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Hard ball

A client said to me last week about an opponent, "He wants to play hard ball, but he won't step up to the plate." That analogy applies to actions last week to the selections of a chairman to head the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

The high stakes action led to the selection of Hudson County Executive Robert Janiszewski to lead the authority and Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan to serve as secretary. Usually masked in obscurity, the advisory group actually has direct input into the use of a billion dollars in funding for mass transit and highway construction.

Left Out

By Frank Copece

Closer to home, the authority had overste approval over the proposed new Turnpike exit in Linden and Kapkowski Road construction in Elizabethtown. As Sullivan said, "With the upcoming consideration of the light rail project in Union, as well as Hudson County, I felt it important to be in position to make a difference."

The authority is a 20-member group including a representative from each of the 13 northern counties, one each from Newark and Jersey City, and five appointees from the governor's office which includes a citizen appointment, Port Authority, NJ Transit and the Department of Transportation.

The campaign for chairman among the group of policy wonks included mailing and the kind of lobbying usually reserved for the action in Trenton. Janiszewski emerged victorious besting Republican Monmouth County Freeholder Theodore Narozanick by a 13-7 vote amid changes over political partisanship. A 12-8 count had been predicted in the vote which was by private ballot for the first time. Somebody in the governor's camp broke ranks.

The big loser in the battle may have been Essex County Executive James Treffinger who lobbied hard for his fellow Republican Narozanick.

Janiszewski struck a serious tone on the authority's work in saying, "The future of transportation in an urban state like New Jersey is not in asphalt and roadway."

The authority is expected to have input in the consideration of use of the State Transportation Fund and any increase in the state gasoline tax. Additionally, a lion's share of the federal funding which are keyed to matching grants require a favorable review by the authority. Even their delay can be critical in the competitive world of highway and construction

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Budget reaches \$300 million for first time

By Mark Hrymna
Regional Editor

The county budget will surpass \$300 million for the first time ever but for the fourth time in as many years, the county tax levy will not be increased.

County Manager Michael Lapolla delivered his \$302-million executive budget for 2000 to freeholders this week. The overall budget is up almost \$14 million from last year's \$288.2-million spending plan, slightly less than 5 percent. However, the amount to be raised by taxes will remain the same at \$150.1 million.

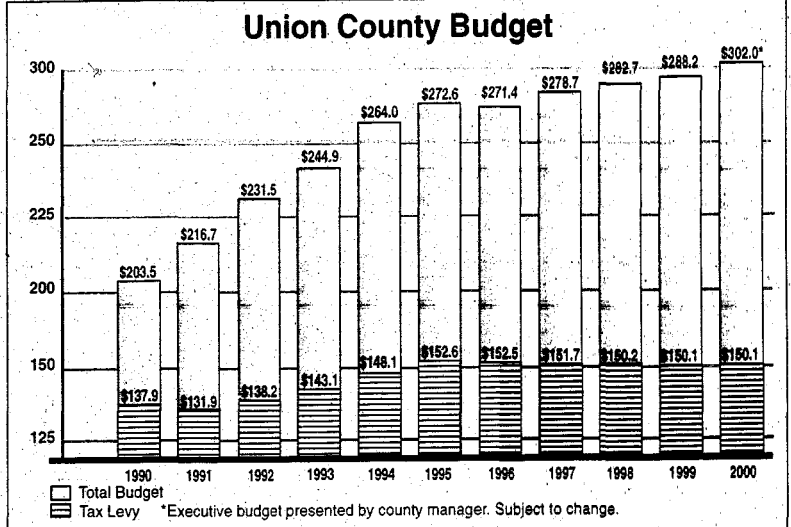
Freeholder budget hearings are tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of the month, said Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

For the first time he can remember, Lapolla said, the tax levy comprises less than half of the budget. Seven years ago, property taxes were responsible for more than 57 percent of the county budget.

The tax levy remaining at \$150.1 million again was a "remarkable achievement," the county manager said. The county tax levy — the amount of money to be raised through taxes — has declined or stayed the same each year since 1995.

The county tax rate is not set yet but Lapolla said it should decrease.

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Women's Political Caucus officers



Being installed by Women's Political Caucus President and Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi are the new officers of the Union County Chapter of the Caucus, from left, President Carol Cohen, Vice President Kelly Hatfield, Secretary Elizabeth Cornwell, Treasurer Brenda King, Programming Chair Cindy Martin, Publicity Chair Claire Lazarowitz and Alternate State Delegate Elizabeth Cox. Not pictured is Parliamentarian Marianna Mann of Union. The caucus is a bipartisan organization committed to the support of women to elective and appointive office at all levels.

Juvenile detention center project moving forward

By Mark Hrymna
Regional Editor

The Board of Freeholders last week awarded a \$600,000 professional services contract to Joseph Jngoli & Son of Lawrenceville for construction management/hazardous waste investigative services for the "schematic design development phase" of the proposed Union County Juvenile Detention Center under the Goethals Bridge.

The county purchased more than three acres of land for \$2.185 million last May from Olympia Trails. The site, at 200 Bayway Ave. in Elizabethtown, has a two-story, 19,000-square-foot building with offices and a shop used by Olympia Trails bus company.

Funds to purchase the property were part of a \$40-million bond ordinance approved by freeholders in June 1998 and raised as part of a \$47-million bond sale in June 1999.

Construction of the 72-bed juvenile detention center is expected to begin in the spring and be completed in approximately 14 months. The project is estimated to cost between \$14 and \$15 million.

The George W. Herlich Juvenile Center, on the seventh floor of the County Annex at Caldwellwell Place and Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabethtown, has been in operation since 1968. The current center has a capacity for 38 juveniles, but the average population is above 50, and considered inadequate.

Several years ago, freeholders were contemplating a new juvenile detention facility at what is now the site of the Andrew K. Rucolo Justice Center at 32 Rahway Ave. in Elizabethtown. The justice center opened in June and is home to the Prosecutor's Office and Herb's House, a day care center for children of county employees.

Jngoli & Son is the construction manager for several of the county's current capital projects including the four-year, \$20-million rehabilitation of the County Courthouse in Elizabethtown and the \$15-million renovation of the Vennen Complex in Westfield, which houses the County Police and other offices.

The firm also appears prominently in the Union County Democratic Committee's filings with the Election Law Enforcement Commission. Joseph Jngoli contributed \$1,000 last year while Michael Jngoli made four separate contributions in 1999, totaling more than \$10,500, among the highest totals of any contributor, according to the latest reports available.

Sullivan at ELC

The Union County Employee Legislative Committee presents Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan at its next luncheon meeting on Wednesday at noon at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountaintop.

Sullivan will give an update on county government, including the vision for 2000, the open space issue and economic development within the county.

Final phase of signage program initiated

By Mark Hrymna
Regional Editor

During the past six months, motorists may have noticed new signs welcoming them as they cross the border into Union County. Motorists and residents alike can expect to see some more signage before all is said and done.

The Board of Freeholders awarded a \$90,000 contract to Modisaquard of New Brunswick to complete the

Implementation Phase of the "image building campaign" for Union County.

The implementation phase will complete the planned signage throughout the county in addition to expanding the slogan and theme into the county's printed materials, such as letterhead and brochures, and adding directional signs for various offices, parks and facilities.

