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## 'Free the beaches'

What did you do this past holiday weekend? Did you go to the shore? Did you go to the beach? Didn't it seem strange to have to pay for something that no one else on Earth pays for?

Assemblyman Neil Cohen, D-Union, is on a mission to free New Jersey's beaches. Each Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer, Cohen advocates the elimination of beach badges and access fees in towns along the Jersey Shore.

Cohen, along with Assembly colleague Wilfredo Caraballo, D-Union, have been pushing for the abolition of what they call these "ocean-access taxes."

## My Two Cents

By Mark Hrynow  
Regional Editor

This is the fourth consecutive year the two assemblymen have proposed such initiatives. In the past, legislation has been introduced explicitly prohibiting access fees and establishing a \$20-million fund for state beach maintenance to eliminate beach badges. Assembly bill A-2528. The assemblymen proposed two constitutional amendments to be put on a November referendum, one to guarantee the right of free access, ACR-113, and another to authorize a new lottery, "Shore Bet," to fund the cost of free beach access, ACR-114.

This year's bill — A-2547 — would create a 20-member commission charged with "studying beach access issues and recommending a means to do away with beach badges" — the New Jersey Study of User Recreational Fees Commission, yes you guessed it, the SURF Commission. What would a cause be without a catchy acronym?

The commission would hold public hearings across the state and produce a method of using state funding to replace the "hodgepodge" of user fees that many beach towns charge the public for beach access.

Not only does this legislation offer a chance for a cute acronym, but think about the sound bite possibilities. Here's an excerpt from Cohen's press release:

"This is an opportunity for New Jersey's masses to kick some sand back in the face of the beach badge establishment along the Jersey Shore. This legislative package is an opportunity for everyone to get even with New Jersey's beach operators by sending them on a surfing safari to extinction."

The measure is currently slated in the Assembly's Environment Committee and doesn't look like it will be released anytime soon. Cohen himself is realistic about its chances while the Democrats are still in the minority. For good measure, the Environment Committee is comprised of several South Jersey Republican legislators, including Chairman Steven Corodimas of Atlantic Highlands, David Wolfe of Brick and Christopher Connors of Lacey Township.

Corodimas' and Wolfe's districts include many of the shore communities in Monmouth and Ocean counties, including the ritzy areas of Spring Lake and Bay Head along with party places such as Belmar and Manasquan. Connors, meanwhile, is the son of State Sen. Leonard Connors, who also has been mayor of Surf City for more than a quarter century.

I'm not one to lie on the beach, and I'm not in the sand. As a matter of fact, if there's one thing I hate, it's getting sand in my sneakers. I'll head to the Jersey Shore a few times each month this summer, but you won't find me lounging on the beach. The sun and I just aren't very compatible, so we keep our distance. But, like being overcharged a dime, it's not the money, it's the principle of the thing.

If you ask me, and no one has, beach fees are a means for the southern part of the state to get back at us here in the northern part. They

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## Program to help rape victims

By Dave Goldberg  
Staff Writer

Beginning this fall, victims of sexual assaults in Union County will have a place to turn for faster, better treatment. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner project will put experienced nurses on every sexual assault case, working on a special team with police detectives and rape crisis counselors at area hospitals.

The program revolves around a network of nurses who will be on call and respond to sexual assault cases to perform the examination and assist law enforcement in the collection of important evidence. Nurses must take certain courses to become a nurse examiner.

One of the main reasons for the development of the program is the waiting time of the victim due to priority emergencies. Some waits have included up to four hours.

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— Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado

down to 45 minutes or less," said Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado. "What's gratifying to us is the fact that the program is really driven by the survivor's interests and needs."

According to Rita Colella, the full-time coordinator of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, the goal of the program is to give the victim the most comprehensive care possible. Colella also believes that the care of a victim has to do with the kind of sensitivity and compassion that is administered. The victim has been through a very traumatic experience and they must be treated especially sensitive.

According to Administrator Jennifer Pruden of the Union County Rape

Crisis Center, victims will be given the best care with the short wait. She believes the program will help the victim prepare for what is to come and allow them to feel comfortable.

Nurses will be on call at all times allowing the victims to receive treatment at any time of the day. There will be a total of 20 nurses on permanent rotation by the time the network is in full operation at the end of September.

"The nurses will be called out to the hospital to complete the examination and also assess and treat any medical emergency and attempt to resolve additional women's health issues with the team members," said Esmerado.

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## Dedicated service



Tom Comerford, right, is honored by the Board of Freeholders and Chairman Daniel Sullivan with a resolution for his 10 years of service to the Department of Youth and Family Services of Union County. He is being transferred to Essex County.

## Freeholders approve new deal with prosecutors

By Mark Hrynow  
Regional Editor

Assistant prosecutors in Union County have their first contract — ever. The Board of Chosen Freeholders approved an agreement June 22 between the Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Union County Assistant Prosecutor's Association. The three-year contract runs from 1999 through 2001.

Salary increases are consistent with other settlements between the county and labor unions, approximately 3.5 percent in each year of the contract. The deal established a salary guide and increased the minimum annual salary from \$33,000 to \$42,300. Salaries were not competitive with other prosecutor's offices in the state, First Assistant Prosecutor James Keefe said, and even some law clerks earn annual salaries of \$38,000 or \$39,000. Keefe said there were prosecutors earning less than that.

The first step in the salary guide ranges from \$42,300 to \$45,000, with eight classes. The highest class reaches as high as \$114,000 but no one is at that level. The most senior prosecutors, some with nearly 30 years, will earn \$106,250, Keefe said.

There are almost 30 assistant prosecutors represented by association,

which formed in 1997 for purposes of collective bargaining, said Keefe. Negotiating for the association were Maureen O'Brien, John Esmerado and Susan Gleason while Keefe and Kathy Hatfield, the county's labor counsel, handled negotiations for the county.

According to Keefe, the association at one point had applied to the state Public Employees Relations Commission for binding arbitration but since an agreement has been reached, "that's moot."

The county is in negotiations with several other unions. Still without a contract are PBA 73, which represents the county police, and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 494, representing more than 100 park employees.

Negotiations already have been through mediation with the county police. Their last contract expired at the end of 1998.

Park employees have been without a new contract since 1997. Should a contract be reached with park employees, it would run through 2000. The union overwhelmingly rejected a fact finder's recommendation in the spring which was similar to the county's last offer.

## Transportation plan enters second phase

By Mark Hrynow  
Regional Editor

A plan to address transportation needs in the eastern corridor of Union County has officially entered its second phase. The Board of Chosen Freeholders last month awarded a contract to Edwards and Kealey Inc. of Morristown to conduct Phase II of the Union County Transportation Development District Technical Study for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

The total contract is \$156,352 but \$125,082 will come from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority with an in-kind match of \$31,270.

Transportation improvements identified in Phase I of the project will advance to a more detailed level with more design and engineering work, said George Devany, director of the Department of Economic Development, in addition to more accurate cost estimates.

Phase I outlined boundaries and some traffic study and recommended improvements to infrastructure to support traffic.

Part of the first phase of the TDD was the draft financial plan, analyzing possible implementation strategies for the district. In the second phase, the proposed transportation improvements will be "progressed to the stage of design feasibility and financial packages for the funding of the improvements will be developed."

The Union County Port Master Plan incorporates the TDD boundary, "identifying specific development zones strategically situated to benefit from the operations of the Port of Newark and the Elizabeth and Newark Airport."

The Transportation Development Act of 1989 authorized counties to create special financing districts called Transportation Development Districts to address the "burden of increased traffic congestion in 'high-growth' development regions."

The transportation improvements hope to be funded in part by an impact fee for commercial office and retail development. Other places in the U.S. that have used such a funding mechanism are Orange County, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Diego, Calif., as well as Montgomery County, Md., and Greeley, Colo.

The major developments in the corridor include the Jersey Gardens Mall, Linden Airport redevelopment, expansion of research facilities at Merck & Co., the Elizabeth International Gateway and Tremley Point in Linden. The projects are assessed at \$7.2 million of the total transportation investments of \$205 million. Approximately 3.5 percent of the \$205 million project cost could be financed by the TDD.

The TDD plan assessed the merits of seven "site-specific" transportation improvements and two corridor-wide strategies. The improvements included grade separation at North Avenue, Dowd Avenue and Division Street; grade separated crossing at Magnolia Avenue over Routes 1&9; York Street expansion into Jersey Gardens Mall; New Jersey Turnpike truck connection to Tremley Point; improvements to Routes 1&9 around the Linden Airport; improvements to local connections at Turnpike interchange 13, and Route 278 connections to and from Routes 1&9 North.



