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Losing unanimity

It was bound to happen sooner or later. For the first time this year, the freeholder board passed a measure without a unanimous vote. The board unanimously approved nearly 1,000 resolutions and ordinances, or amendments, to ordinances, before a dissenting vote was cast by any of the nine Democrats.

Last week, freeholders barely approved an ordinance that defines terms for the county council and allows them to continue "serving at the pleasure of the board." Previously, the board had the right to terminate a council member at will. County council used in several four-year, interim while deputies served three years. The amendment was introduced in first reading by a unanimous vote on May 27.

Reporter's Notebook

By Mark Hrywno
Regional Editor

However, at last week's meeting, the measure came within one vote of failing. It was passed 5-to-1 with Freeholder Don Gonzalez dissenting. Had the freeholder left the meeting a little earlier then he did, the four votes would have fell short of the required majority.

With Freeholders Mary Ruolo and Linda Slender absent, the meeting began with seven freeholders. Freeholder Lewis Mingo left just before 9 p.m. following a "brief" one-hour closed session featuring only six freeholders since they started the agenda. The board passed the measure and Freeholder Al Mirabella exited a little while later at 9:25 p.m.

Although it was the first time freeholders were not unanimous in their voting records, it was not the first time. Gonzalez expressed a difference of opinion on a matter before the board.

Last month Gonzalez expressed concern about starting a procedure that regularly allows council members to be removed from office. The board approved contracts for engineering and design work on various road improvements.

While he ultimately voted in favor of awarding the contracts, one week earlier he pulled county staff about how many vendors were solicited for the work. Only one vendor was solicited for a majority of the projects approved.

Gonzalez said change orders and new contracts all seem to be trending toward a no-bidding situation with the county. He asked the county manager to come up with a proposal to reduce no-bid contracts. Since the engineering and design contracts were professional services contracts, the county was not required to bid. See FREEHOLDER, Page B2.

Family Day at Sheriff's Complex



Seven-year-old Jack Meyer checks out a New Jersey National Guard helicopter used for emergency accidents during Saturday's Family Day at the Sheriff's Complex in Summit. The event was sponsored by the Union County CARE Officers Association, Union County Police Chiefs Association and Union County Sheriff's Department.

Open space a hot topic

By Mark Hrywno
Regional Editor

Would you pay more taxes to preserve open space? That's the question "Save Our Land" members of Union County are ready with a little deeper to persuade voters for open space and recreation.

Jandoli, who is principal planner for the Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program, came before the Board of Chosen Freeholders last week to pitch the idea of an open space trust fund for Union County.

He made a presentation to the board's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in February. Having heard from freeholders after correspondence throughout the spring, Jandoli decided to pitch the board last week. But he says he is not in a hurry to bring the issue on. However, you must realize that public services require public funding and the willingness of the public to pay increased taxes needed to the improvement of their park systems is well-ascertained. Jandoli said. He cited last year's state bond referendum on open space which was approved by 65 percent of Union County voters.

On an open-space and recreation tax of one cent per \$100 of assessed value, Jandoli estimated the cost would range from a low of \$13 in Hamilton to a high of \$48 per section. He estimated the average cost would be \$24 per year in his hometown of Cranford.

Revenues generated through the excise tax would be approximately \$3.2 million, according to Jandoli. The funds could be used for any purpose: park maintenance, historical preservation and debt service including parks and recreation, excluding maintenance.

The county also can add a "sunset provision" limiting the tax to a specific number of years, while some ordinances have done.

It is understood that you may think that opportunities for land acquisition

are limited in Union County and they are, both by availability and cost, but they do exist. Jandoli said.

There are opportunities to link county parks and expanding them. The idea of a trust fund, County Manager Michael Jandoli said, is not all based against urban counties and towns. There is nothing else to acquire in Union County and the trust fund will keep development out of suburban cities, he said.

He related the fact that the county likely will not receive its fair share of money relative to its population. From the state bond referendum passed in November, Bonding Legislation called the Garden State Preservation Trust Act will establish a Garden State Preservation Trust Fund Account that will receive \$98 million annually from the state's general fund for 10 years.

The bill delegates \$20 million for preservation of historic sites and target 60 percent of the rest of the money for open space and 40 percent for landfills. No funds, however, are planned to be set aside specifically for urban areas, according to a governor's spokesperson.

It's not your responsibility, it has for "our own agendas" through smaller, dedicated tax. The state bond money, Jandoli said, should go there. We view a dedicated tax for this purpose in Union County as a very positive approach to protecting our environment. Said Paul Sanderson, chairman of the Sierra Club Lantana Group in a letter to Freeholder Chairman Nick Scuto.

The Lantana Group, which represents members of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club in Union and Morris counties, adopted a resolution in April asking the freeholders to place on November 9 ballot a referendum for an open space trust fund. The deadline for any municipal or county governing body to place a referendum on the November general election ballot is Aug. 30.

Only five New Jersey counties do not have a dedicated open space tax. Sixty-two municipalities statewide have a trust fund although none are in Union County. Scotch Plains plans to put a municipal trust fund before voters in November.

Money from a trust fund are not required to be spent only on county parks. Jandoli said the trust fund allows the county to dole out loans or grants to municipalities for nonprofit, conservation groups.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan said the issues related to open space issues at the state level must be resolved before the freeholders at Union County voters to vote on a trust fund.

Although there is not much open space to be acquired within Union County, Freeholder Al Mirabella said the county could allocate trust funds for developing parks and making them more accessible to handicapped residents.

Shared services to be explored

By Mark Hrywno
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders has created an ad hoc committee to explore the possibilities of shared services among government entities within Union County.

The move is an effort to streamline

and rationalize power between local and county governing bodies, Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scuto said. "We already have an aggressive agenda for this committee to follow."

While the committee will examine shared services in general, Scuto

said it also will look at the possibility of the technology shared services to such targets, such as county animal shelter or health. The committee's first charge will be to look at some portions of putting together such a plan.

Many municipalities already have asked the county for the kind of services that come with a "county seal." He stressed that the committee will look not only at the county's ability to provide such services but also at the cost of providing them.

Although the committee will examine such things as a county animal shelter, the freeholder chairman emphasized that shared services will be that of sharing of costs and resources, not different levels of government.

