honors: National Merit Commended Student, Who's Who Among American High School students, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, Exchange Club Student of the Month, Women's Club of Connecticut Farms Junior Volunteer Award, Key Club, Spanish Club, candy stripe volunteer at Union Hospital, financial editor of yearbook, business editor of newspaper, Science Bowl, Spanish National Honor Society (secretary).



**Kobby Essien**

Abraham Clark High School  
 • SAT: 1330  
 • Rank: 1  
 • GPA: 4.00  
 • College: Dartmouth College  
 Activities and honors: National Honor Society, National Science Foundation-Villanova University Young Scholars Program, Bausch and Lomb Medal for Excellence in the Sciences, Certificate of Recognition for Peer Tutoring, Macy Scholar Award for Academic Achievement, Edward J. Bloustein Award for High Academic Achievement, volunteering at Union Hospital, Abraham Clark High School, Peer Tutoring, Ushering at church, Model United Nations, Christian Fellowship Club, African-American Awareness Club.

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*Second Team*

Janice Corigliano, Union High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1410, College: The College of New Jersey. Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, NJ Outstanding Scholar Award.  
 Eric Gardner, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, Rank: 6, SAT: 1330, College: Princeton. Honors: National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, All-School Athlete, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Boys State Alternate.  
 Ryan Hathaway, Summit High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1460, College: Undecided. Honors: High Honor Roll, National Latin Award, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Harvard Book Club Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, National Competition of Teachers of English.  
 Rebecca Hitchcock, Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1540, College: Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Honors: AP Scholar Award, Commended Student 1998 National Merit Scholarship Program, National Honor Society.  
 Nina Khedkar, Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1460, College: Tufts University. Honors: National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented Program.  
 Jennifer Linken, Arthur L. Johnson High

School, Clark, Rank: 3, SAT: 1380, College: Rutgers University. Honors: Bob Frank's Annual Student Leadership Day, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among High School Students, Commended List, Student of the Month, Distinguished Student in Performing Arts 1998-1997.  
 Edward J. Bloustein Scholarship Award.  
 Robert Matunas, Union High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1350, College: The College of New Jersey. Honors: National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
 George Messner, Summit High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1400, College: United States Naval Academy. Honors: Academic Honors-Summa Cum Laude 1996, 1997, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Foreign Language Honor Society, Mary Mitchell, Summit High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1400, College: Undecided. Honors: National French Honor Society, Academic Honors-Summa Cum Laude, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
 Katerina Moulinos, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, Rank: 1, SAT: 1330, College: Undecided. Honors: Rensselaer Medal, Bausch and Lomb Award, Quill and Scroll Award, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
 Melanie Ongchin, Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1360, College: Muhlenberg College. Honors: National Merit Commended

Scholar, National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented Program, Hugh O'Brian Award for Leadership.  
 Sejal Patel, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, Rank: 5, SAT: 1200, College: New York University. Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Honor Roll, The Diversity 2000 Council, Who's Who Among High School Students, Joseph J. Solt Math Day Award.  
 Rosario Perez, Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, Rank: 3, SAT: 1440, College: University of Pennsylvania. Honors: National Honor Society Honor Roll; Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Hispanic Scholarship Finalist, National Merit Commended Student.  
 Joanne Raymundo, Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, Rank: 1, SAT: 1280, College: Rutgers University. Honors: 1997 New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences Scholar, National Honor Society President, Student Council-Junior Class President; Senior Class Vice President, School.  
 John Rutledge, Union High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1410, College: College of New Jersey. Honors: National Honor Society, German National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Bausch and Lomb Science Medal.  
 Atok Bathays, Governor Livingston High

School, Berkeley Heights, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1430, College: Johns Hopkins University. Honors: National Honor Society, National Merit Letter of Commendation.  
 Rebecca Siegel, Summit High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1520, College: Undecided. Honors: First Honor Roll, Distinguished Orchestra Musician, Spanish Honor Society.  
 Rosette Vadakethalakeel, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, Rank: 6, SAT: 1370, College: Undecided. Honors: NJ Governor's School of Sciences, Girls State, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Youth of the Year - Archdiocese of Newark, National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
 Lawrence E. Williams Jr., Elizabeth High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1380, College: Harvard. Honors: Valedictorian, National Honor Society, Governor's School in the Sciences Scholar, Wakeman Institute Scholar, Villanova HMMI Young Scholar.  
 Andrea Zewerczuk, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, Rank: 2, SAT: 1440, College: Undecided. Honors: National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, Distinguished Student Award - English, Joseph J. Solt Math Day - Algebra 2, Joseph J. Solt Math Day - Geometry/Algebra 1, Quill and Scroll Society, Gifted and Talented, Nominee for Governor's School of Public Issues.

