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Conference addresses waste

By Anthony Puglisi
Staff Writer

For years, grassroots groups throughout the state have been waging a war against solid waste incinerators that have been built in their neighborhoods. Now they are preparing to intensify their efforts as New York City is planning to transport its garbage to the Garden State when the Fresh Kill landfill in Staten Island is closed in 2002.

Such a development would have profound effects on the communities surrounding the solid waste incinerators. Increased truck traffic coming from New York and longer hours of operation for the incinerator means increased air pollution for residents of the Inland Empire, Newark and in Rahway, according to citizen organizers.

Last week, members of the Inland Empire Community Coalition and Concerned Citizens of Union County staged a rally in front of the Newark incinerator. Their efforts were continued Saturday during a day-long conference at Drew University in Madison.

Panelists at the conference included representatives from the Newark and Rahway groups as well as doctors and activists who have been lobbying against incinerators since building the plants began the rage during the mid-1980s.

Bob Carlson, one of the founders of Concerned Citizens of Union County, said importing garbage from New York means misery for incinerators in New Jersey. He said incinerators are making these decisions based on economics, not on the health and welfare of their constituents. This is because incinerators have been saddled with a large amount of debt caused by the high cost of building the facility.

When incinerators were built in Newark, Rahway, Oxford and Camden, the host counties guaranteed a certain amount of trash be sent to the facilities to keep them running. Since they have opened, none of the counties have been able to deliver the required amount of garbage and

that is why New York's solid waste will be accepted," he said.

New York's plans call for garbage to be placed on a barge and transported to Camden and Newark. New transfer stations are planned to be built on the riverfront to handle these barges. An alternate plan is to have garbage driven by trucks.

"Our victory in New York poses a problem" for New Jersey, Arnold Cohen of the Inland Empire Committee Against Toxic Waste said about the closing of the landfill on Staten Island.

"If such a plan is passed, it would be a significant defeat for these groups, especially in Union County where the Board of Freeholders last week approved the construction of a incinerator waste treatment plant in Linden."

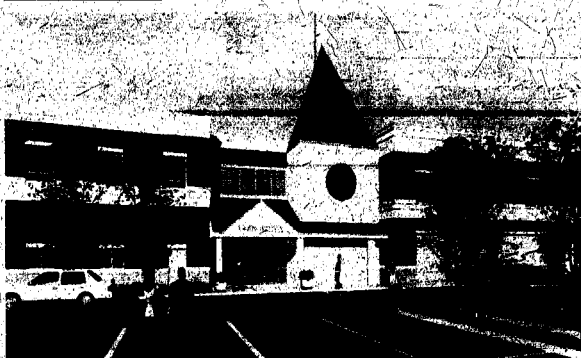
Stacy Hoffman, director of the Grass Roots Environmental Organization, said "one community's solution should not become another community's problem."

Instead of looking for ways to continually feed incinerators, government officials should investigate ways to reducing amount of waste and improve and increase recycling programs.

"We can't give in to the garbage eating monsters," she said, adding a better effort to educate the public about recycling is necessary.

Hoffman said 85 to 90 percent of solid waste could be removed from the waste stream through a three-pronged approach of recycling, reusing and composting. "We have to continue to fight for a more sustainable, healthier means to dispose of waste," she said.

This weekend, a similar conference will be held in Ballston, Virginia. Grassroots and community groups from New Jersey, New York, Virginia and Washington, D.C. are scheduled to discuss the impact of New York shipping its garbage out of state and the effects it has on the areas which receive the waste.



The Musial Group of Mountainside has designed a new entrance to the county police headquarters building on North Avenue in Westfield. The \$15-million renovation of the headquarters and prosecutor's crime lab is expected to begin in February and last 18 months.

Freeholders presented with designs

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Planning and engineering, in addition to other preliminary work on the Veneri Complex on North Avenue in Westfield is expected to last through the end of the year and renovations begin in February.

The \$15-million renovation plan is currently in the design phase. Architects from The Musial Group of Mountainside presented the Union County Board of Freeholders with an update on the project at its meeting last week.

The complex at 300 North Ave. houses the county police headquarters and the prosecutor's crime lab. Voting machines will continue to be stored there until November when all of them will be kept in the Board of Elections' Scotch Plains facility.

An addition will be constructed onto the county police building consisting of about 9,550 square feet. There are spaces throughout the complex that can be expanded, according to architects, without disturbing additions.

Once renovations are complete, the second floor will house detectives and the forensics lab while the first floor

will house the county police with additional lockup capabilities.

The lab will be relocated to the first floor on a temporary basis during construction to allow work to be done throughout the second floor. There also will be shelter for emergency service vehicles.

Construction estimates account for almost \$9 million of the \$14.965 million project. Other costs include a \$1.5-million contingency, land, a \$1.2-million architect fee, \$750,000 for site work, a \$560,000 construction management fee, \$400,000 for furniture, \$400,000 for building equipment, \$350,000 for radio equipment, \$300,000 for relocating the police and crime lab and \$500,000 for environmental costs.

The total square footage at the complex will increase from an existing 16,260 square feet to 29,780 square feet. The crime lab has about 4,680 existing square feet but once renovations are complete, the lab will be 14,870 square feet thanks in part to moving the voting machines out.

