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Convention notebook

Ellen Stein is a very popular person in Los Angeles this week. In her role as arrangement co-chair for the New Jersey Delegation at the National Convention, the Linden resident is in demand for everything, from passes, waiting for the California Highway Patrol daily at 6:30 a.m. to deliver evening credentials to walk-throughs at the convention, to her working for her candidate for U.S. Senate, Jon Corzine.

For Summit resident Corzine, in his role as chairperson of the delegation saw him spend the morning breakfast speaking to the party about unity among different factions of the party and delivering an address to the convention Tuesday evening.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Because of the heightened security at the convention center, the problem of access to the event has been the topic of conversation among the delegates. The problem is compounded by the relative inaccessibility of the Glendale Hotel in suburban Los Angeles. County Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo quipped, "There are no demonstrators at our hotel because they can't find it."

Delegates found out quickly the cost of transportation in Southern California. One of the toughest stories concerned Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage. Along with Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer and the Rev. Reginald Jackson. They received bad information that tickets were available for the Yankee-Angels game on Sunday afternoon. It took a one-way, \$85 taxi trip for all three sports fans to the ballpark to find out the game was sold out. Despite his travel woes, Bollwage was upbeat at the convention activities. "It is a valuable opportunity to attend the convention as a delegate. It really is the first step to the ultimate victory of the Governor ticket."

Union Township Democratic Chairman Joe Cryan has combined his role as a delegate with a family vacation and was accompanied by his two teen-age children.

Assemblyman Joe Suliga, also a delegate, said that "the opportunity to spend time with legislators and other officials in this setting builds stronger relationships."

The activities of the delegates start each morning with a breakfast meeting in the ballroom of the hotel. Party leaders pump up the group regarding the convention's activities. After the evening convention activities the delegates are invited to parties sponsored by the leaders of the party.

Sitting alone on a couch outside the hotel restaurant after Monday's breakfast was Corzine. After all the talk about his high-priced staff, he was rewriting his own remarks to be presented later in the afternoon of the convention.

Corzine quipped "they keep cutting down my time because of the limited time at the convention." For the record, Corzine's speech had 422 words.

One of the busiest New Jerseyans at the convention is Tortorelli. In addition to a well received speech calling for unity at the New Jersey breakfast on Monday and posing for pictures, Tortorelli is the major fund-raiser for the national Democrats.

With ticketing to the convention at a premium this year, the state committee actually holds a lottery each morning for all of the six pre-convention passes. It was probably to be expected that rumors were rampant of scalping of tickets for as much as \$1,500 for the Tuesday night speeches by Caroline Kennedy and Joe Lieberman.

Thursday night will include a live Barbra Streisand concert for delegates with tickets compliments of Corzine.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Board to present ballot question

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to pass a resolution at its next meeting to place an open space trust fund on November's ballot. The only question at this point may be how much the additional tax will be.

Freeholders will meet for a regular meeting Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth and the deadline to place a public question on the Nov. 7 ballot is Aug. 25.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella said board members have mentioned the possibility of presenting an open space trust fund tax of \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed property instead of the \$0.02 per \$100 recommended by the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee.

The committee made several recommendations last month to the freeholder board about an Open Space Trust Fund for Union County. A dedicated open space tax of \$0.02 per \$100 would raise approximately \$6.5 million annually and \$65 over the 10-year period the fund would be in existence. A tax of \$0.015 per \$100 would raise approximately \$4.9 million per year.

Mirabella said any adjustments would be finalized by the end of this week. Whatever is ultimately agreed upon would be based on "what makes sense and what other counties have done," he said.

Bergen County has a tax of \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed property which raises \$4 million annually. Essex County established a trust fund in 1998 and collects \$3.7 million per year based on a \$0.01 per \$100 assessment. Middlesex County uses a \$0.01 tax which raised \$4.4 million last year. Somerset County created its fund in 1989 at a rate of \$0.015 but doubled it to \$0.03 per \$100 in 1997 and now collects \$12.2 million annually. Somerset is concentrating efforts on acquiring and preserving open space.

"Ultimately it's up to the voters," Mirabella said. The trust fund will "generate the type of dollars needed to improve the park system."

Paul Sanderson, chair of The Loantanka Group of Morris and Union counties, said the two-cent open space tax is probably a good amount "without being oppressive. It's not onerous."

Of the \$65 million to be raised through the trust fund, approximately \$52 million will be used to fund the Union County Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, a series of recommendations to improve the park system.

Approximately \$13 million will be offered as matching grants to local municipalities for local acquisition and development projects. The master plan called for spending about \$7 million on several recommended acquisitions.

"There's not much left to acquire and what there is is competitively sought," said Sanderson of the available land left within Union County.

Although a majority of the Open Space Trust Fund will not be used for acquiring land, Sanderson said it is "public money to be spent for public use."