The seven members of the 11-member Board of Chosen Freeholders will receive a \$300,000 annual stipend and the committee will have \$200,000 per year to do its work. The committee was established by the board on June 10.

Dems re-elect chair

By Philip Starr Curran
Staff Writer

Charlotte Dell'Pino was re-elected to a third term as chairwoman of the Democrats' Committee of Union County.

At a meeting of the county council on Tuesday night, Dell'Pino had the full support of her party, some taking over the reins. Dell'Pino had completed record that makes her the city's last mayor.

The party's first meeting on Tuesday night was a record for the party's first meeting on Tuesday night.

at a Democrat town meeting in Newark, a meeting led by the keynote speaker, the incumbent assemblyman Joseph Sutera, Neil Cohen and Jerry Green. Spoke last night, a crowded hall about the goal of taking back control of the Assembly.

By the time the meeting was over, he made the first of what will be many appearances before Democrats. The 32-year-old executive was an organizational leader while a member of the Union County Council. He has lived in Union for 24 years.

Freeholders abolish terms for attorneys

By Mark Hrywno
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders narrowly approved an amendment last week to eliminate its option of terms for county attorneys and instead the attorneys will "serve at the pleasure of the board."

With three of the nine freeholders absent at the time of the vote, the measure was approved 5-1, with Don Gonzalez being the lone dissenter. Freeholders Mary Ruolo and Linda Slender were absent from the June 10 meeting and Freeholder Lewis Mingo left prior to the vote.

County Counsel Carol Cohen was appointed last spring to fill the remaining several months of James Keele's term. A former freeholder, Keele moved into the Prosecutor's Office as its assistant prosecutor. Cohen has been "serving at the pleasure of the board" since stepping down as a freeholder and becoming county counsel. The county council was a four-year term while deputy county counsel served terms of three years.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan said the county already enforces the

policy with attorneys hired since last year. "For whatever reason, we didn't want to create terms of office."

Gonzalez raised concerns over the fact that as chairman of the board's Policy Committee this year, he had never seen the amendment. He asked freeholders to delay a vote on the measure until it can be discussed this year. Policy Committee.

Freeholder Chairman Nick Scuto, who last year eliminated the Policy Committee, said the issue was "intensely debated" last year. He blamed himself for not lobbying the amendment's introduction but said there are instances when freeholders who do not serve on a particular committee or just see an ordinance and it is introduced.

The measure is an effort to have the council be more responsible to the freeholders, Scuto said and be more like the private sector.

Understand the implications of the ordinance, Gonzalez said, but the freeholders must make a commitment to qualified people.

Scuto emphasized that the board has the option of returning to terms. See AMENDMENT, Page B2.

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Freeholder breaks from routine

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not required to go out to bid for the work.

During a recent telephone interview, Freeholder Linda Stender said the freeholders are always interested in how public money is spent. The road projects are part of an overall plan that's budgeted \$5 million in studied road work.

"Everything we did meets requirements of the law and requirements by the state. We always look for the most effective way of doing it," Stender said.

Stender also raised objections in April over the extension of a contract with Elizabeth-Kelley Inc. of Morristown regarding the Transportation Development District Transformation and Fort Mifflin Plan. The contract awarded the engineering firm another \$400,000 for the purpose of providing out-

reach and coordinating private sector input.

Edwards and Kelley was part of the team working on the Transportation Development District which was paid \$300,000. It also was paid \$100,000 to work on the county's much heralded Port Master Plan.

The resolution, county officials said, was an extension of a previously existing contract for work on the county's Port Master Plan.

It says they keep going back to the well. At what point does this project end? asked Councilor. The question was the project was finished at the county is going to award a new contract. Although it's a strong proponent of the Port Master Plan, he said the county never completed if the six could be done cheaper.

"Other freeholders agreed they need to stay consistent with the project and keep the work with a firm that's most familiar with the project but Councilor asked at what cost should the county seek consistency. Some councilors, he said, solicit as many as three but professional services contracts.

Thanks to being replaced on the Democratic line in early April for this year's freeholder race, Councilor is a lame duck freeholder until the end of the year. He denied that that anything to do with his recent objections. Others are not so sure. Nevertheless, it should be interesting to see what happens at freeholder meetings for the rest of the year.

Stender and Freeholder Chairman Nick Scutan were awarded the party line along with Elizabeth-Kelley Education member Angel Estrada. Coincidentally, Councilor's next to Stender on the freeholder list during meetings.

Committee to examine animal shelter

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The shared services committee will be comprised of Cranford Township Councilmember George John, Patricia Phylou, Jameswood, Garwood, Mayor Michael Concho, former Hillsdale health officer Angelo Romano, Kenilworth Councilwoman Pamela Colombari, former Ringelle Park Animal Management Director and Lodi Bergen of Springfield.

new shared services between municipalities counties or school districts. The RFDIS is similar to the Joint Service Incentive Program which ended this year. The second program, Regional Effective and Program, R.E.P., provides \$25 million as additional state aid for shared services.

Representatives from almost half of the county's municipalities convened a conference in February aimed at the possibilities of shared services. From that conference, surveys were distributed to determine what kinds of services towns share and/or would be interested in sharing.

Amendment can be revisited

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Scutan said a variety of individuals were looked at for participation in the committee. Although all seven are Democrats, he said there was no effort to make it strictly partisan and didn't want anyone they were all from one party.

The amendment needs to be revisited. Scutan said the Policy Committee includes Freeholders Deborah Scanlon, Christa Holmes and Rudolph.

Freeholder Al Maratella, who served on last year's committee, said there was much discussion last year about whether or not to give county council a term limit. The amendment said, allows all county council to serve only one term. I can't envision anyone having to leave the county council to go to work.

Thirteen members within the County Council, three deputy county councilors, 10 assistant county councilors, and seven part-time assistant county councilors.

The committee will investigate whether it is a viable state initiative related to shared services. Scutan said. Within this year's state budget are two incentive programs for exploring and implementing shared services.

The Regional Effective Development Incentive, REDI, allocates \$10 million for developing or studying

Female freeholders to speak on initiatives

The three women freeholders of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will discuss county initiatives affecting women at a meeting of the Union County Women's Board of Directors on Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Union County Annex, Building at 300 North Ave., Westfield.

