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## Selective outrage

Angie Bowen-Placa, campaign manager for congressional candidate Michael Lapolla use the term selective outrage to describe an opponent's attack on her candidate. Selective outrage is a term for the new decade. It occurs when a wounded candidate expresses singular outrage over a matter to the exclusion of all other aspects of the debate or campaign.

Lapolla's opponent, Maryanne Connelly's outrage centered on a radio parody put out by the Lapolla campaign concerning Connelly's less-than-clear position on public funding for private school vouchers. Connelly set her sites on the parody calling it anti-woman.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

Forgetting the review of the commercial, my outrage is that there should be any ambiguous position on the subject of school vouchers. Our candidates should be able to give their final answer on this topic. If anyone needs a life-line, I can provide an informative paper by the New Jersey Educational Association, the leaders in the anti-voucher effort.

The teachers group put it succinctly, that if private school vouchers are enacted, "public schools would be drained of financial resources." They add that in a world of vouchers, "private schools would accept only the highest achieving students leaving behind those who cost the most to educate and to be taught by an overburdened, underfunded public school system."

There is an appropriate place for private schools. Those who choose to take advantage of this option have the right to pay for it. Believe me I have the college tuition bills to show how costly that advantage can be.

In the case of public schools, we have the continuing responsibility to work to leave schools better than we found them. It is unfortunate that clarity of position seems hard to find on this issue.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the political equation, Republican congressional candidate Joel Weingarten has every right to be outraged.

Quietly throughout Union County, Republicans received a nasty brochure blaming the state's debt on Weingarten. What makes the brochure so offensive is that it was supposedly paid for and mailed by an anonymous group called the accountability project of the CRG. The postal permit is #565 from Summit.

Under a loophole in current campaign financing law, as long as the group mailing out literature remains separate and apart from the campaign, they can maintain a good deal of anonymity.

Weingarten's press secretary Candice Brown called the files "an act of cowardice, plain and simple." The campaign has called for a probe to see if the flyer is being coordinated by his opponent, Michael Ferguson.

State Sen. Bill Schuler, a Republican from Mercer County, has introduced legislation to require greater disclosure. He called anonymous committees, "a very serious violation of the spirit of disclosure and proper campaign conducts."

These ads are commonly called interest group ads. From anti-gun to pro-gun groups to the Sierra Club, these ads are attacking elected officials, candidates or anyone else who doesn't agree with their position.

It seems sadly ironic that the free speech determinations of the courts allow those making the speech to operate anonymously. Along with vagueness on important public questions, it is plain and simply outrageous.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.



The 200 Club of Union County honored this year's Medal of Valor recipients, who were, from left, Joseph Duart of the Elizabeth Fire Department, Linden Police Officer William Turbett, Sean Duffy of the Elizabeth Fire Department and Elizabeth Police Officer Thomas Glackin III.

## 200 Club recognizes uncommon valor

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

Most people run from a building that's on fire. Some volunteer to run into it. Those people are called firefighters and police officers, and sometimes, even heroes.

The 200 Club of Union County last week awarded its Medal of Valor recipients of 2000: Elizabeth firefighters Joseph Duart and Sean Duffy, Linden Police Officer William Turbett, and Thomas Glackin III of the Elizabeth Police Department.

The 200 Club was founded in 1968 and has honored almost 400 police officers, firefighters and state troopers. Its motto "Because We Care." The 200 Club recognizes the achievements of uniformed police, firefighters and state troopers.

The nonprofit organization is made up of residents and business people in Union County who provides financial assistance to the widows and families of uniformed officers throughout the county who have given their lives in the line of duty.

For more information about The 200 Club call (908) 322-2422.

Thomas Glackin III

A native of Elizabeth, Glackin is not unfamiliar with police work as it runs in the family. So does the Medal of Valor. Glackin's father, Thomas, was a captain with the Elizabeth Police Department. His cousin Matthew was a sergeant, who was awarded the Medal of Valor in 1991.

On April 10, 1999, Glackin was responding to a call with his partner at an East Jersey Street address. Upon their arrival, the officers saw a female victim lying on the second floor bleeding, as the suspect was standing over her with a knife in each hand.

"He was very combative," as if in a drugged state, Glackin said. The suspect laughed after attempts to subdue

him with aerosol spray, said the 28-year-old Glackin. The suspect advanced on the officers and lunged, which is when Glackin fired his weapon, striking the suspect in the chest. It was the first time he had to use his weapon as a police officer.

The suspect was finally restrained and charged with murder after the female later died from her injuries. Glackin was honored for "his demonstration of bravery in the face of extreme danger."

"It's prestigious," Glackin said of the award. "I'm very proud to be supported by members of the community because there is such a large anti-law enforcement sentiment right now. It's good to know people still care."

Sean Duffy and Joseph Duart

Last June, Duffy and Duart were among the firefighters responding to a fire at a 2 1/2-story home on Court Street. A heavy fire condition was reported on the first floor, extending up the front stairwell to the second floor, where people were trapped.

Duffy and Duart forced their way through the back of the home without a hoseline or ventilation and made it to the second floor via the rear stairwell. Duffy found a 90-year-old woman lying on the kitchen floor, whom they managed to bring down the rear stairs. The victim later died, but "that does not diminish the scope of determination and selfless devotion to duty that these firefighters demonstrated."

Duart has been with the department for five years, after serving six years in the Marine Corps and attaining the rank of sergeant. "It seemed like a natural step in service to the public."

A longtime Elizabeth resident and graduate of the high school, Duart said it was "bumbling" to earn the Medal of Valor. As he entered the burning building, Duart thought

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## For love of the court

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

Karen Cassidy loves being in a courtroom. Now she'll spend all her days there. The newest judge in Union County Superior Court began hearing

cases this week in the Family Division.

"I loved trying cases," said Cranford resident who was sworn in last month. "I loved the excitement of it." See NEWEST, Page B2.



Karen Cassidy was sworn in as a Union County Superior Court judge last month and this week began hearing cases in the Family Division.

## Freeholders approve 2000 county budget

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

The \$306-million county budget was unanimously adopted last week by the Board of Freeholders with little comment from the public. The budget will provide a decrease in the county portion of tax bills for residents in eight towns while increases are expected for the remaining 13. The individual tax levy for each municipality is set by the county Board of Taxation and is based on a town's total assessed value.

Decreases will be seen in Elizabeth, Linden, Plainfield, Roselle, Rosette Park, Springfield, Union and Winfield.

The largest increase will be in Westfield where the portion of the tax levy will rise \$334,097, from \$14,484,749 in 1999 to \$15,018,846 in 2000. The biggest drop will be in Linden where the levy will be \$11,455,594 in 2000 as compared to \$13,018,563, a decrease of \$1,562,969. The overall county tax levy will remain at \$150,132,767 for the third year in a row. It is the fifth consecutive year the county tax levy remained the same or declined.

Cranford resident Wally Shackell, a Republican candidate for freeholder last year and this year, was one of only a handful of residents to comment at last week's public hearing.

"Although the county tax levy has not increased, there certainly is an increase in spending," Shackell said, and there is a concern, especially for the suburban towns.

"I understand the freeholders have no control over how the tax levy is spread across municipalities but you definitely can control spending."

The \$306-million budget is approximately 6 percent higher than last year's \$288-million plan. The county experienced an increase of \$7 million in revenues while using \$32 million of the \$40-million surplus as revenue. Union County also will receive over \$3 million more than last year as part of the State Prisoner Program.

The freeholders have continued sound fiscal management, said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, chairwoman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee. Under Republican-controlled boards the tax levy accounted for more than 60 percent of budget revenues while now it has dropped to under 50 percent, she said.

The spending is not throw-away money, Freeholder Lewis Mingo said. "It brings quality services to this county, in spite of what others might believe."

## Psych unit expansion plans move forward

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

The Board of Freeholders last week approved a contract for architectural work for the proposed expansion of Cornerstone Psychiatric Unit at Ruppel's Specialized Hospital of Union County.

Westfield architect Michael Zemsky was awarded a \$131,000 contract for "preliminary design, design development, construction documents, bid packages, site observation and close-out" for the conversion of the former Alcohol Recovery Unit into a closed adult acute psychiatric service.

Zemsky also is the architect for the \$20-million county courthouse rehabilitation which began last year.

County officials earlier this month received a letter of confirmation from the state Department of Health to

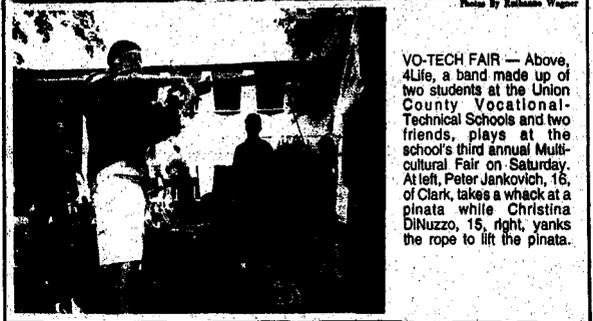
move forward with the renovations. The former ARU will add 26 beds to Cornerstone Psychiatric Unit, which currently has 20 beds. With the expansion, patients will not have to be sent to state hospitals in Marlboro or Trenton.