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County tax levy will remain the same for second straight year

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because of a rise in values.
"I don't want to cast dispersions on other counties but this is a gimmick, free budget," Lapolla said. Union County has not sold any assets or laid off employees, like some counties do. There are no "one-shot revenues" that the county may worry about making up in the next budget year. In recent years, neighboring Essex County has sold several assets to balance its budget. In 1995, a

300-acre property known as the Hilltop was sold to the Essex County Improvement Authority for \$32.5 million to fill a budget gap. In 1996, the Essex County Geriatric Center fell. This year, Essex County laid off more than 200 employees to help balance the budget. In his executive summary of the budget, Lapolla credited "a combination of cost containment and revenue enhancement strategies; aggressive

pursuit of our economic development initiatives to increase tax rates; and identification of alternative funding sources such as federal and state grant dollars," as contributing to no tax increase in 2000. Part of the reason why the tax levy was able to remain the same while the overall budget increased was the \$7-million rise county revenues, up from \$58.8 million to \$65.9 million, about 12 percent. Approximately \$12 million of the

\$40-million surplus will be used as revenue in the 2000 budget; an increase of approximately \$5.6 million in the amount of surplus used last year. More than \$26 million of a record \$41-million surplus was plugged in as revenue in last year's budget. The budget allocates \$3.5 million from the \$7-million trust fund balance as revenue. Hospitalization for county employees recently was switched from a self-insured program to a poli-

cy program; it is the same coverage but a different payment system, according to the county manager. Under the self-insured program, the county needed to keep a trust fund for payment of potential bills, he said, which never materialized. The other half of the \$7-million fund balance, Lapolla said, will be used in next year's budget, or whenever freeholders decide to use it. Approximately \$900,000 in addi-

tional revenue is expected when Runnels Specialized Hospital expands its psychiatric unit and County Clerk fees will see an increase of \$550,000. The State Prisoner Program will provide Union County with \$8.5 million versus last year's \$5.75 million, an approximate \$3.5-million increase. Since there is no room at state prisons, the State Prisoner Program reimburses counties on a per-diem basis for holding prisoners after they are sentenced.

Volunteer of the year is honored

The Union County Chapter of the American Cancer Society presented its 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award to Gianettino & Meredith Advertising, Short Hills.

The award was presented by Brenda Curtis, regional executive director of the Union County Chapter, to Pat Tesman, vice president of Gianettino & Meredith.

Tesman, representing her agency, chairs the gold bag auction for the annual Crimson Ball Gala, as well as taking an active role in her agency's design of the ad journal and invitations for same.

Tesman was instrumental in the implementation of a project to design coloring books with a non-smoking message to be distributed to pediatricians in the Union County area, thereby educating children of the dangers involved in smoking.

"Being a cancer survivor myself, this is a cause that I deeply believe in. The work the American Cancer Society does is phenomenal and the volunteers I've worked with are simply the most professional and fantastic people I've had the pleasure of knowing."

"This year alone we were able to raise more than \$65,000 for cancer research and aid. They are dedicated, terrific group and I am extremely lucky to have been able to work with them."

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
Entertainment - Friday noon
Sports - Monday noon
Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.
General - Monday 5 p.m.



Brenda Curtis, regional executive director of the Union County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, right, presents Pat Tesman, vice president of Gianettino & Meredith Advertising, with the 1999 American Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year award.

Vendor sale today at Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County sponsors a vendor sale featuring activewear from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights. Activewear Plus, the vendor for the sale, promises they buy only quality mill overstocks and sell them at 40 to 80 percent off department store prices.

Big sizes are available in most items, which include Dearfoam slippers, hooded sweatshirts, heavy-weight sweatshirts with pockets, kids' novelty sweats, and fashion long sleeve tees, novelty tops and Isotoner gloves for guys and gals. "The public is invited to attend our sales free of charge, thanks to the efforts of our Volunteer Guild," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers.

"For every purchase made at these sales, a percentage is given to the Volunteer Guild to purchase items for the residents and patients such as televisions, VCRs, and prizes for their bingo games. The Guild also sponsors a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club."

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks. For more information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

More signs, slogans on the way

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The signage started out as a pilot program, said George Devaney, director of the Department of Economic Development, whose department has coordinated the program. The media firm designed the slogan, "We're Connected to You" and the new signs, which were created in-house by the county's sign shop. The design of the signage was considered the first phase, he said.

In May, freeholders awarded a six-month, \$45,000 contract to "implement a new graphic and thematic image devoted to projecting a new identity" for the county. The new slogan, "We're Connected to You," appears on new signage throughout the county. Mediasquared and Message & Media are two separate

corporations with overlapping principles, said Brad Lawrence, who presented freeholders with the initial signage designs and slogan in May.

Message & Media handled the Union County Democratic Committee's freeholder campaign last year. The Democratic Committee spent more than \$100,000 with the firm, according to the latest campaign finance reports available.

Mediasquared is a joint venture with Dewey Square Group, which is geared primarily toward government agencies, health care services and some private sector work, while Message & Media is exclusively a political consulting firm, said Lawrence, who is a partner with both firms.

Blood drives scheduled throughout area

The Blood Center of New Jersey is asking people to make a special effort to donate. The following blood drives are scheduled in Union County:

- Friday, 5 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallipolis Hill Road, Union.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Elks Lodge 1591, 244 Hillside Ave., Hillside.
- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., ReMax 2000, 530 Westfield Ave., Elizabethtown.
- Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic

Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield.

• Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, sponsored by the Roselle Park Community Blood Bank.

• Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union Elks Lodge 1583, 281 Chestnut St., Union.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (800) BLOOD-NJ. The American Red Cross Greater

Union County and Plainfield Area sponsors the following blood drives:

• Jan. 27, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 873 VanLuttreck Road, Clark.

For information call (908) 353-2511 or (908) 756-7190.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last 2 years, or have a doctor's note.

Time to start dealing with congestion

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projects, such as bridge repair.

Actually, in addition to the oversight, the authority has become the philosophical voice on transit and infrastructure issues. When they speak, people pay attention.

At the January meeting, James Hughes, the respected planner from Rutgers University set out some sobering news. With the high-flying stock market and the expanding economy, he estimates an additional 60,000 new commuters. He said, "If your greatest

ambition is to be stuck in gridlock, New Jersey is a great place to be."

The recent announcements by gubernatorial candidate state Sen. Donald DiFrancesco on the Republican side and Mayor James McGreevey on the Democratic side, indicated that they are already discussing the congestion issue, and want to show voters that they understand the problem. Or at least their polling is telling them they better be concerned about congestion. It affects every citizen in our state.

This leads me back to the beginning. When candidates for statewide office start speaking on the issue of congestion, the North Jersey Transportation Authority will be right in the middle. The selection of a chairman may be nothing more than a spring training exercise compared to the future pressure they will be under and the decisions that have to be made.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Penn & Teller head to Rahway

Comic thrill magicians Penn & Teller will be presenting their unique and dangerously comic brand of magic at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 13 for one big show.

Penn & Teller are a couple of eccentric guys who have learned how to do a few cool things. Together since 1975, their award-winning theater show has been a long-running hit on and off-Broadway. The duo keeps a busy touring schedule, performing live more than 100 times this year alone.

Favorite guests on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Live! With Regis & Kathie Lee." Penn & Teller have made dozens of television appearances including, "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," "The Today Show" and "Saturday Night Live." Penn & Teller are also frequent guests on several popular television series, having appeared as Drew and Sippy in the hit ABC series "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch," as attorneys Penn & Teller on "The Drew Carey Show," as well as appearances on "Friends," "Dharma & Greg," "Babylon 5," "Home Improvement" and "The Simpsons." Penn & Teller got killed, directed by Arthur Penn, saw the pair in their big-screen debut, "They Say December." Penn & Teller appeared in Walt Disney's "Fantasia 2000" in movie theaters everywhere.

The 1985 PBS special, "Penn & Teller Go Public," won two Emmys and the International Golden Rose. Other television projects have included the ABC special "Penn & Teller's Home Invasion," the Showtime movie "Penn and Teller's Invisible Thread," the NBC series "Don't Try This at Home," the PBS children's series "Behind the Scenes," and "The Unpleasant: World of Penn & Teller" and "Penn & Teller's Photophilia," both for Britain's Channel 4.

The pair's most recent and most ambitious project is their weekly, Emmy-nominated variety series, "Penn & Teller's Sin City Spectacular," on the FX Network. Taped on location in Las Vegas, the show features

appearances by top movie, television and music stars, eclectic variety performers and new, never-before-seen Penn & Teller tricks.

