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Chester's bridge

There is some distance between Transportation Commissioner James Weinstein and Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes. Lately, though, both of them along with Clark Councilwoman Michele Cislo have bridges on their minds.

Two weeks ago, a happy Holmes had the privilege of driving the first car over the newly-revamped Lawrence Street Bridge in Rahway. His trip over the span, which is a key access road to Route 1, was a good deal easier than his trail to get the funding for the work.

Left Out

As a candidate for freeholder, Holmes had made the bridge work a major priority. Pledging is always a lot easier than doing. Over the past two years, Holmes kept the heat on the engineers and bureaucrats, why a remarkable skill to tell you why something can't be done. But Holmes was not denied.

"The real hassle was the permitting process with the NJ DEP and the Coast Guard. Heck, we had already secured the money," said Holmes.

"Normally the problem is the money. Gov. Christine Whitman's commissioner of transportation has been on his tour around the state promoting the need for bonding monies to rehabilitate our aging bridges and roads."

Weinstein talks about realities we would rather not hear. Road travel is up more than 60 percent over the past 30 years. The deterioration according to Weinstein means, "We have to act now to avert a bad situation from becoming worse."

Depressing news, but still helpful. The NJ DOT local bridge inventory and status for Union County is also a less than happy face document. The numbers speak to 49 deficient and obsolete bridges. The total cost of rehabilitation and replacement is put at \$125.4 million. I don't think the number is going down. Ownership of bridges runs the gambit from county municipalities, NJ Transit, NJ DOT and my favorite category, "orphan" bridges.

The state's proposal under the local bridge Bond Act is to target monies for the structurally-deficient bridges and construction. The bipartisan bond question passed the Assembly by a vote of 77-3 and the Senate 36-2 and was signed by the governor to be placed on the ballot.

As with any proposal there are some criticisms. According to Tri-State Transportation Campaign, See TIME, Page B2

Dems tout tax stabilization; GOP calls for fiscal responsibility

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

As Democrats touted their record of maintaining the county tax rate and igniting economic development, Republicans criticized them for approving salary hikes while calling for fiscal responsibility and two-party representation on the freeholder board.

Six candidates for three seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders gathered last week to share their views on the direction of Union County government. Three, three-year terms are up for election Nov. 2 on the nine-member board. Democrats currently enjoy a 9-0 advantage. The forum was sponsored by the Cranford League of Women Voters.

Incumbent Linda Stender of Fanwood seeks her third term while Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari of Linden goes after his second. They are running with Angel Estrada, a member of the Elizabeth Board of Education, who replaced Freeholder Donald Goncalves on the Democratic line. Stender is a former mayor of Fanwood and Scutari served on term on the Linden Board of Education.

Republicans seeking to end a three-year winning streak by Democrats are Wally Shackell of Cranford, Al Dill of Summit and Richard Revilla of Elizabeth.

Shackell was mayor of Cranford in 1998, the final year of a three-year term on the Township Committee before losing a re-election bid. Dill served three, three-year terms on the Summit Common Council while Revilla is a member and former chairman of the Elizabeth Housing Authority.

"The Democratic leadership has a lot to be proud of," Scutari said, as he highlighted the county's investments in education, economic development and open space. He touted the creation of a separate Department of Economic Development, the Freeholders

Scholars Program and Project Pocket Parks.

Freeholders have lowered the county tax rate three consecutive years, the chairman said, something Republicans had not done during their "seven-year stranglehold" on the freeholder board.

The first Republican appointed to the Elizabeth Housing Authority, Revilla said the authority's commissioners developed a bipartisan spirit during his chairmanship last year.

Shackell blasted the freeholders for approving raises for themselves at the end of last year, which were "made more ridiculous by being retroactive. There's no telling what Christmas gift they'll give themselves this year."

"The current situation is dangerous," Shackell said, referring to the 9-0 Democratic makeup of the board. "Unless Republicans are elected, we'll be left with a rubber stamp board."

Open space trust fund
Republicans criticized the incumbents for not putting on the ballot this year an open space trust fund referendum. A trust fund is a dedicated tax for open space and recreation which must be approved by voters.

"It's foolish to say we'll acquire land," Shackell said. "If you don't have the funding, you can't have the property."

Freeholders have invested more than \$3 million in matching grants and \$1 million to acquire property this year, Stender said. The trust fund is a tax, she said, and the county must be careful before one is created. Freeholders established a bipartisan committee to assess the impact an open space fund would have on taxpayers.

As a member of the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in the late 1980s, Dill said a trust fund was being examined at that time. There is a lot of land adjacent to parks, in some cases even abandoned, that could be acquired. Dill said the

Houdaille Quarry in Springfield has "tremendous potential for recreation."

Working within the constraints of a budget is one of the most important things the freeholders can do, Scutari said. All the projects the board has accomplished have been done while working within budget constraints, he said. "We must make prudent decisions without rushing out to ask residents to raise their taxes without a plan."

"It's a shame Union County is lagging behind," Revilla said. Another year has gone by while all but five New Jersey counties have an open space fund, he said, and at the same time Republicans on the state level have initiated open space programs.

Jersey Gardens Impact
When a question arose about what impact the Jersey Gardens Value

Megamall in Elizabeth will have on Union County, Shackell said it will be good for city but there are 20 other municipalities in the county.

"The freeholders chose to promote themselves with taxpayer dollars five weeks before the election," Shackell said, referring to television commercials about the Renalis Skills Center at the mall.

"The mall is a tremendous success story. The advertisements got people trained," Stender said, with 7,000 people attending its job fairs and 2,000 being hired for the mall. She described the mall as part of an overall change going on in Union County with \$4 billion in public-private partnerships.

Dill said the freeholder board should thank former chairwoman Linda-Lee Kelly for getting the ball

rolling on the mall project. It was the Republican-controlled board, he said, that started the process of converting the unused brownfields thanks to help from the state. The mall will be "a boon for Elizabeth and Union County."

Union County must be business-friendly, Estrada said, otherwise it will be unable to attract jobs and provide tax stability. It is not just the mall, he said, "but the infrastructure around the mall that will survive."

The mall received bipartisan approval, said Revilla, and "it's a shame some people are standing up to take credit."

"We've taken economic development to a new level," Scutari said, and have increased tax rates. He said the board is trying to get people trained to enter the workforce and get off welfare.

Candidates debate residency requirement

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A 15-year-old ordinance requiring Union County employees to live within the county is "ridiculous" and should not punish loyal employees, according to Republicans, while Democrats believe rules should not be changed simply because they are not followed.

Democratic and Republican candidates for freeholder, shared their views on the subject during a forum last week sponsored by the Cranford League of Women Voters.

The freeholders approved an ordinance in 1983 that required Union County employees to be residents of the county. The ordinance was intended to ensure that employees in a number of departments, particularly corrections officers.

The problem, according to Republican challenger Wally Shackell, is that since 1983 enforcement has been inconsistent.

"It's extremely unfair. The policy should be changed. We should not punish employees."

Although he could not speak specifically to the situation involving Union County residents because the matter is in litigation, incumbent Democrat Nicholas Scutari said employees must abide rules and regulations. The freeholder

board will not "sit idly by and have individuals break rules and falsify applications."

"We shouldn't change the rules halfway through the game because people are not following them," the chairman of the freeholder board said.

Court hearings are scheduled early next month on the matter.