New wrought-iron fences will replace the current chain-link fences. Brick pavers will be installed, more landscape

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Groups gather to fight hate

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

For 15 years, Brly Johnson thought he was a good cop. The Bronx Police Department once recognized him as the best officer in the 2,600-member department at one point during his 31-year career.

Working with the Hate Crimes Unit, then called the Community De-

viators Unit, Johnson said he "was just doing my job" as he reported bias crimes. It wasn't until 15 years into his career when he realized the magnitude of hate crimes.

His unit had reported 19 incidents of vandalism at one particular home within a six-month period. "We were identifying each incident separately. This was not vandalism, it was terrorism," Johnson said.

One night, the family had another incident. When Johnson arrived at the home, he was confronted by the father of a young girl.

Fifteen windows in the house had been shattered or open. At the time, the man's wife was in the kitchen, one child was upstairs taking a bath and another was downstairs. As windows broke all over the house, everyone screamed for the father who stood there paralyzed not knowing which way to go.

"We put a valve on crime," Johnson said. "How do we classify a hate crime? There was shattered glass all over the place. It had almost nothing to do with shattered glass."

"There is no other crime that tears at the fabric of a community than these crimes," Johnson said.

"We have to have the courage to turn to our brother and tell them to stop playing as triggers. Chinese is going to get so on. By our silence, we continue it."

Sprayed and people gathered at First United Methodist Church in Westfield to listen to Johnson's lecture as part of "Standing Together Against Hate," a forum presented by the Union County Committee Against Hate and co-sponsored by the

Union County Prosecutor's Office, state legislators from Union County and hosts of civil rights and anti-hate groups from throughout the county.

Johnson was the opening speaker for President Bill Clinton's Commission on Race Relations. He started his career as a police officer in the Boston Police Department in 1966 and retired in 1997. He spent 13 years in the Hate Crimes Unit.

The program was dedicated to the memory of former Union County Prosecutor Andrew R. Russo Jr. who died of cancer in 1996. He was a noted activist against bias crimes in New Jersey.

For all the incidents Johnson responded to, he never fully understood being victim until he spent 2 1/2 years in the department's Deoxy Unit.

"As a decoy, I'd look down and see a gun or a knife while being threatened. The difference between me and a normal victim was they had to call 9-1-1. I had backup right there."

"If people even perceive you as different," Johnson said, they will treat you differently. "Haters are cowards. When they're making you different, they're making you less than human. When they do that, they can do anything at all."

There were two groups, Johnson said, that are being killed, which will soon be the acceptables gay and women.

In his travels throughout the county, Johnson does not see things getting better, but worse. "We're prejudiced and we're terrified of each other."

Detective honored as Investigator of the Year

A prosecutor's detective who's a computer whiz, an arson investigator and a member of the county's hostage negotiating team was shaken up recently in a rubber playmate's way when he discovered he would receive the Investigator of the Year award for service, compassion for others and devotion to duty.

Detective Glenn Grunski, a member of the office since 1990, received the annual award that is known as the Alfonso L. Pisano Memorial Award in honor of a young investigator from the county's Arson Investigation Unit, who died in 1992 at the age of 35 after 12 years service to the office.

"Here is a young detective with a number of key assignments who always, always finds time to share his time and expertise with others and that's what this award for compassion is all about," said Union County Prosecutor Thomas Majahan.

At a special afternoon ceremony, attended by Pisano's parents, the special plaque that recognizes a commitment to fairness that many attributed to their son was presented to Grunski in the presence of his wife, Sheryl, and daughter, Tiffany, 4, and Erika, 18 months.

"He is most deserving of this award and of the many nominations sent on his behalf," said Chief of Investigators David Regan.

In his current assignment, he works in the computer service section of the Administrative Services Unit and also serves as a member of the Hostage Negotiation Unit in the office as well as the Arson Unit, established one year ago by Majahan.

Members of the 65-member Detective Bureau at the Prosecutor's Office who have previously been singled out by their peers and co-workers for the honor are Siders, Walker, Bridges, Lawrence, Peter Klaskin, Ricardo Osborne and Sgt. Ronald Reade and James McCauley.



Detective Glenn Grunski of Elizabethtown, right, shows off his Investigator of the Year award while holding his daughter, Erika, as his wife, Sheryl, left, and daughter Tiffany look on.

