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'Bull Jersey'

If you grew up a minor league baseball fan in New Jersey not too long ago, you were pretty much out of luck in terms of local teams. The closest team was probably somewhere in Pennsylvania. Jersey was a far cry from say, North Carolina, where you can go a few miles without running into some minor league action.

But in New Jersey, there was nowhere to go for fanatics of minor league baseball like me. There's something about the minors, where it's baseball minus the spoiled millionaires who no longer understand the meaning of the game.

My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

But the Garden State has become a fertile breeding ground for minor league baseball in recent years, particularly those of the independent variety — teams not affiliated with a major league ballclub. New Jersey now boasts six minor league clubs — only two are affiliated — with as many as three more on the way, and all with brand new ballparks.

Independent teams can be found in Newark, Bridgewater, Montclair and Atlantic City, along with affiliated clubs in Trenton and Sussex County. More independent teams are planned in Bergen County and Camden.

Another affiliated team is expected next year in Ocean County. A Montreal Expos farm club, the Cape Fear Crocs in Fayetteville, N.C., plans to take residence there next season as the Lakeview Blue-Claws. The team, however, will become a Class A affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies in a new 6,600-seat ballpark. That means Pat Collins of Union will be pitching somewhere else next year.

After being taken in the fifth round of the 1999 draft, Collins played with the short-season Class A Vermont Expos and had the chance to play relatively nearby when the team visited New York-Penn League rivals, the New Jersey Cardinals in Sussex County and the Staten Island Yankees.

This past season with the Crocs, Collins tossed the first complete game of his minor league career against the Charleston RiverDogs of South Carolina before being promoted to the Class A Jupiter Hammerheads of the Florida State League.

North Carolina sure ain't New Jersey, though. In fact, many of the short-season, low-level minor league affiliates are located in small, podunk towns where they're the only game around.

"A prison cell" was among the colorful descriptions Collins had for the months the team stayed at what he called the "old stadium." Even though some of the South Atlantic League teams were a bit shady, Collins understands it's all part of the minor league experience.

Collins first was picked by the Atlanta Braves in the 22nd round of the 1996 draft, but chose to play at Clemson University before transferring to St. John's University. That same year, Al Hawkins of Elizabeth was chosen in the 15th round by the Milwaukee Brewers.

It was a good year for Union County in the 1999 baseball draft. In addition to Collins, Mike Piersy of Hillside was chosen in the 23rd round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. The New Brunswick High School battery of pitcher Todd Simo and catcher Ryan Stanek was selected in the 36th and 38th rounds by the Philadelphia Phillies and Pirates, respectively.

Piersy spent last season with three different clubs in the Pirates organization and this year is playing for Connecticut's Bridgeport Bluefish, an Atlantic League rival of the Newark Bears. Stanek and Simo, meanwhile, opted for college.

Hawkins spent this season at Class AA Huntsville, Ala., two steps from the major leagues. See TEJX, Page B2



The Musial Group of Mountainside last week presented new plans to the freeholder board for the Union County Police Headquarters in Westfield. Originally, the county had planned to renovate existing buildings on the North Avenue complex but architects have presented another option of constructing a new building.

Architects of police headquarters recommend building new facility

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Architects hired to renovate the Union County Police Headquarters and the prosecutor's forensics lab at the Veneri Complex in Westfield have presented the Board of Freeholders with constructing a new building instead of the original plan to renovate existing facilities.

The project will remain in the range of \$16 million, however, a new building would be constructed on the vacant northern portion of the North Avenue property in Westfield. Construction is expected to take 16 to 20 months and begin once all approvals have been obtained from the local planning board. When The Musial Group of Mountainside first presented plans last year, the idea was to renovate and expand existing buildings.

Initially, the objective was to renovate without disturbing the operations in existing buildings, however, Noel Musial, president of The Musial Group, said when discussions began about temporary headquarters and leasing space, costs increased dramatically. Planners realized constructing a new building would be cheaper, he said.

Union County Manager Michael Lapolla, who used to work in the Prosecutor's Office, said there were problems with the previous design to keep the lab in operation during construction because data obtained through the lab might be challenged in court as a result of the working conditions during construction.

Originally expected to break ground this year, the Veneri Complex houses the Union County Police, crime lab, emergency management and a satellite office for the county clerk.

The plan now is to demolish the building currently housing the county police. A new 51,000-square-foot structure would have 17,475 square feet on the first floor for the police, prosecutor vehicle forensics and communications department; 16,867 square feet on the second floor for county police; 10,000 square feet, and emergency management, 6,783 square feet; and 16,867 square feet on the third floor dedicated to the prosecutor's forensics laboratory.

On-site parking would provide for 169 cars. In addition to the construction of a new building, plans still call for various aesthetic improvements, including new lighting and landscaping, and decorative fencing and paving.

Freeholders agreed the present situation is an eyesore to the area with its chain-link fence and garages.

The freeholders authorized approximately \$50 million in bonds in July 1999, which included approximately \$16 million for renovations to the county facility in Westfield.

The Musial Group also has worked with the county in planning and designing renovations to the first floor of the Orie Collo Correctional Facility in Elizabeth, as well as public school construction projects in Hillside and Roselle Park.

Freeholders to consider deer recommendations

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to adopt at its meeting tonight the recommendations of the Watching Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee, which call for continuing a "herd maintenance" program as was done this past season.

Herd maintenance differs from "herd reduction" in that there are fewer agents hunting deer and fewer days allowed for hunting. In four of the last five years, the subcommittee, by freeholder resolution, implemented the herd reduction program. Last year, there were 12 agents hunting for two days, while in previous years, as many as 30 agents hunted for as many as 30 days.

The subcommittee supports the continuation of the maintenance program, which will call for the elimination of up to 50 deer, with a goal of 25, or as many as present themselves over a three-day period.

"My belief is that we will always have deer in the Watching Reservation," Parks and Recreation Director Charles Sigmund told the freeholder board last week, especially with a free-range herd as in the reservation. The goal is to keep the herd at a level of 20 per square mile, which for the 3-square-mile reservation means approximately 60 deer, a figure supported by experts, he said.

This year, hunters killed 53 deer in

the reservation during a two-day period in early March. The county's goal for 2000 was 18, but there was no upper limit.

The subcommittee consists of approximately 20 members and includes animal rights advocates, wildlife experts, sportsmen and a freeholder liaison.

Some type of herd maintenance program is necessary in the reservation, said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, liaison to the subcommittee, "until we perfect some of the methods of maintenance of the herd, with contraception or other methods that are still in early stages of development."

"We've been able to take what used to be a five- to six-week program of hunting down to three days and I think that is something that most people can live with."

The Deer Management Subcommittee was established in 1994 by the freeholder board to study potential solutions for thinning the herd. In 1995, the freeholders adopted a five-year plan to reduce the herd, through a controlled hunt, from 180 per square mile to 20 per square mile.

This past summer, Linda Niedwiske of Westfield, a representative of the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance to the subcommittee, resigned citing what she believed was a failure of the part of the county to fully investigate alternatives to a hunt, in addition to removing more deer than the initial goal of 18.

Training program is set

Community Access Unlimited will host The Grantmanship Training Program in New Jersey the week of Sept. 18-22. The Grantmanship Training Program is an intensive, "hands-on," five-day workshop offered by the Grantmanship Center, the oldest and largest grantmanship training organization for non-profits.

The Grantmanship Training Program covers all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. Perhaps the most valuable is the time spent with other attendees actually preparing, writing and critiquing a proposal. The content and format make the program valuable to a novice and an experienced grant seeker.

The Grantmanship Center's tuition fee for this training program is \$675. Program registration is handled through The Grantmanship Center and is limited to 25 individuals to maximize personal attention and group interaction. For more information about the program, call The Grantmanship Center at (800) 421-9512 or (213) 482-9860 or Community Access Unlimited at (908) 354-3040, Ext. 272.

Negativity is charged in race for Congress

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

One of the most hotly contested congressional races in the nation just got a little hotter. Republican candidate Michael Ferguson of Warren took the opportunity Friday to criticize Democratic opponent Maryanne Connelly of Panwood for what he called false, negative attacks on him and his family.

The Connelly campaign responded by saying it is simply stating the truth about Ferguson's position on issues.

On more than one occasion, Ferguson said, Connelly has distorted his position on issues such as Social Security and gun control, as well as "unprovoked attacks" on his family and "race-baiting insinuations and tactics."

He was referring to a published report last month that quoted Connelly as saying Ferguson is associated with people who believe everyone should look like them. Neither campaign wished to "stigmatize" the concept with a response. All Connelly's campaign manager, Sujata Tejwani, would say was that the comment was taken out of context.

"We've come to expect a certain amount of personal attacks during

heated debate, but this has sunk to an all-time low," said Lew Eisenberg, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who led Friday's press conference, which was filmed for a campaign commercial.

