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Retail politics

The evening cool last Friday pushed Ben Laganga as he rang doorbells on Sheridan Avenue. As the Democratic candidate for the 2nd Ward council seat in Roselle Park, he was partaking in what the experts call retail politics. Laganga traveled up and down the stairs on the well-maintained homes to meet the voters.

"Hi, I'm Ben Laganga. I'm running for 2nd Ward councilman, and I'm here to introduce myself." Depending on the response the candidate would explain his views on taxes, the borough's future, or just say thank you and move on to the next house.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Not surprising some people weren't home from work when the bell ringing started at 6:30 p.m. Sadly, also not surprising, some households were not even registered to vote. But armed with his computer list of likely supporters and his giveaway plastic garbage holder, Laganga moved forward.

"I believe I can make a difference on moderating taxes and making the borough a better place. That's basically why I am running," he said. At one point, he even ran into his opponent, incumbent Ricky Radillo, who was walking on a nearby street.

Curtis Gans is a professor in Washington who studies voter trends. His bad news is that this year, the turnout will dip below 50 percent of the registered voters. If you factor in the slight voters who don't even take the time to register, less than 40 percent of the citizens will be making the decisions for everybody else, and that's bad.

Despite the citizens' lack of civic responsibility many local officials do reach out to the public. They are not isolated, and they are not relying on consultants. Sunday morning in Elizabeth, Freeholder Mary Ruotolo and Mayor Chris Bollwage were in the middle of a group of walkers for child funding.

Meanwhile, in New York City, as the sun started setting, Linden, Elizabeth and Clark residents, led by Assemblyman Joe Sulligan, waited patiently on East 31st Street and Park Avenue to partake in the annual Pulaski Day parade which was running more than two hours late. But they waited and marched in the civic event.

Hopefully, this year people will see their civic responsibility and vote. County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi reports a larger than normal request for absentee ballots. This has Rajoppi optimistically predicting "an increase in voter participation."

So, with citizens able to register to vote up until Tuesday, the chance to participate is still there.

One other thing. The next time any candidate for office rings your bell, spend a few minutes to listen to what he has to say, and read his literature. Maybe you should also thank the person for taking the time to run for office.

In this age of TV and big money, we are darn lucky to have people who not only talk, but also walk the walk in terms of meeting the people and trying to improve the community.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Corvelli appointed to board of commissioners

The Board of Chosen Freeholders last month appointed Hillside Councilman Peter Corvelli to the Union County Improvement Authority Board of Commissioners to replace Lianne Cocchi of Summit. His term will expire February 2003.

Democrats continue an 8-1 advantage on the UCIA's Board of Commissioners.

Freeholder candidates begin campaign

Dems stress investment; GOP targets trash

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Democratic freeholder incumbents tout their record of maintaining or reducing taxes while investing in economic development and improving quality of life in Union County. Republicans question why the county budget maintains such a high surplus and why the freeholder board has remained silent about a proposed trash depot that would bring millions of tons of trash to Union County.

Democrats and Republicans presented a glimpse of their platforms in their first public forum of the election season during a luncheon of the Union County Employer Legislative Committee last week.

The next public forum will be a candidates night sponsored by the Union County Council of the League of Women Voters on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave.

Three, three-year seats on the nine-member board are up this year, those of incumbents Chester Holmes of Rahway, Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park and Deborah Scanlon of Union. Opposing them are Republicans Wally Shackelford of Cranford, Al Dill of Summit — both of whom ran last year — and Esther Guzman-Malcolm of Roselle, who ran for Union County sheriff in 1998. Democrats have swept every countywide election since 1995 and hold each seat

on the freeholder board as well as all the county's constitutional offices.

"I'm proud to be part of a board that promotes economic development and quality of life," said Scanlon, a paralegal and former member of the Township of Union Board of Education. "We've held the line on taxes this year after three consecutive years of decreases," she said, while less than half of the county budget was raised through property taxes in 2000.

