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## In their own right

George W. Bush and Al Gore have one thing in common. After some detours, they both ended up in the same professional field as their famous fathers.

Following in the footsteps of your parent is not that uncommon. But for those making the second set of prints the experience can be full of extra pressure and comparisons. But it also brings out a special level of satisfaction when the kids become successful.

## Left Out

By Frank Copece

Cynthia Dawley is an accomplished artist in Union County. Her impressionist style of work will be on display June 4 between 1 and 4 p.m. at St. John's Chapel at 22 Mulberry St. in Newark. The works include scenes from her native Cranford, New York as well as from international travels.

For Dawley, the comparisons to the nationally famous Joseph Dawley, her father, was expected. Her father's realistic style of portraits and children at play gained him wide notoriety with his work even hanging at the White House. A later illness saw the senior Dawley switch to an impressionist style. His works are ardently sought at local galleries.

The younger Dawley says that "painting was not a childhood dream." In fact, her parents felt out discouraging her from the field. Cynthia began her career in the corporate graphics world.

"Playing around in my father's studio," she obviously got the bug. With humor she discounts the insults by those who felt the need to compare her early work to her father. She even wrestled if it was better to sign her married name as opposed to her more famous maiden name to paintings.

Dawley describes the experience in terms of "all of a sudden" she started being judged on the content of her own work. She bristles at the question of whether her father lends a hand to her work. The daughter was especially amused when questioned recently if she had helped her father. But she welcomes his constructive criticism while she does her own work.

Tom Hansen Jr. sees his goal as establishing his own niche in terms of a career in a business started by his father. It's still not clear to me if Tom Hansen Sr. even saw the movie "The Graduate." But the business he established sure went into plastics in a big way.

Patwin Plastics in Linden manufactures custom profile extrusions. That's another way of saying they make and ship around the country all kinds of plastics molds. The second generation of Tom Jr. and brother Tim have moved into a high-tech world of production.

Tom Hansen Jr. is readily aware of the comparisons to his father. "There is satisfaction in establishing your own little bits in moving the company forward. But the pressure to succeed is far greater when the man working next to you is your father." Hansen adds that his father still keeps an eye on operation, "if for no other reason to make sure his sons haven't sold the business."

For Roselle Park dentist Dr. Stephen Burman the pressure should have been two-fold. Both his grandfather and father were accomplished dentists. But the younger Burman says, "It was what I always knew, so to that extent maybe I was groomed." His father Lester Burman was a pioneer in the past 10 years in the field of laser surgery.

The younger Burman took the technology to a new level with his skill in the use of the erbium laser. This device cuts tooth structure as opposed to tissue which means no drilling and little pain to the person in the chair.

Burman's skill brought him the honor of being only one of 12 test

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## Assembly bill would alter freeholder seats

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Republicans call it bitter representation of the people, bringing government closer to constituents. Democrats say the GOP is simply trying to overcome its futility in recent elections by legislating a seat on the freeholder board.

A month after a similar measure for Essex County was approved by the Assembly, Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-21, last week introduced legislation that would change the Union County Board of Freeholders from members representing the county at large to nine district seats, where a freeholder would represent a portion of the county based on population.

The bill was released from the State Government Committee Monday by a vote of 3-2, along party lines. The committee is chaired by Assembly-

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man Alan Augustine, R-21, who served on the Union County freeholder board during the 1980s and early 1990s, and includes Robert Smith, D-17, whose district encompasses Plainfield.

It is now up to Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, R-3, who has aspirations of running for governor next year, to decide when or if an Assembly vote will take place.

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## Comparison of county tax levy, 1997-2000

Municipality	1997	1998	1999	2000	Change
Berkeley Heights	\$7,094,341	\$7,913,617	\$8,370,958	\$8,551,164	+\$180,206
Clark	\$5,801,807	\$5,383,129	\$5,138,768	\$5,362,667	+\$192,899
Cranford	\$9,308,994	\$8,904,847	\$8,904,607	\$9,028,277	+\$123,670
Elizabeth	\$1,377,234	\$1,399,666	\$1,340,745	\$1,348,430	+\$7,685
Garwood	\$15,443,145	\$14,874,095	\$15,041,242	\$14,671,141	-\$370,101
Fanwood	\$2,343,375	\$2,423,075	\$2,382,284	\$2,408,778	+\$26,494
Hillside	\$4,480,891	\$4,327,759	\$4,382,012	\$4,387,893	+\$5,881
Kenilworth	\$3,820,427	\$3,688,078	\$3,722,306	\$3,750,619	+\$28,313
Linden	\$12,943,961	\$12,949,977	\$13,018,593	\$11,455,594	-\$1,562,999
Mountainside	\$3,849,855	\$4,120,759	\$4,114,438	\$4,172,350	+\$57,912
New Providence	\$6,031,281	\$6,002,681	\$6,091,012	\$6,178,234	+\$87,222
Plainfield	\$6,510,667	\$6,370,568	\$6,222,530	\$6,176,214	-\$44,316
Rahway	\$8,192,373	\$5,961,711	\$5,989,120	\$6,249,484	+\$260,304
Roselle	\$3,002,252	\$3,528,755	\$3,471,729	\$3,386,251	-\$85,472
Roselle Park	\$2,820,981	\$2,598,755	\$2,542,756	\$2,492,315	-\$50,441
Scott Plains	\$8,738,961	\$8,528,150	\$8,557,795	\$8,816,156	+\$258,361
Springfield	\$6,869,579	\$6,467,960	\$6,418,034	\$6,351,986	-\$66,048
Summit	\$14,476,822	\$14,669,806	\$14,857,669	\$15,351,144	+\$493,475
Union	\$16,061,635	\$15,691,724	\$15,023,257	\$14,949,389	-\$73,868
Winfield	\$57,530	\$56,852	\$56,498	\$55,425	-\$1,103
Westfield	\$14,711,656	\$14,378,212	\$14,484,749	\$15,018,846	+\$534,097
Total	\$151,737,767	\$150,237,767	\$150,132,767	\$150,132,767	\$0

Figures for 2000 are based on the county budget which will be up for final adoption at tonight's freeholder meeting starting at 7 p.m. Change is the difference from 1999 to 2000. Figures in italics are the largest increase and decrease expected.

## Groups gather for annual 'Standing Together Against Hate'

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Terri Warmbrand received a disturbing phone call from her 11-year-old son last Wednesday afternoon.

Warmbrand, a Cranford resident and chairperson for the Union County Committee Against Hate, hosted the organization's sixth annual "Standing Together Against Hate" conference May 3 at Westfield's Temple Emanuel. Warmbrand's voice trembled as she told the several hundred in attendance her son's story from earlier in the afternoon.

"He called me today and told me that an 11-year-old — a fifth-grader — announced in class, 'Kill all Jews.' My son is being raised Jewish, and it affected him."

According to Warmbrand, the remark resulted in a simple suspension. "I asked [him] how the situation was being handled and they said they suspended the student and instructed

the rest of the class not to say such things," Warmbrand said.

Warmbrand told the gathering that her son has suffered "humiliation, harassment, constant name-calling and threats to his life" at school. "I went into his room one day and found a valentine from his teacher in the wastebasket. He doesn't find his school a safe environment. He counts the days until he graduates. I count them with him."

Warmbrand offered the opinion that teachers often act "after the incident has occurred," and added, "We need to respond immediately to these things."

The evening's keynote speaker, Jimmie Jones, Director of Police and Community Planning for the organization Facing History, and a recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award from Trinity University, focused his address primarily on beliefs and behavior, and their importance in dealing with hate and prejudice.

"Know your beliefs and define them," Jones said. "Beliefs mean something; they make statements. Sometimes the haters know their beliefs better than we know ours. We know what the symbols of the haters are — but what are our symbols? It takes a commitment to be a believer."

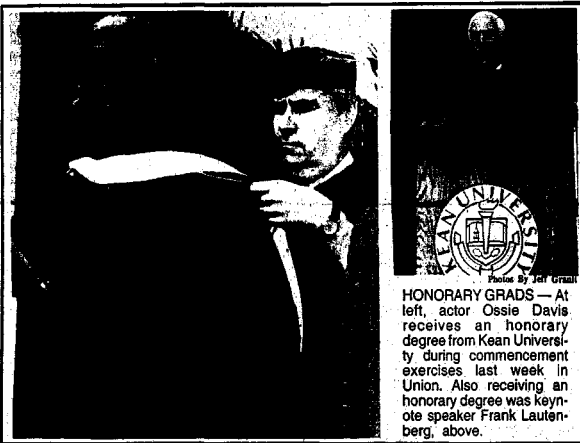
As someone who works regularly with both police departments and community organizations, Jones also encouraged defining specific behaviors. "We have to ask ourselves what kind of behaviors we want to see, in positive terms, in our schools or from our police departments. If you want to see respect, define respect. Most of us have some kind of general idea of what respect is, but many of us really have it very clearly defined."

In teaching children about intolerance, Jones said he uses cases in history "and we talk about what people did and learn from that. And we try to find places in our current times where that knowledge can be applied."

Jones cited the Mayflower Document. "These 41 people were there by themselves. They wrote about what they were going to do, what they believed in, how they were going to work, and they all signed it. It means something, it says something, it makes a statement. By not defining behaviors for people to do, we don't know what we're supposed to be doing tomorrow. You have to define behavior."

State Attorney General John Farmer, who spoke prior to Jones, asked, "How can we reconcile our Jeffersonian ideals, the notion that 'All men are created equal' with the treatment of African-Americans in this country? The only way to do it is to not think of African-Americans as people."

"The challenge to world culture is to affirm our own cultures without injuring those who don't conform to our notions. We need to teach our children that they can define who they are positively."



HONORARY GRADS — At left, actor Ossie Davis receives an honorary degree from Kean University during commencement exercises last week in Union. Also receiving an honorary degree was keynote speaker Frank Lautenberg, above.

## Fire Academy dedicates new simulation area

Officials from the Union County Board of Freeholders, the City of Linden and NJI Corporation recently dedicated the newest addition to the Union County Fire Academy in Linden. A natural gas emergency simulation area will allow firefighters to practice approaches to gas fires and leaks.

The practice area was built and funded by NJI and cost about \$40,000. The Fire Academy is a Union County facility, part of the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management.

"For firefighters, training is the key to saving lives and protecting families," said Freeholder Linda Stender, liaison to the county's fire services and a long-time supporter and advocate for the academy. "This is particularly true as improvements in the technology and equipment for fighting fires becomes more complex."

The natural gas emergency area includes a pit that simulates a natural gas leak and fire in a manhole or construction area, areas where underground gas leaks and fires can be ignited, and a leaking gas meter that can be set afire. Firefighters will learn to find shutoff valves or other methods to cut off gas to the fire.

The Union County Fire Academy is open to firefighters from every municipality in Union County with classes offered for free or for a small contribution.

In addition to trailers for classroom space, the academy features a three-story training tower, a trailer used to simulate "flashovers" and a maze that firefighters negotiate under heavy smoke conditions.

For information about classes, call Ben Laganga, director of the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management at (908) 654-9881.