Daniel Connor of Union, right, is honored with the Ken Nocera Award during the Fire Academy's graduation at Union County College, Cranford, by Union Fire Chief Fretz, left, and Freeholder Linda Stender.

## Fire academy graduates class of 32

More than 30 graduates of the Union County Fire Academy learned what it takes to be a firefighter. The academy had its 30th graduation ceremony last month at Union County College's Cranford campus.

"Everyone who becomes a firefighter is a hero. They are the brave men and women we call in our deepest hour of need, hoping they come to our rescue," said Freeholder Linda Stender during the ceremony.

"Since becoming a freeholder seven years ago, the first assignment I ask for is to be liaison to the Fire Service Advisory Board. I know it's important to provide our firefighters with the best training and equipment so they are prepared to serve their community," Stender said.

This year's 32 graduates, from the fall and spring semesters of the academy, were treated to a slide show that showed some of the more spectacular fires fought over the past 10 years. In addition, keynote speaker William M. Manning, editor of the Fire Engineering Magazine, spoke to the graduates about what it takes to become a firefighter.

"What is at the heart of a firefighter, what sets him apart beside their compassion, courage when in their most needed and willingness to give the ultimate sacrifice when necessary is that they let their actions speak louder than words," Manning said.

"This is not a job or hobby, it is a calling that requires character, virtue, honor, integrity and courage."

This year's graduates included Walter Cohen, Westfield Fire Department; Daniel Connor, Union Fire Department; Todd Cox, Clark Fire Department; Colleen Cuffe, Westfield Fire Department; John De Prospero, Fanwood Fire Department; Gerald DiPisa, Union Fire Department; Michael Dwyer, Mountlake Fire Department; Marc Ferrara, Union County Division of Security; Andrew Fettes, Berkeley Heights Fire Department; Joseph Gaffney, Clark Fire Department; Garrido Germinario, Westfield Fire Department; Gumbor Guerra, Roselle Park Fire Department; Ernesto Hernandez, Scotch Plains Fire Department; Helmut Krauth, Union Fire Department; David Kronos, New Providence Fire Department; Patrick Machado, Kenilworth Fire Department; Thomas Macri, Roselle Fire Department; Antonio Martinez, Roselle Fire Department; Eric Mason, Clark Fire Department; Andrew Miller, Scotch Plains Fire Department; Frank Moys, Westfield Fire Department; Adrian Pava, Roselle Fire Department; Yuri Ramos, Clark Fire Department; Andrew Reganoff, Fanwood Fire Department; Gregory Ricciardi, Union Fire Department; Michael Sobka, Union Fire Department; Philip Stefanowicz, Roselle Fire Department; Craig Stever, Westfield Fire Department; John Thome, New Providence Fire Department; Dante Verdun, Roselle Park Fire Department; Ryan Wilson, Berkeley Heights Fire Department; and Dimitrios Xaroulakos, Kenilworth Fire Department.

## 4-H members earn their achievement pins

The 4-H Family Fun Night was held last month at Trillium Nature and Science Center in Mountlake with approximately 100 people in attendance. They saw club displays about pets, plants and horses.

4-H youth members received achievement pins and adult leaders received recognition for their dedication to the 4-H program. Everyone had an opportunity to bear members tell about their club activities, participate in a bubble-blowing contest, and have some tasty refreshments.

4-H Achievements pins were awarded to members for successfully completing tab 1999-2000 4-H year. Receiving the awards were: Jordan Campbell, Anna and Magdalena Millman of Plainfield; Salira Garner,

Springfield; Paola Bolivar and Katie Engle of Rutway; Megan Brown and Danielle Rotman of Berkeley Heights; Angelique and Quade Bees of Roselle Park; Samantha Kelly of Roselle; Alexis Koyas of Vanhail; Chelsea Quintivano and Juliana Genova of Union, and Carly Reuter of South Plainfield.

The event was organized and run by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Program of Union County. The educational programs are offered without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, disability, or age.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Screen star Debbie Reynolds 'keeps busy' on concert stage

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

When veteran star, singer, actress and comedienne Debbie Reynolds graces the stage at the Taper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, Tuesday evening, she will bring to the audience 51 years of phenomenal talent and experience.

In a little girl's voice and a homespun smile, the Debbie Reynolds we have all known and loved, admired and respected, will sing and entertain and thrill the audience as no other star ever has been able to do. Her unique relationship with the public over the years has been astounding: her personality, electricity and her way of coping with tragic moments, happiness and unpredictability, has hit home in every aspect of the public's lives. Perhaps she is so well loved because she is honest and candid about her life, and she pulls no punches.

She continues to work on the concert circuit around the country, occasionally appears on television, in plays and on talk shows and is planning to appear in a movie for ABC-TV, written by her daughter, Carrie Fisher, called "Those Three Breads." Both Elizabeth Taylor and Shirley Maclaine are scheduled to appear with Reynolds.

Reynolds' rapport with the public is personal. "I like people to call me 'Debbie,'" she said in her home in California during a telephone chat. "In fact, I prefer it. I feel like we've known each other for at least 51 years."

And by meeting her public at symphony concerts, she evokes a love and understanding and lasting friendships.

"I do about 12 symphony bookings a year. I tour America," Reynolds said. "I play everywhere — from Verona, N.Y., to Atlantic City, to Fishers, Wis., night clubs to casinos — many of them Indian casinos — to Millburn, N.J. I'm pretty busy." She laughed. "I love to perform for people. And, no, I don't get tired. I'd be tired if I had to stay at home. I'd be bored with my life. My happiness is my work."

Reynolds, who won a beauty contest at the age of 16 by impersonating Betty Hutton, has made more than 30 movies over the years, mostly musicals for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, two Broadway shows, "Irene" and "Woman of the Year," two television series, dozens of television appearances in the United States and abroad, including her recent appearances on the hit



Debbie Reynolds

show, "Will and Grace." She agreed that one of the greatest musicals to come out of Hollywood was the classic, "Singin' in the Rain" with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor. Reynolds listed as other favorites "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," for which she was nominated for an Academy Award in 1964, "How the West Was Won" and "Goodbye, Charlie," in all of which she unveiled her versatility. Her most recent box office hits were "In and Out" and "Mother."

"I Love Melvin," a delightful little musical comedy, in which Reynolds starred for MGM with Donald O'Connor, and which the studio did not give its full blown publicity, featured a scene in which Reynolds she plays a football, and the football players toss her around.

"Oh, yes," she chuckled, "that was when I was kicked all over. It was an omen of what men did to me, especially my husbands, all through my life. You know, when I did "Tender Trap" with Frank Sinatra, I was a big fan of his. He treated me like a little sister. And one day, he invited me to dinner, and during dinner, he advised me to never marry a singer. He said, 'We're very

selfish. We have too much ego to care about anyone else.' He told me to 'just stay a little girl a little while longer.' Well, history speaks for itself. As you know, the first man I married was a singer." Eddie Fisher, of course.

Reynolds, who once owned a night club-casino in Las Vegas, said, "My son, Todd, and I are looking for a new location. We have 3,000 costumes and a lot of storage. And my daughter, Carrie, bought Hollywood costume designer Edith Head's house. It was built in 1924, and it has to be renovated. And Todd, who does all sorts of things, is also an electrician. He's wiring the house, which doesn't even have air conditioning. Imagine."

"All three of us stick together. He's like the daddy of the house. We have a lot of love between us. And I have a granddaughter, Billie, who is 8 years old. Carrie's child. We're a wonderful family."

Debbie Reynolds may be very worldly — traveling around in symphony concert tours, in plays — in movies and television — but her greatest thrill is to be able to come home — from a loving audience to a loving family.

## Chanteuse puts life into songs

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Karen Saunders, a unique singing sensation, can adjust the range and volume of her voice anywhere in the world the way one can adjust a radio or television sound at home. She can sing to a small, intimate group in a cabaret or nightclub or she can sing to a huge Carnegie Hall or stadium crowd with equal verve and vivacity.

A recipient of MAC and Backstage Bistro awards, Saunders, who brings a personal warmth to her songs, will offer a "Heart to Heart" show at Le Dome at the Manor, West Orange, on the evening of July 13 as part of its Cabaret Soiree series.

Her managers, Jerry Friedman and Rick Aronstein, arranged for her appearance at the Manor when a scheduling conflict postponed the Eric Michael Gillett and Melanie Vaughan show.

