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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Cahavan, Editor in Chief



If a juror is supposed to be the most important person in a trial, why is it that in Union County, jurors are made to feel like prisoners? I was called to jury duty last week and, having to say it was the worst experience of my life. Having never served before, I had no idea what to expect when I showed up at 8 a.m. After watching a video: "You, the Juror," more than 100 of us were ushered to the jury waiting room on the fourth floor of the Union County Courthouse, where we basically had nothing to do all day and were not informed, except for two occasions, what we were to expect during our eight hours.

That's why we were made to feel like prisoners. Somewhere between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m., the jury management staff twice came to the waiting room and called various numbers for jury selection. Other than that, for those whose numbers were not called, there was no communication from anyone to let us know if other jurors would be empaneled or at what times they may be calling for more jurors. Nothing.

After roll call, the jury management staff told us to sit tight and wait to be called. And oh by the way, we were told, the television doesn't work. In other words, if you don't have magazines or a book, you're in for one long day.

From about 1 p.m. to noon, with the exception of the two times numbers were called and groups of people left the room, the remainder of the Union County residents in the waiting room paced, read, slept, paced, smoked, napped, used for a cigarette, paced, signed and slept some more until we were told that no more jurors would be empaneled during the morning and that we could go early for lunch. Instead of 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., we were able to go to lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Upon our return from lunch at 1:30 p.m., we were visited by the jury management staff at 1:45 p.m. and were told to sit tight, that there may be two trials that afternoon. No one came back to the waiting room until 3:30 p.m. when the staff told us that we could go home for the day and to be back the next morning at 8:30. For almost two hours, we were left on our own, not knowing if we could safely go outside to get some air without worrying if a jury would be called in our absence. Would we then be held in contempt of court for not being present when our number was called?

For almost two hours, no one came to the waiting room to update us about the possibility of the two trials that were expected to occur that afternoon.

For almost two hours, no one told us anything — and we're supposed to be the most important people in a trial.

Being on jury duty is a civic obligation. Even if you are called to jury duty and do not get selected, it's a responsibility that all citizens should experience. But the process

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Operation: Clean and Green



A summer program to combat litter in Union County's 21 municipalities, Clean and Green is making a world of difference to residents and visitors. Union County Freeholder May Ruotolo and Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardin participated in the program in their hometown. From left are Jay Dotto, Andrew Mintelli, Jardin, Ruotolo and Nathaniel Mooney.

Freeholders bond \$38.9 million for parks, youth center projects

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

The Board of Chosen Freeholders took out a small loan recently worth \$38.9 million.

The ordinance authorizing the bond issue was approved 7-0 at the freeholders' last meeting on July 9. Freeholders Chester Holmes and Linda Stender were absent.

The ordinance authorizes the freeholders to spend \$38,931,400 on more than two dozen projects. Most of that will be raised through the issuance of county bonds. The rest will come from state and federal grants worth \$2,076,000 and a \$1,506,000 million cash down payment.

One of the projects will benefit a

proposal, county juvenile detention center.

The ordinance sets aside \$3 million — \$2,870,000 of which will come from bonds — to buy land at 200 Bay Way in Elizabeth. This will be the site of the new juvenile detention center.

According to Freeholder Donald Goncalves, the county is ready to buy the land, having ended negotiations with the city of Elizabeth. The county has not acquired the land yet.

The current juvenile detention center is actually part of the Union County Jail in Elizabeth. It is used to house juveniles who have been arrested on serious charges and are awaiting the disposition of their cases. But it is said to be overcrowded and out-of-date.

The county has been trying to get a new juvenile detention center for two years.

It had set aside the money in 1996 for a new facility across the street from the Union County Jail in Rahway Avenue.

But the Democrats, then a minority on the freeholder board, were able to stop the project. They said the county couldn't spend money on big projects while there were concerns about the Union County Utilities Authority's finances.

The UCUA has \$294 million in bonded debt, \$35 million of which was guaranteed by the freeholders. If the UCUA defaulted on these bonds, the county would have had to pay at least \$10 million.

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Despite little rain, no restrictions seen

By Sean Dally Staff Writer

Union County has entered the dog days of August — hot, muggy days that will seemingly have no end.

But at least you won't have to worry about where your next glass of water is coming from.

Two of the water companies serving Union County — Elizabethtown Water Company in Elizabeth and New Jersey American Water Company in Haddon Heights — report normal and even slightly high reservoir levels.

There is no drought warning or emergency of any kind in the state or in the New Jersey American Water System, which includes its own waterways.

Elizabethtown Water serves Clark, Cranford, Fairwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Plainfield, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union and Westfield. The subsidiary, Liberty Water, Epmann, took over Elizabeth's water service as of July 1. New Jersey American Water serves Berkeley Heights, Hillside, New Providence, Springfield, Summit and Union.

The companies both draw from different reservoirs in different parts of the state.

New Jersey American Water Company uses the Cranford Brook System in Short Hills — a group of three reservoirs connected to one treatment plant — to supply Union County.

According to Elaine Shapiro, Cranford's reservoir was last reported to be 74 percent full, "which is just a touch above normal," she said.

Elizabethtown Water gets its water from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority or NJWSA. Two of its reservoirs — Spruce Run Reservoir in Clinton and Round Valley Reservoir in Lebanon — are used to serve Union County.