Zemsky will redesign the area to meet current regulations, said Peggy Salisbury, marketing director for Ruppel's Hospital. Two major items will be removing the current suspended ceiling and replacing it with a sheetrock ceiling, as well as installing a nurse call button system.

If all goes according to plan, the expanded psychiatric unit will be ready by July 2001. Although state approval has been granted, inspections will continue throughout the process to ensure requirements are being met, Salisbury said.



Photo by Kathleen Wagner



VO-TECH FAIR — Above, 4Life, a band made up of two students at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and two friends, plays at the school's third annual Multicultural Fair on Saturday. At left, Peter Jankovich, 16, of Clark, takes a whack at a pinata while Christina DiNuzzo, 15, right, yanks the rope to lift the pinata.

# Master Gardeners annual fair on Sunday

The Master Gardeners Association of Union County will sponsor its 11th annual Spring Garden Fair on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature Center, Coles Avenue, Mountaineer. Admission is free and there will be something for everyone in the family, as well as the serious gardener. The event offers crafts, nature walks, story telling to entertain the kids, and house and garden plants for sale at great prices, some generously donated by local nurseries and some from Master Gardeners' own backyards.

"Last year's fair had the biggest turnout so far, and we're hoping for another good year," said fair co-chairwoman Joanne Kneeger of Scotch Plains. Her co-chairwoman, Rhia Alper of Plainfield, said there are a few new topics in the lineup of free lectures:

- 1 p.m. New this year, "Weeds, The Plants You Love To Hate," by Ruth Yablonsky;

- 1:45 p.m., "Growing Raspberries by Irv Wilner,"
- 2:30 p.m., "Annual Flower Gardening" by Julius Stang, and,
- 3:15 p.m., also new this year, "Ticks and Lyme Disease" by Madeline Flavio-DiNardo.

Visitors can bring their plant and insect specimens for identification at the Hotline Table, or purchase a Rutgers soil test kit to learn how to balance their soil for a perfect lawn, healthy shrubs, or a bumper crop of blooms or produce.

Homemade refreshments will be on sale at the bake sale area, and handmade craft items for the home and garden at the craft table. Also this year, Wild Earth Nursery will have a booth with a selection of native plants for sale — all propagated, not collected from the wild.

The Master Gardener Association of Union County is a volunteer outreach program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Proceeds from the Spring Garden Fair enable the Master Gardeners to provide services to the community, such as community beautification, a year round Garden Hotline to answer county residents' gardening and pest questions; horticultural therapy programs with seniors, the disabled, and children at risk; gardening with children; a speakers' bureau; and more.

For information and directions to the fair, or to find out more about the Master Gardener Association, call (908) 654-9854. For the Garden Hotline, call (908) 654-9852.



Union County Master Gardeners Beverley Wambrand of Cranford, right, and Lou Stiglitz of Springfield, center, show young fair visitors how to plant seeds at the 1999 Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation. This year's fair is set for Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

## Police and fire officials awarded Medal of Valor

(Continued from Page B1) the same thing he usually does when he enters fires: "stay safe and do well."

"This organization is our own community. It's nice to be recognized for doing something that you love to do," said Duffy, a firefighter for 12 years. "There's nothing more important than saving lives and helping people."

Duffy also is no stranger to the Medal of Valor or firefighting. Duffy received the Medal of Valor in 1993 while his father Capt. John Patrick and his brother Christopher are both retired from the Elizabeth Fire Department.

William Turbett Turbett was on joint patrol with Joseph Osty of the Roselle Police Department when they responded to a house fire on East Elm Street in January 1999. The officers believed every-

one was out of the house when they realized an elderly woman was stuck in the kitchen.

Turbett kicked in the back door while his partner went around to the front of the home. Unable to pull out the woman on his own, Turbett re-entered the house when firefighters arrived, directing them to the woman when a flashover occurred.

Turbett demonstrated valor above and beyond the call of duty in this action.

A veteran of the State Police since 1979, Turbett left the law enforcement field for several years before returning, with the Linden force, because he missed it. "I like to help people."

Turbett has been with the Police Department for four years. He is a lifelong Linden resident, along with his wife Mary and son Bill.

## Newest judge joins the bench

(Continued from Page B1) being there, advocating for something."

"I hated being in an office. If I wanted to be a lawyer, I wanted to be in court. I didn't want to sit and review documents," said Cassidy.

Cassidy, who had been a partner in the Roseland law firm of Connell, Foley and Geiser, sees joining the bench as a "logical step from being in court as an advocate to now being an arbiter."

"It's a nice doing this a long time. I've been change to be on the other side."

A majority of the cases she will hear deal with domestic violence with some motions involving matrimonial cases. The past two weeks, she has been getting acquainted with the variety of divisions and staff within the Superior Court.

Cassidy first started thinking about becoming a judge "four or five years ago" when a colleague suggested it to her. She started to think about it some more and decided two years ago she wanted to be a judge.

"It's a big decision, and a big change from a commitment standstill" in pursuing a judgeship. "I'm happy I made the decision. I took it and ran with it."

Superior Court judges are appointed by the governor and approved by the State Senate. The nomination also is reviewed by coun-

ty and state bar associations. Superior Court judges serve a seven-year term after which they can be reappointed and reappointed to a lifetime term. The nominating process can take anywhere from "months to years," and in Cassidy's case it took about two years.

Since the State Senate approves the nominations, Cassidy's local state senator, Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-22, "really pushed through my nomination."

"There are a lot of things that need to get done that take time," she said. "You're also at the mercy of what the senate has on its docket."

Cassidy joins approximately 10 judges in the Family Division. Her appointment leaves only one remaining appointment, that of Scotch Plains attorney Lisa Chrysal, who is scheduled to be sworn in May 31, bringing the Superior Court to a full complement of 30 judges. Superior Court judges earn an annual salary of \$115,000.

Cassidy earned her law degree in 1984 from The National Law Center at George Washington University and graduated cum laude from American University in 1981 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and public communication.

She was admitted to the bar in New Jersey, the District Court of New Jersey and the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Magnet school teacher attends seminar

A United States History instructor at the Union County Magnet High School, Jim Stefankiewicz, was one of 24 teachers from throughout New Jersey selected to attend a two-day seminar on May 15-16 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The seminar, made possible by a grant from the New Jersey-based Johnson & Johnson Corporation, was designed to train teachers with less than five years' experience on how to incorporate the museum and the Holocaust into various curricula taught in the New Jersey public schools.

"To me, the study of the horrors of the Holocaust is one of the most important things we can teach our kids," said Stefankiewicz, now in his second year at the magnet school.

"I was honored to be chosen to attend this workshop and be given the opportunity to learn from the museum and my peers."

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## Gun forum May 25

A program entitled "Who is calling the shots? A Society Armed: A forum against gun violence," moderated by former Gov. Tom Kean will take place May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Marine Ave., Scotch Plains. Admission is free.

This event aims at generating a forum for public debate where all the views could be heard so that people could have an opportunity to learn and also to express their views. Public officials and decision makers are welcome to attend.

The program will feature Bryan Miller, executive director of Ceasefire New Jersey and Nancy Ross, spokeswoman for the Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs.

Ceasefire NJ advocates for strict gun control laws at the state and federal levels. Most recently Ceasefire New Jersey has been instrumental in bringing a new initiative in the Legislature which would ensure that childproof handguns are sold within a short period of time.

The Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs has been outspoken in advocating for the right to bear arms and has claimed that gun violence is rather a social problem that needs to be solved by means other than by tough gun control measures.

The problem of gun violence and gun control has become an increasing subject of local and national debate. Several states recently approved gun control laws, particularly affecting children.

The program is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the B'nai B'rith Center for Public Policy. Also the co-sponsors of the program are the New Jersey Council of Churches, the Archdiocese of Newark, the Community Relations Committee of Morristown, Ceasefire New Jersey, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Hispanic Executive Directors Association. Other co-sponsors are welcome to join.

For more information call Luis Fleishman at (908) 889-5335 or Wendy Van Why at (973) 765-9779.

## Chamber ambassadors

The Union County Chamber of Commerce is looking for members who will help the chamber reach out to new members. If someone was willing to make a welcoming phone call to one or two new members, be available to answer their questions and encourage them to get involved — then the chamber needs one's help. The chamber even prepared a short

script with a few highlights for one to use.

Most new members join without knowing anyone in the chamber. The Chamber Ambassador program is one way to make new members feel welcome. One can suggest a meeting at one of the chamber's networking socials or information breakfast meetings so that one can introduce them to other members. Chamber members know that if they are involved, they get much more out of their membership, and according to records, they remain members.

To help the chamber make new members feel welcome, contact Susan Jacobson, vice president for membership services at the Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth, 07207-0300; at (908) 352-0900, or fax (908) 352-0865.

## 'Who's afraid of a tobacco-free' state?

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County Inc. and Trinitas Hospital will sponsor a statewide conference on coalition building and tobacco treatment on May 31 at The Westwood in Garwood. The conference planned for "World No Tobacco Day" is funded by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and is entitled "Huff and Puff — Who's Afraid of a Tobacco-Free New Jersey?"