"It was one of those fluke things," said the cheerful Saunders during a recent chat. "My name was submitted by my managers, and here I am. I've never been to the Manor, but I've heard such wonderful things about it. In fact, years ago, my pianist, who used to play the Catskills, played at weddings at the Manor."

She laughed. "Of course, everything there is different. They didn't have a cabaret. I'm really looking forward to being there in West Orange."

Saunders, who has a wickedly funny sense of humor, admitted that she couldn't remember when she wasn't singing. "I was born in New York City, bred and educated there, and I can travel the world, but I will live there until I die. You know," she mused, "I was singing before I came out of the womb. At least, that was what my mother said."

Saunders' mother had been a professional singer, Florence Fields, who entertained in the Catskills. "She stopped when she had children — three, in fact. I really don't remember when I didn't sing. When I was 5 years old, I also took piano lessons and played the piano. But I was always changing the music to make it sound the way I wanted it to sound. And I did the same thing with my songs, and I'm still doing it. My influences were everywhere. I always wanted to be a singer, and I took all the courses, college, the whole bit."

"My musical life changed when I met my husband, Bob Hausper, an attorney," she said. "He didn't want me traveling around the nightclubs, so I said I would become a music teacher. It was the most creative thing I could do. I taught at Boardman Junior High School. I figured I'd have children, and that would be really creative. It turned out that I couldn't have children."

Saunders sighed. She had returned to singing professionally by way of another fluke. "A young student of mine, Lizzy Blumner, was extremely talented, and she reminded me of myself. She entered all sorts of contests. When she won the Newsway contest in Long Island, where she had performed before an audience of 45,000 people, the people there asked me if I would do the adult concert. I got up on the stage and won the concert."

"And my mother came up to me and said, 'Karen, I'm 55 years old, and always loved to sing. Now, you



Karen Saunders

have a talent and a gift, and you go out and give it to the world. This way, you won't wake up one morning and regret what you should have done. Put that gift that God gave you to work — share it!" So, I decided to do that."

Saunders and Manners found an agent. "It was really bizarre," declared Saunders. "The agent introduced me to Joe Sherman, who wrote 'Ramblin' Rose' for Nat King Cole. He and I put an act together that he said would get me jobs. But he said, 'At the end of the year, if you're still singing the same songs, get out of the business. You haven't grown at all.' I was still teaching school at the time. It took six months to put the act together, and then my agent asked me to go down to Rodney Dangerfield's club. They were doing an open mike night. I sang my regular two songs, and the audience wouldn't let me go. I played the piano for myself, too. When I met Rodney Dangerfield, he said, 'Sue, kiddo. You want to open for me?'"

"I took off from school, and I worked one or two weeks — solid," she said. "I got wonderful reviews, and they asked me to come back as a headliner. I packed the house every night for two weeks."

After 10 years of teaching, Saunders "finished out the year, changed totally, and never looked back. About 1991, I decided to put myself online in New York. I played Michael's Pub in a tribute to Irving Berlin in an act called 'Putting on the Ritz.' The reviews," she laughed, "were as if my mom had written them! Unbelievable. The critics said, 'Where have you been?' I explained that I've been learning and living and came back to the city."

Saunders appeared in such entertainment sites as the Bottom Line,

Eighty-Eights, and Pikes Peak Center with the Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra. She starred in the 25th anniversary Village Gate production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," starred with top stars on television and on the stage, and this past November she made her Carnegie Hall debut with Sketch Henderson's New York Pops.

"Working in small or large places — why, it's all the same. You know, Sinatra once said, 'If you're performing for a 40-seat theater or for 3,000 or 10,000 people, you're singing for one.' And working at Carnegie Hall," she recalled, "I thought I'd be nervous. But I wasn't nervous walking out on that stage. I thought to myself that I finally found a room large enough for my voice. It was the weirdest feeling."

She explained that "when I just let my voice go, it gives me an exhilarating feeling. At Carnegie Hall, the people went wild. I have a very big range — about a four-and-a-half octave range — depending on what the song calls for and that's the sound of my voice. Some of my songs are jazz-tuned. I bend a note whenever it calls for it. I will do a Broadway song, but it will be my version. My phrasing is sometimes different. I just think as far as standards are concerned, it's simply because I feel at this time of my life, you have to live to give depth to the song."

"All life experiences are a part of singing a song — it's what's behind the song — loneliness, happiness — to know what it feels to hurt. And it's also about how to feel real happiness."

And if that's what Saunders will bring to "Heart to Heart" at the Manor July 13, it may bring some new feelings to a heart to heart audience.

## Westfield's Choral Art Society welcomes new singers

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey Inc., welcomes new members to its fall rehearsals at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield at the corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. The group meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. under the direction of James S. Little and accompanist Mary Beth McFall.

Little is the organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit, where he directs three choirs

and the Calvary Concert Series. He is a graduate of Trenton State College and Westminster Choir College. He is also director of MadJazz, a Union County capella group, and the Prep Choir of the Somerset Hills Children's Chorus.

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Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella and Freeholder Deborah Scanton recognize seven Union County high school students for taking either first-, second- or third-place honors in a state poster and contest. The winners included, from left, third runner-up Palalay Yehudah from Abraham Clark High School, and second runner-up Candace Staines from the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains. Freeholder Chester Holmes looks on from right.

### Freeholders salute contest winners

Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella and Freeholders Deborah Scanton and Chester Holmes congratulated the winners of the 2000 New Jersey State Poster Contest and presented each a resolution during a recent meeting of the board.

"The County Freeholders join in praising all the young artists who participated in the poster contest. We were quite surprised by the different interpretations and the talent displayed here by the students," said Mirabella.

Seven Union County high school students were recognized during the public meeting of the board, for taking either first, second or third place in the contest. They were first-place winner Josh Harris of Cranford High School,

first runner-up Kim Pfirrmann of Roselle Catholic High School, second runner-up Amanda Holup and Candace Staines, both from the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains, and third runner-up, all from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, Quance Cabbagestak, Steacia Mushette and Palalay Yehudah.

The posters were judged on originality, artistic skill, creative use of media, expression of the theme and a brief written explanation of how the poster reflected the contest theme. This year's theme was "Standing Up and Speaking Out for Brotherhood and Sisterhood Helps Prevent Prejudice, Discrimination and Violence in My School and Community."

### Trailside will kick off series with storytelling

Popular folklorist and musician Sandy Lewis will delight audiences at Trailside Nature and Science Center with his songs and stories Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

The kick-off of the center's summer Wednesday Matinee series will feature storytelling and singing for school-age children and will incorporate the use of guitar, tin whistles, bones, jaw harp, percussion, lumber jack and juggling. Audience participation is encouraged.

"The first midweek matinee of the summer at Trailside will be an educational as well as entertaining program," said Freeholder Deborah Scanton, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The first performer of the summer brings a unique blend of songs and stories about natural history, the environment and American folklore."

Sandy Lewis has been performing throughout New Jersey and the Delaware River Valley since 1982. His storytelling performances at festivals, museums, schools, libraries and private celebrations have included appearances at the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Seaview Place, the Franklin Institute, and the Please Touch Museum.

Wednesday's show is for children 4 years old and older only; no younger siblings will be admitted. Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased at the door on the day of the show.

For more information about this event or other programs in the summer Wednesday Matinee series, call (908) 789-3670. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

## UCC reaches for the skies in drama on Christa McAuliffe

The Theater Project at Union County College will present "Defying Gravity," an inspiring play by Jane Anderson. The latest production from the award-winning Theater Project opens tonight in the Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus.

A fictionalized account of the teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe, Anderson's drama will run from this evening to July 23 in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. Tickets may be reserved by calling The Theater Project box office at (908) 659-5189.

Christa McAuliffe was a true hero to millions around the world who saw in themselves the New Hampshire teacher selected to join the Challenger space mission. "Defying Gravity" is an exciting and inventive interplay of the very down-to-earth concerns of a family, and also a vision of space travel as an extension of our need to discover and find meaning in life — and a direct extension of the dreams of artists and scientists of centuries past.

"The director of 'Defying Gravity,' Mark Spina, makes the audience part of the action by seating spectators right on stage with the actors. Spina has been the artistic director of The Theater Project for the past six years and has served the New Jersey theater community as well at 12 Miles West Company and other venues. He brings energy and insight into every play he directs, and he seeks to make each production meaningful and involving for his audience.

Spina says that "Defying Gravity" attracted me because it makes a statement about how a few, brave individuals can inspire many others to greatness."