Republican Al Dill called the measure an "old, antiquated law" which is in no way in favor of. "It can sometimes be difficult to live in the same county or town," Dill said, particularly for law enforcement officers. It can be a problem, for instance, if officers run into former inmates in public, the former Summit councilman said.

Former Republican Richard Revilla advocated abolishing the ordinance. "It's a dumb rule. It's just political. It's another reason for Union County to be in litigation."

If an employee was fired because they were bad, that's one thing, Revilla said, but to fire someone because of where they live "is ridiculous."

He suggested implementing a two-year residency clause to be fair.

"It's not a question of doing or not doing the job," said Angel Estrada, a Democrat.

"It's just like supporting businesses that are here," incumbent Democrat Linda Stender said.

Jersey Gardens grand opening

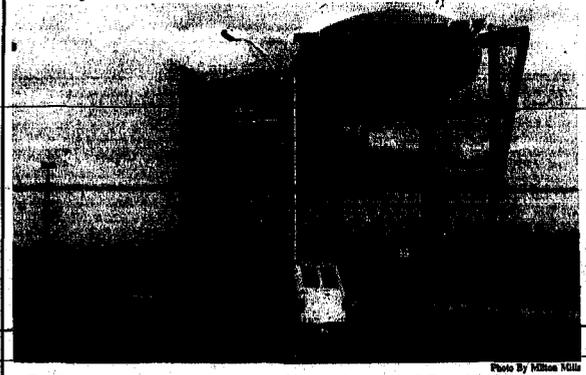


Photo By Kathleen Miller

The \$350-million Jersey Gardens Value Megamall, located off Exit 13A of the New Jersey Turnpike in Elizabeth, is set to open today.

Information session Saturday

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology will host the first information session for interested applicants and parents to next September's freshman class. It will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. in Mancuso Hall. The magnet school is located on the campus of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

According to Corinne Wnek, student services counselor and admissions officer for the school, the information session will answer questions such as the following: Is a magnet high school a viable alternative to traditional education for your child? Have you heard of magnet schools but don't know much about them? What is the curriculum like, and how does a student get admitted?

The magnet school offers an intensive engineering and design technology based curriculum, Wnek added, and the rigorous program prepares students for entry into a baccalaureate degree program. The school, in collaboration with Union County College,

provides the opportunity for students to earn up to a year of college credits prior to high school graduation.

For more information about the magnet high school or to make reservations for Saturday's information session, call Wnek at (908) 889-2800, ext. 201.

Clerk's Office will be open for absentee ballots

The Union County Clerk's Office will be open Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to serve voters who need absentee ballot applications and ballots for the Nov. 2 General Election.

By law, the deadline for receipt of mail-in absentee ballot applications is a postmarked date of Oct. 26. Walk-in applications are accepted until 3 p.m. on Nov. 1.

Residents who are unable to vote because of unavailability or illness on Nov. 2 are urged to apply for an absentee ballot.

The office is located on the first floor of the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

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Wally Shackell
R-Freeholder

Wally Shackell

Currently Union County is controlled 9-0 by the Democratic party. The problem with one-party politics is that it doesn't work to the benefit of the citizens of Union County, but to the benefit of the Democratic party. This country was built on checks and balances; unfortunately they don't exist in Union County.

Currently there are eight bodies and one head. These eight freeholders vote yes on every issue. One Democratic freeholder, Don Goncalves, dared to speak out. He was not given an opportunity to run this year. We need to end closed-door government. We need to reform county government. Currently we have nine freeholders elected at-large. In theory every freeholder represents the 500,000 Union County residents. In practice no one is accountable to the citizens. What we propose is to go to a seven-member freeholder board with the county being divided into three election districts with two freeholders from each district and one freeholder elected at-large. With this system every citizen will know who to contact with their concerns.

This year's budget increased by \$6 million. Ten towns in Union County received a tax increase. For example, Berkeley Heights taxes have increased by almost \$1.3 million in the last two years. The county budget is becoming a heavy burden for many of the communities in the western end of the county. We will work to help all 21 communities with the county tax burden no. 11.

The county is approximately 240 million in debt. What concerns us the most is that these freeholders have indebted our children's future. While many of our local municipalities are trying to pay down the debt the county is going in the wrong direction. When elected we will lower the rate at which the county is borrowing money.

One of the greatest assets of Union County is our county park system, however many of the parks have been neglected. Surprise Lake is a collection of "needs" and is in desperate need of being dredged. With much of the flooding emanating from the county parks, the county should be a lead agency in seeking help in correcting flooding.

A recent survey conducted by the county found that fully 20 percent of park users reported safety, security, and restroom cleanliness problems in the system. We will work hard and diligently to create the funding necessary to restore the high quality of our park system.



Albert Dill
R-Freeholder

Albert Dill

I am concerned about the fiscal welfare of Union County. This why I am seeking election to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Since the Democratic party has gained absolute control of all nine seats, the spending and debt burden borne by taxpayers in our 21 municipalities has soared by \$120 million. The freeholders have added \$50 million in debt within the past few months.

It is true that Union is a solvent county with attractive ratios. How-

ever, that should not mean that there should be an open season on taxpayers, who have little or nothing to say about our mounting burden of debt. With a 9-0 all-Democratic board there is virtually no discussion of decisions involving millions of dollars. And no serious opposition to these spending decisions.

As a veteran of three terms on the governing body in my hometown, I understand the process of governing. Government must strive to keep the cost of government down and effective. The Board of Freeholders this year voted to spend millions of dollars on parks and recreation. I would have liked to have had a voice in how that money is to be spent.

I also would have liked to have had a voice in the \$1,500 retroactive pay increase the freeholders voted themselves at the end of 1998. The unwarranted pay hike elevated freeholders' salaries to \$25,000 - sixth highest in the state. There simply is no justification for paying that kind of money to elected officials who effectively attend two meetings a month. That comes to about a thousand dollars a night. It's not bad if you're fortunate enough to be on the receiving end, but terribly unfair if you must pay the bill, as taxpayers are forced to do.

A monolithic one-party rule is not conducive to good government. We need a minority voice, a watchdog, another point of view to make certain that taxpayers are receiving a dollar's worth of services for every dollar's worth of taxes they pay.

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Nicholas Scutari
D-Freeholder

Nicholas Scutari

As chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I have set three goals for county government in 1999. The first was economic development; building new jobs and economic opportunities for the residents of Union County.

The board has worked with the private sector and nonprofit agencies to develop one of the nation's most innovative job-training programs - a retail training center located in the county's newest mall. It also has developed a job-training program that has found regular employment for more than 600 of the county's longest-term welfare recipients in one year.

Downtown Union County, a program we initiated this year, provides grants to municipalities to improve their business districts, often in partnership with the private sector. This funding can help turn around run-down downtown areas and can bring new business opportunities and new jobs to our communities.

In addition, Union County invested \$10 million in road and bridge improvements to make transportation safer and more efficient. We also worked closely with state and federal officials to ensure the modernization of vital economic engines like Port Elizabeth, our many highways, Newark Airport and this county's rail lines.

The second area of focus for the board is education. This year we developed the Freeholder Scholars Program, which will pay the full tuition for eligible county residents attending Union County College, as long as they maintain a B average or better. This has helped low- and middle-income families afford the escalating cost of higher education. In addition, we continued Access 2000, investments in new computers and technology training in every school district in the county. This program will ensure that every child has access to a computer and new software by the end of the year 2000.

Finally, we have focused on the quality of life for the residents of Union County. I continued Project Pocket Parks and investments in new, safer playgrounds, parks, athletic fields, recreation areas and open space.