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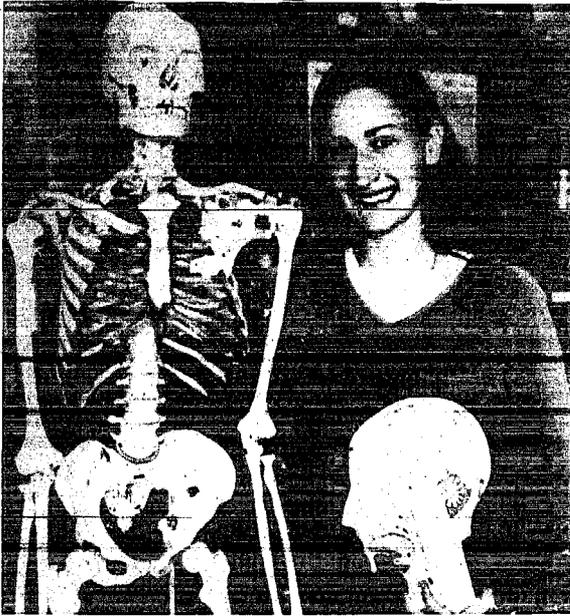
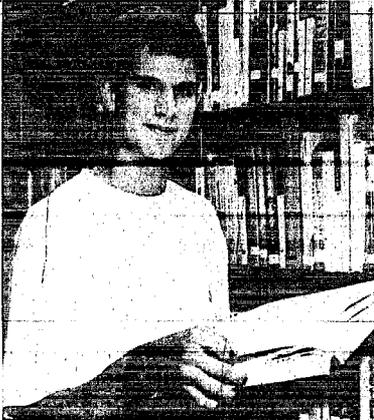


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Governor Livingston High School  
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 • GPA: 4.44 • College: University of Pennsylvania  
 Activities and honors: National Merit Finalist; National Honor Society; Spanish Honor Society; Latin Honor Society; *Star Ledger* Scholar; Score of 800 on SAT II Chem Exam; Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Student Council, Science and Math League, football, baseball, School Issues Committee, volunteer at local church, youth basketball coach and referee, tutor.



**Joni Rabiner**

Governor Livingston High School  
 • SAT: 1390  
 • Rank: N/A  
 • GPA: 4.35  
 • College: Cornell  
 Activities and honors: Berkeley Heights Women's Club delegate to the 1997 Girls Career Institute at Douglass College; National Honor Society; Head of National Honor Society Tutoring Program; Delegate to Girls Career Institute; field hockey, softball, student outreach; Peer Mediation leader; Science and Math League; Spanish Club; volunteer at Rumlens Specialized Hospital; work at Bingo on Wednesday night; work at AT&T part time.



**Peter DeOliveira**

Hillside High School  
 • SAT: 1500  
 • Rank: 1  
 • GPA: 100  
 • College: University of Pennsylvania  
 Activities and honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Honor Society, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Hugh O'Brien Youth Ambassador, *Star Ledger* Distinguished Scholar (Greater Elizabeth Area), Two First Places in Academic Decathlon, Two Third Places, two Honorable Mentions, cross-country, track, basketball, Interact Club, Academic Decathlon, Science Club, Budget Task Force, Part-time sales and service representative at Summit Bank.



**Paula Tralsha**

Hillside High School  
 • SAT: 1340  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 99.5  
 • College: Rutgers University  
 Activities and honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar; National Honor Society, Second Place in the Essay in the regional competition of Academic Decathlon, Honorable Mention in Mathematics in the same competition, \$4,500 scholarship from Rutgers University, \$1,000 scholarship from Douglass College of Rutgers, volunteering at the Community Food Bank, tutoring, newspaper, Drama Club, Academic Decathlon, Math League, Science Club, and International Club.