"We're aggressively pursuing and winning grants," Scanlon said, while no new positions were created in the county budget or cuts made in services. The freeholder board understands the importance of an educated workforce, she said, as evidenced by initiatives like the Freeholder Scholars Program and Access 2000. The workforce of the future needs to be computer proficient, and Access 2000 brings computers and Internet access into the classroom, the freeholder said. The Freeholder Scholars Program provides a free tuition to students who maintain a B average or better. So far, 225 students have qualified for the program since its inception last year.

The Freeholder Scholars Program has been touted by incumbents, but it helps only a few kids, Dill said. Lowering tuition at the county college, where it is the second highest in the state, would help all children. "You're taking my tax money and distributing it to a select few; every child should

have the opportunity. Redistribute the money, cut tuition and bring in private funding."

Democrats believe the board has addressed the needs of senior citizens this year through three initiatives: Senior Focus, Senior Scholars and Seniors in Motion. Senior Focus provided more than \$3 million in grants for improvements or construction of municipal senior centers; Senior

Scholars offers free classes at Union County College for senior citizens; and Seniors in Motion will provide senior buses to municipalities throughout the county.

A member of the Rahway Police Department for nearly 30 years, Holmes served one term on the City Council. He now owns his own home security and investigation business. "The economy of Union County is my top priority." The board has worked hard to maintain and improve the

economic climate and continue progress in that area. The proximity of Union County to sea and airports and rail lines makes it a favorable location that cannot be taken for granted, Holmes said.

He spoke of focusing attention on maintaining the county's infrastructure. "Roads and bridges are a lifeline of the economy," which is why the freeholder board embarked on a five-year, \$10 million plan to improve. See FREEHOLDER, Page B2

County clerk candidates face off

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

In addition to three freeholder seats in November's election, voters will be asked to cast ballots for the position of county clerk, which is responsible for administering election laws for the county and its 21 municipalities and processing passports and recording property transactions and a plethora of other official documents.

Incumbent County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi of Union will face Eric Urbano of Scotch Plains. Rajoppi is seeking her second term as clerk after defeating former freeholder Paul O'Keefe of Plainfield in 1995. She was the county register of deeds and mortgages until the positions of clerk and register were combined in 1995.

A former mayor and member of the Township Committee in Springfield, Rajoppi said she led the successful merger of the two offices, which has saved the county \$1 million by combining systems and centralizing offices from five to one.

She emphasized streamlining the clerk's office through computerization and restructuring hours to expand access to customers and increasing revenue.

Last year the clerk's office generated a record \$10.2 million in revenue, which goes into the county's general fund.

"The clerk is a position of public trust," said Rajoppi, who described herself as "a proven, experienced professional to continue into the 21st century," with impending innovations such as electronic signatures and property reporting.

In his position as an attorney, Urbano said he is responsible for tens of thousands of files and would seek to bring the private sector approach into the public sector. He said the clerk's office must "change with the times" and be more responsive to residents. Urbano, who dropped out of the 7th District Congressional race to run for clerk, suggested initiatives such as online database research so residents do not have to travel to the clerk's office in Elizabeth.

The county clerk's office, said Urbano, is "truly a public service position" and one of integrity. When there is a question about election ballots, he said, people must be sure they have been done accurately and fairly. As an office of public service, "we must make sure it is not political, or done for personal gain."

The county clerk, a five-year term, is considered a full-time position with an annual salary of approximately \$103,000.

Residents 'Run for Children'

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

Some local needy children will be assured of a safe haven thanks to residents who suited up and hit the streets running, all to raise money in memory of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr.

Ruotolo died of cancer in 1995 and since then a Run for Children event has been sponsored each year with all proceeds benefiting the Union County Child Advocacy Center and St. Clare's Home for Children in Elizabeth.

"One issue that was most important to my husband was the rights of children," said wife Mary Ruotolo who, with her son Andrew, completed the course on Sunday. The race began at Union County College and finished at Elizabeth's Winfield Scott Plaza. "My husband felt that society has an obligation to protect our children and this race affirms his dream by keeping funds alive."