This year, I am proud to say that the freeholder board eliminated the longstanding waiting list for meals on wheels and other nutritional services for senior citizens. In addition, the

county funded cultural programs like Jersey Jazz by the Lake, the Union County Blues Festival and a full slate of concerts at Echo Lake Park.

I am proud of both our new initiatives and of this party's governance in Union County. As we enter the 21st century, it will ensure that this county has better jobs, better educational opportunities, better parks and programs for children and adults.



Linda Stender
D-Freeholder

Linda Stender

Over the six years I have served as a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I have worked hard to find solutions to many of the problems facing Union County's 500,000 residents. This has been both rewarding and challenging and I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of this county's families.

As a parent and a former mayor, I am aware of the needs of Union County's families, communities and businesses. That's why I'm proud of the accomplishments of this freeholder board: better, safer roads; three years in a row of tax reductions; improved services at Runnels Specialized Hospital; improved services for the county's senior citizens; expanded educational opportunities; improved parks, playgrounds and athletic fields and a stronger, healthier business climate. I look forward to continuing this progress.

Recently, I attended a ceremony at Union County College where we honored the recipients of our Freeholder Scholars Program. This initiative, begun this year by the freeholder board, pays the full tuition for eligible Union County residents who maintain a B average or better at Union County College. This program helps low- and middle-income families to afford the cost of higher education, and will provide new opportunities for residents throughout their lifetime.

Another program, Access 2000, has provided county grants to school districts to purchase new computers and software and to link schools and classrooms to the Internet. The freeholder board initiated this program to ensure that every child in Union County will have access to a computer and to the Internet by the end of the year 2000.

This freeholder board has worked hard to bring new jobs to Union County and to preserve the jobs already here. We developed a public-private partnership with the National Retail Institute and to create the Retail Skills Center that operated both at Union County College and soon, on-site at the Jersey Gardens Mall. This program has already trained 2,500 workers for better employment in a variety of settings.

To make transportation safer for all residents, this board also replaced a \$10-million road and bridge replacement program. We also worked hard to bring state funds to Union County for major upgrades for port and rail transportation, which are an important part of this region's economy.

Democrats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders have invested in programs and services that make this county a better, safer place to live, learn, work and raise a family. As Union County enters the 21st century, I am proud to be a part of the team that is paving the way for the opportunities and challenges we will all meet.

Angel Estrada

My name is Angel Estrada and I am a candidate for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. I am proud to be a Democratic team that has delivered lower taxes, new jobs and a better quality of life for the people of Union County.

I am a senior business executive with more than 25 years of experience in companies large and small. If elected to the freeholder board, I will bring with me a background in management, strategic planning, budgeting and human resources.

I intend to help continue the Democratic-led freeholders' record of three consecutive tax cuts. I will aggressively pursue grants to lower the tax burden even further. This is



Angel Estrada
D-Freeholder

Angel Estrada

particularly important for young families just getting started and senior citizens living on a fixed income. For the past five years it has been my privilege to serve on the Elizabeth Board of Education, I worked to secure state funds to build new classrooms for an overcrowded school district. I brought college recruiters to our schools to help our students pursue a higher education.

As a school board member, I see many good students able to further their education because of the Freeholder Scholars Program. More than 100 students are now attending Union County College through this program, which offers free tuition to full-time students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average and do not receive other financial aid.

A recent Education Week study found that nationwide, most schools do a poor job of integrating technology into the classroom. But in Union County we're ahead of the curve, thanks to the freeholder board's Access 2000 program. Access 2000 grants bring new computers, technology and the Internet to classrooms throughout the county. The program also trains teachers to use the technology in the classroom and helps them develop special educational programs for their students.

I will continue efforts to preserve open space and create better recreational facilities for our residents. Project Pocket Parks has created \$6 million worth of improvements to local parks - including more trees, trails, playing fields and playgrounds; helped to keep our parks and playgrounds clean and safe; and preserved open space for our enjoyment and that of future generations.

In Elizabeth, I have seen the close link between transportation and economic development. Our \$40-million effort to improve roads, bridges and intersections throughout the county will facilitate the rapid and efficient transportation of good services and commuters. Our projects to expand rail service throughout the county will reduce congestion on our roads and create new commuting and shopping options for our residents.

I will be proud to continue this record of success as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.



Richard Revilla
R-Freeholder

Richard Revilla

One of the major issues that this current freeholder board has not addressed is the issue of open space. When the state set forth its plan to preserve our state's greenness and garden-like quality for the benefit of our next generations it put that question to the voters of this state. And the voters approved.

Likewise, the residents of Union County are owed respect for their minds and wallets and should be stakeholders in the decision whether to establish a county fund to augment state dollars for the preservation of the open spaces we so much enjoy today.

These major points I would focus as freeholder are:
• Financial accountability - cut costs while increasing services.
I believe a main purpose of county government should be to assist Union County municipalities applying shared service programs. Many times mun-

icipalities can use a system to bring them to a lower cost and a better productive system within the services they provide. This can help in creating a property tax reduction at the municipal and county levels.

There must also be a mechanism in which to hold the municipality in check of local taxes when a reduction occurs at the county level. Without this county government would do an injustice to not hold the responsible whenever a budget can be maximized without the need for a tax increase.

• Procedural accountability - letting residents in on the process.
County government is obviously one of the levels of government that most people do not follow, nor are aware of the services it provides. The county manager makes all recommendations based on his approval.

I would open county government to the residents and rely on their input and needs. The county freeholders do not actively participate in town forums nor reach down to the local level to assist municipalities in this process.
• Social accountability - balanced representation of all residents.

If Union County was just Elizabeth then I would not bring up this issue, but the reality is that it is not. This county is a vibrant and diversified community. With many different needs, I would expand county government to be fair to all communities not just one's in need.

Equal representation could be given by redesigning the way the freeholder board is chosen to give equally to all of the communities, whether urban or suburban. It is still the responsibility of the board whichever town they are elected from to be equal and not partial to where they feel their voter base may come from.



Linda-Lee Kelly
R-Surrogate

Linda-Lee Kelly

As long as there have been wills, orphans and those unable to administer their own affairs there has been judges to serve the public for these distinctive needs. Being an experienced practicing attorney since 1980 specializing in family law, probate and estate planning, I have seen firsthand the importance of this office which is certain to touch the lives of every person at one time or another.

The surrogate reviews and files adoptions, appointments of guardians for incompetent persons, trusteeships, conservatorships and accountings. The surrogate's office is staffed with 17 people. Since more and more of Union County's Baby Boomers are approaching their senior years - exceeding the numbers of the previous generation - the demands for proven administrative skills become all the more important in the day-to-day operations of this public agency.

As a principal of the largest middle school in Elizabeth, I administer a staff of 91 that services a student population of over 750. I formulate budgets, oversee the operation of this large facility, and also perform evaluations for all these employees. My experience as a past Union County freeholder from 1990 to 1996 gives me a seasoned working knowledge of county-wide government where among other things, I reviewed the surrogate's budget.

I am ready and able to meet the demands of this office which must provide cooperation and compassion to clients who require service at a very difficult time. Our citizens are entitled to nothing less than a surrogate who is available on a full-time basis.

The surrogate should be prepared to go out in the homes of those who are unable to come into the office. It means being personally accessible to assist our citizens to overcome obstacles in matters relating to probate, adoption, or guardianship. The surrogate must educate the public as to the need for estate planning.