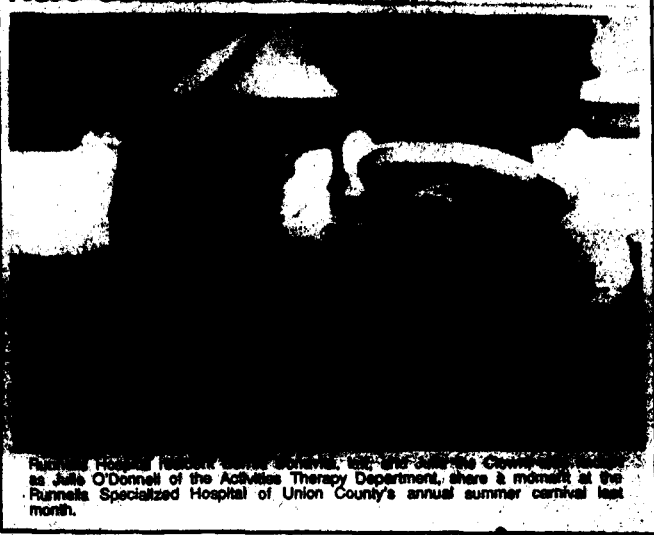
"No one who wishes to serve in public office should be subject to these attacks," Ferguson said.

Tejwani said all of the campaign's accusations of Ferguson are supported by facts from independent, nonpartisan sources. "The facts stand behind the claims."

In radio advertisements, Connelly claims that Ferguson supports Presidential candidate George W. Bush's plan to abolish Social Security, in addition to raiding the Social Security Trust Fund. Ferguson's press secretary, Anne Mayel, said Ferguson has been the only candidate to sign a pledge to keep the trust fund intact.

Ferguson believes Social Security must be saved, Mayel said, but also realizes the program must be reformed or it will go bankrupt. He opposes any plan that would raid the trust fund but also supports some type of reform as well as giving young people the opportunity to get some part of their Social Security for savings.

Here comes the carnival



Runella Specialized Hospital of Union County's annual summer carnival last month.

Residents seeking members for chapter of Million Mom March

The Union County Chapter of the Million Mom March will conduct two organizational membership meetings in Westfield and Summit where anyone interested in working toward reducing the toll of gun violence in today's society, particularly among youth, are urged to come and hear about the chapter and have the opportunity to join and sign up for working committees.

Many counties in New Jersey have or are currently forming chapters as part of the transformation "from a march to a movement."

The Million Mom March Foundation, established after the historic May 14 Mother's Day

march has created a system of local chapter development nationwide similar to Mother's Against Drunk Driving.

The Million Mom March Foundation will focus on education and advocacy with a primary policy goal of establishing a system of licensing and registration for all handguns. They are working for safer communities by calling for strict oversight of the gun industry and responsible limits on gun access and use.

In addition, a new 501(c)(3) lobbying organization is being established in order for supporters to become directly involved in the political process and channel their passions into meaningful

action. Local chapter organizers have been busy interviewing candidates for national office to determine their views and commitment to national policy goals. In addition, a youth led comprehensive gun trauma prevention program will be established during the next few years. Committees that need volunteers among local membership include: Gun Policy Committee, Victim Resource Committee, Lobbying Committee, Community Outreach Committee, Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee and Youth Committee. Chapter membership is \$20 for individuals, \$40 for families, \$10 for youth and seniors and free to victims of gun trauma. The two meetings will be identical in format

and intended to offer a choice of meeting dates to accommodate as many in the county as possible. The Westfield meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Municipal Building on East Broad Street on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosemarie at (908) 232-4579.

The Summit meeting will be in the Summit Municipal Building, 322 Southside Avenue, Summit, N.J. 07901 on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rosemarie at (908) 232-4579. If you are interested in joining the chapter but cannot attend either meeting you may call Julia at (908) 318-0700 for application and information.

Board honors two retirees

Future plans for Eugene Fay and Russell Gillespie, two retiring Union County security guards, include becoming a crossing guard in Cranford and traveling cross country. The Board of Freeholders recognized the two last month in celebration of their retirement.

Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. presented each a resolution extending the sincere best wishes of the board to Fay and Gillespie during a special retirement breakfast party sponsored by the Department of Public Safety on Aug. 16 in the Freeholder Conference room in Elizabethtown.

"I believe it's important for the county to acknowledge appreciation for their many years of dedicated service," said Mingo.

Fay began his career with the County of Union Department of Roads on April 6, 1968. In 1982, he was promoted to the Department of Public Safety as a security guard and has responsibilities including maintaining security for Judiciary Parking, Employee Parking and the Juvenile Detention Center. His official retirement date was Sept. 1. Fay said he now plans on becoming a crossing guard in his hometown of Cranford.

Gillespie has worked for the county for 16 years, and began his career with the Department of Public Safety as a security guard. His responsibilities included providing security in the Tower Courthouse, New Annex Courthouse, Union County Parking Garage and the Union County Administration Building.

"Russell performed his duties with conscientiousness, warmth, a smile and a kind word for all he met. Everyone coming into the Administration Building knows him and will miss him," Mingo said. Gillespie officially retires Dec. 1 and said his short-term plans include a taking a trip to Las Vegas with his wife.

"The entire Board of Freeholders extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes for a long and healthy retirement to Eugene and Russ. They will be missed," Mingo said.

Editorial deadlines

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



Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. presents a resolution extending best wishes of the board to security guards Eugene Fay, center, and Russell Gillespie during a special retirement breakfast party by the Department of Public Safety last month.

The boys of summer

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Hawkins has climbed the ladder of the Brewers system during the last several years, playing in places such as Stockton, Calif.; Ogden, Utah, and Beloit, Wis.

As for the small towns to which the Stars travel several hours by bus, Hawkins says it's definitely a different atmosphere; he drew bigger crowds during his days as a three-sport star at Elizabethtown High School. Although he cites Ogden as his favorite stop so far because of the fans, the Raptors play in the Pioneer League, which includes teams in exotic places such as Medicine Hat, Canada — an 18-hour excursion by bus.

Hawkins, a starting pitcher who relies on his control and getting ground ball outs, enjoys being in the spotlight; to "be in control of what goes on." At Elizabethtown High, he was the quarterback of the football team and a guard on the basketball team.

If Hawkins thinks the crowds where he's been are small, he

should be thankful for the 4,000 or so fans the Stars averaged. Collins spent five years playing before crowds of 500 and 600, on a good day, at scenic J.P. Riddle Stadium.

The Cross has never really drawn well, which is one of the reasons why they're moving. And I've been to the ballpark they play in. It's a far cry from the luxurious palaces prevalent in New Jersey. Collins made his last two starts of the year at brand-new Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, which serves as the spring training site for the Expos and St. Louis Cardinals.

In addition to playing in places or facilities that aren't up to par with some high school teams, the minors are a place to learn. In his complete game, Collins was "effectively wild," hitting four batters and walking one, but still managing to scatter four hits in nine innings on just 93 pitches.

It's the ups and downs that Hawkins and Collins deal with each summer on their quest to play before the really big crowds.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

County theaters score wins at Perry Awards

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

Union County theaters came away winners Sunday evening when Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater presented the 2000 Perry Awards at the Edison Sheraton.

Cranford Dramatic Club's production of "Mame" was the top winner, with three trophies to its credit. The February presentation was named Best Musical, an award presented to producer Liz Howard. In addition, Peter Clark and Ann Mineur Weeks received the awards for Best Director of a Musical and Best Musical Direction, respectively.

Clark was honored with the 1998 Perry in the same category for CDC's "She Loves Me."

Of the 22 theaters receiving awards, CDC scored the most wins with three, and only Mystic Vision Players of Linden and Somerset Valley Players earned two trophies.

Barbara Jude Greco was named Best Actress in a Musical for her star turn as Gypsy Rose Lee in "Gypsy" at Mystic Vision. The show also earned the award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical, which went to Kevin M. Brady Jr. for his performance as the tap-dancing Tulsa. Greco and Brady are both Linden residents, and Brady is a member of the Linden Fire Department.

Although Greco was honored as an actress, she has received several prior nominations as a choreographer, and once as director.

"It was my first nomination as an actress, which was a joy in itself," Greco said. "It's very rewarding just to be nominated. I was really shocked, especially that Kevin and I both won together. We had just gotten engaged two weeks ago, so now we have a set of bookends."

Joanne Smith earned the award for Best Ensemble Actress in a Play for her assorted roles in "Joined at the Head" at Carnival Productions of Rahway.

Phyllis Ann Donato received two standing ovations when she was presented with the Perry Lifetime Achievement Award. In accepting, Donato shared some of her memories at the helm of Edison Valley Players, and encouraged her colleagues at other theaters to take chances in the shows they mount. "Stop doing the same plays," she said from the podium. "I don't care how much you love 'Pippin' — you don't need to do it again."