"Huff and Puff" was developed to offer participants a chance to learn, collaborate and build their connections. Among those supporters of the "Huff and Puff" conference is Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-22, who will welcome conference attendees.

The event will focus on two main themes: "The Challenge of Treating Tobacco Users" and "How to Build and Strengthen Coalitions." Tobacco treatment forums will help participants gain both knowledge and skills in treating tobacco using adults and children. In addition, coalition forums will help participants learn the building blocks necessary to create and strengthen coalitions to effectively implement community-based prevention efforts. Registration fee is \$5, which includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

Interested in creating a tobacco-free New Jersey? Call the NCADD at (908) 233-8810 — TTY at (908) 233-8893 — to register for this event.

## Linen sale at Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a linen sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 25 in the multi-purpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

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N&N Linens, the vendor, will offer brand name, domestic table linens, including tablecloths, napkins, napkin rings, runners, place mats, and place mat sets, at wholesale prices.

All the income the Volunteer Guild receives from vendor sales is used to purchase items for our residents and patients, such as televisions, VCR's, and prizes for the bingo games. The Guild also sponsors an annual summer picnic and a Christmas party/gift distribution, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

On June 15, the Volunteer Guild will have its annual Flea Market and Bake Sale. A limited number of tables are available to the public. Call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5858 for information.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist when resident contact, as well as performing other tasks.

For more information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

## Alzheimer's support group meets today

The next Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. today in the Family Conference Room of the facility, 40 Watchung 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 Bascio, 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) 771-5855.

The 2000 schedule is as follows: June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sep. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

## Blood Center has drives

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

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallop Hill Road, Union.
- Sunday, noon to 3 p.m., Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield.

- May 31, 4 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, call the blood center at (800) BLOOD-NJ.

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

- Friday, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Theresa's Delight, 505 Kenilworth Boulevard, Kenilworth.
- May 25, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

For information call (908) 553-2500 or (908) 756-7190.

## Speakers available

Contact We Care, the 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service serving Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex counties, has speakers available for local religious, professional and community group meetings. Volunteers and professional staff from the 25-year-old non-profit organization will come and speak about Contact and the unique work they do — listening.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## LuPone dazzles at UCAC

Concgoers packing the Union County Arts Center last Friday were treated to "just a little touch of star quality" — and then some!

The Railway showplace presented, as its final concert of the 1999-2000 season, the legendary Patti LuPone. Singing selections from her current album, "Matters of the Heart," to the ears and hearts of a wildly enthusiastic crowd. Accompanied by musical director Dick Gallagher on piano and a string quartet behind a gossamer drape, LuPone commanded the attention of the crowd from beginning to end.

For those familiar with LuPone's work from her Broadway and London musical appearances — "The Baker's Wife," "Evita," "Les Miserables," "Anything Goes," and so many more — it is no secret that hers is one of the most powerful voices in show business today. However, what really gave this evening its heart was the warmth and humor with which LuPone imbued her performance. Whether it was planned and rehearsed, as in the case of the more complex numbers, or completely off the cuff, such as when she went up on a lyric or stumbled slightly on her gown, her humanity and accessibility were as palpable as her voice was powerful.

After beginning the evening with "Love Makes the World Go 'Round" from "Carnival," LuPone drew us under her spell, saying, "It's safe to say everyone in this theater has been in love at least once." What was in store was a vocal celebration of "love in all its forms — blissful, passionate, painful."

### Concert Scene

By Bill Van Sant  
Associate Editor

LuPone's dynamic vocal versatility was matched only by her range as an actress. Whether she was girlishly leaning on the promiscuous arch while singing "The Boy Next Door," brandishing a riding crop to hilarious effect in "I Never Do Anything Twice," or breaking our hearts with "Not a Day Goes By," this was theater in its most complete and rewarding form.

In between numbers, LuPone regaled the crowd with personal anecdotes from her own history with love. She spoke of her first love, Paul Adams, whom she kissed at the age of 16 in the sandbox; of dating a drummer from Long Island band — to be closer to the guitarist; and of the unique and beautiful love a parent has for a child and a child has for a parent.

Die-hard fans may have been disappointed not to hear the songs LuPone made famous, such as "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," "Meadowlark," "I Dreamed a Dream." But the lack of these "greatest hits," which everyone already knew coming into the theater, allowed the audience to create new memories rather than relive old ones.

Some of the more enjoyable moments were when LuPone took well-known standards and "made them her own," such as singing both "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy"

and "The Air That I Breathe" as tender, lyrical love ballads.

But it was when she let her mischievously funny side show that we saw something relatively new from LuPone.

"Sometimes love doesn't come looking for us, so we have to go looking for it," she shared, "like pigs hunting for truffles." We call it dating." LuPone then poked fun at this mating ritual with "My Shattered Illusions" and "Better Off Dead," during which she dismembered a long-stem white rose to the "Psycho"-like strains of the violin section.

Drawing from a wide range of sources, LuPone amused, touched and galvanized her fans with such numbers as "Back to Before" from "Ragtime," the hysterical "I Regret Everything," "Hello, Young Lovers," "Being Alive," "Cockeyed Optimist," and "The Place Where Love Resides."

Her three-number encore included "Easy To Be Hard" from "Hair," during which she generously invited the audience to share the rare treat of singing with the great lady herself. But that wasn't enough for this crowd, which clamored, cried "Bravo!" and shouted for more until LuPone returned to the stage alone, visibly overwhelmed by the reaction.

Tapping her wireless microphone and telling the unseen technician, "Mic off," she ended the evening with only the sound of her rich, amplified voice, hiding us farrow in the words of Irving Berlin: "The song is ended, but the melody lingers on."

With a performer of LuPone's caliber, that it does.



Two leaders show pride in New Jersey and its Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn, now observing 60 years of excellence. Angelo Del Rossi, president and executive producer of the Paper Mill, and Gov. Christine Todd Whitman display a new historical, pictorial and informative book about the theater and its accomplishments, "Paper Mill Playhouse: The Life of a Theatre," currently on sale.

## History inspires look to the future

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

In its celebration of 60 years of excellence, the distinguished Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn has published a superb tome of the history of its accomplishments in phenomenal pictures and exciting texts. Two years in the making, "Paper Mill Playhouse: The Life of a Theatre" beautifully blends, offers the history of the theater from its very beginnings, a paper mill that was turned into a theater house by its innovators, Antoinette Scudder and Frank Carrington, who may have envisioned it as the prelude endeavor it has become in the state of New Jersey.

Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer and president of the Paper Mill Playhouse, joined the theater in 1963, became associate producer in 1965 and was appointed executive producer in 1975. He, too, envisioned it as something as special as a Broadway house — and perhaps something even better. After the destructive fire in 1980, he was acclaimed as "the driving force behind the rebuilding of the theater." And under his administration, the Paper Mill has been acclaimed for the creation of original works and was host to world and American premiere productions, "several of which," it is reported, "were transferred to Broadway and the Kennedy Center and have been telecast nationally."

During a recent luncheon chat, Del Rossi, still overwhelmed by the historical and pictorial value of the printed book about his beloved theater, talked about the book's beginnings. "Two years ago," he said, "the book was just an idea offered by Bill Tansley, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Paper Mill. He had suggested to David Baldwin, whose wife, Barbara, also is a member of the board, that there should be a book about Paper Mill's 60 years. He put all the wheels in motion, and two years later, published it."

"You can imagine what it took to go through the archives, through the records, conversations with people — to uncover so much material," Del Rossi said, with a disarming smile.

And, he reminded, how much more material and many more pictures could have been recovered had there not been a fire.

The \$50 book, incidentally, can be purchased by calling the box office at (973) 376-4343, in the guild gift shop upstairs at the theater, or by way of the website at [papermill.org](http://papermill.org).

Del Rossi, who has received numerous awards through the years, was honored in 1983 by a special resolution from the floor of the New Jersey State Senate, and he has been acknowledged as "outstanding New Jersey" and as one of the 25 most influential people in the New Jersey arts community."

His love of theater is evident in his choice of productions for Paper Mill audiences. He talked about the trials and tribulations of putting together a season of plays year after year. "It takes a long time to do these things," he said. "It's like a big jigsaw puzzle. You start with everything, and it all finally falls into place. Mostly, it's due to the availability of those actors who think they want to do it, and will say 'yes' but then something comes along, television or movies, and they go off and do that."

Del Rossi mentioned with pride that "there were three Tony nominees this year who have all worked at the Paper Mill Playhouse at some time. Laura Benanti," he said, "who was nominated for the Broadway musical, 'Swing,'" was in our productions of "Jane Eyre" and "Man of La Mancha." Kevin Chamberlain, nominated on Broadway for "Dirty Blonde," was in our "Tale of Two Cities." And Susan Stroman, choreographer and director, who was nominated for "Music Man" as director and "Contact" as choreographer on Broadway, oversaw our production of "Crazy For You," and served as choreographer for "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Sayonara."