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Bond approved for restoration work

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 The work will be done around the clock and the building will be completely refaced.
 Currently there are about 80 employees at the county complex in Westfield.
 "Lab conditions are very difficult to work with," First Assistant-Prosecutor James Keefe, said. "Work for the lab has increased significantly over the past several years," he said. Union County is one of only three counties in the state with its own crime lab, according to Keefe, and also provides services to other agencies, such as the Port Authority, Customs and NJ Transit.
 Noel Musial, president of The Musial Group, said there can be significant savings if renovations are completed in an unoccupied facility. He said there can be a major portion of operating departments, officials of construction take place simultaneously.
 It is critical that the plan goes forward as a result of the crime lab and its current conditions, said Prosecutor Dan Sullivan.
 Freeholder Edwin Mingo raised some concerns about relocating the police and crime lab during construction as well as the total cost of the project.
 Musial said constructing an entirely new building likely would cost about \$300 per square foot and certainly over \$20 million overall versus the \$200 to \$225 per square foot for renovation.
 County Manager Michael Lappala said the county would spend \$3 million on improvements to address drainage and environmental problems, new equipment and ADA code compliance, regardless of the renovation project.
 Sullivan said the renovated facility will be much more

audience than current conditions, which would be more "neighbor friendly" for the surrounding of Westfield. The facility is "really just an old garage" and any improvement, he said, would "make it better."
 Freeholder Chairman Nick Sciarra said the improved crime lab will help streamline investigations for authorities. "This is really a law enforcement issue."
 The Musial Group also developed plans for five floor renovations at Union County's Orscollo Correctional Facility in Elizabeth and has done work at the Somerset County Administration Building.
Courthouse bond approved
 The board unanimously approved a \$20-million bond ordinance at its meeting last week for renovation work on the lower portion of the county Courthouse in Elizabeth.
 The project is expected to take up to four years to complete. A 3 percent downpayment on the bond will be included in the 1999 county budget which is scheduled for approval May 13.
Land contracted raffled
 A contract was unanimously approved by the freeholders to enter a contract with Olympia Trails Bus Company, Inc. to purchase land for the construction of a juvenile detention center.
 The county will buy the 3.23-acre site at 209 Extended Bayview Ave. near the Goethals Bridge in Elizabeth for \$2.85 million.
 Construction of the new detention center is expected to begin next spring and be completed in 18 months. The 72,000 sq ft facility is estimated to cost in the area of \$14 million to \$15 million.



The Union County Economic Development Corporation recently received a check for \$353,830 from the state Department of Labor to help support ISO 9000 training. From left, are UCEDC President Maureen Timen; commissioner of the state Department of Labor, Mel Gelade; Freeholder Linda Stender; and director of Business Services for the Department of Labor, Brian Peters.

COUNTY NEWS

Master Gardeners present plant sale on May 16
 The Union County Master Gardeners Plant Sale will be May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 482 New Providence Road, Montclair, N.J.
 Residents can purchase annuals and perennials, flowers, vegetables, herbs, shrubs, houseplants and native wildflowers. There also will be lectures, propagation, demonstrations and identification of insect pest and plant diseases.
 Admission is free.

Outreach services are available to seniors
 Union County's Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program schedule for May. The program is open to all senior citizens of Union County.
 Young representatives will be on hand to provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for Gas and Electric, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and other benefits. There also will be free health screenings, including vision, hearing, dental, and blood pressure checks.
 The dates, locations and times for the applications are:

Monday, May 10, Calvary Baptist Church, 1545 Monroe Ave., Montclair, 10:00-12:00 a.m. to noon.
 Tuesday, Oakwood Plaza Apartments, 380 Irvington Ave., Elizabeth, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 May 20, Roselle Borough Hall, second floor, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division of Aging, call the division at 973-261-1100, ext. 2082 or 261-8226.

FEMALE features parent education as speaker
 The Union County Chapter of Family Employment Mothers Association (FEMA) will feature parent educator Joanne Oppelt from the national organization Parents As Teachers on May 11.
 Oppelt, a mother of three, with a Bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in health administration, will discuss understanding and preventing undesirable behavior in children. As a member of Parents As Teachers, she travels in the field conducting home visits, developmental assessments and group meetings.
 The meeting will be at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford

starting at 7:30 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 8 p.m. Current and prospective members are welcome as attend.
 Evening meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanson House. The group will continue to meet throughout the summer.
 For more information, call Karly at 908-627-2474 or Debra at 908-862-7791.

Variety of evening courses at Vo-Tech

There are diverse courses in a wide variety of skills, occupations and general interest being offered in the Evening Division's "Accession" at the Union County Vocational Technical Schools, which begins May 17 and ends June 28.
 "According to John Crowley, director of the Evening Division, all classes will meet twice a week, unless otherwise noted, at the UCVTS, Scotch Plains Campus, 3776 Raritan Road.
 Included among the available courses are Adult Body and Auto Mechanics Workshops; Baking, Catering/Restaurant Repair, Computer Repair/Training, Residential Construction, Estimating, CAD, House Wiring, Electricity, Electrical Blueprint Reading, Control Circuits, Basic

UCEDC receives \$350K check from state

The Union County Economic Development Corporation was the recipient of a check for \$353,830 from the state Department of Labor to help support ISO 9000 training. Freeholder Linda Stender attended the Union County Economic Development Corporation Appreciation Luncheon honoring the New Jersey Department of Labor to thank labor leaders for their continued support.
 "With the very active and positive assistance from the Department of Labor, Division of Customized Training, we are completing our first ISO 9000 training program with 24 companies that employ more than 1,300 people," Stender said.
 "I am pleased to announce that the second ISO 9000 training program has begun with 800 employees from 17 companies," said Freeholder Chairman Nick Sciarra.
 "Additionally, more than 250 workers in our community have also benefited from the English as a Second Language Program and other work place related training supported by a joint partnership between the DOE and the UCEDC," said Maureen Timen, president of the UCEDC.
 "We are very appreciative of the outstanding and long-term developers that assist in our small businesses here in Union County," said Timen. "It is a privilege to have the excellent programs offered by the UCEDC and the DOE."
 Among the distinguished officials attending the luncheon were Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor Mel Gelade and director of Business Services for the Department of Labor, Brian Peters, who presented the check to the UCEDC.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Director follows in Fosse's famous footsteps

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

When Cranford Dramatic Club decided to expand on a theatrical "experiment," they chose a director with a lot of experience. The name, Maurice J. Moran Jr., is immediately recognizable for the Union County community theater "Pippin" that's well-known and respected director.