## Kenilworth hosts open house Monday for choice program

Earlier this year the Kenilworth School District received official notification from the New Jersey Department of Education that it had been selected as a pilot school district in the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program. Immediately, school district personnel began a recruitment campaign for the 2000-2001 school year which yielded the greatest number of choice students in the state.

The interdistrict Public School Choice Program is an outgrowth of the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 which authorized the commissioner of education to establish a program of interdistrict public school choice. The goal of the school choice program is to provide greater flexibility to parents and students in the selection of a public school that best meets the needs of the student.

It offers parents and students expanded educational opportunities to attend schools outside of the district in which they reside. Parents will have the ability to select a public school best suited to their child's particular

- They must be residents of Union County.
- They must be enrolled in a public school during the 2000-2001 school year.
- They must be eligible for placement during the 2001-2002 school year in grades seven through 10.

According to Lloyd Leschuk, superintendent for the Kenilworth School District, the David Brearley Middle/High School has a lot to offer choice students. "David Brearley interests, abilities and learning needs. The focus of the choice program in Kenilworth continues to be at the David Brearley Middle/High School. For the 2001-2002 school year the district will be opening 15 slots per grade level for choice students in grades seven through 10. If more than 15 students apply at a particular grade level, a lottery will be held to determine the students selected for the program.

Eligibility for the Kenilworth Choice Program is simple and straightforward. Applicants must meet the following basic criteria:

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committed and effective principal who work in a superior educational facility."

To provide potential choice candidates with information about the education program offered at the David Brearley Middle/High School, the school district will sponsor an open house program at 7:30 p.m. on Mon-

day at the David Brearley Middle/High School, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenilworth.

## Third annual multicultural fair at magnet school

The Union County Magnet High School will have its third annual benefit Multicultural Fair on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Magnet High Multicultural Club, the event will take place at the Scotch Plains Campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road. All proceeds will go toward college scholarships for graduating seniors.

The fair, which is open to the general public, will feature representation of cultures from all over the world. Included are Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, Chinese, Indian, Jewish, Portuguese plus many others. Each culture will have its own specialized booth where tasty authentic homemade foods will be available. Examples of clothing and art from each specific area will also be displayed.

Additional highlights of the fair include a Kids' Corner with face-painting, pie-throwing contests, pinata

smashes, and henna tattooing. Live dance performances from a wide variety of cultures will also be featured. While the fair is in progress, there will be a Student-Council car wash and, earlier in the day, the French Club will host a benefit 5K run.

Lisa Mannino of the Magnet High School faculty serves as advisor to the Multicultural Club. She notes the goal of the Fair is to celebrate diversity in the community. Because the event is student-run, they have the opportunity to show pride in their own heritages and also learn something about their peers. Elyse Eronome, a student from Hillside, is president of the Multicultural Club.

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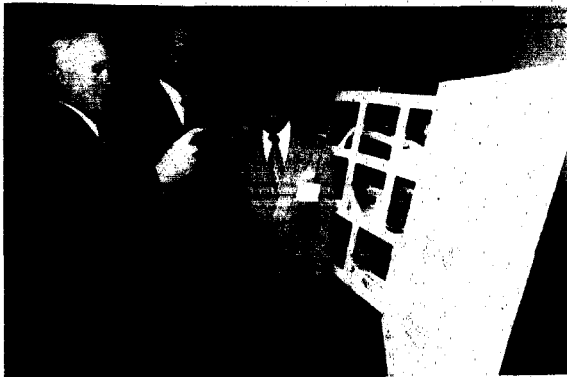
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Reviewing plans for the expansion of Union County College's Elizabeth campus and Industry Business Institute are, from left, President Thomas Brown; John Nine, vice president and president of technical operations for Schering-Plough Laboratories, and Pedro Rochar Jr., provost for the college. Schering-Plough will provide \$250,000 in funding for the construction of a new IBI facility.

## Grant to expand business institute

Union County College has announced that Schering-Plough Corporation has committed a \$250,000 grant for the expansion of the Industry Business Institute and its relocation to the college's Elizabeth campus from its current location in Cranford. The new facility, which houses IBI, will be named the Schering-Plough Training Institute.

"Schering-Plough's commitment to the health and well-being of our communities is evidenced not only through its primary mission of discovering and developing innovative and new pharmaceuticals, but through its corporate commitment to the expansion of educational services that will enhance the economic health and quality of life in our communities," said UCC President Thomas Brown.

"Schering-Plough believes that a community's vitality is linked to a healthy local economy," said John Nine, vice president and president of Technical Operations at Schering-Plough Laboratories.

Schering-Plough supports workforce education initiatives such as IBI because they offer programs that prepare

residents for job and career development and employment opportunities that help keep our communities thriving and competitive."

The new IBI facility is part of UCC's \$16.5-million expansion program at its Elizabeth campus on West Jersey Street.

IBI's mission is to provide customized training for companies in Union County, and it has worked with Schering-Plough, Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall, Tyco, General Motors and others. It also trains continuing education students in courses such as English as a Second Language, Excel, Basic Skills, PowerPoint, General Computer Skills and Interpersonal Communications.

IBI is part of UCC's Continuing Education Department and was established in 1984. College officials estimate that IBI has trained more than 10,000 individuals during the course of its 16-year history. IBI's enrollment includes students from 79 countries who speak more than 40 languages.

## Alternate route police applications due Friday

The John H. Stamler Police Academy will offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Program in the next police recruit class beginning on July 28.

Anyone interested in applying for the Alternate Route program may pick up an application at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

All applications must be returned to the Police Academy on or before Friday.

Alternate route recruits receive the same instructions as regular police cadets during the 10-week training session. The courses include firearms, investigations, court system procedure,

crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury management, crime scene management, constitutional rights and use of force.

The academy functions much like a military basic training course. The alternate route and regular police cadets wear the same uniform and must adhere to a strict regimen, including daily physical training.

Alternate route candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits at an institution of higher learning. The 60 college credits is a Police

Training Commission requirement and cannot be waived. Alternate route candidates are not guaranteed a position by the program but will have met all the state requirements necessary to become police officers.

All candidates must be county residents and are charged \$120,000 tuition to cover costs. Candidates demonstrating financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition. They also can receive 12 academic credits if they enroll in Union County College.

For more information call (908) 889-6112.

## Freeholder bill may go to Assembly vote

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Under the bill, districts "must be formed of compact and contiguous territory having clearly definable boundaries. The districts created must be as equal as possible in population. Unless absolutely necessary to meet population requirements, no municipality can be divided among districts unless it contains more inhabitants than the districts being formed."

The measure applies to counties classified as second class, which are more than 200 square miles and do not border the Atlantic Ocean. It also would affect Camden, Gloucester, Mercer and Middlesex counties.

Four district commissioners — two Republicans and two Democrats — would be responsible for establishing district boundaries. In the event of a tie among commissioners, the chief

justice of the state Supreme Court would break the tie.

The Assembly approved a bill in March by a 41-30 vote that would make all freeholders in Essex County elected by district. The bill, which is now in the state Senate, was sponsored by Kevin O'Toole, R-21, who also is Essex County Republican chairman. In Essex, four freeholders are elected at-large and five are elected by district with Democrats holding a 7-2 edge. Both Republicans hold district seats.

The Union County freeholder board is currently comprised of two residents from Elizabeth, and one each from Linden, Fanwood, Westfield, Union, Roselle Park, Plainfield and Rahway. All nine freeholders are Democrats.

Democrats have swept five straight elections at the county level and hold all three constitutional offices as well. But that's not the reason behind the bill, said Weingarten.

The bill, said Weingarten, will create a "fairer election process" and a "better, truer makeup" of Union County.

With nine freeholders representing half a million people, Weingarten questioned how practical it is for at-large freeholders to represent so many constituents.

"It's a good government bill. I don't see the value in at-large seats," he said. The legislation makes smaller-sized districts, creating a "structure that gets government closer to people," which is best.

Weingarten, who is seeking his party's nomination for the 7th Congressional District in the June primary, believes residents would be better served by freeholders who would answer to 55,000 residents instead of 500,000.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan said Weingarten "should be ashamed of himself" for introducing such legislation. The GOP, he said, is trying to get something that could not win in an election through legislation. Such bills were never introduced when Republicans controlled all nine seats on the freeholder board, said

Sullivan, who has served on the board since 1995.

Union County Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-22, of Westfield introduced a similar measure two years ago but it never made it to committee. He said there were two slight differences in his legislation: It applied to fewer counties than the current bill, and it required voters to approve the measure via referendum.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Frank McDermott said Weingarten's legislation simply follows what has happened the last several decades. The Legislature, he said, was once considered unresponsive but then reorganized.

"It would give people choice in parts of the county," McDermott said. With one-party dominance in Union County, he said, Democrats do what they want and what party bosses tell them to.

"It's very necessary to give equal representation on county level." The freeholder board is now dominated because the large numbers of Democratic voters in the eastern part of county dictate election results, according to McDermott.

"We need two-party representation if we're going to get the best county government possible. Without a minority part of the board, there is no dissent."

Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, D-20, of Linden, said Weingarten should concentrate less on playing politics and more on representing his constituents.

Union County voters elected a county manager to county government in the late 1970s but at-large seats have been around for some time.

## 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.

## 'Freeholders Forum' tackles taxes

Union County's proposed 2000 budget — which holds the line on taxes and funds new initiatives for senior citizens — is the subject of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Highlights of the budget include:

- \$305-million plan calls for raising \$150.1 million in property taxes, the same levy as last year;
- Fifth consecutive year of either a property tax cut or a level tax levy;
- First time in recent history in which less than half of the budget will be raised through property taxes.

"We held the line on taxes and cut the tax levy for eight towns at a time when Union County is providing new services for our growing senior citizen population, improving schools, providing new opportunities for a free higher education, and investing in parks and open space. This budget means no cuts in services and no new positions in county government," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

The new programs for senior citizens include Senior Focus, which offers grants to municipalities for building, repairing or expanding a senior center; Seniors in motion, which will provide vehicles to local communities to broaden local transportation services for seniors; and

Senior Scholars, which will offer Lifelong Learning Scholarships to senior citizens in Union County.

In each 30-minute program, freeholders and guests discuss news events and issues affecting the lives of Union County residents. "Freeholders Forum" is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

The show will air through May 20 according to the following schedule:

- Union County — except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit: Channel 36, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon.
- Elizabeth: Channel 10, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Fanwood, Mountainside: Channel 35, check cable listings.
- Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 5:30 and 9:30 p.m.
- Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Scotch Plains: Channel 34, check cable listings.
- Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside: Channel 36, check cable listings.

Anyone wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholders Forum" can call the Office of Public Information at (908) 527-4746.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Runnells vendor sale

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a super spring sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18, in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

Featured items include designer look-alike sunglasses — any three for \$20 — and ladies scarves from \$2 to \$25. A wide selection of watches will be available, including Timex, Casio, Arminon, Swiss Army and Loney Tunes, all discounted; fashion watches starting at \$6; and ring watches. Also, Citizen calculators, starting price \$10, and day planners. In addition, a new stuffed animal line will be available. Checks, cash, Visa and MasterCard will be accepted.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services 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.