The play draws on talented performers whose credentials include off-Broadway and New Jersey professional theater companies. Featured

will be Brian Kennedy, Kimi Manion, Christopher McCabe, Deborah Pires, Dasimah Talley, Sandra Toli, and Gary Wood. In addition to Spina as director, the production team includes producer Gary Glor, set designer Julia Hain, costume designer Marisa Brady, lighting designer Lewis Permuter, sound designer Michael Magnifico, and stage manager Yumi Matsuura.

In its six-year history, The Theater Project productions have received notable monastic reviews. "Simply terrific," said the *Westfield Leader*, this spring. "Creative and efficient staging has become a trademark of the Theater Project," said *Worral Community Newspapers* of last year's production of "The Little Playwright." New Jersey newspapers also recognized the strong roles afforded women by awarding Best Featured

Actress accolades two years in a row to Theater Project performers — in 1997 to Gail Lou for "The Actor's Nightmare" and in 1998 to Lisa Alford for "The Waiting Room." Also in 1997, The Theater Project was honored at the Samuel French Theater Festival for its production of "For Tiger Lilies Out of Season." This production of "Defying Gravity" is made possible by the UCC Foundation, a 2000 HEART Grant — History Education Art Reaching Thousands — from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and by the generosity of Joseph Cecala.

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# Stepping Out

## FILM

**ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY** will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch in the coming weeks. All films begin at 10 a.m. July 26: "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" Aug. 30: "King Solomon's Mines" The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

## KIDS

**KIDS KINGDOM** will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders in Warinanco Park, border of Roselle and Elizabeth on St. Georges Avenue, Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free, as are many of the activities. There are nominal fees for certain activities, and food vendors will be on site. The "Kids Kingdom" will visit the Watchung Reservation Aug. 13. For information, call (908) 496-2900.

**NANCY GRUSKIN**, the New Jersey director of "Music for Children," will present a free musical program at Barnes and Noble in Clark Tuesday at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER SANDY LEWIS** will appear at Trailside Nature and Science Center Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. The show is recommended for children 4 years old and older; younger siblings will not be admitted. Tickets are \$4. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintide. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

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

## POETRY

**OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT** will take place at Barnes and Noble in Clark Sunday at 7 p.m. Open Mike Poetry Night is sponsored the second Sunday of every month in the Music Department. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

## SINGLES

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will sponsor a trip to the Meadowlands Fair at Giants Stadium in Rutherford Saturday. The group will meet inside the Gate D entrance by the practice field at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8; additional costs "pay as you go." For information, call (973) 762-8449 or visit the website at www.singlefriends.org.

**SINGLE FRIENDS**, for Catholic singles 30 to 45 years old, will sponsor a trip to Atlantic City Sunday. The group will meet for departure in front of the South Mountain Area, 560 Northfield Ave. in West Orange, at 9 a.m. Bus tickets are \$24, with vouchers returned in Atlantic City. For information, call (973) 762-8449 or visit the website at www.singlefriends.org.

**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) 869-5269 or (908) 869-4751.

## THEATER

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** in Millburn will conclude its 1999-2000 season with an all-new production of Stephen Schwartz's "Pippin," playing through July 23.

Evening performances are Wednesday 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. Tickets are \$36 to \$60. Audio-described performances are today at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Sign-interpreted performances are Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 at 8 p.m. Single's Night is July 20 at 8 p.m.; gay and lesbian night is Wednesday at 8 p.m. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information and reservations, call (973) 376-4343; for groups of 20 or more, call (973) 376-3636, ext. 2438. Information is available online at www.papermill.org.

**THE THEATER PROJECT** at Union County College will present "Dalying Gravity," a play by Jane Anderson dealing with Christa McAuliffe's decision to join the crew of the space shuttle Challenger, today through July 23 in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. Shows are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinee performances at 3 p.m. July 16 and 23. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$7 for students and senior citizens. For information, call (908) 659-1839.

**THE ARTS INCUBATOR** of Kean University will present the Revolving Door Studio's productions of "Joggy's Lament" by Jim DeGiulio and "God Willing" by J.S. Pagano July 13 to 15 at 8 p.m. and July 16 at 3 p.m. in the university's Amphitheater. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call Revolving Door at (973) 540-9435.

**MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS** will present "Finian's Rainbow" July 15 to 22 in the auditorium of Linden High School on St. Georges Avenue. Shows are at 8 p.m. July 15, 20, 21 and 22, and 3 p.m. July 16. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call (908) 925-8689.

## VARIETY

**THE BACK PORCH** in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-6455.

**CROSSROADS** in Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts.

Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-6666.

**EAT TO THE BEAT** Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during the summer. Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call (732) 381-0506.

**FLYNN'S IRISH PUB** and **BreakHouse** in Rahway will present entertainment at various times throughout the summer months.

Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1462 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-4700.

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

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

**VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE** in Union will present a series of musical events in the coming weeks. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: Breakwater Tuesday: Paul Brubaker July 16: Framework July 18: Jason Pyslak July 23: The Dan Cretel Trio July 25: "Open Mike Spotlight" with Jill Cagney and Anymarie Katter July 30: The Ginny Johnson Band

## 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.

**AMERICANS:** "Latino Life in the United States," a poster show of photographs from the Museum of the City of New York, will be on exhibit Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave. Admission is free. For information, call (908) 756-0750.

240 Route 22 West. For information, call Clark at (732) 574-1818 and Springfield at (973) 376-8544.

**ACTRESS/AUTHOR MARILU HENNER** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "Healthy Life Kitchen." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**AUTHOR TZVI JACOBS** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "From the Heavens to the Heart: Extraordinary Happenings into Lives of Ordinary People." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**AUTHOR LINDA STRANGIO** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark July 20 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Nurse Nods." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan

theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

The Westfield High School is located at 721 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

**UNION MUSIC SCHOOL** will offer classes to students in grades Pre-K through 12, now through July 30. Tuition is \$300 per child, with discounts for families. Classes include painting, musical theater, comedy, music lessons, ceramics, dance, jazz, drama, creative writing, band and orchestra. For information, write to Union Music School, P.O. Box 3566, Union, NJ 07083-1895; call (908) 851-6467; fax to (908) 687-7332; or send e-mail to terry365@juno.com.

## COMEDY

**NEW WAVE OF COMEDIANS:** a comedy troupe comprised of high school students, will present an impro-



**VERDICT**, the popular reggae group, will perform a free concert Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountaintide. The appearance is part of the 2000 Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For information, see the "Concerts" listing on this page.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL**, in Mountaintide, exhibits the artwork to Elaine Schover, Lydia R. Watson and Rita Kelp. The exhibit runs from the months of June and July. CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountaintide. For information, call (908) 561-6185.

**TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER** will feature the works of Dr. K. Johnson, Eugene Johnson and Maureen Lassiter, all of Elizabeth, in an exhibit through July 19 at the Les Malmat Art Gallery in Union Public Library.

Gallery hours are regular library hours: Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will be closed Saturdays during the summer. The library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Union.

**THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY** at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will exhibit the works of two Polish artists, Hanna Mizerska and Jacek K. Zielinski through July 28.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The foundation is located at 177 Broadway in Clark. For information, call (732) 382-7197.

**SWAIN GALLERIES** in Plainfield will exhibit the multi-media works of 19 prize-winning student artists Saturday through July 29. The works of art are from the 2000 Juried Student Fine Art Show at the duCrest School of Art in Plainfield. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call including gallery hours, call (908) 756-1707.

## AUDITIONS

**NEWARK BOYS CHORUS SCHOOL**, a fully accredited fourth-through eighth-grade academic/choral school, will conduct auditions for September 2000 enrollment. There are 16 openings for fourth grade, limited space in fifth grade. There are no resident requirements. For information, call (973) 621-8900.

## BOOKS

**THE TOWN BOOK STORE** in Westfield will celebrate the release of "Harry Potter IV," the latest installment in the popular young readers' series by J.K. Rowling, Friday beginning at 10 p.m. Books will go on sale at midnight; the store will remain open until customers are served. The Town Book Store is located at 265 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 293-0838.