Playhouse 22 of East Brunswick was named the Outstanding Community Theater, and Nick Thomas of the South Orange-based Spartan Productions was recognized for his work on R.E.C.T.'s Nominating Committee.

The Perry Awards are named to honor William Perry Morgan, who founded the Avy Awards in the 1970s. The Avys were the first such awards program in the state, and folded in 1994 when Morgan moved out of New Jersey. Achievement in Community Theater presented the A.C.T. Awards from 1995 to 1997, at which time R.E.C.T. was formed.

Fifty-seven of New Jersey's community theaters participate in the three-year-old program, and roughly 135 shows were reviewed between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000. From these, the executive board determined the seven nominees in each of the 26 competitive categories.

For information on R.E.C.T., call (732) 698-0217 or visit www.njtheater.com.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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The 2000 Perry Award Winners

Editor's Note: Italics indicate theaters in Union County.

Best Musical
"Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club, Liz Howard, producer

Best Play
"Biloxi Blues," The Villagers; Debbie Fell, Marie Fiorello and Roz Wroblewski, producers

Best Director, Musical
Peter Clark, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club

Best Director, Play
Wanda Maraghi, "Improper Attention," Attic Ensemble

Best Actor, Musical
David W. Kaiser, "Man of La Mancha," Princeton Opera Company

Best Actress, Musical
Barbara Jude Greco, "Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players

Best Actor, Play
Jeff Strager, "Burn This," Alliance Repertory Theater

Best Actress, Play
Sofiane Petersen, "Lovers and Other Strangers," Somerset Valley Players

Best Featured Actor, Musical
Kevin M. Brady Jr., "Gypsy," Mystic Vision Players

Best Featured Actress, Musical
Pat Phillips, "Some Enchanted Evening," Park Players

Best Featured Actor, Play
Jeff Maschi, "Bent," Circle Players

Best Featured Actress, Play
Cindy Rea, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," West Milford Players

Best Ensemble Actor, Musical
Maurice Nogueira, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Stagecrafters

Best Ensemble Actress, Musical
Peg Peet, "Damn Yankees," Visionary/LGH Productions

Best Ensemble Actor, Play
Tom Prickeit, "Mister Roberts," Somerset Valley Players

Best Ensemble Actress, Play
Joanne Smith, "Joined at the Head," Carnival Productions

Best Musical Direction
Ann Mineur Weeks, "Mame," Cranford Dramatic Club

Best Choreography
Maria Manak, "Crazy for You," Show Kids Invitational Theater

Best Set Design
Vic Morosco and Matthew Kausch, "Guys & Dolls," Sayreville Main Street Theater Company

Best Lighting Design
Marilyn Anker, "The Elephant Man," Peddie Players

Best Costume Design
Claire Kanouse, "June Moon," Ocean County College

Best Sound Design
Bill Fikaris, "It's Been Wonderful," Players Theater Company

Best Properties Design
Nancy Ashwell, "1776," Playhouse 22

Best Stage Management
Leslie Dwarin, "Later Life," Oakland Community Theater

Best Original Musical
"Broadway: Skyline," Iron Mountain Stage Company; Linda Gerdes, producer

Best Original Play
"How Horrible Has My Day Thus Transpired," Old Library Theater; Pat Peet, Derek Sonderfan and Dieder Friel, producers

Lifetime Achievement Award
Phyllis Ann Donato, Edison Valley Playhouse

Outstanding Community Theater Award
Playhouse 22

Nominating Committee Member of the Year
Nick Thomas, Spartan Productions

Kean plans exhibit of Chinese art

In recent months, Kean University and the People's Republic of China have shared numerous academic, cultural and governmental concepts.

This exchange program continues in October when internationally acclaimed Chinese artist Wei Jingxian visits the Kean campus and displays his collection of traditional artwork in "Exhibition of Embroideries and Watercolor Paintings: A Unique View of Chinese Art and Culture."

The exhibit, which runs from Oct. 2 through 22, will be held in several locations on the Kean University campus including the Nancy Thompson Library, located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

Jingxian's work combines the timeless artistic Chinese traditions of watercolor and hair embroidery, whereby actual human hair is incorporated into the piece for the purpose of providing shading, contrast and texture. Through these techniques, he has created numerous images of spectacular detail and innovative design, including breathtaking landscapes, and portraits of such renowned personalities as Albert Einstein, Ludwig von Beethoven, Michael Jordan and all 41 United States presidents.

In addition to the art exhibit, Jingxian will interact with the Kean community through a series of forums, lectures, class observations and demonstrations. One such session will feature Jingxian unveiling an embroidered portrait of Kean University President Ronald L. Appelbaum. The portrait will then be displayed as part of the exhibit.

The Jingxian visit and exhibition is part of Appelbaum's ongoing cultural exchange program with China. For information regarding Wei Jingxian's visit and exhibition, call Kean University at (908) 527-2222.

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Songwriters Connection plans night at cafe

The Songwriters Connection, a Union County-based group of performers and songwriters, will perform Sept. 23 at Jo-Jo's Cafe, 179 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth. Beginning at 7 p.m., six Connection members will present original musical compositions. The program is sponsored by the Elizabeth Arts Council.

Founded in the summer of 1999, the Songwriters Connection meets monthly at the Kennilworth Public Library. Members exchange information about the music business and perform and critique their latest creations. "Public performances are also a part of the Songwriters Connection," said Betty Kauffman, co-president of the group. "A song has no real existence until it is shared with an audience." Jo-Jo's Cafe, located next to the Elmora branch of the Post Office, is a newcomer to Elizabeth. A coffee shop and gourmet deli, it is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Beginning this month, Jo-Jo's will offer occasional evening entertainment. Bill Birch, Jo-Jo's manager, said that he hopes to offer regular entertainment and

later hours in the near future. "One of our dreams is to have a regular Jazz Night at Jo-Jo's," he added.

The sponsorship of the Elizabeth Arts Council represents a first for that organization, although the Council has presented showcases of music and poetry readings by its members. "Our sponsorship of the Songwriters Connection performance at Jo-Jo's has a two-fold purpose," said Paula Borenstein, president of the Arts Council. "We are hoping to spotlight not only the talent which exists in the Elizabeth area, but some of the venues where people can enjoy the arts as well."

The Elizabeth Arts Council was founded in October 1998 to support and promote the arts in the City of Elizabeth, although membership is open to anyone directly involved in the arts, or who wishes to enjoy them in and around Elizabeth. With the support of Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, the Arts Line has been established. Callers to (908) 820-4122 receive an up-to-date announcement of cultural events in and around the City of Elizabeth.

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Chita Rivera reigns supreme in Paper Mill's 'Anything Goes'

Anything that goes on the stage at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn must be colorfully spectacular, incredibly entertaining and imminently memorable.

And that's exactly what Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," the season-opener that rocked the theater's walls and its audience, offered on Sunday afternoon, with its spectacle of music and dance and comedy. The audience was so at one with the production that it wouldn't care if Broadway went

dark as long as "Anything Goes" was up on that stage.

And to top it all, it boasted an astounding veteran performer, Chita Rivera, a petite Broadway bombshell and two-time Tony Award-winner, who, as Reno Sweeney, melted an appreciative audience with her fantastic rendition of "You're the Top" among other Porter favorites. Her costuming — bright, colorful and revealing — sparked enticingly and her shapely legs would put an 18-year-old

beauty to shame. Her performance was unquestionably unbelievable!

Added requisitions fulfilled in this marvelous production of "Anything Goes" — with an original book by Guy Bolton, P. O. Woodhouse and Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, and a new book by Timothee de Fombelle and John Weidman — were the very special, equally versatile Lee Roy Reams, whose personal directorial touches are frequently evident — after all, he directed and appeared in "42nd Street" on Broadway; Michael Lichtfeld, choreographer, who gave his dancers a reason to be perfect, and the fine musical direction by Tom Helm. Then, of course, there was an enviable cast of 25, each complementing the other, giving their all to a show that appears to grow ripe with age. Leading with the ever-funny Broadway funnyman Bruce Adler as Moon-face Martin, whose antics had (fea-

On the Boards

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

audience laughing hysterically; the musical continued to entertain with the handsome, George Dvorsky in the romantic lead of Billy Crocker, whose marvelous voice truly enhances the show; the sexy Colleen Hawke, as Erma, who could give Marilyn Monroe a run for her money; Stacey Logan, as Hope Harcourt, a lovely singer with a lovely operatic voice, and Patrick Quinn, as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, who is so funny he nearly steals the show with his exceptional performance.

With a Cole Porter score that fea-

tures such great toe-tapping numbers and memorable tunes such as "I Got a Kick Out of You," "Easy to Love," "Friendship," "It's De-Lovely," "All Through the Night" and the title song, and a cast, absolutely born to his or her role, how can one not forget one's troubles and enjoy so much entertainment in such short hours.