Penn & Teller have written two best-selling books, "Cruel Tricks for Dear Friends" and "How To Play With Your Food." Their most recent book, "How To Play In Traffic," is a collection of practical jokes, miracles and anecdotes that makes travel funnier than ever before. Penn & Teller appear as evil magicians Paine & Terroro in Steven Spielberg's "Director's Chair," a CD-Rom by Dream Works Interactive. The duo serve as visiting scholars at MIT, which is the highest honor bestowed by the school, and were recently named two of the funniest people alive in Entertainment Weekly's "50 Greatest Comedians Today" issue.

Penn & Teller will be appearing at the Union County Arts Center Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40, \$36 and \$30.

The Union County Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts, is located in the recently restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. 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 Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Comcast Digital Cable of Union, and the Rahway 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 for concert and theater events are available online this season through the arts center's website at www.ucaac.org, and through ETM Ticket Kiosks located in the Merdo 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) 568-8497. Film series tickets are only available directly from the Arts Center's box office.

Works transport to another world

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Agnieszka Solawa's religious and mystical works are painted mostly on glass. The choice of surface is significant, giving Solawa's saints and Madonnas, executed in rich colors with heavy black contours, the quality of stained glass.

Solawa, a native of Poland, paints in another era and another world altogether. Her works are small, delicate and decorative, right down to their frames.

Her current exhibition, which runs through tomorrow at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, is challenged by the space in which Solawa has to show. The center's Members Gallery, a narrow hallway extending from the front to the back of the building, is filled with the wrappings of a modern structure: the paintings are forced to share space with a pay phone, restrooms and vending machines, not to mention the doors leading to the center's studios.

To her credit, Solawa manages to "find" off these various modern elements. Her paintings hook the visitor into the world of princesses, monks and unicorns in a manner that can almost be considered demure. But despite the initial shyness, the images project a hushed quality that eventually commands attention over the busyness of the exhibition space. A similar kind of contradiction marks her paintings.

Although her works contain human figures, Solawa is not a portraitist. There are several effective examples of facial expression within the show, but in general, the painter's talent is for gesture and posture.

"Princesses," a 14½-by-19½ work, demonstrates another of the artist's skills: the ability to fit a number of figures into a modest-size composition without cramming. Solawa includes eight figures in the painting — the title characters, accompanied by four monks, all facing the viewer as if posing for a wedding photograph.

Like all Solawa's images, the painting is flat, highly stylized and heavily patterned. The four princesses are certainly not beautiful, although all are magnificently covered in long, patterned dresses. The painting's three, tiled floor and tapestry hanging in the background, in various reds, greens and golds — all clash. But Solawa manages to keep clear of decorative disaster by using the eight flesh-tone faces, with their features drawn,



"The Lady With the Unicorn" is one of the works by Agnieszka Solawa, painted on glass, currently on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Matisse-like, in black lines, as resting points.

The high point of the composition is really the positioning of the princesses' arms. The four arms, all mannered, all improbably stiff, make their own pattern straight across the painting. It's a rhythm of angles, emphasizing flatness and further pushing across the idea of "stained glass." Solawa clearly treats the subject in a reverential manner; there seems to be a ceremony of some kind going on in the picture, as if a procession is about to start. But the reverence is in the execution, in the careful, affectionate handling of the decorative details, just as it was with the medieval craftsman who created the most elaborate of cathedral windows.

Another crowded composition, "The Last Supper," presents the figures in the round. Again, gestures and postures do the majority of the work. Several of the characters appear fatigued; one appears in animated conversation while several more listen intently. Christ, with his arm over the shoulder of a slumped, smiling figure, is either comforting or physically supporting him. The painting presents a simple, casual moment, but

the moment seems committed to the ages by Solawa's heavy black contours, which once again give the impression that the work is made of glass, rather than painted on it. Solawa uses frames to extraordinary effect. Often constructed of heavy, dark wood, they are frequently touched with color by the artist. "Supper," for example, has traces of muted greens and reds in it, linking it to the image. The frames become extensions of the paintings, identifying them as complete objects, rather than merely as paintings with borders — another example of Solawa's reverent, old-world craftsmanship. The paintings, along with their frames, take the visitor away from the contemporary world, after experiencing them, it's hard to want to come back.

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On face of it, Keaton's the best

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In the silent era, film actors frequently wore white makeup in order to have their faces register better on orthochromatic film, the standard stock of the time. Orthochromatic film recorded skin tones much darker than they were in reality, and heavy white facial makeup made the difference.

In the 1920s, while he was in his 20s, Buster Keaton had an extraordinary face, almost like porcelain — high-checked, with lined eyes, deep black nostrils and painted lips the only details really visible through all the makeup. The stark but quietly elegant effect of his face was enhanced by looking at his hands, on which he wore or wore compensating makeup. They were dark. Malicious, tan-like, as unhealthily in tone as the painted face.

The face speaks volumes, although after all these generations no one knows exactly what Keaton's most noted characteristic, the calculated that he didn't smile, wasn't a fact of creative decision; in vaudeville with his family's physically rough comedy act from the age of three, he was known as the "Human Mop." His father, who was alcoholic, actually threw him around the stage and once — in a famous incident in New Haven, Conn. — into the audience, breaking the nose and teeth of a couple of hecklers. At two or three performances a day, it amounted to a lot of air miles.

The physical welding hurt, even for a natural comic acrobat. Rather than express his discomfort on stage,

he locked up his facial expressions. "Face!" his father hissed, if Keaton winced during a performance. His father's drinking and general hostility toward the world often resulted in handling that was shockingly rough. In effect, Keaton was physically abused in public, in front of millions, throughout his childhood.

The passive face was the only physical manifestation resulting from the consistent pounding Keaton took. But over the course of time, long after the physical assault ceased, the face took on a kind of creative wonder; it was something indigenous to him, effecting every gesture he ever made as a performer. If he was running at top speed, or falling from a roof, both of which he could do with grace and ease, the face served as a counterpoint. If the moment required silliness, the face enhanced the quiet to a point very near meditation.

The face was such an innate characteristic, it wasn't copied. Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, superior comic actors and Keaton's chief competitors in the silent era, were often emulated by second-rate performers. Keaton, who didn't conceal his "Buster" character behind a moustache or glasses, used his natural appearance as his character. He always had his character with him, even at the end of his life, after alcoholism, two failed marriages and professional frustrations cut deep lines into his previously porcelain-smooth look.

Keaton's face and movements, his natural engineering talents — which

he used to amazing effect in his films, both on the screen and behind the scenes — and his intrinsic understanding of how films are structured, made him a genuine American talent. His various abilities aren't a secret; biographers and historians have pointed them out time and again. What makes them great is that they're quietly present, like his face. For a guy rumored to have, at most, one day of formal schooling, who seldom, if ever, sat down to read a book; and who made a living, basically, by falling on his can, he made out nicely for himself in American cultural memory.

Buster Keaton's "Go West" will be screened Saturday at 7 p.m. by the Union County Arts Center in Rahway as part of the UCAC Film Series.

NJN-TV special will honor battleship New Jersey

NJN Public Television salutes the return of the USS New Jersey to New Jersey waters with a one-hour documentary, "20th Century Warrior: The Return of the USS New Jersey," that pays tribute to the low-class battleship and the veterans whom she carried into battle.

The NJN News documentary takes viewers on the memorable journey of the great ship, as it departs from its former berth in Washington's Puget Sound, navigates a tight trip through the Panama Canal and arrives home in New Jersey waters. "20th Century Warrior: The Return of the USS New Jersey" will be broadcast on NJN Friday at 10 p.m.

"The moving conversations that our news team had with New Jersey veterans as they reminisced about their days of service to our country laid the groundwork for this special documentary," said Elizabeth Christopherson, NJN executive director. "NJN Public Television is pleased to share these stories with our viewers, so that they might learn about the great ship's glorious history through the eyes of the soldiers who were there."