**BARNES AND NOBLE** in Clark and Springfield will mark the release of J.K. Rowling's new book for youths, "Harry Potter IV" Friday, beginning at midnight and continuing to 1 a.m. The family-oriented event will feature refreshments, games and giveaways. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road; Barnes and Noble in Springfield is located at

Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD** Reading Group will debut at Barnes and Noble in Clark July 21 at 7:30 p.m. The group, led by Kevin Muller, will meet the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The first meeting — July 20 — will determine the interests of the participants. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**CHILDREN'S AUTHOR ALYSSA SATTIN CAPUCCINI** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 22 at 2 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "Biscuit's New Trick," the latest installment in the popular "Biscuit" book series. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**AUTHOR DR. BRUCE SCHNEIDER** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 25 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Relax, You're Already Perfect." The evening will include a workshop on spiritual development. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**THE WOMEN'S READING GROUP** at Barnes and Noble in Clark will meet July 26 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month to read. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**MYSTERY "THRILLLOGUE"** will take place at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Authors Nancy Tessier, Jessica Spear and Lee Harris will appear to sign copies of their books, "Golden Eggs and Other Deadly Things," "Boarder Prey," and "Mother's Day Murder," respectively. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

## CLASSES

**NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS** will sponsor "Fun With Music" classes Wednesdays now through July 26 in three afternoon sessions — 1:30 to 2 p.m., 2:15 to 2:45 p.m., and 3 to 3:30 p.m. Other dividers are The Music Studio, Kids in Art, Tot 'n' Art, Westfield Summer Workshops, Drawing Workshop, Future Artists' Series, The Fencing Club, The Alphom Workshop, and the Westfield Art Gallery. For information, call (908) 786-9696.

**WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE** offer professional classes in the performing arts. Beginners, intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical

visional comedy performance based on the ABC-TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway." at Barnes and Noble in Clark Monday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

## CONCERTS

**2000 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will take place at the amphitheater in Echo Lake Park, Mountaintide, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 30.

Wednesday: Reggae celebration featuring Verdick

July 19: The Brooklyn Bridge featuring Johnny Maestro, The New Hearts July 26: Pop hits with New Power Soul

Aug. 2: Oldies Night with Shirley Aston Reeves of The Shirrites, Who's Johnny

Aug. 9: Country Music Night with Mustang Sally

Aug. 16: An Evening of Motown with Sensational Soul Cruisers

Aug. 23: Big Band Night with The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra

Aug. 30: The Party Dolls Echo Lake Park is located off Route 22, between Springfield Avenue in Mountaintide and Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Admission is free. For information, call (908) 527-4900, in case of rain, call (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. the day of the concert.

**ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY** will sponsor a series of free Saturday afternoon concerts at the Main Branch in the coming weeks. All concerts begin at 2:15 p.m.

Saturday: Summer Music with The Shellie Cooper Trio

July 15: Modern Jazz with The Andy Middleton Quartet

July 22: Chamber Music with Frederick Katzenberg and Gary Klein

Aug. 5: Latin-American Music with Inhi Reynd Musical Latinamericano

Aug. 19: Music-Masters with Mark "Fabb" Fevolo

Aug. 26: Classical Piano with Elizabeth native Richard Kogan

## SWEET SOUNDS DOWNTOWN JAZZ

Westfield will kick off its fourth season of free outdoor concerts Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Performing Tuesday will be Tarantula Blues at Central Avenue near Bombay, the Soul Jazz Trio at the corner of Quimby and Elm streets, the Phoenix Rising Quintet at the corner of Elm and East Broad streets, the Rick Langmaack Trio on East Broad near Prospect Street, and the B.D. Lenz Trio on North Avenue near Talbot's.

Concerts will continue July 18 and 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information, call (908) 233-3021 or (908) 789-9444.

**DEBBIE REYNOLDS** will appear in a one-night-only concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn, Tuesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

**CANTILENA**, an all-Danish high school girls ensemble, will be presented in concert in its American debut, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Community Methodist Church of Roselle Park, Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. For information, call (908) 276-1494 or (908) 665-0776.

**GLEN CAMPBELL** will appear in a one-night-only concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn, July 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and \$55, with Special Gold Circle seats available for \$75. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

## DISCUSSION

**THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE** will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Monday at 7:30 p.m. The Writers Circle meets the second Monday of every month and new members are always welcome. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

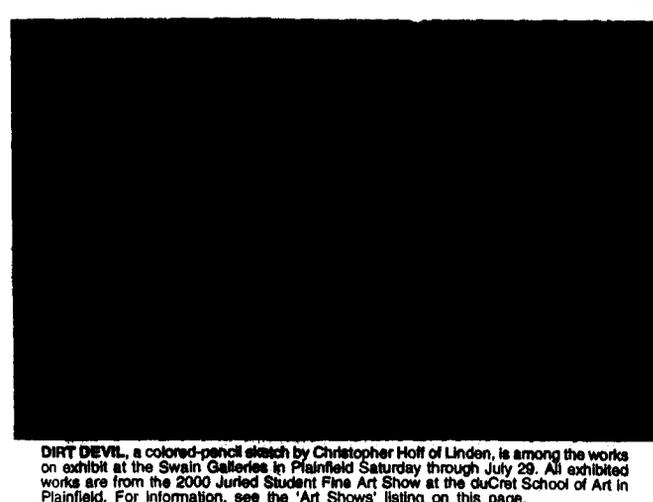
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**LIFE COACH JAMI NOVAK** will lead a new women's discussion group — "Take Time for Your Life," based on the book of the same name by Cheryl Richardson — sponsored by Barnes and Noble of Springfield. The group will subsequently meet July 20 and Aug. 17, all at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

**THE ART OF SPIRITUAL DREAMING**, a workshop on remembering and understanding dreams, will take place at Barnes and Noble in Clark July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Facilitators Suzanne Lagay and Elen Malachuk will lead the free workshop based on "The Art of Spiritual Dreaming" by Harold Klump. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

**MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER MICHAEL GELB** will lead a discussion based on his book "How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci: Seven Steps to Genius Every Day" July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. The workshop will focus on sibling and peer rivalry. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.



**DIRT DEVIL**, a colored-pencil sketch by Christopher Hoff of Linden, is among the works on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield Saturday through July 22. All exhibited works are from the 2000 Juried Student Fine Art Show at the duCrest School of Art in Plainfield. For information, see the "Art Shows" listing on this page.

# Union County Freeholders announce line-up for summer concert series

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the line-up of star entertainers and popular performers for the 2000 Summer Arts Festival concert series.

"Beginning June 28, and continuing each Wednesday through Aug. 30, Union County music lovers are invited to the natural amphitheater area of Echo Lake Park for top-notch, free entertainment," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "Perfor-

mance begin at 7:30 p.m., but many concert patrons take advantage of the warm summer weather in a beautiful park setting by arriving early for a picnic."

A full service snack bar is available in Echo Lake Park at the concert site for people who prefer to purchase dinner or a snack.

This year's outdoor summer concert series features:

- Wednesday: Reggae Celebration

(featuring Verdick, sponsored by Elizabethown Gas Company.)

- July 19: The Brooklyn Bridge, featuring Johnny Maestro, plus opening act "The New Masters," sponsored by Summit Bank.

- July 26: Popular Hits performed by New Power Soul.

- Aug. 2: Dishes Night featuring the original lead singer of the Shirelles, Shirley Alston Reeves, plus opening act "Who's Johnny," sponsored by the

Union County Education Association.

- Aug. 9: Country Music Night featuring Mustang Sally.

- Aug. 16: An Evening of Motown featuring The Sensational Soul Cruisers.

- Aug. 23: Big Band Night, featuring The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra, sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp.

- Aug. 30: The Party Dolls, sponsored by First Union Bank.

"In addition to the corporations that have chosen to sponsor specific concerts, several other local businesses have financially supported the series through various levels of donations," said Freeholder Deborah S. Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Corporate contributors include C.R. Bard Inc.; Infineum USA L.P.; East Central District Elks, National Service Committee; Felice; Gorton Heating Corp.; Industrial

Rubber Company; Loizeaux Builders Supply Company; Oakie Products Inc.; The Palmco Company; and Red Devil Foundation.

Echo Lake Park is located off Route 22, between Springfield Avenue in Mountainside, and Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Concert patrons should bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. In case of rain, call (908) 352-8410 for information after 3 p.m.

# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

## Water Safety

Drowning claims the lives of over 4,000 people every year. Although all age groups are represented, children 0-4 have the highest death rate due to drowning. In 1998, 500 children under the age of five drowned. Most drowning and near-drowning happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in the bath tub. The National Safety Council encourages adults to establish and adhere to strict water safety rules.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave a child alone near water - at the pool, the beach or in the tub - a tragedy can occur in seconds. If you must leave, take your child with you.
- Always use approved personal flotation devices (life jackets). The U.S. Coast Guard estimates nearly 9 of 10 drowning victims were not wearing one.
- Beware of neighborhood pools - be it your own or your neighbors. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use. Toys can attract children to the pool.
- For pools, barriers can offer added protection against drowning. Power or manual covers will completely cover a pool and block access to the water, however, be sure to drain any standing water from the surface of the pool cover as a child can drown in very small amounts of water.
- Enroll children over age three in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors. But keep in mind that lessons don't make your child "drown-proof."
- Older children risk drowning when they overestimate their swimming ability or underestimate the water depth.
- Teach your children these four key swimming rules:
  1. Always swim with a buddy.
  2. Don't dive into unknown bodies of water. Jump feet first to avoid hitting your head on a shallow bottom.
  3. Don't push or jump on others.
  4. Be prepared for an emergency.
- Never consume alcohol when operating a boat.
- Always have a first-aid kit and emergency phone contacts handy. Parents should be trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). The National Safety Council's First Aid Institute offers first aid and CPR training, for more information call 1-800-621-6244.