The story is set aboard a luxury ocean liner S.S. American, and, as usual, Michael Anania, the Paper Mill's superb scenic designer, designed spectacular sets. Each time the revolving ship turns, there is a new scene — aboard ship, around the ship and even in the steamrooms. And much credit must be given to lighting designer F. Mitchell Davis, costume designer Liz Covey and sound designer David F. Shapiro.

The eccentric passengers aboard

the ship are hilarious, and mistaken identities, love interests, comedic moments give truth to the "Anything Goes" theme. Among the supporting cast members, notably funny, are Dintiri Christy as the captain, Eleanor Glockner as Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt; Ryan Hilliard as Elisha J. Whitney, and Don Stitt as the Purser.

The dancers and singers are the cream of the crop in a musical, born in 1934, that never grows old. And the Paper Mill Playhouse has certainly kept it alive — it can sail along forever — with such people as Rivera and Reams at the helm, with a wealth of talent within the cast, and a glorious production, particularly the first act. Of all the varieties and versions of "Anything Goes" throughout more than five decades, as far as this reviewer is concerned, the Millburn theater's interpretation is the very best, thanks to Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer and president of the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Don't miss "Anything Goes" because it's wonderful to see that anything great — particularly the incomparable Chita Rivera — goes great on the Paper Mill stage.

For information on performances and tickets prices, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

Theater Project will stage Lindenite's novel

On Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Roy W. Smith Theater on Union County College's Cranford Campus, the Union County College Theater Project will host an evening with local author Bill Meese of Linden.

That evening, the Theater Project will present a special stage adaptation of the critically appraised novel, "The Advocate," which was recently released by Bantam and is currently available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. The presentation will be hosted by Meese, who will read

excerpts from the novel that will be interspersed with script-in-hand performances of scenes from the play, which were originally derived from the novel in one of its earliest versions.

Ticket reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$5 per person and senior citizens can attend free of charge. For more information or for ticket reservations, call (908) 659-5189.



Broadway superstar Chita Rivera joins her fellow travelers aboard the S.S. American in proclaiming that "Anything Goes" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

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By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

If you seek a casual atmosphere while you sate a hearty appetite, head straight to J. B. Winberie in Summit.

Comfortably decorated in a club room style, J. B. Winberie has a wide-ranging but modest menu featuring mostly continental cuisine. A glance at the bill of fare makes one thing clear: the management wants you to eat — and eat heartily.

My dining companion and I began our meal sharing the Sam Adams cheddar and beer fondue, an appetizer designed for two or more. Served over a candle on the table, the selection of apple slices and bread chunks lend themselves perfectly to the surprisingly delicate fondue. Rich without being overpowering, light without being tasteless, the cheese and beer combination was just the right first course in what proved to be a tasty and satisfying meal.

Following our appetizer, we prepared for our main course. I feasted on the fajita wrapper, while my companion chose the chicken Caesar wrap. The fajita platter was an excellent lunchtime choice, with the light tortilla filled with deliciously marinated chicken, sauteed bell peppers and onions, diced tomatoes, fresh cilantro and a combination of Monterey Jack and cheddar cheeses. As if this wasn't enough taste on one plate, a side order of the southwestern vegetarian chili perfectly balanced the lightly fresh flavors of the fajita with its black beans and corn salsa.

My companion's chicken Caesar wrap, in a green tortilla, was a taste sensation, combining the elegant flavors of a traditional Caesar salad with the convenience and "fun factor" of a sandwich.

For dessert, we went overboard, ordering and sharing not one but three concoctions — which, we later learned, were the three personal favorites of manager Jeff Saylor. The berry cobbler combines the sweet-and-tart nuances of Marion blackberries, red raspberries, blueberries and strawberries, all backed under a buttery milk cake topping and teasingly laced with the cherry flavor of Kirsch.

Sitting right beside the cobbler was the Toll House pie, an out-of-this-world cookie topped with pecans and a light chocolate sauce. Like the cobbler, the cookie pie was smothered in creamy French vanilla ice cream.

Also complemented by French vanilla ice cream was the hands-down winner on the table: the Not Just Apple Pie. This to-die-for concoction bears a striking resemblance to Mom's famous variety, but wait until you taste it! Freshly baked and served with the requisite ice cream, the pie is delicious enough to begin with, but when you get to the roasted pecans and hot caramel sauce generously added to the plate, you'll be making plans for a second slice.

Although neither my companion nor I opted for a cup, coffee's abound at J. B. Winberie to accompany your meal or dessert. Aside from regular, decaf, cappuccino and espresso, "cafe connoisseurs" will delight in Irish coffee, cafe latte, cafe mocha, Cafe Borgia, Cafe W and Gran Cafe. Cafe W and Gran Cafe arrive at the table by way of the bar, and all can be made in regular or decaf varieties.

The menu is reasonably priced, making the establishment the perfect choice for a business lunch or an after-work pit stop. Brunch is featured Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at a price of \$14.95 per person, with children younger than 11 years old charged \$5.00 per year of their age.

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The Potting Bench

Autumn is the time to protect gardens from disease, insects

By Lisa Hole
Correspondent

At this time of year, people are thinking more about what to cook for Thanksgiving dinner than their gardens.

However, there are still a few odds and ends to take care of in the yard. Heading off diseases and insects is one of those tasks, and in my experience, the best way to discourage these pests is to clean up your garden before the snow falls. Knowing a little about how diseases and insects behave, helps, too.

Diseases

It would be nice if there were some magic spray or secret method of getting rid of all diseases. Of course, there's no such thing. Fortunately, removing dead, diseased or decaying tissue as it appears can go a long way toward preventing the spread of future diseases.

Most diseases go through a cycle. First, they infect the plant. Then, when winter arrives, they go dormant and wait inside the infected tissue. When spring arrives, the diseases leap back to life and re-infect the plant. So, removing diseased branches and stems in the fall greatly reduces the possibility of re-infection next year. Diseased tissue isn't always easy to spot, but do the best you can — get rid of tissue with obvious cankers, holes, or black, dead patches. Remember to cut it off with clean, sharp pruning scissors to prevent undue dam-

age to your plants and never throw diseased tissue into the compost pile. Cutting down rose canes is another good way to forestall disease. Some people like to leave the canes in place to trap snow, which helps tender roses over winter, but I prefer to remove canes and use mulches like peat moss for insulation. It's much easier to remove the mulch in the spring than to have to deal with diseases — and insects — harbored by uncut canes. It's especially important to cut back and clean up canes when the plant has a history of problems. Hybrid teas should be cut down to about 15 to 30 centimeters from the soil. Hardy roses, generally more resistant to disease than hybrid teas, should just be trimmed to shape if you desire.

Any part of a plant may provide shelter for disease. That's why you should never keep potato tubers over the winter for planting next spring — these can harbor serious diseases like bacterial ring rot, which causes a horrid, mushy brown ring to appear in tubers. Certified seed potatoes are free of such diseases; it's far better to buy these each year than to risk spreading this disease in your garden.

Speaking of tubers and the like, never store any soft and mushy corns, bulbs or ornamental tubers. These will continue to deteriorate in storage and spread disease to healthy tubers.

Insects

The shorter, cooler days of September are triggering certain insect behaviors.

Most importantly, over winter, insects are on the lookout for hiding places. They'll take shelter in cracks and bark on trees, in leaf debris, and any other sheltered spots they can find. Once more, your best strategy for preventing an insect resurgence in the spring is to remove any dead, dying or insect-ridden branches, especially since most sprays are useless in the fall.

One exception is a product called dormant oil. Dormant oil is a horticultural oil that coats and suffocates insects. It should be sprayed on trunks, branches and canes after the leaves have either fallen or been cleaned off. The oil kills mites and aphid eggs and can also kill some hibernating diseases. Another good spray is a special lime-sulfur concoction. It kills mites and disease, but should only be used on dormant plants. The lime-sulfur combination can cause severe burning on foliage, but once all the leaves have fallen in September or October, there is no risk of damage.

The last word

This isn't a time to rest on our laurels — our tiny enemies certainly aren't about to head into fall without having a plan for spring in mind. So hold off on those Thanksgiving preparations until you've frustrated their ambitions.

For more information contact Hole's Greenhouse, 101 Bellersore Drive, St. Albert, AB, T8N 8N8, Canada. or at www.holesonline.com.

Fall courses are set for Master Gardeners

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Union County invite you to attend the following free lectures on various gardening topics for our 2000 Fall Speaker's Series.