"20th Century Warrior: The Return of the USS New Jersey" also provides

highlights of the 6,000-mile, seafaring voyage of the 58,000-ton ship from the Pacific Ocean to its original home base, the Philadelphia Naval Yard, where the great ship was built almost 60 years ago.

The one-hour documentary is being produced by NJN News reporters Ed Rodgers and Rich Young. "20th Century Warrior: The Return of the USS New Jersey" will be available for purchase. For more information, contact NJN Video Services at (609) 777-5083. Funding for "20th Century Warrior: The Return of the USS New Jersey" is provided by the Charles Edison Fund.

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NJPAC announces its lineup for 2000 appearances

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center welcomes the dawn of a new century, heralding the success of its third season which has already seen nearly 40 sold-out performances in Prudential Hall and the Victoria Theater, including appearances by Krystian Zimmman, Sarah Brightman, Sting, Paoc de Lucia, Sonny Rollins, Savion Glover and two nights of "Nueteracter on Ice," among more than two dozen NJPAC FamilyTime presentations.

The second half of the 1999-2000 season features more of the richly diverse programming that audiences have come to expect from the Arts Center. Tickets for Arts Center performances may be obtained at the NJPAC box office, 1 Center St., Newark, or by calling (888) 466-5722.

Among those making their NJPAC debut during the first six months of the 21st century are acclaimed South African choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Jan. 29; England's beloved Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Feb. 4; charismatic dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones, Feb. 18 to 20; German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, Feb. 20; and

conductor Michael Tilson Thomas with the San Francisco Symphony, Feb. 25.

Also on tap are first-time visits by Grammy-nominated singer and pianist Diana Krall, March 3; contemporary music master Philip Glass, performing with Gambian kora player Foday Musa Suso and Brazilian vocalist Virginia Rodrigues, March 30 and 31; Irish pop sensation Mary Black, April 1; legendary, sitarist Ravi Shankar, with daughter Anoushka, April 28; and opera diva Renée Fleming, accompanied by conductor/pianist Andre Previn, May 3.

Return engagements include Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, March 24 to 26; the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Seiji Okawa, April 7; the New York City Opera National Company, with its exquisite production of "The Barber of Seville," April 15; pianist Aviadagin Pratu, April 16; (female a cappella quintet Sweet Honey in the Rock,

May 6; the beloved Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, May 12 to 14; and conductor James Levine with The Met Orchestra, May 19.

Tony Award-winning musicals return to NJPAC with Richard Chamberlain in the national tour of "The Sound of Music," Feb. 8 to 13, and the story of Anna and the King of Siam with all of its memorable Rodgers and Hammerstein music in "The King and I," March 21 to 26.

And NJPAC's signature "World Festival III: Spanish Routes & Rhythms" adds to its eclectic repertoire with New Worlds, New Musics, this Saturday, an evening of world music featuring Grammy-winner Eddie Palmieri with Ismael Quintana, along with Jimmy Bosch and The Masters and jazz vocalist Maria Joao with piano virtuoso Mario Laginha; Cape Verdean Ensemble Simentara, sharing a bill with Mexican folk group Mono Blanco, March 18; a return visit from Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, with limited tickets available for the March 24 performance only; and the second installment of Land of Fado, a sold-out hit from

NJPAC's Inaugural Season, focusing on the emotional, poetic song form unique to Portugal, April 29.

Upcoming limited-seating performances include two of Cuban music's greatest legends, Orquesta Ibrahim Ferrer and Ruben Gonzalez y Su Grupo, Feb. 3; Itzhak Perlman, March 5; Salzburg Marionettes, March 3 to 5; The Chieftains, March 11; Audra McDonald, March 19; and Philobatus Dance Theater, April 14 to 16.

Plans are already underway for NJPAC's 2000-2001 season, promising both exciting premieres and return engagements by past season sell-outs. Subscription brochures will be in the mail in early March. NJPAC's 1999-2000 season sponsors include AT&T, Aetna U.S. Healthcare, American Express, Bell Atlantic, Chase, The CIT Group, Continental Airlines, Fleet Bank, Merck, Pepsi, Pfizer, Target Stores and Warner Lambert. Funding for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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- Walton Elementary School, Feb. 14 to 29.
- Springfield Public Library, March 1 to 31.
- F.M. Gaudinier Middle School, April 3 to 20.
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'Magnolia' is full of astonishment

"Strange things happen... and so it goes, and so it goes," proclaims the disinterested narrative voice in the prologue for writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson's third film, "Magnolia," which, at three hours and 10 minutes, certainly has sufficient time to illustrate its point.

Indeed, one of the strangest things of all is the prologue itself, which deals with, among other things, a boy's suicide attempt in 1958. After sitting through about 20 minutes of preview trailers, and then seeing this, I began to get that sinking feeling that I was sitting in the wrong movie theater. Finally, at the conclusion of the rather lengthy prologue, an opening credit boldly appeared on the screen, reassuring me that I was indeed watching a "P.T. Anderson Picture," to the tune of Harry Nilsson's "One," as sung by Aimee Mann, complete with its electric piano introduction. Believe it or not, the journey proved to be well worth it, as the movie turned out to be fairly astonishing, and highly cinematic to boot.

Actually, this doesn't surprise me, for the occasional burst of bombast notwithstanding, Anderson has already proven himself to be in the front ranks of directors, as "Boogie Nights" has shown. He's in a class with Quentin Tarantino in his ability to write compelling dialogue, and "Magnolia" proves to be no exception.

Episodic in nature, "Magnolia" nonetheless manages to weave together the separate and distinct yet ultimately intersecting lives of people living in the San Fernando Valley of California. To this end, the film faithfully calls to mind Lawrence Kasdan's "Grand Canyon"; and, despite the inevitable comparisons to Robert Altman, I'm also reminded of Stanley Kubrick, of all people, in Anderson's

Fade In

By Jonathan Franklin
Staff Writer

cool detachment from everything around him. This god-like director is seemingly indifferent to his characters' suffering, and is not unlike the artist as described by James Joyce, who is coolly dispassionate, and who stands aloof, indifferently "paring his fingernails." Every now and then, however, Anderson lets his characters know that he's present by conjuring up some strange or fantastic occurrence. It's hard to tell whether or not he feels any love or affection for his characters, or just plain contempt. But no matter, Anderson just keeps the directional ball rolling.

Tom Cruise is outstanding as Frank Mckee, aka Jack Partridge, a man who is seen here to be the new messiah of sexual pop psychology. He carries on like an evangelist on his television program, "Seduce 'n' Destroy," allegedly designed as a self-help program to help men overcome their shyness toward women and to become winners, not losers, in the battle between the sexes. This is Anderson's one true attempt at satire in the film, and Cruise, who is very amusing, manages to make the most of it. Despite his confident outward demeanor, however, Cruise reveals an inner pain and hostility which wells up inside of him in more private moments among colleagues and friends, but especially when being interviewed by a hapless television reporter named Gwenovier, played by April Grace, who simply manages to

go too far. Cruise displays a lot of emotional depth here, and I was just as impressed with his work in this film as in Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut."

Jason Robards gives a touching performance as the dying Earl Partridge, a television producer whose one last wish is to be reunited with his estranged son, Frank, whom he walked out on when Frank was a small boy. Earl's visiting nurse, Phil Parma, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman — who it so sad-eyed and compassionate it's truly embodying — is suddenly called upon to locate Frank, and in a fairly comical scene vaguely reminiscent of Woody Allen, Anderson has some fun by having Phil purchase several porn magazines in order to look up Frank's 800 number. Julianne Moore gives a manic performance as Linda, Earl Partridge's grief-stricken wife, who is so guilty over having married for money that she arranges with her disbelieving lawyer, played by Michael Murphy — whom it's good to see again — to have her name removed entirely from Earl's will.

