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Franks to propose ocean routing bill

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Congressman Bob Franks, R-Union, plans to introduce legislation that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a six-month test of ocean routing for airplanes departing Newark International Airport. Ocean routing requires pilots to gain altitude over the ocean after taking off before flying back over land.

Every-time change the FAA has tested - including the most recent 260-degree turn - has only intensified the impact of jet noise on New Jersey citizens," said Franks. "While I'm pleased to see that our region will be the first in the country to undergo a comprehensive redesign, this process will take up to five years to complete."

The FAA tested the 260-degree turn from March 15 to Sept. 15 of last year. The environmental assessment of the test is expected to be completed sometime this summer. The 260-degree turn required airplanes leaving Runway 22 at Newark Airport for point in the Deep South to turn its headings of 260 degrees instead of 270 degrees. This was supposed to reduce noise in Highway and Carrey's evening flights would no longer be following the Arthur Kill.

The 260-degree turn test was designed to enhance flight safety and mitigate noise over parts of New York and New Jersey. The new flight path was designed to turn aircraft to the west, away from St. John's Island, and then route them through an industrial corridor south of Newark, thereby reducing noise for the maximum number of residents," wrote FAA

Regional Administrator Arlene Feldman in a letter to Franks.

The Republican congressman said ocean routing has the support of New Jersey's two senators - Democrats Bob Torricelli and Frank Lautenberg - in addition to New Jersey congressional members Marge Rothena, Rodney Frelinghuysen, Steve Rothman, Bill Pascrell, Frank Pallone and Rush Holt. Several county football stadiums, including Union County, have endorsed a five-six-month test of ocean routing as well.

"Franks' bill would direct the secretary of transportation to conduct a six-month live test to determine the cost and benefits of requiring airplanes taking off from Newark Airport to fly over the ocean."

"No later than one year after the date of enactment of the bill, the secretary of transportation will report to Congress on the results of the test conducted, including an analysis of the effects on noise reduction of ocean routing and any recommendations and comments concerning ocean routing of airplanes."

"The timing of this bill is significant," said Franks. "Later this year, Congress must reauthorize the Airport Improvement Act, which funds the operations of the FAA and a host of improvements to airports across the country."

"Rest assured the safety of air travelers must remain the foremost consideration in redesigning air routes," he said. "In no way can safety be compromised."

"A test of the magnitude required to reduce noise is not possible given the current configuration of the airspace, without sacrificing safety and efficient operation of the National Air



Bob Franks

Space System," Feldman wrote in a letter to Franks.

The FAA has no intent to do any type of ocean routing at this point, said Jim Peters, a spokesperson for the FAA's Eastern Region, however, "we have indicated ocean routing will be considered as part of the New York airspace redesign program."

The redesign project, which began in July, will take approximately five years, according to Peters. The first two years will entail the redesign work, while environmental studies and approvals will encompass approximately the latter three years. The FAA is required under federal law, he said, to conduct environmental impact studies and allow for public input on changes.

Panela Barsam-Brown, executive director of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise, "Hillside Bill," a courageous step forward to put the plan into legislation which will force the FAA to realize citizens' want action to reduce air noise over northern and central Jersey," NJCAAN has been promoting the ocean routing plan for the past eight years, she said.

Shared services dialogue underway

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Officials from throughout Union County converged on Union Town Hall last week to begin discussions about the possibility of shared services between municipalities.

"We realized the need for a creative way to finance government in order to relieve the burden on taxpayers," said Union Township Committee Chairman Patrick Scatone.

"The state has made it worthwhile to at least look at shared services. Maybe not fire or police services, said Scatone, but areas such as engineering, tax assessors and health departments might be examined as potential areas to share."

At the monthly Union County Conference of mayors on Saturday, questionnaires will be distributed to determine what kind of services towns share and/or would be interested in sharing. The information is expected to be compiled within a month, at which time another conference will be held, said Union Mayor Anthony Terrazza.

Union Township Administrator Frank Bradley said the township is looking at a wide range of applications of shared services, most recently, garbage collection. "We see the potential for a considerable amount of savings."

