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At the gates

What is it about Union County and garbage? Last week in response to a plan to bring 500 trucks a day of New York garbage to our state, Elizabeth officials declared war.

The basics of the plan is to ship 3,800 tons of waste across the Hudson as an alternative to the nearby full Fresh Kills landfill in Staten Island. The two primary delivery locations are the Ref-fuel incinerator in Newark and two transfer stations in Elizabeth. Elizabeth has pledged to stop and inspect the trucks at the gates of the Goethals Bridge.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

For the past 20 years, Union County has been hit by a veritable barrage of garbage-type Scud missions. When the cost of dumping skyrocketed, the Department of Environmental Protection and Board of Public Utilities began championing the concept flow control and demanded we become self-sufficient.

For a time a decade ago, we had the highest disposal rates in the state, a real budget headache for local and county officials.

Union County, facing steep fines, began the financially-strapping process of building their own resource recovery facility. This process ended last year with the guidance of then-Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan to privatize the facility thus saving the county significant long-term costs.

Flow control in its basic terms meant that garbage was not part of interstate commerce and thus could be regulated by our state's bureaucrats as to where it goes. This position was buttressed by the legal opinion of the state attorneys who represented New Jersey in the trash war. In the end the Supreme Court, first for the United States and later specifically for New Jersey, found that garbage was indeed commerce and you couldn't keep other people's garbage out.

After that decision almost two years ago, I have thought often of the recycling business and JOCU transfer stations that were created by the New Jersey state attorneys who pushed a theory that was ultimately found to be bogus.

I also think about our officials who faced with DEP and BPU mandates spent huge sums to be self-sufficient under flow control. I also think a lot about the taxpayers who foot the bill for self-sufficiency, while New York garbage now augments our own.

Union County officials like Linda Stender spent countless hours in Trenton lobbying to get funding to ease the unfair burden on Union County for the system-thrust upon us by the DEP and BPU. The rules see SOME, Page B2

Freeholder candidates debate county system

By Phillip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

County government needs a dramatic overhaul along the lines of reducing the size of the freeholder board, said a Republican candidate for freeholder.

Wally Shackell Jr., a former mayor of Cranford, called for having a seven-member freeholder board, two less than what the board looks like today. He did not explain how his plan would work.

His remarks were made Sept. 29 at a forum of all six candidates for freeholder.

Shackell's plan was part of a larger theme: that Union County has suffered mightily because there are nine Democrats on the freeholder board. This year, taxes went up in 10 communities, and spending has gone out of control, Shackell said.

"We need two-party government in Union County," he said. Nicholas Scutari, one of two incumbents, said the system in

effect worked fine. "We try to represent Union County even-handedly throughout."

Altering the makeup of the county government had been floated before, most recently by county Republican Chairman Frank McDermott, whose idea of a ward system had a lukewarm reaction. Even veteran Republicans held their noses to the idea.

The harshest words came from McDermott's rival, Charlotte DeFilippo. A ward system would have different communities play off each to get things for themselves.

Noting that once nine Republicans sat on the freeholder board, she said, "If you have a good enough platform, you get people elected."

Of the latest twist, the Democrat said, "I think they would have something a little more substantive to talk about."

During last week's forum, sponsored by the Union County branch of the Employer Legislative Committee, the exchange was civil but direct. The Republicans characterized the Demo-

crats as loose with tax dollars, quick to get into debt through bonding.

"If they remain unchecked, there is no telling what kind of Christmas gift they will give themselves," Dill said. "It's time to put money back in the pockets of the county residents so they can go out and enjoy life."

But Democrats have done their part, Freeholder Linda Stender said. An incumbent, she pointed to a record of lowering garbage rates and investing in education and infrastructure.

"We've shown county government has a role to play," Stender said.

Several top Democrats attended Wednesday's forum: County Clerk Joanne Rajopis, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and County Counsel Carol Cohen.

Because there was no official timekeeper, Froehlich did the chores, good-naturedly letting the speakers know when their time had expired.

Center aims to offer opportunities

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Although it has been in existence for more than four decades, some people may not be aware of an organization dedicated to people with disabilities.

The Occupational Center of Union County, at 301 Cox St. in Roselle, serves from 350 to 400 people with disabilities on a daily basis, and features a rehabilitation program, the Victory School and a mental and physical health program.

The center places individuals in full-time jobs, such as cashiers, stock clerks, assembly packaging for businesses throughout northern New Jersey and New York.

"We have been able to place some workers in food services in Continental Airlines, ShopRite in Clark, food service at Merck, maintenance, industry and assisted living facilities for seniors — all in the county," said Mark Lasky, president and chief executive officer of the Occupational Center. "And with the opening of the

Jersey Gardens, we are currently having a number of job placements when it opens this month."

The center will sponsor its 19th annual fund raiser on Oct. 15, Casino Night featuring a silent auction, food, games and a buffet dinner at The Westwood in Garwood.

"We hope to draw more than 200 people," Lasky said. "The funds given will be for innovative projects. That money supplements money we get from the state and county government," Lasky said. "Also, this year the board decided to contribute \$1,000 to local chapters of the Red Cross to contribute to flood relief efforts."

The fact that the agency is capable of "meeting the challenge of assisting individuals with disabilities, is one of several in Union County. However, we are the largest single vocational facility in the state."

Lasky has said that "no matter what the person's disability might be, he or she can now be the beneficiary of massive strides made in treatment and

services for individuals with disabilities during the last half of the century."

"A person or his or her family or support systems have many resources to use to help the person become a valued member of the community. In education, special services are available under federal law to ensure appropriate intervention at the earliest phase of a person's life — which has proven to be the biggest tool in assisting a person's many levels of development."

Lasky came to this position "with about 25 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation. We offer a full array of services under one roof for developmental disabilities, individuals with illness as part of their history."

"Some of the intangible barriers have come down as a result. Our folks are just like everybody else. It will enable their lives to work alongside of other people. One advantage will be of full employment with a low unemployment rate — to get involved with job experience, particularly at entry level. Our philosophy is that we match the person to the job. We capitalize on their strengths, not their weaknesses."

The other important major health service, he indicated, "is that the individual comes to us on a part-time or full-time basis. We hope to develop their talents."

"We just opened up an area which we never had up until now, three buildings on Cox Street. We felt that in one building people can come to be involved in activities in such a group that might involve anger managing, stress managing, and special education."

"In their daily lives," he said, "we have drug education, and A.A. meetings on Thursday mornings and a program called Focus Opportunities Can Utilize Strength. There are about 100 people enrolled. There is a lot of depression and we have a staff of two psychiatrists. We've been providing those services for more than 20 years."

"We assist the individual in medication and let them know how very important it is for people with psychological disabilities to take their medications daily," Lasky said.