As of 10 a.m. Friday, Spruce Run Reservoir was 75.3 percent full, meaning the reservoir had 8.28 billion gallons of water. According to an NJWSA spokesperson, this is the nor-

mal amount of water in the reservoir at this time of year.

NJWSA has plenty of reserves. The Round Valley Reservoir is the system's reserve water supply. It is 98.8 percent full with 54.34 billion gallons.

Both reservoir levels are slightly lower than they were last year.

On Aug. 21, 1997, the Spruce Run Reservoir was 73.8 percent full with 8.24 billion gallons of water. The Round Valley Reservoir also had slightly more water; it was at 99.4 percent capacity.

This is a pattern repeated throughout the state, according to Lorena O'Donnell of the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The Delaware River Basin Commission has reported its water supplies at 93.5 percent of total capacity; this is 10.5 percent above normal for this time of year, said O'Donnell.

The average water supply at the four largest water systems in the state is also above normal. These systems are the Newark, Jersey City and United Water water systems, along with United Water's water company with small branches throughout the state.

Their supplies are at 84.7 percent total capacity. According to O'Donnell, their supplies are usually at 80.2 percent of total capacity.

According to O'Donnell, the state is flush with water because of a wet spring and a wet June. But had an average rainfall.

Because of this, the state is in good shape, even though little rain has fallen since last July.

Shapiro added that people may be more cautious about water use after enduring last summer's water restrictions.

The state Board of Public Utilities slapped water restrictions on Essex, Morris and Somerset counties last summer because of high temperatures and humidity. New Jersey American Water also imposed its own restrictions.

These restrictions included a ban on unnecessary outdoor activities, including lawn watering and car washing.

After five years, Union County Alliance is building unity

By Philip Sean Carrán Staff Writer

Sitting in an air conditioned office in Kean University, Henry J. Ross uses words like renaissance and economic growth to describe Union County, words that could not describe the area only a decade ago.

An industry fleeing, its jobs disappearing, Union County was crippled by the economic recession that left many without work. One telling statistic: 40 percent of all manufacturing jobs left Union County, a region populated by blue-collar workers who prospered during the post-war 1950s.

It was not until only seven years ago that the county was reborn, during what is called "corporate downsizing."

There then was no coordinated effort to invigorate the local economy; 21 municipalities, 21 chambers of commerce and 21 governing bodies were lagging in different directions while the problems of Union County as a whole grew worse and worse.

There was a sense that things were not going well in Union County,

The mood five years ago was dramatically different than the mood that now exists in the county and the mood that permeated the fifth anniversary meeting.

— Henry Ross Alliance President

Ross noted, "We had no unified approach to addressing the problems of the county."

But a coalition of county leaders — from the business, academic, and political communities — decided that enough was enough. So they started the Union County Alliance, of which Ross is president. Recently, the alliance celebrated its fifth anniversary, and the difference now compared to then is tangible, Ross said.

"The mood five years ago was dramatically different than the mood that now exists in the county and the mood that permeated the fifth anniversary meeting," said Ross, who is also professor of political science at Kean

University. "We've gone from discussing issues of survival to issues of renaissance."

While the alliance does not implement policies, it is a forum where those ideas are expressed and then formulated. Among the alliance's more immediate goals was drafting a long-range plan for the county's future, one that would transcend political differences within the county and that would transcend social differences, Ross said, "so that when we spoke, we spoke as a united community on behalf of a united county and Union County agencies."

Perhaps the greatest revelation to come through the first five years was realizing what great potential the county's untapped transportation resources held. The hub of air, rail, sea and land travel, Union County finally made strides toward improving existing resources and creating new ones.

One noteworthy project is the development of a light rail system that will link Newark Airport with parts of Union County. Under that plan, the

airport would be connected to Elizabeth, then connected to Roselle, Cranford then to Plainfield. Ross said such a system improves travel, thus "down on traffic volume and stimulates economic growth countywide."

Expected to cost almost \$200 million, the railway project will be entirely funded through federal dollars, said County Manager Michael J. Lapolla.

And many of those discussions for that project, as well as ones for the NJ Transit Station to be built in Union Township, were born during the alliance's meetings, Ross said.

"For the future," Ross said, the alliance will do lobbying work to encourage state-related efforts for the Union County Utilities Authority and to be adopted a measure that would fund infrastructure improvements with state taxes collected at retail malls. Others include making improvements to the county port and revitalizing land that was contaminated by industrial use through "brownfield" programs.

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In 'gotcha journalism,' be ready to air laundry

Colin McCann, candidate for State Attorney General in New York, was the subject of a *Newsday* story that candidly stated details that father was in a coma. After years of denying knowledge, Mr. McCann, a double negative, dropped her denial about allegations that her father, deceased since 1994, was an active family captain.

Across the river, the *Newsday* widely reported that the son of a Hudson County firefighter pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated and lost his license. The connection between the mobster and the drunken driver? Both are examples of private citizens

Left Out

By Frank Capace

Who have the misfortune of having relatives in the public limelight? The old expression of picking your friends, not your relatives, no longer exists in the land of 'gotcha journalism.' You have a relative in the public eye? Well, get ready to have your laundry publicly aired.