William H. Macy is poignant as Donnie Smith, a former child prodigy who, on April 28, 1968, won \$100,000 on a quiz show for children but whose life ever since has been a series of disasters after another. He now spends his time longing after a bander named Brad, played by Brad Pitt, while being taunted by a decadent barfly played by Henry Gibson. Donnie is perhaps the consciousness of the film, who at one point blurts out, "I've got a lot of love to give — I just don't know where to put it!" His child counterpart in the film is a boy named Stanley, played by Jeremy Blackman, who is the new child quiz show genius, and it is at the point being seen escorted through the

television studio by one Cynthia, played by Felicity Huffman, in one magnificent tracking shot by Anderson's favorite cinematographer, Robert Eiswit. The quiz show host Jimmy Gator is played by the very impressive Philip Baker Hall, who's appeared in all of Anderson's films and was especially outstanding in Anderson's first film, "Hard Eight." His long-suffering wife Rose is played by a fine Melinda Dillon.

John C. Reilly, another of Anderson's favorites, is penetrating as Jim, a lonely policeman who is called out to investigate a complaint of loud music at the apartment of Claudia Wilson, Jimmy Gator's estranged daughter, played by Melora Walters, who is no great shakes as an actress. In another remarkable scene, the kind of which I've almost come to expect from this virtuoso director, Jim and Claudia are heard to be speaking off camera while making coffee, signifying that while the characters in the movie are on a coffee break, the actors themselves are definitely not.

The use of music, of course, is another of Anderson's hallmarks as a director, and in this respect he reminds me of Martin Scorsese. For example, while I never much cared for the rock group Supertramp, I now find myself, for better or worse, tapping my foot to their music in a "P.T. Anderson Picture." He also has a good ear for making up dialogue with music. It's a remarkably ambitious, virtuosic film, and while Anderson might be a bit overblown at times, I, for one, can't help but come away feeling impressed.

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FIORINO RISTORANTE

By Tim Hayes

Immediately upon entering Fiorino Ristorante one is struck by the feeling that this is something special. This comes partly as a result of the warm and elegant surroundings inside. Comfortably spaced tables fill the room while the surrounding walls are adorned with an array of richly painted works of original art. In fact, their private art collection is so extensive that they are in the habit of regularly replacing the paintings with something new and different each month. The purpose of this abundance of art is twofold, explains the owner John Bittici. Not only do these painted canvases please the eye, but they also provide for reporter named Gwenovier, arranged on the plate and they lived up to my highest expectations. Even more impressive than the physical surroundings is the fact that Mr. Bittici greets each patron much like you would expect a good friend to welcome you into his home. He does not merely seat you, but rather he ensures your comfort and appears to hold a vested interest in making the time you spend in his restaurant to be as pleasurable as possible.

The real excitement, however, doesn't start until the food begins to arrive. While the expertly prepared food at Fiorino's is based on the traditional dishes found in the Tuscany region of Northern Italy, they have undoubtedly succeeded in making each dish uniquely their own. Starting with the antipasto I would recommend the Marinated Grilled Prawns with White Bean Crostini and Mint (\$9.50). This is an especially difficult dish to prepare for the simple reason that most prawns on the market today are much tougher than many of the smaller and sweeter shrimp. Fiorino's overcomes this obstacle by sparing no expense on each and every ingredient that goes into the food that they prepare. The grilled prawns were tenderly arranged on the plate and they lived up to my highest expectations. Even from the start it was easy to see why the American Academy of Hospitality Science recently awarded Fiorino's with the coveted 5-Diamond rating for outstanding food and service.

For many, no evening in a fine Italian restaurant is complete without the requisite dish of pasta and if Fiorino's were to just make it fresh each day, their patrons would surely be happy. Mr. Bittici, however, knows that he can do better than that. As I savored each bite of my Gorgonzola filled Agnolini, with fresh Tomatoes, Shallots and a touch of Cream (\$14) it became instantly clear that the pasta dough hadn't even been rolled out or cut until just moments before. If you happen to favor entrees such as fish, chicken, lamb or steak (\$16 to \$28) these too can be found in the rather select yet diverse menu which always changes with the seasons. Master chef Carlos Espinoza has a complete command of his art and the results are quite impressive. That may also be why Fiorino's is a favorite to diners who demand only the best.

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Stepping Out

10 p.m. each night, and Feb. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Auditions will take place at the Community Congregational Church, 200 Harshorn Drive, Short Hills. Auditions should prepare an aria from this opera, if possible. For information, call (908) 665-1376 after Jan. 28.

ART SHOWS

ART AT OVERLOOK will be on exhibit at Overlook Hospital, featuring the artwork of New Jersey photographer Dwight Hicazano through January 2000. 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) 273-8665.

INDUSTRIAL IMAGES, paintings by Michael McGinley and Tim Gaydos, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Feb. 9.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 361-7511.

PHOTOGRAPHER ART CARLSON will exhibit his black-and-white works at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library through Feb. 10.

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KEAN UNIVERSITY Fine Arts Department will sponsor its Faculty Exhibition through Jan. 28 in the James Howe Gallery on the Kean campus.

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PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER by Union artist Joe Lupara will be on exhibit at Van Gogh's Ear, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union, today through March 1.

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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.

CONCERTS

AKARIST, the Male Chamber Choir of Moscow will be presented in concert Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (908) 233-8533.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet weekly at The Connection, formerly the Summit YWCA, to learn dances of other countries. No partners are needed. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

DISCUSSION

IRON POTS and Colonial Cooking Techniques will be the topic of a demonstration at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$5 for students. For information, call (908) 232-1776.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its Film Series Saturday with "Go West" starring Buster Keaton, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The series continues with the following schedule:

- Wednesday: "Mississippi Burning," 1 p.m., \$2; 8 p.m., \$5
- Feb. 5: "You Gotta Love 'Em" Romance Festival — "Casablanca," 1 p.m.; "Dr. Zhivago," 3 p.m.; and "Gone With the Wind," 8 p.m.; \$5 for one movie, \$7 for two, \$10 for all three
- Feb. 23: "Sunset Boulevard," 1 p.m.; \$2; 8 p.m., \$5
- March 15: "O'Gigi," 1 p.m.; \$3; 6 p.m., \$5
- "Hitchcock Turns 100" Double

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KIDS

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

"Two of Us," ages 3 and 4 years old with adult, hikes and outdoor activities; Tuesdays from 10:30 to



NOISES OFF, the farcical play-within-a-play, continues its run through Feb. 13 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. Joining in the side-splitting mayhem are, from left, Lisby Larson, Graeme Malcolm, Brian Murray reprising his Broadway role, and Blair Sams.

- Feature — "To Catch a Thief" and "Vanigo," 7 p.m., \$7
- April 12: "Ben Hur," 1 p.m.; \$3; 8 p.m., \$5
- May 3: "Leave 'Em Laughing" Comedy Double Feature — "A Night at the Opera" and "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., \$7

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information and reservations, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the UCAC website at www.ucac.org.

GOLF

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

Jan. 29: "Culinary Seductions," full-participation four-course cooking class; 7 to 11 p.m. at Classic Thyme Cooking School, 161 E. Broad St. in Westfield; \$55 at the door.

For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.thatskitchen.com.

SINGLE FRIENDS, a Catholic singles' group, will have a movie night Saturday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Essex Green Theaters, 525 Northfield Ave., West Orange. The evening will end with a trip to TGIFridays. For information, call (973) 479-3537 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday 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) 869-4751.

KISMET SINGLES will sponsor several events in the coming weeks.

Saturday: "Roaring '20s Murder Mystery Dinner," 8 p.m. at B.G. Field's, 560 Springfield Ave. in Westfield; \$45 at the door.

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THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue its 1999-2000 season with the farce "Noises Off" through Feb. 3.

Michael Frayn's play-within-a-play focuses on the shenanigans — on stage and off — of a fifth-rate acting troupe, and stars Brian Murray reprising his original Broadway role.

Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Singles Night is Feb. 10, and audio-described performances are Feb. 3 at 2 p.m., Feb. 5 at 2:30 p.m., and Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.; sensory seminars take place 90

minutes prior to curtain. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information and reservations, call (973) 376-4343; for groups of 20 or more, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2438.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Laura" by Vera Caspary and George Sclar Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. The playhouse is located at 1000 North Ave. in Westfield. Tickets are \$12. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Nothing But the Truth" by James Montgomery Friday to Feb. 20. Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and students. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St. in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

VARIETY

PEIN & TELLER, the comic thrill magicians, will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$36 and \$40.

The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226, (868) 368-8497 after 5 p.m., or visit the website at www.uccac.org.

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

Appearing this Saturday at 10 p.m. is Thunder Road, the ultimate Springsteen tribute.

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 winter. Cover charge is \$3 for all concerts.

- Sunday: Todd Collins
- Jan. 30: To be announced
- Feb. 6: Pam Purvis & Bob Ackerman
- Feb. 13: Breakwater
- Feb. 20: Positive Rhythmic Force Trio
- Feb. 27: Dan O'Neil Trio
- Feb. 29: Tuesday night concert featuring Steve Mirkin Trio
- Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call 810-1844.

Grant money is available

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites community art organizations, schools and other non-profit organizations that wish to present cultural programming to apply for funding from the Union County Arts Grant Program.

Funds for this program are made available through the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State.

"The purpose of the grant program is to enrich the quality of life in Union County by stimulating the production, presentation and creation of the arts," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Arts activities taking place between Jan. 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2001 are eligible for consideration. The deadline for proposals is March 6, 2000."

"We are pleased to continue the Arts Education Special Project initiative this year," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Affairs Advisory Board. "The program enables schools as well as other organizations to apply for funding to enhance arts education and teacher professional development."

For an application and guidelines, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (908) 558-2550. Relay users dial (800) 852-7899.

Music school lists 2000 class offerings

The Suburban Community Music Center, at 570 Central Ave. in Murray Hill, is now registering students for spring semester, which runs from Jan. 25 to May 20. Classes for young children include Music for Babies, for babies as old as 16 months; Music for Toddlers, between the ages of 16 months and 3 years; Cycle of Seasons, for children between the ages of 3½ to 4½; and Music Makers, for ages 5 to 7.

In Music for Babies, a half-hour class, parents/caregivers learn to play musically with their babies, forming an intimate bond which establishes a foundation for a lifetime of active involvement with music. Activities that stimulate the babies responses include singing, listening, rocking, bouncing, dancing and the use of rattles, sticks, and scarves.

Music for Toddlers is a half-hour class in which children interact with parents/caregivers in singing, chanting, moving, listening, and playing simple instruments, facilitating the process of musical growth and internalizing a love of music in the very young child.

Cycle of Seasons, a one-hour class, includes singing, structured and creative movement, rhythm development, dramatic play, use of percussion instruments, and musical games to foster musical participation and appreciation. Parents and siblings join the children for the last 15

minutes of each class to enjoy interactive songs, dances, and games.

In Music Makers, children are engaged in singing, movement, ear training, musical games, ensemble work, rhythmic training, and learning to read and write music.

For children who love to sing, Fundamentals of Singing, with two groups for grades 1 to 4 and 5 to 8, focuses on correct breathing, tone production, diction, phrasing, ear training, and unison and simple part singing.

Private lessons are available for beginning to advanced students in piano, guitar, recorder, saxophone, and in most orchestral instruments. Intermediate-level recorder players can sign up for recorder ensemble. Young beginning instrumentalists can take Suzuki violin, viola, or guitar.

Music for children with special needs, taught by a music therapist on the faculty, provides opportunities for children with mild to profound disabilities to discover the joy of music and benefit from its positive effects on the development of the whole child.

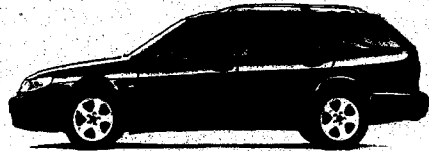
The Suburban Community Music Center, a non-profit educational institution in its 15th year, is full member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. All classes and lessons are taught by a highly professional faculty dedicated to bringing out the best in each student. For more information, call (908) 790-0700.



FIRST TRAP, by aviation artists Keith Ferris, will be among the works on exhibit in "Come Fly With Us," Saturday through March 15 at the Les Majumet Art Gallery in the Union Public Library. Call (908) 851-5450 for information.

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Friends of the arts center plan 2nd meeting

With a successful turnout for the first meeting, the Friends of Union County Arts Center, UCAC, has announced that a second meeting of this newly formed group is set for Monday at 7 p.m.

The Friends of UCAC now have a charter membership and will begin to plan events for the spring. All are invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

The Friends of the UCAC, a volunteer organization, has been created to organize theater merchandising and fund-raising events to educate the mission at the UCAC. The organization will act as a social outlet for many, and cultivate a spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism for all. The mission at the UCAC includes participation in the economic revitalization of Rahway, Union County and the greater Union County area; maintenance and restoration of the UCAC's artistic home, the Old Railway Theater; and programming of a wide range of theater, family and concert events that will enrich and educate the community. The ideal member has a love for the theater and live perfor-

mances, and an interest in the preservation of the arts.

The meeting will be held in the lobby of the UCAC and offer an introduction to current members and existing leadership. Conducting the meeting will be John McEwan, the director of development of the Paper Mill Playhouse and consultant to the Union County Arts Center. McEwan works with a similar organization at the Paper Mill Playhouse, the Guild at the Paper Mill Playhouse, and serves as a liaison between the members and

staff. His experience will help focus the meeting on membership recruitment and planning first events. He will also help attendees produce an outline that will clarify the purpose of the group and highlight challenges and opportunities that face the organization in the near future. "I think we can produce a mission statement and set some goals for the near future," McEwan said.

The current membership of the Friends of UCAC hopes to plan the first few events for the spring and

welcomes everyone to participate. This is an opportunity for everyone, from high school students to retired citizens, to participate in community events and help support an organization that will affect and maintain a better quality of life.

For more information regarding Friends of UCAC, call the box office at (732) 499-8226 Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible to all patrons.

Kean seeks theaters for 2nd 'incubation'

The Arts Incubator Project at Kean University in Union is seeking "homeless" New Jersey theater groups and playwrights.

The project provides rent-free rehearsal and performance space at the university and, when possible, assist with technical needs for productions. For playwrights, the incubator provides rent-free studio space for play readings.

The Kean Project is the first Arts Incubator in New Jersey and the first in the country to be housed at a university.

Summer of 1999 was the first Arts Incubator season at Kean, and five theater groups were selected to rehearse and

perform plays using a variety of the university's theater spaces.

According to Project Director Susan Appbaum of Kean's Communication and Theatre Department, "This year we are expanding the use of facilities and increasing their availability to accommodate more groups. Also, we feel that offering space to playwrights will help us meet our goal of supporting the entire theater process."

Theater groups and playwrights wishing to apply for the Arts Incubator Project or needing more information may contact Appbaum, at (908) 527-2350.

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Healthy Living

Overlook is first NJ hospital in Beth Israel 'revolution'

It doesn't involve a miracle drug or a new advance in medical technology. Nevertheless, a revolution is occurring in American medicine. Hospitals are beginning to look beyond their roles as providers of medical services to include all aspects of a patient's well-being in their care and treatment. At Overlook Hospital's Palliative Care Program, "Care 2000," this movement is already well under way.

In consideration of Overlook's progressive work in the field of palliative care, the Hadassah Foundation of New Jersey has awarded the hospital a \$124,000 grant to formalize "CARE 2000" and the training of its staff. The broader goal is to create a model program that can be adopted by other hospitals.

The leading hospital in the field, New York's Beth Israel Medical Center, supported the grant application and is collaborating with Overlook to develop its training program and conduct research.