Union County crime statistics

	1996	1997	1998	1999
Burglary	4,465	4,972	4,261	3,095
Larceny	13,179	12,975	12,271	10,530
Motor vehicle theft	4,030	3,905	3,737	4,132
Nonviolent crime	21,674	21,852	20,269	17,757
Rate per 1,000	43.7	43.9	40.8	35.5
Robbery	1,526	1,454	1,412	1,299
Murder	26	19	13	17
Rape	113	104	85	95
Aggravated assault	950	1,037	983	917
Violent crime	2,616	2,614	2,493	2,328
Rate per 1,000	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.7
Arson	97	111	87	100
Domestic violence	5,568	5,309	5,231	5,228
Bias crime	77	45	22	15
Crime Index Total	24,290	24,466	22,762	20,085
Rate per 1,000	48.9	49.2	45.8	40.1

Source: Uniform Crime Report.

The rate per 1,000 indicates the number of incidents per 1,000 residents. The crime index total declined nearly 12 percent.

Road race raises funds for hotline

Contact We Care's annual 5K Road Race and Kid Sprint fund-raiser is set for Saturday at 6 p.m. at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. Runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Complete with a USATF-certified course, two water stops, digital clocks at mile one and two, countless individual and team awards, custom t-shirts, food, drinks, random prize drawings, and entertainment, Contact's 5K Road Race and Kid Sprint attracts runners and supporters from far and wide.

"This exciting community event draws hundreds of people of all ages and abilities," said Joan Borner, chairwoman of the event. "It's a great way to have fun, get some exercise, and support Contact We Care's crucial service to the community."

Contact We Care is the 24-hour suicide prevention tele-

phone hotline located in Union County. Since 1975, Contact telephone volunteers have handled more than 1,000 calls a month from individuals who are lonely, depressed or in crisis.

Contact volunteers are highly trained to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human needs. The hotline number is (908) 232-2880.

On race day, registration for the 5K race is \$15.

The Kids Sprint, anywhere from 25 to 440 yards, depending upon age, will begin at 6:45 p.m. Children, ages 2 through 12, can participate in a Kid Sprint for \$5.

All Kids Sprint participants receive a T-shirt and lots of other fun goodies.

For information on Contact's annual 5K Road Race and Kid Sprint call (732) 381-0318 or e-mail mzcrae@aol.com.



KIDS KINGDOM — Enrique Zetina, 3, and Moriano Guzman of Hillsdale, left, try their luck at the hole-in-one golf challenge while budding artist Catherine Fiogel, 2, of Summit, above, creates a face mask during Kids Kingdom at the Watchung Reservation on Sunday. The Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee, featuring a main stage with continuous live entertainment for kids, is sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders four times every summer. The last stop will be Sept. 16 and 17 at Nohamegan Park in Cranford, rain or shine. Admission is free. For event information call (908) 436-2900.

Municipalities take advantage of sheriff's program

By Dave Goldberg
Staff Writer

Over the last seven years, the Union County Sheriff's Office has offered a program to first-time nonviolent offenders to work off their crimes and pay their debt to society rather than go to jail. The Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program, at one time or another, has been by each municipality within the county.

"The SLAP program was not accepted in the beginning," said Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. "There were those individuals who were detractors of SLAP. But today municipalities are happy to utilize SLAP workers."

"This program has been extremely successful," said Froehlich. "It serves an excellent alternative to incarceration. This program not only benefits the defendant, but it also benefits the county. The county has seen over \$100,000 worth of labor and the defendant can maintain a full-time job and work flexible hours in the program. This allows the defendant to maintain their status as a parent and a provider."

According to the Sheriff's Office, this is a very strict program that must follow through by the participants. There is a \$20 fee to become a participant along with a specific screening process.

According to Froehlich, the screening process is very thorough and complete. SLAP cannot accept those who committed violent crimes, drug sales, or any other serious infraction of the law. According to the Froehlich, participants in the program are those who have committed minor crimes and for the most part should not be incarcerated. The majority of the participants often commit motor vehicle violations.

The SLAP program is not for violent offenders. Some of the violations include individuals who have been caught shoplifting, had their licenses revoked or have been arrested for a DWI. The majority of the crimes are motor vehicle violations.

There are strict measures taken to ensure that all participants in SLAP are qualified. Background checks are conducted to make sure there is no record of serious violations of the law in the defendant's past. Anyone who attempts to deceive their qualification for SLAP will go back to jail.

"The SLAP worker program is not a 'Get out of jail free' card," said Capt. Vincent DeTrotto. "The participants are expected to work hard and follow orders or they will be sent back in front of a judge. This could cause the person to be put back in jail."

There are two different kinds of violations within SLAP as defined by the Sheriff's Office: bench warrants and violations.

Bench warrants are associated with participants who do not show up or ahead their assigned duties for the program. Violators are associated with SLAP participants who are verbally abusive to officers or reluctant to work.

Earlier this summer, James Washington, a potential participant in SLAP, attempted to deceive the interviewing officer by having another man, Sam Jessie, who had a criminal record, pose as him. Jessie had been paid by Washington to work his SLAP sentence, authorities said.