Family members of candidates great and small quickly see the two-edged sword of relative fame. For every Bill

Clinton or Roger Clinton who try, thankfully with little success, to cash in on famous family, most relatives would like to be left alone to pursue their own life agendas. They accept being asked, "Are you related to that guy?" having to defend him or worse, "How come you didn't turn out as well?"

My favorite is the teenage son of a former mayor of Berkeley Heights who said to a harassing caller, "Look, I just got home, no I don't know where my father is, I'm hungry, and these are the facts, as I know them."

When does the *Newsday* print the name of an obscure, alleged Luchese Capitan, who it deceased. Why should a young adult's driving problems be the subject of a news story? Neither of them sought the public eye. The public really doesn't have an unfettered right to know.

Statistically, it's a good bet that some people in public life are going to have a relative who messes up. At that point, the official is forced to reply that he loves his relative, and he stands by him in his moment of need. Maybe he wants to say, "Look, the relative is a jerk, I had nothing to do with it, so leave us both alone. An, unlikely, but much more refreshing response."

But at least future candidates are forewarned. Before running, take time at the next holiday get-together to warn your relatives to straighten up and fly right.

They are about to become public fare, whether they want to or not.

Frank Capace, an attorney, is a resident of Cranford. This is Capace's first in a series of columns.

Board approves bond plan

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at least \$35 million of the UCUA's bonds.

Other projects to be funded by the ordinance include:

- \$2 million for Project Rocker Parks. This is a matching grant program that gives Union County 50 percent up to \$250,000 each for park renovations.

Westfield and Fairview have already applied for and will receive \$100,000 each to buy land for parks, while Clark will get a large grant of \$140,000 to renovate the Robinson

Branch Reservoir. Most of the towns in Union County applied for smaller grants.

Most of the money for the grant program — \$1,904,200 — will come from bonds.

- \$200,000 for intersection improvements on Route 22 at New Providence and Bonnie Burns Roads. All of this money will come from a State Department of Transportation grant.

- \$3,250,000 for the county to purchase land along the Elizabeth River for parks and recreational use. A total of \$3,195,200 of this will come from bonds.

- A total of \$2,376,000 for the Elizabeth River Power Control Program in Highlands. A total of \$577,000 of this will come from bonds. Highlands will appropriate another \$900,000 and the Army Corps of Engineers will pay for the rest with a grant.

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should be "there" somewhat to prospective jurors, those who are not called but are required to be present, don't have to endure a painful process of the mind and don't find themselves walking out of the courtroom thinking that the day was a complete waste of time.

Perhaps the court system can be structured so that by 9:30 a.m., a schedule of cases for the day is finalized and jurors are empaneled right away. This way, if four cases are expected to be heard that morning and four jurors are empaneled, the remainder of potential jurors can be told to leave and be back a certain time during the afternoon for the next selection of jurors. I'm sure, since everyone in the room is from Union County, that potential jurors would be disappointed if they are appointed to not come home a few hours, when they would spend time being more productive than they are in the waiting room doing nothing.

If that case is expected for the entire day and four jurors are empaneled by 9:30 a.m., the remainder of potential jurors could go home for the day or, like I would do, go back to work.

I would also suggest that the television in the jury waiting room be fixed. Even the guests on the "Jerry Springer" show would be better to listen to than the sound of people snoring.

Cole honored

Ernest Cole, executive director of the Central Valley League of Union County, was honored at the "Elders' Awards Program" June 29 at Merritt Hotel, Valley Forge Station.

Cole has been with the Central Valley League since 1990, when he was responsible for the operation of all of its facilities and programs, including The Vincent Colella Vocational Center, CPL's Early Childhood Center, Early Intervention Program, The Jardine Academy, CPL Transportation Services, and CPL Family Support Services.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Community theater award nominations are announced

By Jacquie McCarthy, Associate Editor

The 1998 New Jersey Community Theater Awards were announced on Saturday at Playhouse 22 in East Brunswick.

Representatives from Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater, or R.E.C.T., the organization which administers the awards, announced the names of New Jersey community theater productions competing in the categories of Lighting Design, Musical Direction, Choreography, Sound Design, Costume, Stage Management, Set Design, Properties, Direction, Production, Original Production, and Performance.

On the glittery stage of Playhouse 22, said set for their recent, celebrated R.E.C.T. Chairperson Andrew Girdner, welcomed the audience and thanked all present for their support of the new organization, replacing the defunct A.C.T. Awards, with the genre reminding not to lose sight of the most important reason for doing theater — the sheer enjoyment of it.

Girdner remarked upon the speculation which had taken place throughout the year regarding what the new awards would be named, stating that he never intended the awards to bear the name of the organization "if for no other reason than the satir-

cal comments." Instead, Girdner announced that the awards would honor a specific individual, much like the renowned Tony Award R.E.C.T. will honor William Perry Morgan (father of Averi), founder of the A.Y.T. Awards, the first community theater awards organization in New Jersey, with Sept. 13, 1998 marking the 37th anniversary of the Perry Awards.

R.E.C.T. Nominations Committee Chairperson Joseph Schreck was the next to address the audience.

"It was a tough year," said Schreck, who stated that the nominations committee reviewed a total of 114 productions. Productions are scored in each category, with the top six scores becoming nominees.

Nominations were announced by Theatre Relations Chairperson Amy Raposo. Nominations Committee member Chris Fitzgerald Schreck and Girdner.