Roselle Administrator Frederick Robinson said his borough has been picking up trash for the school district since 1976. It has worked well, he said, but it is doubtful whether the service is as cost-effective in terms of money. It has been strictly on collection cost, which is not measurable and payable.

"Robinson said the borough never went looking to pick up the school's garbage but it was "the result of another defeated school budget."

The Union at Shareways in Monmouth County is run similar to many Union County towns, said Robinson. In terms of garbage collection, the town works with one-man crews that handle trash, small equipment rather than large, big equipment.

Robinson also explained how a group of Monmouth County municipalities came together to form a regional health department, allowing them to split out of the county health tax. The move reduced one town's costs by 50 percent in that area.

Middletown, also in Monmouth County, was big enough to have its own construction official but did not have enough work to warrant the position, according to Robinson. Now several towns conduct their construction inspections through Middletown with a 25-25 split for fees, which has become a revenue producer for the smaller towns involved. It resolved the issue of maintaining a full staff in the town," said Robinson.

Terrazza said construction inspections in Jersey that shared services can be expanded and started quickly.

"Sharing information alone can save time and money," said Mountainside Administrator Greg Bonito. "There are things to share, other than material."

Konijewski Mayor Michael Tropea, who serves as president of the Union County League of Municipalities, said the league is "a vehicle already in place for sharing and exchanging information."

Wesley Administrator Edward Zinko said a good first step in sharing services might be to create a database to know what's going on elsewhere.

State offers incentives

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The state will offer municipalities two programs in the upcoming budget: incentives to study and/or implement shared services.

John Rasmowicz of the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services explained two types of programs aimed at shared services during a conference at Union Town Hall last week.

The first is the Regional Incentive/Development Incentive, REDI. REDI awards \$10 million for developing or studying new shared services between municipalities, counties or school districts, which likely will require some measure of matching local dollars. It is similar to the Joint Service Incentive Program which ends this year.

The second program, Regional Effective Aid Program - REAP - provides \$25 million in additional state aid for shared services. Residents at municipalities that share services would receive some degree of tax credits based on what types of and how many services are shared under the program.

Both measures are currently in the state Assembly, said Rasmowicz, but should pass easily with the backing of the governor and be available July 1 in the next state budget.

Another bill in the Legislature, according to Rasmowicz, is the Early Retirement Incentive Program, which will permit locally-funded early retirement programs.

Other changes in the law include allowing towns to opt out of civil service. Under an old law, if two municipalities consolidated services but one was civil service and the other was not, the town had to become civil service whether it was the service provider or not.

The origin of the state's shared services incentive programs can be found in the governor's property tax commission, which put forth 60 recommendations about reducing property taxes. The commission's findings showed evidence that shared services can reduce costs for municipalities, he said.

Better services

"I think that don't want to do it. It's important to continue to look at shared services, said Welford Administrator Edward Grotko. "The focus should be providing services in a better way, not because the state is putting out a carrot."

"We have to reflect on what we do best individually," said Springfield Administrator Richard Sheela.

"There should not be a push to jump into shared services just to get the money," said Grotko. "You have to look at objectively. We're not going to cut tax rates by buying pencils together."

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DARE/Devils night



More than 1,000 Union County youngsters watched the New Jersey Devils defeated the Tampa Bay Lightning as part of the Union County DARE Association's annual fund-raiser. More than 1,500 tickets were sold to help raise money for materials for the anti-drug and violence program, given to every fifth-grader in public and private schools. Posing before the game are, from left: Plainfield Detective and DARE presenter James Schulkes, Plainfield Officer Tim Mulhall, Mountainside Sgt. Scott Worswick, Devils Defenseman Sheldon Souray, Union Police Officers Dave Hoff and Tony Manderichio and Piscataway Police Officer Scott Ulrich.

Health bureau approved by DEP

By replacing the agency responsible for environmental health enforcement in Union County, the Board of County Freeholders has ended the double taxation of 390 Union County businesses.