Freeholders Linda Stender, Deborah Scanlon and Mary Rudolph will join their discussion on topics initiated by the County to assist women and children including the projected opening in September of a child care center for county employees in Elizabeth.

COUNTY NEWS

County hosts job fair at Kean University

The Board of Chosen Freeholders welcomes county residents to attend a free job training fair on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downs Hall on the campus of Kean University in Union.

More than 35 training school vendors will be on hand to explain their job training programs. Each vendor is approved by the federally funded Job Training Partnership Act and the counties they offer are free to apply. Applicants who meet eligibility requirements established by the federal government. The vendors include Union County College, the Union County Vocational Technical School, and dozens of private, JTPA-approved training schools.

The schools participating in the job training fair offer a wide range of courses in a variety of occupations, including medical and health care, computer skills, culinary arts, automotive, electrical and welding skills, and truck driving to name just a few. They also offer youth programs for those just entering the work force and specialized training programs for other workers who are changing careers or seeking to keep up with changing technology.

For more information, call Betty Ryan, Special Projects Coordinator, Division of Information and Planning at 908-527-4836.

Vo-tech graduation is set for Tuesday

More than 400 students, including members of the Learning Division and the UVA's Adult High School, are candidates to be awarded certificates of course completion at the Union County Vocational Technical School's 25th Anniversary 25th annual graduation ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Raritan Road campus.

Shouldn't be moved weather prevent the program will be moved indoors to South Plains Fanwood High School. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Mark William Chapman Jr., Summit. A student in the Culinary Arts program, he also will serve as moderator during the program. The National Anthem will be played and sung by students from the South Plains-Fanwood High School Music Department. Gerald Karinski, Holly Oatis, Robin Kraft, Lisa Yagi and Pam Hu Lee. The Commencement Address will be delivered by guest speaker, speaker, Rastad, former Mayor of Kenilworth from Eric, former member of the Cabene program. Superintendent Thomas Brotsch will follow with his message to students and then present the 1999 candidates for graduation, assisted by Principal Carol Hopper, Director of Adult

Education John Crowley will introduce the evening and Adult School members of the graduating class.

Ceremonies of certificates will be performed by Charles Mendicino, president of the Union County Vocational Technical School Board of Education.

During the course of the ceremonies, the SPHS Music Department contingent will offer a rendition of "May Our Paths Meet Again." "Ode to Joy" will be featured as a recession. It closes out the graduation program.

Literacy Volunteers sponsor Library Day

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will sponsor a Literacy Library Day at the Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave. on June 26 at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all interested potential of current students and tutors.

Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems they are having. Potential tutors can find out about the program.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Paper Mill Playhouse presents an 'Amazing' production

By Lisa Smith
Staff Writer

A rascally handsome, physically attractive, musically talented Patrick Cassidy, on the title role of Joseph in the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, currently at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, never looked so good as when he is sporting his red and white striped coat and the audience's true voice, uttered from his mother, Shirley Jones — she has her wonderful feyness — and, his loving presence, projected from his late father, Jack Cassidy, are apparent in his portrayal of Joseph.

What an incredibly wonderful way for Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer, Robert Johnson, artistic director, and Kay Miller, associate producer, to end the Paper Mill season. The highly energetic, upbeat production with constantly changing faces by Tim Rice and musically lively music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and a cast that reaches out to an appreciative audience, was presented in association with Frank Blattbaum and Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera. Daily

directed by Dallen Norrie. Joseph's highlights, an entertaining cast, including Deborah Gibson, Paper Mill's marvelous "Gypsy," who utilizes her wonderful voice as The Narrator, the Osramph's Second General, Tim Lon, Michael, Nathan and Scott, in the roles of Joseph's brothers, high-spirited Eric Martinoff as the Blythesley type Pharaoh, Scott Davidson in the roles of Jacob and Benjamin, and Melissa Hurley, Cassidy, Patrick's real wife, as Mrs. Putlin.

Also featured at the Paper Mill are three different ensembles of local young people for "different" performances. Their voices are marvelously effective. This past Saturday marked the "Barnum" Choir, which highlights the biblical story of Joseph and his journey, was originally conceived as a 15-minute original musical, written in 1968 by Webber and Rice for St. Paul's Junior School in London. It has since been written and rewritten, had national and international tours, and now that it's been perfected the Paper Mill Playhouse has it to offer to theatergoers.

In the story, all told in music, in

Joseph, Jacob's favorite son, who is presented with an extraordinarily colorful dream, and the jealous brothers, who attempt to sway with Joseph, and ultimately are rescued and forgiven by him. The setting is in Egypt. Appropriately, as Act I unfolds, the audience is treated with such numbers as "Any Dream Will Do," "Jacob and Sons/Joseph's Coat," "Joseph's Dreams," "Poor, Poor Joseph," the marvelous "One More Angel in Heaven," "Close Every Door," and "Go, Go, Go, Joseph."

With Gibson narrating "Pharaoh's Song" with the children in Act II, they all bring forth of music. "Pharaoh's Dream" is played, and with the female ensemble and the brothers, the music of "Times Used" shows "Canaan Day." "The Brothers Came to Egypt" (Israel, Joseph) and the heartrending "Who's the Duet?" which brought goosebumps to this reviewer. "Benjamin's Calypso" was presented by Judith, the Brothers, the female ensemble, and the Children, plus "Jacob in Egypt," "One Dream Will Do" and the finale, "Joseph Mega-



Patrick Cassidy as Joseph and Deborah Gibson as The Narrator accompany the Children's Choir at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, in the Webber-Rice musical production "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show will run through July 25.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat has thrilled an already excited audience.

It really didn't matter that "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was one of the shortest musical productions staged at the Paper Mill. It still received a standing ovation at the end. In this particular musical play, it's quality — not quantity — that really counts. And in actuality, even without that title, "Joseph" truly is a gem.

Paper Mill produces 'Great Performances'

Continuing a quarter-century tradition of bringing the best of Broadway to public television, the new WNET Great Performances has come back to the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, to begin with the production of "Crazy for You." Featuring music by George Gershwin, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and book by Ken Ludwig, the 1992 Tony Award-winning Best Musical is directed by James Budman, choreographed by Angeliqe Ili and based on the original Broadway production, directed by Mike Ockrent and choreographed by Susan Stroman.