Nominees from theater companies in Union and Essex counties are as follows:

- Direction of a Musical — Peter Clark, "She Loves Me," Cranford Dramatic Club

- Direction of a Play — Bill Van Sant, "A Shynia Mardel," Carnival Productions, Rahway
- Ensemble Performance in a Play —

- Sheila Harding, "Angels in America," Open Space Theatre Company, Plainfield

- Ensemble Performance in a Play — Chris Cuffari, "Breaking Legs," The Royal Theatre of South Orange, Dix-Hawks, "Play On," Stony Hill Players, Summit

- Featured Performance in a Musical Female — Kelly Mott, "Dinn Yankees," Mystic Voice Players, Linden

- Featured Performance in a Musical Male — Bobby Schick, "She Loves Me," Cranford Dramatic Club

- Featured Performance in a Play — Susanna Brown, "The Runner Stumbles," The Round Theatre of South Orange

- Featured Performance in a Play — Joe Nardo, "Signals in America," Open Space Theatre Company
- Lead Performance in a Musical Female — Ellen Cusick, "Blood Brothers," Open Space Theatre Company, Leah McCaulley, "She Loves Me," Cranford Dramatic Club

- Lead Performance in a Musical Male — Run Gloff, "Blood Brothers," Open Space Theatre Company, Richard Sirella, "She Loves Me," Cranford Dramatic Club

- Lead Performance in a Play — Ella Ackerman, "Angels in America," Open Space Theatre Com-

- Tracey Randiellini, "A Shynia Mardel," Carnival Productions, Rahway

- Lead Performance in a Play Male — Anthony East, "Play On," Stony Hill Players, B.J. Mahler, "California Suite," Westfield Community Players

- Production of a Play — Wendy Cummings and John Marino, "A Shynia Mardel," Carnival Productions
- Set Design — B. McKeehan, "California Suite," Westfield Community Players

- Sound Design — Wendy Cummings, John Marino, Peter Rossi, "A Shynia Mardel," Carnival Productions
- Stage Management — Brian Gardner, "The Runner Stumbles," The Round Theatre of South Orange

Winners will be announced on Sept. 13 at the Berkeley Carter Hotel in Asbury Park, hosted by R.E.C.T. Nomination Committee members Maria Endick and Ellen Turner and Girdner. Tickets are \$25 and include cocktail hour and balcony reception. Musical supper, tannet will be provided by Larry and The Pit Bulls, who also performed at the 1997 A.C.T. Award ceremony. Reservations may be made by calling (732) 698-0217.



Patty Loveless

Loveless wins hearts at Paper Mill concert

By Ben Smith

Country music fans were treated to a feast of entertainment on the evening of Aug. 7 when the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn assigned one of the best country music stars in the country to its stage — Patty Loveless. Blonde, pretty and slim, dressed in a heavy, colored, wide-sleeved, tight black pants and high-heeled patent leather black boots, she — award-winning singer doused herself in sorrow and love and melodies of love, moments in an array of songs that reached into the hearts of the audience and blasted them away.

With a 1997 Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year award and the Academy of Country Music's Top Female Vocalist award in her possession, the Kentucky born Loveless, accompanied by two marvelous backup singers, three guitarists, mandolin player, two violin players, a keyboard player and a drummer, opened up her feelings in such songs as "How Can I Help You Say Goodbye," "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair," "Long Stretch of Loneliness," "I'm Don't Seem to Miss Me" and her touching "You

Don't Even Know Who I Am," "It's a privilege to be here," y'all," she said to the audience. And the audience, the majority of whom are Loveless fans and who know every note of her music, responded with thunderous applause.

"Country music," she said, "has always been about being real, real life and real situations that happen out there... it is always about how you feel. Being honest, as much as how it sounds, is what makes it country."

The audience sat quietly as Loveless offered such songs as "If My Heart Had Windows" and "You're All I Think About." They whistled and yelled when she sang "We Ain't Ever Apologizing Now." Loveless has a quiet confidence stage presence, and she knows for music — every detail of it — which she demonstrated with every note of her band.

"You need to let people read you through your music," she has said. "Certainly, the people at the Paper Mill Playhouse read her, under a spotlight her, laughed and cried with her, and offered their tribute to her at a standing-room concert, each brief but touched every member of the audience."

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VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE
An eclectic dining experience

By Jacquie McCarthy, Associate Editor

If you are looking for a casual, yet unusual dining experience, Van Gogh's Ear Cafe in Union offers this gem. Located in the heart of bustling Union Center, the coffeehouse offers an oasis for the weary, for everyone from the shopper making the rounds of the Center's many stores to the work-weary individual looking for an alternative to the traditional "Happy Hour."

My dinner companion and I stepped into the cafe on Sunday evening after taking in a movie matinee. Before even looking at the menu, I ordered a fishy, swarming raspberry sorbet and my companion chose a spicy Old Chicago. While relaxing at our table, which, true to the cafe's name, was in which the cafe is a beautiful, warm section of red oak, we listened to our appetizer and "chatter."

The appetizer, Art Bar's Pearl, was a platter of Middle Eastern dips and spreads, served with toasted pita. The spreads, which were served with warm hummus, vegetables, a tangy white bean dip, and baby goddess, a tasty mixture of eggplant and sesame seed paste. We also sampled some carrot oil soup, simply delicious with just the right amount of carrot to make it thick — and not overly spicy.