The state's Department of Environmental Protection has approved the newly-formed Bureau of Environmental Health Enforcement, which will be part of the county's Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management, to administer, enforce, permit, issue waste and hazardous materials programs. The bureau replaces a formerly autonomous agency, the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission.

"People and businesses who violate environmental regulations in Union County will pay the price," said Freeholder Linda Steiner. "The bureau will continue to perform the same operations and investigations as it has in the past with the same staff from NOKESA. Their mission is to protect the area's environmental health."

"What has changed is the way fees are collected from businesses in the

county. In the past, the commission had charged fees to businesses that discharged exhaust or steam through smokestacks, fees that had already been collected by the state Department of Environmental Protection. Many businesses to the county objected to being charged the same fees twice. Now that these duties are being carried out by a county agency, the fees will only be collected by the state.

The freeholder board also was concerned that the regional commission did not include all of the municipalities in Union County as its jurisdiction. As a county agency, all 21 municipalities will be served.

"This change from an autonomous agency to a county office will serve all of the people of the county better," said Steiner. "It will also help us preserve jobs and businesses in Union County by ending this double taxation for nearly 600 businesses."

"The change the bureau will perform is as follows:

• Air pollution - investigate and respond to citizen complaints and respond to complaints of businesses that may cause air pollution.

• Noise control - investigate citizen

noise complaints regarding noise from industrial and commercial sources.

• Water pollution control - investigate spills and other waterborne incidents and monitor water quality.

• Solid waste - inspect all solid waste and compost facilities and respond to citizen complaints regarding dumping and illegal waste disposal.

• Response to hazardous materials incidents will continue to be provided by the county's emergency response personnel.

"The bureau already has been awarded \$161,000 in state grants to help it carry out its programs. In addition, all fines levied against violators will go into a dedicated fund to enhance future programs."

"This move will take us part of our best and best to companies that want to do business in Union County," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scamra.

"We can't control the fact that some require us from businesses, but we can control the businesses in Union County where businesses face double taxation."

County chamber to host networking social Feb. 25

The Union County Chamber and Regional Business Partnership sponsors a joint networking social at the Holiday Inn Select, 36 Valley Road, Clark, on Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Advance reservations are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members; \$25 at the door. Respond by Friday to Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth, 07207-0300 or call (908) 352-0905 or fax (908) 352-0885.

REGM marks 50th anniversary

By Anthony Puglisi
Staff Writer

Ruth Eatin Goldberg died from cancer 50 years ago, but her legacy lives on through the cancer research organization that bears her name.

The Ruth Eatin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research was started by nine of her closest friends after she died at the age of 28. This year, the group is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization, which has increased its focus on fund-raising activities.

The 10 friends met in Hebrew school when they were about 10 years old, said charter member Julia Tabowitz of Union. The group started its own local club meeting every Sunday in each others' homes in Maplewood and East Orange and being treated to homemade dinners by their families, she said.

Tabowitz said their friendship continued after World War II and, after they all were married, they included their husbands in the weekly get-togethers.

"We were just devastated," Tabowitz said about her friend's death. "It was almost unheard of. It was beyond what we could conceive," she said about someone so young dying from cancer.

"Not wanting to forget their friend, the group of nine formed an organization dedicated to raising money for cancer research. With the help of their husbands, REGM was incorporated April 25, 1949, and by the end of its first year had collected \$500 by "shaking the can" in Newark and its surrounding neighborhoods.

The first \$500 was donated to Newark's Beth Israel Hospital and, by its 40th anniversary in 1989, REGM had raised a cumulative amount of \$3 million. All of which was donated for cancer research programs.

"We all have been touched by this disease," Beverly Goldman, president of REGM, said. Goldman, a member for 21 years, lost her father to the disease.

Tabowitz agreed. "Every member has a loved one or a friend affected by the disease," she said, adding the group is "very informal."

The golf outing, a memorial event to Goldman's father, Nathan Graner, started six years ago and was raised, Goldman said. The annual fashion show and publication of an annual journal is scheduled for March 24 at the Maplewood Country Club.