### Spring Fishing Derby

One of the most anticipated activities in Union County is the Spring Fishing Derby for People with Disabilities. The annual event, sponsored by the Union County Board of Freeholders and the Eastern Central District Board, is scheduled for Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. in Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

Enjoy fishing with your own pole or borrow one from the Elks. Equipment will be provided for those who need it. Pre-registration is required for this free event.

Everyone who is pre-registered is treated to lunch and there will be a chance to win prizes in various categories.

Information and registration materials may be obtained by contacting the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

### FEMALE Welcome Tea

On Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., the Union County Chapter of FEMALE — Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge — will host a Welcome Tea at Hanson House in Cranford. If you have read about FEMALE and wondered what this organization is all about, this is an ideal opportunity to satisfy your curiosity. Hanson House is located at 38 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

FEMALE is an international not-for-profit organization supporting women who have altered their career paths to care for their children at home. What began as one Illinois mother reaching out to another in 1987 has now grown to 7,300 members in over 180 local chapters in the United States and Canada. The Union County Chapter offers a variety of activities including: evening discussion groups, guest speakers, mom's night out, book discussion and weekly daytime play gatherings.

The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Hanson House. Meetings continue throughout the summer.

For more information call Patricia at (908) 232-7552 or Jennifer at (732) 382-7578.

### Alzheimer's support group meets May 18

The next Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. on May 18 in the Family Conference Room of the facility, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

This professional support, education and information group for caregivers and family members, held the third Thursday of each month, is open to the community, free of charge, and

facilitated by Kathleen Balsacio, a Runnells Specialized Hospital licensed social worker.

The support group shares information on the disease, research updates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. An important part of the meeting is the time devoted to discussing the frustrations individuals feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County sponsors the meetings in conjunction with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, an organization committed to easing the burden and finding a cure for Alzheimer's, the nation's fourth-leading fatal disease among adults, afflicting some four million Americans.

For more information on this wheelchair accessible program, call (908) 771-5835.

The 2000 schedule is as follows: June 18, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

### Candidates face off

A growing list of individuals, as well as religious and civic organizations are asking candidates seeking to air their positions and attitudes on military and nuclear weapons issues. To address voters' concerns, a grassroots coalition in New Jersey's hotly contested 7th Congressional District has scheduled a candidates forum for Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave.

The non-partisan group, Debating American Military Policy, which is formed out of concern for silence in the political arena in general on these and other foreign policy issues has contacted each registered candidate from a field that includes seven Republicans and five Democrats.

The 7th Congressional District includes more than 45 towns in parts of four counties — Union, Somerset, Middlesex and Essex. It is the only New Jersey House seat that does not have an incumbent seeking reelection since Rep. Bob Franks is seeking the Senate seat left vacant by Sen. Frank Lautenberg's retirement.

Members of DAMP have formulated three questions to present to the candidates:

- In making decisions about military intervention outside its borders in response to alleged human rights violation, should the United States rely primarily on authorization by broad international consensus including UN Security Council action?
- Should the United States maintain nuclear weapons capacity, with its associated costs?
- Should the United States maintain military capacity at a level premised on winning two simultaneous major regional conflicts without allies?

The Internet is another vehicle for DAMP. The group has established a web presence at <http://www.damp.org> with background information about military issues.

### Grant targets groups in Union County

The Association for Children of New Jersey is accepting nominations

for the year 2000 S. Whitney Landon Friend of Children Award to honor a program which has made an outstanding and/or innovative contribution to the betterment of children.

The \$25,000 award is sponsored by the Turrell Fund in memory of S. Whitney Landon, the former Chairman of the Fund. This is the fifth year for this award and this year's award is being targeted to organizations in Union and Passaic counties. Last year's winner was the Rescue House of Prayer Youth Orchestra in Plainfield. The deadline for applications is Monday.

The award seeks to honor nonprofit organizations whose program:

- enhanced the quality of life for babies, children, or adolescents, and their families in their neighborhood, community or county through programs designed to meet the growing challenges facing these individuals; and
- involved their community in efforts to make a positive impact on the lives of families with children, who are attempting to become self-sufficient, through programs in child care, education, nutrition, recreation or health.

"There are numerous 'unsung hero' programs in these counties that are doing excellent work for children and families," said ACNJ Executive Director Greg Salera. "This grant will not only recognize their efforts but will make a significant difference in their ability to further enhance their programs."

For more information or applications, call Cheryl at ACNJ at (973) 643-3876.

### Blood Center has new Jersey

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood drives:

- May 19, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- May 21, noon to 3 p.m., Evangelical Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield.
- May 31, 3 to 8 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

Donors must be 18 years of age, or 17 with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note.

Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, or the blood center at (800) BLOOD-NJ.

The American Red Cross Greater Union County and Plainfield Area Chapter will sponsor the following blood drives:

- May 19, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Theresa's Delight, 505 Kenilworth Boulevard, Kenilworth.

For information call (908) 353-2500 or (908) 756-7190.

## Following in footsteps

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sites approved by the Food and Drug Administration to test and utilize the high-tech equipment. He lectures throughout the country on the use of the device.

He discounts the pressure of his following in the steps of his father and grandfather but does add he is still held to a tougher standard. "If I'm not in it sick, I had better bring proof I am on the operating table."

In the early '70s the novel and

later the movie, "I Never Sang For My Father" describes the experience of those who loved their father but hated their old man.

That's not really the way it is these days. Those who follow in their parents' footsteps may have a tougher road to travel but they seem to also derive some extra satisfaction when they achieve success in their own right.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Paper Mill unveils its 'Life of Theater' book at black-tie gala

Hamburg, Iacono, Schwartz honored

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

It was an extraordinary evening — last Tuesday, May 2 — unlike any that this reviewer has ever experienced.

It was the Paper Mill Playhouse's gala event to benefit the theater's artistic initiatives and award-winning community outreach programs, announced by Angelo Del Rossi, president and executive producer, and Robert Johnson, artistic director. And it was made special by its incredible program, its marvelous people who incorporated the sparkling array of presentations, its great food and greater show. Michael Carney and his Orchestra that entertained endlessly, but most of all, the introduction of the publication of Paper Mill's historical book, "Paper Mill Playhouse: The Life of a Theater." The book — rich in content, boasting of more than 500 pages and between its covers, more than 700 color and black-and-white photographs — was well worth the \$50 with which the patrons gladly parted for a copy.

Similarly important was the Paper Mill's tribute to three honorees, WOR Radio personality, Joan Hamburg; Paper Mill's child star, Paul Iacono, the lad with the perfect face, who fearlessly played young Dennis Pat-

rick in this season's "Mame," and award-winning composer-lyricist, Stephen Schwartz. They all made significant speeches, and the audience was reluctant to see them leave the stage.

It was absolutely thrilling to see Paper Mill's real special performers first on stage, and then mingling with a crowd of about 700 people under a gigantic tent that covered half of a block outside the theater, dining and dancing and socializing.

Imagine getting a loving bear hug from Lee Roy Reams, an embrace and kiss from little Paul Iacono and a warm smile and handshake from beautiful Alexandra Keirnan, another youngster with a perfect face, who played Baby June in "Gypsy."

Imagine rubbing shoulders with additional greats as Kelly Bishop, Christine Ebersole, Dee Hays, Judy Malane, and Gley Crumpton, Brandon Jovanovich and Christine Noll, the brightest stars these days of the current Paper Mill show, "The Student Prince." Jim Newman, Jack Noseworthy and Paper Mill's Dorothy, "The Wizard of Oz," lovely Kelli Rakke.

And imagine being made comfortable with every need seen to, by the tireless public relation wizard, Charlie Stedenburg.



Joan Hamburg



Paul Iacono



Stephen Schwartz

The gala event began at 6 p.m. outside of the theater, where cocktails, wine and hors d'oeuvres were copiously served on the plaza, as handsome men in tuxedos and black suits, and women in gowns and beautiful dresses began gathering.

Everyone crowded into the theater at 7:30 p.m. to witness an enormously entertaining spectacle. Following a welcome by the ever handsome Del Rossi, and some fine remarks about a theater and its people by Elliot L. Stupak, chairman of the board of trustees, and John S. Chalsty, gala chairman, the three honorees were introduced, and wildly applauded. Johnson then stepped out to be host to a "Theatrical

Celebration — The Life of a Theater," and with special musical arrangements by Albert Evans, musical direction by Vicki Carter, Tom Helm and Danny Kosarin, highlights of top musical Paper Mill productions such as "La Cage Aux Folles," "Gigi," "Folies," "Mame," "Gypsy," "Children of Eden," "Rags" and an introduction to the new show, "Pippin," featuring some updated numbers, one by Jim Newman, "Magic to Do," and another by Jack Noseworthy, "Corner of the Sky," were beautifully staged.

The audience cheered and howled and laughed and thrilled at Reams' enactment of his very popular number, the title song from "La Cage Aux

Folles" and "The Best of Times." Other musical numbers, "Will You Remember?," "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise," "Vivia," "Let Me Entertain You," "Come to My Garden," "Could I Leave You?," "Losing My Mind," "My Best Girl," "If He Walked Into My Life," "Magic to Do," "Corner of the Sky," "Turn Back, O Man," "Stranger to the Rain," "Children of Eden," "Children of the Wind," brought the audience to its feet.

Following an auction, conducted by Del Rossi and Reams, there was a gala medley, and the entertainers came out once more to present their versions of "La Cage," "Bosom Buddies," "Buenos Aires," "When We

Waliz," "Deep in My Heart," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "Dreamgirls" and "Old Fashioned Wedding."

Dinner followed under the huge tent, and the menu, provided by the exquisite Entertaining Inc. of Millburn, began with a delicious lobster and gulf shrimp cocktail, spring vegetable tower, tomato bouquet of lollo rosso and baby frisee lettuces with blanc, chardonnay or red wine frequently being offered. The main course highlighted an exceptional grilled loin of veal with pinot noir sauce, basil shallot mashed potato rosé, string beans and herbed Mediterranean vegetable mélange. A fancy dessert came next as a "Life of a Theater" chocolate box filled with raspberries and blueberries, a white chocolate ice cream opera cake and passion fruit mousse tartlet proffered appealingly, followed by French roast coffee and English and herbal teas.

If the night was a little chilly — after all — the only enclosure was the big tent — little heaters under the tables offered their warmth. But the gaiety of the evening, the dining, dancing, mingling warmed the atmosphere sufficiently. It transformed the Paper Mill Playhouse, its administrators, its performers, its patrons, its audience into "The Best of Times." It couldn't have been better than that.

It really was the best of times for all.

### St. Peter by the Sea to benefit YFCS

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea will again include Westfield in its spring tour, according to the Rev. Alphonse Stephenson, conductor and musical director of the 45-member professional ensemble.

A benefit performance for the Youth and Family Counseling Service, the concert will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Raritan Road in Westfield, at 8 p.m. May 20. Father Alphonse has promised a whole new program for this 10th annual visit to Westfield for YFCS.

Rev. Stephenson formed the orchestra in 1986 while serving at St. Malachy's Parish in New York City. For several years, he has conducted and musiced director on Broadway for the smash hit "A Chorus Line" at the Shubert Theater.