He declared, "I think we've had more stars at the Paper Mill than there have been on Broadway. We've had them all — from every medium. We've had Julie Harris, Jo Van Fleet, George Grizzard, Pat Hingle, Peter Laune, Geraldine Page, Rip Torn,

Sandy Duncan, Betsy Palmer, Celeste Holm, Ginger Rogers, Eddie Bracken, Olivia Swanson, Ann Miller, Liza Minnelli — too numerous to mention."

"At the moment, Del Rossi is diligently working on the new fall schedule, and he has some confirmations, some probabilities, some possibilities, and some maybes.

"I'm not sure in which order they will be staged," he explained, "but we will have 'Anything Goes,' directed by the very talented Lee Roy Reams, and maybe Chita Rivera will do it. Hopefully, 'Ani,' a Tony Award-winning Best Play, witty and wicked. Judd Hirsch wants to direct it. He's on the national tour right now. How about 'The Little Foxes' with Dixie Carter," he asked excitedly. "Or maybe 'Blithe Spirit.' We're thinking of 'Victor/Victoria,' and we're talking to Dee Hey, with Mark Hoebes of Maplewood to direct. Mark was with the original Broadway show. We'd like to do 'Fanny Hill' either with a star or an unknown, whichever we can find. We'd like to close with 'Shenandoah' or with 'Carousel' starring our two leads from 'The Student Prince,' Brandon Jovanovich and Christine Noll. It's a bit exciting that the show hasn't had a revival in 35 years. But everything is subject to change. You do what you have to do."

Del Rossi is planning to bring "King Island Christmas" for the holidays, and Carolyn Clark's 30th anniversary of "Nutcracker" at the Paper Mill."

Revels have been a large part of Paper Mill productions, and grinning, Del Rossi said, "Broadway has discovered what Paper Mill has been doing all along. The theaters are bringing back all the old shows that people liked so much. The producers probably have said, 'If the Paper Mill can do it, why can't we?' We've wanted to get 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' 'The Music Man' and 'Kiss Me Kate,' but they're bound for Broadway."

After all, maybe Broadway has learned something valuable from the lovely theater in Milburn. And certainly, from Angelo Del Rossi!

## Artist is at home with old houses

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

For the last five years, Liz Demaree has been looking at houses.

"I ordinarily work in series," Demaree, a South Orange-based artist, said. Her paintings and digital prints of rural American architecture give the sense of someone passing through and really stopping to take a good look.

"I didn't think too much about painting houses at first. You'd think it's a common subject, but few people do it," Demaree said. "I houses do have personalities. When you look at one, you have to wonder what it would be like to live there."

Born in Chicago, Demaree lived in "eight or nine different houses by the time I was 12 or 13. My dad was a little restless. If he was born a little later, he would have been a hippie."

The Demarees landed in New Jersey in 1963. Although having lived in a number of places, to which she could easily return for subject matter, Demaree has instead focused her attention mainly on abandoned structures. "It's different emotionally to paint something you're used to," the artist pointed out. "But this ambiguity is really what's important. People can't see all the time to do pictures of their houses, but I won't do it. They also ask me why I don't do my own house. It's just doesn't interest me. Painting your own house isn't very interesting because you already know what's in it."

Demaree doesn't bristle and make faces when someone calls her a regionalist. Her work, in fact, is something of a throwback to the kinds of artists she most admires — Edward Hopper, Rockwell Kent, Grant Wood, Thomas Hart Benton and George Bellows. One artist she very much respects in spirit is Charles Burchfield, whose houses, probably more than any other in the history of American painting, seem like living creatures.

But Demaree doesn't think in terms of "living creatures" — or much else when she's painting, for that matter. "Half the time you're not thinking of anything while you're

working," she said. "Dissecting the creative process just doesn't work. My husband's a golfer — if you think about your golf swing too much, it just won't work well. The same is true of painting. Run-down buildings appeal to me, but I don't know why."

Of the regionalists, Demaree did say, with some admiration, "They never had regard for the going trend" — a philosophy that stands tall in her own work.

Demaree's response to the built environment is often a simple one. "Sometimes it's the setting of a building's interior, sometimes it's the angle of the house to the road." Simple visual elements touch off Demaree's brush, leading her into "trying to make the viewer add the narrative," a quality she also senses and admires in Hopper's work.

Joseph Cornell is another artist Demaree is drawn to. Cornell's bric-a-brac-filled boxes are mysterious but also full of various meanings. Demaree credits Cornell with showing her "that inadvertent and hidden meaning can be a personal code that doesn't necessarily have to be decoded."

Demaree's work is on display through June 9 in a solo exhibition in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. Her photographs, which she uses as reference material for her oil paintings, will also be on view, serving as the bulk of the show; scanned into a computer and printed on rice paper "to take off the hard computer edge," the photos, in contrast to the oils, are tiny and intimate, a number of which are framed in black photo mounts, which make them appear as part of a photo album. Several others are reminiscent of Cornell's boxes, with the digitally-printed images are assembled from foreground to background, giving the viewer the effect of looking through tree branches at the abandoned homes and beyond. All the works, and especially the photos, are affectionate to say the least.

"It's fascinating to me, seeing through one window to another," Demaree said as she looked at one of her works-in-progress, a large canvas in her top-floor studio. "I think modern architects should be shot."

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# Union resident to retire after 35 years as orchestra's maestro

By Cathleen Taub  
Correspondent

Sixty years is a long time to do anything. This concert has personal meaning for Maestro Edward Napiewocki of Union, music director and conductor of the Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. Napiewocki has been conducting for 60 years.

With 60 years of conducting experience behind him, and 35 of those years being with the Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, Napiewocki has decided it is time to retire. Of his experience with the orchestra, the maestro said, "It's very fulfilling." Yet, Napiewocki is confident in his decision to retire.

This will not be Napiewocki's first experience with retirement. He taught in several New Jersey school districts until 1979, after having received a degree in conducting from Juillard and a teaching degree from the former Montclair State College. Since then, he has taught music in the Montclair School District, directed school orchestras in Bergen County's Woodbridge, served as assistant supervisor of music

education in Orange, and has attained a master's degree from Columbia University. He also has been busy filling those 60 years of conducting with conducting symphony orchestras in both Rutherford and Union.

These experiences were certainly suitable for a man who dates his interest in music back to the time when he was 3 years old. He tells that his parents were "not too anxious" to encourage his interest. After all, music lessons were expensive. However, by the time he was 13, Napiewocki's parents relented and he began to study the violin.

The maestro certainly has expanded the number of instruments he plays since that first violin lesson. Napiewocki prides himself on his ability to play a great deal of all wind and string instruments. He will tell you his strength lies in the string instruments, as he remains loyal to the first type of instrument he formally learned to play.

As music director and conductor of the Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra,

Napiewocki certainly has been familiarized with all sorts of instruments, as he selects music for his group, hires new musicians and directs the songs the group plays. He has worked hard to select "music that the orchestra would be challenged with" and aims to present listeners with a diverse range of musical selections. In doing this, he said, "It's like eating food; some days you want Italian, some days you want Chinese."

Attention to diversity certainly does not mean ignoring the classics. Napiewocki recalls playing all the works of Brahms, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. "We played lots of Mozart," he said. He also included some newer American pieces in the symphony's repertoire, "including some of mine," he happily added. In fact, plans for retirement include composing some more of his own pieces.

As Napiewocki leaves the symphony telling that it's "time to get rid of some of the headaches. There are always headaches with production," the symphony has begun a search for a

new director. This new director will take over Napiewocki's job of conducting 35 musicians from Bloomfield and the surrounding communities, a group that meets on Wednesday evenings from September to May and gives four public concerts each year for the town.

The orchestra will say good bye to its director at a special farewell concert presented by the Bloomfield Federation of Music May 21 at the Bloomfield Middle School auditorium on Huck Road in Bloomfield. Suggested donation is \$3. The orchestra will honor Napiewocki with special guest artists Allen and Peter Yu, twin brothers who attend Westfield High School, who will be playing Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos." The program will also include "Cockaigne" by Edward Elgar, who happens to be the maestro's favorite composer; "Rumanian Rhapsody" by Georges Enesco, and, most appropriately, the finale from the "Farewell" symphony by Joseph Haydn.

Call (908) 686-1224 for more details.



Photo by Jeff Green  
Edward Napiewocki, music director and conductor of the Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, is retiring after six decades of conducting, 35 with the orchestra.

## 'Art in Summit' is scheduled for this Saturday

"Art in Summit", the annual Outdoor Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in conjunction with the Summit Chamber of Commerce, will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, on the Village Green between Elm and Maple streets.

Open to the public, this free event plays host to more than 150 artists. Attracting families, art lovers, collectors and browsers from all over the state, the event offers original works of art for sale, including photographs, drawings, watercolor and oil paintings, pottery, and handmade jewelry.

Treats a family affair. "Art in Summit" will offer many exciting activities for youngsters. The very popular Children's Paint-In will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., free to all children. Face painting, fingernail decorating and temporary

tattoos will be available for a small fee. Children of all ages will be entertained by Chips and the Clown. Food will be available at the event and patrons will enjoy a day-long music program.

Space is available for artists until the day of the show, requiring a registration fee of \$55 for NICVA members and \$80 for non-members. Exhibition space measures about 10 feet by 10 feet. Snow fencing will be provided for an additional \$10. Exhibitors can look forward to a chance of winning an award.