Hospitals and health care workers are good at addressing the physical needs of our patients, and we need to get stronger in these other areas. The grant will help us to really sensitize our staff about what palliative care means," explains Patty Colligan-Levine, Social Work Manager at Overlook and coordinator of the training program.

Overlook Hospital is also the only New Jersey hospital invited to participate in a study conducted by the Palliative Care Outcomes Consortium, a group of eight hospitals, led by the Beth Israel, that are collaborating on the research and development of palliative care programs.

Palliative care traditionally refers to the kind of attention given to patients with active, progressive, advanced disease for whom the prognosis is limited. The focus is on helping the patient and family, so that dying is as comfortable and meaningful a process as possible. Palliative care includes state-of-the-art medical treatment, especially to control pain. Just as importantly, it also embraces a person's spiritual, psychological, social, and financial needs.

Building on its history of leadership in caring for the dying, Overlook Hospital has taken the palliative approach a giant step farther. Overlook has developed the philosophy that palliative care is a model of good practice for all health care workers, and that all patients, at all stages of health and life, can benefit from its lessons.

The training program at Overlook is designed to hone the principles of palliative care into a true clinical discipline, and apply to the benefit of every patient. Physicians, nurses and all staff members who have direct contact with patients take special classes. The training emphasizes simple yet essential communications skills that enable health workers to know their patients more intimately and address staff's own fears and feelings about illness and death. The goal is to build a more accurate assessment of physical symptoms along with a heightened awareness of the patient's feelings and situation. It also means fostering a close relationship between Overlook's staff and a patient's family and caregivers.

A major feature of Overlook's Palliative Care Program is an in-house team of experts to advise physicians and to assist in providing palliative services for all patients, especially those nearing the end of life.

Another critical goal of Overlook's program is providing patients with seamless care as their needs change, for example in transferring out of the hospital to hospice, nursing facility or home. This includes the obvious, such as ensuring that the appropriate course of medical treatment is understood and followed. It also includes the not-so-obvious, such as respecting the wishes of dying patients and their families about the goals of care and

making those desires clear to emergency medical service teams and other caregivers outside of Overlook.

Pain management has been described as the essence of palliative care. In 1997, Overlook established an Acute Pain Management Service to coordinate procedures and train its staff. Physicians and nurses at Overlook Hospital routinely treat pain as a "vital sign" in all patients. Unlike the other vital signs, pain cannot be assessed with instruments and numbers. Pain assessment relies primarily on the patient's subjective sense of distress and their own statements and responses. The accurate measurement of pain, therefore, depends crucially on staff sensitivity and communication, and commitment to listening to patients.


A national survey of patients satisfaction already points to the success of Overlook's pain-management efforts. To help bring the entire field of palliative care into the future, Overlook Hospital is participating in a pilot study of the Palliative Care Outcomes Consortium about the impact these programs have on patients' quality of life, and their satisfaction with the care they receive. Relatives, friends, and caregivers are also part of the study.

Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic Health System 490-bed major teaching hospital in Summit, Home of New Jersey's first stereotactic radiosurgery program for the treatment of cancer. Overlook's specialty services include the Neuroscience Institute and Brain

Tumor Center of New Jersey; the Valerie Center, a pediatric oncology cancer program; The Children's Medical Center of Atlantic Health System; a Chest Pain Center, the Same-Day Surgery Center and Hernia Center; and a Wound Care Center. Overlook

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gift of life. Yet 70,000 people remain on waiting lists with a new name added every 16 minutes.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tekel appointed

Larry Mueller, regional vice president of Weichert Realtors, announced that Harvey Tekel has been appointed manager of Weichert's Westfield office.

Before joining Weichert's management team, Tekel was a sales associate at the company's Short Hills office, where he ranked among the top one percent of the sales force as a member of Weichert's President's Club.

A specialist in residential and condominium sales, Tekel repeated as a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and earned membership to the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club at the silver level in 1998.

In announcing Tekel's appointment, Mueller said, "In addition to his successful sales record, Harvey brings outstanding management credentials to our management team. I look forward to working with him as we begin the new century."

Tekel, a licensed broker, is a member of the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service.

Tekel is former owner and general manager of Laundry Leasing Service, Amex Uniform Services and Sanitary Leasing Services, industrial laundries with more than 3,000 customers in three states.

Tekel is a graduate of American University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business management and completed graduate studies in marketing. He was honored as a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Married and the father of two children, Tekel is a longtime West Orange



Harvey Tekel

resident. He is a member of the Congregation Beth-El in South Orange. He holds a seat on the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center of Metrowest and is a committee vice chairperson for the United Jewish Federation Super Sunday Campaign.

He is a lifelong associate member of Hadassah. He is a past committee chairperson (for the 1996 Macabbi Games and sat on the board of governors of the Jewish Schechter Day School in Cranford and West Orange.

To speak to Tekel about career opportunities in real estate, call him at Weichert's Westfield office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm St.

Bataille is honored

Elizabeth Bataille, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has been honored with Salesperson of the Month for November, with sales of 5 1/2 units sold.



Elizabeth Bataille

Born in New Jersey, Bataille is eager to share her personal knowledge of the area with clients. As a resident of Clark, she can give firsthand information about local school districts, neighborhoods, commuting, shopping, recreation and more.

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Bataille is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club from 1989 through 1998 and has achieved Bronze Level in 1989 and Silver in 1997-1998. She has also attained the Leader's Circle in 1998 and the Distinguished Sales Club in 1998.

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AUTOMOTIVE

BMW's 2000 X5 are expected to go fast

By Mark Maynard
Copy News Service

The 2000 BMW X5 goes on sale this month, but supplies will be limited. Only about 2,000 were expected to be shipped from the Spartanburg, S.C., factory through the end of 1999.

Don't expect those to linger long on dealer lots, even with a starting price of \$49,970.

The X5 — which BMW calls a Sports Activity Vehicle, not an SUV — is pure, V-8-powered Blimie. It will climb the muddy truck trails at your local fish and game club, but it also scales the heights of BMW drivability and luxury amenities.

BMW won't say exactly how many X5s it will build in a year, but the flow will be slow until the final product is up to company standards.

If you don't mind waiting a couple of months, you can still get a specially prepared X5 by ordering it from the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. Fifty limited-edition 2001 X5s are being offered, with deliveries beginning in late May and June.

This limited edition X5 is painted imperial brown with titanium-colored trim and light beige leather seats. It also has several option packages

including 19-inch wheels, Park Distance Control, Xenon headlights and a navigation system.

Standard equipment include a 282-horsepower 4.4-liter V-8 engine, 5-speed Steptronic automatic transmission, all-wheel drive with All Season Traction Control and Dynamic Stability Control, Hill Descent Control, power tilt and telescoping steering wheel, automatic climate control and a 10-speaker stereo.

There's also an optional three-day, two-night travel package to the factory and performance center where new owners will get guidance from pros on special off-road and on-road test tracks. You'll also get highway driving through the Blue Ridge Mountains with a visit to the Biltmore Estate.

You can get more information on the X5 by calling (888) 301-4BMW or order the Neiman Marcus catalog for \$6.50 by calling (800) 634-6267. Not all 50 BMW X5s were spoken for of press time and BMW spokeswoman Martha McKinley said, "When we take all 50 slots, we will begin a wait list."

Time Keepers
Hemmings Motor News now publishes nine calendars, including its

"Abandoned Autos," which is subtitled "the annual appreciation of aesthetically abandoned ancient American automobiles."

Joining it this year are "Abandoned Trucks, A Timely Tribute to Terminally Tranquilized Trucks" and the "Millennium Bug," with photography by David Newhardt.

The annual junked-cars calendars were so popular that Hemmings put together a best-of softback coffee table book titled "Abandoned Autos." Eight years of pictures are folded into a 116-page compilation of more than 100 time worn cars — and some trucks — with inserts of print advertising that show the contrast of brand spanking new with just plain beat.