My entree was Pan de Sicilian, pasta with sautéed zucchini and eggplant, melted mozzarella cheese and a creamy tomato sauce, which was truly tasty. My companion chose the Oh-Chicken Salad Sandwich, one of the vegetarian alternative dishes offered at the cafe. A tomato-based salad served on a thin pit bread, my companion said the salad was the real reason for the visit.

In addition to the comparative coffee and occasional wine, which was complimentary, the cafe is guaranteed to beat the heat. Other items, recommendations are: libanoli, a Middle Eastern grain and roasted vegetables and Van Gogh's Extraordinary Chicken.

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The Great ESCAPE TO THE POCONOS

Pike County, a nice place to live.

Popular vacation spot offers plentiful relocation options

By Bill Van Sant, Staff Writer

"It's a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there." How many times has this been said by vacationers since time immemorial? However, those trekking to Pike County in Pennsylvania seem to be saying just the opposite.

"Pike County attracts a high percentage of first-time visitors who ultimately return to live," said Bob Patton of the Pinehill Bed & Breakfast. "Historically, new homeowners have been seasonal residents. Increasingly, however, the area is a year-round home for those deciding to make their visit permanent."

"Statistics show Pike to be the fastest-growing county in Pennsylvania," he continued, "even with one-third of its total acreage being federal or state government-owned."

"While the region of Pennsylvania has long been a favorite among travelers, what is attracting such large numbers of new homeowners?"

"Residents are attracted by an enticing combination — the quality of life is high and the cost of housing low," said Patton.

"Indeed, in both history and local amenities, the area's quality of life is quite rich. Pike County was separated from Wayne County in 1814, and named for Zebulon Montgomery Pike, discoverer of Pike's Peak."

Consisting of 350,000 acres, this includes 40,000 acres owned by the National Park Service and 100,000 owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for State Parks and Game Lands.

In Milford, the county seat, several historical sites such as Grey Towers and the Columns Museum offer a glimpse of the region's rich past.

"Other sites of interest are scattered about the county, providing insight into the more fascinating residents of Pike County, like Zane Grey, the Western novelist whose home on the Lackawaxen River is now a museum," said Jan Sutton, the administrative director of the Pike County

Chamber of Commerce. "Also to be found are old houses from the 1800s, walls built from local stone, and buildings which carry the original owners' names and which have been gloriously restored."

The region is known among lovers of the outdoors for such things as eagle watching in January and February along the Delaware River in Lackawaxen; canoeing, rafting and camping; and State Game Lands for nature enjoyment and seasonal hunting. Opportunities for trail hiking are plentiful in areas such as the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; George Childs Park in Dingmans Ferry with its beautiful year-round waterfalls; Lake Wallenpaupack, which also features boating and water activities; and the Pocono Environmental Education Center with its Nature Weekends. Robbling Bridge, the predecessor to the Brooklyn Bridge, can be visited in Lackawaxen.

According to Sutton: "Antiques and collectibles, along with finer crafts and craftsmen, can be found throughout the county, and wonderful restaurants, hotels, resorts, and bed-and-breakfasts to take your leisure."

In addition to the natural beauty and man-made sites to be found in Pike County, new residents find daily life made more attractive by a competitive real estate tax rate; escalating resale values on homes; and three progressive school districts serving the region.

For those wishing to relocate permanently to Pike County, thoughts of career change need not enter the picture as access to the New York metropolitan area is readily available.

"Pike County is within a six-hour drive of one-third of the nation's population," said Sutton. "Interstate 84 crosses east to west through the county, providing access to New York State and New England and connections to Interstates 80 and 61. Both New York State and New Jersey are moments away from the county seat, and computer bus service to New York's Port Authority and train service to Hoboken make commuting to the metropolitan area a viable option."

In addition, local development accommodates the tastes of every potential home buyer.

"A property choice for every preference is available here," said Patton. "Live near the water or in the mountain wilderness; live amidst fields and pastures or in a quaint village. Pick a home style to match its surroundings — a cedar contemporary or a rough-hewn log house; a rambling farmhouse or a colorful Victorian."

"Pike County representatives suggest visiting the region for a vacation or weekend getaway, both of which offer the chance to drink in the local atmosphere and relocation potential."

For more information on this travel and recreation opportunities in Pike County, contact Sutton at the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, 108 E. Hartford St., P.O. Box 883, Milford, PA 18337, or call her at (717) 296-8700.

"If you've enjoyed your visit to Pike County, consider coming back to stay," said Patton. "It's a nice place to visit, and a nicer place to live."



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MVP tells Biblical tale with 20th century flair

"Amazing" is the perfect word to describe "Mystic: Vision Players" opening of their seventh season, as the cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Linden High School.

A musical through and through with no spoken dialogue, "Joseph" tells the Old Testament story of the young prophet from Caran, favored by his father, who gives Joseph the "dreamcoat" in question. The young man loses favor with his many brothers who conspire to sell Joseph as a slave and give him up for dead. His gift for dream interpretation saves him, and Joseph makes a new life for himself in Egypt.

Never before has this ancient story been so entertaining. Directed and choreographed by the multi-talented Barbara-Jude Gioeco, with vocal direction by Linda Ann Butt, MVP's "Joseph" was a "singularly flawless production, with outstanding performances from each member of the cast."