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Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County provides information and education services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age. All lectures in the series will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Union County Administration Building Auditorium, located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

Fall Schedule

- Sept. 27: Bulb Gardening
- Oct. 10: Winter Vegetable Gardening
- Oct. 26: Ticks and Lyme Disease
- Nov. 9: Composting
- Nov. 30: Horticultural Therapy and Terrariums
- Dec. 12: Preserving Herbs for Crafts and Holiday Gifts

Treating lawn fungus can be a tricky proposition

By Jeff Rugg
Copley News Service

Q. We have a problem with brown-patch disease in our lawn. Our lawn is only four years old. When it was planted, the landscaper used a lot of fescue seed. I have recently read that this type of grass is prone to brown-patch disease. We have tried using fungicides. Nothing seems to kill it. We have a very beautiful lawn until it becomes warm and humid. This brings out the brown patches. Can you suggest to us what we can do to kill this fungus? We are very discouraged.

A. The weather this year has been good to the fungi that cause brown-patch disease. Much of the eastern half of the country has had mild, 75- to 85-degree temperatures, with enough rainfall to make it humid. Higher temperatures would have stowed the disease down, but then other diseases would probably have taken over.

Brown-patch disease affects all species of lawn grasses, but it is more common on grasses that are over-fertilized. Cool-season grasses, such as fescue and bluegrass, are supposed to go dormant in the warm weather that these fungal diseases need to have.

When the lawn is fertilized later than midspring, the grass keeps growing into the warmer weather.

Usually, only the grass blades turn an off-color greenish brown. The edge of the circular patch may be purplish. In the early morning, while dew is on the leaf, there may be a white film of fungal growth visible. In a few weeks, the plant will re-grow new grass blades. In bad outbreaks of the disease, it will kill the crown of the plant.

Planting a mix of grasses is better than having only one species. If you need to re-seed portions of the lawn, use a mix, not a blend, to get more variety. Several fungicides will work, but they must be applied continuously. Be sure the label says it will treat brown-patch disease, and then apply it weekly as long as the daytime temperatures are up into the 70s and there is high humidity. In other words, all summer long and into early fall. Water the lawn only once or twice per week during dry spells, and do it in the morning so no water is on the leaves at night.

Q. The last couple of years, we have been plagued by wild grass. We thought it might possibly be coming from the birdsseed that we had been using, so we switched to

sunflower seeds, but this has not helped. Is there any way to rid ourselves of this other than dig it out or kill it with Roundup and re-seed? Secondly, we need a suggestion for a good all-purpose grass. I tend to like something with some bluegrass, and we do have the ability to water whenever as we have our own well and a high water table.

A. First, you must determine whether the weed grass is an annual or a perennial. Annuals die after going to seed, and new plants come up next year. They are easy to get rid of because the current plants die and the new ones can be mostly prevented with a pre-emergent weed killer next spring.

The lawn is made of perennial grasses, so perennial grassy weeds need to be sprayed with a plant killer that will kill the good grasses, too. The lawn will have to be re-seeded if the areas are bigger than a dime plate.

Lawns with the highest visual quality are composed of 100 percent of one species of grass, but they are the hardest to take care of. There may be more than one hybrid from one species in the bag, and that is called a blend of grass seed. If there is more

than one species in the bag, it is called a mixture of grass seed.

Some grass species are not as resistant to shade, wear and tear, or disease as other lawn grasses. Therefore, in some areas of your lawn, there may need to be a mix of species.

E-mail questions to [Jeff Rugg at agrnewserv@salavista.com](mailto:Jeff.Rugg@agrnewserv.com)

Cranford's Garden Club plans NY trip

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford will go to the New York Botanical Gardens Sept. 23. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns to Cranford at 5 p.m. Details on the exact point of departure will be decided before the scheduled date. The club is extending the invitation to anyone who would like to join the trip.

The trip costs \$23, which includes bus transportation and entrance fee to the gardens. As there are only a limited number of seats left, the club urges people to make reservations as soon as possible. Call Oeri Livelli at 216-5077 to reserve a seat.

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ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME & ART will exhibit American paintings dating from the mid-19th 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.

BRIDGEWAY'S ARTISTIC REFLECTION 2000 will be on exhibit in the Freeholders' Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building through Friday. The Union County Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue. Elizabethtown hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, as well as Thursday evenings. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit the artwork of J.J. Raja and Stefanos Sideris, as well as selections from the Janet Richards Collection throughout the month of September. CSH is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 561-6185.

IMPRESSIONS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS, a photographic exhibit by Jerzy Patoczka, will be on display at the Stokki Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark through Sept. 30. An opening reception, featuring refreshments and a musical performance by Krzysztof Medyna, will take place Friday from 8 to 11 p.m.

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

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS, the works of pastel artist Frank Zucarelli, will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries of Plainfield through Sept. 30.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watching Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 755-1707.

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 through Oct. 6. A reception with the artists and curator Nancy J. Ott will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 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 1870 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

HELLA BAILUN: 'RETROSPECTIVE' will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Mackay Library at Union County College's Cranford campus Sept. 22 through Oct. 26. An opening reception will take place Sept. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, all from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesdays to Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is on the first floor of the library. Union County College is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 708-7155.

A UNIQUE VIEW OF CHINESE ART AND CULTURE: "An Exhibition of Embroideries and Watercolor Paintings," featuring the works of Wei Jingxian, will be on display throughout the Union Campus of Keen University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, Oct. 2 through 22. For information, call (908) 527-2222.

DIGITAL COMPOSITIONS by Hane Wehler will be on exhibit at the Les Melamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Nov. 1.

The gallery is open during regular library hours. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Fribourg.

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gar Park. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

AUDITIONS

THE LITTLE OPERA COMPANY of New Jersey will conduct auditions for singers and instrumentalists between the ages of 8 and 18 years old today and Friday for its production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Adult singers are also needed. For information, or to schedule an audition, call (908) 654-2006.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for its children's theater production of "Cinderella" Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the CDC Playhouse, 78 Wimers Ave., Cranford. Being sought are two adult males, and three adult females; the two Steppisters and two Helpers will be cast gender-blind, teens to adult. For information, call (973) 467-0876 or (908) 276-6133.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway is seeking two men in their 20s to 30s for "Suddenly Last Summer" to be presented Oct. 27 to Nov. 4. For information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to opticket@net.com.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA is accepting applications and will conduct auditions for instrumentalists for the 2000-01 season. For information, call (908) 709-0084 or (609) 208-0029.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB will welcome student and adult male singers for its 76th season. The Glee Club rehearses Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the choir room of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, Broad Street and Mountain Avenue in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-0673.

BOOKS

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERY SERIES Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark this evening 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.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will debut at Barnes and Noble in Clark Friday 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. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

AUTHOR EVAN MARSHALL will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Hanging Hannah." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

AUTHOR ROBIN SILVERMAN, a Westfield native, will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "The Ten Girls." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

AUTHOR DIANA ELKINS, a Westfield resident, will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, "People and Pearls." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

THE WOMEN'S READING GROUP at Barnes and Noble in Clark will meet Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. 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.

CLASSES

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for the fall session of its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. The fall session begins in early September and lasts 15 weeks. Additional courses include art classes for children

and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 799-0686.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will 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 theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

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

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION will offer

and senior citizens. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

THE SONGWRITERS CONNECTION, a Union County-based group of performers and songwriters sponsored by the Elizabeth Arts Council, will present the original compositions of six Connection members Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. at Jo-Jo's Cafe, 179 Elmora Ave., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 820-4122.

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the month of September. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

MUSIC IN THE CAFE in Barnes and Noble in Springfield will feature free music performances in the coming

(908) 925-9667 or (908) 486-3303.

THE SPRINGFIELD STREET FAIR will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School. The rain date is Sept. 24.

19TH ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tralidae Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Admission is \$3 per person, with children 7 years old and younger admitted free. Tralidae is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call (908) 789-3670 or (908) 527-9400.

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. The Main Branch of the Elizabeth



'GOSSIP', a 16-by-20-inch oil on canvas, will be among the works by Union resident Hella Bailun featured in 'Retrospective,' an exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery on the Cranford campus of Union County College Sept. 22 to Oct. 26. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

classes. All concerts will take place in the coffee lounge area of the store from 8 to 10 p.m.

Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

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KIDS

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.

DISCUSSION

STARTING LOCAL... GOING GLOBAL is the theme of a workshop sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for singers and songwriters Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union. Registration, including the \$5 fee, is due by Sept. 21. For information, call (908) 555-2550.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book discussion group, will meet Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Oct. 9 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.

FESTIVALS

RECORD AND CD SHOW will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Holiday Inn, Route 22 West in Springfield. Admission is \$5, with children younger than 12 years old admitted free. For information, call

days and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays from this evening through Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.; audio-described performances Oct. 5 at 2 p.m., Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m., with trailers 90 minutes prior to curtain; a sign-interpreted performance Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 8 p.m.; and Singles Night, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m., with post-show reception.