The program has proven to be successful in various communities. According to DeTrotto, SLAP is financially beneficial to towns. DeTrotto said there has been a savings of \$360,000 in labor costs since the inception of SLAP. The money that would normally be paid to unskilled laborers to complete much needed tasks of repairs and construction, can be completed by SLAP workers.

Money is being saved because the SLAP workers are not being paid for the workers labor in the program, he said. Since they are not being paid or housed there is no significant cost

involved. The cost of incarceration can be very expensive to begin with, so SLAP is able to maintain prison costs.

SLAP workers have a traditional work day like any other full-time laborer, working daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During that time, workers have various jobs which can depend on their levels of skill.

The hours of operation for SLAP became a problem in Roselle Park where it was discontinued in the school system. According to Superintendent of Schools Char Szustko, the school district stopped using the program because parents were concerned about SLAP workers working while students were on the premises.

"The SLAP program is very useful and helpful to the community," said Roselle Mayor Joseph Crocena. "It is very beneficial and it allows our parks to be spruced and clean. The program also keeps us from being more full-time people which allows us to hold the line on taxes."

Roselle and Roselle Park recently entered into a working agreement where both boroughs will share their municipal contributions. Each municipality will pay nearly \$1,300 per month for SLAP. It is the first time there is an agreement between two municipalities.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

State's theaters are honored with Perry Award nominations

Gathering at the Sayreville Main Street Theater Company Saturday, the movers and shakers of New Jersey's community theaters heard the magic words: "The nominees are ..."

Sponsored by Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater, the announcement of the nominations for the 2000 Perry Awards, the third such annual event organized by R.E.C.T., will culminate in the presentation of the awards Sept. 10 in Edison.

With 57 theaters participating, the nominees were winnowed from a field of roughly 135 shows reviewed by members of R.E.C.T.'s 33-person nominating committee. The eligibility period runs from July 1 to June 30 and, according to R.E.C.T. Nominations Chairman Chris Fitzgerald of Cranford, the executive board must sit down with more than 270 review forms to determine the nominees.

The 2000 Perry Awards will be presented Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Edison Sheraton. For information, call (732) 698-0217.

The Nominees

Editor's Note: Nominations listed in bold print are for theaters located in Union County. Nominations listed in italics are for artists who reside in Union County.

Outstanding Production of a Musical
 "Crazy for You," Show Kids Invitational Theater (S.K.I.T.); Carolyn B. Newman, producer
"Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players of Linden; Rita Greco, producer
"Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club; Liz Howard, producer
"Man of La Mancha," Princeton

Opera Company; David W. Kaiser, producer
 "Nonsense," First Avenue Playhouse; Joe Bagnole, producer
 "Oliver!," West Milford Players; Ed Walker, producer
 "The Pirates of Penzance," Sayreville Main Street Theater Company (SMSTC); Mark Iardi, producer
Outstanding Production of a Play
 "As Bees in Honey Drown," Attie Ensemble of Jersey City; Judith Moss, producer
 "Biloxi Blues," The Villagers of Franklin; Debbie Fell, Marie Fiorello and Roz Wroblewski, producers

"Burn This," Alliance Repertory Theater; Jerry Marino, producer
 "Dangerous Corner," *Carnival Productions of Rahway; Wendy Cinqunata, producer*
 "The Elephant Man," Peddie Players; Robert Rund, producer
 "June Moon," Ocean County College; Melanie Mantiak, producer
 "Three Tall Women," Alliance Repertory Theater; Jeff Strager, producer

Outstanding Direction of a Musical
 Mark Iardi, "The Pirates of Penzance," SMSTC
 Joe Bagnole, "Nonsense," First Avenue Playhouse
 Peter Clark, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club
 Gary John LaRosa, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," MOC Musical Theater
 Carolyn B. Newman, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
 Rick Joyce and Jeanette Joyce, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Co.
 Amy Levine, "1776," Playhouse 22
Outstanding Direction of a Play
 Tony Adase, "The Grapes of Wrath," Somerset Valley Players

Wanda Maragni, "Improper Attention," Attie Ensemble
 Jerry Marino, "Three Tall Women," Alliance Repertory Theater
 Tom Rowan, "As Bees in Honey Drown," Attie Ensemble
 Deborah Pedratti, "Daughters," First Avenue Playhouse
 Bill Van Sam, "Dangerous Corner," *Carnival Productions*
 Arthur Walsman, "June Moon," Ocean County College

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical
 Roger Dunbar, "Camelet," St. Catherine's Performing Arts
 Greg Louis, "My Fair Lady," SMSTC
 David W. Kaiser, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Co.
 Joe Nucci, "The Pirates of Penzance," SMSTC
 Joel Newman, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
 Brian J. Rowe, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Co.
 Jonathan Schwartz, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical
 Carolot Ashwell-Pross, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club
 Donna Donnangelo, "Nonsense,"

First Avenue Playhouse
 Barbara Jude Greco, "Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players
 Gina Lupi, "My Fair Lady," SMSTC
 JoEllen Miller, "The Pirates of Penzance," SMSTC
 Michelle Moder, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
 Wanda Toro, "Side Show," The Villagers

