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## Boy, are we getting old!

Grace Slick is 60 years old. That depressing news is contained in the 1960s diva's new biography, "Somebody to Love." The book didn't excite me terribly, nor did her singing, but Grace always held a certain fascination for male baby boomers in our post-Annette Funicello, pre-Piscicelli, Presley phase.

Surprisingly, Grace Slick's advice to graying boomers is remarkably the same as former First Lady Barbara Bush: "When these two opposites agree, it's time to take notice. The words of wisdom are: 'When it's all over, you won't remember what you did, father you will be sorry for the things you didn't accomplish.'"

## Left Out

By Frank Capote

Advice from Grace Slick concerned about the grid? What's going on? The harsh reality is, we are no longer darling boomers, with unlimited potential. We just got old. Now it is thoughts over EKG results, Social Security and dental gum work, which dominate our discussions.

The bolts of reality come more frequently and harder. After meeting Mayor Chris Hollweg, my surprised daughter—then in high school, quipped, "I thought the mayor of Elizabeth would be an old guy like you!" I saw the billboard Top 10 last week, and not a song or artist rang a bell. Yairkee Derek Jeter is young enough to be my son. President Clinton's seminars, the boomers they have more yesterday than tomorrow.

But the ugly ruler of reality is my friend and brother, Jim Spornick, formerly of Duke and NBA Basketball fame, now at Merrill Lynch. He writes me a letter and says that a wage earner in his 40s is, like me, with a college student, like me, and should consider having a large strike in short term investments.

But, he also reminds me that statistically, when I get to age 63 (hopefully, there is a 50 percent chance, statistically, I will live to be 85. Spornick really cares about his messengers, but the truth is, I have to begin to save, save, save, because of the statistical chance I'll be around for a while.

This thing sure is even straining to mold my politics. Congressional candidate Maryanne Connelly whips-off "liberal statistics." Today, there are three workers for every Social Security recipient. In the year 2030, there will be only two workers for every Social Security recipient.

I now personally support using the entire budget surplus to strengthen the Social Security trust fund. I will vote for politicians who adopt that position.

So the moral is, save your money and be nice to teen-agers. We need them around to pay for our old age.

Frank Capote, an arrantist, is a resident of Cranford.

## Health care change causing consternation

By Sean Dally

Right now, the county does not have health care for inmates at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

However, come Jan. 1, the jail will be transferred from the county-owned Runnells Specialized Hospital to Correctional Health Services, a private company from Verona.

As with any changing-of-hands, the move has caused some consternation in the rank and file at the jail.

"At least one jail nurse, an employee of Runnells Hospital, accused the Board of Chosen Freeholders of not keeping the health care workers in the jail abreast of the contract negotiations.

The nurse spoke on condition of anonymity. "If I am going to be considered for a job here, I'd rather not jeopardize my potential," she said.

According to the nurse, the health care workers learned about the CHS contract in the newspapers and were never told about it by the county government.

"I wasn't involved in the decision making," she said. "We weren't notified until we read it in the Star Ledger in August."

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan denied this.

"This has been ongoing ever since the hospital took over the services of the jail," he said. Runnells took over the jail health care services on April 1, 1995 from Elizabeth General Hospital. The hospital had its contract expire and had closed not to continue it.

The nurse also accused Worral Community Newspapers of spreading disinformation.

The newspapers reported Sept. 10 that the inmates did not pay for health care services. "This is a condition practiced throughout the state, with inmates paying a co-pay of \$3 to \$10 for

non-emergency health care services. Both CHS and the county Department of Public Safety said the inmates do not pay for health care services; something this nurse said was untrue. In fact, she said, inmates have been paying co-payments for two years.

She also said the inmates already get a number of "ancillary" services, such as X-rays, offered by CHS in their contract.

She said Runnells Hospital currently employs 20 nurses; two full-time doctors and three part-time doctors, who serve 1,500 inmates. The nurse, who holds a high position in the health care system at the jail, claimed Runnells' operation cost \$2.2 million.

According to county figures, there is the equivalent of 35 full-time employees at the jail. Health care at the jail, they say, costs \$2 million with another \$840,000 for employee benefits.

The CHS contract could trim a number of these positions.

According to CHS spokesman Joe Lauro, CHS will have 35 to 40 positions at the jail, with 13 nurses, six doctors, a dentist, psychiatrists and social workers.

"The policy, and apparently Union County is the same, is that they will interview every person who is interested in working there." These positions do not include subcontracted work at the jail by Elizabeth General and St. Elizabeth Hospital. Each hospital is responsible for hiring people for these positions, not CHS.

According to Sullivan, the current health care employees are not guaranteed employment at the jail.

The county will try to take those who are not offered jobs at the jail after CHS takes over and employ them elsewhere in Runnells, said Sullivan.



On a trade mission to Portugal are, from left, Elizabeth Councilman Tony Monteiro, Rahway Mayor James Kenney, Portugal Parliament members Maria De Lores Lara and Maria Manuela Aquilar, Freeholder Dan Gonçalves, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga and Freeholder Chester Holmes.

## Officials return from Portugal mission

By Michelle Ruppe

A delegation of government and business leaders from Union County led by Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, D-Union, and Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, resumed regularity from an economic development trade mission to Portugal that included meetings with the United States ambassador, Gerald McGovern.

"We left for Lisbon with clearly defined objectives and met with business leaders and policy makers to build friendships and business relationships," said Gonçalves of Elizabeth. "We are happy to report that we enjoyed a very prosperous trip that we can build on in the future."

The delegation, which was headed by a private business rather than taxpayer expense, was comprised of several leading Union County officials, including City Councilman Suliga, Freeholder Chairman Holmes of Rahway, Mayor Jim Kennedy and Elizabeth City Manager and 1st Ward Councilman Tony Monteiro and Manly Gray, Union County businessman and the journey was Carlos Silva of Silcon Construction of Elizabeth, Ray Tomasso of Tomasso Oil in Elizabeth, and Fido Rendon of Elizabeth's Mepedoni & Suarez accounting firm.

The delegation visited the facilities at the Expo 98, formerly contaminated refinery site that was remediated and now is a highly visible \$3 billion economic development success story. The brownfield issue affects both Elizabeth and Rahway.

Union County is faced with the task of taking our brownfields and during what was unusable land into property that can be used to create jobs and revenues for our towns," Suliga said. "Expo 98 is an example of how hard work and foresight can turn brownfields into profitable, useful developments. We were able to see how Portugal accomplished Expo 98 and through some of this knowledge 'goose with us.'"

The delegation was invited to attend a session of the Assembly of the Republic, the Portuguese Parliament. When introduced, the members of Portugal's governing body gave the Union County representatives a standing ovation. From there, the group traveled to the Portuguese Stock Market and held meetings with business leaders. Ambassador McGovern also hosted a reception in honor of the Union County delegation and in attendance were many of Portugal's business leaders.

"We spent a great deal of time discussing business opportunities in Portugal and attracting international business to Union County," said Gonçalves. "There was a tremendous sharing of information which will benefit both regions as we move forward. There is a mission being put together in Lisbon in which Portuguese business and government leaders will visit Union County in the coming months."

## UCIA to consider 'Access' bonding

By Phillip Sean Curran

Last night, the Union County Improvement Authority was expected to adopt a resolution allowing itself to disperse money to county school districts as part of a multimillion dollar project that allows them to buy computers and other equipment, said a county official.

Because the county itself cannot directly give districts that \$3 million, the five-member improvement authority is being asked to be the dispersal conduit, said Bruce Linger, the authority's financial administrator. A special meeting of the authority, which meets once a month, was called to its members could vote on the matter.

Lawrence M. Caroselli, the county's director of finance, said the arrangement is straightforward. "The improvement authority will adopt a resolution authorizing them to enter an agreement with the county and the various school districts to implement 'Access 2000' and then disperse the money," Caroselli said.

Districts receive the money on an enrollment basis, said one superintendent in Union County. Schools with higher enrollments receive a greater share of the \$3 million, and the money

goes into the individual district's budget.

"An initiative designed to enhance technology at county schools, 'Access 2000' allows districts to buy computers, pay for computer instruction and other technological purposes, the Union County Manager said on Monday.

Union County is funding this project exclusively, Michael J. Capolla said. By issuing bonds, the county acquired the money necessary for "Access 2000."

But the speed with which county officials are acting to have the program in place and have the authority vote on it caused one authority member to wonder if an administrative blunder had actually occurred.

"The fact that we're having a special meeting should tell you something," George Gore said.

Gore, also a Republican freeholder candidate, said that with about two weeks left before November's elections, the Democrats on the freeholder board were making sure they could keep "Access 2000 on their platform of accomplishments." "It's an election year gimmick. If we don't do it now, it won't happen this year. They've been campaigning on this for how long?" he asked.

## Clerk's office open for absentees

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced her office will be open Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to serve voters who need absentee ballot applications for the General Election on Nov. 3.

Walk-in applications for absentee ballots are acceptable until 3 p.m. on Nov. 2. Mail-in applications cannot be accepted if they are postmarked after Oct. 27. Rajoppi urged voters who need absentee ballot applications to apply as soon as possible to her office in the Union County Courthouse, 9 Broad St., Elizabeth, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Her office, Rajoppi said, has processed more than 2,500 absentee ballots for the General Election.

## Improvements to county parks being addressed

As part of an agenda to make Union County a great place to live, work and raise a family, Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel B. Sullivan has overseen an aggressive program to improve the county's parks and recreational areas throughout 1998.

In addition to creating soccer fields throughout the county, other areas

of improvement are being addressed. A new \$150,000 all-weather running track is near completion in Rahway River Park to be equipped with athletic track teams, runners and casual walkers for recreation.

"These renovations underscore our commitment to improving the quality of life of Union County residents,"

Sullivan said. "Our parks are recreation staff does a great job of maintaining our fields and other areas, but years and years of non-stop use simply wore those tracks out. We are replacing the gravel tracks with the new rubber-like surface, allowing greater use in all kinds of weather."

"It is important that we provide

safe, modern areas for individuals, organizations and teams to exercise and compete," Sullivan said. "The track at Rahway Park will give residents a high-quality place to take walks, jog, run or sprint, depending on their choice of exercise. The track is a quarter-mile around and other improvements will be clearly marked."

John Odini, who works in the Union County Prosecutor's Office, went to the Rahway Police Athletic League last year to start a track team for children. See PARKS, Page B2

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# CANDIDATES

The following statements are by candidates running for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in the Nov. 3 General Election. Six candidates are vying for three seats.

## Juan Fernandez Republican

I want to be a freeholder for several reasons.

First, I believe that the current members of the freeholder board do not vote on items as individuals but rather blocks. Unfortunately, there is no open discussion about issues at any of the freeholder meetings. I propose as a freeholder to do the following:

To let the people in the county know what county government does for them and what a freeholder does.

The most asked question I get on the campaign trail is, "What is a freeholder?" It's the best kept secret of Union County. I propose to have revolving meetings in different municipalities, as it is done in Essex County, where people can actually participate at the freeholder meetings.



Juan Fernandez, Republican candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

I would also schedule town meetings at all 21 municipalities of the county to let people know what county government is doing for them and how we are spending their money.

A Year 2000 computer crisis. At a recent discussion, many freeholder opponents indicated that their commitment from them is that there is no problem with their computers and they do not have to address many year 2000 problems.

President Clinton, at an address this summer, stated that it companies were planning to celebrate the year 2000 with champagne and noise-makers, not that they were going to wake up on a Sunday morning. This crisis must be dealt with or the taxpayers will be dealt a tremendous blow. The house recently passed legislation or-

ing President Clinton, to appoint a YEAR 2000. This passed by a nearly unanimous vote.

As a freeholder, I will establish a committee of current county employees and private business leaders to assist the county in dealing with the Y2K problems which, as of this date, have not been addressed.

Tax relief. While the county continues to lose populations that is normal, this — the funding of the court system which is now under the control of the state in the tune of \$8,000,000 a year — county government continues to grow.

This growth does not justify the work that is being performed by the county. Our salaries can be better spent on our citizens. Clinton said he has relief for our overburdened county taxpayer rather than over administration by the appointment of individuals such as a deputy county manager,

## Lewis Mingo Jr. Democrat

I come to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders from the business world, as a retired NYNEX executive. Having a long business experience in this board, my true interest is the field of Human Services. I decided to serve on the Board of Freeholders because I wanted, very much to make a difference in the lives of the 500,000 people of Union County.



Lewis Mingo Jr., Democrat candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

County government teaches the lives of its residents in many ways. Union County's Division on Aging helps senior citizens live more independently in the homes of their choice, through our nutrition program, paratransit, free assistance for questioning about health care issues and Medicare, and a toll-free information and referral service. This year, the division initiated the ElderCare program, which will run programs at senior city, towns' centers around the county on preventing the falls and accidents that

rob older people of their independence and health.

This year, the freeholder board also set the annual collection for the county's portion of property taxes. This is another way in which the board helped senior citizens living on fixed income and families struggling to

make ends meet. And in a year in which we cut taxes, we did not cut services to residents.

In the City of Plainfield, Union County developed a pilot program to help re-connect residents with community services. Entitled SALT (Save A Life Today), it is a cooperative venture between the freeholders and the Union County Prosecutor. This program will empower residents in our most disadvantaged communities by giving young people alternatives to the crime and violence rampant in many neighborhoods.