Although retired from Broadway, Father Alphonse continues to direct the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, a professional orchestra comprised of musicians from the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan areas.

Father Alphonse is also familiar to New Jersey audiences as the conductor of the Festival of the Atlantic, the free outdoor concert each summer on the boardwalk at Point Pleasant.

Youth and Family Counseling Service is an independent, non-profit agency serving the residents of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield. It provides counseling and mental health services to individuals, families, couples and groups on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. The benefit concert helps support

YFCS programs related to parenting skills, parent/teen communication and family issues.

Tickets for the May 20 concert are \$26 for general admission, \$23 for senior citizens, and \$50 for Patron seating.

Local ticket outlets include Country Squire Men's Wear, 1075 Raritan Road, Clark; Floral Expressions, 300 South Ave. in the Garwood Mall, Garwood; Bayberry Gift Boutique 860 Mountain Ave., Mountainside; Nuts 'n' Plenty, 407 Park Ave., Scotch Plains; and Lancaster Hallmark Ltd., 76 Elm St., Westfield. Tickets may also be ordered by calling the YFCS office, 233 Prospect St. in Westfield, at (908) 233-2042.

#### Youth and Family

Headquartered in Westfield, YFCS serves the communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway and Scotch Plains, as well as Westfield.

Sponsorship listings in the evening's program, which include two patron tickets to the concert, are also available for contributions of \$300 or more.

Joan Gallagher of Garwood, vice president of the YFCS board of trustees, will chair the Concert Committee. Other committee members are Joseph Stowak of Clark, DaShawn Scurry of Westfield, Jeanne Meiklejohn of Scotch Plains, Elenora Campbell of Rahway, and George Keenan of Scotch Plains. "Approximately 500 people attend our concert each year," Gallagher said. "We hope that many new people will come this year to help us celebrate the 10th year of the concert."

### Comstock puts his 'Hart' into act

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Anyone could admire the music of his idols, sing along with records and play it on a piano. But not everyone can get a step further and sing and play it before appreciative fans, who admire the idol and the music equally — and play it professionally in the quality it deserves.

Eric Comstock has been doing exactly that with his Frank Sinatra favorites at the off-Broadway theater, the Blue Angel in New York City, every night in his cabaret show called "Our Sinatra." And the singer-pianist plans to go another step further with the "All Hart — The Songs of Rodgers and Hart" for one night only in Le Dome, the Nightclub Under the Stars at the Manor in West Orange, May 18. One can be sure he will manage to include some of his Sinatra favorites during this appearance.

"There'll be Rodgers and Hart and certainly Sinatra in my presentation," Comstock said the other morning during a chat. He will certainly please his audience with such a varied program. "I'm really looking forward to playing the piano and singing at the Manor," he said. "I've never been there before. I'm playing hooky for one night from the Blue Angel."

Comstock explained that 1999 "was a great year for me. I got a lot of attention after years and years of plugging along. I spent the winter in Palm Beach raising the spirit of the millionaires, and came back to have a very successful season with the supper club. I guess that's why Mary Jane Frankel and Betty Scott of the Manor thought they'd like to have me perform at Le Dome.

"Originally, I had a very, very nice



Eric Comstock

season on the supper club circuit, and I came back with two other singers to do Sinatra at the Algonquin Hotel. And that enabled us to do more than that — a longer version of that show. Frank Sinatra has always been my idol, although I never really met him. I've seen him perform, but maybe it's not a bad idea not to get to know your idol," he chuckled. "His music and his songs are very great, and I use some biographical material in my presentation. And I try to think it will never end."

Comstock said that "I'll be playing and singing some wonderful music from Rodgers and Hart at the Manor — a considerable amount of it. But I will also be celebrating other great writers and singers — and Frank Sinatra. Some of my idols weren't legitimate singers, but they knew how to put a song over. And I decided that's what I wanted to do. But," he admitted, "it took a long time."

As a result, Comstock won a MAC Award as Best Piano Bar Pianist, has appeared in major cities throughout the country, including San Francisco, Chicago, Manhattan, playing favorites from the great American songbook from Harold Arlen to Victor Young. He made a CD, "Young Man of Manhattan" on DRG/Harbor Records, and a new recording of "All Hart" is being produced by Lay Leighton. He has appeared at the Rainbow & Stars, The Supper Club and Maxim's, in concert at Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Town Hall and Merkin Hall, all in New York City.

"When I was 14 and lived in Ridgewood — my dad was editor of the *Bergen Record*, and I became interested in public office and politics. My parents — Barbara and Bob Comstock, who now live in Edison — loved good music, and introduced me to it. You know, he said softly, 'I wouldn't be doing this if it weren't for them. And I have to give some credit to my sister, Kate Comstock Davis. She and I used to sing together a bit. She sings to her kids now. She's wonderful at it.'"

Comstock said that although he has never been to the Manor, he did appear in West Orange at Pal's Cabin. "That was in 1992," he said. "I worked for six months to a year at Pal's Cabin, so this is something of a homecoming. Many years ago, Liberace appeared there, and the management bought a piano for him. And that's what I played during my engagement there."

"It's nice to be back in West Orange," he commented. "It really is a lovely town."

### 'Garland,' 'Sinatra' to visit Hilltop Cafe

Opening Friday at the Hilltop Cafe and Grill and running every Friday, Ridd Productions is proud to present "Tribute: Sinatra and Garland. The Legends Live On."

This musical tribute to two of the world's most loved entertainers' most memorable songs will be performed by a cast from California to New Jersey. Ticket prices are \$29.95 and

include salad, all-you-can-eat buffet, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert along with the show. The show has a cocktail hour from 7 to 7:30 p.m. then salad comes out to the tune of "I've Got Rhythm."

Around 8 p.m., the buffet is open and patrons will be serenaded by the cast while they eat. Dessert will be

served during intermission along with coffee; the evening will conclude around 10:30 p.m. after an evening of food, song, and dance. Reservations are required and are selling out fast. To make reservations, call the box office at (908) 810-7461. The Hilltop Cafe and Grille is located at 447 Springfield Ave. in Summit, at the Strand Mall.

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# 'Tenor' hits high notes despite early lag

On the first almost-sweating night of spring, last Saturday the Cranford Dramatic Club's season finale, "Lend Me a Tenor," delivered the goods after getting off to a slow but solid start.

Set in 1934 in a Cleveland hotel suite, the plot revolves around the American debut of Tito Merelli, the world-renowned tenor. A temperamental star, would-be tenors, an ambitious diva, a jealous wife, and a star-struck ingenue among others put the hinges on the set's five doors through a workout before the audience is delivered a very satisfying ending. Playwright Ken Ludwig's script is a fine-tuned and evenly paced farce, providing for some very effective and rewarding set-ups in both dialogue and situation.

Under the direction of Naomi Yablonsky, this raucous comedy moves along at a brisk pace, an absolute necessity in farce. However, it wasn't until Act II — when the script itself degenerates into a madcap string of mistaken identities, slamming doors, misdirected libidos and hilarious confusion — that the laughs really began to come fast and furious. And the extra "curtain call" included in the script works with the precision of a Swiss watch, one that leaves you breathless from laughing!

This isn't to say Act I wasn't funny:

## On the Boards

By Bill Van Sant  
Associate Editor

It was. Quite, in fact. The timing was fairly well polished, resulting in some well-aimed comic zingers and the rat-a-tat-tat of slamming doors. Furthermore, Ludwig's script is perhaps among the best-written comedies of the late 20th century.

The actors, themselves, created interesting and funny characters, most especially Michele Blum as Maria, Tito's fiery — and oh so jealous — wife, and Tommy Dragon as perhaps the most irritating both in the history of holiho! Both these gifted actors burst onto the stage like a parade and command our attention until their respective scenes end, without once resorting to scene-stealing, an easy pitfall in comedy and one avoided by this entire cast.

Ed Maher's Max is solidly constructed. If it did too much on the wincey side. Of particular note is Maher's use of his body as a comic tool, which only added to the overall quality of his performance. And when he finds his

romantic "voice" in Act II, the knowing glint in his eye communicates volumes, resulting in some very effective theater.

As Saunders, the manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera and Max's boss, Bob Pells' dignified exterior belies some very funny comic outbursts, particularly in Act I, Scene 2, when "Il Stupendo" finally pushes the impressario too far. This moment was so well done, there was still plenty of mileage to be had in it.

However, despite the excellent work done by the actors and director, Act I in general was lacking two elements, possibly interrelated: energy and a sense of importance, commodities which only Blum and Dragon consistently displayed to the level which makes comedy fly instead of just work really well. While we genuinely laughed at the plight shared by Max and Saunders in Act I, Scene 2, we would have roared had the stakes been visibly higher, which would have resulted in somewhat more ridiculous, but still believable, behavior. As it was, time was not "running out" for these characters, and they seemed to know that a viable solution was only an idea or two away.

Now, anyone who sees this very funny show will agree: high praise is

due to this cast for the stamina alone this script requires. And the performance itself came some at the end of the most grueling week of rehearsal on an unexpectedly balmy night. Considering the quality of the work on that stage and the momentum the show gained when the script got crazier in Act II, I have no doubt that with a well-earned break for a few days, the energy level will rise to the quality of the rest of this production, taking those Act I stakes right with it.

The technical aspects of this show do their respective jobs capably, effectively creating an appropriate sense of time and place. However, attention should be paid to the occasional jarring reminders, such as the contemporary magazine read by Maria in the bedroom.

A wise man once said, "Death is easy; comedy is hard," and CDC's "Lend Me a Tenor" rises to the occasion admirably. This well-crafted production really does take off and fly; let's hope, with some rest, it doesn't taxi quite so long.

"Lend Me a Tenor" runs through May 20 at the CDC Playhouse, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For ticket information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

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## The Inn at Mount Bethel

By Nancy Jean McBride  
Dining Correspondent

Fine dining has come together with a classic country inn atmosphere at the Inn at Mount Bethel.

Just off of I-78 at the King George Road exit, this Inn — which has been everything from a blacksmith shop to a loyalist tavern — is now a restaurant, coffee bar bistro and deli shop called C'est Cheese.

When you arrive at the Inn, you step back in time to all the comforts of the home of your ancestors. The lobby area is arranged as a country store where you can decide to carry home beautiful chocolates or fine foods or head toward the bistro and coffee bar where they serve sandwiches during the week. On the other side of the lobby is the entrance to the main dining room, the focal point of which is the 1693 hearth.

Upon examining the menu, we knew right away that we had indeed found a delightful place. The Brunch Buffet included many of the European classics: scones, tea loaves, brioche French toast, and a sampling of entrees which could be ordered as part of the fixed-price menu. Our favorites of the buffet were the hearty buckwheat pancakes and the herb roasted potatoes, but every item was carefully chosen for this menu. For the entrees, we chose the Black Forest Ham and Brie Omelette and Eggs Benedict, both served with mixed greens and were absolutely incredible. Other offerings include quiche and several omelettes.

After the meal, I requested the dinner menu. The choices I found there are enough to excite the mind and thrill the palate, with many items from escargot de Bourgogne and saffron crepes stuffed with wild mushrooms for appetizers, to magret canard — roasted duck — chateaubriand and salmon en croûte stuffed with shrimp and mushrooms for entrees.