It's easy to understand why today, perhaps more than ever, the office of surrogate requires the proven legal and administrative experience that I can offer. The experience that I have acquired as a practicing attorney, school administrator, educator and

elected official have provided me with the abilities and knowledge to successfully fulfill the duties of this office.

County residents need to know that there is someone capable to assist them at a very vulnerable time in their lives. I promise to be there to help them.



James LaCorte
D-Surrogate

James LaCorte

The role of the surrogate has increased dramatically in recent years. The average size of estates has grown significantly as the economy has flourished. The society has also grown more litigious making formerly rare cases such as will contests more numerous. Infant settlements are larger, company hearings more complicated. These various activities and others fall within the jurisdiction of the county surrogate.

As a practicing attorney for over 25 years, I have had extensive experience in all those fields related to the duties of the Surrogate. I have had more will than I can remember to probate. I have assisted clients in the creation of estate administrations. I have tried in Superior Court both competency hearings and will contests. I have processed infant settlements. I feel confident that I can excel in performing the necessary functions of the office.

If there is one office that demands a practicing attorney fill that role, it is the office of surrogate. The decision as to whether a will is admitted to probate will determine how assets are passed from one generation to the next. This and other decisions should be made by someone who has had constant and continual exposure to these issues. I have that experience.

I have also observed first hand the understanding and compassion displayed to families when they need the services of the county surrogate. The Union County Surrogate's Office under the direction of Ann Conti was a model for all other counties to emulate. I intend to continue that practice.

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Time to cross the bridge

(Continued from Page B1) there are questions as to the spending for an additional \$250 million earmarked not for bridges but for other undefined transportation plans.

For Ciso, the funding has a specific need in terms of the Central Avenue bridge. Ciso, in meeting with county engineers, is promoting a dual project for the bridge which is a major access from Westfield and points west into Clark.

Ciso sees the bridge in need of rehabilitation. But she also is lobbying for a pedestrian walkway to keep the residents on a portion of Clark and streets in Westfield from being isolated.

She advocates the funding for our bridges, a.k.a., pay me now or pay me later, is at a critical point. To play off the old saying, we have come to the bridge and we do have to cross it.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capecia is an attorney.

Swimming program for people with disabilities

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce a free, recreational swimming program for people with disabilities. The sessions, which are co-sponsored by the Farwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, will be at the Farwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Marlino Ave., Scotch Plains. The program will run each Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 21. There is no pre-registration for this activity, just sign in at the front desk upon arrival.

For information call the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CDC opens season with homage to past

"Forever Plaid," a four-man vocal group from Pennsylvania, mixes luscious harmonies, romantic torch ballads and infectious up-tempo numbers. Add to that touches of hilarious wordplay and lighthearted snuck and you have the season opener at the Cranford Dramatic Club in Cranford through Saturday.

The guys — Francis, Smudge, Jinx and Spark — are wonderful musical entertainers. What they do is even more remarkable in light of the fact that they've been dead for more than 35 years.

This isn't some grisly, Halloween-time stunt; it's the surprisingly light-



The Plaids — from left, Bob Byrnes, Roger Hayden, Rick Brown and Chris Bentivegna — gather around the piano in between warbling love ballads and crooning their harmonies at Cranford Dramatic Club.

Theater View

By Dennis Freeland
Correspondent

hearted premise of Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid."

On the way to their first big, post-college singing engagement in the early '60s, they were in a fatal collision with a carload of teenage girls who were on their way to watch the Beatles appear on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Neither the audience nor the Plaids ever know why, but they've been allowed to come back in their spiffy white dinner jackets — they never could get those boss plaid tuxedos they desperately wanted — to sing their Osterizer School of Music-styled harmony, all exquisitely blended.

Get it? Osterizer? Blender? No? This reviewer didn't write that, it's in the show.

The musical is not nostalgic fluff, but it will bring back fond memories for anyone older than 40, and make their youngsters feel they've missed something special. It has a lot of fun with the style of Top 40 "Your Hit Parade" style of American pop that literally died with the Beatles. But it's as much a celebration as a send-up. And even though it has no "story" per se, its thin-as-a-dime premise lets us in on the joke and allows us to experience this music through the eyes of four guys who clearly adore it.

The music is all tenor and light baritone; an upright bass adds bottom to soaring interpretations of era favorites "Mullata," "Heart and Soul" with an audience volunteer plinking out the non-piano-players' best-known song.

"Catch a Falling Star," and "Temptation." If all the show offered were these songs splendidly sung, it would be more than enough. The show's wry, ironic and upbeat sense of humor truly makes it outstanding theater.

Some of the humor is derived from The Plaids' naivete and enthusiasm, as well as their personal and physical shortcomings: all of them have at least one chronic health problem. The act has to go on as Jinx — played by Robert Byrnes — suffers a nosebleed. His half-brother, Spark — Rick Brown — has to write the Spanish lyrics to "Perfidia" on his palm while the group "covers" for him, then "tries" to look like he isn't singing the words from his hand.

The clever, "wetter" humor is inventive, never excessive and breathlessly funny. The anvil sound on the Sam Cooke classic "Chain Gang" is a spoon smacking a full ketchup bottle. A string of tacky plastic backyard lamps strung from a fake palm tree

brought into the audience provides perfect ambience for the Calypso segment — you'd swear you'd been transported to Jamaica... Queens. Plumber's helpers with five-foot handles become errant microphones — and their "thwock" sound when the suction cups are pulled from the floor makes them very funny percussion instruments.

The ensemble cast — Byrnes, Brown, Roger Hayden, and Christopher Bennington — have exceptional voices and good comic timing. Since this is truly an ensemble cast, it would be unfair to single anyone out. Oh, what the heck: Byrnes' heartfelt, doomed interpretation of Johnny Ray's "Cry" had this reviewer convulsed with laughter. And, if I had to choose a "Best Voice," it'd belong to Hayden, but it's really a four-way tie.

Conclusive evidence that this cast really hums as one unit is bright in the play's biggest set piece, a 10-minute showstopper that includes "everything ever done on 'The Ed

Sullivan Show.'" Nothing will be revealed about this part of the show in this review — it has to be seen.

Director Drude Sparre Roesler has mounted this gem with style and much-needed taste and restraint. What could easily become "Rocky Horror Meets Pat Boone" is given the gently, very human treatment it truly deserves. Janice Lynn's choreography is — intentionally — awful, dumb, inventive and inspiring at the same time.

The Fifth Plaid is musical director and piano accompanist Anjanette Violante. Her playing is very, very sharp, and she handles her brief bit of stage business perfectly.

The show has abundant laughs, beautiful music, and fine performances. And when was the last time you saw a show that used a standup bass as half its band?

Get to the phone and reserve your tickets to "Forever Plaid." After all, they're only on loan from the Hereafter Unit Saturday.



Emmy Award-winner Carrol O'Connor will participate via interactive video in a forum on preventing substance abuse sponsored next Wednesday by the Schering-Plough Corp. and the Kenilworth public schools. O'Connor, who lost a son to substance abuse, is the spokesperson for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

O'Connor to 'appear' at Schering's forum

The Schering-Plough Corp. and the Kenilworth public schools invite all Union County families to a community forum on preventing substance abuse.

The forum, which is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m., will take place in the auditorium of the David Brearley Middle/High School, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth.

Refreshments will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. and again following the forum.