At the beginning of the year, this board initiated three important programs designed to improve the lives of all residents.

Our future depends on the education we provide to children. So this board is providing a total of \$3 million matching grants to every school district through our Access 2000 program. This will ensure that every classroom in this county has access to computers and Internet access, and every teacher has training in computers

and technology.

Parks, playgrounds and athletic fields make a big difference in the quality of life for residents. So this board initiated Project Pocket Parks, which provided towns with a total of \$1.7 million in matching grants to improve parks and save open space. We also invested more than \$3 million to modernize county playgrounds and athletic fields.

Finally, we initiated the HEART Grant program, which has provided support to artists, musicians, theater groups, and historians across the county.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has made a difference in the lives of our residents with new programs and improvements in county roads, parks and services. We have reconnected all of this while cutting taxes for a second straight year and maintaining the county's AAA bond rating. This is why I decided to serve as a freeholder and this is why I ask that residents support me on Election Day this year.

## Mary Ruotolo Democrat

As a mother of three school-aged children, I am concerned about the same issues as most other county residents. I am concerned about property taxes, the quality of education, jobs, safety and the quality of life in the county. These are the issues I have focused on as a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For the second straight year, this board has cut county property taxes. This year's \$15 million cut brings the county's portion of property taxes down to their 1994 level. With this, we have maintained and improved services to residents, taken on much needed repairs to roads and bridges and maintained our AAA bond rating.



Mary Ruotolo, Democrat candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Because we are entering a new era in which computer literacy and technical ability will become a must, the board developed the Access 2000 program.

This board worked extensively with business leaders in Union County to develop ways to improve their access to markets, employment and products. Transportation initiatives, such as the Cross-County Rail Link could bring thousands of new jobs to the county as businesses have special access to Port Elizabeth, Newark Airport and downtown areas. Improvements to our roads and a new smart highway program will make it easier for businesses to transport goods and materials, allowing them to expand and prosper.

Our Division on Aging has continually provided high-quality services to the county's senior citizens through its hot meals program, informational programs, paratransit and its toll-free information line. Trained professionals at the division offer the county's senior citizens free information about health care access and Medicaid.

By providing more than \$3 million in matching grants to the school districts across the county, we are ensuring that every child will have a computer and Internet access in their classroom by the year 2000 and all teachers will

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To ensure safety throughout the county, this year, the board worked with Sheriff Ralph Proehlisch to develop a prisoner transportation system. Now, Sheriff's officers transport prisoners from municipalities to the county jail in Elizabeth so your local police are patrolling the streets, not ferrying prisoners.

## George Gore Republican

The fundamental building blocks of the office of freeholder are process, stability, long term planning, and a keen sense of county needs as viewed by taxpayers.



George Gore, Republican candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The standards for governing in the 21st decade call for a new strategy to bring development in line with new technology and business practices. We say we continue to grow with business as usual. We need a long term urban strategy to stop the erosion of our infrastructure. The strategy must contain the blueprint to rebuild that structure with the next decade as the focal point.

As freeholders, I and my colleagues must be fundamentally committed to mastering and controlling an infrastructure that has grown so complex that departmental alignments have produced gross inefficiency. By taxpayers. Our county's work force needs improved skills to be the best they can be. This county has not planned all its resources, or budgeted for this well-tempered or training. We continue to add technology devices without a strategic plan of impact study to determine their worth on a departmental basis. We need a desk audit.

As a freeholder, I will work with my colleagues to establish specific, strategic, and tactical, and financial objectives for the next five years. Determine which departments can be excised, those placed and reshape those departments as required.

Additionally, as a policymaker, my colleagues and I will work to gain control over the management of that has day-to-day operations. We will intensify seek their input as we shape the county for the year 2000. With their input, we will develop poli-

cies and ordinances that are measurable and allows for corrections at each major milestone. We will integrate these plans into policy and ordinances that will replace current policies that have little flexibility in how the county does business. As a freeholder, I will work with the commission and boards that have without professional staff and enhance our plan to include staff input.

The public is becoming alarmed at the cost to maintain government, and as we move to keep taxes down, a possibility of low quality service and inadequate services may result. Planning, restructuring of departments and realignment of the workforce will produce a higher quality service to the taxpayer. Adding bodies to fix problems is not the answer. It only increases costs without any assurance of resolving the problem. As a freeholder, I will be responsible for providing the policies that allow the county professionals to perform at peak efficiency; the county to be prepared for the next century; and allow the taxpayer to vote their dollars are spent correctly.

## Dan Sullivan Democrat

This year, Union County government dedicated itself to several important goals, cutting taxes, bringing new jobs and economic opportunities to residents, improving access to education countywide, and improving our county's parks and recreational areas. County government has taken the lead in these areas, and we are making a difference in the lives of Union County's 500,000 residents.



Dan Sullivan, Democrat candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

We cut property taxes for Union County residents by a total of \$1.5 million, the second year in a row in which we have delivered a tax cut. This board also brought in more than \$25 million in federal state private grants to help fund special programs for residents. We also maintained the county's outstanding AAA bond rating.

As we enter the 21st century, this board recognizes that Union County

must make investments in some important areas in order to remain competitive with other regions and other nations. So this year, we have focused our attention on the county's educational infrastructure on educational opportunities — particularly in computers and technology, and on

parks and open space that contribute to the quality of life for county residents.

Through the Access 2000 program, this board has made a \$3.3 million investment in the county's school districts to ensure that every classroom in the county has access to a computer and the Internet, and every teacher has training in computers and technology.

The board made a major commitment to recreation, parks, open space and athletics. We brought all of our county playgrounds up to modern safety standards with a \$4 million investment. Through Project Pocket Parks, we provided the county's 21 municipalities with a total of \$1.7 million in matching grants to improve parks and athletic fields and save open space. We also purchased \$1.6 million of land on the Union, Elizabeth border (where it plays open and undeveloped).

This year, Union County funded more than \$20 million in repairs to county roads and bridges. Through

our lobbying efforts, Union County received more than \$30 million in federal funding to develop a light rail system linking the eastern and western parts of the county. This will someday connect residents at Newark International Airport, Port Elizabeth and the street at Exit 13A on the N.J. Turnpike. We also received \$5 million to build a new Turnpike. We also received \$5 million to build a new railroad near Morris Avenue in Union Township.

This board also has taken on welfare dependence. Through a \$5 million federal grant, we're providing the longest-term welfare recipients with a training program. This board also invested in a welfare fraud program to catch those who would steal money intended for children and families.

As chairman, I have set forth a set of programs to ensure that we enter the 21st century. Union County will be a great place to live, work and raise a family. On Election Day, I ask that you vote to continue the progress we have made.

## Parks Improvements eyed

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ages 6 to 16 in the city. After receiving the organization's approval, the work started the track at Highway Park.

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## Andrew MacDonald Republican

There are many reasons that I am running for freeholder in Union County, but the greatest imperative as I see it is that we need better representation in our county government.

The current 9-0 board of Democrats have spent huge sums of money unnecessarily. They have done so by introducing into local government and the school board, and they have added to the payroll of county government with an excessive number of patronage jobs.



Andrew MacDonald, Republican candidate for Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "The government that governs least, governs best." In this country today, we have a government that governs too much. We need a government that governs just enough. In the case of the Union County freeholder board, they have spent a surplus that is not needed. It is \$12 million, about 4.3 percent of the budget. Why didn't they result that to the taxpayers?

Who gave them the authority to do that? Why do they have right to spend my money? Do they really believe that the people who see money have less right to determine its ultimate use than the tax collectors?

and their political bosses? Last week at the League of Women Voters forum in Grandford, Freeholder Dan Sullivan referred to us as a "right wing" idea. What arrogance! It's not his money.

Another area where we need to look at Union County is in the area of economic development. In 1997, the State of New Jersey saw the creation of 13,500 new jobs with 2 percent of that total going to Union County, in a county where we are perhaps 6 percent to 9 percent of the state's population. Likewise, we must work to revitalize the Port of New Jersey-New York, which has substantial operations in Union County. It is long overdue for the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies to look at the port. Shipping and loading are important to our state. From Virginia to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where fully loaded ships can pull up to a dock and unload their goods in our port today, it is a

major step to use "lighters" off the shore of Brooklyn and Staten Island. This is very expensive. The utilization of New York harbor must be corrected. Don't count on the do-nothing Democrats to fight this battle. Finally, in the area of economic development, one must ask why the Democrats have gotten free trips to China, Luxembourg and Portugal. Those who paid for these trips did not go to the expense of their heads. Likewise, did they report these trips to the N.J. State Election Law Enforcement Commission? In kind contributions?

Finally, the Union County government is in need of a top to bottom review of its functions and programs. It has looked at a list of the agencies of the Union County government, and I believe that savings can be realized by consolidating some functions and eliminating those that are not longer needed or are in the delivery of their service.

## Ambassador stresses citizens' right to vote

By Philip Sean Curran  
Staff Writer

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Union resident makes poetry a lifelong endeavor

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Anthony Longo of Union, with his head and soul, has been writing poetry all of his life as a sideline. And all of his life this handsome gentleman has been receiving trophies and awards for his beautiful, rhythmic words. Coincidentally, Longo has been inspired by two Edgars — Edgar Allan Poe and Edgar A. Guest.

The 78-year-old poet laureate's most recent poetry award for "Heaven's Gift" was chosen by the executive committee of the board of directors of Falmouth Poets Society in Hollywood, Calif., and he was invited to his poetry convention in Disney land to read his poem, receive a Diamond Homer Trophy and be entertained with the other winners by Phyllis Diller.

"Unfortunately, I am unable to attend because of my health," explained Longo during a recent visit to this office. "But I expect to be receiving a certificate and hopefully the trophy myself."

"Heaven's Gift," he indicated, "concerned the birth of a child and was published in 1990, at which time I was chosen as the Golden Poet. I was honored again in 1991 as the Silver Poet. And I've had poems submitted and published in various anthologies — the most recent poems were 'Heaven's Gift,' 'Vietnam Lament,' 'Between the Raindrops' and 'The House on the Hill.'"

Longo also was honored in 1995 by the National Library of Poetry Anthology by in Owings Mills, Md., for "The House on the Hill." It was published in "Between the Raindrops," a collection of contemporary poetry compiled by the library. "The main subject of the poem," he said, "is memories of my home and my youth. I have been writing all of my life, and my subjects come from home, family and God's gifts of life and love."

"I love doing this," he grinned. "Way back when I attended evening classes at Baringer High School. I was inspired by Edgar A. Guest and wrote some beautiful poetry as a

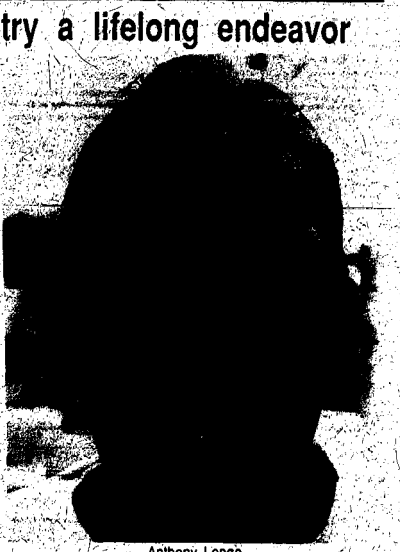
result. More recently," Longo checked, "I've been inspired by Edgar Allan Poe. While I was in high school, my mentor was my English teacher, Marguerite McLaughlin. She kept pushing me ahead. Also, I learned to write poetry in Spanish in my Spanish class at school. My teacher was Jewish, and with a heavy Jewish accent, taught me Spanish. I wrote a poem in Spanish called "Why Death Do You Care For Me at this Moment." Later, the wonderful Sister Arm Dominick, of St. Michael's Church in Union inspired me. She is my favorite person."

Born in Newark, Longo came to Union about 35 years ago. "The reason I went to high school evenings was because I had to go to work. But I graduated valedictorian, received the outstanding student award. Then I went to Drake's Business College in Newark for about a year and took a secretarial course."

He sighed. "Then I took courses with International Correspondence schools, for secretarial and graphic classes. I loved that because it got me jobs. I was secretary to Al Simpson, who was then the Union Township attorney. Also all my life has been centered around engineering — all types — chemical, metallurgical, civil and finally architectural. I had it, but I was good at it. My motto about work is that you pace yourself and your mind and get it done. I believe that one must do eight hours work for eight hours a day."

When Longo was about 28, he started as a clerk. Then worked my way up to supervisor and then office manager. I also worked as a security officer for the American Energy Commission. My job was to handle classified documents which were confidential and top secret. Finally, I got out of engineering."

But it was at that age, when Longo was working for Keldor in Newark, that his boss heard one of his poems recited on the radio. "I had sent my poem to John Gambaling and to the radio program called 'Musical Tapestry.' John Gambaling said, 'It gives



Anthony Longo.

me great pleasure to read a poem by our poet laureate, Tony Longo. Send me more. And be read it to the background music of 'Moonlight Madonna.' My boss was so excited, he called me over and said, 'They're reading your poem.' That poem is 'Heaven's Gift' and it is a poem that is still going good."

"When Gambaling said, 'Send me more,' I went crazy. I wrote a poem about my sister, who is now deceased, Angela Longo, Jane Sulo. In fact, my niece, who is artistic, is named Angela Sulo. When my stepdad passed away, I wrote a song, 'Love Will Find a Way,' and Sister Arm Dominick knew this girl who writes music. I put it on a cassette singing in my crazy voice, saying 'This is the tune I want.' About

a year later, she came up with the music. It was a very beautiful melody. I have the music at home. It can be sung at funerals."