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Anhur L. Johnson High School  
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 • Rank: 1  
 • GPA: 4.22  
 • College: Brown University

Activities and honors: National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar, September Student of the Month, President of Drama Honor Society, National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, Garden State Scholar, Xerox Award (humanities), Rensselaer Medal (science), Bausch and Lomb Medal (science), Honorable Mention in Physics I Science League, 1st place Chemistry in Union County at State Science Day, Key Club President and Secretary, yearbook editor-in-chief, fall play, musical, Peer Leadership, Student Council, Morning Show anchor, Science Club, varsity track.



**Cristina Gallo**

Summit High School  
 • SAT: 1470  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 4.44  
 • College: Brown University

Activities and honors: National Merit Commended Student, High Honor Roll, National Latin Exam-Magna Cum Laude-10,11; National Foreign Language Honor Society-11; Smith College Book Award; Field Hockey, Homecoming, Stokes Counselor, Amnesty International, Key Club, Bridges, Girl Scouts volunteer.



**Kashif Anwar**

Elizabeth High School  
 • SAT: 1430  
 • Rank: 2  
 • GPA: 4.50  
 • College: University of Pennsylvania

Activities and honors: Participated in Youth in City Government Day, Participated in National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine, National Merit Scholarship, Commended Student, AP Scholar Award Winner, US National Mathematics Award Winner, French Honor Society (vice president), National Honor Society (treasurer), Math Club, volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.



**Sally Goldenberg**

Elizabeth High School  
 • SAT: 1170  
 • Rank: 4  
 • GPA: 4.26  
 • College: Rutgers College

Activities and honors: National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution, Summer Study at Penn State, Edward J. Bloustein Scholarship, Tandy Technology Scholars Award, Voice (journalism) Award, English II Honors Award, Spanish II Award, 4 Superintendent's Scholars, 7 Principal's Scholars, Academic Excellence Award, school newspaper, 4 years-two years as editor and one year as editor-in-chief, President of Hispanic Honor Society, National Honor Society, Vice President of TM (Music Honor Society), soup kitchen volunteer, March of Dimes (two years), Key Club, Interact Club, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble.

**Honorable Mention**

Sharon Bielinski, Hillside High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1280, College: Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Honors: National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students.  
 Anna Buontempo, Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, Rank: 4, SAT: 1310, College: St. Peter's College, Honors: National Honor Society, Class Treasurer, Who's Who Among American High School Students, U.S. Achievement Academy, Editor-in-Chief Literary Magazine, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.  
 Joann Cypcar, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, Rank: 11, SAT: 1130, College: Undecided, Honors: Renaissance Program, Who's Who Among American High School Students.  
 Dorna Emanuelson, Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Rank: 3, SAT: 1060, College: Rutgers of New Brunswick, Honors: Honor Roll, Merit Honor Roll, Distinguished Honor Roll.  
 Daphne Gauthier, Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Rank: 6, SAT: 1050, College: University of Miami, Honors: Honorable Mention for Model U.N.,

Honor Roll, National Honor Society, NAACP Certificate of Appreciation.  
 Nicola Negoweth, Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, Rank: 6, SAT: 1200, College: University of Scranton, Honors: Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen, Highest Average-Freshman Honors English, Highest Average-Freshman Religion, Highest Average-Junior Honors English, High Scorer NEDT, 3rd Place Chemistry Olympiad, 6th Place Biology Olympiad, 2nd Place "My Voice in Democracy" essay.  
 Tara Neumeister, Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, Rank: 9, SAT: 1230, College: Undecided, Honors: National Honor Society, Foreign Language Society, Governor's School Finalist (Environment), Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Ambassador, Girl's State.  
 Michelle Newsome, Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Rank: 4, SAT: 840, College: Hampton University, Honors: National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Peer Tutoring, America's Standout Cheerleaders, National Cheerleading Association, Project Science Star.

Marlerie Polo, Hillside High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 870, College: Montclair State University, Honors: National Honor Society, Scholarship Polonsky Brothers Foundation, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American Students, First place on Sixteenth Congressional Art Competition.  
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 Eric Rodriguez, Hillside High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1280, College: New Jersey Institute of Technology, Honors: National Honor Society, Honorable Mention in Mathematics in Academic Decathlon competition.  
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## 'Tis the season to become aware of Lyme disease

Lyme disease is an illness caused by the spirochete bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which are transmitted to man and animals by tick bites. Although not all ticks carry the disease, in some areas as many as 90 percent of the ticks can be infected. The disease gets its name from the town of Lyme, Connecticut, where it was first described in 1975. Many feel it is not for AIDS, Lyme disease would be the number one infectious disease threat in the United States today.