"Crazy for You" will air during Great Performances' upcoming 27th season beginning this fall. Matthew Diamond, director of the Academy Award-nominated documentary "Daredevil," will direct the telecast. Diamond is responsible for such popular Great Performances hits as "Some Enchanted Evening," "Celebrating Oscar Hammerstein II," "Dance In America," "The Week End Update Dances by Paul Taylor" and "Variety and Virtuosity: American Ballet Theater Now."

"Crazy for You," starring Jim Walton, Stacy Logan, Larry Luvie, Bruce Adler and Jane Connell, finished its Paper Mill run on May 30. "We are delighted to be working with Paper Mill again," said Great Performances Executive Producer Joe Vena, "particularly as this year marks the 10th anniversary of our presentation of their show. Best. That was a very happy event for all of us. It was one of our most requested programs and garnered two Emmy Award nominations."

Adds Angelo Del Rossi, Paper Mill executive producer, "It is indeed an honor for Paper Mill to have another show broadcast on Great Performances, a vital and indispensable cultural art venue. We are thrilled that this production of 'Crazy for You' and that a larger audience will have the chance to experience this wonderful piece of musical theater — the official State Theater of New Jersey Paper Mill Playhouse was founded in 1938 and raised the curtain on its first production in November 1938. For more than 60 years, it has become one of the most successful regional theaters in the United States."

Offering such Gershwin classics as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Man of the Hour," "Embraceable You" and "I Got Rhythm," the Gershwin musical tells the light-hearted tale of Bobby Child, a stagestruck playboy who travels to the delight of his mother to rescue a girlfriend from the theater. Romance, of course, blossoms along the way, but more importantly, so does some of the most innovative musical theater to have graced the New York stage in many years.

In addition to "Show Boat," previous Broadway musicals airing on Great Performances include "Sweet Charity," "Grease," "Hairspray" and "Chicago." Other titles include "The Most Happy Fella," "She Loves Me," "Fame," "Black and Blue" and "The New Moon."

Great Performances is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, public television viewers and PBS. Major corporate support is provided by The Citicorp/Martinez Corporation and The Citicorp/Millbank Private Bank.

David Horn is series producer for Great Performances music. John Walker is senior producer.

'A Voice Of My Own' rings out in Rahway

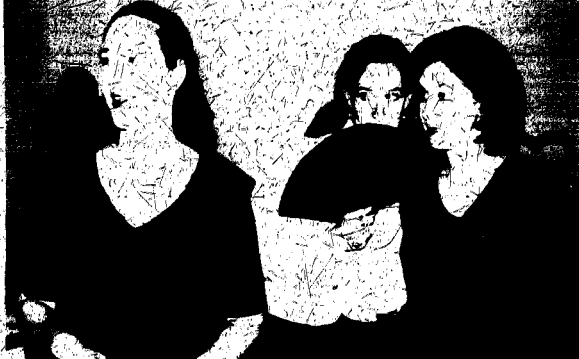
They are women, and you can hear them roar at Carnival Productions in Rahway as "A Voice of My Own" is presented through Saturday. The well-known play by Elmer Jones is not a musical, but a musicaly-tinged series of monologues by two women, female writers, from circa 1900 BC to modern-day.

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

The musical theater connects the study of consciousness in this thought-provoking, well-executed piece. The monologues create an out-of-time, filled in by the actors, of these disparate, sometimes tortured women, and give a more tangible credit to their familiar words which were written with ambiguity and often ambiguity. Characters portrayed include, but are not limited to, Jane Austen, Mary Shelley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Emily Packer, Lillian Hellman and Tennessee Williams, as well as George Sand and George Eliot, predecessors for the woman behind the pen.

The production features a talented ensemble cast, Melissa Blevis, Wendy Koppelman, Mia Diaz-Lopez, Kelly Holmes, Nancy Jean McBride, Joanne



Nancy Jean McBride speaks her mind as gossips Melissa Blevis and Emily Boyd Holmes sneer behind a fan in "A Voice of My Own" at Carnival Productions in Rahway.

Shult and Daphne Foley. Guitar and vocal arrangements by Holmes and McBride, respectively, are well done, resulting in a lively, fitting accompaniment. Actors embody the characters, reacting to the words read, about dealing with the audience into the image, resulting from doing so, let their light shine from under the proverbial musical theater spotlight. The production is a thoughtful, well-executed piece.

Being taken seriously. Effective stage, she distinguishes this production. Potential audiences may infer a certain degree of attitude and platitude to the subject matter, and would be content — things not a day play. However, there is also honesty and realism, and a sense of it-heavy-handed. "A Voice of My Own" is educational as well as entertaining, and justifies its title as well as its name. It has a profound, thoughtful, and well-executed production, and a well-executed production.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be heavily involved in community activities during this period. (Fun!) Protect your already begun goal of starting new ones. Think carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your Texas loans to financial or budgetary matters. Get all of your expenses and monetary goals nipped out before week's end. Good organization is the key to your fiscal success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There's a lot of self-expression and personal expression. Step out with style. Do your domestic environment back on track. Clean up after all the recent changes you've made.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Turn inward and get in touch with the truth that is in your soul or heart. A last-minute surprise could change your entire focus. Remain open and flexible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Group involvement improves your mood. Get together with some of your old friends. Pay close attention to your finances. None more than ever, money seems to disappear mysteriously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A professional opportunity lures you just in the nick of time. Jump on it! Use any information you might have to gain an

important cause. Stand up and be counted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): This is a very busy and active period for you. It's important to maintain a schedule. Be sure to rest and regroup on a regular basis. Practice behavior limits your career.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What's most desired is given. Look for and enjoy moments of true happiness and success with your friends and loved ones. Practice caution in deals, don't spend people's money.

APRIL CARNIVAL (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A good money may not mean a good expected. Practice in your key word. Practice in a public relationship. Be sure to surprise. Keep your

schedule fairly strictly during this festive period. Be on alert for that chronic concentration and organization. A health problem impinges on a solution is involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make the most of a speculative opportunity. Avoid a costly misunderstanding. Surrounding a joint account. Get all of the important facts and terms in writing.