"We do accomplish a lot in raising money, and we're proud of what we do," Tabowitz said. Goldman added since the organization is made entirely of volunteers, all the money is funneled into grants for research projects.

Annual dues, which are kept reasonable at \$25, are the only money which pays for overhead costs, such as the printing of stationery, and mailing.

Goldman said the group, which has a membership of about 230, has been inspired by the fact that its cancer research, Goldman with leukemia are living longer and so are people with Hodgkinson's disease, Tabowitz said, adding finding a cure for cancer has been difficult because there are so many different types.

Several of the more than 20 organizations which have benefited from REGM donations are Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Rutgers University, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, American Medical Center at Denver and the University of Texas Health Science Center.

REGM has a volunteer "Investigation Committee" whose members are doctors, which examines all requests for financial aid. The committee makes recommendations to the membership of REGM before a final vote is taken.

Tabowitz and Ben Meyers of Janssberg are the two remaining active members of REGM. Two others have since died.

"I can get her her eagle," Tabowitz said when she looked at a picture of her friend, who she remembers as a "fun, sweet and lovable person."

"This is my favorite organization," Tabowitz registered daughter who works at Elizabeth General Hospital. "We hope and pray our money will help."

Donations, which are tax deductible, may be mailed to Ruth Eatin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research, P.O. Box 354, Springfield, NJ 07081. More checks payable to Ruth Eatin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research.

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COUNTY NEWS

Budget hearings set

The Board of Freeholders have scheduled hearings to review the 1999 Union County budget. Freeholders will meet with department heads to review department budgets.

The preliminary budget is expected to be introduced by the Board of Freeholders sometime in the spring. County Manager Michael Lapolla presented a \$283.1 million budget last month to the board that did not call for an increase in the county tax levy. County budget hearings are as follows:

- Saturday at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- March 6 at 9 a.m.

All hearings will be held in the freeholder conference room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabethtown.

County blood drives aim to combat shortages

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor blood drives throughout Union County.

- Friday, 5-9 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway
- Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Arc of Union County, 1225 South Ave., Elizabeth

• Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 14th, 11man and Jacques avenues, Rahway
 • Donors must be 18 years old. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors; provided, they have donated within the past two years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification.

People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (908) BLOOD-NJ, or (908) 256-3165.

Mancuso re-elected president of board

Charles S. Mancuso has been re-elected president of the Board of Education of the Vocational School of Union County. For Mancuso, who has been active on the board for more than 34 years, this marks the 14th time he has been elected to a one-year term as president. Six of these were consecutive.

John Taylor of Scotch Plains was elected to his second term as vice president. Other members include Gal Lonnaghy of Scotch Plains, Robert J. Schmitt of Linden, and Frances Lubatkin, Union County Superintendent of Schools.

Edward Kolger of Linden was re-appointed board attorney and Edward J. Mottig of Elizabeth, treasurer.

More than three decades, Mancuso's efforts, a health preservation between occurred on many occasions and in a variety of ways. The latest accolade came in 1996 when the building housing the Union County Magnet High School for Mathematics, Science and Technology was named Mancuso Hall in his honor.

The Board of Education of the Vocational School of Union County oversees the operations of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools and the Union County Magnet High School, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

Freeholders to meet

The Union County Board of Class Freeholders will meet Feb. 25 for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabeth Ave. Plaza, Elizabeth.

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Landscape & Home Design Show

Get ready to go green in Westfield!

Wearing of the Green is still weeks away. But the green we write of has nothing to do with the Barney Stone and everything to do with the Mother Earth. And it all starts at 3 pm on Friday, February 19. That's when Westfield's National Guard Armory is transformed into a living, breathing showcase for the Jersey Landscape and Home Design Show.

This show is an annual signal to local homeowners take a break from winter and smell the flowers. Stroll cobblestoned paths, see a palette of floral colors, feel green grass between your fingers (taking your shoes off, may be over ambitious), reminisce about summer days, and get a head start on planning your landscaping for the forthcoming season. And it can all be done with a visit to this show.

Homeowners are encouraged to bring photos of their yards and problem areas so they can talk to the experts and find solutions. And sometimes solutions rear themselves in others inspiration.