Longo also wrote a poem about his mother called "God's Love." It was about the time that my mother was carrying me and lightning struck as my mother was standing at the dock and praying. She was afraid of lightning."

A few weeks ago, Longo wrote "God's Path of Life," and two weeks ago, "The Street of Name."

"I've asked my niece, Angela, to make an artistic background for my poems. And I have many, many of them."

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## Paper Mill concert provides three times the entertainment

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

The concert evening of Oct. 13 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, was unlike any other in the history of the theater.

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Most of the members of all three groups reached out to a live audience with music and love — a walk up the aisle, shaking hands all around, an individual hug, a personal lyric to a senior citizen — and kissing the hand of the woman in the first row or the second, or the third. It was a unique communication that one does not see in concerts theaters or elsewhere — it was overwhelming!

All three groups were heartily introduced by Roy Miller, the assistant executive producer of the Paper Mill, who appeared to be a fan himself, and asked the audience if it was ready for rock 'n' roll.

The Coasters, who have been around for about 40 years, opened the show with some of their hit songs, "Pontiac Day," "Charlie Brown," "Yakety Yak," "Love Polka No. 9" and "Down in Mexico." One of the members, asked: "Do you have rhythm? We got a whole lot of love for you, and then proceeded to induce the audience to sing together. This group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987. Gifts were presented to the audience — CD cassettes, shirts, and all four men joyfully embraced themselves in the audience, especially after singing "Goodnight, Sweetheart. It's Time to Go."

The Drifters, who were inducted in

the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986, a slick group of four men in charming red jackets, offered a completely different style of music, and it was fun, fun, fun. Captivating their audience with such tunes as "This Magic Moment," they explained that "We want to take you back in time, and sometimes later asked, "Having a good time?" Certainly — with such renditions as "Spanish Harlem," "This Magic Moment," "Save the Last Dance For Me," "Up on the Roof," "On Broadway," "Under the Boardwalk" and "There Goes My Baby." The Drifters, together and in solo performances, reaching notes so thrillingly high and holding them so long that the audience gave in audibly, some these wonderful voices and personalities became very real and very magical.

In the second half of the program, there was no end to the applause induced by The Platters and stimulated by incredible music. Miller introduced this group of three men and a woman as "America's musical gift to the world."

And after one of the Platters said, "How do you do it, New Jersey?" the four electric voices brought forth such fantastic gems as "Only You," "Twilight," "Time," "Harbor Lights," "The Incomparable," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "Red Sails in the Sunset," "The Great Pretender," "The Magic Touch" and, of course, "My Prayer."

This was a concert where the musical dreams of yesterday were given with a love and warmth and humanity that could match no other. Oh, what memories!

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## University puts on a 'Fantastick' show

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In production staff has done a wonderful job transforming a vaudeville black-box theater into a place where imagination runs free. Walls are draped with garzy blue cloth sprinkled with glitter. Staging of the opening is commendable, mannequins with makee dance around a canopied stage, where head-away walls hide the actors manipulating their life-sized counterparts.

"There was fine singing throughout the production, although regrettably the room's acoustics did not facilitate projection. Nicole Lagado was especially impressive as the Girl, with Ryan Christopherson as the Finkles' Boy. Ernesto Hernandez was radiant and sumptuous as the Boy's Father, especially in scenes with Lou Riccio, the Girl's Father.

Charles DeRusso and Bowman Wright were truly amusing as Henry, the Old Actor, and his assistant, Mortimer, hired by the Father to stage the Girl's kidnapping in the hope that true love would bloom like the geraniums in their respective gardens. Wright was positively fall-down-funny, especially in his greatly exaggerated death scene.

Wright's death-defying efforts are owed only to those of Joyce Corbett, who is a pleasure to watch as the

## Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

liery, swatbacking El Gallo; Correll has fun with the role, and the audience along with him. The business cards for a nice touch.

High marks to Director Susan E. Spindel for clever choreography, especially in "Never Say No," "It Depends on What You Pay" and "Rape Ballet." As actors played to an audience in-the-round, special attention was paid to facing the audience on all sides at all times, no easy feat. Good use is made of the Muses, played by Debbie Lipkin and Robert Zuniga.

Compliments to the costumes by Karen Lee-Hart and Ongies DeRisco. Attention to detail in this area is obvious in the coordination of color between the Boy and the Girl, the Muses' red and white face, and Henry's blue jacket attire. Moore and son lighting by Nadine Charlson and Kevin Olackin is very well done. Last, but not least, applause to the Musical Director, Irit Sabo for terrifically spot piano accompaniment.

Before the pitch sold of the winter sales in your bones, follow your heart over to Kean University and take in the warmth of "The Fantasticks" before it takes into memory. Kean is located on Morris Avenue in "Edison." For information, call (908) 521-2339.

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# The 'Spirit' moves Westfield Community Players

'Blithe Spirit,' Noel Coward's famously lengthy play about a British couple plagued by the spirit of a dead wife after a visit from a quirky medium, is quite a challenge to produce. It requires strict comedic timing, a good degree of British chintziness, and just the right balance of gaudy and high-brow glamour. West-



From left, seated: Elaine Dooman, Linda J. Correll, Joseph Penczak and John Correll, watch while Linda Guiditta casts a pall over this proper British parlor in 'Blithe Spirit.'

## Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor

Westfield Community Players meet the challenge with gusto, as their heavy romp through this wacky yet promising script unfolds through Nov. 7.

Speaking of wacky, lines lapped with believable British accents flow trippingly from the tongues of this talented and well-timed cast. Linda J. Correll needs no spotlight as Ruth, the second wife, alternately proper andasperated as required. Joseph Penczak does well as her alternately capricious/pleased — irritated husband. Elaine Dooman and John Correll are enjoyable as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman. Sandy Stefano Marino excels her role, and the audience along with his, as she demands, cajoling phantom ex-wife Ethel.

Lisa Silverman took good advantage of physically funny moments as the forward-minded Ethel. Last, but not least, Linda Guiditta's eccentric Madame Arcati rocked the house with laughter at every opportunity.

Lighting is well done, especially the morning sun through a latticed window. Sound quality is not in the same category, unfortunately, but is the only drawback to this production. Bravo and bravo to Director Hank Glass and Assistant Director Lorrie K. Burns for a fine-tuned production. Westfield Community Players is located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-1222.

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# Author, illustrator live by the 'Code'

By Sean Dally  
Staff Writer

Most people, if they were going to study Mass Communications, would study newspapers, television, some thing like that. Amy Nyberg, assistant professor of media studies at Seton Hall University, studies comic books.

Amy studies the history of comic books and has even written a book on them: "The History of the Comic Books Code."

"Apparently, comic books are a family business. Her husband, John, is a comic book writer. Both were at the Rahway Free Public Library in Rahway on Oct. 15 for a lecture on comic books.

"There hadn't been a lot of good scholarship in the area of comic books," she said, "and much of the history of it was in danger of being lost."

Comic books are actually quite old. The first modern comic book, "Famous Funnies," was put out in 1934. It had all the features of comic books today: printed on a regular basis on half-tabloid-sized paper and sold in newsstands.

"They got into it by printing them as premiums for their customers,"

said Amy, "and, as an experiment, a guy named Max Gaines put a 10-cent stamp on them and put them in newsstands and they sold our over the weekend."

The Comic Books Code is a bit younger. The code, still active today, was started in 1954 by the big comic book distributors. The Code put a number of restrictions on comic books, telling artists what language and slang they could use and how to depict women. Comic books also had to show respect for authority and had to show that evil did not go unpunished. In essence, it was the same as the code established by Hollywood in the 1930s, and they were established for the same reasons.

"The great belief in 'post-war America was that juvenile delinquency was on the rise and the mass media was to blame — as it is today," said Amy. There was even a Senate subcommittee that studied the effect of the mass media on juvenile delinquency. So, in order to prevent federal control of the comic book industry — a control that would probably be unconstitutional, Amy pointed out, — the comic book industry instituted its own code. The big boys, like DC and Marvel, still subscribe to the code, said Amy. Nowadays, though, there are smaller distributors and specialty shops that don't, so the moral-destroying staff gets published anyway.

John is an inker: one of the last people to work on a comic book before it's shipped off to the printer. It can take three months to print one issue, according to him. "It's a big assembly line for the most part."

John got into comics when he was going through college. He studies drawing and painting at Central Michigan University and has been enrolled at the School of Visual Arts in New York for the last five years.

But why study comic books? Aren't they for illiterates?

"It's definitely not true," said Amy. "There's always been this perception that this is juvenile literature, in part because of the superhero genre, but there's nothing inherent in it that limits it to children's stories."

Nowadays, comic books are recognized as a legitimate — or at least, more legitimate — form of literature. The American comic can claim at least one Pulitzer Prize: An Spiegelman's "Maus," which is about the Holocaust and became the first comic ever to win that prize and published serially in Spiegelman's magazine, Raw. Japan, certainly, loves its comic books, said Nyberg. Over there, you can see advertisements on the subway for the latest manga — the Japanese version of comic books.

So does the Rahway Free Public Library, which has a collection of over 40 graphic novels, which are usually bound collections of comics.



They include "The Tick," "Maus," "The Big Book of Weirdos," "The Cartoon History of the Universe" and "The Asterix books, which are popular in Europe."

"It's getting popular in libraries to have comics and graphic novels," said Carl Marlowe, Information Services librarian.

Marlowe agreed with Amy: the comics on the library are not kiddie literature. "They're not because these are classics," she said. "They're not easy to throw them. They're not your Archie comics. They're there in depth. The art work is excellent."

But the superhero comics: surely those are juvenile?

Despite their growing acceptance, the comic book industry recently slipped into a slump.

# Statewide magazine seeks Pride award nominations

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# Have Dinner At Our Place & Enjoy

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

Stepping Out

from 2 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. A small admission fee is collected at the door. Admission is free to members of the Historical Society of Plainfield.

ART AUCTIONS

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JACOB TRAPP GALLERY

JACOB TRAPP GALLERY in Summit will display recent paintings by Nancy Pierson through Oct. 27.

AUTUMN ART THURSDAY

AUTUMN ART THURSDAY at The Town Book Store in Westfield will feature artworks by members of Westfield Art Association today from 8 to 9 p.m.

ART AT OVERLOOK HOSPITAL

ART AT OVERLOOK Hospital in Summit will present work by artist Pam Gosner from Sunday through Dec. 3.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ART TOURING EXHIBIT

UNION COUNTY TEEN ART TOURING EXHIBIT will visit Union Central Bank in Union from Wednesday through Nov. 24.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE TOMASO-ART GALLERY

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE TOMASO-ART GALLERY will display "Who Killed the Queen? Part Four of the Parallel World" by China Marks through Oct. 29.

PLACES NEAR

PLACES NEAR a solo exhibit by watercolorist and pastelist Mark DeWolfe will be on display through Oct. 30 at Swan Galleries in Plainfield.

WOODLAND WHISPERERS

WOODLAND WHISPERERS by Robert W. Spakley will be on display at Keri Place School in Summit through Oct. 30.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountaineer displays works by Wendy and Memorial.

NU CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

NU CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will host David Bates and Bunny Woodman Paradox in Palm Wood.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Education Club will present an exhibition of paintings by Russian artist Vladimir Paragonov through Nov. 6.

POINTS OF VIEW

POINTS OF VIEW, a collection of photographs by Sheryl P. Gray and Judy Hester will be on display through Nov. 18 at Les Malenau Art Gallery in Union.

AFRO-CUBAN ARTS

AFRO-CUBAN ARTS will perform tomorrow at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

DIAMOND RIO

DIAMOND RIO will perform country music on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY GALK

FIRST ANNIVERSARY GALK at NU Performing Arts Center will feature Diana Ross on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALVARY LUTHERAN Church in Cranford will host a performance of "Baptist Cantata No. 80" on Sunday at 10 a.m.

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY Friends of Music will present a concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Unitarian Society of Plainfield.

NU PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

NU PERFORMING ARTS CENTER will present artist James Galloway on Sunday at 3 p.m.

PLAINFIELD SYMPHONY

PLAINFIELD SYMPHONY Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 on Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

YMYWHA

YMYWHA of Union will host a Russian classical jazz concert on Sunday at 3 p.m.

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will perform Monday, at 7:45 p.m. at Hannah Caldwell Elementary School in Union.

PROJECT WILD EGGPLANTERS

PROJECT WILD EGGPLANTERS workshop will take place Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit.

CHALLAN BAKING

CHALLAN BAKING workshop will take place Monday at 7 p.m. at YMYWHA of Union County.

JAZZ NETWORK

JAZZ NETWORK will perform every Wednesday, from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park.

WINTER HOURS

WINTER HOURS at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

HALLOWEEN

HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL will take place tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Grand Century Inn in Clark.

HAUNTED HOUSE

HAUNTED HOUSE will be open throughout tomorrow and Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Union.

PUMPKIN AND APPLE PICKING

PUMPKIN AND APPLE PICKING sponsored by YMYWHA of Union County will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME

PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME, for young mothers, will take place Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Zany Brains in Springfield.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT by NU Symphony Orchestra will be presented today at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at NU Performing Arts Center.