"Medicines have begun to have a positive effect on having people stay OCCUPATIONAL, Page B2

EWT Math, 1997-98

School	Town	L.V.I.	L.V.II	L.V.III
Columbia	Berkeley Heights	79.8	20.2	0.0
Roosevelt Intermediate	Westfield	83.2	20.2	0.0
Winfield	Winfield	78.2	19.8	0.0
Thomas Edison Intermediate	Westfield	71.4	28.0	0.6
Orange Avenue	Cranford	75.5	23.6	0.9
N. Providence Middle	N. Providence	70.9	27.4	1.7
Summit Middle	Summit	78.1	20.1	1.8
Hillside Avenue	Cranford	59.3	38.9	1.9
Carl H. Kumpf Middle	Clark	78.4	19.2	2.4
Terrill Middle	S.Plains-Fanwood	68.7	27.7	2.5
No. 76 Pelly Middle	Elizabeth	50.9	48.4	2.7
Lincoln/Franklin	Garwood	67.7	30.3	3.0
Park Middle	S. Plains-Fanwood	64.4	38.5	4.1
Deerfield Elementary	Mountainside	68.3	26.8	4.9
David B. Ewing High	Kenilworth	57.7	36.5	5.8
Florence M. Gaudineer	Springfield	55.5	39.6	9.9
Myles J. McManus	Linden	39.5	50.4	10.1
Roselle Park High	Roselle Park	38.9	51.5	11.7
Kawameeh Middle	Union	31.8	51.0	17.2
Joseph E. Soehl Middle	Linden	22.2	60.1	17.7
Burnett Middle	Union	30.5	48.3	21.2
Railway Intermediate	Railway	29.3	51.8	21.2
County average:		39.9	37.5	22.6
Walker O. Krumblegg	Hillside	20.1	47.4	32.5
No. 73 Lafayette Middle	Elizabeth	2.4	60.0	37.6
Abraham Clark High	Roselle	11.7	48.4	41.9
Kubark	Plainfield	5.8	43.9	52.2
Masson	Plainfield	5.3	40.0	54.7
No. 75 Barth Middle	Elizabeth	3.7	39.8	56.5
No. 77 McAuliffe	Elizabeth	3.7	38.8	56.5
No. 74 Roosevelt Middle	Elizabeth	5.0	36.6	58.4
No. 72 Hamilton Middle	Elizabeth	4.5	36.5	59.0
No. 71 Mebel Holmes Middle	Elizabeth	1.9	27.1	71.0
No. 70 Cleveland Middle	Elizabeth	1.8	14.0	84.2

Source: New Jersey School Report Card, 1997-98

The Eighth-Grade Early Warning Test has three scoring levels: Level I is highly proficient; Level II is proficient, and Level III is not proficient. The EWT has been replaced this year with the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment. Next week: EWT Reading.

Candidates Night will be Oct. 14 in Cranford

The Union County Council of Leagues of Women Voters will sponsor a Candidates Night Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Building, North and Springfield avenues.

Surrogate candidates, Democrat James LaCorte of Elizabeth and Republican Linda-Lee Kelly of Elizabeth, have been invited to participate along with six candidates for the Union County Board of Freeholders: Democrats Linda Stender of Fanwood, Nicholas Sotani of Linden and Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, and Republicans Albert Dill Jr. of Summit, Richard Revilla of Elizabeth and Wally Shackell Jr. of Cranford.

Alex Richardson, a member of the Livingston league of Women Voters, will be moderator for the forum, which will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Storm response subject of cable show

The successful Jersey Jazz by the Lake concert and festival and Union County's response to Hurricane Floyd are the subjects of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

- Union County — except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Elizabeth: Channel 10 Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Fanwood, Mountainide: Channel 35 check cable listings.



Photo by Barbara Katalis

Jeff Clark, left, and Isabelle Pelxoto work on the assembly line at The Occupational Center of Union County in Roselle.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Song-&-dance man to headline temple revue

By Dea Smith
Staff Writer

Joe Babrowsky, a song and dance man for many years in resort hotels in the Catskills where he performed on "The Borscht Belt," will share his talents with professional performers Saturday night in a fund-raising variety show.

Temple Israel Productions will present "Saturday Night at the Paragon," a star-studded musical revue with comedy at 8 p.m. at Hanau Caldwell Elementary School, 1120 Commerce Ave. in Union. The show will feature the well-known comedian Charlie Callas, the David Aaron Big 16-Piece Band, professional tenor Cantor Bill Walton of Temple Israel, and singer Kimberly Dyane, Babrowsky's granddaughter.

"It's the first time we've done something like this," said Babrowsky during a visit to this office the other morning. "I mean a variety type of show such as this. And it will be for a wonderful cause—it will be a benefit for the temple and for children who need help in getting religious training."

The performer, who directed, choreographed and performed in many local, original shows, written by himself and Natalie Haiken, known to generations of Unionites, helped to put "Saturday Night at the Paragon" together and will serve as emcee. He explained that the concept of the show is derived from the kind of headlines at the Paragon's Theater in Times Square—Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw—that would draw lines all the way around the corner. The show would be a reminiscence with nostalgia to the people who actually were in those lines, and a rare piece of entertainment for those who were not.

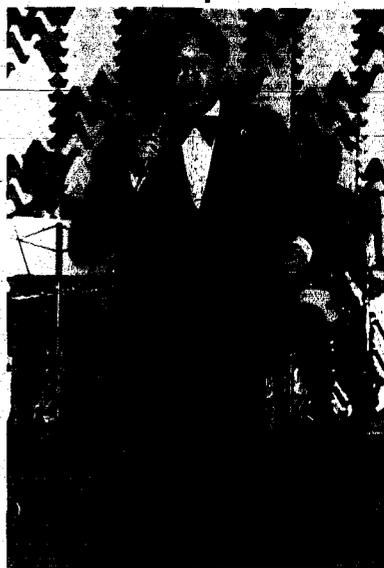
Babrowsky did a little reminiscing of his own as he recalled how he started in show business. "Actually,"

he said with a smile, "I got started back when I was 5 years old. I had broken a leg, and during my recovery, I got a bicycle to strengthen the leg. Then I broke the other leg riding the bicycle. My mother put me in dancing school to strengthen both legs. And at 6 years old, I was performing, doing shows, and eventually I worked up in the Catskills with shows every summer. We worked in Lakewood at hotels, and I continued until I was 16 years old.

"I had decided I didn't want to do it professionally, so I went to pre-med school at New York University," he said. "But then I was drafted, served in the Second World War, and even in service, I was in talent shows, things like that. And when I came back, I didn't go back to school. I went into electronics," Babrowsky sighed. "And I stayed in that business until I retired."

But Babrowsky never really left the entertainment world. He continued to do local benefit shows. Initially, he recalled, "a young lady was hit by an automobile on Morris Avenue in Union. I decided to do a benefit show at Livingston School in Union, and see that the funds went to this young lady—who, incidentally, survived. I got in touch with PTA president Natalie Haiken, who became my colleague, and we wrote a musical skit together. Pretty soon, we were doing original shows for Livingston School and then Union High School PTA asked us to do their shows, and we covered about a 25-year run. We collaborated on original shows, and called them 'Just One of Those Shows.' They were all musical comedies."