The event is presented in collaboration with the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County, Project FORCE of Union Hospital Center for Kids and Family, the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey, and the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

O'Connor, who lost a son to substance abuse, is the spokesperson for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The Partnership for a Drug-Free America is a private, non-profit coalition of professionals from the communications industry.

Well known for its national, anti-drug advertising campaign, the partnership's mission is to reduce demand for illicit drugs through media communications.

The forum will be moderated by Steve Adubato, Emmy Award-winning anchor for WNET, Channel 13, Public Broadcasting Service.

For more information on the forum, contact Joseph P. Starkey, Schering-Plough Corp., at (973) 823-7412 or by e-mail at joseph.starkey@spcorp.com.

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Backstage comedy scores in Westfield

The Westfield Community Players opened their season Saturday with the Ken Ludwig comedy, "Moon Over Buffalo," an uproarious look at a family of actors where the careers are in decline, but the egos are larger than ever.

George and Charlotte Hay, played by John and Linda Correll, are reduced to doing repertory theater in upscale New York in 1933 after a couple of Broadway flops and unsuccessful

Theater View

By Brian Gooney
Staff Writer

ful attempts at movie careers. Television is also gnawing away at their audience.

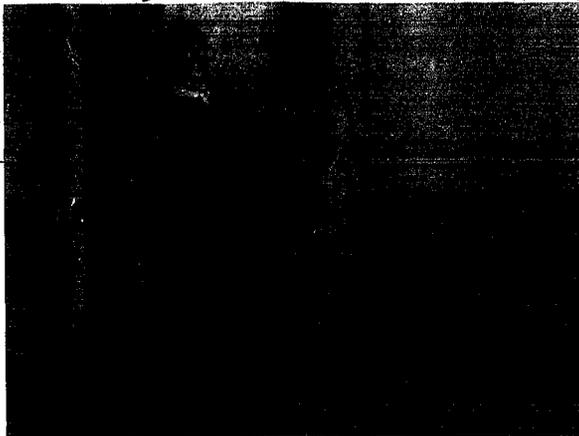
Their hopes of reviving their faded careers remain strong, although theater seems to be dying. "Without it, we would all be Republicans," observes Charlotte.

Charlotte rules being passed over for big-budget films like "Sense and Sensibility" while breaking into a ceremonial dance from the 3-movie, "Apache Woman," she was forced to play.

The couple's daughter, Rosalind, portrayed by Mary Kate Cullinan, brings her straight-laced fiancé, Howard, played by Mathew Kaplan, to meet her parents.

Several romantic complications dominate the play. George is involved with a young troupe member, Eileen, played by Patti Vidakovic. The couple's attorney, Richard, portrayed by Stan Kaplan, is trying to convince Charlotte to leave George and marry him. Rosalind's old flame, Paul, played by Richard Sibello, is also working in a theater, and old sparks are rekindled.

Charlotte's mother, Ethel, played by Linda Giuditta, is also on the tour, and steals scenes with some of the most caustic dialogue in the play. She describes her son-in-law as "a walking ham — they should stick cloves in



Mary Kate Cullinan as Rosalind brings her fiancé, Howard, played by Mathew Kaplan, to meet her parents in 'Moon Over Buffalo,' the backstage farce which opens Westfield Community Players' 1999-2000 season.

him and serve him with pineapple." The players, who are performing "Private Lives" and "Cyrano de Bergerac," are also her targets — "My God, I've seen more talent in a dog show," George refers to his hard-of-hearing mother-in-law as "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

George sees an opportunity to revive his movie career after Ronald Coleman is injured on the set of a "Scarlet Pimpernel" movie, and director Frank Capra announces plans to see a performance to consider George as a replacement.

Several complications ensue, resulting in a hilarious mixed-up staging of "Private Lives" and "Cyrano" at the same time. Without giving away too much, imagine the long-nosed flamboyant swordsman on stage with a woman dressed as a flapper. Cyrano's nose also supplies some off-color jokes in the play.

John and Linda Correll have a great

time playing the egotistical couple, who lay on the melodramatics and Shakespearean quotes with a trowel, even while offstage. They also manage to project their love for each other and for acting, even while hamming it up.

Cullinan, Sibello, and Stan and Mathew Kaplan also put in strong supporting performances, and hold their own in scenes with the leads.

Director Naomi Yablonsky does an excellent job with the fast-paced action and dialogue in the main story, while also showing the problems a small theater company faces putting on shows.

Nearly all of the action in the two-act play takes place in a backstage dressing room. Posters from "Carousel," "South Pacific," and "Oklahoma!" decorate the slightly run-down playhouse, providing a good contrast between the Hays' dreams of past glo-

ries and current straits. The set design is by Vern Keller.

The room has five doors, which provides for the usual well-timed entrances and exits in this comedy of errors. The Westfield Community Players certainly show how good the acoustics are in their 120-seat theater when those doors slam.

Performances of "Moon Over Buffalo" will continue Friday, Saturday, Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., with a special matinee Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. The theater is located at 1000 North Ave. West at Edgewood Avenue in Westfield. All tickets are \$12. For more information, call the box office at (908) 232-1221.

The 1999-2000 season of the WCP, which was founded in 1934, continues with the mystery, "Laura," in January, the Arthur Miller drama, "The Price," in March, and the classic musical, "Brigadoon," in May.

1999 Teen Arts exhibit continues county tour

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor the 1999 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit at Plainfield City Hall at 515 Watching Ave., Plainfield, through Nov. 10.

The exhibit includes 31 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works shown at the 1999 Union County Teen Arts Festival conducted in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development.

"The county is very pleased to recognize these student artists and to give the community an opportunity to experience the excellence of the work being done in our schools," said Nicholas P. Scugtari, chairman of the Freeholder Board.

The exhibiting students are: Clark: Chrissy Fedrara, Arthur L. Johnson High School; Eric Turon, C. Kampf Middle School, and Clare Soule, Mother Seton Regional High School.

Cranford: Corjana Malko, Cranford High School; Lauren Paskovich, Hillside Avenue Middle School, and Jessica Barr, Orange Avenue Middle School.

Elizabeth: Esteves Ludgero, Elizabeth High School; Richard Hill, Hamilton Middle School; Jennifer Garcia, Roosevelt Middle School; Joseph Mack, T.C. Reilly Middle School; Nella Craveiro, Benedictine Academy, and Ivome Erato, McAnuliffe Middle School.

Garwood: Danielle Lubin, Lincoln Middle School.

Hillside: Daniela Curocho, Hillside High School.

Kenilworth: Jeff Cohen, David Breatley High School.

Linden: Mathew Rodriguez, Linden High School; Gil Sainvill, McManis Middle School, and Teresa Sanchez, J. Soeh Middle School.

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Summit: Amelia Leonard, Summit Middle School.

Union: Heather Fiducia, Union High School; Joshua Ellis, Kawameh Middle School, and Kyle Matthews, Burnet Middle School.

Westfield: Christopher Oroz, Centennial High School.

The Teen Arts Program is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, hosted by Union County College and sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Sponsors and supporting agencies of the 1999 Teen Arts Program are Union County Division of Parks and Recreation; Union County Prosecutor's Office; New Jersey State Council on the Arts; Department of State; Elizabeth, Cranford and Roselle Boards of Education; Writers of Teen Arts through a grant from the New Jersey State Department of Education; Paper Mill Playhouse; Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and participating schools.