The book is \$19.95 or you can order the 2000 "Abandoned Autos" calendar and the book for \$29.95. The calendars are \$10.95 each. Orders can be placed on the Hemmings Motor News website, www.hemmings.com, or by calling (800) CAR-HERE.

Words and Pictures
The story of high-performance Mercury was a slim chapter in the automotive history, but well-thumbed by its Trans-Am Cougars, Cyclone Spoilers, Marauders and even the

mid-'50s Tumpike Cruisers and Merco-O-Matic transmissions.

Auto writer and photographer David Newhardt traveled more than 6,000 miles in 14 months to complete the research for his book "Mercury Muscle Cars."

Newhardt dug into Ford and Mercury archives, interviewed Ford designer Jack Telneck, engineers and a race driver. "It really brought the human element into this car-building system," he says.

The Cougar Club of San Diego was a life-saver, too. "They made at least half a dozen vehicles available, including a black 1970 Cougar Eliminator with a Boss 302 V-8 engine. Only a handful were made," he says. The car is featured on the back cover of the book.

His "Mercury Muscle Cars" — from Classic Motorbooks, softback, 128 pages, 140 pictures, \$21.95 — is available at most better bookstores or through the publisher at www.motorbooks.com or (800) 826-6600.

Mark Maynard is automotive editor at *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Contact him at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

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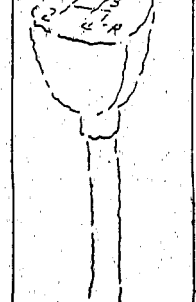
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The GL sedan starts at \$18,745 and the GL coupe is \$19,180. The top-line GLS coupe or sedan begins at \$21,400.

The standard engine is General Motors' 150-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder. It has strong power away from the traffic light and easily will tote a carload of people. The GL model has the option of a 170-hp 3.4-liter V-6, which is the standard motor for the GLS. The only transmission offered is a four-speed automatic, which is another considerable perk for the base model.

Among the interesting mechanical features is a Tire Inflation Monitoring System, which uses the ABS wheel speed sensors to detect a tire rotating at a different speed than the other tires. The system will alert the driver via warning

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Other notable extras include:

- Enhanced Traction System, which automatically steps in to reduce throttle to limit front wheel slippage in low-trac situations;
- One-thousand-mile spark plugs;
- Stainless-steel exhaust;
- Breakaway rearview mirrors;
- and five-year/100,000-mile coolant, long-life brake fluid and transmission fluid.

The architecture is a efficient with conveniently placed switches and controls. The cabin is modern-looking and attractive, with sweeping curves and contrasting colors and textures.

There are useful-size storage spaces thoughtfully carved into the design as well as other handy touches that an owner will appreciate every day, such as:

- The ignition switch on the instrument panel, not the steering column. It is in plain sight and easily reached without contorting your arm or wrist;
- The electric trunk and hood releases are within easy reach for the driver, and the rotary-style controls for fan/temperatures are simple and effective.

On the road, Alero is just as handy to drive. The top-line GLS coupe test car, which also had the sport package, accelerates with enthusiasm, and the auto shifter was right there for quick down-shifts and smooth upshifts.

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2000 CADILLAC SEVILLE SLS

\$549* OR **\$42,229**

PER MO. LEASE PURCHASE PRICE

• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • MSRP \$45,148. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #000001. VIN YR140170. 7 mi. Lease req. \$550 ref. sec. dep. \$549 1st mo. in adv. plus \$2,000 cash down. Total due at lease signing \$3,999. Total of pymts. \$19,744. Total cost \$22,314. Buy back at lease end \$24,831. 36 mos./12,000 mi. per yr. 20 cents per mi. overage.

Oldsmobile

2000 OLDSMOBILE ALERO GX

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PER MO. LEASE PURCHASE PRICE

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• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • MSRP \$17,785. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, styled whis. Stk. #001039. VIN 1C345378. 11 mi. Lease req. \$250 ref. sec. dep. \$229 1st mo. in adv. \$1,000 cash down. Total due at lease signing \$1,479. Total of pymts. \$8,244. Total cost \$9,494. Buy back at lease end \$9,940. 36 mos./12,000 mi. per yr. 20 cents per mi. overage. INCLUDES \$500 MFR. REBATE.

2000 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE GX

\$249* OR **\$21,808**

PER MO. LEASE PURCHASE PRICE

2.9% APR Financing Available 36 Mos.

• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • MSRP \$23,445. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #001010. VIN YF110367. 39 mi. Lease req. \$0 ref. sec. dep. \$249 1st mo. in adv. \$2,000 cash down. Total due at lease signing \$2,249. Total of pymts. \$8,964. Total cost \$10,964. Buy back at lease end \$13,599. 36 mos./12,000 mi. per yr. 20 cents per mi. overage.

Pontiac

2000 PONTIAC MONTANA

\$289* OR **\$21,891**

PER MO. LEASE PURCHASE PRICE

2.9% APR Financing Available 36 Mos.

• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • MSRP \$25,205. 4-dr. 6-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons. BSW, rds, styled whis. Stk. #000304. VIN YD107514. 9 mi. Lease req. \$0 ref. sec. dep. \$289 1st mo. in adv. \$7,800 cash down. Total due at lease signing \$2,089. Total of pymts. \$10,404. Total cost \$12,204. Buy back at lease end \$14,619. 36 mos./12,000 mi. per yr. 20 cents per mi. overage. INCLUDES \$1,500 MFR. REBATE.

1999 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE

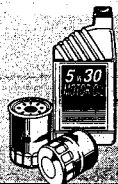
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• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • MSRP \$26,310. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #000095. VIN XK225590. 11 mi. INCLUDES \$2,500 MFR. REBATE.

PRE-OWNED CARS

<p>1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE</p> <p>4-dr. 6-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, BSW, rds, styled whis. Stk. #00063. VIN JW201682. 82,910 mi.</p> <p>\$3,466</p>	<p>1995 SATURN SL1</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, WSW, rds, styled whis. Stk. #9C105. VIN 6Z210809. 51,653 mi.</p> <p>\$5,863</p>	<p>1998 NISSAN SENTRA GXE</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, rds, styled whis. Stk. #9C093. VIN TL017786. 41,591 mi.</p> <p>\$6,852</p>	<p>1997 TOYOTA COROLLA</p> <p>• ABS. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, BSW, rds, styled whis. Stk. #00095. VIN VC180227.</p> <p>\$9,574</p>	<p>1996 TOYOTA RAV4 4X4</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 4-cyl. 5-spcl. man, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C082. VIN T0098087. 22,226 mi.</p> <p>\$13,747</p>	<p>1996 OLDSMOBILE BRANDA 4X4</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 6-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C089. VIN T2702427. 43,801 mi.</p> <p>\$15,555</p>
<p>1995 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS • LANDAU ROOF. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9L072. VIN SC795668. 73,952 mi.</p> <p>\$4,926</p>	<p>1993 MERCURY XR7</p> <p>2-dr. 8-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, moonroof, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #8C188. VIN PH657762. 71,476 mi.</p> <p>\$6,350</p>	<p>1998 TOYOTA COROLLA GX</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 4-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C091. VIN TC171282. 43,519 mi.</p> <p>\$9,167</p>	<p>1995 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 6-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, sunrd, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C098. VIN T030983. 65,411 mi.</p> <p>\$12,937</p>	<p>1997 BUICK REGAL GS</p> <p>• DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 6-cyl. turbo, auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C120. VIN V123130. 31,398 mi.</p> <p>\$15,085</p>	<p>1996 CADILLAC FLEETWOOD BROUGHAM</p> <p>• LANDAU ROOF • DUAL AIRBAGS • ABS. 4-dr. 8-cyl. auto, p/s/b, air, V/cls, r/del, int. wprs, BSM, p/w/AM/FM/CD, tilt, cruise, bkts, cons, BSW, rds, alloys. Stk. #9C074. VIN R7038710. 61,563 mi.</p> <p>\$15,800</p>



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