"I started out, actually, in Rahway when there used to be a group called the Rahway Revelers," said Moran, whose first name is pronounced "Morris," a Rahway resident. "Then when they disappeared, a couple of friends of mine that had been working in Cranford said, 'Come on over! That's going back about 16 years, I guess."



Maurice J. Moran Jr., caught in the act of directing a classroom of high school students.

"I've been working in community theater since the early 80s, and teaching high school theater for 24 years, in both Union and Essex counties, formerly at Roselle Catholic, and currently in Verona.

"It's a little bit of a commute in the morning, but it's a great job," Moran said.

Moran, who primarily divides his directorial responsibilities between Cranford Dramatic Club and Westfield Community Players, originally was on the publicity side of the 100 lights at Sunnyside Theatre in Montclair.

"I started working in public relations because when I was in college I had a journalism degree in concentration in my English major, so I was combining both fields, because I was certified in theater but I didn't love to write."

But that's not all he loved to do. "I did that classic, 'But what I really want to do is direct' line," Moran laughed. "So the producer at the time said, 'Well, why don't you try to get more experience,' working with adults, because so far my experience had only been high school kids. I went to school, then, for this."

He earned a degree in theater from New York University, "and started working with community theater," said he and his wife, 15 years later they bred him as a director.

"And lo and behold, Moran is now directing 'Pippin,' a Bob Fosse musical, which runs through May 22 at Cranford Dramatic Club.

Although Fosse's famous choreography is no longer considered as fringe as it was when it debuted, his works are not often attempted on high school and community theater stages, and usually the production of choice is "Pippin." Yet, this is not the first time this avant-garde musical has been seen on the CDC stage.

"When I was first getting started in Cranford, a small group of people from the theater had done a smaller version of it. They had what they called an 'experimental' program, where they would allow what they would consider to be non-mainstream, at the time — and 'Pippin' was still a little bit off the beaten path, for community theaters."

Although Moran's resume boasts both musicals and straight plays, a

couple of the small shows like "The Fantasticks" and "Stepping Out" and "Nonsense," most of the time it was non-musicals, "Noises Off" and "Inherit the Wind," things of that nature," this is the director's first Fosse attempt.

"I love the show. I'd seen it in New York years ago with John Rubenstein, although I missed Ben Vereen."

CDC veteran Janice Lyne had choreographed the earlier "experimental" "Pippin."

"As it happened we ended up being cast together in 'Baby' last year," Moran said. "She and I were standing backstage and I said, 'Do you want to choreograph 'Pippin'?' and she said, 'Oh yeah, I'd love to do that again.' So I worked on very nice. Lyne will also play the role of Charlemagne's second wife, Pippin's stepmother."

"She's really done a great job," Moran continued. "In one way, recreating the style of Fosse and in another, as you saw with people who are not necessarily dance-trained, I don't dance that well," the director admitted. "I took a class in choreography for choreographer so I could figure out how to work the movement sections of those little musicals. I was talking about, but most of the time I have a choreographer, so I don't think I guess goes against the Fosse tradition. He thought it should be just

hand, you've got the 'reality' of Pippin and Charlemagne in the 8th century. I have to keep them on two levels, remind them that the fellow playing Charlemagne is Charlemagne, but he's also playing Charlemagne, and there are moments when he can reveal to the audience that he's an actor, and there are moments when he has to play Charlemagne."

Sometimes, Moran said, "there are moments, right off the bat, each other, so it's a tough job for an actor, think that's particularly to Fosse. I read a little bit of background on the play, and he pushed that side a little more than Stephen Schwartz, the 'Godspell' fame. I intended, in fact, they came to arguments and fights over interpretation of it."

Moran said this dual reality is also communicated through the dance.

"The dancing is certainly not traditional even from a point of view of representing France in the 8th century."

Many familiar CDC faces may be seen in the production. John Duray is celebrating his 25th production at CDC.

"I've directed him in a number of shows. He's playing Charlemagne as he did 15 years ago in that experimental production."

George Shuhan is cast as the Leading Player, Ober CDC regulars include Jo Anne Geshickler, Melissa Loderstedt, Mary Webb, Hope Weinstein. "I directed her in the Fossefest" at Westfield a few years ago, and she's just a lovely person to work with," — and Ed Wind. "This is the fourth show he's done this season. He's been in everything. That was his goal this year, he wanted to be in every show if he could, so I was glad to make that happen for him."

And some new faces — new to CDC, that is, but necessarily to the local stage, "not the least of which is Pippin, Matt Price, who is a senior at Union Catholic and is an incredible performer for his age."