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play
 Michael Ausiello, "Biloxi Blues," The Villagers
 Will Jarred, "Lost and Found," Teaneck New Theater
 Nate Patten, "June Moon," Ocean County College
 Michael Monaco, "Bent," Circle Players
 Art Murray, "Love Letters," Old Library Theater
 Erick Roy, "The Grapes of Wrath," Somerset Valley Players
 Jeff Strager, "Burn This," Alliance Repertory Theater
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play
 Lauryn Ahearn, "The Diary of Anne Frank," Old Library Theater
 Nancy Carmody, "Love Letters," Old Library Theater

Danielle Cherchio, "June Moon," Ocean County College
 Annette Jarod, "Lost and Found," Teaneck New Theater
 Carolina McNeely, "As Bees in Honey Drown," Attie Ensemble
 Stefanie Peterson, "Lovers and Other Strangers," Somerset Valley Players
 Elaine Wallace, "Three Tall Women," Alliance Repertory Theater

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical
 Kevin M. Brady Jr., "Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players
 Todd Gagnon, "The Music Man," S.K.I.T.
 Joe Kedor, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Park Players
 John Klemek, "Broadway: Skyline," Iron Mountain Stage Company
 David Pascho, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Sagesisters
 Angel Perera, "A Chorus Line," Bayonne JCC Players
 Trent Van Doren, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Somerset Valley Players
Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical
 Paula Bailey, "Broadway: Skyline," **NOMINATIONS, Page B4**

Song-&-dance duo pay musical tribute to Garland & Rooney

By Bea Smith
 Staff Writer

Jeff Hamar and Shauna Hicks, two marvelously talented performers, will offer a rare and wonderful tour down memory lane when they become Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland in a fascinating program called "Shauna and Jeff Sing Mickey and Judy" Aug. 24 up in Le Dome at the Manor in West Orange.

For an audience to be exposed to the heartwarming music from Mickey and Judy's classical MGM movies of the 1930s and 1940s is a treat in itself, but when two award-winning actor-singers turn the small stage at Le Dome into a Garland-Rooney festival, it will become a unique experience.

And certainly, both performers have had enough stage experience to turn the Manor into an MGM studio and make it believable. Hamar, who has twice won the Manhattan Association of Cabaret Award as Best Male Vocalist and was honored three times with the Back Stage Bitro Award, toured as the singing narrator of "Cousin on Ice" starring Dorothy Hamill, which was broadcast on the A&E television network. He has recorded successfully and performed in the Cats Power and Noel Coward Centennial galas at Carnegie Hall and major cities throughout the United States and Europe.

Hicks, who starred on Broadway in "Blood Brothers" with David and Shaun Cassidy, Petula Clark, Carole King and Helen Reddy, received a Jeff Award nomination for her role as Rosemary in the national tour of "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying." She is known for her one-woman show, "Shauna Hicks and her 60s Chicks," a retrospective, she said, of her childhood role models. Hicks also is the recipient of the MAC and Bitro awards, and has recorded additional favorite music.

"Actually," said Hamar, during a recent chat with both Hamar and Hicks, "during Mickey and Judy was Shauna's idea. She was on the radio with Buddy Adler doing a 'Dan-

ny Kaye Salute' and when she saw how the audience responded, she got in touch with me about saluting Judy and Mickey."

"That Danny Kaye tribute was in 1998 in Florida," added Hicks. "And when I got back to town — Manhattan," she said, "I called Jeff and said to him, 'You know what? Let's do a Mickey and Judy show from their MGM movies.' We agreed that that would be a good show for us, and we began rehearsing the great songs from 'Babes in Arms,' 'Babes on Broadway,' 'Strike Up the Band,' 'Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante,' 'Girl Crazy' and 'Words and Music,' the last film they did together. We actually sat ourselves with their songs."

Hicks explained that "this Judy Garland thing is easy for me. I had done 'Buzz Saw Berkeley' Off-Broadway and played a young girl named Judy Gorgon — a spoof on a young Judy Garland. So, in 1998, when Jeff and I started up again, we decided to make this more of a musical documentation. It is actually a very warm and affection tribute."

Hamar mentioned that "we have known each other for 12 years, and Shauna has become a dear friend. We were singing waiters together," he recalled.

"We actually bonded in the trenches of a singing waiter job," Hicks recalled. "We appeared together in 'Mrs. J's Sacred Cow,' and maintained a working friendship. You know, Mickey and Judy were such good friends, and Jeff and I are such good friends."

Hamar added, "And that's how we met. She went off to appear on Broadway, and I went with cabaret work. The show opened a year ago, and we've been doing it in Hollywood, New York, Houston, Salt Lake City."

Just bringing the memorable music of Mickey and Judy to audiences everywhere can be real fun, but bringing it to the Manor can be phenomenal. Strike up that band, Jeff and Shauna, the audience will be waiting with bated breath.