Musical numbers put an unusual spin on the storytelling process, incorporating modern rhythms and melodies. "Joseph's Dream" was a "West Side Story" esque Sharke vs. Jets dance routine featuring Joseph's "Brothers." "One More Angel in Heaven" once again featured Joseph's brothers, this time employing a Country/Western motif to tell Joseph's father the fate of his favorite son. "Song of the

Theater View

By Jocacine McCortney
Associate Editor

"King," performed by the Pharaoh and Ensemble, was reminiscent of a king indeed — but not one heard of in Egypt in Joseph's day, unless Elvis Aron Presley enlisted in the Pharaoh's army. "These Canaan Days" and "Benjamin's Calypso" again featured the Brothers, bowdlerizing the Pharaoh's, bowdlerizing, especially the roll-away livestock. Compliments go to our Instrumental Music Director, Michael Jedwabnik and the orchestra for a rousing performance.

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Michelle Heuser complimented a great performance as the Narrator with an excellent singing voice. Matt Price, who gave a laudable performance as Marrylin, "Sum in Linden Summer Playhouse's "The Whaler" has you filled in as "The Baker, showing his terrific range as an actor in this small play."

Linden Firefighter Kevin Michael Brady Jr. who was effective in the lead role of Young Joe Hardy in "Dann Yankee's" last season, has definitely come into his own this year in the lead role of Joseph. Brady's smile is so bright it needs no spotlight, and he moved gracefully and stylishly from scene to scene. From song to song, Brady's voice was a pleasure to hear.

High praise goes to the costumers for authentic-looking Arab wear and glittery glamorous garb, not to mention the glorious "dreamcoat" itself. Props were witty and appropriate, especially the roll-away livestock. Compliments go to our Instrumental Music Director, Michael Jedwabnik and the orchestra for a rousing performance.

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'Requiem' leaves impression of things to come

As Mozart's "Requiem" ended at NJ Performing Arts Center in Newark Saturday night, so ended the Amadeus Festival and, very nearly, the NJSO's first season at its new home. There was enthusiasm of some accomplishment and confidence that the future may bring real cheer.

In programming two more early Mozart symphonies, the Koechel number average of four symphonies performed at the festival comes out to just 187. Obasi Carolyn Pollak won warm applause for her winning solo in the slow movement of K. 181. But the potential of the NJSO under conductor Jiri Zdenek Macal really showed in the opening Allegro of K. 182. Here we heard a lively interplay of independent instrument groups. Mozart's acceleration and musical pile-up bravely rendered. The excitement and clarity of purpose was unfortunately not sustained as Macal seemed to spend inordinate energy trying to tell the violin sections what he needed from them, leaving the rest of the orchestra to bleed it out which they

Music Notes

By Steven and Nathalie Yafet
Correspondents

did too well, right down to breathing at the same time.

The "Requiem" was, of course, occasion for much more orchestral excitement. The effect of muted brass peering out from beneath the strings and chorus was marvellous even as it felt like Beethoven's scoring instead of Mozart's. Initially, urged on by Maestro Macal, the orchestra overpowered the chorus. Unfortunately, a good balance was achieved. The soloist, however, accomplished neither balance nor blend. Soprano Margolis' Cahn's brittle, fast vibrato and Glenn Sieben's overly bright, somewhat strident tone clashed with Jennifer Roderer's covered, slightly morose

soprano. By contrast, John Check sang with a relaxed, full-throated bass-baritone which was wonderful to hear. His solo in the "Tuba Mirum" and perfectly executed solo and passage work in the "Benedictus" were particularly impressive.

"Light the Verdi 'Requiem' with its slow, stepping solos, Mozart's 'Requiem' is first and foremost a choral piece with added solo lines and quartets. The Pro Arte Chorus began tentatively as they struggled to rise above the orchestra. For example, the magnificent, ominous "Dies Irae" (rather than conjuring up the image of an "awesome" last judgment), simply put was barely a whisper. But they rebounded themselves on the "Credo" with an achingly sweet pastoral evoking memory for us and their salvation. A fiery, passionate "Credo" that made us still school long for the affecting conclusion — "Et vitam venturi saeculi amen." (3) Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Steven and Nathalie Yafet reside in Hillside.

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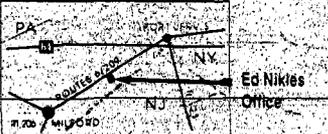
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Join the fight to ban second-hand smoke hazards

Environmental Tobacco Smoke, passive smoke, sidestream smoke, second-hand smoke... call it what you will, it's still a mixture of poisons that can threaten the health of anyone, especially young children. Second-hand smoke is a combination of the smoke exhaled by a smoker and the smoke that comes off the end of the burning cigarette or pipe. It is a mixture of over 4,000 substances, more than 40 of which are known to cause cancer in humans or animals, and many of which are strong irritants. It has been classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a known cause of lung cancer in humans. A Group A Carcinogen! It should come as no surprise, then, that second-hand smoke kills some 53,000 Americans every year, including 10,000 in NJ according to American Heart Association estimates.