The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, Union County Prosecutor's Office and Marshall's Department were the main sponsors of the event.

"After today's event I know Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo Jr., a leading child advocacy figure in Union County is smiling, knowing that we have been keeping his memory alive through works like this that promote the interests of children in our area," Elizabeth Mayor J. Christiah Bollwage said. "It has been very gratifying to see so many residents walking, running and enjoying this beautiful day and the post-race activities."

Once the DJ set up and the last of the runners and walkers registered, the race began with three-foot trophies awarded to the two first place male and female winners along with a \$500 gift certificate to IKEA in Elizabeth.

First-place winners in the male category were Russ Curley, 28, of Hamilton who, according to the Compuser scoreboard, clocked in at 24 minutes, 28 seconds, followed by Carlos Martinez, 31, of Kearny who ran the five-mile course in 25:58 and third-place winner Gary Rosenberg, 29, who won last year but came in at 27:25 this year.

"Having the course certified helped us draw more applicants this year; we had more runners, members of the New Jersey Roadrunners club and recruits from the Police Training Academy," said Anita Pritchard, one of the coordinators of the race who



Photo By Barbara Kutzner

Russ Curley crosses the finish line, taking first place in the men's division of Sunday's Run for Children in Elizabeth. The event raised funds for the Union County Child Advocacy Center and St. Clare's Home for Children in memory of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr.

works in Elizabeth's Health and Human Services Department. "Elizabeth Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste was our honorary chairperson and the volunteers really worked in tandem with the race committee."

First-place winners in the women's category were Kelly Calase, 35, of Far Hills who finished at 27:51; Maggie Visser, 32, who completed the course in 28:49 and Lois Rincon, 32, of Elizabeth who crossed the finish line in 33:02.

Second-prize winners all received a \$75 gift certificate form All Stars Sports store located on Broad Street and owned by NBA player Chris Gettling. Third-place awardees will enjoy a dinner at the Red Parrot restaurant also on Broad Street in Elizabeth.

"My son Andrew, 15, finished five miles in 45 minutes and it took me 51 minutes to complete the three mile walking course," Ruotolo said, smiling ruefully. "Next year, I plan to run and maybe we'll bring our golden retriever Cody along too."

Ruotolo said she, her son and two daughters, Lindsey and Jayna, felt conformed her husband's memory was being kept alive beyond the family circle and within the community he

worked and lived in.

"There isn't a day that goes by that we do not miss him and think of him," she said. "He would be very proud to know that he accomplished setting up a place where kids could feel safe, feel comfortable."

The Union County Child Advocacy Center serves children from abusive homes when they have to be interviewed by assistant prosecutors and detectives and when there is an exchange of children between spouses where there is a history of abuse, Ruotolo said. St. Clare's is a shelter for children who have a history of AIDS.

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Board authorizes bonds

Public hearing set for Wednesday

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to authorize nearly \$10 million in bonds at its regular meeting Wednesday, with almost two-thirds being financed by state and federal grants.

Included in the \$9.8-million bond ordinance is \$3.15 million for the county's Project Senior Focus and \$400,000 for Project Seniors in Motion, and the remainder going for bridge replacement, traffic signal and intersection improvements, and road resurfacing.

Project Senior Focus provided grants to municipalities for improvement projects at senior citizen centers earlier this year while Project Seniors in Motion will purchase 10 new vans to distribute to municipalities to meet senior transportation needs.

A downpayment of \$183,926 would be appropriated with more than \$6.1 million in state and federal grants earmarked for the bonds, making the amount of bond and notes authorized by the county less than \$3.5 million.

The state Department of Transportation is providing \$3.925 million for the cost of the replacement of bridges and \$1.815 million for road resurfacing with another \$418,250 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for traffic signal and intersection improvements.

Republican freeholder candidates have taken aim this year at the county's debt and the all-Democratic freeholder board's bonding practices.