Price jumped into the limelight as Marilyn Sam in Lipdip, Summit Playhouse's final production. "I'll be there."

"I just saw him do 'How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying' at Union Catholic, which I went to because I wanted to see how he worked on stage," the director said, "and I was amazingly impressed. He's had more experience in four or five years than most of us."

Young Price will have to take one night off from "Pippin," however, to attend his senior prom.

"So you've got a substitute," Pippin's going in for that evening, a fellow by the name of Gabi Nardelli.

Moran said the CDC's final production will open tomorrow at 8 p.m. Moran is confident his audience will enjoy the show.

"It's adult," he admitted. "It's really not all that shocking, especially compared to things that are going on the stage these days — although you on the Cranford stage, because the director said with a chuckle,

Phyllis R. Santfner displays a patterned china treasure at "Treasures Versus Trash" workshop at Springfield Library.

Cultural, heritage division takes its 'antiques' show on the road

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

On April 29, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs sponsored its own "Antiques Roadshow," with "Treasures Versus Trash" at Springfield Library's Donald B. Palmer Museum.

The collections management workshop (funded by NJ Historical Commission) was presented by Phyllis R. Santfner, historic house museum curator for Acorn Hall in Morrisville and regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Schuyler/Hamilton Museum. Santfner exhibited an extensive 18th and 19th century collection from china to clothing, passing items around for close viewing and discussing historical value.

Santfner began the workshop with a discussion of cut glass. She described the very first milky green Egyptian glass, which inspired production in Germany and England, and ultimately the United States.

"The beauty is here," Santfner said, explaining that America's pure sandy beaches produced the finest glass in the world, evolving from smoky, grey-colored glass fired over an open hearth to the crystal-clear gas-fired product of the late 1700s.

"American cut glass was the wedding gift of the late 1900s," she said.

"When you have cut glass, you have a true art form."

After World War I, glass production methods were changed to save on cost, resulting in pink, green or lavender toned Depression glass, which "has been the rage for the past five years," according to the speaker.

Santfner segued into china by explaining that glass is the finish put on china. Metal was also used to finish china, resulting in lusterware of the 1900s. Santfner displayed hand-painted, factory-painted and patterned china, with hints on how to handle these items.

China dolls were not glazed, and primarily were in the 1980s. Glazing in the 1940s predated the debut of the glazed china doll in 1905, and development of bi-type-type glazing followed.

Santfner displayed some sewing implements, such as ivory and bone knitting needles, mother-of-pearl tape measures popular in the 1850s, and a Native American beaded velvet pin cushion.

Also discussed and exhibited were English enamel work and pewter, leather, baskets and clothing.

Santfner provided a bibliography for the serious collector, and at the close of the workshop various antique items brought by attendees.

Summit celebrates a centennial

In conjunction with the celebration of the Summit Centennial, co-sponsored by the Centennial Committee, Summit 2005 Heritage Festival will feature the music, dance, food, arts and crafts representing Summit's diverse population — past and present. The goal of the Festival is to

celebrate Summit's rich diversity and its contribution to making the city one of New Jersey's premier communities. Those wishing to participate in the Festival and/or its planning should contact Mia Andersen and/or Jesse Bailer at the Summit 2005 office, 277-4400.

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DINING REVIEW
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Alexus Steakhouse & Tavern
The Place To Go For Great Steaks • Fish • Burgers

by Renee Illan

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The upbeat music greets diners as they enter this comfortable restaurant. Novelty mirrors and neon signs suggest the free spirit of the restaurant. The dining room has been remodeled and affords more ambience & privacy for all dining patrons.

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My dining companion and I are dessert connoisseurs. A nice assortment was available and it was hard to choose. I selected the strawberry chocolate and my friend chose the cheesecake. The cheesecake was absolutely sinful but the strawberry chocolate was divine. Moments and moments of homemade whipped cream over a light chocolate and the quantity of fresh strawberries was more than plentiful. Both of us agreed the desserts complimented the meal very nicely. We both had coffee becoming hot and fresh.

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What's Going On?

Barbershop chorus sponsors youth outreach program

The Railway Valley Chorus of Westfield sponsors a Youth Outreach program available to any chorus, district, official schools, according to the Youth Outreach Coordinator U. Joseph Weiss of the Jerseyans. To get out more information about this program, call 609-666-4218.

The Youth Outreach program is designed to encourage and actively promote the joyful experience of singing four-part harmony among men in the Mid-Atlantic District of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

It includes the establishment of groups of harmony singers in area churches as an integral part of the school curriculum to provide an early performance and to develop a sense of belonging and rewarding singing experience.

Harmony singing has been recognized by MENC as a method of early music, instilling singing discipline and discipline in the public schools.

This program provides young men with some new positive ideas about future time singing. It basically is an outreach program by SPEBSQSA members and involves high school and college-aged men in local programs. Harmony Exposition takes place every two years and is organized especially for the young male voice.

Spice Antiques International has similar programs for girls which can run parallel to Harmony Exposition. The Railway Valley Chorus' funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts' Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The Jerseyans rehearse every Monday at 7:30 pm in the First Baptist Church Hall, 350 Elm St. in Westfield.