DRY WOODS MUSEUM

DRY WOODS MUSEUM is sponsored by the Historical Society of Plainfield. The original farmhouse was a typical 19th-century-style building.

JUST ABOUT ART

JUST ABOUT ART at NU Center for Visual Arts in Summit will feature a curator's talk and tour of David Beland and Betty Woodman.

TOWN BOOK STORE

TOWN BOOK STORE in Westfield will feature Tina Lasher of Westfield, author of "Suburban Mothers."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH in Westfield will present a slide lecture on the stories of Genesis illustrated by Renaissance art on Sunday and again on Nov. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

RAHWAY LIBRARY

RAHWAY LIBRARY will feature Vivian Abratis, Newcomer of Plainfield, as visiting artist on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS ON RELIGION

BOOKS ON RELIGION will be presented Tuesday at 8:45 p.m. at Barnes and Noble book store in Springfield.

MADE IN THE SHADE

MADE IN THE SHADE: An Evening With David Behner will take place Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit.

RAHWAY LIBRARY

RAHWAY LIBRARY will feature Angela Todd of Elizabeth Waters on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE in Cranford will present a conference on "Wine Wine Wine Wine Wine" on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PSYCHO II

PSYCHO II will be screened Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Elizabeth Library.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY

ELIZABETH LIBRARY in Elizabeth Branch will take place Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. throughout October.

MAGIC CARPET STORY

MAGIC CARPET STORY: Time at Elizabeth Library, Elmora Branch, will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. throughout October.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES will take place Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. throughout October at Elizabeth Library, LaCorte Branch.

DEACON ANDREW BETFIELD

DEACON ANDREW BETFIELD House in Mountaineer will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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'Near the Caves at In-Land, Two Magicians Were Heard Plotting the Death of the Queen, from 'Who Killed the Queen? Part Four of the Parallel World' by China Marks.

ROSELLE PARK MUSEUM will host an Open House on Saturday and Sunday. Historical memorabilia on Roselle Park Fire Department will be on display throughout October.

SINGLES

PROFESSIONAL SINGLES Networking Party will take place tomorrow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Pulli's Cafe in Westfield.

CROSSROADS

CROSSROADS Christian singles ages 23 and up, meets on Fridays at 8 p.m. at Evangelical Church in Scotch Plains.

INTERFAITH SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES over age 45, today's weekly discussions on successful singles living, on Sundays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Westfield.

CONVERSATIONS BY CANDLE

CONVERSATIONS BY CANDLE: Light is a group of single professionals meeting every week for a traditional dinner, lunch or seafood Fridays.

TELEVISION

IMPROMPTU, a new series of shows featuring NU Center for Visual Arts in Summit, will air Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. throughout October.

THIRTEEN/WNET

THIRTEEN/WNET: "Sessions at West Side" Saturdays at 11 p.m. Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10 to 10:30 p.m. "Six Arts."

OVATION

OVATION table chart will air at the Museum on the Mountain on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 10 to 10:30 p.m. "Six Arts."

VERONICA'S ROOM

VERONICA'S ROOM will be presented by Canby Productions tomorrow through Oct. 31 at El Bodegon Restaurant and Dinner Terrace in Rahway.

DRACULA

DRACULA will run through Saturday at Bradford Dramatic Club. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. \$14 for seniors. For tickets, contact CDC at 78 Vlyons Ave. Cranford for information call (908) 276-3811.

THE FANTASTICS

THE FANTASTICS will run through Saturday at Keen University. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students. Keen is located on Main Avenue in Union. For information call (908) 276-3811.

THE HOLLOW

THE HOLLOW will be presented by Stony Hill Players through Saturday at Oakdale Memorial Outreach Center in Summit.

Chaired Dramatic Club's production of Dracula is in its final week, featuring Tom H. Bartlett, Woodson, David Mack, Bruce Randazzo and Art Conroy.

# HOROSCOPE

For the week of Oct. 25 to 31

## Aries March 21-April 20

Focus on your relationships with others this week. Events may be moving beyond your control, but they could end up working to your advantage. If the way you do things isn't working, find a new way to get things done. A friend offers some helpful hints.

## Taurus April 21-May 21

It's a great week to start a new project or a new phase in your career. Your state of mind has never been better focused to get things done with good results. With all your activities, the right people are sure to notice your hard work and great ideas.

## Gemini May 22-June 21

Romance is in the air. This is the week to enjoy it and don't worry about the future. With that attitude, it's a sure thing you'll make others feel better, too. But don't let your friendships slide because of your romance. Instead, enjoy time with your friends.

## Cancer June 22-July 22

Your domestic occupies your thoughts this week because your partner has been making references to moving. And even though you don't want to move, you may have to work out a compromise. Just be sure not to let the problems at home affect your work.

## Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Communication is the key to your week both at home and at the job. It's very important that you communicate what you need, and when you need it in the proper way and tone of voice. Whatever you do, do not disagree someone in front of others.

## Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Do not be indecisive this week. You've done all the research on and saved the money for what you want to go get it. You'll enjoy it all the more knowing how hard you worked

to obtain it. Spend time with a friend you've been neglecting recently.

## Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

New adventures in partnerships are heading your way — both in business and on the personal front. It's a good time to learn to work within the parameters set for you, then learn ways to challenge those parameters. Your goals will be accepted more readily if you do this.

## Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Problems are piling up at work. Even though it seems like the only solution, don't surrender. Look to new ways to solve problems and ask for problem-solving ideas from coworkers. Forget work this weekend and plan to spend some quality time with family.

## Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Your ideas and generosity will inspire those around you. Use it to your advantage to set new policies in motion. Or use it to others' advantage by motivating the group to contribute time, money or items to a worthy cause.

## Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

This could be the week to introduce the idea you've been working so hard on. Actions speak louder than words, so show your coworkers how much it could benefit them. Don't neglect your duties at home any longer. If you don't do it now, it will get even worse.

## Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Don't let your introversion rule, even though you are finding it hard to get motivated. Maybe it would be a good time for you to get away — even if it's only for a couple of days. Make reservations, grab your partner or a friend and get out of town.

## Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

This is the week you'll find the solution to that something that has been bugging you for the past month or so. Know that you're doing this month or so very carefully how you handle it. Be ready and willing to help a friend in need through a very difficult time.

# 'Art' unfortunately, accurately reflects current human condition

The softening values of friendship and compassion are being sorely tested these days. Our cultural references are illuminating and reflective of a self-aggrandizing but not particularly hopeful society.

The prize-winning Broadway play, "Art," humorously and with searching detail examines a breakdown in friendship between three affluent men of different generations and pursuits. Each combats his loyalties and achieves gentleness of conduct exist between them, acting in what he presumes is his own dominating self-interest in this funny but chilling French play, in English, of course, by Yezziya Raza.

"American Pastoral" is told by a well-trodden Phillip Roth also eager to allow the reader and reader dissonance. The growing father of this tale, situated in Newark and our suburban towns, lost his job, stunning daughter to the cause of feminism, amputee has no friend to soothe the ambivalence of the midlife life. The good man's best intentions are defeated by the world around him.

Writer-director Neil LaBute focuses on our contemporary affluent and urban society in his scathing movie, "Your Friends and Neighbors." Typically, middle men, and women have no attachments within modify their self-acting and selfishness. They pose, egotistic and mutually, but there is only acting for diabolical self-interest. This sometimes blatant and often insidious focus on self is endemic to our materialistic culture. It allows the lag of our circles to poison relationships.

I suppose in the category of "nothing new under the sun" is the observation that Shakespeare put it

# On The Arts

By Jon Pflaut

ed a whole society in "Richard III" as emboldened by falsehood and self-seeking. The personal and professional integrity of Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, and the ambitious political processes in the White House and callous unforgiving opponents in the Congress, certainly mirror the world Shakespeare detailed for us in historic England in ascendancy, finding "brotherhood" in their no sharper spur.

No one seems willing to do what folk-rock singer Joe South pleaded for in Portland a more idealistic time two decades ago. "Walk" seems in my view, compassionate and sensitive, borne out of empathy and friendship. Sensitivity short-sighted. Rather, harshness and competitive cruelty in an unforgiving Puritanical approach seems the norm. It is as if the world of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" or worse, that of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" are the order of the day. We seem to be abandoning that which is soft and gentler from friendships, loyalties and attachments in the narrowest self-interest. As "Friends and Neighbors" carefully details in my neighborhood movie screens, do believe yet Shakespeare wrote in "Richard III": "If we do not return to values that enable us, we shall know sorrow that dwells everywhere."

Jon Pflaut is a resident of Summit.

# Stepping Out

(Continued from Page B6)  
The playhouse is located on Brook Ave. Open at 8 p.m. For information call (973) 376-4443.

**BLITHE SPIRIT** will be presented through Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at Westfield Community Play. Tickets are \$12. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. For information call 232-9568.

**CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB** will present "Sam Clemens and the Real Mark Twain" on Nov. 5 and 7 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8.55 for seniors and students. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

**TRIPS**  
NJ CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will sponsor a trip to the Gugenheim Museum in New York City on Wednesday. For information call (908) 273-9121.

**SENIOR EXPO** sponsored by Morristown Community Newspapers will take place today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jersey Lakes in Livingston. The event will include a free coloring tree use of coloring sheets, free refreshments, and other senior-related events. A free seminar on Elder Law will be presented at 11 a.m. Jersey Lakes is located at 90 Park Ave. in Livingston. (908) 466-8300.

**A TASTE OF WESTFIELD** will take place Saturday at Temple Emanuel in Westfield. The temple is located at 755 East Broad St., Westfield. For information call (908) 518-2983.

**PUMPKIN PATCH** Craft Show will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rahway Masonic Temple. The temple is located at 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

**CRAFT SHOW** at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call (973) 376-5612 or (973) 912-0392.

**1900 CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND** historic house tour will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information call 558-2550.

**BEST FRIEND** Dog and Animal Adoption will hold a luncheon-fashion show on Sunday at The Westwood in Garwood. For information call (908) 241-4545 or (908) 233-9941.

**OCTOBERFEST** will take place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Boulevard in Kenilworth. Rain date is Nov. 1. For information call 276-9090.

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# Museum Guide

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• Little Lord Forthmose Museum & Farmstead, 31 Horsehoe Road, Berkeley Heights. Open 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from April through December or by appointment. Call (908) 464-0961.

• Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum, 593 Midland Hill Road, Clark. Open 1-4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month from April through December. Call (908) 381-3081.

• Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Ave. N., Cranford. Open 2-4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call (908) 276-0082.

• Heicher-Ogden Mansion, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call (908) 351-2500.

• Foxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (201) 648-4540.

• Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call (908) 352-9270.

• Deacon Andrew Huffield House, Constitution Plaza, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside. By appointment only. Call (908) 232-8608.

• Trallice Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Call (908) 789-3670.

• Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Call (908) 755-5831.

# State daytripping guide is in its eighth printing

The eighth edition of "New Jersey Day Trips: A Guide to Outings in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania & Delaware," the popular guidebook, is now available. New write-ups for 1998 include Northland, the world's largest miniature railroad, and "Groups for Sculpture," a large outdoor park for contemporary sculpture near Trenton. A list of county parks now supplements the write-up of state parks in the "Outdoors" chapter.

Many people do not realize that questions including throwing out old material as well as adding the new. The Campbell Soup Museum, for instance, closed last year. And old tree trunks must be changed as the phone company creates "new ones."

"New Jersey Day Trips" includes travel outside the boundaries of the Garden State such as outings to New York, Philadelphia, Bucks County, the Hudson Valley and the great showplaces in Delaware. The book is divided by subject matter: museums, great mansions, covered villages, revolutionary war sites; major and nature centers; amusement parks; quaint towns, beaches, flea markets; and so forth.

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# German director presents 'The End of Violence'

# The Video Detective

By Jim Miller

Mike Max, portrayed by Bill Pullman, is a Hollywood player. He makes action movies and the movies make truckloads of money. Buildings explode, cars fly off bridges, people get riddled with bullets and Max and the production company make large bank deposits. Max lives in a mansion overlooking the Pacific Ocean and does most of his deals worldwide via computer complete with video phone technology. His life is 24 hours a day business.

At the beginning of "The End of Violence" Mike is by the pool, reclining. His wife, played by Arden Myatt, is inside the house, watching him from a window. She dials his cell phone. Max picks it up and, since time is money, tells her to call back. She declines, saying she just wanted to say goodbye. Forever. It seems she's had too many years of his self-indulgence and needs a new life. He's concerned but her flight can surely wait a few minutes. He stays on the line with the studio.

As this is happening, another event in Los Angeles is taking place. A case officer in a satellite system is maintaining order over throughout the city. The system, which is designed to provide violence and speed up police response time by 200 percent, is controlled by Ray, played by Gabriel Byrne, a former NASA engineer. A few days after Max's marriage falls apart, he is kidnapped and Ray watches as the two thugs take Mike to a deserted site and threaten to blow his head off. The violence he has put on-screen is now stepped out and enacted in his life. Ray is getting hot when the system suddenly blacks out. When it kicks back on, the two bad guys are dead and Mike Max is gone.

This event is the beginning of the awakening to Mike Max. Though he has a full slate of pictures in various stages of production, he drops out of civilization and meantime, has his own serious problems concerning the double murder.