If your birthday is this week, your attention turns to home and family matters during the coming year. Open the doors of communication and clear the air between you and your loved ones. In relationships and finances, there will be unexpected challenges and changes. (Compromise is your key word.) Share the wealth! (The experience of suffering through periods of loneliness and despair.

An overview of a gallery of famed French actresses

The great country of France has produced some of the greatest talents in the history of cinema, and is perhaps best known for its directors. There was a time, however, when France was best known over here for its actresses, all of whom were of course beautiful. Only briefly, during the 1930s and 40s, did French actresses make films in this country with any frequency. For the most part, however, the French stayed at home, making our loss.

Among the first French actresses to make an impact on the Hollywood community were Annabella and Danielle Darrieux. Annabella, in fact, was something of an international celebrity in the 1930s, as she was a star not only in France and the United States, but was undoubtedly field in high regard by the Swedes, as well. As she appeared in the last film by Victor Sjöström, the great-grandfather of Swedish cinema. She also managed to win the love of Tyrone Power, and the two were married after making the film "Suez" together. By Hollywood standards, it was a fairly successful and long-lasting marriage. Annabella was a real gamine, with blonde hair and her boyish charms and mischievousness, won over American audiences.

Danielle Darrieux, by contrast, was a dark-haired beauty who was very glamorous and very pretty, even, and she was a big hit in France in classic such as "Anatole" (1934), "Mayerling" (1936), and in the U.S. with "The Rage of Paris" (1938), a typically outrageous comedy farce of the 1930s. Her American films were for the most

part light, fluffy vehicles. They were like some Home films without the ice skating.

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- Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth, Class of 1949 is planning a reunion for October in Atlantic City. For information, write to TJ Class of 1949 reunion, 826 Garden St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.
- David Barclay, Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for November. Contact David Barclay High School, 654 Class of 1969, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth 07033.
- Joseph Catholic High School Class of 1989 reunion is scheduled for November. For information, write to K. Russell-McGowan, 1 College Place, #2, Madison, NJ 07240.
- Jonathan Clayton High School Class of 1949 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 5 and 7. For information, con-

NJ Commerce sponsors new heritage guide

Commerce Secretary Qualbert "Gill" Medina has unveiled the new African American Heritage Guide to New Jersey — one part of the state's mission to be "multicultural, vibrant and diverse."

This initiative will be a key selling tool in promoting New Jersey to the multi-billion dollar African American convention and leisure travel market. Medina said, "We want to make sure that all decision makers, from convention planners to mortgage operators and other major business groups, also help to promote that New Jersey is open to business, for everyone."

Medina's initiative is part of a broader effort to develop the state and Secretary of State Deborah G. Torres for its support both prior to and after joining our administration.

The 292-page, four-color publication showcases the tremendous array of African American history and cultural attractions that call New Jersey home. Throughout the guide, users can trace the heritage of African Americans in New Jersey from the 17th century to the present.

Also in the guide are endearingly biographies and photographs of renowned African Americans. Among others included are Sarah Vaughan, a native Newark singer and Lesley Brown, William "Count" Basie, who was born and raised in Red Bank, and Paul Robeson, one of the remarkable men of color.

In addition to the illustrated guide, said Secretary Medina, readers can also learn about sites of historic importance, places of cultural interest, cultural groups and clubs, museums, bars and restaurants, and general statewide information.

Convention planners considering Atlantic City as a growing base for business will also get a glimpse in the guide of the state's vibrant entertainment and the New Atlantic City Convention Center.

New York's largest African American museum, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, is also featured in the guide. Located on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan, the museum is one of the largest and most active cultural and educational institutions in the world.

The guide is available for free. For information, call (201) 526-2300.

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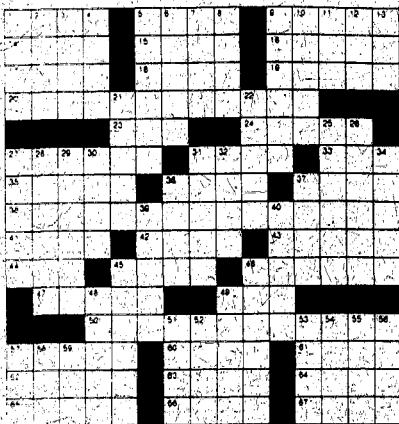
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36. Jeanne et Marie
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39. Madrigal movie house
39. Sharp party

- 40. Lianas
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46. Phenomenes
48. Spooky
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51. Pronto, plus
52. Ex-rated city?
53. ID items
54. Campaign cash
55. John Robert
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- Rank: N/A
- College: U. Rutgers

• GPA: 4.31

Activities and honors: Tennis Team, Captain; Swim Team, Captain; Future Business Leaders of America; Science League; NJ Inter-Regional Orchestra, first violin; Berkeley Heights Volunteer Reserve Squad; Student Government; Spanish Club; Temple Festival Committee; National Merit Finalist; NJ Governor's School Scholar; National Honor Society; National Spanish Honor Society; Columbia Univ. Science Honors Program; 1998 Courier New's All Area Athlete; Panatomic Creative Design Competition (two-time finalist).



Christopher Doss

Arthur I. Johnson High School

- SAT: 1430
- Rank: 1
- GPA: 4.43

College: Brown Univ., Columbia University
Activities and honors: Editor-in-Chief of Yearbook; Vice-President of French Club; SPEE - Anti-Alcohol/Drug Club; Executive Board, Student Council Representative; Committee on School Issues; Science Club; Science League; Peer Mediation; Peer Leadership; Volunteer at Parkway Hospital; Volunteer of Clark Emergency Squad; Boy Scouts; Key Club; Altar Server; Church Youth Group; Varsity Bowling; Varsity Tennis

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Scott Sambur

Konakon Dayton High School

- SAT: 1550
- Rank: 57A
- GPA: 4.31

College: Harvard University
Activities and honors: Peer Leadership; FBIA-Future Business Leaders of America; Choir; Dayton Melody; Yearbook; French Club; Science League (Biology I, Chemistry I, Physics II, Merck State Science Day, Newspaper); Key Club; School Play; Acting (Spring); School Play; Sound System; Spoken word for school assemblies and presentation; Ran and released Dayton's Schools store; Diversity Club; National Honor Society; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; Remellier Polytechnic Award in Mathematics and Science; Foreign Language Honor Society; French National Honor Society; National Honor Society; Renaissance Program; Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar; Selected for Boys State; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Gifted and Talented Program; Concours National de Français; National Merit; Colander Award Scholar; Joseph J. Scott Math Contest - first place; AP Scholar; Act Program