The staff was small and professional, just three people working the floor — normally about 12 tables on the main floor and several tables in a catering room upstairs. White linens and small vases of flowers as well as tarragon garlic vinaigrette dressing adorned every table.

For fine dining in a beautiful country inn, which is full of class, go to the Inn at Mount Bethel. There is a special fixed-price menu for Mother's Day, as well, serving from noon to 6 p.m. The Mother's Day menu is fixed price at \$35.95 with children's portions available for most items priced at \$15.95. The brunch is \$14.50 for adults and \$9.50 for children. The dinner prices are \$5.50 to \$6.50 for soups, \$7.95 to \$8.95 for appetizers, \$5.95 to \$12.95 for salads, and \$16.95 to \$21.95 for entrees, with the chateaubriand priced for two at \$52.95. Desserts are \$3.95.

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# Stepping Out

**THE METRO SHOW**, a traveling group exhibition curated by City Without Walls, will be on exhibit from May 19 to June 22 at the Tomaso Art Gallery on the Center for Community and Culture College, 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW** will be sponsored by the Les Marmat Art Gallery in Union May 20. The gallery is located in Union Public Library, 1990 Morris Ave. For information, including particulars on artists' entry requirements, call (908) 651-5450.

**ART IN SUMMIT**, the annual Outdoor Art Show and Sale, co-sponsored by the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the Summit Chamber of Commerce, will take place May 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, on the Village Green between Elm and Maple streets. For information on the event, including entry forms, call (908) 273-9121.

**FIND ME**, the works of Advanced Art Students at Rahway High School, will be on exhibit May 31 through June 17 at the Gallery at The Arts Guild of Rahway. A reception with the artists will take place June 4 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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) 381-7511.

**TERRA — AN EXPLORATION:** "Geofoms and Biolums. Real and Imagined," recent photography by Ross Wagner, will be on exhibit through June 30 at the Jacob Trapp Gallery of Summit's Unitarian Church Community House.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 4 Waldron Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 522-0020 or (908) 522-1120.

## AUDITIONS

**MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS** of Linden will conduct auditions for children for "Finian's Rainbow," today at 7:30 p.m. at Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle. Auditions should prepare 16 bars of a Broadway song and bring music. For information, call (908) 925-2068.

**A STRINGS!** will conduct auditions for students in 4th through 12th grade who play violin, viola or cello in early May. The annual Summer Chamber Music Academy will take place July 10 to 21 at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. For information, call (973) 762-1416.

**NEWARK BOYS CHORUS SCHOOL**, a fully accredited 4th- through 8th-grade academichorale school, will conduct auditions for September 2000 enrollment. There are 16 openings for 4th grade, limited space in 5th grade. There are no resident requirements. For information, call (973) 621-9900.

## BOOKS

**AUTHOR MARK WERTMAN** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield today at 7:30 p.m. to promote his new book, "True Confessions of a Real Mr. Mom." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**AUTHOR EDWARD EINHORN** of Mountaineer will make a benefit appearance at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Paradox in Oz." All book-sale proceeds will benefit CSZ. Children's Specialized Hospital is located on New Providence Road between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 in Mountaineer. For information, call the Barbey Gift Shop at (908) 223-7812.

**DR. RICHARD GEHA** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield May 19 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Primal Scenes: Stories of Radical Witness." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**BOB MARINO AND JOE D'ALESSANDRO** will appear at Bar-

nes and Noble in Springfield May 23 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of their new book, "Bob and Joe's Smart Sausage Guide." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**AUTHOR FRED WAITZKIN** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield May 25 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "The Last Martin." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

## CLASSES

**WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE** will offer professional classes in the performing arts. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will convene

at Our Lady of Peace Church, 111 South St., New Providence. Tickets are \$13. For information, call (973) 762-9466.

**PATTI LUPONE** will be presented in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$40, \$50 and \$60. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

**THE SUMMIT SYMPHONY** will be presented in concert, with the winners of the Young Artist Competition as soloists, Saturday at 8 p.m. at Summit Middle School, Morris and Summit avenues. Admission is free.

**THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD** will present its final concert of the season Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, 170 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

**AN EVENING OF MEMORIES** will be presented by The Schwaebischer

Coeuvre reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. in K-11 Lobby, followed by the lecture at 6 p.m., and dessert and reception at 7 p.m. Tickets will be distributed by lottery. For information, call (973) 822-7412 or send e-mail to joseph.starkey@propp.com. Schering-Plough Corp. is located on The Boulevard in Kenilworth.

## KIDS

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** in Millburn will present a series of children's shows every weekend in April and May.

Saturday and Sunday: "Snow White," ages 3 to 7 years old; and "May 20 and 21: Peter and the Wolf," ages 5 to 10 years old.

All performances are at 10 a.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn. Tickets are \$9 for orchestra seats, \$8 for mezzanine. For information, call (973) 376-4343 beginning Monday.

**UNION RECREATION Department** will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 964-4828.

## 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) 899-5259 or (908) 899-4751.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will sponsor a bingo trip to the Church of the Holy Family, Tudor Street in Florham Park. The group will meet at 8:15 p.m. to play the first seven games, which begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at approximately 10:45 p.m. Admission is \$1, bingo books are \$3, and Bonanzas are \$25 each. For information, call (973) 762-8449 or visit the website at www.singlefriends.org.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 20 to 45 years old, will sponsor a theater trip to Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn to see "The Student Prince" on the theater's Singular Sensation Singles Night, May 18. The cost is \$42. For information, call (973) 762-8449 or visit the website at www.singlefriends.org.

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**KISMET SINGLES** will sponsor an art presentation Saturday from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at Gloria West, 121 Central Ave. in Westfield. Admission is \$15 at the door.

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## THEATER

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** in Millburn will continue its 1999-2000 season with Sigmund Romberg's operetta "The Student Prince" through May 27. Audio-described performances are this evening, Saturday and Sunday; sign-interpreted performances are Sunday and May 31; Singles Night is May 18. 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. 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. Information is available online at www.papermill.org.

**PLAYHOUSE ASSOCIATION** of Summit will present "Enchanted April" by Jane Campbell Friday and Saturday. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tick-

ets are \$15 for general admission, students 18 years old and younger are \$10. The playhouse is located at 10 New England Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-2192.

**CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB** will present "Land Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig through May 20. All performances are at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. CDC is located at 78 Wilans Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

**ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE** will present "Tom Hume Boding," adapted from W. Somerset Maugham's novel by playhouse co-founder Karen Semones, Friday to June 4. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

**WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS** will present Lester and Lowell's "Brigadoon" Fridays and Saturdays, Saturday to June 10. All shows are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

## VARIETY

**THE BACK PORCH** in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. In addition, the following musicians will appear at the Back Porch in May:

Saturday: Mike Penny, 10 p.m. May 19 — Too Tangled, 9 p.m. May 20 — The Boogieizers, 10 p.m. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-8455.

**CROSSROADS** in Garwood will present a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5668.

**EAT TO THE BEAT** Cofeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during May. Eat to the Beat Cofeehouse is located at 1482 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Church Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call (732) 381-0505.

**FLYNN'S IRISH PUB & Steakhouse** in Rahway will present folk guitarist Markos Maltozo every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-4700.

**HILLTOP CAFE & GRILL** in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe & Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 277-0220.

**TAVERN IN THE PARK** in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

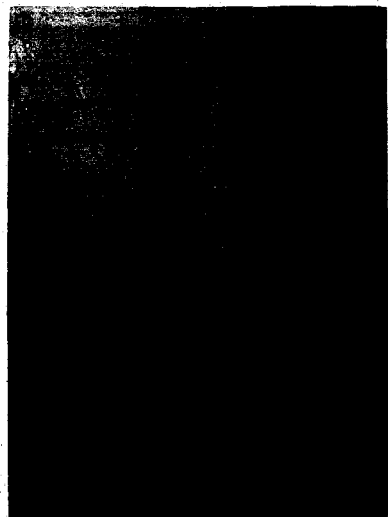
**VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE** in Union will present a series of musical events in the coming weeks. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike nights from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: Groove Apparatus. May 21: Dave Hessel and Joe Knipes Quartet. May 28: Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman.

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

**THE WAITING ROOM** in Rahway will present music in the entertainment during the month of May. Saturday: Lazy Lightning, 10 p.m. May 20: Slow Burn, 10 p.m.

The Waiting Room is located at 1431 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of Lewis Street. For information, call (732) 815-1042.



'COUNTRY ROADS', a 30-by-24-inch oil painting by all-weather artist Phyllis Johnson, will be on exhibit through May 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield in her show, "In the Country." For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

trate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

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

**THE MASTER GARDENERS OF UNION COUNTY** will sponsor four free lectures through May 23 as part of the Spring Speakers' Series. All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. and are conducted in the auditorium of the Union County Administration Building, 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

Remaining lectures are scheduled on the following topics: May 11 — Raspberries. May 18 — Composting. May 23 — Weeds. Registration is required. For information, call (908) 654-9854.

## COMEDY

**CASUAL TIMES** restaurant features comedians on Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-6511.

## CONCERTS

**THE SUMMIT CHORALE** will perform the works of Dutch and Flemish composers in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at

Saengerbund Mixed Chorus May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School, Westfield Avenue in Clark. Tickets are \$13 in advance for adults, \$15 at the door. Children younger than 12 years old are admitted free. For information, call (732) 382-4900, (908) 353-0650, or (732) 388-8889.

**THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY** will be presented in concert performing Joseph Haydn's "The Seasons" May 20 at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens.

**THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA** will present a concert to benefit the Youth and Family Counseling Services May 20 at 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Tickets are \$28 for general admission, \$23 for senior citizens, and \$50 for Patron Seating. For information, call (908) 233-2042.

## DANCE

**SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS** will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Connection in Summit, formerly the YWCA. Beginners are welcome, and no partner is necessary. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

## DISCUSSION

**MIKE MC CURRY**, former Clinton White House Press Secretary, will appear at Schering-Plough Corp. in Kenilworth May 18 as part of the Public Affairs Lecture Series. An hors

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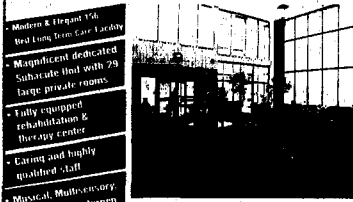
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brochures on HIV/AIDS and sexuality to help moms and dads talk to their children about these topics. For further information, or to request a pamphlet, call (973) 539-9580, ext. 120.

To make a medical appointment or inquire about PPGNNJ's services in Union County, call the Elizabeth Center at (908) 351-5384 or the Plainfield Center at (908) 756-3736.

## Area nurses get chance to LEARN

Claudia H. Stoffers R.N., B.S.N., NCMT Emergency Room Staff Nurse, Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, will address the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses May 22 at 7:45 p.m. at the All Saints Church Parish House, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. The program is titled "Beds, Meds, Heads: Keeping Yours in Order."