Tickets are \$37 to \$60. For information, call (973) 376-4343, or buy tickets with Visa, Mastercard or Discover at www.papernill.com.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS AND CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "A Century of Song" celebrating 100 years of popular American music, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. Tickets are \$15, and proceeds will benefit the two theaters. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Younger" by Philip Barry Friday through Oct. 15. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and students; all tickets are \$5 every Friday. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present a one-night-only stage adaptation of the novel "The Advocate" by Linden resident Bill Meese. The performance will take place in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Tickets are \$5; senior citizens will be admitted free of charge. For information, call (908) 655-5160.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 8 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.

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EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during September.

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

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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 3 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 Tasty Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE in Union will present a series of musical events in the coming weeks. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 6 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.

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THE WAITING ROOM in Rahway will present musical entertainment during September.

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Healthy Living

Walk-a-thon is planned

The Sharing Network has announced that the Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links Inc. will hold a 2-Mile Walk-A-Thon for Health and Wellness to launch the national "Linkages to Life" program that will broaden awareness of the need for donors for organ, tissue and bone marrow transplantation. The Walk-A-Thon will take place at the Livingston campus of Rutgers University on Sept. 23 at 8:15 a.m. Proceeds from the event will go toward The Sharing Network's outreach programs. The Sharing Network will partner with The Links Inc. during the year to provide educational seminars to inform the community of the option to donate.

"We are very happy to be partnering with The Sharing Network to raise awareness of the life-saving benefits of organ donation," said Emma Massey, Raritan Valley Chapter president. "There is a natural fit between The Links Inc.'s national project, Linkages to Life, and The Sharing Network. Together we can help resolve many of the health issues facing our community." Links chapters nationwide have targeted this concern for 2000-02. Linda Holmes, an expert in the field of minority health, is the Walk-A-Thon's honorary chairperson.

The Links Inc. is an international organization of select professional African-American women who provide targeted public service to their respective local and global communities. The Raritan Valley Chapter includes members from Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties. The Links Inc. was founded in 1946, and develops projects to implement in four specific areas: Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, The Arts, and International Trends. The organization has more than 10,000 members worldwide.

Currently, there are more than 1,800 people in New Jersey on waiting lists for life saving transplant operations. Nationally, the figure is more than 75,000.

For more information on the Raritan Valley Chapter of The Links Inc. Walk-a-Thon, call (908) 561-4062.

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Back to SCHOOL

'Back to school' means tips on safety and more

As the new school year begins, the Department of Pediatrics at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, would like to offer parents the following tips, as suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics, to help children get off to a good start.

- Before the first day of school it is a good idea to walk or ride the route to school together with your child
- If your child will be walking to

school, assess the route for safety. Find out about crossing guards and traffic patterns.

Instruct your child to stay on sidewalks and main roads; do not allow him or her to cut through alleys, woods or other deserted areas.

- Have siblings, or older neighbors, walk together so that younger children are not alone
- Review the basic bus safety rules with your youngster: wait for the bus

to stop before approaching it from the curb; do not move around on the bus; check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.

- Tour the school building and classroom prior to the first day, and set up play dates with classmates.
- Let the school know whenever your child is absent.

Homework

- Provide a positive homework

atmosphere for your child that is free of clutter and distractions, including television.

- Show your child you are interested in his or her work. Re-assignments if necessary, and explain to see that homework is completed.

• Having trouble fitting homework into your child's schedule? You may need to cut back on your child's activities, or see that his or her after-school care includes supervised homework time.

- If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you are not able to help him or her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.

• Remember to allow time for free play in your child's schedule.

Bullying

- Give your child some strategies for coping with bullies.

• Talk with the teacher about a persistent bully. If appropriate, the teacher and principal may take steps to mediate the situation.

Backpacks need not be painful

It's that time of year again and high on the list of back-to-school necessities are backpacks. Functional and fashionable, these bags are an easy and sensible way for students to carry books and supplies. But if carried incorrectly, backpacks can actually be more harmful than helpful.

Most parents are unaware that improperly carried backpacks, especially when overloaded and slung over one shoulder, increases a child's risk of developing muscle strains, curvatures of the spine, and a lifetime of back pain.

It is important for parents to teach their children, whether in elementary school, high school or college, the proper way to carry and load backpacks. Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation offers parents these backpack-carrying guidelines:

- Don't overload the backpack. "If the backpack forces a child to lean forward or tilt sideways, or they struggle to get it on and off, then the contents are too heavy," according to Heather Hill, physical therapist at Kessler. "Your child should never carry more than 10 to 20 percent of their body weight." For example, a child weighing 80 pounds should carry no more than 12 pounds. Try weighing the backpack and unload any unnecessary objects. Another method is to pack only the amount that a child can hold in their hands over a few minutes time.

• Choose the right size. A backpack, according to Hill, should be no wider or longer than your child's back. Many manufacturers offer special child-sized versions that weigh less than a pound and fit more securely.

• Use both shoulder straps and the waist belt. The straps, recommends Hill, should be padded and adjusted to keep the pack centered in your child's back. If any redness, numbness, or tingling results, the straps are too tight. The waist belt helps distribute the pack's weight to the lower body so the hips and legs can bear some of the load.

St. Peter's Prep plans open house

St. Peter's Preparatory School will sponsor its 2000 fall open house Sept. 24 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the school's campus in downtown Jersey City. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend.

Members of the St. Peter's Prep faculty and staff, as well as coaches, students and teachers, will be present to distribute information and answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus and school facilities will be provided. Applications for the class of 2005 will also be available at the open house. Last year, more than 400 families attended the fall open house.

Founded in 1872, St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college-preparatory school for boys located in historic downtown Jersey City and remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school.

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• Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1948 will conduct its 52nd reunion Sept. 22 to 24. For information, call Mary Frances (Cline) Gavey at (908) 276-5727.

• Members of Alpha Phi Delta of Upsala College interested in an early

October 2000 reunion luncheon are asked to contact Irene DiBiase McHugh at (732) 892-3569 or Bess Meyer Terp at (609) 296-9335.

• Summit High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Rahway High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7 at the Sheraton in Woodbridge. For information, call (732) 381-8569 or (732) 396-1050.

• Linden High School Class of 1950 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 7 at the Pines in Edison. For information, contact Doris Mazur Cyran at (908) 862-2497. E-mail can be sent to pileggim@aol.com.

• Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1945 will conduct its 55th

reunion Oct. 13 at Galloping Hill Inn in Union. For information, call Frank Gargano at (908) 688-9394 or write to him at 1025 Lorraine Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

• Cranford High School Class of 1974 will conduct its 26th reunion Oct. 14. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• St. Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1950 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 14 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth. For informa-

tion, call (908) 289-0516. Being sought are classmates Joan Cook, John Mattis, Mary (Lombardi) Dwyer, Robert Saracen, Florence Oeler Grant, Dorothy (Beale) Serpico, Catherine (Moran) Groff, Charlotte (Golda) Stauder, Frederick LiCamis, Dorothy (Faszczewski) Summers, Geraldine Bergstedt Specht, and Ann (Alibrando) Vanko.

• Battin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1955 will conduct its 45th reunion Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton. For information, or to advise of classmates' whereabouts, contact Reunion Committee, 32 Kathryn St., Clark, NJ 07066.

• Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1950 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, call Bob Aznar at (908) 755-8724, Joe Bloomfield at (908) 232-5183 or Dan Russell at (908) 353-5714.

Nov. 18. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Union High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 24. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 25. For information, call Margaret Luxich Donovan at (908) 486-7189 or send e-mail to ACHS1980@aol.com.

• Cranford High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Cranford High School Class of 1990 will conduct its 10th reunion Nov. 25 at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, call Liz at (908) 608-1180 or send e-mail to slizzo@hotmail.com.

Cabaret artist 'can't wait to get back' to Le Dome

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Tom Andersen, an extremely modest, yet overly talented tenor, who has written "more than 30 songs" and who has won an enviable number of awards, will bring his special combination of new and old songs to Le Dome at the Manor in West Orange Sept. 21.

The young, handsome and romantic vocalist-songwriter, who has been charming New York audiences and critics for the past several years, will be returning to the Manor after several years to bring his "Broadway and Beyond" to a cabaret audience that has been clamoring for just his kind of music.

"I had a great time the last time I was at the Manor," said Andersen during a recent chat. "Everyone there is so wonderful."

He explained that his repertoire at the Manor will contain "all sorts of music. There will be a couple of songs that I wrote, but basically old standards including Jule Stein tunes. You know," he mused, "there are great songs out there."

Andersen, a five-time MAC — Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs — Award-winning singer-songwriter, who was awarded Outstanding Male Vocalist and Best Recording of the Year last April, was signed by Warner Chappell, and his music has been performed by many recording artists.

After much prodding, the personable young man admitted that "I did write about 30 or 40 songs, and each one was very different. It really depends on the song. It can be a slow haunting project or it can be otherwise. Some come easily to me. Sometimes, it seems to me that the songs



Tom Andersen

are out there in space, and I'm there to lasso them. And they kind of go in the direction of the way they were to be written — just go to make them all make sense. I write the words and the melody, but I have friends who help me write the chords behind the melody. Among them are my musical director, Ian Herman, who will be appearing with me at the Manor, and Tim Di Pasqua."