Bethany Dittmar

Cranford High School

- SAT: 1400
- Rank: 3
- GPA: N/A

College: Bowdoin College
Activities and honors: Varsity member of Basketball and Soccer Team (grades 9-12); Member of Model United Nations and Youth in Government; Volunteer at Charitas as a hostess; National Honor Society; Member of Gold Band; German Honor Society; Class representative; Peer Leader; Facilities, Freshmen group



Michael Nazmy

Union High School

- SAT: 1490
- Rank: 4
- GPA: 4.02

College: The College of New Jersey

Activities and honors: Vice-president of National Honor Society; Treasurer of National German Honor Society; President of Chess Club; FBIA member; Science League; Science Bowl; Chess; Varsity Olympian; Merck Science Day; Volunteer; EMT; for Union Township; EMS; computer networking; Technician; and avid fitness enthusiast

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Edward Stallings

Dagoberto High School
 • SAT: 1290
 • Rank: 3
 • GPA: 2.86
 • College: James Madison University
 Activities and honors: Environmental Club, Alternative Club, Officer, Stage, News, Newspaper, Editor, Peer Academic, Tutoring Program, Yearbook Staff, Honor Roll, February Student of the Month

James Doty

Clarendon High School
 • SAT: 1510
 • Rank: 1
 • GPA: 3.7
 • College: Columbia University
 Activities and honors: Member of Varsity Track Team, Volunteer, Archery, Specialized Hospital, State League Member, Principal, Cellist in School Band and the S.T. Inter-generational Orchestra, Edward Bluestein Scholar



Marissa Kellogg

Summit High School
 • SAT: 1540
 • Rank: 2
 • GPA: 4.5
 • College: Yale University
 Activities and honors: Christ Church, Bridge, Director, Marching Band Drum Major, French Club President, Varsity Basketball Captain, Varsity Softball, Drama Club, Lead roles in 'Pride & Prejudice' and 'Little Women', Third and fifth place medals in NJ State Science Olympiad, Edward J. Bluestein Distinguished Scholar, National Merit Scholar



Deborah Liar Gill

Jonathan Dayton High School
 • SAT: 1350
 • Rank: N/A
 • GPA: 4.27
 • College: Undecided
 Activities and honors: Activities included: Art Club, Math League, Science Club, Women's Tennis Club, Spanish Club, Israel Cultural Club, International Club, Volley, Tennis, Swim Team, Student Auxiliary, Key Club, Drama, Print, School Newspaper, Melopoeia, Environmental Club, Alternatives Club, Gifted and Talented Program, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Renaissance Scholar, Spanish Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Joseph Scott Math Competition - third place, National Honor Society, Certificate of Commendation from The National Merit Scholarship Program

Birju Patel

Roselle Park High School
 • SAT: 1530
 • Rank: 3
 • GPA: 4.0
 • College: Undecided
 Activities and honors: Marching Band, Concert/Jazz Band, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Tennis, Editor-School Newspaper, EMV-First Aid Squad, Key Club, FBLA, Spring Musical, President of National Honor Society, member of Spanish Foreign Language National Honor Society, Academic Honors



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Amy Wood

Elizabeth High School
• SAT: 1200+
• Rank: 1
• GPA: 3.40
• College: St. Peter's College
Activities and honors: Committee Officer, National Honor Society, Avianic Long Society, President, Treasurer, Editor, Band Council, Vice President, Science Club, President, TV Club, ESS, Archery, Soccer, Phi Orchestra, Small Ensemble, Peer Leadership, Model UN, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Part-time employment at Model's Sporting Goods, Superintendent, Jett's Scholar, Principle's Scholar.



Michael J. Jenkins

Alpham (Clark) High School
• SAT: 1400+
• Rank: 1
• GPA: 4.22
• College: Princeton University
Activities and honors: Class President, three years, School Newspaper, editor, four years, Editor-in-Chief, two years, Literary Magazine, three years, Editor-in-Chief, one year, Peer Tutoring, Peer Mediation, Future Business Leader of America, two years, Model United Nations, three years, Intercontinental B.

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Second Team

Amanda Ahlers, Summit High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1410, College: Grove City College, Honors: Who's Who Award, Society of Women Engineers Award, Wellesley College Book Award.
Scott Battaglia, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1320, College: Rutgers University, Honors: American Technology Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Boys State Delegate.
Janet Carrillo, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1560, College: Columbia University, Honors: National Honor Society, Member of Science Olympiad, Jet's Team for Science.
David Charmo, Cranford High School, Rank: 8, SAT: 1390, College: University of Michigan, Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Computer Honor Society, State Finalist for Governor's School for Public Issues.
Lina Cherres, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1420, College: Undecided, Honors: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Merit Commended Scholar, Spanish National Honor Society, AP Scholar.
Emily Errico, Mother Seton Regional Seaton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1340, College:

Kean or Seton Hall University, Honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar.
Kristina Escanlar, Union High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1270, College: Rutgers University, Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar.
Lisa Lavikoff, Cranford High School, Rank: 11, SAT: 1370, College: Brandeis University, Honors: National Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, French Honor Society, Literary Society.
John Melli, Summit High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1490, College: Undecided, Honors: National Latin Exam, Silver Medalist, National Merit Commended Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.
Ariana Mettla, Hillside High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1300, College: University of Pennsylvania, Honors: Academic Decathlon, National Association of Women's Club Scholarship, First State Candidate.
Leira Mitterman, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1450, College: University of Pennsylvania, Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, AP Scholar, Joseph J. Sott Math Day.
Marie Orozco, Union High School, Rank: 3, SAT:

1446, College: Princeton University, Honors: Governor's School for Public Issues, National Honor Society, Spanish National Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.
Nadia Pacifico, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1250, College: Undecided, Honors: Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Joseph J. Sott Regional Math Day, Quiz and Scrib Society, Refugee Scholar.
Peter Parente, Hillside High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1270, College: Undecided, Honors: Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon.
Robert Phillips, Governor Livingston High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1520, College: Drew University, Honors: National Merit Commended Scholar, National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.
Jennifer Sarracino, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1220, College: Undecided, Honors: Xerox Award-Humanities and Social Studies, National Honor Society, Italian National Honor Society.
Christopher Slagle, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1450, College: Drew University, Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Edward J.

Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Governor's School for the Sciences, National Merit Commended Scholar, Joseph J. Sott Math Day.
John Sobral, Union High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1390, College: University of Pennsylvania, Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Boys State Delegate, Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Service Award, National Merit Scholar.
Andrew Tiang, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1420, College: Boston University, Honors: National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Boys State, National Merit Commended Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.
Taryn Winkle, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Rank: 4, SAT: 1410, College: Hensseler Polytech, Honors: National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, AP Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar, Science League Award, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.
Theresa Zimmer, Mother Seton Regional High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1350, College: The College of New Jersey, Honors: National Honor Society, National Science Olympiad Award, National Language Arts Olympiad Award.

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 Activities and honors: Freshman and Youngest Youth (USA), IHLA, NHS, Tutoring, Academic Hebraic, World Religious Technologies, World Journal, Jewish Learning Center, The Naphtali "High Learning" Society, Honorable Mention, National Merit Scholarship, Merit State Scholar Dist., Honorable Mention, N.Y. Science League, Top 10 Percent, IHLA State Finals, Second International Business...

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Senior High School
 • SAT: 1470
 • Rank: 40
 • GPA: 4.0
 • College: Brown University
 Activities and honors: Iron Hills and New Jersey Math League, National Honor Society, Foreign Language, Newspaper Editor, Student Years of Staff, Class Council, Highest Score on SAT, American High School Math Team, National Merit Finalist, Edwards Hispanic Distinguished Scholar



Neha Jikaria

Roselle Park High School
 • SAT: 1420
 • Rank: 40
 • GPA: 4.0
 • College: New York University
 Activities and honors: Yearbook, Key Club, IHLA, Ecology Club, Indian Classical Dancing, Kirtan, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Governor's School in the Environment, Channel One, Student Principals Week, 1998

Honorable Mention

Nick Barat, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1440, College: New York University, Honors: Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society
Tanya Bodziony, Abraham Clark High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1060, College: Kean University, Honors: Merit Honor Roll, National Honor Society
Daniela Catrocho, Hillside High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1250, College: Mason Gross, Honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Honor Society
Nicole DiDonato, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 4, SAT: N/A, College: Seton Hall, Honors: Principal Scholar, Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society
Timothy Girbach, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1090, College: Wagner, Honors: Principal Scholar, Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society, French Honor Society
Ojubaolu Gomes, Mother Seton Regional High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1280, College: Not available, Honors: National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Student, National Merit Scholar for Minorities in Medicine, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, President's Award for Academic Excellence
Diana Grandez, Abraham Clark High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1200, College: St. Peter's College, Honors: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar
Christine Guereiro, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1380, College: Brown University, Honors: National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Coca-Cola Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit
Michael Harms, David Brearley High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1190, College: The College of New Jersey, Honors: Honor Roll
Lauren Kitzhoffer, Cranford High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1360, College: Catholic University, Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Scholar
Kim Kwang, David Brearley High School, Rank: 3, SAT: 1180, College: Rutgers University, Honors: Honor Roll, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar
Danielle E. Malloy, Abraham Clark High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 900, College: Rutgers University, Honors: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Honor Roll
Jim Matthews, Roselle Park High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1230, College: George Washington University, Honors: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society
Johanna Moscone, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 6, SAT: 1120, College: New York University, Honors: Principal Scholar, Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society, French Honor Society
Christopher Nazzaro, Cranford High School, Rank: 2, SAT: 1440, College: University of Chicago, Honors: National Honor Society, Literary Society
Sweta Patel, Elizabeth High School, Rank: 5, SAT: 1130, College: Rutgers University, Honors: Principal Scholar, Superintendent Scholar, National Honor Society, Hispanic Honor Society
Huma Sheikh, Hillside High School, Rank: 1, SAT: 1420, College: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Honors: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, National Honor Society
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Maria Stravato, Jonathan Dayton High School, Rank: N/A, SAT: 1320, College: Undecided, Honors: National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Joseph J. Sott Regional Math Day, Foreign Language Honor Society
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While Laurie Keyes was studying at the Superior School of Massage Therapy, she practiced on her husband, professional tenor John Keyes. With surprising results. Now a graduate, she reported, "I'm doing massage therapy on some of the principal artists at the Metropolitan Opera Company and opera singers in Long Beach. It's the kind of work I can't do myself with my husband, John Keyes, a professional tenor, when he has a cold."

"I started to conduct massage on opera performers. I never realized how intense their experience is. Their whole body shakes with the power of performing. Afterwards, the singer is often very drained. In addition, they are working in a packed or shared space. In the modern opera, they are performing with their arms and legs in the air. The stage is often very high. So any area of the body may need work. One soprano, experiencing tenderness at the top of her forehead and we discovered that she was clenching her teeth throughout the performance."

"I do deep tissue work, neuromuscular therapy and stretching. Usually the quadriceps, hamstrings, intercostal and gluteus muscles need work, as well as other neck muscles. I do massage and reflexology. Just prior to and after performance, I teach the singer self-massage which gives him or her the tension before their entrance to deal with the tension of performance anxiety."

"In my experience, with elements, massage therapy affects the voice dramatically. After massage, the voice becomes more free and can drop as much as an octave because the vocal chords become so relaxed. And the elements say the effects of an hour massage are like going on vacation."

"Although she lives in New Jersey, most of Keyes' clients are in New York City. "I have one client here through a referral, and the next happened about a month ago. Does she think of continuing with massage table and gear?" Not at all, she answered quickly. "I have a table with wheels, and I pull it along the sidewalk in the city. Besides, people are curious about what I have in the case, and we get by talking."

"As for the massage itself, "I was always active in sports, and I find that massage is like an athletic event. I don't get tired; doing massage is easy for me. My clients ask me how my little hand could generate so much strength. I just use what I've been taught. I never thought that making money would be this great! But by far the best part is the way people feel when they get the job done. It's a really fun way to have good feelings of giving to someone."