Nurses attending will be made aware of methods of relieving stress and tension. Participants will experience relaxation techniques of managing stress for themselves or patients. The education program provides 2.4 Contact Hours by the New Jersey State Nurses Association, accredited as an approver of Continuing Education for Nursing by the ANCC's Commission on Accreditation of the American Nurses Association.

LEARN, a not-for-profit professional organization for Registered Nurses, offers eight programs an academic year on current nursing topics. The first fall program is "Clinical Management of the Organ Donor and Transplant Recipient" Sept. 25.

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# NJ Ballet's 'Carmen' is 'magnificent'

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

A magnificent interpretation of "Carmen" that tore at the hearts of a filled audience due to the outstanding performance of Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich in the title role, was offered Saturday night by the New Jersey Ballet Co. in the Wilkins Theater at Kean University in Union.

At the climax of the memorable ballet in one act and six scenes — with unusual and intimate choreography by George Tomal, distinctive music by George Bizet, interesting sets by Mark Bloom and colorful costumes by Paul H. McRae — the audience was standing on its feet and screaming "Brava!" "Bravo!"

This remarkable prima ballerina is not in a class by herself. Her talent and versatility are evident in every role she performs — and every role she does, she does to perfection. Whether she's the fragile Giselle in the ballet, "Giselle," the feisty cowgirl in "Rodeo," the coquette in "Coppelia," or the fiery, flamboyant, sultry gypsy in "Carmen," Sabovick-Bleich has an unusual ability to combine an outstanding dancing skill with a dramatic flair, and the audience can always depend on her to give a truly wonderful performance. And she seems to get better with every performance.

In the ballet, "Carmen," which was inspired by the music of Bizet's famous opera, there also are exceptional performances by Andrei Jouravlev as Don Jose, Carmen's lover. Jouravlev also is given an opportunity to show

his versatility and dramatic ability in addition to his powerful dancing, and Konstantin Dournev, wonderful as Escamillo, the torero, to whom Carmen turns when she tires of Don Jose. Jouravlev can show his emotions when, at one moment, he is strong and powerful and confident in Carmen's love, and in another, he is weak and down on one knee begging for her fickle heart. His performance gave the audience goosebumps. Unquestionably, he is as excellent in acting as he is in dance.

The gypsies are beautifully portrayed by Tushin Bold, Andre Niera, David Tamaki, Michelle De Fremery, Era Korotava-Jouravleva, Gabriella Noa, Gera Khorotava, Tamara Iatsenko and Julia Vorobyeva.

The opening ballet on the program filled the stage with Magyar Dances, a piece for three couples to lively Hungarian Dances composed by Franz Liszt and Johannes Brahms, choreographed by Margo Sappington with costumes reproduced by Tom Augustine and Georgia Karakashian. It was a combination of folk dancing and classical ballet with wonderful leaps and bounds provided by the marvelous dancing of Julia Vorobyeva, Jouravlev, Korotava-Jouravleva,

Dournev, Debra Sayles and Niera. In contrast, Carolyn Clark and the New Jersey Ballet Co. offered tribute to America in the "Stars and Stripes" pas de deux, which was conceived by George Balanchine, the Russian choreographer, who dedicated the ballet to the memory of Fiorello H. LaGuardia, former mayor of New York City. With music by John Philip Sousa — "Liberty Bell" and "El Capitan" — stirring arrangement by Hershey Kay and costumes by Vasia Benasi, this new style of ballet was beautifully danced by Christina Theyoung and Haskin Ousmanov. The latter, direct from Russia and new to the New Jersey Ballet Co., has an unusual flair for the dance and gives an outstanding performance. He is skilful, talented and makes a fine partner for Theyoung.

Clark and her ballet company have proven, without a doubt, that the beauty and professionalism of their variety of productions and the perfection of their glorious dances, can compete with any New York production. In fact, they can go one step further, simply by being so conveniently located for ballet lovers — actually right around the corner in Union.

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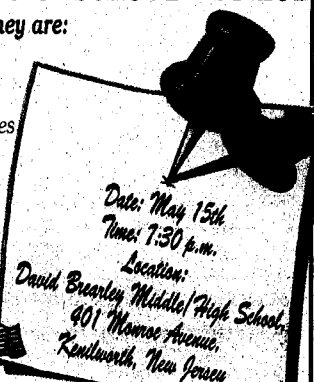
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# Virtuosi twins have more than music in common

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Identical twins can appear fascinating to the beholder, and their total attachment to each other and to each other's feelings can be puzzling — and intriguing. When their eyes meet knowingly, accompanied by a secret smile, one is completely confused. And when they share a rare and unusual talent, such as in music and in computer science, they can become very special — a tribute to their families, their associates, their friends — and to each other.

Take Peter and Allen Yu, 16-year-old identical twins, for example. These boys — warm and friendly, exceptionally talented computer experts and pianists — winners of numerous musical awards — came by this gift on a blustery, rainy morning from their home in Westfield, accompanied by their excellent music teacher, Ferdinand Gajewski, and their devoted parents, Peter Sr. and Helen Yu.

Wiping the rain water from two faces that appeared as if they were one, and grinning politely, the twins proceeded to talk about a forthcoming concert in which, as guest artists, they will perform the Concerto in E-flat for Two Pianos of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart May 21 with the Bloomfield Symphony in the auditorium of Bloomfield Middle School on Huck Road at 3 p.m.

Maestro Edward Napiewocki of Union will conduct his farewell concert on this day of his retirement after 35 years as music director and conductor. The Mozart concerto will be presented by the Bloomfield Federation of Music.

Peter, the older of the twins by two minutes, said, after the brothers settled down, "I am very happy about my accomplishments. I feel very lucky that I have a great talent."

"And I do, too," said Allen. "And that I also have the opportunity to express these talents."

"For example," added Gajewski, "Maestro Napiewocki picked the twins especially for this musical concert."

The Yu brothers, juniors at Westfield High School — where they are very active, particularly in tennis and in the Physics Club and in the school orchestra — made their debut in 1996 in a concert for the Polish Cultural Orchestra. They have been piano soloists with the Westfield Symphony and have played with the Plainfield Symphony as winners of its 1999 Young Artists Competition. Peter and Allen were recipients of the \$3,000 Otto Altenburg Young Pianist Prize awarded by the Altenburg Piano House in Elizabeth.

The boys began learning the piano at the early ages of 3 or 4 years old. "You see," said their mother, "there are two other children, older sisters, and all four children turned out to be exceptionally talented. Their two older sisters — Cindy, who is now 24, and Marina, 19 — inspired them, and then taught them to play."

"It was all because of my sisters," recalled Peter. "I saw them play musical instruments, and I actually listened to them."

"We were about 3 years old," added Allen. "And we started with the piano first. Our sisters taught us first."

One sister, their mother mused, "would teach one twin, while the other sister worked with the other. And boys being boys, would sometimes fight, so the sisters would have to switch. It was really something — watching two sisters teach two brothers. And it all turned out very good. Before they were 7 years old, Allen was in second grade when he started playing the violin, cello and viola, and Peter first started playing the violin and cello. After that, Peter settled on the violin and Allen settled on the cello."

The twins grinned. "We couldn't play so many instruments," said Peter. "And we did play the piano simultaneously."



Peter Yu, left, and his twin brother, Allen, take a break in preparation for their appearance with the Bloomfield Symphony May 21.

"Peter loves Mozart," said their father. "Allen likes it, too — and Chopin. You should hear them play Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto."

"We didn't put them into competition until they were 12 years old," said their mother.

The brothers have played in the annual convention in New York City of the Chinese-American Academy and Professional Society and for Governor Christine Whitman and the New Jersey State Legislature in Trenton. In the spring of 1997, the Yu twins were named co-winners of the Alex Chagninelli Memorial Etude Competition sponsored by the Piano Teachers Society of America and subsequently performed in Carnegie Hall. Last fall, the brothers were named Chopin Sesqui-centenary Laureates by the Polish

Cultural Foundation and were invited to play an all-Chopin concert at the Foundation Oct. 17, the 150th anniversary of the death of Chopin.

As cellist and violinist, Allen and Peter have occupied principal chairs in the New Jersey All-State Orchestra. They also have played in the National Honors Orchestra in Washington, D.C. They have been awarded many honors as scholars. They are on their school's high honor roll, play on the school tennis team and are licensed computer technicians.

"They are Governor's Scholars," said Gajewski. "And they are captains of the Model United Nations. Allen represents Japan and Peter, Saudi Arabia. They represent the continents in the New Jersey Region Orchestra II."

"It can be a little difficult," said Peter.

"I can be a very long day when you are studying and rehearsing and playing," added Allen. "You can get very tired."

"What do the twins do for relaxation?"

"We go to parties," said Allen with a smile.

"And we practically live on our computers," said Peter flashing Allen's smile.

"When they were younger," said their mother, "they used to like comic books. Now, they're into tennis and computers."

"And we play our musical instruments often just to keep the fingers moving," said Allen.

The twins, said their parents, "help each other out. They seem to communicate in their own language."

"When we were babies," said Peter, "we had our picture taken together, and even we couldn't tell each other apart. And sometimes, when we look at each other in the mirror, we can see the other in our faces."

"When we were in first grade," said Allen, "we dressed alike to confuse our teachers. And our teachers used to seat us on opposite sides of the room. Even now, when we're playing a musical instrument, we can read each other's minds. It's like a sixth sense."

"We have the same interests, naturally," mused Peter. "And we have a good relationship with each other. We even play together on the tennis team at school."

The boys keep very busy. Peter will be president of the Westfield Junior Music Club, and Allen will be vice president and program chairman.

At concerts, they also play solos. "They have great memories," said Gajewski. "Whether they're accompanying each other or playing solos, they have to do it from memory."

"It is customary not to read from the music," said Peter.

Their plans for the future?

"We want to go to college to study computer science," said Allen.

"But we'll join a college orchestra," added Peter.

"The reason for computer science," said Allen, "is because we want to support ourselves in our musical careers."

"And we want to be well-rounded persons in education and music," said Peter.

"They will be a great feather in the cap of any college," said their teacher.

The twins smiled and nodded to each other, then smiled and nodded to each other, sharing identical thoughts. And dreams.

## NJ artist is no 'fair-weather friend'

Inclement conditions are no deterrent to all-weather artist Phyllis Johnson, who will exhibit her most recent four-season landscape oils through May 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. Her show is titled "In the Country."

The Kinnelon artist paints locally, describing her surroundings as "a very vertical environment. There are always part of my landscapes."

Johnson notes that her landscapes are occasionally seen through some type of structure, such as doorways and windows "to draw the viewer in to see through to other dimensions." Vintage buildings of character are also landscapes in her images. Still other landscapes catch the mood of the day according to the weather.

As an outdoor artist, Johnson will work in the rain, but quits "before my paints get too wet or my easel needs drying." Her preference with snow truly is "the day after, with the sun on fresh snowfall."

The importance of being on location in all seasons in prevailing weather is the immediacy, she explains. Typically, people remark that "it smells like rain" or "it feels like snow." "That sensation becomes part of this artist's composition."