For that reason, landscapers from throughout the northeast use the Jersey Landscape and Home Design Show to showcase new concepts and introduce fresh approaches to backyard design problems.

Contractors have been invited to transform a substantial patch of the National Guard Armory in Westfield into lush garden patios, babbling brooks and cozy outdoor areas. Some exhibits are playful and that's what this show is all about - an opportunity to touch, feel and experience new landscaping and home improvement ideas.

Other exhibits are designed to help a shopper's imagination wander and explore the possibilities. For instance, some landscaping experts combine colorful shrubbery, flowers and fencing to create an entrance to a backyard. Their hanging arch entrance is both decorative and inviting.

Ornate fencing plays a key role in another design, as does rolling ivy interspersed with rich tones of terra cotta brick.

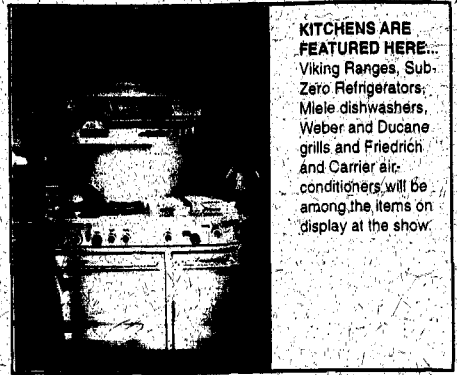
Decks and patios are also constructed and designed with hanging plants, working hot tubs and other Jersey summer amenities.

While over 100 vendors fill the Armory, this remains an intimate show where gardening experts and contractors who specialize in working with paving stones, gravel, shrubbery and tile, have time to answer questions and share opinions on what may work.

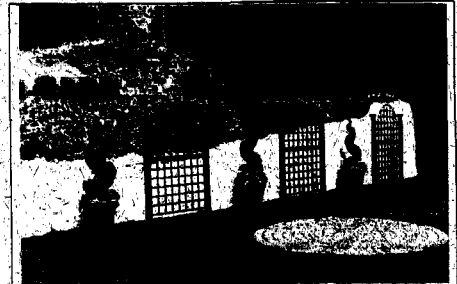
The National Guard Armory is at 300 Rahway Avenue in Westfield, just across the street from Westfield High School. Hours are 3 to 9:30 pm on Friday, February 19; 10 am to 9:30 pm on Saturday, February 20; and 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday, February 21.

Discount admission, coupons are available in all area newspapers. Adult admission is \$5 with coupon, children under 12 get in free and don't forget there is plenty of free parking! The Jersey Landscape and Home Design Show features landscaping plus everything from heating and air conditioning to kitchens, roofing, siding, doors and electricity and plumbing.

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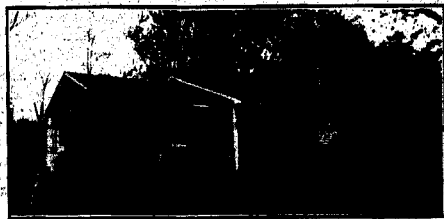
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A scene from Dein Perry's 'Tap Dogs'

Paper Mill 'taps' into mainstream dance

By Anthony Giordano
Correspondent

Mention tap dancing to most people a few years ago and the names of Fred Astaire and Bill Bojangles Robinson, if any, came to mind. Now "River Dance" and "Tap Dogs," two very different forms of art, are the dominant forces, the latter performed Saturday at Paper Mill Playhouse.

"What makes tap different from the other forms of dance is the deliberate use of the body as a musical instrument. In that sense, going to a tap performance is closer to going to a vocal concert than a ballet. And it is the unique style of music that most distinguishes the dancers, from 'Tap Dogs' from those in 'River Dance,' 'River Dance' is Fred Astaire and Bill Robinson doing an updated Busby Berkeley routine. 'Tap Dogs' is an MTV music video with hard rock, heavy metal beats, and props and costumes to match."