The bond measure will increase the county's total potential debt, both authorized and issued, to \$235.7 million. According to Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli, the county pays off \$18 million to \$20 million of principal annually. Approximately \$26 million is set aside in the annual budget for debt service, which includes interest.

The county's debt is less than three-quarters of 1 percent of its total bond capacity while in bond rating continues to be Aaa, as rated by Moody's and Fitch, both financial analyst firms that provide bond ratings.

Debt has "never been a concern of mine," said Caroselli. "We're a relatively conservative county when it comes to debt."

Jail officer pleads guilty

An 18-year-veteran corrections officer from the Union County jail is facing a seven-year state prison term following his guilty plea to official misconduct and receiving stolen property, Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan said Sept. 28.

Lt. Richard Wilson, 51, of Howell Township, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree official misconduct and one count third-degree receiving stolen property before Superior Court Judge John Triarsi.

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In return for acts of fondling, inmates would obtain cigarettes, sodas, food from outside the jail premises and special favors such as time outside their cells.

Wilson stood in court with his attorney, John Young of Jersey City, and told the judge he used his position as a superior officer in the jail to get female prisoners out of their cells to engage in sexual contact and acts of lewdness.

"All of the acts occurred in the reaction area or in the fire stairwell on the 12th floor of the jail, which is the section where female inmates are housed," the prosecutor said.

In return for acts of fondling, which Dixon said were for his own sexual gratification, the inmates would obtain cigarettes, sodas, food from outside the jail premises and special favors such as time outside their cells. Dixon is facing a seven-year state

prison term on the misconduct charge and three years state prison on the stolen property conviction when he is sentenced by Triarsi on Jan. 12. The terms are expected to run concurrently, officials said.

In addition, according to First Assistant Prosecutor James Keefe, the lieutenant will forfeit his job and will be forever barred from holding any kind of public service position. He has been suspended without pay since his arrest at his home March 9.

Wilson also admitted to receiving stolen Dell laptop computers that were reportedly taken from the AT&T complex in Bedminster in August 1999, according to Lt. Patricia Leonard of the Special Prosecutions Unit.

Freeholder campaign under way

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The previous Republican-controlled board "thoughtlessly let infrastructure deteriorate," Holmes said.

The development of computer road projects through the county will mean less congestion on highways, a clean environment and access to jobs, according to Holmes. The board will continue to work toward improving education, decreasing crime and maintaining recreational opportunities.

Mirabella, a former Roselle Park councilman and chairman of the municipal Democratic committee, said Union County's economy is the strongest it has been in 30 years with tremendous growth and opportunity for private investment and residents. A study by the Union County Alliance this year reported nearly 6,500 new jobs created after a decade of job losses. He cited an increase in personal income of 12 percent, according to the study, and soaring property values.

Democratic leadership has built a relationship with business leaders and is working to help Union County business. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong infrastructure but also expanding it, which is why the county is working toward a track access exit off the New Jersey

Foothold area of Linden. "We fought for and won the right that if light rail is to be activated within Union County, it will help the county," said Mirabella. The board has helped businesses to develop brownfields that never would have become viable. When business said they needed skilled and unskilled workers, he said, "we turned welfare offices into job centers and reduced welfare rolls by 25 percent."

A question that is raised by construction while Dill has been campaigning is why the county has such a big surplus. He said it is used to offset taxes. The freeholder board used \$20 million as revenue in the \$400-million budget for 2000, leaving a surplus of \$10 million.

One of Dill's primary concerns is the board's bidding process. "Any large contract should be bid," said Dill, who criticized the freeholder board for not bidding a \$4 million healthcare contract for inmates at the Union County Jail. So-called "professional services" contracts are not required to be bid as are contracts that are below a certain cost.

There has been no talk about the thousands of tons of trash coming into Union County, said Dill, which has the potential to be a vital health issue.

The proposed trash depot in Linden provides no economic benefit to Union County but does bring the potential for health hazards, said Dill, who served three terms on the Summit Common Council.