If all this sounds like a bizarre film, it is. The picture is not your mainstream mystery thriller. A large part of the reason for this is that it was directed by Wim Wenders, the highly respected German filmmaker of critically-acclaimed films like "Wings of Desire" and "Until the End of the World." One critic once wrote of Wenders that, "His films transcend convention; concepts of character and plot to achieve their own particular state of mind." This film fits into that state, mind perfectly. So if you like films that inspire you to think for days afterwards, check out "The End of Violence."

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# What's Going On?

## FLEA MARKET

**SUNDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Craft Antique Collectible Show  
**PLACE:** Yanticaw Park Park Drive  
**TIME:** 10am-5pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
**NOTE:** This date October 25th 75  
 vendors Fashion Show Food  
 See more shows and shows  
 features Creations Flower Arrangements  
 Handmade Fabric and Grapes  
 Vintage Soft Sculptures Fashionable  
**ORGANIZATION:** District's Foundation

**SATURDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Flea Market  
**PLACE:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
 124 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** 9:00am-1:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
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## RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Flea Market Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
 124 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** 9:00am-1:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
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## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

**October 23, 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Fall Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
 124 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** Friday 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
**NOTE:** This date October 25th 75  
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## CRAFT

**SATURDAY**  
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**EVENT:** Craft Antique Collectible Show  
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## BAZAAR

**SATURDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Art Treasures Sale  
**PLACE:** 174 South Valley Road (corner  
 of Meeker Street) West Orange, NJ  
**TIME:** 10:00am-4:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
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## FUN AUCTION

**THURSDAY**  
**October 23, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Annual Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** St. Constantine and Helen  
 Greek Orthodox Church, 510 Linden  
 Place, Orange, NJ  
**TIME:** 7:30pm  
**PRICE:** Admission \$5.00, New bids  
 \$1.00  
**ORGANIZATION:** Sponsored by  
 Daughters of Persepolis, Zephyr Chapter  
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## GARAGE/YARD SALE

**SATURDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Garage and Bake Sale  
**PLACE:** Trinity Covenant Church, 343  
 Cedar Street, Livingston, NJ  
**TIME:** 9:00am-2:00pm  
**PRICE:** We Have Everything  
**ORGANIZATION:** Community Women  
 Ministries

## OTHER

**SATURDAY**  
**October 24, 1998**  
**EVENT:** Community Night  
**PLACE:** First Congregational Christian  
 Church, 1240 Clinton Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** 6:00pm-1:00am  
**PRICE:** \$1.00 for person  
**ORGANIZATION:** Fund Committee of  
 the First Congregational Church-UTC

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## ACROSS

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- 2. Until
- 3. Spruce
- 4. Flirt or pool?
- 5. Modern ruler
- 6. Hairline
- 7. Leader Abbr.
- 8. Mine's a rishab
- 9. Easy-going philosophy
- 10. Rounded
- 11. Literary monogram
- 12. Healer in kind
- 13. Theater award
- 14. Certain records, for short
- 15. Word with blue or yellow
- 16. Tattled
- 17. An apple — keeps
- 18. Quarter
- 19. Fly the coop
- 20. Easy-going
- 21. Hot spots
- 22. O'Neil title trees
- 23. Saw Wood
- 24. Appraisal, Spanish style
- 25. Change decor
- 26. Quater
- 27. Thorny plants
- 28. The Good Earth heroine
- 29. Easy-going
- 30. Tex. ed. just
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- 48. Arger
- 49. Delta deposit
- 50. Actor Andrews
- 51. Take the edge off
- 52. Easy-going
- 53. Dealer
- 54. Bird
- 55. Stand up to
- 56. Enigma
- 57. Fruit moistener
- 58. Distant
- 59. Spanish girl
- 60. Story element
- 61. Work unit
- 62. Straighten
- 63. Carefree philosophy
- 64. Enchantress
- 65. Saul — Masic
- 66. Elzabeth's daughter
- 67. Transparent
- 68. Cubic measures
- 69. Make lace
- 70. Injure
- 71. Presidential bear
- 72. Forty wins
- 73. Hebrew dry measure
- 74. Turn over
- 75. Threading wools
- 76. Evans of TV
- 77. Lear
- 78. Dramatic division
- 79. Workers union
- 80. Easy-going philosophy, in Britain
- 81. Hung
- 82. Some sign
- 83. Suffs for mignon fabric
- 84. Narrow opening
- 85. Shows tongue
- 86. Cries aloud
- 87. Colony of New Mexico
- 88. Twaags
- 89. Arm of the Yangtze River
- 90. Coined
- 91. Muscle spasm
- 92. Notable person
- 93. Child for the Fountain
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# Hospital focuses on mind, body health

Recognizing that both the mind and the body are affected by a cancer diagnosis, and that both the mind and body are engaged in the healing process, the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center has initiated "Coping With Cancer: The Mind/Body Connection."

Mind/body medicine is based upon the premise that comprehensive care of an individual requires attention to the person as a whole. As an extension of the cancer center's commitment to addressing psychosocial as well as medical concerns, this intensive eight-week structured program has been designed to promote wellness and enhanced coping among people who have been diagnosed with cancer. This will be achieved through the introduction of specific skills which are built upon an understanding of the intrinsic integration of mind and body.

The Saint Barnabas Cancer Center adheres to the philosophy that treating emotional distress should be understood as part of standard medical care. Managing emotional distress can certainly lead to enhanced quality of life. Some believe it may also prevent certain illnesses, or ease their severity or duration. This message, not to be confused with the overly simplistic and at times confusing notion of "positive thinking," is based upon research suggesting that one's emotional state can affect physical well-being.

An interaction between the mind and the body has been demonstrated in a number of studies of animals as well as humans. In 1974, Robert Ader, Ph.D., a University of Rochester psychiatrist, noted that rats fed saccharin water paired with an immune-suppressing medication developed a conditioned response to

the saccharin water so that after this pairing, exposure to saccharin water alone resulted in suppressed immune function.

This was the first indication that the immune system can learn. In 1991, psychologist Sheldon Cohen at Carnegie Mellon University inoculated volunteers with an array of cold viruses for placebo. Among those infected with viruses the likelihood of developing a cold or infection correlated directly with the amount of stress the volunteers reported over the past year.

These findings, along with several others, led to the development of the field of psychoneuroimmunology, the study of the interaction between the mind and the body, the nervous and hormonal systems and the immune system. Though PNI is still in its infancy, certain factors do seem clear:

- There is a relationship between emotional and physical states.
- The relationship between these states is quite complex.
- There is no evidence to suggest a simple, direct causality between stress and illness. In fact, it is not known whether small changes in immune function affect disease development or healing.
- A number of variables including psychological factors, social support and individual coping styles affect a person's experience of stress.
- Mind/body techniques such as meditation, visualization and a variety of relaxation techniques can lead to both psychological and physiological changes in an individual.
- Evidence linking stress or other emotions to the development of cancer is speculative at best.

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## Parents, toddlers need to prepare for potty training

Nothing in parenting is viewed with as much fear and anticipation as potty training. In the American Academy of Pediatrics publication "Caring for Your Baby and Young Child: Birth to Five," potty training is discussed as "positive, natural and not threatening." How many parents do you know who share these opinions?

The goal in potty training is to make the process easier for both parent and child. First, let's focus on when to start potty training. If you begin too early, before 18 months, chances are you won't be completely successful until your baby is four years old. A good sign your child is ready for potty training is when your toddler's negativity, defiance and "No" is no longer his favorite word. This often happens between the middle and end of the second year.

Remember, all children are different and some children will be ready to potty train earlier than others. Test yourself when to start, because you really do know your child better than anyone else.

Next, you should think about how to go about toilet training. The number one rule for parents is to stay relaxed, avoid pressuring their young child, enthusiastically praise successes and never punish mistakes. The only discussion of mistakes should be a reassurance that "it happens to everyone."

Start by concentrating on bowel movements. To begin, let your child, with another family member or the bathroom. This builds confidence, and acquiring children is all the fact that everybody is doing this. During the next week of toilet training, your child, sit fully clothed on the potty, while you explain where and when "big people" go to the bathroom. You can

also be changing the diaper while the child is on the potty.

After your child is happy to sit on the potty, try it with his/her diaper off and feet firmly planted on the floor or a footstool. Have little boys start by sitting down for both urine and stool. You'll also enjoy it for the fun stuff later. Make this a part of the daily routine: look times to establish the toilet as first thing in the morning, after meals, before and after nap time, and before bed.

Next, have your child play near the potty or toilet without his/her diaper. When your child does make it to the toilet, reward him with hugs, kisses and praise. Remember, you want him to remember how terrific you think he is. Dress the child in clothes that he/she can easily remove. Elastic waist pants and skirts are good, overalls are not. When the child is using the potty regularly, it's time to change to daytime training pants.

Nighttime training takes a little longer than daytime training. It is time to start when your child is always dry at night. Begin by changing your child from diapers into training pants or pull-ups. You can protect bedding from the usual accidents with water proof pads. Never use plastic bags in a child's bed, due to the danger of suffocation. Tell your child it is okay to get up to go to the bathroom herself in the middle of the night. Make sure the way to the bathroom is free of clutter, and consider a night light.

Nighttime training will be successful if, before your child's bladder can accommodate a night's worth of urine, and he/she has learned to wake up to the sensation of a full bladder. Many children are not completely dry at night until the age of five.

For a referral to a Saint Barnabas pediatrician, call (888) SBMC.DOC.



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## Overlook tops patient satisfaction scores

Overlook Hospital's Emergency Department achieved the highest patient satisfaction scores in the nation two months in a row, truly exemplifying the hospital's slogan, "Our B.E.S.T. for You: Bringing Excellence and Service Together."

In spite of a significant increase in patient volume, the Emergency Department scored an 89 in May, and an 88.6 in June, which placed it in the 100th percentile each month, as measured by the nationally recognized Press, Ganey Survey which compares Overlook to hundreds of hospitals across the country.

"The Emergency Department places a great emphasis on continuous process improvement," said Dr. James Espinosa, medical director of the Emergency Department. "Several unique protocols have been implemented resulting in reduced delays

and improved patient satisfaction. Our 16-minute median time to treatment for administering clot-dissolving drugs to heart attack patients is currently ranked as the best in the nation."

As a result of this achievement, Overlook Hospital's Emergency Department has been awarded "The Press-Ganey Success Story for 1998" and will be presenting at the Press-Ganey national conference in November.

The hospital was also recently informed that the American Society for Quality had selected the Overlook Emergency Department for a national quality award. The other two compliance selected were the United Parcel Services and the Texas Nonprofit Company. The ASQ will publish an article and produce a video highlight-

ing the three companies.

The Emergency Department attributes its successes to the many departments which have cooperated in its efforts to improve patient satisfaction. The Security Department, for example, developed a creative solution to a parking issue. Aside from the parking spaces immediately outside the Emergency Department entrance, Security created a number of protected spaces for Emergency Department patients only, at the grandstand of the Visitor's garage. Staffing of the Emergency Department parking room at the 99th percentile.

The Emergency Department's strategy has been to identify the processes that underlie the Press, Ganey scores, and to improve these processes using continuous quality improvement and process re-engineering methods.

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"Botany and Healing: Medicinal Plants of New Jersey and the Region" by Cecil Still describes nearly 500 species of plants found in the Garden State, and in nearby areas that have been used medicinally.

Still lists plants by family and within each family, by genus and species, to underscore the close relationships among medicinally valuable species. This arrangement is familiar to every botanist and easy for the amateur naturalist and herbalist to use as well. For each entry, Still discusses both the natural history and the historical and modern medicinal uses of the plant, scientific and common names, description, habitat, geographic range, and preparations and applications in Native American, European, African and Asian, herbal traditions. Most species are illustrated with Still's fine drawings. The book also contains a helpful index with cross

references by usage, common or scientific name; a glossary of terms; and a list of resources for further readings. "Botany and Healing" explains the history and present status of the uses of herbal medicines, explains what makes a plant medicinal, or poisonous, how herbal medicines are prepared for use, and why they should be used only with great caution.

Still is a professor in the plant science department at Cook College, Rutgers University. He has been involved in plant research for more than 30 years and has published extensively in scientific journals.

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HEALTHY LIVING

# County organizations team up to promote food safety

Union County's Board of Chosen-Freeholders announced that Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is teaching residents to handle food safely through the "Germ Alert" program. A USDA grant has funded this state initiative to help consumers receive educational materials on proper food handling from purchasing through preparation including cooking, serving and storage.

"Union County received \$200,000 of the 1.6 million available state-wide state Freeholder, Donald Goncalves. The funding was received through the efforts of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County."

"This is the first full year of the grant which actually began in 1996," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "When it comes to food safety, the knowledge of very simple steps can prevent illnesses or even death."

Most cases of food-related illnesses can be prevented if everyone who handles and prepares the food learns how to fight the germs. Although bacteria is everywhere, it can be stopped with education, soap and water, a refrigerator and a food thermometer. The "Germ Alert" program teaches four simple steps to safer eating:

- **Clean** — Wash your hands, utensils and surfaces in hot soapy water before and after food preparation, especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood, to protect against germs. Using a disinfectant cleaner or a mixture of bleach and water on surfaces and soap and water on hands can provide added protection.

- **Separate** — Keep raw meat, poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods, never place cooked foods on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood.