While anyone exposed to tobacco smoke is at greater risk of illness, children are particularly vulnerable. Those who are exposed to ETS have a greater risk of lower respiratory tract infections, such as pneumonia and bronchitis, as well as reduced lung function and symptoms of respiratory ailments. The coughing and excessive phlegm known to ETS caused by irritation of fluid in the middle ear, the most common cause of hospitalization of children for an operation and even more at risk are asthmatic children. EPA estimates that between 200,000 and 4,000,000 asthmatic children have their condition worsened by exposure to second-hand smoke.

Passive smoking may also cause thousands of non-asthmatics to develop the condition each year. There has also been a link between ETS and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in babies whose mothers smoked during and after pregnancy. Adolescents are at risk from the ill-effects of ETS exposure. Passive smoking can lead to irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, inflammation of the lungs, causing coughing, wheezing and chest discomfort and reduced lung function.

To protect yourself and your family from the dangers of second-hand smoke, start by creating a smoke-free environment where you live by asking family or friends to smoke outside only. Be sure that any caregivers for your children, including babysitters, have a smoke-free policy. If your child's day care facility has no written policy, work with teachers and administrators to create one that works to protect children. If your workplace is not yet smoke-free, work with management and labor organizations to establish a strong policy. Employers may enjoy benefits of lower cleaning costs, lowered health insurance premiums, increased productivity and improvement in employee morale. Finally, when dining out, take advantage of the establishments that have gone completely smoke-free for the health and comfort of their patrons and employees. Encourage your favorite restaurants to do the same.

For additional information on tobacco issues, call The American Stop Smoking Intervention Study at (800) 352-5694.

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 Joseph G. and Fernando P. Juncos sold property at 628 Green St., to James J. McElroy for \$116,200 on Feb. 23.

Kearney
 R. and B. G. G. sold property at 1138 Rye St., to Cynthia Churchillo for \$88,000 on Feb. 27.

Easton
 Edward Frank sold property at 846 Garden St., to National Real Estate Investors for \$115,000 on Feb. 25.

Joseph P. and Marie F. Mendis sold property at 1042-1044 Seid Ave., to Robert Slade for \$140,000 on Feb. 23.

Hillside
 Antonio S. and Maria P. Meluso sold property at 409 Currier Place in Jersey Atlantic for \$175,000 on March 6.

Mandel and Audrey C. Scott sold property at 1219 Broadway in Atlantic Persons for \$147,000 on March 7.

Kentworth
 Joseph P. and Marie F. Mendis sold property at 417 Cranford Ave., to Joseph P. Mendis for \$66,000 on March 20.

Linden
 Miss Sherry A. sold property at 400 Westwood Road in Linden for \$170,000 on March 5.

Peel and Margerita Ilnowski sold property at 1315 Prospect Drive in Lech - W. Hajdumowicz for \$139,000 on March 5.

Paul P. and Mary Jane Laduski sold property at 60 Fernwood Terrace in Benedict Dompier for \$178,000 on March 5.

Heinrich J. and Karen J. Mack sold property at 935 Washington Ave., to EJ Mack for \$65,000 on March 6.

John and Maria Valente sold property at 618 Beechwood Road in Leah-Berptic Mastroianni for \$208,000 on March 6.

Anna Yelencova sold property at 600 Inwood Road in Marguerita Honki for \$133,000 on March 5.

William Parich and Otto Parich sold property at 520 Maple Ave., to Cynthia A. Moccia for \$190,000 on March 11.

Rahway
 Ronald J. Knox sold property at 1024 Maurice Ave., to Dragutin Mirovic for \$179,000 on March 9.

William J. and Mary N. Tucker sold property at 1174 Maple Terrace in Marie J. Jencke for \$115,000 on March 9.

Daniel Panning sold property at 571 Donald Ave., to Robert J. Caputo for \$111,000 on March 9.

Roselle
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Roy and Melissa S. Warren sold property at 43 Woodland Drive in East N. Prather for \$135,000 on Feb. 20.

Josephine H. and Peter J. Jurek sold property at 306 Drake Ave., to Danny A. Newman for \$169,500 on Feb. 23.

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 Robert DeLorenzo sold property at 146 W. Keeble Ave. in Roselle Park for \$131,000 on March 5.

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 Geraldine Wick sold property at 6 W. Rickard Circle for \$210,000 on March 17.

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Judith A. Johnson sold property at 7 South St., to Judith A. Johnson for \$12,500 on Feb. 23.

Bhaskar and Nehruvathi Prabhakar sold property at 666 Spring Hill Ave., to David M. Rosen for \$415,000 on Feb. 23.

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 Robert F. and Maryanne Whiny sold property at 895 Garden St., to Thomas J. Tunney for \$183,000 on Feb. 19.

Miguel D. and Sheila A. Wright sold property at 478 Liffitt Ave., to Maria Correas for \$158,500 on Feb. 20.

Andrey Mackowski & Evelyn Ruzicki sold property at 1492 West New Terrace in Denise Buyle for \$162,000 on Feb. 20.

Roy, Kathleen Addison sold property at 265 Delaware Ave., to James D. Blumhagen for \$100,000 on Feb. 23.

Howard and Dawn Duff sold property at 2231 Bradford Ave., to Mary S. Smedley for \$179,000 on Feb. 23.

Werner and Judy Sherry sold property at 2775 Audrey Terrace to Mary K. Smedley for \$167,000 on Feb. 23.