Area non-profit organizations are invited to set up information displays on the Green. Interested groups are invited to contact NICVA for further details. Entry forms for artists are still available at NICVA, 68 Elm St., Summit, or by calling (908) 273-9121.

# Healthy Living

## Overlook ER takes national honors

Overlook Hospital's Emergency Department ranked in the 100th percentile for patient satisfaction in a survey conducted by Press, Ganey Associates, which compared hundreds of hospitals across the country during the last quarter of 1999.

Despite a steady increase in patient volume, Overlook's Emergency Department ranked highest for patient satisfaction based on factors such as courteous and attentive nurses, consistent and prompt treatment, information from attending physicians, and accessibility to family and friends during treatment. Survey results revealed a high percentage of patients would return to Overlook for treatment and would recommend the hospital to a friend or relative.

"We are proud of this important achievement," said David Freed, president of Overlook Hospital. "Our Emergency Department is dedicated to meeting the personal needs of our patients. We provide patients with as much timely information as possible regarding all aspects of their treatment."

James Espinosa M.D., medical director of the Emergency Department, and Linda Dieterich R.N., the nurse manager of the ED, both credit the cooperative efforts of all areas of the ED and hospital for the high patient-satisfaction ranking.

"We are constantly working on improving ED services," said Linda Kosnik R.N., chief nursing officer at Overlook Hospital, and former nurse manager of the Overlook ED. "This month, we began the groundbreaking on a new Pediatric Emergency

Department." The "Peds ED" will be open to children in the fall of 2000.

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 490-bed major teaching hospital in Summit. Home of New Jersey's first stereotactic radiosurgery program for the treatment of cancer, Overlook's specialty services include the Neuroscience Institute and Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey; the Valerie Center, a pediatric oncology cancer program; The Children's Medical

Center of Atlantic Health System; a Chest Pain Center; the Same Day Surgery Center and Hemata Center. Overlook also provides maternity services and critical care services to high-risk newborns at the new Frank and Mimi Walsh Maternity Center.

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# Union's street fair is set for this Sunday

A great family festival will fill Stuyvesant Avenue in Union Sunday when a stage full of music and magic, crafts and collectibles, and an assortment of tasty festival food will fill downtown Union Center.

The 10th annual Union Center Street Fair begins at noon along Stuyvesant Avenue Sunday. The event features many children's activities, as well as a beautiful array of artists and craftspeople from around the northeastern United States.

A popular local festival, the street fair detours traffic for the day so families may stroll, browse, play and shop in downtown Union Center. More than 100 local and visiting craftspeople are exhibiting and selling at this event, which is sponsored by the Union Township Chamber of Commerce and The Union Township Special Improvement District.

"This event attracts thousands to downtown Union Center and we love the family atmosphere," commented Jim Brody of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the Craft Marketplace, a tasty variety of international foods will be served and many children's activities are planned. More than a dozen different food concessions

will be on the streets offering their finest menus of barbecued kebabs, calzone, knockwurst, Italian hot dogs and Greek specialties. The dessert menu will include funnel cakes, frozen yogurt, zeppoles and Italian ice. Local eateries — Lutz's Pork and Chatterbox Cafe — are participating.

Craftspeople from throughout the tri-state area are planning to exhibit many varieties of jewelry and clothing, dolls, decorative country items, and hand-made furniture at the Union Center Street Fair. Barb Neilson personalizes baby bibs and embroiders them with clever sayings. Melvin Miller of Plainfield will bring his concrete lawn animals and decorations. Porcelain and glass jewelry designer Pam Lobst from Pennsylvania is also among the exhibitors.

The Stage, located near Morris Avenue, will be the host of all-day live entertainment that includes the jazz band Perception, blues singer Alvin Madison of Scotch Plains, and blues band Dean Schott and Extra Large. At 2:30 p.m., Clinton Hill Baptist Church will present a magic show and puppet theater. A petting zoo, pony rides, a moonwalk, sand art and temporary tattoos are some of the activities planned for the children. An instrumental group from South America will perform authentic music from the Andes throughout the day.

Admission is free. The hours are noon to 5 p.m.; the raindate is May 28. For more information contact the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance at (908) 996-3036.

# Boys Chorus seeks singers

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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# Entertainment abounds at Union's street fair

**Entertainment**  
• Al Madison, blues singer/songwriter, noon

Madison has played guitar, keyboard and harmonica since he was 12 years old. He now plays at corporate benefits, coffeehouses, clubs and restaurants throughout New Jersey such as The Crossroads in Garwood and Ralway's The Back Porch. Madison's acoustic and electric full-band sound is a diverse mixture of classic blues and urban folk-rock, including poetic and powerful originals.

He has opened for many of the big-name blues band in New Jersey, most notably for Hall of Famer Roger McGuinn of The Birds.

• Dean Schott and Extra Large, "blues with a big sound," 1 to 2 p.m.

Hailing from the Newark area, blues guitarist and vocalist Schott has spent much of his young life working with legendary blues artists Hubert Sumlin of Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, James Cotton, Koko Taylor, and Danny Russo of Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters. He has also performed with some local legends such as Roadside Louie and The Dusters, Deak

Hark, Filthy Rich and The Poor Boys, and Chicago Carl Synder and Jimmy Lawrence.

Recently, Schott has teamed up with former Lost Soul bassist Paul Anthony and former Dr. Smith drummer Chris Reardon to form Dean Schott and Extra Large. Their performances are marked with the authority of fine musicianship, spiced with daring showmanship.

• Bob Mele, singer/entertainment host

An entertainer for more than two decades, Mele sings the standards, Big Band favorites, Broadway show tunes, folk and country classics. His smooth baritone voice and easy crooning style blend well with the ballads of the '50s and '60s.

Mele keeps the joint jumping with karaoke and disc-jockey music as well. He is the entertainment host and coordinator at the Stage Area.

• Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Union, puppet theater and magic show, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• Tom Klimchuck, country singer, 3:30 p.m.

includes the influence of Christian music, as well. Klimchuck's appeal extends to a wide audience range.

• Perception, jazz group, 4 to 5 p.m.

Perception has been together for six years. They are often a quintet — guitar, saxophone, keyboard, bass and drums — and sometimes augmented by vocals, flute or percussion. Their repertoire includes standards by Gershwin and Ellington, the bebop classics of Parker and Gillespie, and the progressive works of Coltrane and Shorter.

Guitarist Rick Hoza is an award-winning composer and the group performs his compositions that range from Latin to New Orleans funk and blues and straight-ahead to free jazz. Ralph Bowen plays tenor sax and is currently the director of jazz studies at Rutgers University. Bowen performs with some of the top names in the field including Horace Silver, Hank Jones and Michael Camille. Keyboard player Matt King plays with Blood, Sweat and Tears, and has recorded an album with Rufus Reid and Bob Moses. Greg Novick plays bass and leads his own jazz fusion group, Off Ramp Drummer

Chris Edleton is another versatile musician, experienced in the rhythmic worlds of Latin, Brazilian, calypso, jazz and R&B. Edleton leads his own jazz/poetry group, D'Flow. Chuggy Carter is the master percussionist. He has worked in a variety of styles with Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway, Nakamura and Kenny Kirkland.

• The Dixie Mix, Dixieland music, street performances

An eight-piece Dixieland jazz band that features trumpet, trombone, clarinet, tenor saxophone, piano, drum, bass and guitar. The Dixie Mix has been performing throughout central New Jersey since the mid-1990s. They play a number of Dixieland arrangements that are well known today, but date back to the first half of the 20th century — tunes like "Rock-a-Bye Your Baby With a Dixie Melody," "Birth of the Blues" and "Alexander's Ragtime Band." They play the best of the American Dixieland jazz era from gospel and the blues to ragtime and early swing including "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Jazz Me Blues" and "Hard-Hearted Hannah."

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By Tomlann Antonelli  
Staff Writer

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Home of the 24-ounce Delmonico and New York sirloin steaks, Alexis offers high-quality meals at very reasonable prices. The friendly service and atmosphere are also very pleasing from the attentive servers to the bright, cheery dining rooms.

Upon entering the dining room, my dining companion and I felt instantly at ease. Several well-spaced tables adorned with red-checked tablecloths offer plenty of elbow room within the large dining room, which is located several feet away from the bustling bar area. A second dining room, generally reserved for smokers is slightly more intimate, yet offers the same bright, roomy atmosphere.

All dinners at Alexis begin with a complimentary bowl of pickles, chery peppers and fresh cut health salad, which is light and cool and resembles coleslaw.

Diners are then invited to try on of the restaurant's tasty appetizers such as gooey mozzarella sticks, golden chicken fingers and tangy buffalo wings. My companion and I sampled the onion flower, which consisted of a large onion, fanned out to resemble a flower, then battered and fried to result in crispy perfection. It was served with a dipping sauce that was so tasty, I would have gladly poured it over everything I ate. I also feasted on a bowl of hearty french onion soup. The crock of sweet fresh onions came covered in bubbling mozzarella and Swiss cheese.