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From the very first page of his new book, "The Making of a Best Seller: From Author to Reader," recently published by McFarland and Co. Inc., Vanderbilt offers a blow-by-blow description, in entertainment form, of what new authors must face to succeed, and of what well-known authors have faced to have their books published.

Of all the books and texts available to the reading public on the

On the Shelf

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

subject, Vanderbilt's is one of the most enlightening, educational, promising and informative that this reviewer has ever read.

It seems, in fact, that in every book he has written — and he has written such a variety, from law books to a biography of his famous grandfather, to a Vanderbilt family history, to a book about his beloved golden retriever — each has an incredible scope that attracts readers with an especially permanent attachment.

In 16 chapters, Vanderbilt gives a reader, author and prospective author information and anecdotes, which speak for themselves, naming his chapters, "A Matter of Mystery," "Winning the Genetic Sweepstakes," "Sing, O Muse,"

"The Writing Life," "Your Stupid Book Stinks," "We're All Connected," "Barbarians Through the Gates," "Judging a Book By Its Cover," "De Quibus," "No Ent Disputandum," "Make A Joyful Noise," "Making the List," "A Boy Has to Poodle His Book," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "Hats Off to the Problem."

In this book, Vanderbilt talks about the trials and tribulations of F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Steinbeck, Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams, Theodore Dreiser, John Grisham, Nathaniel West, Harper Lee — and on and on. Perhaps Vanderbilt doesn't answer the thousands of questions about what makes a bestseller, but he certainly comes close to giving logical answers to what makes an author "an author," and how success can come to those who persevere — and who know before hand what's involved in the whole process of publishing.

"The Making of a Best Seller" has made a special niche in this reviewer's mind and thoughts and has a special place set aside on the shelf of that bookcase at home.

Music expo is set for this Sunday

Uptown Productions is bringing its highly acclaimed Music Collectibles Expo to the Springfield Holiday Inn Sunday with more than 75 dealers from many states filling the ballroom with tables overflowing with records, CDs, tapes and other related collectibles.

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The greater New Jersey Music Collectibles Expo will take place at the Holiday Inn, Route 22 West in Springfield, Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, with children under 12 admitted free, and seniors over 62 admitted at half price. Ample free parking is available at the hotel.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your mind is very active and beaming with ideas. Politics and philosophy are favorite topics of discussion this week. Pay attention and tap into a reservoir of information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Research in order to uncover the right answers to an investment dilemma. You can ask the experts, for their advice, but you should realize no one can guarantee you a sure thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Expecting too much from a relationship sets the stage for personal disappointment and heartbreak. Make adjustments in your thinking and plan social activities together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Your work load is very demanding this week. Dig in, stay focused and get the job done. Stay away from a speculative venture that promises far more than it can deliver.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Exuberant best describes your mood. Stay posi-

ve and don't let anything or anyone rain on your parade. Get to the bottom of an old family mystery or secret with patience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic unrest is almost unavoidable at this point. The most logical plan of action is to keep your temper under control and watch what you say to a sensitive relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Don't sit by the phone just waiting for it to ring. Take the initiative, pick up the receiver and start dialing. Organize your financial affairs and avoid a costly mistake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Look for an increase in your personal income. A raise in salary is probable, but don't rule out other unexpected sources. Be sure to express yourself with clarity this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Self-confidence could be your key to success. In moments of doubt and uncertainty, hold your head up high and walk tall. Let your imagination run wild with a creative project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An

optimistic attitude opens many doors. Look for the best in others and you'll find it. Don't mix friendship and finances. Find value in quality time spent with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think in terms of what is good for a group endeavor. Don't overextend yourself by volunteering to spend more time on a project than you can afford. Prioritize!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The pace of your life picks up. Keep your eyes on the goal, and you'll soon arrive at a point of success. Be aware of possible deception or a surprise from an in-law.

If your birthday is this week, you are likely to make great strides toward achieving your ultimate goals or ideas during the coming year. Relax and allow your instincts to guide you. Practice caution in domestic or real estate matters involving another family member. Don't take it personally. The lesson to be learned is unconditional love and understanding.

Also born this week: Pablo Picasso, Francis Mitterand, Theodore Roosevelt, Desiderius Erasmus, Edmund Halley, Christopher Columbus and Jan Vermeer.

Westfield's Old Guard announces coming events

The Old Guard of Westfield — an organization that provides activities, informative and entertaining programs, and fellowship for retired and semi-retired men — has announced its program for October and events for the remainder of 1999:

- Today: "Historic Legal Cases" with retired Union County judge Richard Muscatello.
- Oct. 28: "Forensic Evidence" with Glen Owens of the Union County Prosecutors' Office.

Other activities scheduled during the fourth quarter of 1999 include:

- Today: Bring-a-Friend to the meeting at 9 a.m. for refreshments and to greet Old Guard members.
- Nov. 1: VIP Trip to the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.
- Dec. 7: Trip to Drumhwaquet, the governor's mansion, for a tour and viewing of the Christmas display.
- Dec. 14: Christmas luncheon for Old Guard members and their wives or friends at Panatig Renaissance in Scotch Plains.

The Old Guard of Westfield, organized in 1933, meets every Thursday at

10 a.m. in the YMCA, 220 Clark St. The Westfield chapter, with an average weekly attendance of 80, is one of 22 in New Jersey and also serves Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Roselle, Roselle Park, Kenilworth, Springfield, Garwood, Mountaintide and Rahway.

Weekly meetings provide guest speakers, films and other interesting programs in addition to committee updates. There are also regular group activities such as golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, ladies' events, shuffleboard and the Merry-men, a chorus group that performs at charity functions, public gatherings and formal concerts.

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FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
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PLACE: Beautiful Yanticaw Park, Park Drive—between Centre and Chestnut Streets, Hudson, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Over 100 quality merchandise dealers in a park like setting under the tree lined oval. For more information call 201-997-9532.
ORGANIZATION: Dystonia

SATURDAY
October 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
TIME: Saturday, October 23, 9:00am-2:00pm
PRICE: Free admission, new and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, jewelry, etc. Tables available for \$15.00 (per table) call 973-372-0084 or 973-353-3281 between 9am-5pm
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY
October 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Mother's Market
PLACE: Cedar Grove High School, Rugby Rd.
TIME: Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm
PRICE: \$1.00 admission, to benefit breast cancer research, indoor sale of used women's and baby clothing, toys and equipment. For more information call 973-239-2871
ORGANIZATION: Jr. Women's Club.

SATURDAY
October 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Outdoor Flea Market and Collectible Show
PLACE: Tenneck Armory, Corner of Liberty and Tenneck Roads, Tenneck, NJ
TIME: Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
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ORGANIZATION: Donations to benefit Aids Resource Foundation for Children.

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
October 22nd & 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: United Methodist Church (next to City Hall), 321 North Wood Avenue, Linden
TIME: Friday, 9am-2pm; Saturday, 9am-2:00pm
PRICE: Free admission. Clothing, linens, toys, odds & ends. For more information call 908-486-4237.
ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Church of Linden.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: 1st Presbyterian Church Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield
TIME: Thursday, Friday, 9:30am-3:00pm; Saturday, 9:30am-noon
PRICE: Free admission.
ORGANIZATION: 1st Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
October 22nd & 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: United Methodist Church of Summit, Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue, Summit, NJ
TIME: Friday, 10am-9pm; Saturday, 9am-12pm
PRICE: GIANT SALE - Low prices. Bag Sale Saturday.
ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Women.