The Australian dance troupe has taken on a few Americans for this tour, choreographed by Dein Perry with all original pieces by Andrew Wilkie. Where the emphasis in the past has been on the dancer as a form moving in space, it rests decidedly on the speed and sound of the feet in this modern resurgence of interest in tap.

Using lightning speed and close, snail steps, 'Tap Dogs' pounds the stage with a rhythm that is at times hypnotic and almost violent. Directed and designed by Nigel Triffitt, the numbers look more like the Village People in some surrealistic pop class than the sophisticated tuxedo-dressed dancers we have come to expect in tap.

Since there is no story that these dance numbers simply interrupt as in a musical comedy, the troupe takes on more of a challenge-dance attitude to drive the numbers forward using a

stage that can be slanted and spread apart, the dancers attempt to perform the routines using various angles of incline and distance between their feet.

Interestingly, though this production is designed to appeal to the younger or less sophisticated audience, there are at least two segments that hark back to a heritage not evident on the stage. At one point the pass at on their bleacher-like benches and dance in a pool of water, often a staple of the MOM musicals not the least of which is "Singing in the Rain." Later, one performer is suspended upside down and dances on a platform suspended from the ceiling. While this "dancing on a ceiling" may have reminded the audience of similar stunts used in the past, it was the ease with which certain steps, most notably "ballstep," which there is no gravity to get in the way, that brought laughter from the most technically sophisticated members of the audience.

This 70-minute show keeps its fast pace by constantly rearranging the stage and the numbers. Keeping with the "dancers are just a bunch of guys on the street" theme, the set was moved and arranged by the dancers themselves giving this more of a construction site feeling than that of a glimpse into the Cotton Club. The dancers dressed in slacks, jeans, flared shirts or no shirts, made an attempt to give the street that is a complete and true tap dance routine. Rather than taking us to some elusive place where people just happen to dance down the street, these guys made it clear in the fact that they were showing off their speed and technique. Where dancers in most dance troupes would never just casually walk around the stage while someone is dancing, it is done here to add a street corner look and feel to the performance.

NJPAC hosts NJSO's 'A Night at the Oscars'

This is not just seeing violinists playing their bows during the theme from "Star Wars," but this was the scene which opened NJ Symphony Orchestra's annual favorite, "A Night at the Oscars," on Saturday at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

Conducted by conductor and euphonist, Lawrence Leighton Smith, "Star Wars" was preceded by John Williams' own "Swak" opening, which was Smith's working to coordinate the "Swak" theme.

These orchestral pieces, which were accompanied by scenes from their respective films shown on a screen being above the Princeton Hall stage. The program, comprised of Academy Award-winning orchestral scores, consisted of music from "The Adventures of Robin Hood" starring Errol Flynn, "Come With Me, Willie," "Ben-Hur," "Citizen Kane," "The Wizard of Oz," and "The Wizard of 1927."

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Music Notes

By Jacquie McCortney
Associate Editor

Williams' score composed by Erich Wolfgang Korngold, included "The Star Wars," "Hittlered," then, more relevant, significant use of the string section. "The Archery Contest" followed, in which the first horn played the pageantry of the event, and the violin played the danger "Escape from the Gallows" began with what Smith called "fast happy stuff, this" and gave way to the dashing Flynn's daring escape, described by Smith as "very exciting," with the lovely Olivia de Havilland as "Mad" Marjorie, the screen throughout.

As a side note, we heard in the program when Smith announced the next piece: "Come With Me, Willie," com-

posed by Max Steiner. The conductor urged the audience to listen for strains of "Ballad of the Republic" and "Waltz" woven through the score during "Bliss and Scarlet's Flight from Africa." The familiar movie theme was played to perfection by the dancing violins while viewers watched Scarlet vow, "I'll never be hungry again!" and ended with a flourish.

Music horns announced the parade of chariots from "Ben-Hur," composed by Miklos Rozsa, interspersed with exotic, Arabesque melodies. "The Birth of Jesus Christ scene featured lifting violins and inspired wonder "Crossing the Desert" was accompanied by somber strings, commemorating the agony of the slaves' "The Sea Battle" was impressive, and ended triumphantly.