For the main course, I selected Alexis' famous 24-ounce Delmonico steak, which was accompanied by a hot baked potato. The unbelievable large, juicy piece of meat was seasoned with a special blend of mild spices and then grilled to perfection. Too far into beef nirvana to think about my cholesterol level, I attempted to eat as much of the steak as possible — no easy task. But given the generous portions served at Alexis, I still had enough food to take home.

My dining companion decided to try Alexis thick meaty ribs, smothered in a tasty barbecue sauce.

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# Stepping Out

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.

## CONCERTS

**AN EVENING OF MEMORIES** will be presented by Schwanbacher Sengenbend Mixed Chorus Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School, Westfield Avenue in Clark. Tickets are \$12 in advance for adults, \$15 at the door. Children younger than 12 years old are admitted free. For information, call (732) 382-4900, (908) 355-0650, or (732) 389-8889.

The Community Congregational Church of Short Hills. Donations are accepted as admission and will benefit the Healing Hearts Foundation, which assists children with cancer pain management. For information, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2628.

**ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE** will present "Who the Dickens," an original play by Donna Tunney, Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Vaughn-Eames Building, Room 118, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Admission is free.

## ART SHOWS

**SUMMIT FRAME & ART** will exhibit American paintings from the mid-19th century and 20th century. Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays until 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

**ARTIST-PHOTOGRAPHER NEAL KORN** will have his work on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Wednesday through Friday.

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.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountaineer will exhibit the work of artists Arthur Pearson Rice, Dwight Hiscano and Geraldine A. Cosgrave during the month of May.

Viewing hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountaineer. For information, call (973) 655-6730.

**IN THE COUNTRY**, the four-season landscape oils of Phyllis Johnson, will be on exhibit at the Spring Galleries in Plainfield through May 31.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1747.

**PAPER POETRY** will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Gallery in the Springfield Free Public Library through June 1.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. The library is located at 86 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

**FORGOTTEN PLACES**, the work of Lid Demaree, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through June.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. CVIA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

**ON THE HORIZON**: Landscapes at the Millburn will be on exhibit in the Palmer Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through June 11.

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**THE METRO SHOW**, a traveling group exhibition curated by City Without Walls, will be on exhibit from Friday through June 22 at the Tomasulo Art Gallery on the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW** will be sponsored by the Las Matamoras Art Gallery in Union Saturday. The gallery is located in Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. For information, including particulars on artists' entry requirements, call (908) 851-5450.

**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 Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, on the Village Green between Elm and Mappel 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

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

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 4 Watson Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 522-0020 or (908) 522-1120.

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

**THE ELEMENTS OF STRING QUARTET** will be presented in concert by the Friends of Music at St. Paul's Church, Monday at 8 p.m. at the church, 414 E. Broad St. in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-8508, ext. 17.

**THE CHAMBER SINGERS** from Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H., will be presented in concert May 25 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 414 E. Broad St. in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-8508, ext. 17.

**WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will be presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in a concert honoring the men and women who served at Pearl Harbor May 28 at 7 p.m. in Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountaineer border. Admission is free. In the event of rain, the concert will take place at Cranford High School, 201 West End Place, Cranford. For information, call (908) 232-9400.

**MOSTLY MUSIC** will present violinist Ani Kavalian and Robert McDuffie, violist Cynthia Phelps, cellist Carter Berry, clarinetist Charles Neidich, and pianist Christopher O'Ryan in concert May 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 758 E. Broad St. in Westfield. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for senior citizens. For information, call (973) 762-8486.

**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.

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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 25 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 18 — Composting; May 25 — 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,

**THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY** will be presented in concert performing Joseph Haydn's "The Seasons" Saturday 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 Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Tickets are \$26 for general admission, \$23 for senior citizens, and \$50 for Patron Seating. For information, call (908) 233-2642.

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**POETRY POETRY READING SERIES** of the Carnegie House in Fairwood will present Maria Mazzocco Gilan and Laura Boss this evening at 8 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kurun Cultural Center, Watson Road in Fairwood. Admission is free. For information, call (908) 889-7223.

**SINGLES INTERFAITH SINGLES** for single adults older than 45 years old will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will sponsor a theater trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn to see "The Student Prince" on the theater's Singlet's Sensation. Single's Night this evening. The cost is \$42. For information, call (973) 762-8448 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will sponsor non-competitive volleyball. Saturday. The group will meet at 2 p.m. in the lower field at Floods Hill, Meadowbrook Place at Meadowbrook Lane in South Orange. Cost is \$4. For information, call (973) 762-8448 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will meet for Mass and a Games Afternoon Sunday at Saint Raphael's Church in Livingston. The group will meet at noon for the 12:15 Mass, and then play board games afterward. Cost is \$4 for the games portion. For information, call (973) 762-2638 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will meet for Happy Hour Wednesday at Bennigan's, 222 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Cost is "pay as you go." Reservations are requested by noon Wednesday. For information, call (973) 762-2638 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com.

**KISMET SINGLES** will sponsor an art presentation Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Galleria West, 121 Central Ave. in Westfield. Admission is \$15 at the door. For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.thatskismet.com.

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** in Millburn will continue its 1999-2000 season with Sigmund Romberg's opera "The Student Prince" through May 27. The remaining sign-interpreted performance is May 31; Singles Night is this evening.

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 (873) 376-4343; for groups of 20 or more, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2438. Information is available online at www.papermill.org.

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

**THE ARTS INCUBATOR** of Keen Uni-

versity will present a staged reading of "Who the Dickens," an original play by Donna Tunney, Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Vaughn-Eames Building, Room 118, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Admission is free.

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

**CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS** will present "Joined at the Head," a satirical comedy by Catherine Butterfield, June 9 to 17 at El Bodegon Restaurant in Rahway. Shows are 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. June 11, and 8 p.m. June 15. Tickets are \$10 to \$12 for show only, \$25 to \$30 for meal and show packages. El Bodegon is located at 169 W. Main St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to cplickets@aol.com.

**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 Rahway.

Friday — Toc Tangled 9 p.m. Saturday — The Booglenizers 10 p.m. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-6425.

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

All Union County senior citizen artists, professional and non-professional, are invited to enter the 2000 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, the exhibition will be conducted at the NJ/Elizabethtown Gas Company, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave. in Union, a barrier-free site. The show opens with a reception June 21, and it will be on display until July 31.

"The whole community is enriched by the contributions of our senior citizen artists," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "I hope many county residents will take advantage of this opportunity to share their talent at this annual event."

Artists must be a minimum of 60 years old and may submit an entry that was completed within the last three years. All work must be the original creation of the artist. Hanging craft or framed work, including photography, must be no wider than 38 inches and no narrower than 14 inches, including matting and frame. Sculptures or 3-D craft may not exceed 18 inches in height, width or depth.

Artists wishing to participate should return their application forms as soon as possible. Participation may be limited to the first 100 applicants due to space requirements.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. The following are categories of eligible work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, craft — no kits — and computer graphics. Computer graphics is defined as any artwork generated or manipulated electronically, using one or more software programs. Work must be entirely original, including the source material, if submitting a digitally-manipulated photograph, drawing or painting.

There will be awards of recognition for professional and non-professional artists. Participants claiming non-professional status must not have sold the type of art entered in the exhibition through commercial channels; exhibited in a professional gallery; and held professional membership in a guild or association. Artists claiming professional status are those who have met any of the above criteria. Both professional and non-professional first-place winners in each category will represent the county in the statewide art contest that takes place in September.

Full information is on the application form, which is available from the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. For information, call (908) 558-2550. Relay service users should call (800) 852-7899.

The annual Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the NJ/Elizabethtown Gas Company and a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Additional support is provided by the Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging.

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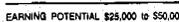
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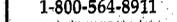
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# REAL ESTATE

## Sales associates share how they 'hit the ground running'

Starting a successful business usually takes time — and quite a bit of it. However, four Burgdorf ERA sales associates recently shared how they successfully achieved a fast start in the real estate business during a panel discussion titled "Hit The Ground Running."

Burgdorf ERA sales associates throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania attended the panel, which featured top producing sales associates Victoria Carter of the Burgdorf ERA Short Hills office, Madeleine Diab of the Burgdorf ERA Summit office, Eric Nahm of the Burgdorf ERA Basking Ridge office and Monica Ryan of the Burgdorf ERA Hope office. July Reeves, president of Burgdorf ERA, facilitated the panel.

Carter has been in real estate sales for two years, during which time she has achieved more than \$10 million in sales. She attributes her quick success to her tenacity and resilience — characteristics she considers important for any real estate professional.

"The first year in real estate can be difficult," said Carter. "I worked in Manhattan full time until I had my son, and then decided to enter the real estate field. It was very intimidating for me to quickly build a network and really get to know people who make up the community. However, I found incredible gratification in helping people buy and sell their homes, and really appreciated the added flexibility, the career providing as well as the unlimited earning potential."

Carter also cited a developing trust with clients and that reacting quickly to individual needs is vital for success in real estate. She develops customized marketing proposals for every client, integrating innovative techniques such as the IPX virtual home tours offered through Burgdorf ERA. Carter now generates a tremendous amount of business from previous customers.