Educated at the Newark School of Fine Art and Art Students League in New York City, Johnson has been featured in five gallery solo exhibits in New Jersey and New York City and received a scholarship-membership at the Salmagundi Club, where she was selected for a group exhibit. Her

work was chosen for group exhibitions at the Bergen Museum of Art and Science, the Southern Vermont Art Center's Festival of Arts, the Dyanes Eclipse Gallery in Soho, the American Artists Professional League in New York City and Ridgewood, and the Carrier Foundation in Belle Mead, where she was honored in three shows with best-of-show, first-place and three second-place awards. At a Tewksbury Historic Society art show, she also garnered a prize ribbon.

"In the Country" will be on exhibit Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

## 'Brigadoon' comes to life at WCP

Anne King, known to local theatergoers for her many past appearances and directing efforts at Westfield Community Players and St. Helen's in Westfield, has assembled an ensemble cast for Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's musical, "Brigadoon." The show opens Saturday at 8 p.m. in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield with all tickets at \$15. The show continues May 19 and 20 and June 2, 3, 9 and 10.

"Brigadoon" revolves around two American hunters who stumble upon a misty little Scottish village that only comes to life for one day every hundred years. Choreographer Annemarie Squerini and Musical Director Jonathan Flowers help bring the lush, haunting lyrics to life in the mist of Brigadoon. With songs such as "The Heather on the Hill," "Almost Like Being in Love" and "I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean," the 1947 Broadway opening of "Brigadoon" firmly established Lerner and Loewe — who would later compose "Camelot" and "My Fair Lady" — as premier musical theater talents.

As Tommy Albright, played by Rick Brown of Jersey City, falls in love with Brigadoon and its townspeople, his best friend Jeff Douglas, played by Joe Schmidt of Bedminster, reminds him he has a fiancée, Jane Alfton, played

by Meryl Debruczyk of Scotch Plains, back in present-day New York. All the while, Fiona MacLaren, played by Hope Weinstein of Westfield, and Meg Brockie, played by Liz Malton of Atlantic Highlands, are calling Tommy and Jeff back to the misty past.

Other featured performers are Rich Sibello, Leitani Makuakane Potter, Roger Hayden and Jeff Rea all of Westfield, along with Russ Cronin of Scotch Plains, Stephen Bonick of Milltown and Alexandra Orme of Cranford.

The rest of the townspeople are Lorelei Oleson of North Arlington, Amy Wilhelm of Mountainside, Chisley Kotler of Garwood, Melanie Dennis of Bedminster, Jim Caffrey of Stirlingwood, Heather Filipksi of Fanwood, Ronald Millberger of Linden, Cati Coganese of Cranford, Carol Schiwarz of Westfield and Lisa Arroyo of Union.

Opening night patrons are invited to stay after the curtain drops for WCP's traditional opening night coffee and dessert hour with the cast and crew.

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## Organ donor consent is thrust of Overlook committee's campaign

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To help bring this message home to the Union County area and mark the beginning of Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month, the staff of Overlook Hospital, Summit Mayor Walter D. Long, representative from the Sharing Network and volunteers from the Gift of Life Committee of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary came together to raise a new American flag at the main entrance of the hospital.

The flag had previously flown over the Capitol Building and was provided by Representative Bob Franks.

"If we can save one life and give that gift of life to someone else, that makes it all worthwhile," said Lenore Ford, chairperson of the Gift of Life Committee. Ford founded the committee in 1995, after her husband died when a desperately needed liver transplant was delayed nearly a year for lack of a donor.

"I felt that something good could come out of something so sad, so I went forward. But never alone — the volunteers were right there from the very beginning," Ford said.

"It's easy to help spread the word about organ donation," remarked Long. "The hard part is to drive home just how important it is. It's such a simple thing to do and yet it can touch so many lives in such a fundamental way. This is the message that we really have to send out."

One of the first actions of the Gift of Life Committee took was to contact

all staff at Overlook Hospital to be donors. Since then, dozens of volunteers have distributed donor cards and presented educational programs to hundreds of doctors, businesses, religious organizations, high schools, colleges, and civic groups in Summit and the surrounding communities.

Though the number of donors in New Jersey has been increasing, the situation is still critical for the 17,000 New Jerseyans on the waiting list for organ transplants. Each day, 12 of them literally die waiting.

"People who want to be donors can take one simple yet vital action now that will ensure their wishes are carried out in the event of their death: letting family members know of the decision to be a donor. All it takes is a conversation; no documents are necessary. Even if a person has signed a Donor Card, family consent is still an essential part of the process."

The only written document that a donor needs to have is a Donor Card,

signed by the donor and two witnesses. In the Union County area, Donor Cards are available in many doctors' offices, hospitals, businesses, libraries and city halls.

Donors can also register their names on the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Donor Registry by calling The Sharing Network at (800) SHARE-NJ or visiting The Sharing Network website at [www.sharenj.org](http://www.sharenj.org).

"There is still a wide gap between people who need transplants and the number of organs donated," said Joseph Rauh, president and chief executive officer of The Sharing Network. "That's why we are so appreciative of Mayor Long and The Gift of Life committee in their efforts to promote awareness of this issue."

As part of its long history of proactive work in end-of-life care, Overlook Hospital has developed a close relationship with The Sharing Network. Using experts from The Sharing Network, Overlook conducts

training in donor issues for its entire nursing staff. It is also part of the orientation for incoming medical residents. When a death occurs at the hospital, staff immediately notifies The Sharing Network, which then sends a representative to the hospital to approach the family in a sensitive and respectful manner.

Staff at Overlook has found that consenting to donation can help family members deal with their grief and loss. It also has a positive impact on the nurses and physicians.

"For health care workers, it's about being able to offer the family an

option in a very tragic situation, so that something that is meaningful and good can come out of it," said Linda Irvine, clinical nurse specialist of the Critical Care Unit at Overlook.

For more information about tissue and organ donation, call The Sharing Network at (800) SHARE-NJ. The Sharing Network is the official non-profit organization that is responsible for recovering organs and tissues for transplant in New Jersey.

To join the Gift of Life Committee of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, or to arrange for a speaker, call the Auxiliary office at (908) 522-2004.

## Back pain can be relieved by new treatment

The technology is out of this world and so are the results. A new high-tech medical treatment is bringing almost instant relief to many patients who suffer from certain kinds of intense, debilitating back pain. Atlantic's Neuroscience Institute at Overlook Hospital in Summit offers a new procedure, called percutaneous vertebroplasty.

Despite the tongue twisting name, vertebroplasty is a minimally invasive, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes, requires only a local anesthetic and a few hours of rest in the recovery room.

Vertebroplasty is the answer for many people who suffer the severe chronic back pain that occurs when one or more vertebra in the spine weaken to the point of collapse. These compression fractures are seen mostly in elderly patients. A smaller number of such fractures result when a tumor weakens the bone.

In vertebroplasty, the bone is strengthened by injecting it with a special cement. It's the same material that orthopedic surgeons have used for many years to secure artificial joints.

"This is a perfect match between Overlook and the community it serves," explained Dr. Adam Hestir, Overlook's on-site interventional neuro-radiologist. "Our area serves an elderly patient population and we will be able to provide relief that they can't find elsewhere. Personally, it's one of the more satisfying procedures that I do, to see a patient who couldn't even walk before, being able to get up and move around within a few hours."

The pain that results from a compression fracture can be excruciating. In severe cases, it confines an otherwise healthy person to bed or to a wheelchair. Until vertebroplasty was developed just a few years ago, the only way to relieve the pain was bed rest and analgesics such as Tylenol 3, which includes the narcotic painkiller, codeine.

Once a compression fracture has been diagnosed by an orthopedist or neurosurgeon, the patient can be referred to Overlook for treatment. Because the entire procedure uses the latest imaging technology, there is no need for an incision.

After the patient receives a local anesthetic, the radiologist inserts a needle into the bone and injects a dye into it. The dye shows up on a fluoroscope, so the radiologist can track the rest of the process with pinpoint accuracy. Using the same needle, the radiologist carefully injects a medical-grade cement directly into the bone. When the right amount of cement is in place, the radiologist withdraws the needle, and the procedure is complete.

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# Healthy Living

## Overlook, Cencom lead in 911 training

Overlook Hospital, a member of Atlantic Health System, welcomed its first overseas students to its 911 training program this month. Nabeel Ali and Munther Aljalalrah, both of Kuwait, are in the United States to receive certification in handling 911 calls and in managing emergency dispatch systems.

"We are always looking to improve our system," said Aljalalrah, a Quality Assurance Officer for Emergency Medical Services in the Kuwait Health Ministry. "We'll take what we learn here, bring it home, and compare it with our operations."

Aljalalrah, Ali, and two other students in Overlook Hospital's 911 management course are undergraduates in the Emergency Health Services Program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The three-week course includes setting up emergency dispatch systems, monitoring the systems, and quality assurance. Overlook's relationship with the university began in the 1970s when Overlook participated in a study to test and refine the standard questions that 911 dispatchers ask callers.

Overlook Hospital is the only hospital in New Jersey that offers 911 training on a regular basis. The program began three years ago when Central Communications Manager Gareth Williams and his staff realized that Overlook's 911 dispatchers are a unique information resource. CenCom is a regional emergency medical dispatch center covering a wide information resource. CenCom is also one of the busiest medical emergency dispatch systems in the state. It handled almost 90,000 calls in 1999.

In less than three years, CenCom courses have become the standard of excellence in New Jersey, and have received national recognition. CenCom now trains almost 300 students yearly, most from police departments throughout the state. The four students from George Washington University are the first from out-of-state.

The CenCom curriculum goes far beyond the minimum requirements for passing written certification examinations, including an extensive amount of in-class practice and role playing. The instructors are experienced dispatchers from CenCom. CenCom is right next to the classroom, so students can observe the dispatchers in action handling real calls. And, because students come from diverse police departments all over the state, they offer a mix of different backgrounds and experience to each other.

One frequent type of situation handled by CenCom is young children calling in for sick and disabled

parents. To help children learn how to call 911, CenCom staff has developed an elementary school outreach program. It includes a slide show and telephone simulator, so children can practice making "real" calls.

Winner of the 1999 New Jersey Governor's Award for Performance Excellence — the highest state honor an organization can receive for quality and performance — Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic Health System 400-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 also provides a Medicare-certified home care and hospice program, as well as maternity services and critical care services to high-risk newborns at the new Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center.

For more information on Overlook's CenCom programs, contact Atlantic Health System at (800) AHS-9580.

## Seniors matching wits



Cornell Hall Recreation Assistant Andrea Zinze, left, waits as resident Louise Wehman, right, chooses a question category during "Trivia Challenge 2000" when Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center residents matched up against residents from sister facility, Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. Residents gathered at Cornell Hall in Union and selected questions from several categories including superstitions, music, famous animals, holidays, clothing, television, government and nature. All residents received a Certificate of Participation for playing and enjoyed refreshments afterward.

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**RAINBOW FISH:** Beginner instructional swim program for children with physical disabilities and/or developmental disabilities, PDD/Autism and ADD/ADHD. Parent participation in the pool will be encouraged.

**MARTIAL ARTS:** Martial arts instruction for children with ADD/ADHD, cerebral palsy, or any diagnosis causing gross motor or fine motor problems. The program will help develop body awareness, balance skills, coordination, and attention skills.