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PRIZE: Food, fish, odds, raffles, crafts, live entertainment, 200 vendors, special kids center with free gift for kids to go home with.
ORGANIZATION: Hudson Chapter of the Pie Crust

Flea Market

FRIDAY
May 14, 1999
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Babcock Lutheran Church, 184 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, N.J.
TIME: 10am-1pm
PRIZE: New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, etc.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Saturday

Saturday
May 15, 1999
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 184 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, N.J.
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ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Friday and Sunday

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Saturday
May 15th, 1999
EVENT: Gospel Concert
PLACE: Columbia High School, 17 Parker Avenue, South Orange, N.J.
TIME: 8:30pm-10:15pm
PRIZE: Admission \$20-\$25 for ad for information and tickets purchase \$75-\$75 for ad \$75-\$75 for ad
ORGANIZATION: Calvary Temple Evangelical Church of Christ and Disciples Home Care, Inc. of East Orange

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ORGANIZATION: Jersey Animal Control

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ORGANIZATION: New Eyes For The Needy

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ORGANIZATION: Maplewood Chamber of Commerce

Saturday

Saturday
May 15th, 1999
EVENT: Montrose in May, Historic Home Tour
PLACE: Tour Origins of Historic Mountain State, located at intersection of Montrose Avenue and Voke Avenue, South Orange
TIME: 11am-4pm
PRIZE: \$15.00 for day of tour, advance homes \$12.00 (for local events, see price) for more information call 973-762-2222.
ORGANIZATION: The Montrose Park Historic District Association

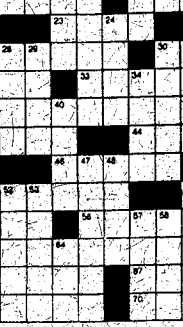
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5. Army transport
9. Frame
14. Stravinsky
15. Navar again
16. Regarding sound
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20. Eyed
21. Opinion-gatherer
22. A Gershwin
23. Dispatch
25. Sites for bracelets
27. Arouse
30. Burr or Spelling
32. Javelin's path
33. Close in
35. Grimm buddy
39. Cole Porter song, 1934
43. Hirsute Himalayan
44. African tongue
45. Phalanx greeting
46. Runs easily
49. Merchant
51. Cuban strongman
55. Mew
55. Humonist, George
56. Sicilian
59. Acrid Lloyd
63. Cole Porter song, 1934
66. In company
67. Elvis follower
68. Wendy's baker
69. Olympic great
70. Promise
71. Mild grape word

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DOWN

2. Hanging out
3. Honeycomb
4. Bowl color
7. Sartor or Levertov
8. More or less
9. Intrigue
10. Rogers St. John
11. Lilies
12. Strain
13. Warm up
14. place
15. Fabulist
16. The King and I
17. note
18. Spirit
19. Offshooters
20. Griston zone
21. Popular pup
22. Starlet
23. Hood
24. Papa's given name
25. Garfield's keeper
26. Competitor
27. Narcissus' admirer
28. Spring note
29. Fire fuel
30. Kind of corn
31. Not before
32. U.S. gold medal
33. Marninell and Lanchester
34. Desirable
35. Bowl color
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(See ANSWERS on Page B11)

HOROSCOPE

For May 10 to May 16

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Fifth will interfere come to the forefront. Head the advice of elders when seeking to make investment, decisions.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your life takes on a new direction. Take an honest and direct approach in a presentation. Communicate your feelings to loved ones without fear of judgment.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Pay attention to your dreams or intuition. Spirit insights are revealed. Turn the tables on your financial wits. Make smart and timely investment now.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Join in and enjoy participating in a personal endeavor. Changes in your personal appearance lets you plenty of compliments. Just say thank you with a smile.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 23): But lots of emotional energy, too, your work this week. New acquaintances can expose you to a wealth of opportunities. Keep your eyes and ears open.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23): Travel and adventure are charted. Pack light and quick. Friends come through for you in some unexpected ways. Figure out how to best show them your appreciation.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Welcome the input of a wise or experienced partner in a joint venture. You are recognized as an expert in your field of endeavor. Stand up and take a bow.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Give back some of what you have learned. Teach something very unique and unusual from your experience. Don't take any unusual risks in a relationship.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you have been longing for is suddenly well within your reach. Don't stop short of your goal; keep plugging. Make adjustments in your current employment.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social issues demand your attention. Create an atmosphere of peace to build and exchange information that is comfortable and welcoming to all parties.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Domestic security looms your list of concerns. Find a quiet place to escape from the demands of work where you can feel safe and protected. Recharge your emotional battery.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Put learning and education high on your agenda this week. It's your time to explore and uncover answers to the many mysteries of life. Don't hesitate to ask questions.

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Pelicans on the Beach by Barbara Zietchick is on display at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Artistic freedom is communicated through Summit nature exhibit

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Printmaker Barbara Zietchick has the knack for letting loose, but not so loose that she lets herself get out of control. Her work is riotously colorful, undulating and exuberant, but disciplined enough to fly straight and not swove and crash.