Diab, one of the top-producing sales associates in the Burgdorf ERA Summit office, has achieved exceptional success in just over three years. In her first year alone, she achieved

more than \$10 million in sales and was a recipient of the prestigious Burgdorf ERA Shooting Star Award. She has been honored among Burgdorf ERA's top 17 sales associates, having achieved membership in the exclusive Burgdorf ERA President's Council for 1999.

Diab attributes her success to her customer service, communication and marketing skills. "Not only is it important to know your product — the housing inventory, neighborhoods, community attributes — but it is essential to provide constant communication with clients," she said. "I enjoy developing customized marketing plans for each of my clients' listings according to their specialized needs, and according to the unique market. And I am continually improving each plan with new technologies and marketing techniques emerge."

Like Carter, Diab also worked in Manhattan for many years before joining Burgdorf ERA. "I originally chose a career in real estate because I enjoyed homes and thought real estate would offer a flexible environment in which I could work out of my home," said Diab. "However, my real estate career is much more than 'enjoying homes.' It offers an exciting business challenge incorporating highly developed marketing and communications skills, as well as an unlimited potential for success."

Nahm is a newly licensed sales associate who joined Burgdorf ERA in November 1999. After participating in the extensive Burgdorf ERA training program, Nahm wrote three contracts in December, all of which closed during the first two months of 2000.

Nahm attributes his fast start to the extensive Burgdorf ERA training and support programs, as well as his investment in technology resources. "In any business, it is important to invest in those things that will make a difference," said Nahm. "For me, those investments include purchasing and creating technology resources, developing organizational systems and hiring an assistant. Technology is an increasing trend in real estate, and I want to be at the helm of real estate technology by offering my clients the

most innovative and high-tech resources to simplify the home buying and selling process."

Nahm recently established a web site to support his real estate business — [www.basking-ridge.com](http://www.basking-ridge.com).

Nahm chose a career in real estate because he enjoys real estate as an investment and wanted to spend more time with his family after extensive international corporate travelling for many years. Before entering the real estate field on a full-time basis, Nahm built a career of more than 25 years in the computer and software industry, including 12 years at IBM in a variety of sales, marketing and management positions. He then joined AT&T in management and executive positions, including vice president of Sales, Northeast. Most recently, he served five years as vice president of sales and Executive Officer of a privately owned speech-recognition software company.

Ryan joined Burgdorf ERA in October, attended the company's training program in November, and today has an impressive 11 listings.

Ryan attributes her outstanding success to the Burgdorf ERA training program. "I chose Burgdorf ERA because of its caliber of training," said Ryan. "I have a continual thirst for knowledge, and the training program really got me off and running with my real estate career. I am also impressed that Burgdorf ERA offers continual education for sales associates at all levels, which is important to me because I hope to never stop learning."

Ryan also noted that the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. She is dedicated to hard work — from spending long hours at the office to developing sophisticated marketing plans for each client.

She decided to begin a career in real estate after spending 17 years as a senior level corporate sales representative — a career that required extensive national and international travel. Ryan wanted to be her own boss and make an investment in her own business, but have the support of a reputable company. She found this ideal combination at Burgdorf ERA, and, along with Carter, Diab and Nahm, has truly "hit the ground running."

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#### Three net hours

Three sales associates at the Summit office of Weichert Realtors have been honored for their accomplishments in February, announced James M. Weichert, president.

Leading the office in sales to earn top producer honors was Linda Henderson, who earned her fifth Gold Award, for closed transactions of at least \$10 million, in the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

A consistent top producer, she also repeated as a member of Weichert's President's Club, comprising the top one percent of the company's 7,500 sales associates, and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs in 1999. Her career achievements earned her induction into the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Distinguished Sales Club. Henderson is a resident of Summit.

Lillian McTamney won the office's top listing award in February. She is a seasoned real estate professional and licensed broker with more than 20 years of experience. Her achievements in 1999 include membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. McTamney, who lives in Chatham with her husband, Frank, formerly lived in Summit.

Victor Fazakas won the February award for the greatest number of sold listings.

With these top producing real estate professionals, call Weichert's Summit office, (908) 277-1200, located at 474 Morris Ave.

#### Wolensky joins Weichert

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## MDA summer camps offer rewards for counselors

Summer is camp time for boys and girls across America. As a result, summer is also the time when the Muscular Dystrophy Association needs thousands of volunteers to make MDA camp the unforgettable outdoor experience it's been for tens of thousands of youngsters living with neuromuscular disease.

For 45 years, MDA camp has offered young people with muscle-wasting disorders the opportunity to go swimming, sing around a campfire, do arts and crafts, and participate in many other personal growth activities — all suited to their physical needs.

The key to the program's success are the dedicated volunteers who offer their services — some year after year — to make MDA camp a safe and positive experience. Each camper is assisted by a volunteer counselor.

MDA summer camp volunteers spend an entire week with their campers, helping them have the tinnest of their lives — fishing, boating, playing games and making new friends.

MDA's extensive camp program helps youngsters with neuromuscular diseases build self-confidence and learn skills they can enjoy year-round. For volunteers, the MDA camp experience also fosters a greater understanding of the abilities and needs of people with disabilities.

For the youngsters, MDA camp is a magical place where barriers simply do not exist. A child with a disability can just be a child among friends.

Volunteers are needed nationally for this year's camp program. MDA is looking for people 16 years old and older to serve as camp counselors. Volunteers push wheelchairs, lift and carry children, and even "bunk down" near their camper charges. But, above all, they become a youngster's friend for a week — and often a lifetime.

In addition to volunteer counselors, there is a need for medical staff, water-safety instructors and activity coordinators. At least one medical professional is on hand at all times. Firefighters and paramedics also volunteer as one-on-one attendants with the children.

Kids say the week they spend at MDA camp is one of the best times of their lives. Volunteers report that being a counselor is a great experience that they remember for years. "The hardest part is leaving," one volunteer said.

Businesses and organizations can help, too, by sponsoring a one-week stay for a child at a cost of \$450.

For more information about how you or your company can get involved in MDA's summer camp program — either as a volunteer counselor or sponsor — call (800) 572-1717, or visit the association's website at [www.mdaua.org](http://www.mdaua.org).

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# Bob Vila gives tips to help outdoor cooks keep grills safe

As part of your spring cleaning routine this year, don't forget that your gas grill needs regular maintenance. An annual inspection and cleaning of its main components will promote trouble-free and safe operation.

Using your owner's manual as a guide, here are some suggestions to keep your gas grill in top condition.

**Clean the grill**  
Remove the hood, grates, racks and burners. Clean all metal surfaces with a commercial grill cleaner or strong solution of degreasing detergent and water. Clean outside surfaces with a milder cleaner, rinse and allow to dry before using.

**Replace briquettes**  
For efficient heat distribution, replace the ceramic briquettes each year. If your grill has old-style lava rocks, replace them with ceramic briquettes to help distribute heat more evenly and prevent flare-ups.

**Clean the burner**  
Clean the outside with a grill cleaner or strong detergent solution. Use a garden hose with a spray nozzle to send a thin stream of water into the burner. Water should come out of every hole in the burner. If it doesn't, open clogged holes with a thin wire. Wait until the burner is dry before reassembly. Replace the burner if there are large cracks or holes.

**Check for leaks**  
Always work outdoors when checking for gas leaks, and keep burning or smoldering material away from the grill.

Make a 50/50 mixture of dishwashing soap and water. Connect the grill's gas line to the tank. Turn the gas on at the tank, and

off at the control valve. Wipe the soapy water on the tank valve, tank welds, regulator, line and grill control valves. Growing bubbles indicate a leak. Turn the gas off and tighten all connections. Test again. If bubbles reappear, take the grill in for repair. If the grill is leaking from a defective part, don't use the grill until the part has been replaced.

**Check the ignition**  
Shut off the gas at the tank. Press the ignition button four to five times. Each time the button is pressed, look for a blue spark between the ignitor and electrode and the burner. If no spark is visible, check for moisture around the electrode. Also make sure the igniter lead wire is connected.

**Inspect gas control**  
Even if the grill has a working ignition, light it with a long fireplace match. Turn the gas on at the tank. Light the match and hold it near the burner. Keep your body away from the grill and turn on the control valve. A flame should gradually appear at all holes.

As you turn the knob from low to high, the flames should increase in size. When you turn the control valve off, the flame should quickly go out.

Today's gas grills range from simple units to sophisticated models designed to make outdoor cooking an extension of your kitchen.

For example, the new Kenmore Elite series of grills allows outdoor cooks to sear, bake, roast, fry, simmer and even stir-fry.

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12,000 BTU side burner for preparing sauces, soups and stirfry.

Whatever gas grill you choose, performing a few simple maintenance steps each year will prolong its life.

Bob Vila, who is celebrating 21 years in television, is the producer and host of "Bob Vila's Home Again," sponsored by Sears. He is a spokesperson for Craftsman tools and appears regularly on CBS' "This Morning."



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### THE PERFORMING ARTS STUDIO BEGINS REGISTRATION FOR ITS SUMMER PROGRAM

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Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9am-12:30pm in the South Plains area. The summer season begins Wednesday, July 26th and ends Friday, July 28th. Students perform at the end of the season for family and friends.