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Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury earns President's Award

Outstanding performance in customer satisfaction and other key areas has earned Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury Ford Motor Company's highest accolade—the President's Award. Maplecrest, now in their 18th year of business, is one of only 60 Lincoln Mercury and 320 Ford dealers nationwide to win this coveted award. They have been a distinguished recipient six times. Stephen Giordano, president of Maplecrest, and his family attended the ceremonies in Palm Beach May 12-15, where they were presented with the award by Ford Motor Company president and chief executive officer Jacques Nasser.

The President's Award honors dealers who excel in their criteria in the categories of customer satisfaction, market share, process improvement, employee training and business management. Rigorous customer satisfaction, the President's Award is based on nationwide response surveys which are sent to customers after the purchase, lease or service experience.

Stephen explained, "Based on our customers' responses, we were ranked number one in the sales and service experience as well as in recommendations and overall satisfaction." He considers this important award to be the result of

each effort and stated, "We are all very proud of the dealership's foundation by my father, the late Fred Giordano Sr., for the principal of customer service and satisfaction, and we continue that tradition today as our guiding principle. It is for that reason that Maplecrest's special focus is so high and customers keep coming back, generation after generation."

Maplecrest's emphasis on customer satisfaction and service has earned the dealership many other awards including the Distinguished Achievement Award 11 consecutive years, the Quality Achievement Award 14 consecutive years, the Gold Medalion Service Award and the Silver Medalion Best Manager and Body Shop Awards. They are also a member every year of the DMV Club, which is reserved for the Top 100 Lincoln Mercury dealers in the country. Maplecrest has also been awarded the President's Award by the Union-Township Chamber of Commerce. They are located at 2800 Springfield Ave., 15000, just off Routes 24 and 78, and can be contacted at (908) 694-7769 for information on sales, service, parts and accessories or body shop.



Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury owners, center, left, Tom Giordano and right, Stephen Giordano, holding 1998 Ford Motor Company President's Award

Conduct an evaluation of your location

The choice of your retail location can mean the life or death of your business. Many different factors need to be considered before you commit yourself to a location. If you are in a business-to-business market, and other business or commercial operation, your location may not seek to attract foot traffic. However, if you are in a retail business, visibility, accessibility and community presence are important. Consider the following questions as you ask yourself, what do you need for a location that will bring new business to your store?

- Define the type of retail business you want to operate. What are the needs do you want and what target market do you intend to appeal to?
- Unless you have these basic questions answered in your mind, you will not be able to make a solid decision about the appropriate location for generating revenue for the business.
- Obtain location demographics. You can visit your local library, chamber of commerce or city hall to gather information about the neighborhood demographics, such as population level, age and income. You can also obtain this type of information from the Census Bureau; visit their Website at <http://www.census.gov> or call the customer service line at (301)

487-4100 to order reports that interest you — you may be charged a fee for reports.

- Is your potential location and store compatible with other stores already in the area? Neighborhood business can help your store in hurt. As you get to understand what types of businesses generally cluster together and which are incompatible. Automobile retail is cluster and compatible for one another. A good fit is found in a small shopping center, but generally more risky for other stores. However, an upscale boutique may fare well next to a super store.
- After you evaluate the above questions, you will move on to the details that help you move from selecting a desirable location and building to working out details that make the decision a reasonable business arrangement. It is important that the building itself provides the business' own need including parking, lighting and delivery access. You want to have preliminary meetings with the landlord; you may be dealing with a large leasing company or an owner-agent. Find out how accessible the landlord or building manager will be for repairs, concerns and routine maintenance. Landlord and ten-

Toyota to introduce six new cars, trucks

Toyota will introduce six all-new cars and trucks during the next year. All six reflect Toyota's youthful hair. Topping the list for excitement is the MR-Spyder, a mid-engine, rear-drive sports car. Weighing only 2,200 pounds, the sleek two-seat roadster is powered by an all-new 1.8-liter, two-cylinder, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing that produces 140 hp. Three frothy hoses are delivered to the rear wheels by an unique sequential five-speed manual sport-shift transmission that features a plus-and-minus shift lever in the center console, up- and down-shift buttons on the steering wheel, and manual clutch pedal.

The XBR sports coupe features a 1.8-liter, two-cylinder, four-cylinder engine developed with Yamaha. It produces 150 hp at 2,600 rpm, giving the front-drive coupe outstanding performance and fuel economy in an affordably priced sports car that will appeal to young buyers.

Adding to Toyota's youth appeal is the XBR, a new approach to meeting the demands of young new-car buyers. These two- and four-door subcompact sedans were designed from

the "inside out" to be simple, roomy, functional and affordable. Who? Lots of people on sale this fall, it will deliver a level of comfort, roominess and drivability that is one class up from what consumers expect in an entry-level sedan.

The Camry and Camry Hybrid were developed to further broaden Toyota's appeal among buyers who are not eligible for the sports car of the past, but who now want and demand that a sports car can provide a blend of the popular Camry Sedan coupe, the sporty Camry Hybrid, a choice of 133-hp, four-cylinder or 200-hp V6 engines, and manual or automatic transmissions.

Also available will be Toyota's highest sport utility vehicle, the Camry, the best-selling car in America. The popular Corolla, the full-size Avalon and the minivan, the sporty Celica, the RAV4 mini-SUV, the big and powerful land Cruiser SUV, and the line of rugged Tacoma compact pickup trucks.

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To help prevent dangerous and costly breakdowns, the following checklist of items to check includes: **Oil** — Make sure all fluids, including the engine oil, are at the correct level. Check the oil level and change it if necessary. **Brakes** — Inspect the brake pads and shoes for wear. **Tires** — Check the tire pressure and tread. **Wash** — Wash the car to remove dirt and grime. **Wax** — Wax the car to protect the paint. **Wash** — Wash the car to remove dirt and grime. **Wax** — Wax the car to protect the paint.

AAA's Approved Auto Repair program can conduct a thorough examination of your car. Because even properly maintained vehicles can breakdown, AAA urges motorists to equip their vehicles with an emergency kit containing at least the following items: flashlight with extra batteries, warning triangles, spare tires, jack, and extra oil. A cellular phone provides an easy way of getting your emergency assistance.

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