- **Cook** — Cook foods to the proper internal temperature for complete doneness. The temperatures are different for various cuts and types of meats and poultry. Call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Office for fact sheets on temperatures at (908) 654-9854. A meat thermometer needs to be used for doneness. Cook eggs until both the yolk and the white are firm.



Dr. Karen Enle, department head of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County joins, from left, Union County Freeholders Alexander Mirabella and Donald Goncalves to promote food safety through the "Germ Alert" program. Helping them is the Extension's Community Assistant in Nutrition Education, Jimmy Lowe, who donated a Germ Buster suit to hand out informative material at a Freeholders-sponsored concert at Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

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Union Leader • Echo Leader  
Clark Eagle • The Leader  
Scribner Leader • Gazette Leader  
Patriot/Progress • Summit Observer

**ESSEX COUNTY**  
New Record of Maplewood & South Orange  
West Orange Chronicle • East Orange Record  
Orange Transcript • The Glen Ridge Paper  
Hudson Journal • Bellevue Post  
Linton Herald • Valleyburg Leader  
The Independent Press of Bloomfield

### DEADLINES

Business Directory 4 PM-Thursday  
Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday  
Ad Copy 12 noon Monday  
In-column 3 PM Tuesday

### ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad each time it appears. Should an error appear solely the classified department within seven days of publication. Worral Community Newspapers, Inc. shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We can not be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worral Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

### CLASSIFIED SPECIALS

#### GARAGE SALES

25 words \$21.00 or \$28.00 combo  
Garage Sale signs, price stickers, balloons, helpful hints, inventory sheet and Rainy Insurance

### ECONOMY CLASS

20 words \$7.00 or \$11.00 combo items for sale under \$100.00 One item per ad place must appear

### AUTOS FOR SALE

20 words - 10 weeks \$31.00 or \$44.00 combo ho copy charges

### DREAM MACHINES

Photo of your car plus 20 words  
4 weeks \$40.00  
Call now 1-800-564-8911

### HELP WANTED

**PART TIME** (Telemarketing) No exp. req. 908-851-9525

### ADMINISTRATIVE (MEDICAL)

Buy, manage, process, seek, order, stock, ship, and sell medical supplies. Please send resume to: [medsup@comcast.net](mailto:medsup@comcast.net)

### ADMINISTRATIVE SALES

Homebased, part-time, no exp. req. 908-851-9525

### ADVERTISING SALES

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### ASSISTANT

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### BALENTINE

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### BROAD NATIONAL BANK

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### BOOKKEEPER

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Merchandise Professional Long-Term Part-time... New's America Marketing Company...

15 to 18 weeks/week position requires a college degree...

This position involves utilization of the latest technology in hand held computers for adding...

We offer a complete work week plus mileage... The Paper Padler...

SALES MANAGER... PART TIME TELEMARKETER...

SECRETARY NEEDED immediately for CPA firm in Springfield...

SECRETARY BOOKKEEPER Monday-Friday 9am-5pm...

SECRETARY-RECEPTIONIST for Dwight/Dwight West Orange...

SERVERS MOSTLY possess food handlers and busboys for busy restaurant...

STAND OUT... Classified Representative by the year...

STOCK POSITIONS available Full-Time-Part-Time...

WATER/WAIFERS Monday thru Friday for all types...

WHEN REPLYING TO A UNION COUNTY CLASSIFIED BOX NUMBER...

EMPLOYMENT WANTED... ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT available to companies...

CERTIFIED HOME Health Aides and Companions available to care for the elderly...

HOUSECLEANING/INEXPENSIVE House cleaning available immediately...

HOUSECLEANING Reliable and hard-working lady available...

MATURE WOMEN seeking position to earn money...

POLISH LADY with 10 years experience will clean your house...

PRODUCTION DEPT. PART TIME... We are a group of weekly newspapers...

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

EXERCISE MACHINE... FREE ORANGE... HDOOR CHART...

ONE CALL stands between your business and millions of potential customers...

WANT TO reach 3 million homeowners in the US and Canada...

ENTERTAINMENT GREAT SCOTT! IT'S MAGIC... Accessible comedy magic program...

SCOTT DRUKKER 973-657-4064... WHA-T-NEE does the movie star?

PERSONALS... I'm looking for a young, beautiful, intelligent...

ADDITION ARE YOU... I'm looking for a young, beautiful, intelligent...

ADDITION PLEASE... I'm looking for a young, beautiful, intelligent...

ADDITION DOCTOR... I'm looking for a young, beautiful, intelligent...

DIAL A BIBLE MESSAGE 908-964-6356... If you are serious about helping you to go back to the Bible...

PSYCHIC MRS. D' Tarot Card, Spiritualist... Find your answer with your soul mate...

ANTIQUES... ANIQUE SHOW and sale October 25 and November 22...

LAPARITE Will Sell... LAPARITE Will Sell...

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PETCAT SITTING

BEAUTIFUL POODLES and Border collies for home who have owner's on vacation...

INSTRUCTIONS

ACADEMY of Music Programs Available... CERTIFIED TEACHER of the Handpiano...

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SERVICES OFFERED... SERVICES OFFERED...

BATHROOMS... BATHROOMS...

BUSINESS SERVICE... BUSINESS SERVICE...

CARPENTRY... CARPENTRY...

DECKS... DECKS...

ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS... ALTERATIONS/REPAIRS...

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USE YOUR CARD... USE YOUR CARD...

Quick And Convenient... Quick And Convenient...

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Don Antonelli ROYAL LINOLEUM & RUG CO... Famous Bird Carpets...

CLEANING SERVICE... CLEANING SERVICE...

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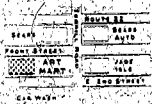


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# FALL Automotive Guide

## Saab continues a legacy of innovative technology

Saab automobiles have been synonymous with innovative technology and advanced engineering since the first Saab was unveiled in 1947. The Swedish automaker has continued to pioneer a long lineup of safety, comfort and performance features, many of which have been adopted by other manufacturers. The following are just a few of the innovations that have made Saab automobiles a small, elite group of automobiles in today's Saab 900 and 900X models.

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

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

Saab was the first carmaker in

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

Today, Saab 900s and 900Xs front-end bumpers are still designed to restore to their original shape following a low-speed impact. Each year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety subjects new cars to a series of low-speed crash tests to check the strength of their bumpers. In the latest round of tests, the 1992 Saab 900 was the only 4-door intermediate car to drive away from the 5 mph front and rear flat barrier impacts without damage. In fact, the only cars to only sustain a total score of 100 that suffered zero damage in the flat barrier tests.

Saab is synonymous with state-of-the-art turbocharging. Prior to 1977, other manufacturers used turbochargers in limited production or very expensive sports cars. Reliability was low and cost was high. Saab revolutionized the concept of turbocharging family cars by utilizing an adjustable boost turbo in a small displacement engine with the introduction of the 1977 Saab 99 Turbo, followed by the new Saab 900 Turbo a year later. Saab's turbo engines are designed to maximize the life of the low-speed, low-torque turbo in a desirable chunk for the everyday driver.

The 1980 Saab 900 offered the

award-winning Automatic Performance Control APC, which electronically monitored and adjusted the fuel mixture for maximum efficiency and low emissions, and compensation for different octane gasolines.

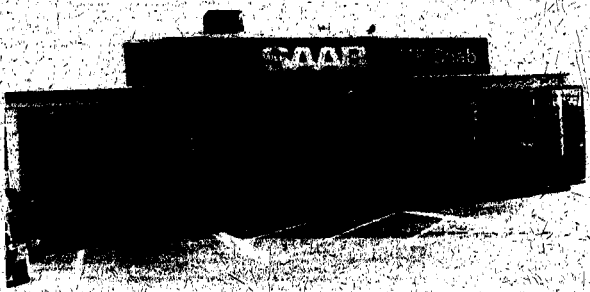
Saab's next "first" was the five-valve turbo engine, introduced in the third generation turbo in 1983. The engine was also equipped with an intercooler to lower the temperature of the intake air, which raises the engine's compression ratio and power output.

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

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

The use of dynamic running lights has been proven to be an effective, low-cost method of reducing car-to-car crashes. DRIs come on automatically when the car's ignition is on, and flash off when the keys are switched off. On the 1995 model year, Saab was one of the first carmakers to debut this proven safety feature as standard equipment on all its new cars sold in the United States.

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



JMK Auto Sales in Springfield

## Saab dealer's success spans three decades

By Philip Sean Curran  
Staff Writer

Speaking from his office in Springfield, Robert Schoenmann of JMK Auto Sales describes his company's success, prosperity and performance in a simple expression: 33 years of excellence.

Not surprisingly, it is also the motto of his car dealership and most people would agree. After all, JMK Auto Sales has been rated the number-one Saab retailer in America the last two years, and internationally the car dealership ranks third in that category.

How then, did the dealership on Route 22 do it?

"It's having the right personnel, the right people, the commitment to excellence, the commitment to doing things the right way," Schoenmann said. "It comes back to treating people the right way."

Started originally 33 years ago as a body shop in Union, the dealership first sold cars as a BMW franchise in 1971. Then in 1978, the dealership began selling Saab cars.

"It's customer reward," Schoenmann for the moment JMK has shown and many keep coming back. "When a customer explained why he has customers, why he exclusively benefits for 25 years.

"We treat everybody the same," he said. "We are very courteous and respectful."

The trademark is customers know what they are getting even before paying with their money. Being up-front with customers the first time will keep them coming back the second, and the third.

"We believe in good business ethics," he said. "If we give you a price over the phone, that's the number it will be when you get here."

Customer service, he added, is very important. And when customers come to his dealership, they are made to feel like a king or a queen. "You get treated almost like royalty," he said.

Before and after a given sale, the staff at JMK Auto Sales is constantly keeping in touch with the customers. Schoenmann said each customer gets a courtesy phone call after he or she buys the car. To make sure everything went smoothly.

JMK Auto Sales is located at 391 Route 22 on the road's eastbound lane. For information, the dealership can be reached at (731) 379-7754.

Reflecting on the dealership's phenomenal success, Schoenmann said, "It comes back to treating people the right way, and being honest."

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### 'Get a Grip' on wet weather conditions

During unseasonably warm weather conditions, rain and fog can seriously driving hazards, says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. They advise motorists to take extra precautions.

AAA's National Traffic Safety Council says that motorists should check the condition of their windshield wipers and tires. It also suggests that drivers should use caution when driving in wet weather.

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## Summit Lincoln Mercury nets a N.A.C.E. award

By Phillip Sean Curran Staff Writer  
It hangs proudly in the showroom of the Summit Lincoln Mercury dealership, like a championship trophy.

Only a select few distributors nationwide can claim that they have won this prestigious award.

Summit Lincoln Mercury is only one of 200 dealers to receive the award, putting the Union County dealership in pretty select company.

The regional dealerships are the best in the industry, and the award is a testament to the quality of the dealerships.

"It says that we are listening to our customers and we're satisfying them," said David Hoenberg, president and chief executive officer of Summit Lincoln Mercury.

"It's a great honor to receive a high class award," Hoenberg said. "It's a testament to the quality of our service and the quality of our staff."

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home for the past 14 years. As with any business, he said, the location is very important. Being in Summit helps draw customers to his dealership, the president said. Despite the fact that Summit is in a "blue collar" area, he said.

Primarily serving car buyers in three counties — Essex, Union and Morris — Hoenberg said all his staff know how to handle the needs of his customers. "We're the employees," he said, "and we're here to help you."

Some of the features in stock are the 1997 Lincoln LS which comes with free leather interior, leather roof and free anti-lock brake system. Another is the 1997 Mercury Sable. A man can work with their sales drive.

Whether its special rate financing, an amazing leasing or taking time to explain a fact, the dealership's staff works with customers the owner said. Part of the reason the dealership is successful is because of its honesty and integrity. It shows to its customers.

They're a part of all the questions.



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## Toyota Motor Sales now offers a sporty alternative to Camry

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc. unveiled the all-new 1999 Solara sports coupe at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The midsize coupe is based on the Camry platform and will share the Camry's chassis and transmission. It will be built exclusively at the company's expanded plant in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

The Solara was developed in larger a more important market especially during an emerging market with strong long-term growth potential.

With a sleek design, Toyota Drive and vice president and general manager, Solara's primary target will be young professionals, among their peak earning years, who are not looking for the sports car of their youth, but need more room and comfort than a sports car can provide.

They are looking for expressive styling that is a balance between the sporty and elegant. They want a vehicle that is powerful, fun to drive and comfortable.

Toyota has designed an increasingly refined "V6" configuration and design and engineering packages. The car is a testament to the quality of the dealerships and the quality of the staff.

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### Car care increases trade-in value

Keeping your car in top condition does more than make it look good. It helps your trade-in value. A well-maintained vehicle may be worth twice as much as a neglected one at trade-in time.

Dealers know a car that requires minimum repairs before being put on the market. One of the first places an appraiser will look for examples is under the floor to check the condition of the carpets. Take care of the interior floors. And to prevent rust, repair minor dings and scratches as soon as possible.

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# Planet Honda service will make you smile

By Philip Sean Curran  
Staff Writer

There are service stations and then there are service stations. The former kind are greasy, dirty, foul places that send you away with a grumpy, sour, and kind of pissed-off attitude. The latter kind are clean, bright, and friendly, the kind of place that makes you want to go back. Planet Honda is the latter kind of place.

checked out the company's web site while giving your car an oil change. You say you just dropped off your car and you need to get to work? Why, the service station at Planet Honda off Route 22 in Union has a 7-passenger van that will take you to the office door, the store or back home. Your child is bored-to-tears, what do you do? Why not drop him off at the play area inside the dealership? The sound of cars being fixed from inside a quiet room gives customers a chance to read a book or work on a laptop computer in peace.