## Hiking and Camping Safety

Hiking and camping provide exercise and interest for people of any age. Just getting out and walking around is a wonderful way to see nature. Since unexpected things happen, however, the best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

- If you have any medical conditions, discuss your plans with your health care provider and get approval before departing.
- Review the equipment, supplies, and skills that you'll need. Consider what emergencies could arise and how you would deal with those situations. What if you got lost, or were confronted unexpectedly, by an animal? What if someone became ill or injured? What kind of weather might you encounter? Add to your hiking checklist the supplies you would need to deal with these situations.
- Make sure you have the skills you need for your camping or hiking adventure. You may need to know how to read a compass, erect a temporary shelter, or give first aid. Practice your skills in advance.
- If your trip will be strenuous, get into good physical condition before setting out. If you plan to climb or travel to high altitudes, make plans for proper acclimatization to the altitude.
- It's safest to hike or camp with at least one companion. If you'll be entering a remote area, your group should have a minimum of four people; this way, if one is hurt, someone can stay with the victim while two go for help. If you're going into an area that is unfamiliar to you, take along someone who knows the area or at least speak with those who do before you set out.
- Some areas require you to have reservations or certain permits. If an area is closed, do not go there. Find out in advance about any regulations - there may be rules about campfires or guidelines about wildlife.
- Pack emergency signaling devices, and know ahead of time the location of the nearest telephone or ranger station in case an emergency does occur on your trip.
- Leave a copy of your itinerary with a responsible person. Include such details as the make, year, and license plate of your car, the equipment you're bringing, the weather you've anticipated, and when you plan to return.
- Get trained in American Red Cross first aid before starting out. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for Community First Aid and Safety course or When Help is Delayed course.
- What to Bring: A Hiking Checklist



- What you take will depend on where you are going and how long you plan to be away, but any backpack should include the following:
  - Clothing (always bring something warm, extra socks, and rain gear).
  - Compass
  - First aid kit
  - Food (bring extra)
  - Flashlight
  - Foli (to use as a cup or signaling device)
  - Hat
  - Insect repellent
  - Map
  - Nylon filament
  - Pocket knife
  - Pocket mirror (to use as a signaling device)
  - Prescription medications for ongoing medical conditions
  - Radio with batteries
  - Space blanket or a piece of plastic (to use for warmth or shelter)
  - Sunglasses
  - Sunscreen
  - Trash bag (makes an adequate poncho)
  - Water
  - Waterproof matches or matches in a waterproof tin
  - Water purification tablets
  - Whistle (to scare off animals or to use as a signaling device)
- Always allow for bad weather and for the possibility that you may be forced to spend a night outdoors unexpectedly.

It's a good idea to assemble a separate "survival pack" for each hiker to have at all times. In a small waterproof container, place a pocket knife, compass, whistle, space blanket, nylon filament, water purification tablets, matches, and candle. With these items, the chances of being able to survive in the wild are greatly improved.



## Keeping Your Active Kid Safe

Your kids may howl at wearing a helmet, but it could save their life. Here are other safety tips for biking and in-line skating.

- Use properly fitted, appropriately sized equipment. Hand-me-down bikes or skates may be too big and cause control problems.
- Check the equipment condition. Are parts loose? Are tires properly inflated?
- When skating, wear wrist, knee and elbow pads. Kids may want to wear knee pads when they're first learning to bike for those inevitable spills.
- Always wear a helmet when biking or skating-head injuries can be fatal.
- When first learning to ride or skate, take the child to a wide, vacant parking lot. Narrow streets or crowded parking lots are not good places to learn.
- Teach children to ride defensively. Teach them not to assume that drivers can see them or will stop for them.
- When riding or skating in a group, kids should remember to leave plenty of navigating room. As tempting as it is to bunch up and talk, if someone falls, the whole gang could get knocked into traffic.



## Boating Safety

Do not wait until an accident happens to educate yourself as well as your family on the rules of safe boating. The following safety and survival tips will help you chart a safe course towards the fun and excitement of recreational boating.

- Learn to swim. This is the best way to stay safe in and around the water.
- Alcohol and boating don't mix. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, and coordination.
- Wear a life jacket. United States Coast Guard statistics indicate that on an average, over six hundred people drown annually in boating accidents. About 88 percent could have survived if they had worn a life jacket.
- Develop a float plan. Give a responsible person details about where you will be and how long you will be gone. Make sure they have a complete description of the vessel and other information that will make identification easier.
- Take a boating course. These courses teach about navigational rules, emergency procedures and the effects of wind, water conditions and weather.
- Watch the weather. Check weather warnings and forecasts before leaving shore and while at sea. Remain watchful for signs of bad weather and listen to weather radio broadcasts on your VHF radio.
- Prepare for a boat fire. Most boat fires can be put out rapidly if you act immediately. Having a fully charged fire extinguisher on hand is vital. To prevent boat fires take the following precautions: Clean bilges often and maintain proper gear storage; make sure shore-tie cables are properly connected; place oily rags in covered trash cans or dispose of them on shore; and store propane fuel for stoves in a secure area. Contact your local fire department for further fire prevention measures.



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# Whether picking or eating, strawberries provide endless enjoyment

By Ann-Perry Witmer  
Copley News Service  
Maybe it's nostalgia. Maybe it's pickiness. Maybe it's simply a riot of spring or, in this case, summer.

But for many people, this time of year means picking a bucketful of fresh strawberries from the field.

"There are very few pick-your-own crops, and it's a really fun experience," says Becky Schaefer, whose father-in-law, Walter Schaefer, started a you-pick strawberry patch more than 15 years ago. That patch has grown into Schaefer's Farm Produce near East Pavia, Ill. "Some people will come and bring a picnic lunch. Then you have some people who want to be the first people out and the first people back, and they're running the whole time."

Whether they're picking in a hurry or taking a more leisurely approach, everyone is there for the same reason — there's nothing like a fresh-picked, sweet strawberry to waken the taste buds.

"It's an old-fashioned main-stay fruit that's here today, gone tomorrow," Schaefer says. The typical strawberry season rarely lasts longer than a few weeks.

"A lot of people will say, 'Well, it's warming up, I bet the berries are ready,'" says Susan Bendwell, owner of Terry's Berries in Elwood, Ill. "There was one couple the first day who had filled their ice cream buckets and they came in from the field and asked if we could put the berries in something so they could get some more, because it's such good picking."

The only requirements for picking your own strawberries are time and patience. Maybe because modern lifestyles have stripped so many families of both, the typical strawberry picker is a senior citizen, both Schaefer and Bendwell say. Routinely, those seniors return year after year, sometimes day after day, and often they are picking berries for someone younger.

"A lot of seniors come and say, 'I picked strawberries as a kid,'" Bendwell says. "We had a 90-year-old lady come and pick her own berries."

Schaefer estimates three-quarters of her customers are older. It's such a tradition, she says, that some seniors return to the fields, relying on walkers or canes, even when they can't pick.

"We have some customers who bring a lawn chair and watch others pick," she says. "It's an experience everybody enjoys."

Families, too, will make strawberry picking into an outing, sometimes bringing along a lunch and spending hours in the patch. Bedwell particularly enjoys watching children at work.

"It's fun to watch the wee ones come and pick with their parents and grandparents," Bedwell says. "When they come in, we ask them, 'Have you eaten any berries?' They always say no, but their faces are all stained red."

For the record, you-pick operators know that everyone pops a few berries in their mouths as they pick, and most of them are OK with the minor flicking, acknowledging that it's part of the experience.

For those who want to enjoy fresh strawberries but simply haven't got the time to pick, most you-pick patches offer pre-picked strawberries for customers too busy to get out into the fields themselves.

What do most people do with the strawberries they've gathered?

"The majority are for freezing, but lots of people make strawberry pies, strawberry shortcake, strawberry jam," Schaefer says. "I had one customer pick a lot, and he said he was going to make strawberry wine."