Her subjects — Towals, fish, turtles, deer — are valiantly ones. The potential to be cute is just too close for comfort. But Zietchick seems to enjoy the perception of nature as "rich" as the subject matter itself, a balance that results in works that are freely whimsical and aesthetic but not too cute. "They don't mean that her creatures are without personality, though, "Pelicans on the Beach" had one pelican swallowing a fish, with another pecking over its shoulder in an oddly human, almost judgmental, way. "The Pelicans" gives the impression that the three birds are caught in a conversational pause, looking at their feet, as if waiting for something else to say. "Desert Fantasy" and "Under the Sea," are devoid of animal life, but their plant-life erupts wildly, as if threatening to cover the earth. Despite

their titles, both works seem to part of a panorama, as if each enhanced by the fact that they hang next to each other. Zietchick's colors here are darker, the mood somewhat somber, although her enthusiasm for nature isn't lessened. It seems, in fact, stronger than ever. The switch in mood is surprising, but welcome.

Zietchick's technique, minimalist as a process combining painting with printmaking. The image is applied to a flat plate with oil paint and ink, and then transferred to wet printmaking paper through the use of a press. The effect is direct, the paint palpable. Zietchick's meandering brushstroke style, which seems close to fingerpainting, is amazingly free, the effect clearly giving the impression of both a wild beach scene in her pelican pictures, and dry landscape. The active color palette communicates a variety of nature's splendors without ever going over the top.

Barbara Zietchick, "Revelations in Monotype" will be in the Members Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through June 5.

The question of culture or lack thereof in sports

Competitive sports has increasingly become an important part of our culture. The competition, whether it be the incredible winning of the Yankees last season or a young inner city kid's desire to be the "like Mike," or the rise of women's sports under the auspices of federal sponsors on the college level, capturing specific attention which has become its own art form attracting large audiences.

Not unexpectedly, competitive sports is often full of societal values. Certainly we all understand last baseball season between Matt McGuire and Sammy Sosa, the issue was clearly of professional athletes as role models.

Important behavioral questions are everyday issues in our newspapers — drug taking, academics and the absence of other societal values in the goals of athletes who are athletic geniuses, the treatment of women, making of a lack thereof as a selling point for team and ethical values, and government and environmental attitudes as well as other issues. The Olympics are now deemed to be the most important element of our culture from the standpoint of big money, media and sports fever.

One of the most problematic issues for me is the increasing aggressive and yes, often too athletic of basketball coaches that are the norm, with which they play. The recent NCAA basketball tournament underlined what I call these screaming, boisterous battles that get away with these days.

While I make no brief for a professional player shaking his crank — a recent occurrence for those who don't follow such things — playing for a coach who continuously and intelligently criticizes, spits, and generally shows up his players in the media and the crowd may be undeniably gratifying, but is most problematic for the athlete. In the press the situation may self-correct most of the time. When the player pushes back or simply stops performing, as seemed to happen this winter on The New Jersey

On The Arts

By Jon Plaut

Not the model of the encouraging and successful coach of the professional, for example, Larry Bird gives strong hope for the future, although the battles do seem to proliferate.

In college basketball, unfortunately, the situation is worse. The athletes are younger and many are less skilled. They certainly are more vulnerable, students often dependent on scholarships and their coaches for their future.

If you watched the NCAA tournament games this year, it will not seem like an exaggeration to you for me to say that most of the coaches and a sour and vicious. Especially as the game gets tough, they scream their complaints and instructions into their player's faces, spraying saliva and sweat in the process. Many of the coaches are not led by positive examples, but by brute force. Why, as a coach, you would not tolerate in a high school setting, with a highly public audience, acceptable at the college level?

Speaking of admiring athletes and not of a coach who led in a gentlemanly fashion, I would protest that there is no evidence that the rally and cheerer gets better results than the quiet teacher. The quiet player who cares less, the courteous and destructive effect of harsh and hectoring of an adult, particularly a mentor or coach, on the adolescent or young adult. Perhaps it is time for the increasing millions who love the art and competition of sports to speak out against this emerging brazenness of competitive sport. That would include players, coaches, fans, alumni, parents, the media and particularly college presidents and their administrations.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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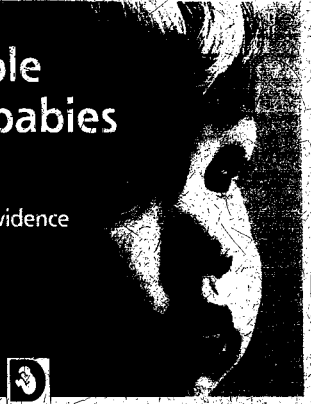
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GMC Sierra takes safety, security seriously

Superior forward lighting (the first standard four-wheel disc brakes on a half-ton full-line pickup and seat-mounted safety belts are among the many safety and security features on the all-new 1999 GMC Sierra pickup. Safety systems were an integral part of the design planning process as one of eight key customers requirements.

The GMC safety engineers focus on three areas: collision avoidance, occupant protection, and driver and vehicle security.