Shauna Hicks and Jeff Hamar will appear in 'Shauna and Jeff Sing Mickey and Judy,' a musical tribute to Garland and Rooney, at the Manor in West Orange Aug. 24.

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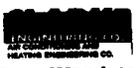
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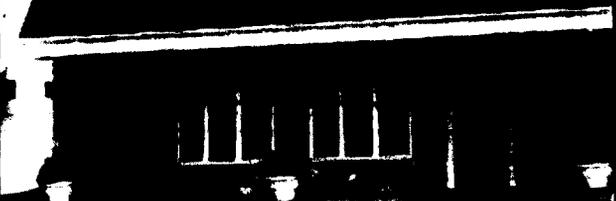
Patrick Starega, "Run for Your Wife," SMSTC
 Sheldon Stone, "Later Life," Oakland Community Players
Outstanding Ensemble Actress In a Play
 Marie Cannico, "Later Life," Oakland Community Players
 Cindy Keller, "The Grapes of Wrath," Somerset Valley Players
 Linda Liakou, "Cheaper by the Dozen," Studio Players
 Sharon R. Soeman, "The Elephant Man," Poddie Players
 Joanne Smith, "Joined at the Head," Carnival Productions
 Karin Wander, "Lost and Found," Teaneck New Theater
 Leslie Wheeler, "Much Ado About Nothing," Ocean County College
Outstanding Musical Direction
 Alia Axelrod, "Nunsense," First Avenue Playhouse
 Peter DeMeis, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Company
 Joyce Kay, "1776," Playhouse 22
 Alan J. Meeker, "Guys & Dolls," SMSTC
Ann Minear Weeks, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club
 Barry Oliver, "Comfort and Joy," Voices for Life
 Carole P. Warfield and John Palermo, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
Outstanding Choreography
 Janice Lynn, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club
 Maria Mantak, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
 Chris Parks and Lisa Bottalico, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Co.
 Christopher Patterson, "The Wiz," Playhouse 22
 Q., "The Pirates of Penzance," SMSTC
 Cindy Smith, "Fiddler on the Roof," Cranford Repertory Theater
Patrick Starega, "Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players
Outstanding Set Design
 Frank Avellino, "The Diary of Anne Frank," Old Library Theater
 Vic Morosco and Matthew Kausch, "Guys & Dolls," SMSTC
 Jim Parks, "Biloxi Blues," The Villagers
 Jim Parks Sr., "1776," Playhouse 22
 Neil Prince, "Much Ado About Nothing," Ocean County College
 Tom Rowe, "Mister Roberts," Somerset Valley Players
 Cathy Whitehead, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
Outstanding Lighting Design
 Ian Mac Allen, "Broadway: Sky-

line," Iron Mountain Stage Company
 Marilyn Anker, "The Elephant Man," Poddie Players
 Judi Finnegan, "June Moon," Ocean County College
 Phil Ippolito, "As Bees in Honey Drown," Attic Ensemble
 Jim Kudleit, "The Music Man," S.K.I.T.
 Mike Rapelye, "Biloxi Blues," The Villagers
 David Ross, "Lost and Found," Teaneck New Theater
Outstanding Costume Design
 Dot Carroll, "Crazy for You," S.K.I.T.
 Claire Kanouse, "June Moon," Ocean County College
 Tina Lee and Stephanie Peterson, "Biloxi Blues," The Villagers
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The Yankee Buffet

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Union's Yankee Buffet, at 2600 Morris Ave., is a restaurant where diners can find a finely executed variety of traditional Chinese and Western cuisines.

When owner Michael Yeung opened Yankee Buffet two years ago, there were at least two other restaurants offering buffet-style Chinese fare along Morris Avenue. One can presume the local openings are part of a national acceptance of the Southern buffet restaurant.

Part of Yeung's approach in distinguishing Yankee Buffet from the rest is to provide a balanced presentation of Oriental and Occidental styles. One can sense the blend walking into the dining room. While the 250-seat room features new modern tables and retains roof chandeliers from the former dining hall, the booth partitions and walls are illustrated with either glass enclaves of mythical Chinese animals or a photo mural of Taiwan's Wuyai Mountain.

For those who prefer Western fare, Yankee Buffet offers a 20-item "International Food" table. Items range from barbecued chicken on a stick to mini-pizza wedges to onion rings.

A buffet staff member replenishes most food stock about every five minutes. That includes a heaping tray of medium-sized crab legs, which patrons repeatedly exhale.

Complimentary refreshments for crab and lobster are found at the utensil counter, along with three serving sauces, chop sticks, two rice cookers and four crock pots of soup. The egg drop soup sampled consists of large and small egg flakes suspended in an opaque yellow broth.

One who makes more than one run to the buffet room will likely encounter a wait staff member who wants to take your dish. Unlike some buffet places, which charge by the plate, the staff wants a diner to have a clean plate.

The 80-item-a-day buffet has five price categories, from \$3.49 to \$10.99 per person, depending on the time of the week. There is also a 150-item menu and limited buffet for take-out customers.