### Be Our Guest

By Dr. Eric Munoz

The later complications of Lyme disease are quite severe. Most common is arthritis, usually of the large joints. Other complications include meningitis and other neurological problems such as numbness, tingling and burning sensations in the extremities, severe pain, loss of concentration, memory loss, confusion, loss of confidence, withdrawal, depression, and fatigue, often extreme and incapacitating; and Bell's palsy, loss of control of one side of the face. Cardiac symptoms include heart palpitations and irregular heart beat. Shortness of breath, dry mouth, voice changes and difficulty swallowing can occur. Eye symptoms include conjunctivitis, double vision and loss of vision. Remember, some patients do not get the rash and progress directly to these later symptoms. Symptoms, including pain, are intermittent and changing, occurring in many combinations and lasting from a few days to several months and possibly years.

It is important to seek medical attention if any of these symptoms appear, especially after being bitten by a tick or visiting an area where Lyme disease is common. Timely treatment with antibiotics, within a few days of symptoms appearing, will increase chances of recovery and may lessen the severity of any later symptoms. If ignored, the early symptoms

may disappear, but more serious problems can develop months to years later. Chronic Lyme disease, because of its diverse symptoms, is particularly difficult to diagnose. Treatment for later stages is more difficult and is often less successful, sometimes requiring several months of intravenous antibiotic therapy.

Ixodes damini is responsible for most of the cases of Lyme disease in the northeastern and northwestern United States. These ticks are found in grassy areas, including lawns, shrubby and woodland habitats, even on warm winter days. The adult ticks, about the size of a sesame seed, feed mostly on white-tailed deer, but will also attach to other mammals, including man. If infected, they can transmit the Lyme disease spirochete to their hosts. After engorging, adult female ticks drop to the ground to lay several thousand eggs. The larvae hatch from the eggs and seek hosts, often the white-footed mouse, from July through September. The larvae are very small and difficult to spot.

When out of doors, several precautions can minimize your chances of being bitten.

- Tuck your pants leg into your socks and your shirt into your pants. The ticks grab onto feet and legs and climb up. This precaution will help keep them outside your clothes where they can be picked off.
- Wear light colored clothing. Dark ticks are more easily spotted against a light background.
- Inspect clothes often for ticks. Have a companion inspect your back.
- Apply repellents according to label instructions. Applying directly

to clothing appears to be most effective.

- Inspect your body thoroughly when you get in from the field. Especially check groin, navel, armpits, head and behind knees and ears. Have a companion inspect your back, or use a mirror.
- Inspect children at least once daily for ticks. When in heavily infested areas, inspect children every three to four hours.
- When hiking, stay in the middle of trails. Do not bushwhack.
- When working outdoors, do not wear work clothes home. Wash work clothes often or put them in the dryer to kill any ticks.
- Remove the tick as soon as possible. The easiest method is to grasp the tick with fine tweezers, as near the skin as you can, and gently pull straight out. Since the Lyme bacteria is injected by the tick when it bites, you must be careful not to squeeze the tick when removing it, which could result in more bacteria being injected. Do not attempt to remove with lighted cigarettes, matches, nail polish or vaseline.
- Once removed, put the tick in a small jar containing alcohol — rubbing alcohol will do — and save for identification. Identification becomes very important if you develop disease symptoms.

Lyme disease is quite prevalent in New Jersey. Prevention is best, but if you develop symptoms of the disease, seek medical attention immediately.

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

## No small change



David Williams, owner of Williams Nursery of Westfield, presents a check in the amount of \$1195 to Deb Belfatto, executive director of the North Jersey Chapter of the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Williams held a 'Beanie Baby' raffle to benefit the foundation.

## Information is key to managing arthritis pain

Being informed can help make living with arthritis more manageable. Taking advantage of the latest research can improve your ability to perform daily activities.

Did you know, for example, that exercise can alleviate the pain of arthritis and increase flexibility? Another benefit is that it has been shown to decrease depression.

Some people with arthritis might not be motivated to exercise since they already have their share of aches and pains, but the latest research suggests it's a good idea. Even short sessions of gentle exercise can reduce pain and make daily activities easier.