And while the amenities are nice, and while the special features are eye-catching, the people at the service station know how to make a car purchase a breeze.

Open every day, including Sundays, the station has 48 trained technicians on



Summit Lincoln Mercury

staff, said Joe Scibilia. A Paris born, he has 20 years of every kind of Honda products, he added. The most important indicator shows that Planet Honda has found something special. Our customer satisfaction is 91.3 percent, which is well over the industry average.

Here at the relatively new dealership, the service staff and the sales staff work in harmony. Everything that his staff does and the nice features has a single goal. And all this is done for customer service.

From Monday to Friday, the station is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on

Saturday the station has hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interestingly, the station does not require an appointment before accepting a car, so customers can come right in, he said.

The dealership is located at 2285 Route 22 West, Union, and is reached by phone at 908-662-7100.

# Accuracy is key when repairs are required

Communication is the key to getting your car or truck fixed right, the first time, says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

When you take your vehicle to have it repaired, the most important thing you can do is clearly communicate why you think there's a problem. When the communication links between you, the service manager and the technician is weakened because of poor communication, the probable result is a botched job.

How can you do your part? Tell what you know, no more. Says Mike McQuinn, the club's Approved Auto Repair program coordinator, "Customers shouldn't make their own diagnosis. They should describe only the symptoms as best as they can and let the technician find the cause."

Loss of confidence and the resulting "I just can't get it right" attitude can lead to a cycle of repeat visits. If there's a vibration, what does it feel like? The bottom line is to be as accurate as possible when describing your vehicle's symptoms. After you've given every detail to the service manager or attendant, he says to check the work order that has been written for the technician to see that nothing has been lost in the translation.

Once you've approved the work, the last step to having your car fixed right the first time is to get a written estimate. In most states, including New Jersey, repair facilities can't exceed their written estimate by more than 10 to 15 percent without your okay. If the service manager gives you a cost range, anywhere between \$50 and \$300, for instance, insist that he put your permission in specific once the diagnosis is more, specifically.

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, through its offices in Florham Park, Randolph, Springfield and Verona, provides automotive travel, insurance, financial, legislative and educational services to the residents of Essex, Morris and Union counties.

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# Daimler scores with breakthrough methanol-fueled Benz

Daimler-Benz has developed the first methanol-fueled car using methanol as the fuel. Based on the Mercedes-Benz A-Class, the revolutionary fuel vehicle represents a decisive breakthrough in the quest to develop an automobile drive system with extremely low emissions.

This latest fuel cell vehicle, an energy from Daimler-Benz laboratories is known as NECAR 3. Of New Electric Car and, unlike its predecessor, 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.

Development of the hydrogen tanks not only reflects vehicle weight, but also represents the ever-increasing practicality of the new vehicle. The former gas station can handle methanol, which is produced naturally as a by-product of natural gas processing. NECAR 3 has a range of up to 250 miles on a full tank of 11 gallons, similar to conventional vehicles.

Daimler-Benz decided to opt for methanol because 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 same energy, the use of methanol produces at least 20 percent less CO<sub>2</sub> than gasoline. NECAR 3 is a compact unit of some 18 inches in height. Located in the rear of the A-Class, the reformer directly injects hydrogen, continuing the fuel cells. Hydrogen production occurs at a temperature of some 200 degrees centigrade, methanol and

water vaporized to yield hydrogen, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. The purified 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 phosphoric acid electrolytes, separates the hydrogen fuel breaks into positively charged protons and negatively charged electrons, while air, containing oxygen, is supplied to the positive pole of the fuel cell on the other side of the polymer membrane. The hydrogen protons travel through the polymer membrane while the electrons travel through an external circuit to arrive at the positive electrode. There, the oxygen, hydrogen protons and electrons combine to form water.

An electric motor attached to the external circuit is then used to drive the vehicle.

NECAR 3 is the fourth fuel cell vehicle to roll out of the Daimler-Benz laboratories within the last three years. Development initially began back in 1994 with NECAR 1, which focused the fuel cell system in the back 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 as a

passenger vehicle — the NECAR 2. Based on a Mercedes-Benz A-Class. At the start of 1997, it was named NECAR 3, the latest in the line of fuel cell vehicles to hit the road. Equipped with fuel cell stacks occupying a total volume of 25 cubic meters, NECAR 3 is suitable for operation as a normal city bus.

While NECAR 1, NECAR 2 and NECAR 3 use their gaseous hydrogen fuel in large-volume pressurized tanks, NECAR 4 has no need for an auxiliary energy storage tanks to the methanol reformer. True, vehicle range still depends upon the size of the fuel tank, but unlike its predecessor, NECAR 3 can fill up with high-density liquid methanol just as easily as any conventional car does with gasoline.

In 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 manufacturer world-wide to offer vehicles — including buses, trucks and series-produced passenger cars — with a fuel cell engine.

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# The street rod meets the luxury vehicle in Plymouth Prowler

While Plymouth Prowler's hot rod design and sleek styling immediately catch the eye, there is much more to the car than is apparent at first glance. Under the skin, Prowler benefits from advanced engineering and cutting-edge technology — and in turn, gives many benefits to Chrysler's engineers by allowing them to test new processes and principles.

Prowler is powered by the 3.6-liter 24 valve SOHC V-6 engine which also drives Chrysler's full-time 4-wheel drive. The powertrain packages 214 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, while torque is 321 lb-ft at 3,000 rpm. The engine has a cast-iron block, forged steel crankshaft and aluminum pistons.

We addressed the engine to make sure it was according to Paul Doolan, Prowler's program manager. "Initially, the most significant design challenge was the intake manifold that we installed here. Normally, on our full-line vehicles, it would be simpler. Our design of this vehicle is a black finish representation of the old hot rod valve cover. In contrast, the Prowler valve covers have been painted silver."

In addition, the throttle bodies were changed to give a quicker throttle response. A Bilger cam, which dates back to 1993 when Chrysler launched its first cars with this engine, was used for the Prowler. "A hot rod tune commonly accomplished through a slip-

throttle response adds Doolan. "So over the years, engineers basically put more curvature in the cams so when you push the accelerator pedal, you do get a very real quick throttle response."

The exhaust manifold presented a unique challenge for the engineers. "Because of space restrictions, it was impossible to use the existing manifold for Prowler and new ones had to be designed. It was decided to go with cast iron. Not only are they more cost-effective, but cast iron also is better able to handle Prowler's higher exhaust temperatures than the more conventional cast-iron. In addition, the cast-iron manifolds were moved from underneath the floor of the car and mounted on the side of the main-frames. To combat the resulting higher engine temperatures, Prowler has a special clamp between the manifold and converter. We also accelerated the engine's heat and the converter."

The Plymouth Prowler uses Chrysler's fully adaptive Autostick system. The four-speed gearbox can be fully automatic, but can also be dropped into manual mode with the flick of a finger. In this way, the driver is given more control over and a wider range of gear options. In comparison, other Chrysler cars with Autostick, Prowler's transmission has the automatic shift.

"With another car, if you put the selector in first gear and just press the

accelerator to the floor, the transmission will only take so many rpm and then will upshift to second gear whether you want it or not," says Doolan. "On the Prowler application, that will not happen. If you put it in first and handle it, it's going to stay in first right up until the factory shift-off at 6,300 rpm."

The Plymouth Prowler's drivetrain layout has the engine up front, driving the rear wheels through a rear-mounted transaxle. A 52-inch long aluminum prop shaft runs along the middle of the car, connecting the engine-mounted bell housing with the transaxle bell housing, which also contains the torque converter.

Prowler is also equipped with a 160-hp power windows and power locks and interior lighting. The steering wheel comes from Chrysler's Stealth and is equipped with air vents on the left. The gear is equipped with the frame, providing driver service responsibility. The power steering pump is carried behind the front suspension system, while the steering reservoir is from the right-hand drive cars. The power steering lines are unique to Prowler.

The engineers' intention with designing the front and rear independent suspension was to allow the driver to enjoy the ride. For the rear suspension, an evolution of coil-over place. The concept car was equipped with a five-

link independent rear suspension. To simplify things and make the suspension more controllable, engineers went to a four-link independent suspension consisting of two adjustable upper lateral links which are modified steel. Curved lower Stratus's components, one upper trailing link and an aluminum lower control arm. The rear spring and shock assembly are produced from the Dodge Viper and used specifically for Prowler.

The front suspension is a double wishbone system. The spring/shock assembly is mounted inboard and actuated by a modified rocker mechanism. Prowler is the first production car to use this assembly, although it has been featured on half and Formula racers. As on the rear, modified Stratus's springs and shock assemblies are used. The steering knuckle, rocker, ball joint upper and lower control arms are aluminum. The control arms, which are visible on the body, are solid axles for long-term finish protection.

All of the work which went into engineering the suspension system has paid off for Prowler. The handling of the car is outstanding," says Joe Crowley, chassis engineer. "The ride is a big part of that — they have a big footprint. The suspension system also helps to achieve the high level of handling. During evaluation at our proving grounds, we were

able to achieve limits with Prowler that we didn't with a normal car. We're close to our Dodge Viper in a lot of things."

The wheelbase of the car which the Prowler stretches 113 inches with an overall car length of 165 inches. Overall width is 76 inches, while Prowler's height is 51 inches high with the top raised.

Standard interior features include power door locks, power windows and dual air bags. The leather seats are unique to Prowler. The supplier, Integrum, developed a process by which the seats can be molded and bonded to the seat covers using a tool which Integrum calls a "glockenspiel" because of its many moving parts. The seats feature a remote keyless entry system, electronic speed control and air conditioning.

Prowler is equipped with a 330-watt stereo sound system that features a six CD changer behind the passenger seat and cassette player, dual speakers and two drivers in the doors and a subwoofer in the tuned speaker enclosure making up the back panel behind the seats. As part of that enclosure, there are also two 8-1/2 inch tweeters. They complete the seven-speaker system. The remote stereo controls are mounted on the backside of the steering wheel, similar to the arrangement on the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The audio system is one of the highlight features of the car. "We're interior electrical manager Jim Pink. The electrical equivalent of the amplifier, we do a great job of it with the stereo. It's a great sound system with 50 mph of power. It can hear your radio just like you have it in your head."

Other electrical features of the Prowler include a unique instrument cluster and a heater and air conditioning system that combines Neon and Corvair's. "The electrical system on Prowler is unique in that we have cars over components all the way from the Dodge Ram truck for the window lift switches to the instrument cluster (based from a Corvair or Beetle) and Pink. "The body control system on our many vehicles is all work together. It's a great system. It has been tested from the factory to offer the product features of a luxury car without incurring all the normal overhead of making a top-of-the-line car."

"I think many competitors, Prowler's handling and lighting system are unique in the car. If you look at the project, things used for the headlights, it's a very aggressive lamp," says Dennis Bock, chief electrical manager for the Prowler.

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# Answers to all your questions about the history of the hot rod

The most obvious questions are "what led to it" and "where were the first examples built?" The answer to the former is more clear-cut, while the latter is a broad question still subject of much discussion. Hot rods are most often defined as an automobile that's been modified to increase performance and enhance its appearance in a manner that reflects the hot rod culture of the 1950s. Like today, most hot rods were built from scratch, usually an amalgamation of parts from a wide range of manufacturers — a Ford body of chassis, a Chrysler or Chevrolet engine, a Studebaker rear end and so on. These were hot rods, and what a great best was usually done from word-of-mouth and simple, else's trials and errors. In other words, hot rods quickly became a study in individualism, jettisoned with the all-too-human quest to go as fast as one dared — or could afford. This definition excludes purpose-built machinery such as top fuel dragsters and funny cars, which are built to test the very limits of land-bound speed.

Exactly when the first hot rod was built is still under arduous debate. Some experts contend that the very first automobiles were, in fact, hot rods in that they were modified horseshoe buggies with an internal combustion engine strapped on. They contend that actual "production" hot rods were introduced as a logical offshoot of these modified contraptions. This theory flies in the face of the hot rodding in the early years of the 20th century, coinciding with the very birth of the automobile. It is, in fact, a hot rod, like a motorcycle, at some of the world's earliest automobiles. They were, in many ways, nothing

more than rudimentary bicycles with a serious attempt to make the car fly with the hot rod's hot link hot rod, there was represented a curious combination of stubborn tradition and jaded innovation. In fact, the term "buggy" seems to have been very much in vogue at the time. Although automobiles, hot rods and construction techniques, the very best in computer-aided design, hot rods can be directly traced to the late 19th century, the horse-drawn buggy. Popular in hot rodding life, the story that the very first hot rod was a race car built by a young man with a few notions of being a hot rod, but not on the same scale of the same time. From the more pragmatic point of view, hot rodding got underway in earnest in the 1920s, a decade that started out as one of unmet expectations. For every Stutz, Auburn or Duesenberg over there were dozens of young men who benefited from this prosperity, just not on such a grand scale. It was from these folks that came the hot rod. They learned to take lighter, less expensive machinery and adapt a variety of speed equipment, such as the time was manufactured primarily for dirt track racing at the local fairs and carnivals. They would create stripped-down road racing machines that were faster and more reliable than anything offered by those grand machines. I paid this point, they had been a functional money, with the most expensive luxury automobile ever being the Ford's.