GARAGE/YARD SALE

SATURDAY
October 23rd, 1999
EVENT: Garage and Yard Sale
PLACE: Trinity Covenant Church, 343 East Cedar Street, Livingston
TIME: Saturday, October 23, 9:30am-2:30pm
PRICE: Free admission.
ORGANIZATION: Covenant Women Ministries.

AUCTION

SUNDAY
October 24th, 1999
EVENT: Tricky Tray Auction
PLACE: St. Theresa School, 705 Clinton Street, Linden
TIME: Doors open at noon
PRICE: Advanced tickets \$5.00, at the door \$6.00.
ORGANIZATION: St. Theresa School.

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SATURDAY
October 23rd, 1999
EVENT: ATTIC TREASURES SALE
PLACE: 174 South Valley Road (corner of Mooker Street, near bottom of Walker Road), West Orange
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: Free admission. Collectibles, jewelry, accessories, cookware, small appliances, Christmas decoration, bedroom set, toys, kitchenware, china, glass and long playing records. For more information call 973-731-6486.
ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Community Church.

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SUNDAY
October 24, 1999
EVENT: Meet Your Golf Course Island Neighbors
PLACE: Durand-Hedden House and Grounds, 523 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood
TIME: Sunday, October 24, 1:00pm-4:00pm
PRICE: An historical highlighting of the neighborhood adjacent to the Maplewood Middle School will feature an exhibit of photos, maps and memorabilia and live reminiscences by longtime residents. Children's activities are included.
ORGANIZATION: Durand-Hedden House & Garden.

SUNDAY
November 21st, 1999
EVENT: Annual Hannukah Shopping Boutique
PLACE: YMHA, 501 Green Lane, Union
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REUNIONS

• Batin High School in Elizabeth Class of 1939 has scheduled its 60th reunion for Saturday. 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 07202.
• David Brearley Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for November. Contact David Brearley High School, c/o Class of 1969, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth 07033.
• Roselle Catholic High School

Class of 1989 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, 6 and 7. For information, contact Lorraine Wagner Hildebrandt at (732) 270-6437.
• Cranford High School Class of 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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• Governor Livingston High School Class of 1979 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 20. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
• David Brearley High School Class of 1969 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 26. Classmates are asked to send their names, home addresses and e-mail addresses to David Brearley High School, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth, NJ 07033 or address e-mail to mabe69@aol.com.
• David Brearley High School Class of 1974 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 26 at the Springfield

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Exhibit pays tribute to art of movie posters

Remember, as a kid, standing outside the movie theater looking at the posters?

In an era when films were less advertised on television than they are now — and for decades before that — poster art, along with the trailer, sold the film. And with the majority of releases through the mid-1950s being in black-and-white, the effect of posters held even more significance: they were in color.

The Design Center at Kean University opened its doors Oct. 5 with an exhibition of 100 American film posters from the collection of Jay Lesiger.

In the Galleries

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

a New York hotelier. Films, known and unknown, some deservedly forgotten and some deservedly legendary, are on display, organized by Alan Robbins, associate professor in the Department of Design and the center's director. Robbins' detailed documentation helps move the visitor through the numerous styles and genres; the show is colorful, nostalgic, and from the perspective of film history and commercial design, wonderfully informative.

In the realm of melodrama, Universal's 1937 release "Nurse from Brooklyn" presents a typical stylistic device: the threatened, but brave, couple. The hero and heroine cling closely to each other, with the heroine, naturally, somewhat more intimidated by the unseen menace than the hero. At the top of the poster, above the title, the sense of threat is more obviously exemplified by a trenchcoated figure with a gun, again terrorizing the male lead. Both figures are yellow-green, giving them a livery street quality. Looming behind them, a gun-toting shadow, presumably of a cop, gets the drop on a couple of thugs. The design, typical for the time, is nonetheless effective.

The multi-colored design is most startlingly apparent in RKO's "Pan-American." Dancers, musicians and musical notes fly through the composition in a rhythmic wave, with the lead actors somehow crammed in, the whole arrangement provoking the



Posters for classic films — like the 1939 blockbuster *Gone With the Wind* — are displayed alongside many lesser-known titles in the exhibit currently at the Design Center at Kean University.

noise and movement of samba. "Pan-American" has a curious historical role in film history: produced in the early 1940s, the film was a response to the studio's previous aborted effort to make a film promoting relations with South America. Fearing the spread of fascism to that continent, RKO dispatched Orson Welles and a crew to Rio. The project, "It's All True," throws together in a rush by the studio without allowing Welles to properly prepare, was never completed, ruining Welles' reputation and future as an American filmmaker.

Sex appears in the exhibition in numerous guises, most recently in a poster for "American Beauty." But the highpoint for titillation is "The

Little Hut," a minor 1950s comedy in which an illustrated Ava Gardner appears, in lingerie, leaning forward with an unmistakable expression, her cleavage prominently advertised. In the lower left, a caricature of co-star David Mervin, with bulging eyes and a suggestively elongated nose, leans up at Gardner. The idea of a cheap thrill is further emphasized by the studio's boast of the film being in "blushing color" — with an exclamation point.

Comedy is best represented by cartoonist Jack Davis' illustration for the 1970 release poster for "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." Davis, long known for his caricatures of film personalities in *Mad Magazine's* movie

parodies, includes the bulk of "Mad World's" celebrity cast into a wavy chase design, with Spencer Tracy leading the way in the pursuit of a briefcase — crowded with legs — bulging with cash. Jimmy Dunast, the story's catalyst, is seen lying on his back with his feet up, his head twisted distressingly around.

A stark design for "The County Girl" stresses not just drama, but literary drama. The 1954 film, based on the play by Clifford Odets, is given a vertical visual treatment, with the high-contrast faces of the film's stars — Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and William Holden — sharply shadowed against a yellow background. Emphasis is placed on the actors, the producer, the director/screenwriter and Odets; the overall design gives the impression of a live theatrical event rather than a film.

Hitchcock's ground-breaking "Psycho" is treated in a fragmentary manner in a release poster, echoing the split-personality nature of the story. Designed in bold black areas of color, the poster relies on a pasted-on effect of photographic images of its stars in bright reds and yellows, with Janet Leigh in her bra and co-star John Gavin without his shirt. The title is intersected with two "knife slashes," with the lure, "It's Back!" in its own isolated red box.

As with "Psycho," the graphic designer for Woody Allen's 1979 "Manhattan" uses the title to set the mood; each letter is designed as a skyscraper. A grainy black-and-white photo of Allen and Diane Keaton seated on a bench by the East River, looking out over the city's dawn, both captures and betrays the super-crip cinematography of Gordon Willis.

"The Art of the Movie Poster" runs at The Design Center, located in Downs Hall, at Kean University in Union through Oct. 30.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Westfield Players continue season membership drive

Westfield Community Players' membership drive for the 1999-2000 millennium season is now underway. Membership Director Letty Hudak noted that this year a \$35 membership provides tickets to all four of the new season's shows as well as a newsletter and notification of special events. The cost of membership, she added, is almost a 40-percent savings over buying tickets to all four shows individually.

Individual memberships can be obtained for \$35 each and checks payable to Westfield Community Players can be sent to Hudak at 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090. Current members are urged to watch the mail for their renewal information while others can call the theater at (908) 232-9588 and leave a message. All shows open on a Saturday night and on Friday and Saturday evenings for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater.

The first show of the season is the hit Broadway comedy by Ken Ludwig, "Moon Over Buffalo," which opened Oct. 16 and includes a special 3 p.m. matinee Nov. 7.