Babrowsky chuckled. "We used to have all the folks come for auditions, and I accepted them all anyway. We had volunteers backstage. Sometimes, during rehearsals the parents would come by—and by the time I was



Joe Babrowsky

Revue emcee

through with them, you couldn't get them off the stage.

"When I stepped down, some of the people kept it up for eight or 10 years more. That stopped about two or three years ago."

When Babrowsky is not reminiscing or working on perhaps another original musical comedy, he is spending his time with his wife, Geri, and both of them visit their daughters,

Lynn Stein and Dale Blair; son, Cory, and six grandchildren. More than likely, some of them will be in the audience Saturday night cheering their man of talent.

This could be the beginning of a new career for the man who never really retired from show business. All the audience has to do is to applaud this song-and-dance man—and he will likely start all over again.

Brian Kennedy, left, and Noah Brody rehearse a scene from "The Food Chain," a co-production of The Theater Project of Union County College and The Spotlight Theater Company of William Paterson University. Written by Nikki Silver and directed by Mark Spina, the production will be staged Friday to Sunday and Oct. 14 to 16 at Union County College's Elizabeth campus.

County college mounts first-time co-production

For the first time, the award-winning Theater Project of Union County College is offering a production in partnership with another school of higher education.

During the month of October in conjunction with The Spotlight Theater Company of William Paterson University at Wayne, the two troupes will present "The Food Chain," a vicious comedy about love, sex and bedtime snacks. The play was written by Nikki Silver and is being directed by UCC's Mark Spina.

Featured in this production are Noah Brody, Dana K. Gereghy and Scott Burkhardt, all of New York City. Brian Kennedy is of Wayne and Prof. Deborah Pires of Union County College is from Teaneck.

"The Food Chain" was presented at William Paterson University Sept. 29 through Oct. 3, and will be presented at Union County College's Elizabeth campus Friday to Sunday and Oct. 14 to 16. All performances will be presented at 8 p.m. Ticket are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for all other guests. For tickets and information on the performances at Union County College, call (908) 659-5189.

County officials prep for annual historic weekend tour of the past

Pick any or all of five separate historic theme expeditions as a way to enjoy the 22-house museums, sites and buildings in "Four Centuries in a Weekend... A Journey Through Union County's History." Sightseers can select their favorite time period of the past and visit examples of it at their own pace. The free Heritage Festival takes place Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 24 from noon to 5 p.m.

"There are five historic themes, and they describe major changes that took place in what is now Union County from colonial times until the early 1920s," said Nicholas P. Spurti, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Everyone can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all of them."

Choices include the grand homes of the "Early Aristocracy," the settings for the dangerous "Revolutionary Frontline Years," modest examples of "Farm Life," the successful undertakings of "Commerce and Industry," and the grandeur and comfort of "Victorian Resorts and Suburbs." Free booklets are available for this self-guided journey. They contain descriptions of the sites as well as maps.

"The theme clusters tell four centuries of Union County history," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Because buildings changed to meet new needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster."

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism and the New Jersey Council on the Humanities; a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities; Additional support from AAA New Jersey Automobile Club has enabled driving routes and laminated county maps to be available at each site.

Showcased during "Four Centuries in a Weekend" are the Littell-Lord Farmstead and the Deserted Village of Felville-Glenside Park in Berkeley Heights, the Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark, the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford, the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth, Evergreen Cemetery and the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside, the Dean Andrew Hatfield House in Mountainside, the Salt Box

Museum in New Providence, the Drake House Museum in Plainfield, Merchants and Drivers Tavern in Rahway, the Abraham Clark House in Roselle, the Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park, the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, the Cannon Ball House in Springfield, the Carter House, Reeves-Reed Arboretum and Twin Maples in Summit, the Caldwell Paragon and Liberty Hall in Union, and the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

For a copy of the booklet with its photos, site descriptions and a map, contact the Division of Cultural Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay users call (800) 852-7899. Copies of suggested driving routes also are available.

'Four Centuries in a Weekend' books are available

A copy of the free illustrated guide to "Four Centuries in a Weekend... A Journey Through Union County's History" is a phone call away. The event will take place Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 24 from noon to 5 p.m.

The 32-page booklet has brief stories and engaging photos of the 22-house museums, historic buildings and sites that have joined together for the annual Heritage Festival. A map is included with all the sites marked.

"There is a tremendous selection for visitors," said Nicholas P. Spurti, chairman of the Union County Board

of Chosen Freeholders. "Many of the sites also offer special events like reenactments, music and demonstrations."

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Freeholders honor arts patron for volunteerism

Summit resident Marcia Cohen has added a pair of new honors to her already-impressive list of achievements. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presented a resolution recognizing Cohen as recipient of the 13th annual Hadassah National Leadership Award.

Cohen, who lived in Westfield for 22 years before moving to Summit, received her resolution from Freeholder Mary Ruotolo during this week's double meeting of the board.

"This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Marcia has worked tirelessly and deserves this special recognition," Ruotolo said.

Hadassah is the largest and oldest American Zionist women's organization and is celebrating 86 years of service rooted in health care, education, child rescue and rehabilitation. The Hadassah National Leadership Award recipients are selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements.

Cohen was selected primarily because she has held many positions within the Westfield Hadassah chapter including serving as president from 1975 to 1977 and as American Affairs chairperson. She was instrumental in establishing The Godparents with an \$18 luncheon that has grown to a \$185 evening gala raising \$13,000 this year. In addition, she was chosen Woman of the Year in 1986 and is still an active member of Temple Emmanuel and other Jewish organizations.

Cohen's civic involvement includes chairing the Advisory Board of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, serving as a board member of the Music Club of Westfield and as president of the Suburban Symphony of Cranford. For all her contributions, The Music Educators Association of New Jersey honored Cohen with an award.

Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari said that in addition to his very impressive history of volunteering, Cohen attended the Juilliard School and performed, for many years as a pianist accompanist.

"I join the entire Freeholder Board in recognizing Marcia," Scutari added.

Cohen was also on hand to accept a resolution from the Board of Chosen Freeholders declaring October National Arts and Humanities Month, and Oct. 23 and 24 as "Visit Four Centuries in a Weekend" to encourage all residents to attend cultural activities and events sponsored by the county.

"There is a Hebrew expression, 'Tikun Olam,' which means we should make this world a better place. The arts and humanities have a profound impact on all our lives,



On behalf of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Freeholder Mary Ruotolo presents a resolution recognizing Marcia Cohen of Summit as recipient of the 13th annual Hadassah National Leadership Award.

on the economic vitality of our communities and on the quality of life we all enjoy. I thank the freeholders for recognizing the importance of the arts and humanities and for my efforts," Cohen said.

Arts Center cancels concert by Drifters

The Union County Arts Center, Railway's restored 1928 vaudeville theater, has announced that in light of a recent U.S. District Court ruling in Newark that places trademark ownership in doubt, the Oct. 23 concert with "Billy Guy's Coasters, The Drifters & The Platters" will be cancelled.