Sierra's exceptional forward illumination is a major collision avoidance system. The forward lamp configuration is deeper, wider and taller than those on previous Sierra pickups. Additionally, lighting engineers created a new lens "prescription" for accurate low beam-focusing, but went to reflector optics for superior high beam illumination. Both modes produce a highway-friendly light pattern with a smooth, even pattern parameters to enhance the driver's feeling of comfort and safety.

In addition to providing a 15 percent increase in forward light range, the low beams of the new headlamps light 120 percent more left-hand drive light for better visibility of obstacles near or to the left of the roadway.

Thanks to the new design and work with simulated environments, the high beam headlamps of the Sierra deliver 25 percent more illumination and about 30 feet of "soaring distance" over previous Sierra headlamps.

These enhancements were accomplished without the level of glare, much to the delight of drivers in oncoming traffic.

This exceptional combination of more light without increasing glare is the result of extensive use of a computer program that simulates night road conditions. Because of this, engineers were able to perfectly tune the headlamps before a single lens was made.

To further enhance forward illumination excellence, the Sierra offers available fog lamps on two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive models.

Another collision avoidance feature is Sierra's standard four-wheel anti-

lock disc brake system. Brakes for the 1999 Sierra were optimized on the tires, suspension, and road grip. The Peak Tire route drives 4,600 feet in just 12 miles and involves 256 turns. Out of that severe environment came a well-balanced brake performance with or without loads.

Brake rotors are bigger and pads are 40 percent larger than those on the previous generation Sierra. Benefits include better heat dissipation, improved energy absorption and longer life.

Brake system improvements have resulted in measurable improvements in stopping distance. Early 60.0 stopping tests showed a reduction in stopping distance of 30 to 50 feet. This is partly due to electronic Dynamic Rear Proportioning, which provides for more balanced engagement and therefore less wear of the rear brakes.

Occupant protection includes Sierra's seating and restraint systems. New seat-mounted three-point belt shoulder belts are anchored to the outboard from seats and move with every adjustment to the seat. The new Sierra seat design encourages safety belts by optimizing fit and comfort, regardless of occupant size or seat position.

To improve fit for smaller occupants, Sierra's rear seats include adjustment clips that keep the belt off the rear bulkhead position on extended cab models.

The 1999 Sierra's supplemental inflatable restraint system includes reduced force driver and passenger air bags, and an off-switch for the passenger frontal air bag. Passenger air bag deactivation is desirable when the passenger seat position is occupied by a small adult or child or an infant in a rear-facing car seat. Provisions for passenger-side security, tether-type child safety seats are standard on regular cab Sierras, but the passenger air bag must be deactivated when using this feature.

Sierra's Coastal Loss Protection Mode, the in-dash driver message center, battery rundown protection and available tractor and panic alarm are some of the driver and vehicle security features.

How many full-size pickups can keep going after a complete loss of

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The Driver Message Center alerts the driver through a progressive series of warnings to impending or potential service conditions. The DMC provides LCD readouts of 18 vehicle functions and conditions including low fuel, coolant level and temperature, low washer fluid and motor oil, and engine oil.

The 6.5L diesel engine also has a transmission temperature gauge. Battery rundown protection prevents battery drain by shutting off the interior lights and cargo box lights after 40 minutes if they are left on.

Sierra's available vehicle locator and panic alarm are activated from the remote keyless entry key fob. Blinking lights and a horn chirp provide visual and audible cues when the locator horn is pressed. Flashing lights and a blaring horn call attention to the vehicle in panic situations.

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Comparison of turbo, supercharger

While turbochargers are still in use today, most manufacturers interested in boosting the output of small (2.0 to medium-sized) engines have taken the mechanically driven supercharger path. The reasons why are revealed in a comparison of the strengths and weaknesses of each device.

Both approaches supply additional quantities of air to the intake side of the engine. Since a turbo is driven by exhaust gas, it has certain response characteristics that can be detrimental to performance. At low loads and low rpm, there isn't sufficient exhaust energy to keep a turbo spinning fast enough to appreciably boost the supply of intake air. If the driver steps into the throttle, warms the engine, rpm too low and the transmission in an upper gear, too much happens for a couple of seconds. The turbo motor doesn't react instantly, eager to charge again.

With an engine-driven supercharger, the pump is always primed. Throttle response is virtually instantaneous and this is the supercharger's trump suit over the turbocharger.

Superchargers can be tailored very readily to the engine's characteristics by simply adjusting the unit's size and drive ratio.

Both devices add to cost and require careful engineering, so it's easy to see why car manufacturers make their choices with great deliberation. Turbos and superchargers both take up space under the hood, another concern. Most makers feel that packaging a turbo is simpler than accommodating a supercharger.

The turbo is more compact and it can be located in various positions, on or next to the engine. Belt-driven superchargers demand some space at the front of the engine, one area that's already quite congested. Pitting a supercharger and its associated hardware under a low hoodline is a major engineering headache.

1999 Buick Regal offers Monsoon audio system

Regal, Buick's sporty midsize sedan, offers an new optional Monsoon audio system for the 1999 model year. The Monsoon system, which features eight speakers powered by a 220-watt amplifier/propressor unit, is available on Regal LE and Regal GS. Having the Monsoon audio system in Regal is a perfect fit in every sense, said Roger W. Adams, Regal

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