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Whether you're an antiques lover, an aspiring collector, or simply looking for a unique way to redecorate or refurbish your home, there's one show you won't want to miss — the giant Antiques Weekend in Somerset, at the Garden State Exhibit Center Saturday and Sunday in Somerset.

This exciting event with more than 200 dealers draws thousands of shoppers from all over the country with a tremendous variety of high-quality antiques at some of the best prices around! Celebrated for its diversity, Antiques Weekend in Somerset truly has something for everyone. If you're a fan of Victoriana, this is the show for you! If you adore Americana and country, you can dive into a treasure trove of outstanding merchandise. And, if you love fine, formal antiques, you'll find a tremendous range from which to choose. But you can also discover a special something that you'll cherish for years to come, starting at just a few dollars! Newbyeds, for example, will find both starter and investment quality furniture and accessories for decorating their new home.

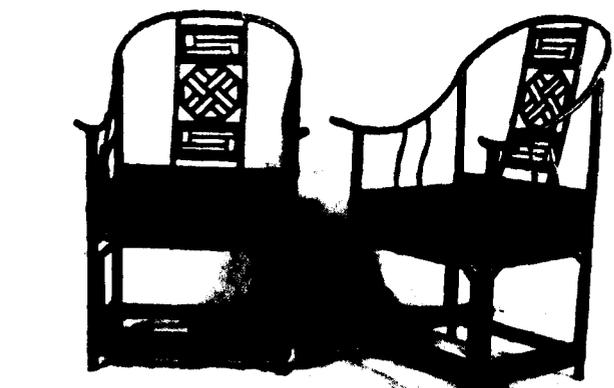
Merely strolling through this spectacular event with its tremendous array of merchandise is an education in itself. Here, you'll uncover an unusual painting, an elusive item from your childhood, or one that you've been seeking to round out a special collection. You can walk away with enviable buys in furniture, art glass, bronze, silver, china, lamps, prints, paintings, antique jewelry, clocks,

watches, vintage fashions, linens, textiles, and much more.

What truly sets the show apart is its expert appraisals, restorative seminars with guest speakers, restoration experts and special exhibits — all of which combine to provide a great way to gain an insider's knowledge of the world of antiques. This is the show where appraisers, dealers, designers, collectors and antiques lovers mix and mingle. At Antiques Weekend in Somerset, you'll have a chance to go one-on-one with the pros, as daily seminars are followed by a question-and-answer period.

Wendy Harvey, a prominent specialist in antique tiles, and host of the powerhouse team Antique Articles, will offer a comprehensive talk on this popular decorating trend. Harvey will share insights into the fascinating history of art tiles, their production, and how to distinguish old from new in her seminar.

Decorating with antique tiles
During Queen Victoria's reign, ornamental tiles were considered the height of home fashion. Prior to the 1880s, many tiles were hand-painted and quite beautiful. The fact that their manufacturer was so labor-intensive made them too costly for all but the wealthiest homes. The use of ornamental tiles peaked in England during the latter part of the 19th century when they were first mass-produced and, therefore, became more accessible to the masses. By 1880, more than 100 companies in England alone were producing tiles. Ten years later, companies had opened in many other countries as well, including the United States.



As the China market has opened, the furniture used by Chinese families in the 18th and 19th centuries is now finding its way into American homes. Shown here are a pair of 18th-century bamboo horseshoe back chairs from Shanghai.

With their intricate designs, beautiful glazes, and extraordinary colors, decorative tiles are a striking accent. During Victorian times, tiles were not limited to adorning fireplaces. Wash stands, hall stands, folding screens, and other furniture pieces were also decorated with tiles. Since they were easily cleaned and, hence, hygienic, tiles were used on the floors and walls of entry halls, hospitals, butcher shops, or any place where sanitation was a concern. Many public buildings

and suburbs also employed tiles to add interest and beauty. Harvey will offer suggestions on traditional and non-traditional uses for tiles, as well as choosing the right tile for your space. Art tiles are being featured in decorating magazines, including the August issue of Martha Stewart Living. Now is the time to get in early on this turn-of-the-century decorating trend that is enjoying a fresh revival.

Margaret Chalmers of Chrones Collectibles will share their passion for the pottery made by the Saturday Evening Girls in a special seminar, "Saturday Evening Girls and Their Paul Revere Pottery." Saturday Evening Girls started as a social and cultural club, held in the Boston Public Library at the beginning of the 20th century. It was designed to bring together Italian and Jewish immigrant girls for cultural activities and to teach them English. In 1906, pottery mak-

ing was added to the girls' activities, so that they could earn extra money, while at the same time learning a trade. Young and Chalmers will show exceptionally beautiful ceramic objects from teacups and saucers to bowls, vases, and tiles, as they cover the history of the group, and its place in women's history.

Bringing the arts and crafts pottery movement close to home, author, dealer, speaker and auctioneer Tom Rago will highlight New Jersey pottery from the 20th Century in his seminar. Rago, who is currently authoring a comprehensive book on the Trenton potters, will share the history of New Jersey's vital role in the pottery movement.