Despite the current promoter's intended appeal of this ruling, there remains a possibility that he will lose said appeal, thus forcing the cancellation of the event at a time that would cause even greater inconvenience and disappointment to Arts Center patrons.

"I will not take the chance that any of this will happen at a time when UCAC is working hard to develop its credibility with its patrons," said Union County Arts Center Executive Director Joseph A. Mancuso. "Sometimes unforeseeable events make changes inevitable. This is one of those times."

The Union County Arts Center's Headliner series, made possible by the support of Comcast Digital Cable, includes Al Martino, Roberta Flack, Kaitly Matos, Three Dog Night and Wayne Newton. The Union County Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts, is located in the restored Railway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Railway. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible, and listening devices are available to patrons upon request. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Railway, Merck & Co., the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, Comcast Digital Cable of Union and the Railway Savings Institution. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover, or in person at the Irving Street box office. In addition, tickets will be available online this season through the Arts Center's website at www.ucac.org and through ETM Ticket Kiosks located in the Menlo Park Mall and Edwards Supermarkets. For more information or ticket availability, call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at (888) ETM-TIXS.

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Cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and conductor Kurt Masur achieved that creative magic as performers in opening night of the New York Philharmonic in New York City this fall, in presenting Dvorak's sweet and masterful cello concerto. It was apparent that their exhibited common fellowship and the history of each on behalf of the liberty in eastern Europe, magnified the delight and challenge.

In David Hare's "The Blue Room" on the Broadway stage last winter, Nicole Kidman achieved an incandescence as she moved through portraying five different, contemporary women in London. Her beauty and transparency lifted and transposed her acting craft beyond mere technical execution, to something the audience could almost taste in their admiration

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

and the stirring of desire. In a different manner, the withholding of and then the breathtaking elaboration of the young woman's story in Irish playwright Connor McPherson's "The Weir" catapults the play into profundity and the audience to stillness.

The final few pages of Alice McDermott's novel "Charming Billy" draws all the strands of Irish-American life she has woven into a bittersweet glimpse of the past and the future. It is beautiful to read and re-read. I was reminded of the gathering sequence on the little boat off the Florida coast between Rabbit and his granddaughter in John Updike's "Rabbit At Rest."

Bringing this in, so to speak, from left field, is the great finesse of the consummate Atlanta Brave pitcher Greg Maddox, who in a recent Braves-New York Met game on tele-

vision treated us all not only to his skill, but fierce competitive spirit. It is that thrilling dedication to craft and excellence so on view in Maddox's work, where the outcome is not predictable, that Kevin Costner tries but fails to capture in his sappy movie "For the Love of the Game."

British poet Ted Hughes evokes this special thrill in his collection of poetry "Birthday Letters," written about his famous, depressed and brilliant wife, Sylvia Plath. The poems are a treasure of keenly observed and heartfelt memories and recognition. Hughes, who is held responsible by many for his wife's suicide, nevertheless wrote after her death to her with such creative inspiration and love, "when I creep through the house. You never know how I listened to our- sense," and "your eyes drizzling tears as I thought no other brown eyes could, ever," and "your writing was also your fear, at times it was your terror, ... the swelling terror that would any moment suddenly burst out and take from you your husband, your children, your body, your life. You could see it, there in your pen."

Cranford welcomes annual street fair

Wonderful food, crafts and some lively music are highlights of this month's Autumn Festival in downtown Cranford.

The Street Fair, planned by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce, will be conducted Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It celebrates the season with more than 200 exhibitors selling in the downtown area near the train station and Eastman Plaza.

The Autumn Festival also features fine art, children's activities such as a petting zoo and pony rides, a storyteller and some retail merchandise. Professional artisans will be selling furniture, accents for the home, hand-designed clothing, and uniquely creative jewelry. The Cranford festival marketplace will feature thousands of handmade items perfect for early holiday shopping including handmade puppets, bronze baby shoes, Southwest Indian jewelry, pottery, and ceramics.

Brooklyn artist Hua Hsun Chen will exhibit her imaginative oil and watercolor paintings. Henry Barnard of Manhattan will show his fine art sepia-toned photographs. Jewelry designer Evelyn Bromley of Boynton Beach, Fla. creates wonderful wearable art from gold and gold-filled wire sculpted among gemstones.

The festival menus will include selections from 16 food vendors: barbecued kebabs, fresh-cut Italian pizzas, Passarelli's famous Italian Hot Dogs and sausage sandwiches, and zesty Greek favorites. The lighter fare will include zeppoles, calzones, fruit smoothies, Pen-

nsylvania Dutch funnel cake and roasted almonds and pecans.

Especially for the children are pony rides, a Moon Bounce, face-painting and sandart. A petting zoo will be on Alden Street and features more than a dozen friendly critters for young children to observe and pet. Musical and street entertainment is scheduled throughout the day. Stage performances near The Cranford Hotel are hosted by singer Bob Mele, and entertainment includes Yarina, a dynamic South American band performing throughout the day.

Admission and parking are free. The raindate is Oct. 17. Cranford is easily reached from the Garden State Parkway Exit 137 or 136. Some exhibit space is still available. For more information, call (908) 996-3036.

Performers

Kathryn Weidner, storyteller; The Dixie Mix, Dixieland Music; Hungry Five Ragtime Compa Band, German and American ragtime jazz; Al Madison, blues singer/songwriter; Bob Mele, singer/entertainment/ host; and Perception, jazz group.

Street Performances

Tim Janis, light instrumental and Irish music using flute, piano and violin; New Jersey Workshop for the Arts; group musical performances

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Summit Playhouse to open with classic comedy

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Directed by John Ruffley, the play features a bizarre family of two sisters who charitably — and permanently — put to rest their boarders, a brother who thinks he is Theodore Roosevelt and others who try to make sense of it.
The play opens November 5.
The playhouse's second presentation is "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," which won the 1997 Tony Award for the Best Play. Directed by Pam Heller, it's about a family whose main concern is the social

event of the season in Atlanta, Ga., while the rest of the world is dealing with the onset of World War II. The play opens February 18.
Opening April 28 is the romantic comedy "Enchanted April." Directed by Joann Scriver, the play takes place in Italy where two English ladies do the unthinkable and take a vacation together.
Subscriptions are \$24 and individual tickets \$10. For tickets and reservations, call (908) 273-2129.
The Playhouse Association, 10 New England Ave. in Summit, began in 1918 as a relief organization during World War I has been in continuous operation ever since.

With more than 250 productions to its credit, the Summit Playhouse Association is one of the oldest amateur theaters in the nation. Included in the group's facility is Summit's first public library built in 1891. Additions to the facility have more than tripled the available space, making it a truly functional theater with a cozy, homey atmosphere.
A core of dedicated volunteers has continued the tradition "to encourage and practice the historic art by the production of plays by amateurs with proceeds devoted to educational and charitable purposes".