Hot rodding in the 1920s also began along regional lines. The eastern and

Midwestern parts of the country were developing into highly structured societies centered around local racing. In California, enthusiasts were already making their first trips to the dry lake beds in high desert northlands of Los Angeles. Increasing numbers of young men would make the 110-mile journey to Lake bed with low legendary quantities of 20-hp, El Mirages, Harp and Broomhops, spending the entire weekend just to get to the lake and back. If the company, any kind of racing is an unmet, rather than a fun, but lacking any organization. Participants would be in the lakes and strip their cars of all unnecessary components with a friendly and running battle before tearing off across the smooth alkali surfaces. This informal racing had some rudimentary timing equipment as far back as the 1920s, but it was a simple way to organize these events.

Only it wasn't the such events grew dramatically, both in size and scope. What once felt a handful of participants would gather now were hundreds of hot rods, with as many as a dozen cars racing at one time. As anyone who has ever experienced the dust of an alkali dry lake bed can attest, this was no particularly good idea. Slower competitors found themselves lost in a sea of dust, with vision limited to literally six more than a few feet. The result was accidents, injury and even death on an increasingly frequent basis.

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Powered as a show vehicle at the Chicago Auto Show early in 1997, the Envoy is one of the sport utility vehicles that represent GMC's premium image. That four-door, four-wheel-drive sport utility is loaded with leather, standard features, including leather seating surfaces, wood-trimmed interior, and "High Definition" Disc Charge Technology.

Other premium features include a high-torque compressor for load leveling and recreation, remote keyless entry system with full feature, alarm, and panic button and OnStar mobile communications.

Like the diplomatic Envoy, the new GMC Envoy is refined, sophisticated and exudes a sense of confidence and security. Gold Jimmy Brand Manager Jeff Goldin, The Envoy, emphasizes a luxury approach to the compact sport-utility market.

Envoy's upscale exterior features Venetian-style monochromatic scheme in sleek, full-body chrome, exterior trim, chrome door handles, hooded wheel flares and top luggage rack are all body-colored. Exterior colors include Power Metallic, Copper Metallic, Black, Olympic White, Smoky Carmel Metallic and Emerald Green.

Sophisticated, front-end styling includes the technologically advanced HID headlights that integrate headlamp, directional signal, park and side marker functions.

HID headlights emit a true white light from a gas-discharge tube that is brighter, lasts longer and uses less electricity than a conventional halogen bulb. HID lamps contribute to safer night-time driving by distributing 2.7 times more light than halogen lamps and by providing a wider, longer beam pattern. Envoy is the first production sport-utility vehicle to offer HID headlights.

The smooth lines of the body-colored bumper and lower fascia include round fog lamps, integrated tow hooks and a body-colored grille with valance. The distinctive GMC grille with the ruby red horizontal bars serves as the centerpiece of Envoy's front-end appearance. Hand-crafted styling includes a

distinctive step bumper with integrated trailer hitch and eight-lead wiring harness and a body-colored rear spoiler with integrated roof rails. Rear lamp assemblies integrate brake, backup, directional signal and side marker functions to enhance the harmonious flow of the exterior design.

Exterior features include heated outside mirrors and tinted glass on all windows rearward of the B-pillar.

The interior of the Envoy includes a host of security and convenience features originally found on luxury passenger cars.

With GMC's OnStar Communication system, the Envoy driver will have the confidence to go anywhere, anytime. Global positioning allows OnStar to constantly track and monitor the vehicle and is available to assist with such emergency services, including fire and remote door unlock in case of an inadvertent lock-out. OnStar also help track a stolen vehicle, give advice about travel conditions and travel services and call the driver immediately to check for medical needs when the system senses that an air bag has been deployed.

Install a dealer-installed top, and acquire a hands-free voice-activated cellular phone that allows the driver to keep both hands on the wheel when using the system while driving. In addition to OnStar, the Envoy has a keyless remote entry, which includes a full-feature programmable vehicle alarm with a panic button on the key fob. If the Envoy driver feels threatened at any time, he or she can push the panic button which activates the horn and flashes the headlights.

Occupant protection systems include driver and front passenger's air bags, which deploy with 85G force, and the previous generation's supplemental inflatable restraints.

The Envoy is protected by the standard PassLock theft-deterrent system. PassLock disables the vehicle's engine for up to 10 minutes if any method of ignition other than the proper key is attempted.

Other electronic features are lock-out prevention, retained accessory power and electronic climate control. Lock-out prevention keeps the doors from locking if the key is in the ignition and the engine is not running. Retained accessory power allows the driver to operate windows, wipers and radio after the ignition is turned off. Electronic climate control maintains a customer-selected cab temperature between 66 and 82 degrees.

The overhead console includes a three-tuner Homelink transmitter that increases the activation codes for up to three remote-controlled devices such as garage doors, estate gates and security lighting.

Real-Zehraam wheel accents provide a premium look to both the center console and door trim parts. The center console has many features including a cellular phone with a detachable base that can be placed into concealed cupholders that pop out of the console at the push of a button.

The instrument panel of the Envoy would be right at home in any upscale passenger car. The gauge cluster features a semi-circular multi-needle sound system and HVAC controls are angled 15 degrees toward the driver in cockpit fashion.

Envoy's standard Premium Signa Ride suspension package includes an automatic load leveling system. A built-in air compressor automatically raises or lowers rear shocks according to the loading/hauling conditions and makes the Envoy more stable on the road. The load leveling system features a recreational air supply valve located in the rear cargo area. This allows Envoy owners to inflate rafts, bike tires, soccer balls, air mattresses and other recreation equipment.

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As the new millennium approaches, there are many changes in store for Miller as they relocate their dealership onto Route 140 in Woodbridge on the site of the old Landmark Inn this December. The construction of the new dealership is in the final phase. Miller will occupy one of General Motors' premier, state-of-the-art facilities where they will house both sales and service under one roof.

The changes occurring at Miller are a direct result of the major transformation going on in the retail automotive industry across the U.S. with the reorganization and relocation of dealership financing.

While this transformation is taking place, the selling of the dealership, there is a more subtle transition within the third generation of family management of the store. Founded by Gordon Miller, his son Ron Miller

has been president since 1977. A third generation of Miller management is emerging with Ron Jr., Michele and Sheri becoming increasingly more active in the dealership operations. Having a lifetime exposure to the family business philosophy, they will be charged with the responsibility of advancing the "customer first" pledge and commitment in the years to come. Their current goal is to have the staff look ahead to continuing to serve their customers with a commitment to unexcelled customer satisfaction.

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Available as an option, the Avalon's new interior features a redesigned front seat with a redesigned, fully upholstered front bucket or bench seat, full-cupule cupholders with driver-side front seat, cruise control, power windows and door locks, with anti-lockout feature, an air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, dual cupholders, auto-off headlights, illuminated glove box, remote trunk and fuel door releases and a four-speaker cassette sound system with rear in-passenger antenna.

Five-passenger bucket seat model is also accompanied by a center console with integral cup holders, and a console-mounted shift lever. The six-passenger layout features a dual power-operated, 30-way split-bench front seat with a redesigned, fully upholstered front bucket and full-cupule cupholders.

The XLS also features standard leather-trimmed bucket seats with driver's memory feature. Available power seat-adjustable adjustments for 30-degree recline and four-way neck cushioning. Also available with two different seat settings, the Avalon's power seat memory feature offers added convenience for multi-driver families.

The XLS models also offer soft-touch ventilation controls, automatic air conditioning, a 170-watt, maximum power cassette/Premium EXR/CD sound system with subwoofer

and a factory-installed anti-theft and keyless entry system with panic button. Front maplights with individual rear reading lights, heated outside mirrors, auto power locks, auto-tilt side-temperature display and leather-trimmed, stitching wheel are also included. The interior makes extensive use of new woodgrain trim on the dash, console and door panels.

For increased vehicle theft protection, Avalon's theft-deterrent system features a newly designed engine immobilizer system which prevents the engine from starting unless the correct key is placed in the ignition. A 100-pound chip embedded in the key sends an identification code to the engine's electronic control unit. If the identification code transmitted from the key matches the code stored in the ECU, the immobilizer system is deactivated, allowing the vehicle to start.

All Avalon models receive updated exterior facelifts and an expanded line-up of optional and standard equipment, including lower-cost, CD systems. Premium systems now include a subwoofer for a total of seven speakers.

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Avalon's smooth ride and agile handling is a long-wheel-base, independent MacPherson strut front suspension and independent dual-link rear suspension. Front and rear stabilizer bars and anti-vibration, grade-sensitivity dampers, multi-link suspension and barlinkers.

The XLS's characteristics are further refined through the use of a 30-inch wheelbase on the floor. Flush-mounted side and front fairs, one-piece side-panels, glass upper moldings, formed urethane fender/C and D pillars, low-profile fenders and

exaggerated body panels, including a newly designed front end, and a fully lined trunk also reduce noise and help maintain the Avalon's quiet cabin. Avalon will be offered in nine exterior colors — Napa, Burgundy Pearl, Castler, Sand-Metallic, Sand Pearl and Classic Green Pearl — which complement Avalon's distinctive graceful lines. Coordinated interiors in Ivory, Quartz and Black complete the package. Both XLS and XLSi interiors can be finished in a choice of high density velour fabric or premium leather.

Avalon is also well equipped that the option list is short including such comfort and convenience features as leather-trimmed interior upholstery, upgraded sound systems and a power window.

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As New Jersey consumers shop for a new automobile insurance policy this October or receive a renewal from their insurance company in November, it is likely they will see changes in their rates caused by the new rating program.

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- When consumers purchase new insurance coverage, their old policies will be being changes in prices, both upward and downward decreases, and a slipup. How each consumer's tier will be affected will be determined by the new rating program before the association with the recent Automobile Insurance Cost Reduction Act, which may provide a 15 percent saving. Those changes would be seen until sometime early next year. A slipup gives the policyholder a chance to New Jersey on drivers. Be prepared for the change if you need to buy independent insurance agents.

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# Mercedes-Benz presents the luxury car of the future

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach Design Concept provides a glimpse of the technology and features that the automaker might incorporate into an ultra-luxury model in the next decade. At the same time, the car also shows the rich heritage of Mercedes-Benz as a maker of ultra-luxury cars. Even the name Maybach reaches into the past, as Mercedes-Benz's first car was designed by Wilhelm Maybach.

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach Design Concept features a 12-cylinder engine, a transmission and a chassis that are completely new. The car is a compact, four-door sedan with a large, rounded front end, reminiscent of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class. The car is a compact, four-door sedan with a large, rounded front end, reminiscent of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class. The car is a compact, four-door sedan with a large, rounded front end, reminiscent of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class.

current owners and analysis of emerging trends. This research was conducted by the Daimler-Benz Advanced Design Center in the US, in collaboration with the Maybach One team, which studied the growing use of chauffeur-driven vehicles, particularly in Asian markets.

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strongly as larger limousines. In addition, Mercedes has received with the Maybach advanced lightweight construction materials, including fiber composites, aluminum and magnesium.

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach Design Concept is designed to provide the ultimate luxury experience for passengers. The interior offers sophisticated seating and trim and the possibility of build-to-order custom equipment. Passengers of the Maybach can even control ambient lighting inside the car. The electrochromic glass roof allows control over how much light enters the car, and can be set to respond to changing lighting conditions.

Passengers riding in the rear of the Maybach Design Concept are treated to electrically adjustable reclining seats and an optional full bar and coffee bar. Located between the front seats, the bar features three different serving areas, each of which can be electrically controlled. The compartment for hot drinks provides tea, coffee and fine products in addition to a built-in refrigerator. There is a hamper under the front seats.

In full compliance of electronic supplements, the Mercedes-Benz Maybach offers business and entertain-

ment capabilities. For convenience, there are fold-down tables located under the armrests of the rear seats. The integrated communications and audio system features three telephones, including a dedicated data line. There is a portable computer in the glovebox, which can be used to transmit communications with a central terminal communicating with a central host using infrared technology, eliminating the need for cables.

A thin-profile 20-inch LCD screen, just two inches deep, is suspended from the roof between the driver and the front passenger. Passengers can use it to view television programs, DVD videos or tapes from the onboard VCR. They can even play computer games.

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach instrument panel features both a CD player and a multi-disc player. Rear seat passengers can control all audio and climate control functions using 12-inch touch-sensitive screens mounted on the B-pillars. The finishing touch of luxury can be found in the trunk of the Maybach. The Mercedes-Benz Maybach Design Concept has a full set of professional leather-clad seats.

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach driver's needs have not been ignored. In addition to the prestige of the surrounding luxury, the driver is provided with an advanced instrument panel that conveys just the information he or she requires. The panel is a mini-screen divided into several instrument functions. A speedometer, odometer, fuel and temperature gauges, a clock for warning messages and current weather and traffic reports, and a screen that displays a rear-view camera, the view in the rear for parking safety.

The Maybach Design Concept features the latest in Mercedes-Benz safety technology and a glimpse at the future. The high-tech front lighting is anything in production today, and automatically adapts to road and weather conditions. When the lights change intensity, they do so by a "fade over" rather than an abrupt change. The safety of traffic, the night, light intensity adjust to ambient light conditions, ensuring maximum visibility to other drivers.

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