Purists say their favorite way of eating the berries, though, is straight up, maybe with a little milk and sugar or whipped cream. That way, nothing gets in the way of the sweet berry flavor.

If you like strawberries, you've latched onto a wonderfully nutritional food. Strawberries are rich in vitamins C, E and B6, and they contain potassium, calcium and phosphorus. One cup has 55 calories, no saturated fats and very little sodium. Perhaps the biggest drawback to strawberries is that their season is so short. But less-flavorful imports are still available at the grocery store.

The following recipes are among the favorites of Becky Schaefer, co-owner of Schaefer's Farm Produce.

**Chilled Strawberry Soup**  
1 quart fresh strawberries  
1 cup orange juice  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1-1/2 teaspoons quick-cooking tapioca  
1 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
Yields 6 servings.

In blender, combine strawberries, orange juice and cinnamon, and process until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan, add tapioca and let stand 5 minutes. Bring mix to a boil, then boil and stir 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in buttermilk, sugar, lemon juice and lemon peel. Refrigerate.

**Nutritional analysis per serving:**  
140 calories, 2.4 grams protein, 0.8 gram fat (5.1 percent of total calories), 32.7 grams carbohydrate, 3.3 grams fiber, 2 milligrams cholesterol, 45 milligrams sodium.

**Strawberry Spread**  
18-ounce package cream cheese, softened  
2 teaspoons confectioner's sugar  
3 fresh strawberries, mashed (can add more)  
Yields 8 servings.

Beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth, add strawberries. This spread is good for bagels, toast, etc.

**Nutritional analysis per serving:**  
103 calories, 2.2 grams protein, 9.9 grams fat (85 percent of total calories), 1.8 grams carbohydrate, 0.1 gram fiber, 31 milligrams cholesterol, 84 milligrams sodium.

**Strawberry Bread**  
3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 to 4 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 cups sugar  
1-1/4 cups chopped nuts  
2 cups fresh or frozen strawberries  
4 eggs, well beaten  
1-1/4 vegetable oil  
Yields 12 servings.

Sift together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Add sugar and mix well. Add nuts. If using frozen berries, thaw and remove 2 tablespoons juice. Make well in dry ingredients, add berries, eggs and oil, and stir until well blended. Pour into two regular or four small oiled loaf pans, and bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour for small loaves or 1-1/4 hour for large loaves. Bread freezes well.



Bernie Rediger crawls along the rows to find the best berries at Terry's Berries near Elwood, Ill. Rediger said she visits the you-pick strawberry farm about three times a year to get berries for herself and her family.

**Nutritional analysis per serving:**  
364 calories, 6.8 grams protein, 33.4 grams fat (52.2 percent of total calories), 62 grams carbohydrate, 2.5 grams fiber, 82 milligrams cholesterol, 326 milligrams sodium.

The following *no-fat mousse* recipe comes from "The Enchanted Broccoli Forest" cookbook by Mollie Katzen.

**Fresh Strawberry Mousse**  
4 cups sliced strawberries  
6 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 to 2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1 cup whipped cream or firm nonfat yogurt, stirred until smooth  
Yields 6 servings.

Place strawberries in medium-size saucepan. Cover and cook over medium heat for 5 to 8 minutes, until it looks like soup. Transfer to medium-size bowl and set aside. Without washing it first, use the same saucepan for this step. Combine cornstarch, sugar and lemon juice in

pan and whisk until uniform. Pour the still-hot strawberry soup back into cornstarch mixture, whisking constantly. Return pan to stove, and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in lemon rind.

Transfer back to same bowl strawberries had been in and cool to room temperature. Puree until smooth in food processor or blender and return to bowl. Cover tightly and chill until cold.

Fold in whipped cream or yogurt and serve.

**Nutritional analysis per serving:**  
174 calories, 2 grams protein, 1.6 grams fat (7.9 percent of total calories), 39.8 grams carbohydrate, 2.7 grams fiber, 5 milligrams cholesterol, 20 milligrams sodium.

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# Honey proves versatile, tasty in recipes

By Lisa Clost  
Copley News Service

Pooh Bear may have had something when he said, "The only reason for being a bee that I know of is making honey ... and the only reason for making honey is so I can eat it."

Winnie, the creation of A.A. Milne, shares that philosophy in the children's classic, "House at Pooh Corner."

Most of us, however, aren't inclined to stick our hand — OK, entire paw — inside of a honey jar only to take glee in licking the digits clean.

But, there are many ways to incorporate the natural sweetener into everyday recipes.

"You can really use it interchangeably," said Majorie LaFont of the Peoria County Cooperative Extension Service in Illinois.

Since before the beginning of recorded history, mankind has been enjoying the sweet, sticky liquid. Honey can give recipes a sweet, delicate edge where sugar fails. And since it is twice as sweet, the amount to use in a recipe is half what you normally would use in sugar.

"You get the best results when you use a recipe especially designed for honey," LaFont said. "Honey does have some trace vitamins and minerals in it. The main reason people use it is because of the flavor. It's much sweeter because it is fructose where sugar is sucrose."

Specifically, honey is "an invert sugar," according to the National Honey Board, "composed of 38 percent fructose, 31 percent glucose, 1 percent sucrose and 9 percent other sugars, along with water and a high complement of essential vitamins and minerals."

Those vitamins include calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium and zinc. While present only trace amounts, the health is noteworthy, the board states.

In addition, honey is a carbohydrate, which makes it an energy supplier at 64 calories per tablespoon.

Because of honey's unique composition, it is digested a little differently than other sweeteners, according to the National Honey Board.

When compared to table sugar, honey has less of an effect on blood glucose and insulin levels primarily due to its higher fructose content.

According to the National Honey Board, honey is the only natural sweetener known that needs no additional refining or processing in order to be used. Its flavor, LaFont says, is attributed to the type of flower the honeybees gathered their nectar from. There are more than 300 sources in the United States alone. As a general rule, light-colored honey is milder in taste and dark-colored honey is stronger.

Most people know honey as a spread on their toast or peanut butter sandwich or a dollop in their tea. But honey is often preferred by many bakers because it keeps baked goods moist and fresh longer. It is also used to make glazes and crusts on many meat and side dishes.

But again, LaFont said, it's easier to use a recipe that already incorporates honey instead of trying to con-

vert a traditional recipe that uses sugar.

"For instance, cookies that don't call for any liquid ... it's difficult to switch to honey because it'll spread all over the pan and they don't have a good texture," LaFont said. "And you can't make some candies with honey because its different chemical structure doesn't allow it to crystallize the way sugar does."

LaFont notes that toddlers younger than 2 years old should not be fed food made with honey because it can carry a trace of botulism bacteria. The body's system of those older than 2 years old can more easily fight off any trace of the bacteria.

When cooking with honey, the National Honey Board recommends not overcooking a dish that contains honey because it may caramelize.

There are many forms of honey to choose from, in addition to flavors, according to the National Honey Board.

- Liquid honey: This is free of visible crystals and is extracted from the comb in the hive. It's especially convenient for cooking, but can be used as a spread, too. Most honey in the United States is sold in this form.

- Creme of spun honey: This is finely crystallized, and it controlled so that at room temperature it can spread like butter on toast, biscuits, muffins or used as a cake filling.

- Comb honey: Comb honey is contained in the cells of the honey-

- bee's wax comb.
- Cut comb: This is honey that has been packaged along with chunks of honeycomb.

When storing honey, LaFont recommends room temperature, but in a cool, dark place, not in direct sunlight on the kitchen table. If it is stored too long, honey will crystallize. But don't fret. This can be fixed by placing the jar in warm water or by microwaving the amount of you want on high for two to three minutes, stirring every 30 seconds.

- However you decide to use honey in your cooking — whether it's in a glaze, a cake or side dish — you can bet you're not alone.

"A lot of people have turned to honey, I think because it's a natural ingredient and hasn't been processed," LaFont said. "Honey has a very good flavor."

So, next time you need to take a cake to that office function, check out your cookbooks or visit the National Honey Board website at [www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com) for recipes that were designed specifically to incorporate honey.

The following recipes come courtesy of the National Honey Board.

**Honey Fried Chicken**  
3 pounds meaty chicken pieces  
3/4 cup honey  
3/4 cup buttermilk baking mix, or more

2 teaspoon paprika  
Salt, to taste  
Pepper, to taste  
Vegetable oil

Yields 6 servings.  
Coat chicken with honey; set aside. Combine buttermilk baking mix, mustard, paprika, salt and pepper, dredge chicken in hot oil and cook about 5 minutes or until underside of



There are approximately 300 varieties of honey in the United States. They vary from waterwhite fireweed to rich, dark amber buckwheat. In general, lighter-colored honeys are milder in flavor while darker-colored honeys are bolder.

chicken is golden; turn chicken pieces and cook about 5 minutes, turning as needed.