Concert commemorates Chopin's death

The trustees of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark invite the public to a festive concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Fryderyk Chopin's death at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Foundation's Grand Hall.
Chopin, known as the poet of the piano, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland, near Warsaw, March 1, 1810, and died in Paris Oct. 17, 1849.
The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization chartered in 1975, is located at 177 Broadway in Clark, just off exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Members of the Polish Cultural Foundation in good standing may receive complimentary tickets at the Foundation office.
The concert will feature Allen and Peter Yu, pianists, performing an all-Chopin program. Also appearing is the Esprit de Chorus directed by Janusz Sporek and accompanied by Jacek Zganiacz. The group will offer special arrangements by Doyle Vander Sande of Chopin's Polish songs.
Allen and Peter Yu of Westfield, 1999 winners of the Plainfield Symphony's concerto competition and recent recipients of the Ono Altenburg Young Pianist Prize, are no strangers to concert-goers in the New York metropolitan area. The 16-year-olds made their debut in 1996 in a special benefit performance for the Polish Cultural Foundation. They appeared recently as piano soloists with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and they have played at the annual convention in New York City of the Chinese-American Academic and Professional Society and for Gov.

Christine Whitman and the New Jersey State Legislature in Trenton.
In the spring of 1997, Allen and Peter Yu were named co-winners of the Alex Ciappinelli Memorial Etude Competition sponsored by the Piano Teachers Society of America and performed subsequently in Carnegie Hall. The brothers are also cellist and violinist extraordinaire with considerable orchestral distinctions. While members of the New Jersey Youth Symphony and New Jersey Youth Orchestra, they sat in principal chairs. They have occupied principal chairs, too, in the New Jersey Region II Orchestra and All-State Orchestras. The brothers are piano students of Ferdinando Gajewski of Westfield.
The Esprit de Chorus of New York is under the direction of Janusz Sporek, conductor, composer, arranger and teacher of vocal and instrumental music. The ensemble was created in February 1992 by singers who wished to explore a variety of music in an informal setting. Although several members of the group have formal musical training, this has not been a prerequisite. The Esprit de Chorus has welcomed amateurs with a good ear, flexible voice and love of song. Accompanist Jacek Zganiacz has performed both as soloist and in chamber music concerts in Europe and more recently at the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York City, the Garden State Arts Center, Seton Hall University and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.
For more information and reservations, call the Polish Cultural Foundation at (732) 382-7197.

'Lovers and Other Strangers' bows at Stony Hill this weekend

Stony Hill Players of Summit will present "Lovers and Other Strangers," a romantic comedy by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, at Oakme Memorial Outreach Center, 120 Morris Ave., Summit. The show opens Saturday at 8 p.m., with additional evening performances Oct. 15, 16, 22 and 23. Two Sunday matinees, beginning at 3 p.m., will be Oct. 10 and 17.

The cast includes Joe Corrao, Cy Friedman, Lee Grabelsky, Diane Kahan, Audrey Ann Monaco, Robert Peiser, Gary Schaap, Paul Smith, Kathy Steele, Joanne Trimble, Stephanie Turner, John Vichich and Wendy Weinberger. Directors are Jay Gagliardi and Tony East.
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 October 18th, 1999
 EVENT: Taste Of The Towns '99 Food Festival
 PLACE: Maplewood Woman's Club in grand ballroom at 90 Woodland Road, Maplewood (between Ridgewood Road & Maplewood Avenue).
 TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm
 PRICE: \$15.00 adults, \$3.00 children. Thirty local restaurants, caterers & food retailers serving complimentary samplings of various cuisines, American, Caribbean, Italian plus more! Tickets at door only. For more information call 973-762-9119.
 ORGANIZATION: Maplewood Woman's Club.

RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY
 October 9th, 16th, 1999
 EVENT: Rummage Sale
 PLACE: St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, corner of Porter Road and Stanley Terrace, Union, NJ
 TIME: October 9th, 9am-4pm; October 16th, 9am-1pm
 ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

CRAFT
SATURDAY
 October 16th, 1999
 EVENT: AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR
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FRIDAY
 October 15th, 1999
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 PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange, New Jersey.
 TIME: 7:30pm-9:00pm
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OTHER
SUNDAY
 October 10th, 1999
 EVENT: Mother's Day Celebration
 PLACE: First Baptist Church of South Orange, 103 Valley and Second Street, South Orange
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 ORGANIZATION: First Baptist Church of South Orange Men's Department.

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Hadassah goes to the theater

The Cranford/Roselle Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a fund-raising theater party at the Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 E. Jersey St. in Elizabeth, Oct. 17. Curtain time will be promptly at 2 p.m. for the production of William Saroyan's, "The Time of Your Life." Parking outside is available and a parking lot is within short walking distance. Complimentary pastries and coffee will be served during intermission.

The Elizabeth Playhouse is part of the former 19th-century historic Third Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, which was purchased by Marlow and Karen Ferguson in 1992 in the hopes of building two theaters. The playhouse is situated in the former chapel of the church and seats 116 people. Work has begun on the other theater, which is in the nave of the church, and will accommodate 300 people when completed.

Marlow Ferguson is a writer and director who has worked Off-Broadway and in community theater in New Jersey. Karen Ferguson is a playwright and producer. The couple has been honored for their roles in helping to preserve a historic site.

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REUNIONS

Arthur L. Johnson High School Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for Saturday. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Cranford High School Class of 1973 reunion is scheduled for Saturday. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1954 reunion is scheduled for Sunday. Contact UHS Class of 1954 Reunion, 250 Globe Ave., Union 07083.

Thomas Jefferson High School of Elizabeth Class of 1949 has completed plans for its 50th reunion, scheduled to be held in Atlantic City Wednesday and Oct. 14, will be hosted by the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino

and will include wives or companions. A 6 p.m. cocktail reception will be followed by a banquet, special program, live band and a special commemorative gift. Applications are available by calling Vito DeCesars at (908) 351-1691 or writing TJ Class of '49 Reunion, 826 Garden St., Elizabeth, NJ 07022.

Bain High School in Elizabeth Class of 1939 has scheduled its 60th reunion for Oct. 23. For information, call (908) 233-4543.

Westfield High School Class of 1974 reunion is scheduled for Oct. 30. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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 07022.

David Bradley Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for November. Contact David Bradley High School, c/o Class of 1969, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth 07033.

Roselle Catholic High School Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for November. For information, write to: K. Russell-McGowan, 1 Cottage Place #2, Madison, NJ 07940.

Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1949 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 5 and 7. For information, contact Leonard Wagner Hildebrandt at (732) 270-6437.

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James Caldwell High School Class of 1978 reunion is planned for Nov. 27. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

1979 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 6 at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, contact (800) 772-9556 or (203) 227-0187.