**PROGRAM FOR TEENS**

**TEEN TRAVEL PROGRAM:** A variety of day and overnight excursions to locations such as Philadelphia, Lancaster, PA, Baltimore Inner Harbor and New York City are planned for teens 13-18 years of age with a variety of special needs. Trips will depart from and return to Children's Specialized Hospital - Mountainside.

**CSH - OCEAN ADAPTED HORSEBACK RIDING:** A basic instructional horseback riding program for children and adolescents with physical disabilities or fine motor dysfunction. Participants must be able to follow simple directions.

**CHAT AND SNACK:** An instructional group program designed to strengthen and improve movements for talking and eating.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DANCE:** A dance program for children with cerebral palsy, developmental delay, hypotonia, Down Syndrome, physical disabilities or any diagnosis causing gross motor, fine motor or social interaction delays. The program helps develop body awareness, balance skills, coordination and social skills.

**KUNG FU/KARATE:** Martial arts instruction for children with ADD/ADHD, cerebral palsy, or any diagnosis causing gross motor or fine motor problems. The program will help develop body awareness, balance skills, coordination, and attention skills.

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**PALS PARADISE:** Creative arts, drama, martial arts, and crafts for children with physical or developmental disabilities. A sibling or friend within the same age group are welcome to register.

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**TIME:** 10:00am-6:00pm  
**PRICE:** Food, hot, cold, crafts, live entertainment, 200 vendors, special kids corner with stuff for kids to do! For information call 201-991-9535.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Nutley Chapter of the Red Cross

## FLEA MARKET

**FRIDAY**  
 May 12th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**PRICE:** New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, etc. For more information call 973-374-9377.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

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## WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

**SATURDAY**  
 May 13th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Mothers Mamat  
**PLACE:** Cedar Grove High School (afternoon), Rugby Road, Cedar Grove, NJ  
**TIME:** 9am-2pm  
**PRICE:** \$1 admission. Giant indoor sale of gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, equipment, accessories as well as maternity clothing and accessories. Ample free parking. Food available for purchase-baked goods, lunch, snacks, and beverages. For information call 973-877-7359.  
**ORGANIZATION:** GFWD/Junior Women's Club of Cedar Grove. To benefit CAP-Child Assault Prevention.

**SATURDAY**  
 May 20th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ  
**TIME:** 9:00am-2:00pm  
**PRICE:** New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, jewelry, etc. Tables available for \$15 (per table). Call 973-372-0084 or 973-763-3281 between 8:00am-8:00pm.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

## CONCERT-MUSIC

**FRIDAY**  
 May 19th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Concert  
**PLACE:** Ebenezer B.C., 153 William Street, Orange, NJ  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free  
**ORGANIZATION:** Nurses and Male Choir

## WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

**WEDNESDAY**  
 June 7th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Free Open House/Clinical Presentation  
**TOPIC:** Impossible: Psychoanalysis How We Live with Them and How We Work with Them  
**PLACE:** The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (P.C.N.J.), 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite 122, West Orange, New Jersey 07052.  
**TIME:** 7:30 to 8:30pm  
**PRICE:** Free. For reservations or further information call 973-766-7600.  
**ORGANIZATION:** The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (P.C.N.J.)

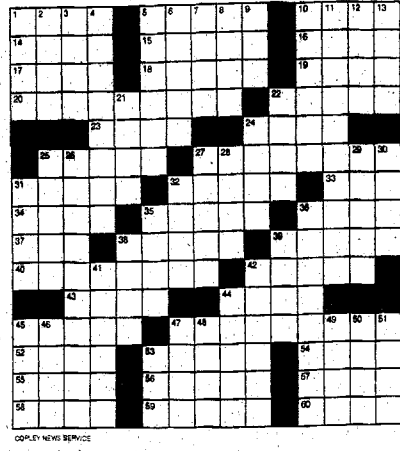
## OTHER

**SATURDAY**  
 May 20th, 2000  
**EVENT:** Historic House and Garden Tour, Montrose Park Historic District Association  
**PLACE:** Tour originates at South Mountain Station, Montrose Avenue and Voss Avenue, South Orange.  
**TIME:** 11:00am-4:00pm  
**PRICE:** \$15.00 on day of the tour, \$12.00 from local business and for members M.P.H.A. Tickets can be purchased on line sponsor.  
[www.restorationcentral.com](http://www.restorationcentral.com). For further information call: Montrose Park Historic District Association, 973-763-1880.  
**ORGANIZATION:** The Montrose Park Historic District Association

## ACROSS

- 1 Catchall abbreviation
- 2 Sacred Islamic text
- 10 Chilly clinic
- 14 Lombardy town
- 15 Blue shade
- 16 Shipboard quaff
- 17 Tantalum, in Tours
- 19 Copland ballet
- 19 Kind of hand or foot
- 20 Footwear for little girls
- 22 Artistic conduit
- 23 Choice hors d'oeuvre
- 24 Mongoloid tribe in Burma
- 25 — "Suspicion"
- 27 Year-end time
- 31 Estate of the Whiteoak family
- 32 Electromagnetic unit
- 33 Wallach
- 34 Character in "Antony and Cleopatra"
- 35 Russian novelist
- 36 Cap. of Manche
- 37 — many cooks
- 38 Gilbert and Sullivan producer
- 39 Before four or point
- 40 Living-room item
- 42 California equipment
- 43 Long ago
- 44 TV offering
- 45 French novelist
- 47 Sweetened teacake
- 52 Noi care —
- 53 Secret plotters
- 54 District
- 55 Respectful term of address for a sovereign
- 56 Leaky vessel
- 57 Unadorned
- 58 Mitty portlyer
- 59 1950 Nobelist in chemistry
- 60 Australian peninsula

## GIRLS' CLUB



## DOWN

- 1 Kind of scth.
- 2 Wood of water
- 3 Cover-up for Kojak
- 4 German dramatist Ernst
- 44 Nat Turner, e.g.
- 45 Container in a Poe tale
- 46 "Un bel di," e.g.
- 47 Crossjack or lug
- 48 Not up
- 49 Pioneer in heavy hydrogen
- 50 — miss
- 51 Ending for cog or do
- 53 1861 initials
- 22 Wood of water
- 24 Conform to rules of meter
- 25 NL luminary
- 26 Mixed drink
- 27 Italian poet
- 28 New York Indian
- 29 Fielder Burks
- 30 Noisy disorder
- 31 Tour —
- 32 Stow a gehoa
- 35 Toyland denizen
- 36 Fisher with flots
- 38 Side followers

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## Elizabeth Playhouse readies original play

It was a novel, then it was a film. And now, thanks to the Elizabeth Playhouse, W. Somerset Maugham's "Of Human Bondage" will appear on the stage — live and in person for the first time.

Opening Friday and running through June 4, "Of Human Bondage" was adapted to the stage by playhouse co-founder Karon Cornes. Although this story has been dramatized several times in movies and television, most notably the famous Bette Davis version of 1940, this is the first time Maugham's best known work will appear on stage.

Somones has set the drama in the same early 20th-century time period, moving the action to New York City's Greenwich Village. Here, audiences will meet and follow the life and development of Philip Carey, the kind, shy, lame orphan, from his adoption by his stingy, narrow-minded uncle through the great loves, sorrows, disappointments and triumphs of his life.

Unlike the movie version, which concentrated on his love affair with the cold-hearted Mildred, Somones has pooled an entire, Edwardian world with Maugham's original characters which would make a Charles Dickens prod.

There is Uncle William, who sees the terrors of sin and damnation everywhere; and Griffiths, who, behind a sunny smile, destroys the only thing that Philip will ever love. Audiences will also meet Norah Nesbit, whom Philip makes to suffer simply because she loves him, and Athely, who desires his rich wife for a good cook. There is Cronshaw, the port of endless babble, who knows nothing, learns nothing, and says everything, and the vicious Upjohn, who is cursed with the death of his might know posthumous fame. And, of course, the fascinating Mildred, trading every bit of herself for power, lust, money and control of men.

Somones has re-created the essence and emotion of this magnificent novel for the stage, capturing the passionate grandeur of Maugham's "Of Human Bondage."

Performances will take place Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

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

## Boys Chorus School seeks auditioners

The Newark Boys Chorus School will be auditioning boys for September enrollment. There will be 16 openings for the fourth grade and very limited space for fifth grade.

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**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT**  
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 John Henry and James Henry

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED ATTORNEY for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 South Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint, Joint Affidavit to Compel, if any filed in a Civil Action in which Plaintiff is the Plaintiff and Corporation to Plaintiff and John Henry and James Henry, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 30 days of the date of this notice, 11, 2000, exclusive of such date, if you fail to do so judgment by you shall be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court.

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case with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, Newark, New Jersey, 07102, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A \$150.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer.

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## HOROSCOPE

### For May 15

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You could be spending too much on fun and frivolous items while not quite enough on the essentials, such as food or clothing. Get your priorities straight.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Change may be difficult, but it is also very necessary at this point in your life. Bite the bullet, and get on with it. The sky is the limit!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Begin with a dream, and then get busy figuring out a way to make it come true. Preparation is key, so be sure to do your homework.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Continue to work with friends or in a group if you feel that you are getting all of the support that you need. Give something valuable to a charitable cause.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your career or professional endeavors will take center stage. Confirm in your mind that you're on the right path, and allow nothing to stop you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A heated debate is likely, but it can be avoided if you are amenable. Keep an open mind, and listen to a variety of opinions before passing judgment.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Wait until you get all of the facts concerning an investment before you proceed. Stay away from a proposal with above-average risks for gain or loss.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Focus on your partner or mate this week. Don't let fiscal issues come between you and spoil a good time. You can't buy true love, and so it's not even try to.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a great time to play along with a pet project or hobby and perhaps turn it into a moneymaking venture. Roll up your sleeves, and dig in!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be very attentive to matters concerning children. Look forward to a midweek event that promises lots of luck, success and happiness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You cannot avoid dealing with an emotional issue that comes up. Approach the situation straight on, and work to keep the peace with your loved ones.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Use a public-speaking forum to get your point across this week. Present your ideas carefully but with confidence.

Everybody listens!  
 If your birthday is this week, timing is everything, and during the coming year, your timing shows promise for perfection. You can expect a major project or aspiration to finally come to fruition. All of your hard work and efforts of the past will pay off. The only setbacks might be your inability to believe in yourself and doubting the fact that you deserve to be happy, healthy and wealthy. Once you're on the bandwagon mentally, there will be no stopping you. Good luck!

Also born this week: Madeleine Albright, Picoe Bressan, Sugar Ray Leonard, Pope John Paul II, Malcolm X, Cher and Mr. T.

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Using technology borrowed from the X5 SAV, the 330xi combines the traction of all-wheel-drive with the driving spirit of the 3 Series. Traction is enhanced with a version of Dynamic Stability Control, known as DSC-x. Developed specifically for all-wheel-drive BMW is the first and only manufacturer in the segment to offer the combination of all-wheel-drive and an electronic stability control program. With the all-new 3.0 liter in-line six cylinder engine producing 225 hp — a 17-percent increase over the 238 — the 330xi's performance will approach that of the previous M3.

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