The freeholder board is "not at a point to make a decision on that yet," said Mirabella. "It hasn't come to us yet." The trash train will get 700 to 800 garbage trucks off the street, he said. "Anytime you can get that amount of garbage off our streets, it's a good thing."

The transfer station will allow the trash to be placed into covered, safe rail cars, according to Mirabella, and eventually is expected to need freeholder approval under the county's solid waste management plan.

A math and science teacher of learning-disabled children, Shackell is a former mayor of Cranford and took aim at the current one-party control of the freeholder board. "One-party government works to the benefit of the party, not the people. Checks and balances do not exist in Union County."

"We should preserve all we can," Dill said of open space, however the ballot question submitted by freeholders this year asks to create a 20-year plan, "that's a bit excessive."

Union Elks hosts forum

AARP Union Chpt. 4026, in conjunction with AARP/Vote, the non-partisan voter education program of AARP, has scheduled a forum for candidates for the House of Representatives from the 7th Congressional District on Tuesday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at Elk BPOE 1583, 281 Chestnut St., Union.

Both Democrat Maryanne Connelly of Fairwood and Republican Michael Ferguson of Warren have agreed to participate.

lammatteo named to state-level committee

Gail Iammatteo, a member of the Union County Vocational-Technical Board of Education, is serving on a state-level committee that is exploring current issues in school finance.

Pam Pawling, New Jersey School Boards Association president, named Iammatteo to the association's 11-member School Finance Committee for the 2000-01 school year. The panel studies issues in public school funding. It also monitors the state's current school finance system and its impact on all types of school districts in New Jersey.

Among issues the committee is currently addressing is property tax reform.

The School Finance Committee reports periodically to NISBA's Delegate Assembly, the association's major policy-setting body, with recommendations for additions or modifications to NISBA's policies on school finance.

Technology conference

All teachers, administrators and staff members are invited to take part in the upcoming Union County Educational Technology Conference. Sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, this Access 2000 program will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Union County Educational Technology Training Center located in Mancuso Hall on the Raritan Road campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. Consisting of educational technology seminars amounting to up to three hours of professional development training credit, the keynote session presented by Harry Roman of PSE&G is entitled "Teaching Technology —

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More Than Just Hardware and Computers." In addition to the training, there will be technology vendors, refreshments and a light dinner and other highlights. There is no charge for this program open to all Union County educators.

Full details about this offering may be obtained and reservations may be calling the Union County Educational Technology Center at (908) 889-3810.

Barn dance Oct. 15

Square dancing, hayrides, a barbecue dinner and a whole lot of fun are some of the highlights of Union County's annual barn dance for people with disabilities. The festivities will be at the Watching Stables on Oct. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Leading the square dancing will be caller Dick Meyers of Cranford. His quick, straightforward approach to teaching and his genuine enthusiasm have been highlights of past barn dances, and this year's promises to be no different.

Admission to this unique event is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required as soon as possible. For more information call (908) 527-4900. The Barn Dance for People with Disabilities is presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Watching Stables, an accessible facility, is located in the Watching Reservation at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Internet for parents

An opportunity for parents to know as much about the Internet as their children do is being offered by the Union County Educational Technology Training Center. The session, labeled "Introduction to the Internet for Parents," will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the ETTC located in Mancuso Hall on the Raritan Road campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. This offering is also available for individuals, other than parents, who are interested in upgrading their Internet knowledge.

Among the topics to be covered are learning how to use a "browser" to find sites of interest on the Internet; using "search engines" to quickly find what is being looked for online; to

create "bookmarks" to structure a child's online experience and to learn about filtered "search engines" which will lead children to the best of the World Wide Web. "Teche Terminology" also will be featured.

The cost of the session, to be instructed by the ETTC staff using modern technological equipment, is \$45. Further details can be obtained and reservations may be calling the ETTC at (908) 889-3198. The fax number is (908) 889-3198.

Blood drives scheduled

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

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Gallop Hill Road, Union.
- Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.
- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lord & Taylor Parking Lot, 609 North Ave. West, Westfield; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Magel's Realtors, 367 Chestnut St., Union.