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For Oct. 11 to Oct. 17

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Friends and associates will play a major role this week. Surround yourself with the people you know you can trust. A timely act benefits your career toward week's end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Flattery will get you nowhere with a loved one. Try telling the truth instead. Give a career opportunity a lot of thought before prematurely jumping on board.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Use this period for reviewing your recent accomplishments. Take out your list of goals and make check marks or initials where you see fit. Change is part of the game.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): There's uncertainty in the air concerning money. Pay attention during an important financial transaction. Be sure to double-check the paper work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Express yourself freely and avoid keeping your feelings locked up inside. Welcome an opportunity to work with an experienced person in your field. You have a lot to learn.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your energy flows well in a calm and sedate environment. Stop and get organized. At this time, it is best to work on projects already begun, instead of undertaking new ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): There is a higher than normal probability for misunderstandings this week. A rushed message could change everything between you and a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Personal achievements are highlighted. An approval or vote of confidence from a boss or superior will start you on your way. Spend time thinking about what to do next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communications are more than likely interrupted by unforeseen forces or circumstances. Stay on your toes and be prepared to move forward with an alternative plan of action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get clarity on a financial deal and protect your money from possible loss or misuse. Don't be afraid to ask questions or state your feelings in a group setting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should be feeling quite confident at this time in your life. Prestation is important. Step out in style and express your individuality in a unique and wonderful fashion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Celebrate your general luck improves. Make the most of a coming travel cycle. Check in with the airlines on the Internet for the best possible fares.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK, get involved and devote a fair amount of time to the development of a creative project during the coming year. Your thoughts are extremely intuitive. Don't overlook or ignore a strong hunch or gut-level feeling. Enthusiasm is a key-word in your success. Approach your daily life and activities with a sense of fun and adventure.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Casinos join campaign to immunize seniors

Citing influenza and pneumococcal diseases as the fifth leading cause of death for New Jersey seniors, Health and Senior Services Assistant Commissioner Ruth Reader recently came to the first of four adult immunization clinics to be conducted inside an Atlantic City casino this season to urge seniors statewide to "get the flu shot and the pneu shot."

"Flu and pneumonia are ruthless killers of older adults, together claiming the lives of nearly 2,000 New Jersey seniors each year," Reader said. "We are fortunate to have very effective vaccines, but we need to do a better job getting seniors immunized."

To kick off this effort, Reader unveiled a statewide educational campaign targeting both seniors and health care providers. The campaign, through its slogan and supporting materials, urges seniors to "Get the Flu Shot & the Pneu Shot." It also encourages physicians and other health care providers to offer vaccinations to their parents 65 years old and older.

The assistant commissioner made the announcement at Trump Taj Mahal's Park & Casino which, along with Bally's Hotel, Place Casino, Caesar's Atlantic City and Tropicana Hotel & Resort, will host an immunization

clinic this fall. A clinic is being conducted at Caesar's today. Clinic hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic is sponsored by the casinos, the department, the Poor Review Organization of New Jersey, the Atlantic County and Atlantic City Health Departments, Atlantic County Division of Intergovernmental Services, Atlantic City Medical Center and Shore Memorial Hospital. More than 1,000 shots were given to seniors at clinics held in three casinos last year.

Joining Reader at the announcement were Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, local officials and representatives of the sponsoring agencies.

"Get the Flu Shot & the Pneu Shot" campaign, now entering its third year, includes educational outreach through senior centers, senior organizations and health care providers. The Department of Health and Senior Services and PRONJ are also working with doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, local boards of health, visiting nurse associations, and health maintenance organizations. These health care providers have received fact sheets, fliers, posters, immunization record cards and colorful patient chart reminder notes.

"This campaign will let seniors

know that flu and pneumococcal vaccines are available, affordable, safe and effective," said Carl Miller, PRONJ project leader. "It will also emphasize for health care providers the importance of adult immunization."

Reader said a vital part of the campaign includes enhanced regulations which require nursing homes and other senior care facilities to offer adult immunizations to their residents. Proposed regulations will require hospitals to make the same offer to their patients 65 years old and older prior to discharge.

Reader said that while the state's adult immunization rates are improving, they still trail national averages. In 1997, according to Medicare billing data, only 40.3 percent of New Jersey residents 65 years old and older received a flu shot, compared to 39.3 percent in 1996. Just 24.3 percent of seniors received the pneumococcal vaccine through 1997, while less than 17 had received that vaccine through 1996.

Influenza is a serious illness that causes symptoms which include fever, aches and pains, sore throat, runny nose, and chills. When people older than 65 years old or those with chronic health problems, such as diabetes,

get the flu, they are more likely to develop complications which can lead to hospitalization and a loss of independence. A new flu vaccine is developed each year to effectively fight the various influenza viruses expected to be prevalent each winter.

The pneumococcal vaccine is generally given only once to seniors 65 years old and older and protects them from almost all the bacteria that cause pneumococcal diseases, such as septicaemia, meningitis and pneumonia.

Both vaccines are covered by Medicare and Medicaid, which also fully reimburses health care providers for immunizing senior beneficiaries. In addition to private doctors' offices, both shots are available at local immunization clinics sponsored throughout the state each fall by health departments, visiting nurse associations and other health care providers. Traditional clinic locations include fire halls, senior nutrition sites and other community centers. Campaign organizers hope adding casino facilities to this list will increase the number of older adults who get the flu and "pneu" shots.

To find out about a clinic near you, contact your county office on aging, local health department or call NJ EASE toll-free at (877) 222-3737.

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Mid-life sexuality is topic of talk in women's issues series

Fox News Channel host and former NBC-TV medical correspondent Georgia Witkin is the featured speaker of "Midlife Sexuality — The Mind/Body Connection" presented by Overlook Hospital's Women's Services and Community Health Department Oct. 30.

The program, which is the second in a series focusing on midlife issues for women, begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. in the hospital's Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave. in Summit. Cost of the program is \$15 and includes brunch.

Witkin, after completing post-doctoral studies in behavioral genetics as a National Science Foundation Fellow at New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, joined the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. She currently serves as an assistant professor of psychiatry, Director of The Stress Program, an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive science, and an associate director of the Menopause Treatment Program.

She is also the host of the highly rated "Beyond the News" on Fox News Channel and has served as the lifestyle contributor on NBC Newschannel 4 for four years. Witkin has appeared on more than 100 television shows and has been heard on more than 100 radio shows. She has contributed numerous articles to major publications and written several books, including "Human Sexuality," "The Female Stress Syndrome," "Quick Fixes and Small Comforts" and "The Truth About Women."

Other speakers for the "Midlife Sexuality: The Mind/Body Connection" program include Dr. Maria Sophocles, obstetrician/gynecologist, and Dr. Eileen Klein, medical director of Women's Services and member of Overlook Primary Care Associates.

Speakers will be available to answer questions and Witkin will sign copies of her book, "The Female Stress Syndrome," which is a "Book of the Month" selection and is printed in seven languages.

To register for "Midlife Sexuality: The Mind/Body Connection," call (800) AHS-9580.

Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic Health System, 490-bed major teaching hospital in Summit. Accredited by the JCAHO, Overlook is home to New Jersey's first stereotactic radiosurgery program. The hospital's other broad range of services include the Valerie Center, a pediatric cancer program; Neurosciences Center, cardiac catheterization laboratory; rehabilitation medicine program; Chest Pain Center in Emergency Room; Same-Day Surgery Center; Endoscopy; Wound Care Center; and a Medicare-certified home care and hospice program. Overlook is also a designated Community Perinatal Center-Intensive Level, providing critical care services to high-risk newborns. Atlantic Health System, one of the largest health care systems in New Jersey, includes Morristown Memorial Hospital, Overlook Hospital, Montclair Hospital in Montclair/Glen Ridge, The General Hospital Center at Passaic, and affiliated Newton Memorial Hospital and Bayonne Hospital. Atlantic hospitals serve nearly 5 million people in 11 counties in northern and central New Jersey, have a combined total of 2,115 beds and provide a wide array of health care services.

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MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS, 2 TO 4 P.M.
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The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9125.

THE SATURATED IMAGE: "Three Contemporary Photographers" will be on exhibit at the Tomassulo Art Gallery in the Francis J. Library of Union County College through Oct. 28.

Union County College is located at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

THE UNION COUNTY PARKS, oil paintings by George Sonntag, will be the next exhibit at the Les Malanart Art Gallery in the Union Public Library.

CONCERTS

THE WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will be presented in concert at the Union County Arts Center Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-9226.

NEW JERSEY GAY MEN'S CHORUS will be presented in concert at the First Unitarian Church of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave., Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets \$12 if purchased in advance at Swain's Galleries or the Plainfield Music Store; \$15 at the door. For information, call (908) 756-7077, (908) 754-3718, (908) 561-2678 or (908) 756-0750.

Club in Springfield from 10 to 11 a.m. The clinic will raise funds for programs run by The Children's Aid Society. For information, call Freeman Miller at (212) 614-4216.

KIDS

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER, 452 New Providence Road in Montclair, will sponsor workshops for families this fall.

"Two of Us": ages 3 and 4 years old with an adult; hikes and outdoor activities; Tuesdays in October, November and December from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; \$4 per class. For information and a complete brochure, call (908) 789-3670.

UNION RECREATION Department will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 964-4928.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, will present The National Theatre of the Deaf in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$7 each; chaperones and teachers are admitted free. For information, call (800) 300-5179.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, will present "The Magic School Bus" in "A Bright Idea" Oct. 30 at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, will present "Winnie the Pooh" Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$9 each. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES will meet every Sunday — Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. — for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 889-8269 or (908) 889-4751.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS' After-Work Networking Party for singles in their 30s and 40s will be sponsored by KIMMET Oct. 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Inn at Bethel, 181 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren. Admission is \$10. For information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit the website at www.thatskimmet.com.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn opens the 1999-2000 season with the legendary musical comedy classic, "Mame," with music and lyrics by Jerry Robbins. The book by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. The production runs through Oct. 24. Based on the novel "Auntie Mame" by Patrick Dennis and the play by Lawrence and Lee, "Mame" follows the adult adventures of a madcap flapper who unexpectedly inherits the guardianship of the orphaned nephew.

Paper Mill Playhouse is barrier-free and completely accessible to people with disabilities. Paper Mill offers audio-described performances for the visually impaired, as well as sign-interpreted and captioned efforts at the hearing impaired. Braille and large-print programs, as well as infra-red listening system are available.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.; with matinees Thursday at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$36-\$60 and 10 student tickets may be available 15 minutes prior to curtain. The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 376-6663.

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Time You Live By" when it begins through Oct. 17. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices range from \$5 on Fridays, to \$6 to \$8 Saturdays and Sundays.

The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE THEATER PROJECT will present "The Food Chain" through Oct. 16 at the college's Elizabeth campus, 12 W. Jersey St. All performances are at 8 p.m. For information, including ticket prices, call (908) 659-5169.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Forever Plaid" Fridays and Saturdays, Friday to Oct. 23, at the playhouse, 78 Winans Ave. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (908) 276-7811.

STONY HILL PLAYERS will present "Lovers and Other Strangers" by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna Oct. 16, 18, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 10 and 17 at 5 p.m. at the Calves Memorial Outdoor Center, 120 Morris Ave. in Summit. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$16 for children younger than 12 years old. For information, call (908) 464-7718.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig at the playhouse, 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield, Oct. 16 to Nov. 6. Shows are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with a special matinee at 3 p.m. Nov. 7. Tickets are \$12. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

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CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway will present "Dangerous Corner," a suspense drama by J. B. Priestley, Oct. 22 to 30 at El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St. in Rahway. Tickets range from \$12 to \$27, and include show-only and mail-and-show tickets. For information, call (732) 388-0842 or send e-mail to carnivalp@aol.com.

VARIETY

CROSSROADS in Garwood will present a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts throughout October.

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Wednesday — Open Blues Jam, every Wednesday
Oct. 14 — Bad Attitude

Oct. 15 — Hudson River Raft
Oct. 16 — Watchdog Blues Band
Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE in Union will present a series of jazz concerts every Sunday at 8 p.m. throughout the fall. Cover charge is \$3 for all concerts.

Sunday — Boglerizers
Oct. 17 — Pam Purvis and Bob Acherman
Oct. 24 — Joe Taino & the Blue Flames
Oct. 31 — Hal Hirsch Trio
Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Snyessant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call 810-1844.

BARN DANCE for people with disabilities will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Oct. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Watchdog Studios, 1169 Summit Lane in Mountaineer. Admission is \$5. For information, call (908) 527-9900.

THE GREATER NEW JERSEY MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO will take place Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Route 22 in Springfield. Admission is \$5 for adults; children younger than 12 are admitted free. For information, call (908) 925-9667 or (973) 731-6553.

ART SHOWS

ART AT OVERLOOK will be on exhibit at Overlook Hospital, featuring the artwork of hospital staff members. The hospital is located at 99 Beauvoir Ave. For information, call (908) 925-2004.

SUMMIT FRAME & ART will exhibit paintings by American artists dating from the mid 19th to early 20th centuries.



FOREVER PLAID will be presented by the Cranford Dramatic Club Friday through Oct. 23 at the playhouse, 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. Playing the doo-wopping Plaids are, from left, Bob Byrnes, Rick Brown, Roger Hayden and Chris Bentivegna.

The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

1999 UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS Touring Exhibit will be on display through Oct. 14 in the Community Room in Westfield, 425 E. Broad St. The exhibit consists of 31 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual-art works shown at the 1999 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March at Union County College. The tour will travel to sites throughout Union County through March 2000.

The event is open to the public. For assistive services or more information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, (908) 555-2550. Relay service users call (800) 855-7899.

REFLECTIONS OF SUBURBAN LIFE, an exhibit by artist Helen Frank of Springfield, will be shown at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through today.

"Reflections," a nostalgic view of life in the suburbs during the last half of this century, is the theme of this exhibition of paintings, watercolors, etchings and monotypes. It encompasses a wide range of diverse subjects such as Route 22, Olympic Park, the fitting room at Lohmann's, sleigh riding at Ballston, the Pathmark parking lot at midnight, Atlantic City casino; the July 4 celebration, Little League games, a Brownie troop and blueberry pickers.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As of Sept. 11, the museum will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

PEOPLE OF SOUTH ASIA, photographs by Robert Ball, will be on exhibit at the Kent Plaza Gallery in Summit through Oct. 15.