Showgoers will want to bring heirlooms and attic finds for verbal appraisals at \$5 per item, with proceeds being donated to charity. At a recent show, an appraiser made a spectacular discovery — a piece of furniture he valued at more than \$100,000.

Antiques Weekend in Somerset takes place Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$6 and includes seminars. Children younger than 16 years old are admitted free, when accompanied by an adult. There is ample free parking. Show hours are Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Garden State Exhibit Center is located in Somerset off Exit 10 of Route 287, 10 miles west of the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike. For more information, contact Stella Show Management Company at (212) 255-0020 or visit the website at www.stellashows.com.

Model train group to sponsor show

The Metropolitan Division of the Train Collectors Association is a national non-profit organization with a national headquarters and museum in Strasburg, Pa. The division encompasses most of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. This is a collectors club with a mission "to preserve an important segment of history of tinsplate toy trains through research, education, community outreach, fellowship, and to promote the growth of the hobby." There are approximately 30,000 members nationally with 3,000 of them living in the METCA division area. METCA meetings are open to the general public. METCA was established in 1961 as a division of TCA, which was organized in 1954. The following is information about our upcoming show.

New Jersey model railroaders can look forward to the upcoming train show and sale sponsored by the Metropolitan Division of the Train Collectors Association Sept. 10 at the P.A.L., 33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured at the event will be an operating layout by the Northeast Jersey High-railers, the Kids Club with special activities for children, a book signing with author William Brennan of Cedar Grove, train videos shown, and door prizes throughout the day. Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$1 for children older than 12 years old; children younger than 12 will be admitted free. For information, call (908) 851-0172. Applications for joining TCA and information about the museum will be available at the show.

Woodworkers can earn honor for service

Americans with a love for wood-working who have helped improve and beautify their community can now be recognized. The Minwax Company, a leading manufacturer of wood finishing and wood care products, will honor those individuals or groups that have demonstrated their skills in wood-working while bettering the community. This is the opportunity to nominate yourself or to give someone in your community the recognition they deserve — for working with wood to refurbish a children's playground, recreational facility or place of worship, for example.

Minwax is seeking entries for the 2000 Community Craftsman Award Program. This annual awards program recognizes individuals, organizations or groups who work with wood and make their community a better place. The grand prize award includes a \$5,000 cash grant, \$1,000 worth of Minwax products, and the expertise of wood finishing expert Bruce Johnson. In addition, two runners-up will receive \$1,000 worth of Minwax products. Qualified participants must engage in an activity that involves, but is not limited to wood finishing. The activity must promote the feeling of pride

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THE ARTWORK of Richard Titus of North Plainfield will be on exhibit through Sept. 6 at the Les Malanur Art Gallery in Union Public Library. An opening reception will take place Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

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 5 p.m. The library will be closed Saturdays during the summer. The library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Union.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR ART EXHIBIT, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be on display in the Freeholders Gallery through Sept. 1. The Freeholders will recognize the senior citizen artists at the Aug. 24 meeting.

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CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit the artwork of J.J. Pala and Stefano Sidile, as well as selections from the Janet Richards Collection throughout the months of August and September. CSH is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 561-8185.

STOLEN GLANCES, an exhibit of photographs by David Kaplan, Sam D'Amico, Patricia D. Richards, Ronnie Sacco and Glenn Podol, will be on display at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Sept. 13 to Oct. 8. A reception with the artists and curator Nancy J. Qi will take place Sept. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m., and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

AUDITIONS

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway will conduct auditions for Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly Last Summer" Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at El Bodegon Restaurant, 160 W. Main St., Rahway. The show will run Oct. 27 to Nov. 4. Being sought are three women, 20s to 50s, and two men, 20s to 30s; the roles of Catherine Holly and Violet Venable have been cast. Headshots and resumes are requested. For information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to optickists@aol.com.

THE LITTLE OPERA COMPANY of New Jersey will conduct auditions for singers and instrumentalists between the ages of 8 and 16 years old Sept. 14 and 15 for its production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Adult singers are also needed. For information, or to schedule an audition, call (908) 654-8006.

NEWARK BOYS CHORUS SCHOOL, a fully accredited fourth through eighth-grade academic/choral school, will conduct auditions for September 2000 enrollment. There are 15 openings for fourth grade, limited space in fifth grade. There are no resident requirements. For information, call (973) 621-8900.

BOOKS

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

RADIO PERSONALITY JOEY REYNOLDS of "Late Nite Radio" will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield to entertain sign copies of his new book, "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella... But Don't Get a Mouthful of Rain." Wednesday at 7 p.m. 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 Aug. 30 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.

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERY SERIES Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month through January to discuss books by Stephanie Barron, skipping the month of December. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

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

CONCERTS

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

Wednesday: 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 Mountainside 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.

MAYOR'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES in Rahway continues Thursday evenings through Aug. 31. The

free concerts take place next to the Union County Arts Center, West Main Street at Irving Street. In the event of rain, concerts are held in UJAC.