Now the mood changes, the music becomes "darker, serious." Smith advised the orchestra to breathe life into the score from "Citizen Kane," composed by Bernard Herrmann, who later went on to compose the score for

Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." The conclusion featured glitzy accompaniment to the renowned "Rosebud" scene, with a slow piano over the all, "Lured to Death," and became even more ominous during "The Lunatic" scene in which the estate is ransacked.

The orchestra took a break during a scene from "An American in Paris," composed by George Gershwin, star ride Oscar Levant, "with Levant doing overacting," according to the conductor. Levant's scene in which he performs "Gershwin Piano Concerto" shows the actor conducting and playing, using instruments including piano, guitar and trumpet.

"A Night at the Oscars" ended with the score from "The Wizard of Oz," composed by Herbert Stothart. The audience took a musical trip with Dorothy and Toto for "The Cowardly Lion" and "We're Off to Get the Witch and Kicked previously unbelieved footage of the "Scarlet in Dance" with orchestra, accompanied by "I've Escaped" and "Return to Kansas," ended the program.

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Themes will help prevent duplicate gifts. Beverly Clark offers these themes in her book "Weddings: A Celebration".

• **Favorite showers** are a favorite, perhaps because so many working women rarely allow themselves to indulge in clothes that are "impractical" and unashamedly romantic. Lacy negligees, delicate camisoles, silk teddies, sexy bras or sleek satin robe are sure to make the bride's honeymoon a little sweeter. Other thoughtful

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• **Kitchen showers** are an especially good theme for "coed" parties. Gift ideas are endless, ranging from inexpensive kitchen tools to more costly appliances such as automatic bread-

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Many different posies are associated with weddings

Beverly Clark, author of "Weddings: A Celebration," believes we usually associate roses with weddings. Their intoxicating fragrance, stunning range of hues and romantic history make them the ideal wedding bloom. But another flower has graced the bride and her event for even longer, the orange blossom. These small, white blooms smell divine, although the scent usually fades during shipping. The orange tree produces both fruit and flowers at the same time and

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To help put your mind at ease with a personal recommendation, begin by looking through the wedding albums of friends and relatives who live in your area. Your caterer, florist or reception-site coordinator may also know some leads. You may want to meet several photographers before

making his final selection. I recommend hiring a professional who specializes in weddings, not a part-time photographer or one who only occasionally handles large events.

When you meet with the photographer, ask to view sample wedding albums. These are perhaps as important as individual shots, since they give you an idea of the scope of the photographer's talent. Check frontal portraits, as well as taken either in the photographer's studio or "on location" at various sites.

When interviewing a photographer, be sure to discuss the number of photographs

he or she takes, the cost of each print, the style and cost of the album, and whether there are travel costs or extra fees. Most wedding photographers offer a package, which is a predetermined number of pictures in various sizes for a set fee that includes the prints and the album. Ordering the package is usually the most cost-effective option.

Check to see whether packages are available for parents' albums, too. Most wedding photographers keep the negatives, however. Check to see how long they hold onto these and whether you can purchase the negatives sometime in the future. Whoever stores the

negatives should keep them in a fire-proof file. Last but certainly not least, choose a photographer whose personality will make you and your guests feel at ease. Aside from taking the photographer's work, you should feel confident that the two of you will communicate clearly.

To make sure there are no mis- understandings, include all aspects of your agreement with the photographer in a written contract. The contract should include the wedding date, the photographer's arrival time, length of shooting time and fees and overtime charges, if any. It should also include

the photographer's name, as you are guaranteed that the person you met with, and not an assistant, takes the photos. List all locations — the bride's home, ceremony site and reception site — and provide addresses and directions for each. Include the cost and details of a photo package selection and the cost of additional photos you may want to order.

If you're planning to send an announcement of your wedding to the newspaper, be sure that he can take a black and white portrait of the two of you as husband and wife. Order an 8 1/2-inch, black-and-white glossy print to send to the newspaper.