The gallery is located at 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment. For information, call (908) 273-0900.

CAPTURING THE IMAGINATION: "Paintings by Hugo Bossalis" will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Oct. 22.

The gallery is located at 1670 Irving St. at the corner of Seminary Avenue in downtown Rahway. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m.; and by appointment. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

THE ART OF THE MOVIE POSTER will be on exhibit at the Design Center at Kean University through '30.

Kean University is located on Morris Avenue in Union. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. For information, call (908) 527-3059.

The gallery is located in Friburger Park on Morris Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

ZIMBABWE SCULPTURE IN STONE, an exhibit of the works of three African artists, will be on display through Oct. 23 at Swain's Galleries in Plainfield. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Swain Gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

UNION COUNTY HEART GRANT-IN-ACTION is the theme of the next exhibit at the Rahway Arts Guild, Oct. 31 to Nov. 24, featuring the work of photographers Jay Ghering Smith and Owen Kanzler. An opening reception will take place Oct. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Rahway Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

AUDITIONS

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will conduct auditions for "Laura" Oct. 18 and 19 at 7:30 at the playhouse, 1000 North Ave. West. Needed are five men, late teens to 50s; and three women, 20s to 60s.

MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will conduct auditions for active membership, Nov. 3 at 10:45 a.m. Call (908) 252-2173 or (908) 272-5549 for details.

BOOKS

PHOTOGRAPHER JAYNE WEXLER and Journalist Lauren Cowan will be at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 west in Springfield, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of their new book, "Girlfriends."

CLASSES

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts.

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The Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3300.

COMEDY

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-6511.

MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will present a concert Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the home of Helene Frieland in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3145.

ORGANIST RAYMOND BOBER will be presented in recital Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Union, Colonial Avenue at Thoreau Terrace. To dedicate the church's new organ. For information, call (908) 810-5324.

THE SUMMIT SYMPHONY will present a concert Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. at Summit High School, Kant Place Boulevard in Summit. Admission is free.

CRAFTS

10TH ANNUAL AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR will be sponsored by the Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 1600 Maritime Ave. in Scotch Plains. Admission is \$1. For information, call (908) 889-9475.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE CRAFT CLUB of Westfield will sponsor its annual boutique Wednesday through Oct. 17 at the Westfield Tennis Club, 139 N. Chestnut St. Hours are 8 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Donation is \$1.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Convention, formerly the Summit YMCA. Beginners are welcome. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

THE NEW JERSEY BALLET will kick off its 41st season with the premiere of "Western Sweet" Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater at Kean University, Morris Avenue in Union. Tickets are \$17 for general admission, \$15 for senior citizens, and \$10 for students. For information, call Kean at (908) 527-2337 or New Jersey Ballet at (973) 527-9600.

THE NEW JERSEY BALLET will present "Sleeping Beauty" Oct. 24 in the Wilkins Theater at Kean University, Morris Avenue in Union. All tickets are \$7. For information, call Kean at (908) 527-2337 or New Jersey Ballet at (973) 527-9600.

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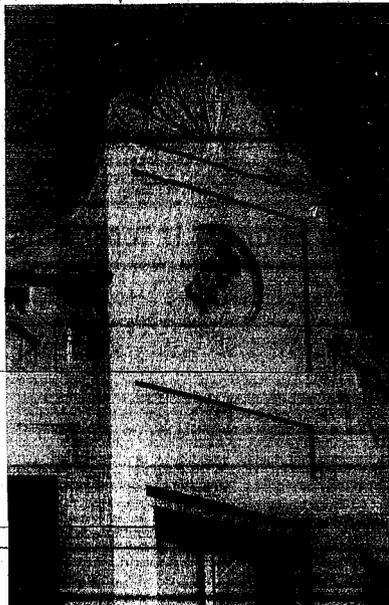
A TASTE OF WESTFIELD will be sponsored as a benefit for First Night Westfield Oct. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 Broad St. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. For information, call (908) 233-2700.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will present "Young Frankenstein" Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The arts center is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-9226.

GOLF

GOLF CLINIC for children ages 10 to 13 will take place at the Balmoral Golf



PHOTOGRAPHER OWEN KANZLER will have his works of architectural images on exhibit with photographs by Jay Ghering Smith Oct. 31 to Nov. 24 at the Rahway Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

Westfield Players prepare for comic stage opener

Naomi Yablonsky, known to local theatergoers for her many past appearances and directing efforts at Westfield Community Players, has assembled an ensemble cast for Ken Ludwig's comedy smash, "Moon Over Buffalo." The show is set to open Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. and continues Oct. 22, 23 and 30, and Nov. 5 and 6, with a special 3 p.m. matinee Nov. 7 in the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. All tickets are \$12.

Rambunctiously funny, this slambang farce set in Buffalo in 1953 presents a tired troupe with a repertoire of Noel Coward's "Private Lives" and Cyranos de Bergerac's "White Rehearsal," stars Charlotte and George Hay, and old Hollywood director Frank Capra is on his way to audition them for starring roles in his upcoming "Scarlet Pimpernel" swashbuckler.

Will George be sober enough to appear? Will Charlotte run off with her agent? Will Mr. Capra see anything remotely resembling a play, or will he backstage shenanigans, missed entrances and blown cues send him back to Hollywood on the next train?

All tickets are \$12 and are available at Burdigger Realty in Westfield and at the box office by calling (908) 232-1221. Opening night patrons are invited to stay for WCP's traditional opening night celebration featuring light snacks and coffee in the lobby after the final curtain.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

NJ Gay Men's Chorus will perform on Sunday

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus will be presented in concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Ave. in Plainfield. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus was established in 1991 by J. A. Karsawsky. It has appeared in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland, and has been awarded grants from the New Jersey Arts Council/Mercer County for five consecutive years.

John and Linda Corbett of Winfield return to the WCP stage at George and Charlotte Hay, the featured actors in this sorry rite. Linda Gaddita of Westfield is Charlotte's dead and cantankerous mother, and Stanley Kaplan of Westfield is the Hays' agent trying to hold everything together.

May Kate Cullinan of Elizabeth returns to the WCP stage as Rosalind, while Matthew Kaplan of Parsippany is Howard, Patti Vidovick of Cranford portrays Eileen, and Ralph Romeo of Ridgefield as Paul completes the supporting cast.

Principal accompanist. He received a master's degree in piano performance from Westminster Choir College. He has played in many productions including "Annie," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Cinderella" and "The King and I." Brown is on the piano faculty of Westminster Choir College.

Tickets may be obtained at Swain's Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, (908) 756-1707; Plainfield Music Store, 1210 North Ave., Plainfield, (908) 754-3718; Michael Perry, 9 Teaberry Drive, Edison, (908) 561-2678; and First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Ave., Plainfield, (908) 756-0750.

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