Today: Tim Gillis Band, country and western
Aug. 24: David Cedeno, salsa
Aug. 31: Sensational Soul Cruisers, Motown

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: Music Masters with Mark "Feob" Fevilo

DISCUSSION

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's final meeting will be this evening at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book discussion group, will meet Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. The group

and Noble in Clark Thursdays at 11 a.m. throughout the month of August — today, Aug. 24 and 31. Cranford teacher Ann Washella will lead the storylines, which are geared to children in kindergarten through third grade. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

CHILDREN'S SINGER CANDY NELSON will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. to perform songs from her CD "Dearly the Dolphin and Friends." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

FAERIES, DEMONS AND OTHER FRIENDS will be presented by singer-songwriter Elaine Silver Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The program is for children 4 years old and older and their families. Tickets are \$4. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. 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 Sept. 10 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

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) 858-5269 or (908) 889-4781.

KISMET SINGLES will sponsor an After-Work Social for single professionals this evening from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Road, Warren. Admission is \$10 at the door, and includes refreshments. For information, call (908) 232-8827 or visit the website at www.thatskismet.com.

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THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will open the 2000-01 season with Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," starring Tony Award-winner Chita Rivera. The show runs Sept. 8 to Oct. 15 at the theater on Brookside Drive in Millburn.



TONY-WINNER CHITA RIVERA will bring her 'de-louvy' talents to the Paper Mill Playhouse, playing Reno Sweeney in Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," running Sept. 6 to Oct. 15. For information, see the " theater" listing on this page.

Aug. 26: Classical Piano with Elizabeth native Richard Kogan

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the month of August. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

Saturday: Front Porch Swing
Aug. 25: Michael Laffey and Stan Rodak
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MUSIC IN THE CAFE in Barnes and Noble in Springfield will feature free musical performances in the coming weeks. All concerts will take place in the coffee lounge area of the store from 8 to 10 p.m.

Saturday: Westy
Aug. 26: Mark Bodino
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THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Sept. 11 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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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.
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2000 PERRY AWARDS, sponsored by Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater, will be presented Sept. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Edison Sheraton. For information, call (732) 698-0217.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. Additional appearances are:

Friday: George Ott
Saturday: The Brooglerizers
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) 232-5598.

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) 381-0505.

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

Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 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 6 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 47 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 277-0220.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Haskin 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: The Joe Knipes and David Hagan Quartet
Tuesday: Kieran Kelly
Aug. 27: The Steve Minster Trio
Aug. 28: Andy and Denise
Sept. 3: The Hal Hirsch Trio
Sept. 10: The Joe Taino Trio
Sept. 17: Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman
Sept. 24: Monkeyworks
Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM in Rahway will present musical entertainment during the summer.
The Waiting Room is located at 1431 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of Lewis Street. For information, call (732) 615-1042.

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Moms are the ones who usually can't ride around from school to soccer to baseball. More often than not, these women take responsibility for the repair and maintenance of their vehicles.

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"Automotive preventive maintenance and repair knowledge is like algebra," says a representative of the Car Care Council. "We're not born knowing it, it has to be learned. Teach young drivers the basics about their cars before they get the keys."

If you don't know much about automotive maintenance/repair, do yourself a favor and learn it along with your kids. Here are a few tips:

- Explain that all cars, new and old, need regular attention. Make sure your teenager knows and follows the maintenance schedule for his/her car.
- In addition to making a car safer to drive, preventive maintenance can save thousands of dollars during a lifetime of driving.

- Don't overlook the owner's manual. This is full of information about the car that your young driver may never know unless he/she is familiar with this automotive bible.

- Make it fun. There are myriads of sites on the Internet that are fascinating for young and old drivers alike. Some have "Q & A" sections. Let your teen send his/her tough questions to the professionals.

- It's probably been a while since they went on a field trip. Take them with you to the repair facility, the tire store, the body shop and wherever you have automotive work performed. Get them accustomed to the automotive world — its people, places, jargon and prices.

- There are thousands of books available on this subject. Many are written specifically for non-technical audiences; some are even humorous. Buy a few and make them required reading for the licensing process.

- Make a plan. What happens if the car breaks down, he/she has a wreck,

or the car gets stolen? What if no adults are home to receive the panic call? Whether you want your teenager to call AAA, your family repair facility or Aunt Sadie, give them some instruction and put important phone numbers in the glove compartment.

For many parents, driving age is the final frontier. Certainly it is an important rite of passage for teenagers. Don't let your child pass into this stage of his/her life without being prepared. Take the time and the necessary materials to make your young driver feel competent and secure in the world of automobiles.

The Council offers a free pamphlet titled, "How to Find Your Way Under the Hood and Around the Car." For your copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Car Care Council, Department SREO-UH, 42 Park Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Check out the website at www.carcarecouncil.org.

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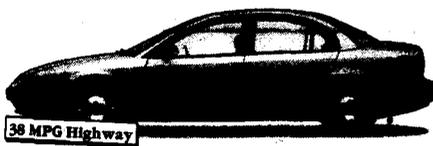
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