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In the Middle Ages, cryptic poetic messages such as "All I Have Is Mine" were engraved on rings, known as "poes." Hundreds of years later, in 1936, an anxious Duke of Windsor inscribed "Hold Tight" in the cleft of a diamond and ruby bracelet he gave to his soon-to-be wife.

Yes, the goddess of love has sometimes depicted wearing black and white pearls, signifying the dark

and light of passion. The ancient loved the playful son, Cupid, and his arrows have been a favorite form of jewelry since the dawn of goldsmithing. Later, his potent symbol was encrusted with diamonds, rubies, pearls and other gems.

Contrary to what you might think, snakes are also symbols of love. They represent endless, eternal love. A snake biting its tail was depicted in the wedding ring of Queen Victoria.

Butterflies, too, are totems of romance. In mythology, Cupid's lover, Psyche, was pursued until she

was attracted to Eros, the god of love. In Victorian times, flies or moths were symbols of the heart and soul hovering dangerously close to the flames of love.

Do not get into the act, too. Swallowing a coin is said to be a message of faithfulness because they always float. Doves are also a good choice because they mate for life.

If you're especially roses, don't be in bloom on their wedding day in 1997. Instead, Alexander Korda gave actress Marie O'Brien three Cartier diamond and gold roses. Other

flowers have romantic implications, too. The daisy means innocence, fidelity, a kiss, and the pansy signifies thoughts.

"Whether the symbols are overt, whimsical, sentimental or hidden, the person giving and the person receiving are usually aware of the intended message," said Ramsey. "Unlike any other romantic gift, fine jewelry endures as a unique and constant reminder of the special and enduring feelings you have for a loved one."

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ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

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For further information call 973-736-7600
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ)

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Youthful singers, actors invited to tell their story

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ing should contact Jeannette Hawks at (908) 755-6138. The company is currently involved in the production of an original screenplay by Elizabeth resident Lauren Glover "Making A Change." Glover's first screenplay, is tentatively scheduled for release in early 1999. "Making a change" tells of the experiences of an urban street "crew" and how they found hope through their religious belief.

ARTS-LINE leads to Elizabeth

The Elizabeth Arts Council supports and promotes the work of Elizabeth's artistic community and cultural institutions. Membership is open to all those directly involved in the arts — artists, writers, students, teachers and performers; and those who enjoy the arts and want to see them flourish in and around Elizabeth.

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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" explores all the fantasy and magic of a supernatural world featuring spell-bound and celestial Lovers, the mystical humors of a rustic troupe of amateur actors, and the comical mishaps of four young people in search of love. This unique abridged version runs 50 minutes and is recommended for grades four and up.

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Shakespeare Live! was inaugurated in 1977 and is funded in part by the Gertrude B. Dodge Foundation, AFA and the National Endowment for the Arts. Shakespeare Live! is New Jersey's only in-school touring program singularly devoted to Shakespeare's works.

The Shakespeare Live! company is comprised of 30 festival actors and includes Drew University graduates (Drew) Wilson from Weehawken, who spent last summer in the festival's Shakespeare Institute, and Justin Steele, who appeared in the festival's Marriage production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Taming of the Shrew."

Also in the company are Alison Zaleski, a native of Australia now living in New York City, who studied Shakespeare at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Michael Stewart Allen, who appeared in the festival production of "Henry V" and appeared in "Romeo and Juliet" and "Macbeth" who appeared in the festival production of "The Taming of the Shrew" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; and Laura Plante, a graduate of the Carnegie Mellon Moscow Art Theatre program. Also in the company are New York actors Greg Siegel, Joe Epstein, Mark Alhadeff and Grant Goodman.

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is the state's only professional theater dedicated to the presentation of Shakespeare's canon and other classic masterworks, and has a long-standing commitment to the development and education of young audiences. Based on the campus of Drew University, the festival is housed in the 308-year F.M. Kirby Theatre.

The festival also has an in-school residency, "The Shakespeare Experience," which brings theater professionals into the schools to collaborate on a fully-staged production of Shakespeare's play.

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is a not-for-profit organization and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as many corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals.

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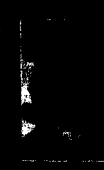


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