Acting classes concentrate on improvisation, speech, movement, pantomime, character development and scene study in musical theatre class, students learn dance routines choreographed to Broadway show tunes. They also work on vocal techniques and stage presence. Students get a chance to show their artistic abilities in stagecraft in the course, the instructor guides them in the hands-on design and execution of stage props, scenery and costumes that will be used in the final production.

Robin Gerson Wong, director of The Performing Arts Studio, graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music with a BFA in theatre. She studied musical theatre with Dave Connor (musical director of Sesame Street). Gerson Wong appeared on Broadway in the musical *Good News!* A professional actress, she appeared on daytime television and in regional theatre. She starred in musical revues at the Sands Hotel and Havana's Casino in Atlantic City. She performed throughout South America with a musical group and had the privilege of singing for Governor and Mrs. Florio at their annual Sweetheart Ball. Robin worked with Abe Burrows (director and writer of the original *Gypsy* and *Oh, Calcutta!*), Gary Marshall (creator of *Happy Days*) and director of *Prose* (award-winning choreographer of *No, No Naniwa*).

Whether children have aspirations of becoming professional entertainers or just want to experience the thrill of performing, The Performing Arts Studio welcomes them to be a part of its group. For more information and a brochure on summer and fall classes please call The Studio at (908) 412-6565.

## Summertime can be more fun with fire-safety precautions

Summer is a time of grilled hot dogs, family reunions, and Fourth of July festivities; but summer is also a time of increased injuries and fires.

In the United States, 6,000 grill fires occur each year. Fireworks injure more than 11,000 Americans, and fires resulting from the use of fireworks cause at least \$20 million in property damage. To help ensure that you have a safe summer, the United States Fire Administration offers the following tips.

- **Grilling safety**
- Keep grills away from anything that can burn, such as your house, car or dry vegetation.
- If lightning appears while you're grilling, seek shelter and wait for the storm to pass.
- Do not attempt to grill indoors. Grills can easily cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Don't leave grills unattended while cooking, and keep children and pets away.
- When barbecuing, protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high up over your forearm. If you get burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. If you receive a serious burn, seek medical attention immediately.

- **Fireworks**
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.

- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass, and always have a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from all fireworks. If the device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

- **Camping safety**
- When camping in the woods or the backyard, buy a flame-retardant tent and pitch it far away from your campfire.
- Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space.

In every setting, keep all lighters and matches away from children. In case a piece of clothing does catch fire, make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll.

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For further information on summer fire safety or other fire safety topics, contact USFA, Office of Fire Management Programs, 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmisburg, MD 21727; or visit you can visit [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

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According to Daniel, the hottest looks in entertaining this season include:

### Tropical Colors

Colors is everywhere this season and the brighter the better! Hot colors include fus-

chia, azure, daffodil yellow, lime, tangerine, and turquoise. Look for tableware that incorporates these fun colors and mix them up when setting the table or picnic! Ideas include two-toned tumblers in contrasting blues, margarita and wineglasses with brightly colored stems, and clear acrylic drinkware in the latest shades.

### Fun Florals

Florals are everywhere this season and the bolder, the better! Tropical flowers, such as hibiscus, gerber daisies, poppies, and tropical palms are popping up on plates, trays and drinkware. For alternate dining looks, mix florals with stripes or solids.

### Neat Nauticals

For a more classic outdoor look, set sail

with nautical-inspired tableware. Look for classic hues such as crisp white, navy or electric blue, fire engine red, sunny yellow and fun sailboat-shaped dinnerware for a nautical dining experience.

### Summertime Shapes

Shape takes a starring role at mealtime this season. Curved tumblers add just the right amount of pizzazz to lemonade and iced tea. Serve up burgers and hot dogs on whimsical sailboat shaped trays.

### Pulling It All Together

Be creative! Remember that summertime dining is all about having fun. Don't be afraid to mix and match florals and stripes. Or, set the table with multi-colored two-

toned tumblers. Almost anything goes when dining outside.

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Look for non-breakable materials when choosing outdoor tableware. Dishwasher-safe, acrylic, melamine, sturdy plastics and rubberized materials are all great choices. Keep glass away from pools and picnics to ensure safety for everyone in the family!

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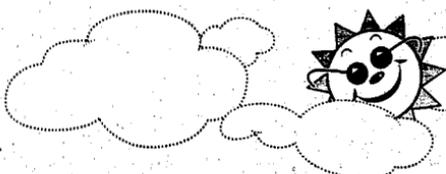
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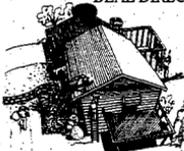
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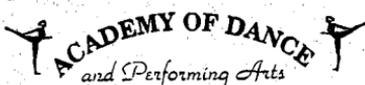
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• **Do your research.** Find out what the average temperatures it is at your final destination and plan around it. Catch the weather on the Internet a couple of days in advance to reduce any questionable weather patterns. This way you'll know exactly what to pack.

• **Plan ahead.** It helps if you get a first-

hand testimonial. Talk to someone who's been there and find out what their experience was like and how they packed for their trip.

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PC Discovery Center in Chatham, founded in 1994, is changing its name to EmpowerTrain to reflect its increased commitment to teaching adults and local businesses about computers. Originally a training center for children, the company now works exclusively with adults.

Many people still think it's just about money. Actually it's just the opposite," comments Rosemary McGovern, a senior instructor at EmpowerTrain. "Our focus has been on adults for some time now. For several years we've provided home, apartment and office computer installation and repair services to local businesses from Realtors to law firms. We have two classrooms in our training center and also teach at a client's home or workplace."

All EmpowerTrain instructors have more than six years of experience in the classroom. Complete computer courses are provided for each course and their prices are most affordable. Because the staff is a mix of military business success EmpowerTrain offers training for all skill levels, from the first novice to the advanced computer user. Classes are available in six-week sessions in a single, three-hour session.

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Due to the rising oil prices, airline tickets will only increase the longer you wait. And you don't want to leave your family hanging because the fares are so expensive. Considering your hectic summer work schedule, the kids' weekly soccer games and unexpected visits from relatives, planning ahead is a must.

But the planning of a fun and exciting family trip is a good deal of patience and a lot of research. Between flight arrangements and what kind of clothes to pack, it can be a daunting experience.

If you're choosing a warm climate, find out from your travel agent if the evenings get cold or if it rains a lot. For instance, in most tropical climates, it rains every day. The last thing you want is to get stuck in a rainstorm while you are sightseeing and ruin your brand new outfit.

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To help you prepare for your dream vacation, Mall.com has come up with a list of things you won't want to forget to bring.

- **Toiletries.** Be sure to pack sunscreen, lip balm, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail clipper and file, brush or comb. You're better off being safe than sorry and you never know what the kids will get themselves into. That's why you can't forget to bring Band-Aids and some sort of antibiotic cream for cuts and scrapes. To stock up on any of these, visit [www.mall.com](http://www.mall.com) and click on CVS.

- **Clothing.** Pack plenty of undergarments, including socks and T-shirts, pajamas, a rain jacket, a sweater, a couple of dinner outfits and jeans. For a great new outfit and durable rain attire, visit The Gap, Banana Republic, J. Crew and Eddie Bauer.

- **Shoes.** Be sure to pack some comfortable walking shoes, tennis shoes, dress shoes, sandals for a warm climate and goliathes in case it rains. To find the right footwear, visit L.L. Bean, Land's End and Kenneth Cole.

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## BMW unveils its new 330xi sedan

The 330xi made its world debut at the New York Auto Show signifying two important milestones. This marks the reintroduction of an all-wheel-drive sedan to the BMW line-up and the introduction of the all-new 3.0 liter-6-cylinder engine first seen in the X3.0 to the 3 Series line. New York was also the site of three North American debuts: an all-new M3 coupe; the 291i twin-turbo concept car; and the Z99 GT Series.

Using technology borrowed from the X5 SAV, the 330xi combines the traction of all-wheel-drive with the driving spirit of the 3 Series. DSC 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 2.8 — the 330xi's performance will approach that of the previous M3.

The all-new M3 blends technological innovation and truly mind-boggling performance. The new 3.2-liter engine offers an estimated 330 horsepower, up a staggering 37 percent, and 253 ft. lb. of torque, up 9 percent. Mated to a six-speed manual transmission the M3 will reach 60 mph in approximately five seconds. With its M Style front spoiler, flared fenders, M trademark four chrome exhaust tips and aluminum hood with "power dome," the performance potential of the new M3 immediately catches the eye.

The Z99 grand turismo concept car features the long hood and short rear deck that have become hallmarks of BMW sport coupe design. Beneath the elegant carbon fiber body panels resides an aluminum spaceframe chassis offering both extraordinary rigidity and light weight. The full-length gull-wing doors, which have conventional front-opening doors built in, open to a masterfully simple, conventional front-opening doors built in, open to a masterfully simple.

uncluttered driving environment. Instead of the usual array of buttons, switches and levers, the dashboard houses only the starter button and light switches. A unique control knob — with corresponding in-dash TV monitor — resides in the center console and operates several hundred separate functions for both the driver and passenger.

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