The Broadway hit that defined the film noir genre, "Laura" by Vera Caspary and George Sklar, follows Jan. 8 to 22, 2000. Show three is Arthur Miller's gripping drama, "The Price," opening March 11. The season finale is "Brigadoon," the lush and haunting musical by Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner, opening May 3 and concluding June 10.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the state and has brought to life more than 130 comedies, dramas and musicals in the 130 seat theater in Westfield.

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Stepping Out



PHOTOGRAPHER JAY GHERING SMITH will have his work — highlighting the bridges of New Jersey — on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Oct. 31 to Nov. 24. For information, see ART SHOWS listing, this page.

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) 525-2004.

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

The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8985.

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

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 Oct. 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) 827-3059.

ART IN SUMMIT, an exhibit sponsored by Summit's Centennial Committee and the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, will be on display through Oct. 31. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays.

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 Tomando Art Gallery in the Mackay Library of Union County College through Oct. 28.

Union County College is located at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908)-709-7165.

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

The gallery is located in Fibiger Park on Morris Avenue. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 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 Saturday at Swain 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 Walchung 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 Kandler. 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

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for "Mame" Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Show dates are Feb. 11 to 28, 2000. For information, call (908) 709-4393.

MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will conduct auditions for active membership Nov. 3 at 10:45 a.m. Call (909) 232-2173 or (908) 272-5549 for details.

CLASSES

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The Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

CONCERTS

THE FAMILY PASTERNAK will be presented in concert by the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane in Union, Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. For information, call (908) 283-8112.

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will present its first concert of the season Monday at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Horner Caldwell Elementary School, 1120 Commerce Ave. in Union. For information, call (973) 377-8058.

THE SUMMIT SYMPHONY will present a concert Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. at Summit High School, Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. Admission is free.

MUSICIAN HUGO BUCKLEY will be presented in concert on the soprano saxophone Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle in the church's Music on Fifth Avenue Concert Series.

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

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DANCE

THE SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet for a Balkan Dance Workshop Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection, formerly the Summit YWCA. Fee is \$4. For information, call (973) 584-7094.

THE NEW JERSEY BALLET will kick off its 41st season with the premiere of "Western Sweet" Saturday 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) 597-9600.

THE NEW JERSEY BALLET will present "Sleeping Beauty" Sunday 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) 597-9600.

FESTIVALS

A TASTE OF WESTFIELD will be sponsored as a benefit for First Night Westfield Sunday 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.

MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Springfield Holiday Inn, Route 22 westbound. For information, call (908) 925-9667 or (973) 731-6653.

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) 499-8226.

GOLF

GOLF CLINIC for children ages 10 to 13 will take place at the Balauro Golf 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) 614-4218.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, will present "The National Theatre of the Deaf in 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow' Monday at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$7 each; chairpersons and teachers are admitted free. For information, call (800) 300-5178.

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. 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) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

SINGLE PROFESSIONALS' After-Work Networking Party for singles in their 30s and 40s will be sponsored by KISMET today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Inn at Mt. Bethel, 181 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren. Admission is \$10. For information, call (908) 232-0377 or visit the website at www.itsakismet.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 Herman, and book by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. The production runs through Saturday, Patrick Dennis and the play by Lawrence and Lee, "Mame" follows the antics adventures of a madcap beggar who unexpectedly inherits the guardianship of her ten-year-old 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 open-captioned performances for 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 7:30 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) 376-4343.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Forever Plaid" Fridays and Saturdays through Saturday, at the playhouse, 78 Winans Ave. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

STONY HILL PLAYERS will present "Lovers and Other Strangers" by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Morris Ave. in Summit. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$16 for children younger than 12 years old. For information, call (908) 464-7716.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig at the playhouse, 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield, through 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.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway will present "Dangerous Company," a suspense drama by J. B. Priestley, Friday to Oct. 30 at El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St. in Rahway. Tickets range from \$12 to \$27, and include show-only and meal-and-show tickets. For information, call (302) 388-0647 or send e-mail to carnivalpa@aol.com.

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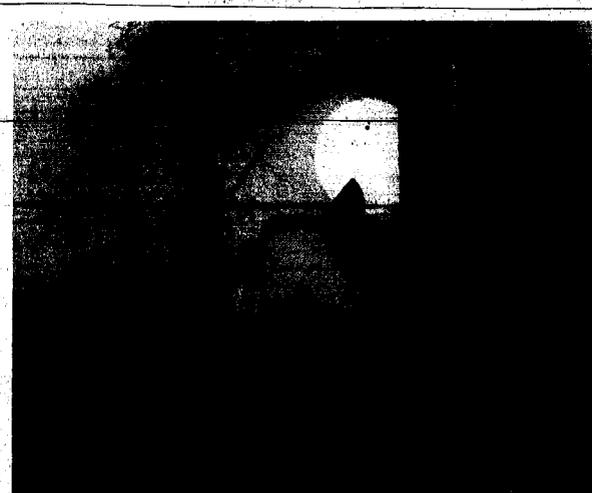
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Sunday — Joe Taino & the Blue Flames

Oct. 31 — Hal Hirsch Trio

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call 870-1954.

THE GREATER NEW JERSEY MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO will take place Sunday 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) 731-6653.



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, as presented by the National Theater of the Deaf, will gallop into the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Monday at 10 a.m. For information, see listing under KIDS, this page.

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Summit addresses health care issues

In an attempt to unify public health professionals in New Jersey, Public Health: Crafting A Restructured Environment conducted a summit aimed at creating a cohesive and easily accessible state public health network.

The summit was the first of a two-part series designed to bring together a wide range of professionals and community members to discuss the current state of public health and examine changes on the horizon.

"New Jersey is the most densely populated and diverse state in the entire country, making us a target for any number of public health crises. The purpose of this summit is to begin dialogue on our public health infrastructure to ensure that our state, county and local officials have adequate resources to protect the health of our citizens," said Donna Bocco, director of Public Health CARE "New Jersey needs to be prepared for the uncertain. Disasters such as the encephalitis outbreak, the month-long drought in August and Hurricane Floyd harbored illness and injuries which were unpredictable."

The CARE coalition is comprised of 24 member agencies committed to building professionalism, investment and accountability in public health services delivered in New Jersey, by embracing a policy of inclusion that welcomes traditional and non-traditional partners in public health. The CARE coalition is engaged in a

two-year process of critically examining the current practice of public health, identifying barriers to partnerships and policy development and other factors that will improve public health practice and, generate proposals for change. Summit 1 was a vehicle for exposing some of the inherent problems in public health. Summit 2 — which will be conducted next year — will compile these suggestions and craft recommendations to improve New Jersey's public health system.

During the summit, a panel of professionals involved in diverse areas of public health discussed their perspective of public health. The presentations focused on barriers other than the universal concerns over funding and personnel, including jurisdictional barriers, communications issues,

professional development needs, political restraints, and procedural, legislative or regulatory barriers. Participants also examined how recent changes in the healthcare market affected the evolution of public health practice, and how collaborations and partnerships can strengthen public health practice in the areas of law, the environment, managed care, medicine and more.

"Summit 1 gives New Jersey the unique opportunity to craft a public health system with representation from virtually every area of the state," said Bocco. "As a state, we need to combine our resources and use the knowledge and experience of our public health officials to redefine roles and address quality of life issues that will benefit all New Jerseyans."

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