Carlo and Ann M. Scarpia sold property at 1093 Van Ness Terrace to Sandra L. Scarpia-Hosmer for \$215,000 on Feb. 23.

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Daimler-Benz revolutionizes the fuel cell concept vehicle

Daimler-Benz has developed the first-ever fuel cell concept vehicle as the Mercedes-Benz A-Class, the revolutionary new vehicle represents a major breakthrough in the quest to develop an automotive drive system that is extremely low emissions.

This latest fuel cell vehicle to emerge from Daimler-Benz laboratories is known as NECAR 3 or New Electric Car, and unlike its predecessors, fills up with liquid methanol. With aid of a reformer system located in the rear of the vehicle, methanol fuel is converted on-line into hydrogen through water vapor reforming. The hydrogen gas is then fed into the Ballard Fuel Cells where it is combined with atmospheric oxygen — but without combustion — to directly produce electrical energy used to power the vehicle.

Previous fuel cell systems could only operate in conjunction with bulky hydrogen tanks for fuel storage. With NECAR 3, the entire process is much more direct: press the accelerator pedal and an astonishing 90 percent of the system's power is available in just two seconds. In terms of the drive dynamics, this puts fuel cell vehicles using methanol on par with conventional gasoline or diesel-powered automobiles.

Dispensing with the hydrogen tanks not only reduces vehicle weight but it also greatly improves the everyday practicality of the new vehicle: the compact gas station can handle methanol, which does not require special safety procedures, refuels as easily as gasoline or diesel. What's more, NECAR 3 has a range of some 250 miles on a full tank of H₂ gallons, similar to conventional vehicles.

Daimler-Benz designed NECAR 3 for commercial use. It is the most suitable fuel for hydrogen generation. Although gasoline and diesel were also considered, the efficiency levels of these fuels would have been lower. For the introductory phase of fuel cell powered vehicles at least, engineers are considering the possibility of a multi-fuel concept which, as the name suggests, would permit the utilization of different types of fuel such as methanol is generally available.

The drive system of NECAR 3 is virtually emission-free. Neither oxygen nor CO₂ are produced as byproducts during conversion of methanol to hydrogen or in the subsequent generation of electrical energy. And thanks to the extreme efficiency of the fuel cells, carbon dioxide emissions are substantially below those of conventional cars.

With the advent of onboard hydrogen generation, a crucial step has been taken towards developing the environmentally-friendly fuel cell technology that could eventually power a wide range of the future. An estimated 100 million of the roadcars this technology could be the centerpiece of the future system in a 13-foot-long Mercedes-Benz production car. Once again, the innovative double-floor dashboard concept employed in the A-Class, has proved its worth: allowing the complete installation of the fuel cells and several auxiliary units underneath the passenger cell. The methanol fuel tank, reformer and control system are located in the rear of the Mercedes subcompact. The methanol reformer technology, utilized in NECAR 3, has benefited from a whole range of technological advances at Daimler-Benz. Not only has the system been made smaller and more efficient, but the performance and dynamic response of the reformer process have also been improved. The result is a compact unit of some 18 inches in height. Located in the rear of the A-Class, the reformer directly injects hydrogen "on-line" into the fuel cells. Hydrogen production occurs at a temperature of some 280 degrees centigrade; methanol and water vaporize to yield hydrogen, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

Following catalytic oxidation of CO, the purified hydrogen gas is fed to the negative pole of the fuel cell. A special polymer membrane which is coated with a platinum catalyst and sandwiched between two electrodes, is located here. The hydrogen fuel breaks into positively-charged ions and negatively-charged electrons. While the positively-charged oxygen is supplied to the positive pole of the fuel cell on the other side of the polymer membrane, the hydrogen electrons travel through the polymer membrane while the electrons travel through an external circuit to arrive at the positive electrode. There, the oxygen, hydrogen process and electrons combine to form water. An electric current attached to the external circuit is then used to drive the vehicle.

NECAR 3 is fuel cell the fourth fuel cell vehicle to roll out of the Daimler-Benz laboratories in the last three years. Development initially began back in 1994 with NECAR 1, which tested the fuel cell system in the tank of a small van. Two years later, advances in reducing the size of the system made it possible, for the first time, to install the fuel cell engine in a passenger vehicle — the NECAR II, based on a Mercedes-Benz V-Class van. At the start of 1997, it was time for NECAR 3, the latest in the line of fuel cell vehicles to be tested. NECAR 3, with 10 fuel cell stacks, generating a total output of 20 kW. NECAR 3 is suitable for operation as a normal city car.



The Daimler-Benz Fuel Cell Concept Vehicle

While NECAR 3 and NECAR 2 were built using gaseous hydrogen fuel in large-volume pressurized tanks, NECAR 3 has no need for an auxiliary storage tank; thanks to the methanol reformer. True, vehicle range still depends upon the size of the fuel tank, but unlike its predecessors, NECAR 3 can fill up with higher-density liquid methanol just as easily as any conventional car does with gasoline.

As the drive to develop fuel cell technology for mobile applications, Daimler-Benz has joined forces with the Canadian company Ballard Power Systems. The two companies are investing over \$325 million to advance this pioneering and environmentally-friendly technology. The common aim of the alliance is to become the first international car worldwide car after another — including heavy trucks and semi-produced passenger cars — with a fuel cell engine.

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