Participants in one program run by the Arthritis Foundation reduced pain by up to 20 percent for up to four years. Fewer doctor visits were a direct result. These self-help tips are used in programs taught by the foundation to help you manage your arthritis:

- See a knowledgeable doctor.
- Research arthritis. Read everything up-to-date you can find at the library or on the Internet. The latest research and medical information is also available through the Arthritis Foundation and in their magazine, "Arthritis Today."
- Get plenty of rest.
- Eat a healthy, low-fat diet. Weight gain can only further strain affected joints.
- Exercise on a regular basis. Light exercise such as walking and gardening is better than no exercise at all. Before beginning any exercise program, consult your doctor.

## Former cancer patient donates sculpture to hospital

Artist Norman Tobin has donated an original sculpture to the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. The piece is dedicated to staff members of the Cancer Center and is on permanent display in the reception area.

Tobin, whose paintings and sculptures have been displayed at museums throughout the United States, dedicated the original piece to the staff of the Cancer Center in November 1997 following the completion of his treatment there. "Throughout my 10 months of chemotherapy, I was treated by the kindest people who removed all the fear and apprehension that comes with the diagnosis of cancer," says Tobin. The hope and uplifting feeling represented in the

sculpture express his thanks to the staff at the center.

"This gift is a wonderful gesture on the part of Mr. Tobin," says Richard Michaelson, MD, chief medical officer for the Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas Medical Center. "We are proud to display this very beautiful and meaningful piece that exudes hope and optimism."

According to the artist, the stone and brass sculpture depicts a variety of leaves representing the many cancer victims who are all unique individuals, yet share a common link. The vine represents motion and the determination to fight for well-being in spite of any and all obstacles, while a whimsical arrow shows the wish to

soar and the desire for a cure. "The words 'Hope and Up' in shiny brass reflect the upward thrust that exists in all of us," Tobin explains.

Tobin resides in Maplewood with his wife Zaida, and is the president of the Appraisers of America, Inc., a real estate appraising firm based in Maplewood.

The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, with facilities in Livingston and Union, provides one of the most respected and trusted cancer programs in New Jersey. The center offers a multidisciplinary approach to care by nationally and internationally renowned physicians specializing in the care of individuals with cancer. The center features a

state-of-the-art outpatient chemotherapy treatment facility, the largest radiation oncology program in northern New Jersey, one of the five largest genitologic oncology centers in the northeastern United States, and distinguished pathology, radiology, surgery and oncology services. Other features include the most comprehensive support program in the region for patients and their loved ones and an extensive clinical research program, offering opportunities for participation in clinical trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the pharmaceutical industry.

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"Buying a home is usually the single-biggest investment many consumers will make in their lifetimes, and therefore, the so-called 'right' time is different for everyone," said Greg Gwizdz, vice president and regional manager for the Union County area of Norwest Mortgage Inc., the nation's leading provider of home mortgages. "Borrowers need to consider many factors before they buy a home, including how much house they can afford, the amount of money they can afford for a down payment and what their personal financial goals are."

Once an individual has determined the need for a home, it's time to set things in motion, Gwizdz said. The first, and most logical, step, is to determine debt-to-income ratio — a ratio used by lenders to compare a borrower's current debt versus income. Most lenders use a 28/36 ratio for conventional loans, meaning borrowers are allowed to spend no more than 28 percent of their gross income toward monthly mortgage payments on a home, and no more than 36 percent toward all debt service. This includes debt from such things as car and school loans, credit cards, child sup-

port and alimony. In addition, government loans allow individuals to have a debt ratio up to 41 percent.

For example, someone earning \$60,000 per year would have a monthly gross income of \$5,000 — \$60,000 annual salary divided by 12 months. Their maximum monthly mortgage payment should not exceed \$1,400, or 28% monthly gross by 28, while their total monthly debt should not exceed \$1,800 — \$5,000 monthly gross by 36. Based on this scenario, the borrower could possibly qualify for a \$160,000 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 7.5 percent, with a monthly mortgage, including princi-

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Following a thorough debt-to-income ratio assessment, borrowers should consider how much money they can afford for down payment and closing costs. Down payments are generally paid in cash and based on a percentage of the selling price of the home. For example, a borrower who wants to put 10 percent down on a \$100,000 home needs to pay \$10,000 at closing. Closing costs vary from lender to lender, but it's safe to assume between 2 percent and 5 percent of the home's purchase price.

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