Andersen has been recognized with all

the awards he has won with the "work that goes into the making of a song. I really, really think it's true," he said. "It's really nice to get recognition, but what I get out of it — is just the work. And as far as the awards go, I really don't think you can compete in any form of art. I'm really grateful to have the awards, but it's always just basically doing it for yourself."

The singer has played Carnegie Hall, Wall, Rosind Hall and Town

Hall, and was a headliner at the Tavern on the Green, Maxim's, the Russian Tea Room, the Algonquin and Eighty Eighth. His AIDS ballad, "Yard Sale," won the 1998 MAC Award for Song of the Year, and Andersen was signed to a songwriting contract by Warner Chappell Music Publishers. Last year, he won a second Back Stage Bistro Award for Outstanding Songwriter. His second CD, "The Journey," a best seller, features his latest works and his signature song, "Storybook," from the Broadway hit, "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Andersen has shared the stage with Liza Minnelli, Tony Bennett, Michael Feinstein and Andrea Marcovici. But most impressive to the young man, was the fact that Stephen Schwartz chose him to be a special guest soloist in a Bay Area concert of Schwartz's songs in 1997.

"Stephen Schwartz and I had met socially," he explained. "He came to see a performance of mine. Then he asked me to do a concert of his works. I was one of two people to be chosen. I know his music. I love his music. What a talent! He is wildly intelligent. And he encourages you. Stephen's really a great teacher, just the most constructive, supportive and realistic person I'd ever met."

After the Manor, "where the people are so great," exclaimed Andersen, "I'm going to be in a Portia Nelson show of her works. She played a nun in 'Sound of Music.' I'll be appearing for two nights in Don't Tell Mama, a nightclub on 46th Street in New York City. Then Fort Lauderdale, and then I'll be appearing in two boat cruises. But what I'm looking forward to most right now is my cabaret show at Le Dome. I can't wait to get back there again."

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15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-82.

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ACROSS

- 1 Fall bloomer
6 Madame, in Munich
10 Doctrines
14 '50s White House name
15 NYC commuter line
16 Mideast ruler, once
17 Florida national park
19 Den
20 Take back
21 Aperitif wine
23 Svt neighbor
25 Drank noisily
26 Skanky
31 1995, in Espana
32 Black Fr.
33 Freudian concerns
35 Lookers
39 A year — day
40 Necess loe
42 Latin word
43 Soft music
45 Noticed
46 Admire
47 Smudge
49 Crane cutters
51 Having narrow grooves
55 A Stodge
56 Type of ferrier
57 Kind of potatoes
63 Mary
64 Oregon national park
66 Hand. Sp.
67 Store at
68 Word with bath or dish
69 PC screen symbol
70 Require
71 "Steppenwolf" author

DOWN

- 1 Part of U.S.A.
2 Computer command
3 IRS employees
4 Limerick's land
5 One of the Jacksons
6 Alabama neighbor
7 Removes
8 Places
9 Address of film
10 Michigan national park
11 Clever
12 Sen. Snow's state
13 Remnant
18 Ease
22 Air
24 Kahlia Lee's co-host
25 One of Pop's mates
26 Grammy-winner
27 Braxton
28 Verdi opus
29 Wyoming national park
30 Family emblem
34 Prepare claims
36 Give off
37 Dissolute dude
38 French rel. women
41 Wages
44 Pledge
48 Signal
50 Bear rug locale
51 Hindu pundit
52 Whitman's dooryard bloomer
53 University town in 12 Down
54 Solemn song
57 Throaly sound
59 Blackthorn
60 Hesiates
61 Gets by, with out
62 Erase
65 Knight or Wags

See ANSWERS on Page B12

What's Going On?

FAIR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
September 23rd, 24th, 2000
EVENT: 8th Annual Bloomfield Harvest...
PLACE: Along Broad Street from Bloomfield Avenue to Bellevue Avenue.

SUNDAY

September 24th, 2000
EVENT: 7th Annual Dog Walkathon-Fair...
PLACE: Maplewood Memorial Park, Corner of Oakview and Valley.

GARAGE/YARD SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
September 22nd, 23rd, 2000
EVENT: COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE...
PLACE: Church Community Center, 810 Linden Place, Orange.

Real Estate...
Real Estate...
Real Estate...

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
September 16th, 2000
EVENT: GIANT FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLE SHOW OUTDOORS...
PLACE: Hoffman LaRoche, Nutley Georgia Pacific Lot on Kingsland Avenue.

SATURDAY

September 23rd, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market...
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ.

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY
September 23rd, 2000
EVENT: Rummage Sale...
PLACE: St. Michael's Church Hall, Vauxhall Road & Orange Avenue, Union, NJ.

Linden Art Assoc. announces classes

The Linden Art Association, a non-profit organization for all ages, began its 46th year of weekly evening classes Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunnyside Recreation Center, on Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace.

Barbershoppers to sing tonight

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chorus, local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc., will perform for the Borough of Roselle summer festival at the Roselle Library, Chestnut Street and 4th Avenue, this evening at 7 p.m.

Movie Star Fights Arthritis

HOLLYWOOD --- As a result of his own arthritis, movie star and former spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation, Frankie Avalon is fighting arthritis on several fronts, including his discovery of a breakthrough for pain relief.



Frankie Avalon could not take the type of drugs needed to treat his condition because they upset his stomach. He tried dozens of over-the-counter (OTC) pain remedies, but not one relieved his pain.

For Sept. 18 to Sept. 24

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good timing is the key to your success this week. Make sure that your mental agility can keep up with your physical output.

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smart, and stay away from a speculative venture.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Expect a bit of turmoil in personal or family matters. You can work it out with a unique or highly unusual proposal to your loved ones.

SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Use ideas from your subconscious to find the answers to your daily problems. Take time to write down your dreams.

LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): It's difficult to focus on details or routines when your mind yearns to be free to explore new thoughts and ideas. Vaccinate the obvious!

Bill Van Sant, Editor
Personal Community Newspapers Inc. 2000 16th Floor
Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section can mail copy to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, New Jersey, 07088.

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 Additional 10 words.....\$4.00 per insertion
 Display Rates.....\$25.50 per column inch
 Contract Rates Available
 Blind Box Number.....\$12.00 per insertion

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Publishing Company seeking Administrative Assistant. Computer experience, reception, A/R, AP and general office work. Salary commensurate with skills. Fax resume to: 973-273-3998.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/Secretary for Springfield real estate developer/property management. Full time part time. Light bookkeeping, word processing, A/R collections. Send resume with salary requirements to: Box 102, 90 Worrall Newspapers, P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, NJ 07040.

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PUZZLE on Page B16
A grid of numbers for a puzzle.

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New Acura CL offers the best in its class

On the heels of the successful launch of the 3.2 TL luxury performance sedan, Acura has introduced an all-new, completely redesigned 3.2 CL luxury performance coupe. Available in two distinct models — the fully featured 3.2 CL and the high-performance 3.2 CL Type S — the CL offers the best performance, luxury and value in its class.

"The CL is our hot, new entry into the competitive luxury performance coupe segment," said Dick Collier, executive vice president, Acura Division. "With invigorating performance, a long list of standard features and stylish good looks, the Acura CL will definitely stand out as the class-leader."

In addition to being as much as 30 percent more powerful than the car it replaces, the new CL grows in overall size by two inches in length and one-half an inch in width. The sleek body design echoes the stylish lines of classic Gran Turismo coupes of the automotive past along with styling cues from Acura's own lineage. The long sculpted hood and a short rear deck mark the key styling elements of this roomy 2+2 coupe. The signature Acura pentagram grille adorns the front of the CL while triangular tail lights mark a substantial and sporty rear design.

Powertrain

The new CL coupe is offered exclusively with V-6 power and is available in two distinct versions of Acura's all-aluminum, 3.2 liter, 2-valve engine with the patented VTEC—Variable Valve Timing and Lift Electronic Control—system. The 3.2 CL Type S V-6 engine produces 225 horsepower and is similar to the engine in the popular Acura 3.2 TL luxury performance sedan.

The Type S was designed for high performance driving with class-leading technology and power. Producing 260 horsepower, the Type S is the most powerful six-cylinder coupe in its class. To achieve its high output, the Type S incorporates several engine enhancements including a dual-stage induction system, low-restriction dual-outlet exhaust, larger diameter throttle body, increased compression ratio, special intake valves, camshafts and cylinder heads. These elements allow the Type S to achieve a broad torque curve providing 232 lb-ft of torque between 3500 and 5500 rpm.

Both the 3.2 CL and Type S engines feature a direct injection system with knock control which ensures a properly timed spark for optimal power and fuel efficiency at all engine speeds. In addition, platinum-tipped spark plugs are used in both engines allowing a 100,000 mile tune-up interval.