Reduce heat to low and cook 7 to 10 minutes longer or until juices run clear.

Remove chicken, drain on paper towels.

**Southern-Style Honey Barbecued Chicken**

1 (2-1/2 to 3-pound) chicken, cut up

Salt, to taste  
Pepper to taste  
1 cup thinly sliced onions

3/4 cup tomato sauce  
1/4 cup honey  
1/4 cup vinegar

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 teaspoon bottled hot pepper sauce

Yields 4 servings.  
Place chicken, skin side down, in large baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour mixture over chicken.

Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees F for 30 minutes. Turn pieces and bake 20 minutes longer or until chicken is glazed and no longer pink.

**Honey Baked Beans**

4 slices bacon, diced  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
4 1/2 cups cooked navy beans (see note)

1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Yields 6 servings.  
Sauté bacon and onion until onion is tender; combine with remaining ingredients in shallow 2-quart over-

proof baking dish.  
Cover with lid or aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 45 minutes longer.

Note: Three 15-ounce cans cooked navy beans can be substituted.

**Honey-Kissed Vegetables**

2-1/2 cups acorn squash, pared, seeded and cut into chunks  
1 turnip, pared and cut into chunks  
1 cup julienned carrots

1 small onion, halved and quartered  
1/4 cup honey  
2 tablespoons margarine, melted

1 teaspoon grated orange peel  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
Yields 6 servings.

Steam squash, turnip, carrots and onion over water in covered skillet about 5 minutes, or until tender. Drain.

Combine honey, margarine, orange peel and nutmeg.

Drizzle over vegetables and toss; serve.

**Melt-In Your Mouth Lamb Brochettes**

Marinating chunks of lamb in a bath of grated onions and olive oil yields a melt-in-your-mouth and heady flavor. This is especially great when grilled on the barbecue.

**Ingredients**  
3 large red onions, 6 ounces each  
1/2 cup olive oil  
2-1/2 pounds lamb from the leg or shoulder, cut into 32 2-inch chunks

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## County Vo-Tech offers 'Twilight' cooking class

Slated to begin Sept. 6, the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools will once again offer a Culinary Arts Program for adults seeking to enter the food service industry.

Labeled "Twilight Culinary Arts," there are two separate classes, five days a week. They are held from 2 to 4:40 p.m. and 5:10 to 7:50 p.m. Participants, men and women older than high-school age can complete the course in one year by enrolling in both classes. If a single session is chosen, course completion will take two years.

Offering premier food service education, the Culinary Arts Program introduces the student to a variety of food preparation techniques from cooking principles to gourmet foods. The educational setting is a fully-equipped, state-of-the-art commercial kitchen under the guidance of a professional chef and instructor.

Students in Culinary Arts are taught the preparation of stocks, soups, sauces, salads, meats, fish, shellfish, poultry and vegetables. Portion control, food presentation, garnishing and preparation of desserts are important elements of the curriculum. In addition, instructional areas include safety and sanitation, proper use of tools and equipment purchasing, inventory control, menu planning, diet, nutrition, serving, food service management and kitchen operations.

Graduates of the program can choose to enter the food industry as a chef, sous chef, banquet cook, prep cook, line cook or first cook. Many graduates elect to continue their education by pursuing college degrees in culinary arts.

Financial aid is available to eligible students and job-placement assistance will be offered to graduates.

Full details about "Twilight Culinary Arts" can be obtained by calling the Admissions Office at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools at (908) 889-2999.

## Tasty lamb brochettes are as easy to make as '1-2-3'

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**Preparation**  
Peel onions. Grate one onion on large holes of box grater. Put onion puree in a fine-mesh strainer mixed with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Press with spoon to extract as much juice as possible. Mix 1/4 cup onion puree with olive oil and pour over lamb. Add freshly ground black pepper and marinate for 1 to 1-1/2 hours, turning often.

Prepare barbecue, or preheat broiler for indoor cooking.

Cut remaining onions into squares or wedges. Using long metal skewers, alternately thread pieces of onion and lamb, using 4 pieces of lamb for each skewer. Spoon a little of the marinade over skewers and place on barbecue or on baking sheet and cook until desired doneness, 3 to 4 minutes on each side. Sprinkle with salt and serve immediately with cruet of olive oil, if desired.

Makes 8 skewers.

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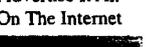
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## Tiburon feels more like star fighter than an economical sporty coupe

By Mark Maynard  
Copley News Service

As life and automobiles evolve and grow more complex, it's great to find a fun, simple sporty car such as the 2000 Hyundai Tiburon.

Contemporary but not top heavy on image, the Tiburon package has been freshened for a fair price. Just beginning its fourth year of sales, this compact four-seater has received a simple restyling inside and out.

The car feels light and responsive without giving the impression of being light and inexpensive. As much fun as the Tiburon is to drive, though, it's something to think how much more fun it could be with the V-6 engine from the Sonata sedan.

There is only one model of Tiburon now, and it is close in features to the top-line EX of last year.

The front end has been reshaped to add four round projector-beam headlights, and the front fascia has a larger intake and larger air dam with built-in fog lights. The styling gives the vague appearance of an Acura Integra or Toyota Celica, but despite the friendly association with those cars, there still is nothing quite like the shape of a Tiburon on the road.

At the rear end are larger taillights and an vents on a fatter exhaust tip. A rear wiper-washer with intermittent mist and 15-inch wheels are now part of the package.

The steekest changes are inside. The speedily slant to the gauge graphics renounces the tacky, techy texture of the instrument panel that is creatively set off by aluminum and black plastics with soft-touch surfaces. There is hardly a straight line anywhere in the cabin, which works well in this environment to create an honest, contemporary image.

When seated in the six-way adjustable driver's seat, Tiburon feels more like a star fighter than an economical sporty coupe. The materials look good and feel durable, leaving the owner with a good feeling about spending \$16,000 or so.

The base price remained the same as last year, \$14,434, or \$15,184 with the four-speed automatic transmission. The test car, with one option

package, had an as-tested price of \$15,734. Add the latest option package for \$3,250 — leather, rear spoiler, sunroof, ABS and AM-FM-CD-cassette audio — and the price tops out at \$18,434. About the only other option needed are the carpeted floor mats for \$75.

horsepower also is a good example of character, and this is where Hyundai could be more responsive to American tastes and belt in the V-6 from the Sonata sedan.

Instead, Tiburon gets the technologically advanced but smaller 140-hp 2.0-liter double head and four-cylinder. It is a sturdy motor that has to be tacked up to 6,000 rpm to get the peak horsepower. Torque is a little shy, too, at 133 foot-pounds and doesn't bring much to the party until about 4,800 rpm.

Powering up to speed to merge with interstate traffic leaves the Tiburon feeling out of breath. There's room for a little more edge in an inexpensive coupe as nicely done as this one. Two transmissions are available.

The test car had the standard five-speed manual shifter, which has a long throw to the shifts and feels loose and imprecise. The optional — \$750 — four-speed automatic, with Power and Normal shift mode, may be less inspiring because of the modest torque rating.

Affordability, function and fun are the Tiburon's strong points, and most buyers won't quibble about the performance. There's decent carrying space between the 12.8 cubic feet of trunk space, hatchback and 50/50 split rear seat back. Fuel economy is a penny-punching 32 miles to the gallon on the highway with the five-speed. Factor in styling, and Tiburon screams 2000 and road trip. You can roll down the windows and cruise without being battered by wind turbulence — a big plus for those of us who like fresh air — and an uncomplicated lifestyle.

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## 2000 Hyundai Tiburon

Body style: Compact 2+2 hatchback coupe  
Drive system: Front engine, front drive  
Engine: 2.0-liter DOHC, 16-valve four-cylinder  
Power ratings: 140 hp at 6,000 rpm; 133 foot-pounds of torque at 4,800 rpm  
Transmission: Five-speed manual  
EPA estimated fuel economy: 23 mpg city, 32 highway (22/30 with automatic transmission)  
Fuel tank: 14.5 gallons; 87 octane recommended  
Wheelbase: 97.4 inches  
Length: 170.9 inches  
Curb weight: 2,633 pounds (2,664 with automatic transmission)  
Front head/shoulder room: 34.3/29.9/49.2 inches  
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