Both CL models are equipped with a five-speed automatic transmission with the Formula 1 race car inspired Sequential SportShift system, allowing the driver to select gear changes manually, or operate as an automatic transmission. The 5-speed gearing provides quick acceleration while reducing engine rpm at cruising speed, resulting in increased fuel efficiency and less engine noise compared to a 4-speed automatic transmission.

The CL achieves luxury and performance while balancing Acura's commitment to the environment, as both the 3.2 CL and Type S models will be Low Emission Vehicles — LEV. The California model 3.2 CL will be an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle — ULEV — with further reduced emissions.

Body and chassis

To complement the performance capabilities of the powertrain, the CL's chassis has been engineered with a rigid unit body structure to provide extraordinary handling that rivals Europe's finest luxury performance coupes. Compared to the car it replaces, the new CL is 6-percent stronger in torsional rigidity resulting in a solid ride with less body flex.

This rigid platform serves as the foundation for the CL's four-wheel independent, double wishbone suspension with stabilizer bars and a shock tower bar. The Type S incorporates additional suspension enhancements, including firmer springs, increased damping rates and a larger rear stabilizer bar for even greater cornering capability. Both CL models have large diameter, 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS to maximize stopping power of the high-performance, V-rated, all season Michelin tires — 205/60R16 on 3.2 CL; 215/50R17 on Type S.

Interior

The world class driving experience is also reflected in the CL's interior, as this new coupe has been equipped with a comprehensive array of comfort and convenience features. Interior appointments include an impressive Acura/Bose six-speaker music system with six-disc, in-dash CD changer, Automatic Climate Control System with micron air filtration, power moonroof and leather-

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trimmed seating surfaces with four individual bucket seats. Heated power front seats with power walk-in feature, keyless remote entry with driver's seat and side mirror memory, front center console with adjustable armrest, Homelink remote control system along with front and rear dual cupholders round out this list of standard features.

To further enhance its sports personality, the Types S receives exclusive perforated leather seats and steering wheel, metallic-faced instrument panel and a Type S-badged perforated leather shifter knob. Type S with an ebony colored interior also receives a unique dark wood grained trim on the center console and doors.

The sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, global positioning system — GPS — satellite-linked navigation system is the only factory option available on both the 3.2 CL and the Type S. A pioneer in the area of in-dash navigation systems in North America, Acura is the first and the only luxury automobile brand to offer a Digital Versatile Disc — DVD — mapping database, providing coverage of the continental United States on a single DVD. The DVD database has been programmed to include more than 3.7 million points of interest, while a large 6-inch color LCD display with a mate-infused touch screen reduces glare and fingerprinting.

Safety

Acura technology extends to the area of vehicle safety with the CL's extensive list of standard safety features. Both CL models are equipped with standard Xenon High Intensity Discharge — HID — headlights for excellent nighttime visibility, Anti-lock Braking System — ABS, Traction Control System — TCS — along with driver and front passenger Supplemental Restraint System — SRS — air bags with dual threshold deployment and a dual stage inflation system for the passenger's air bag. Side air bags for the driver and front passenger are also standard and incorporate a sophisticated occupant size and position sensor system on the passenger's seat, allowing the control module to shut off the passenger's side air bag if a child or small adult is leaning into the deployment path of the air bag.

The Type S also adds a unique Vehicle Stability Assist — VSA — system that orchestrates the throttle, injection and brakes to seamlessly integrate traction control, anti-lock braking and stability control systems. This innovation is designed to assist the driver in maintaining control during cornering, acceleration and sudden collision-avoidance maneuvers by applying brake force to the right or left front wheel as necessary and managing the throttle and injection systems.

Manufacturing

The new CL is the third Acura to be designed, engineered and assembled in the United States. Like its Acura 3.2 TL sedan sibling, the new CL is assembled at Honda of America's manufacturing facility in Marysville, Ohio with a high level of locally sourced parts.

Pricing

On sale March 1, 2000 through authorized Acura retailers, the all new CL will be priced aggressively against coupes from BMW and Mercedes Benz with a starting MSRP of \$27,900 for the 3.2 CL and \$30,330 for the 3.2 CL Type S. The only factory option will be the Acura Navigation System, priced at \$2,000. Like all Acura models, the CL will be covered by a comprehensive 4-year/50,000 mile bumper-to-bumper limited warranty. Additional ownership benefits include Acura Total Luxury Care — TLC, which provides free 24-hour roadside assistance, concierge service and trip routing.

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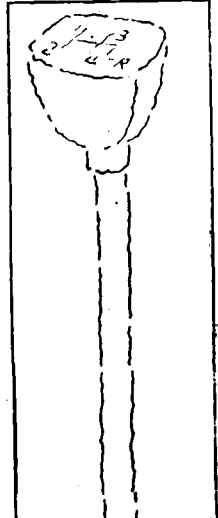
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Toyota Prius hits showrooms with 12,000 sales expected

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

The five-passenger Toyota Prius gasoline-electric hybrid sedan cost \$19,995 when it went on sale this summer. The Prius has been on sale in Japan since December 1997 and has sold more than 35,000 units. Toyota expects to sell about 12,000 units a year in the United States.

Standard equipment includes anti-lock brakes; automatic transmission; climate-control air conditioning; power windows, door locks and mirrors; AM-FM-cassette stereo, an eight-year/100,000-mile battery, and hybrid system warranty and free roadside assistance.

The power source is an all-aluminum 70-hp 1.5-liter gasoline engine with variable valve timing that is backed by a 34-horsepower battery pack. EPA fuel economy estimates are expected to be 52 miles per gallon in the city and 45 highway.

Prius is certified as a Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle, which is about 90-percent cleaner than an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle.

The sedan is in production now and will go on sale in November, but test drives have been available since June for those who pre-order on Toyota's website, www.toyota.com.

All orders will be finalized by dealerships and filled on a first-in/first-out basis. Delivery to the online buyers will begin in August and will come with a free, three-year maintenance plan.

The road to romance

Much has been published about road rage, but little is said about road romance.

Apparently there are couples who had their first spark of interest behind the wheel, and it didn't involve a handgun and a hand gesture.

Perhaps there is a grain of truth in the saying that people are what they drive. According to a survey by Mitsubishi Motors, two out of 10 women have been attracted to a man by the car he was driving.

A friend in public relations admits that she actually pulled to the side of the road after a suitor-type caught her eye on the highway and motioned they take the same exit.

"I can't believe I did that, and no way would I ever tell my mother what I did, but so far — almost four months later — things are going very well," she says.

With the arrival of its 2001 Eclipse Spyder convertible, Mitsubishi is promoting "The Scampy Road Romance," a nationwide call for real-life stories of the most memorable flirtations and romances that started with a glance at an attractive car.

"Whether people want to admit or not, many judge others by the cars they drive," says Ellen Eisenman, a senior vice president at Mitsubishi Motors Sales of America. "As evidenced by our new national survey, the majority of Americans admit that many romances are sparked by being attracted to a stylish but sexy car first, then checking out who's behind the wheel."

According to the Mitsui survey, among those who were able to recall the funnest or most unusual experience about meeting someone while driving, women are more likely than men to remember having been flirted with, asked for their phone number or asked on a date by another driver.

Approximately two out of 10 women recall such an experience, compared with slightly more than one out of 10 men.

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Chevy, Ford announce models that are ready to roll

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Autoplanet Sweep

For those who can't resist a free-car sweepstakes, here's another one.

AutoPlanet.com a new so-called automotive website that goes into orbit this fall, will give away four vehicles.

The offerings are the Acura RL, Chrysler PT Cruiser, Honda S200 Roadster and the Toyota Land Cruiser.

Visitors to www.autoplanet.com must register by Sept. 22, and the cars will be given away in a drawing held on or about Sept. 29. The sweepstakes is open to U.S. residents 18 years or older.

T-Bird Guide

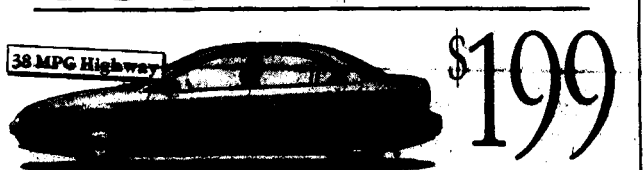
Just as Ford prepares the launch of its Nelson Mandela Thundershirt concept a new book on the history of the Thunderbird, by Krause Publications.

"Thunder: 45 years of Thunder" — 352 pages — covers the evolution of the T-Bird from the 1955 selling-out model to the 1999 concept car.

The soft-back book is can be ordered from the publisher at (800) 258-0929 or www.krause.com; click on "books."

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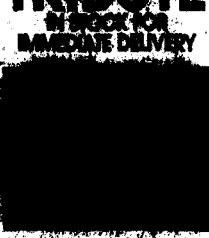
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