For more information call (800) BLOOD-NJ.

Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. People with a fever or sore throat should wait 72 hours after symptoms disappear before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings. For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

'Freeholders Forum'

The third annual Jersey Jazz by the Lake Festival is the subject of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the freeholder board.

Thousands attended this year's festival, held Sept. 16-17 in Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Musical performances included legendary saxophonist Sonny Rollins, the John Pizzarelli Trio, and Carl Weathersby.

"We are thrilled that so many Union County residents came to enjoy the beautiful weekend weather, our bucolic County park and some excellent music, food and entertainment," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

YMCA's candlelight vigil set Oct. 12

The YMCA of Eastern Union County, which offers services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, will sponsor a candlelight vigil Oct. 12 in memory of women who have died as a result of domestic violence during the past year.

The vigil will take place on the steps of the Union County Courthouse on Broad Street in Elizabeth, beginning at 5 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

The vigil lets society know that mothers, sisters and daughters still lose their lives due to domestic violence.

Through this vigil the YMCA wants to encourage the public and authorities to continue efforts to eliminate domestic violence so no other women will have to die or be hurt.

Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and a representative from the freeholders will be present to speak on what local government is doing to put a stop to domestic violence. There also will be speakers from various agencies and communi-

ty groups, representing some of the diverse populations in Union County that deal with domestic violence issues. Additionally, local church choirs and soloists will perform throughout the vigil to mourn and give people hope.

Families and friends of victims will be present to remember their loved ones.

The YMCA of Eastern Union County is designated as the lead agency for domestic violence services for Union County. Its Project:Protect provides confidential hotline, counseling and advocacy, and emergency shelter services to women and children. It also sponsors a program for men who batter, and a speakers' bureau.

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Surrogate's office expands evening hours

Union County Surrogate James LaCorte will begin evening hours the first Monday of each month at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford from the consent and support of the Cranford Township Committee.

It is LaCorte's intention to bring the services of the Union County surrogate to the residents of Union County, proving evening hours throughout the county is the best way to offer easy access to the services provided by the surrogate's office for residents who find it difficult in getting to the courthouse in Elizabeth due to work schedules or disabilities. These evening appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance and proper documentation must be provided to the Surrogate's Court by fax or mail prior to the appointment. All appointments will be given a scheduled time and the necessary documents will be prepared.

In addition to the Cranford location, the surrogate's office conducts evening business hours in Rahway at the Railway Recreation Center on the second Tuesday of each month and in Union at the Municipal Building on the third Wednesday of each month. An appointment must be scheduled and proper documentation received 48 hours in advance so that paperwork

may be prepared. Appointments start at 5:30 p.m.

The surrogate also is available to groups or organizations for speaking engagements about the probate of wills. General knowledge and information is disseminated at these meetings by LaCorte.

Anyone who is interested in any programs the surrogate's office can offer may call the Surrogate Court at (908) 527-4280.

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Garwood comic finds local club is 'a great place to perform'

By JR Parachini
Staff Writer

"What am I, a clown? Am I here to amuse you? What makes me so funny?" — Joe Pesci, Best Supporting Actor 1990. "Goodfellas."

Yes, Andy Hayward is a clown. Yes, Andy Hayward is here to amuse you.

But, what makes Andy Hayward so funny?

Watch him play the part of the woman first and then the man in a Spanish soap opera scene. He'll first hike his shirt up and tie it into a knot above his belly button and then walk back and forth on stage with his butt in the air spewing out, in Spanish, the stress that this woman is going through at that moment. Looks sort of like Milton Bette imitating a frantic woman in Spanish.

Then he plays the part of the man entering the scene. He tucks his shirt back in and becomes this very calm, cool and collected amigo. He says, "Mi amore, in a very low, soft-spoken voice as to play the part of someone looking to relieve the tensions of a lady friend.

Listen to him imitate the sounds of a nightclub and then attempt to ask a young lady to dance, knowing full well he will lose her interest once he discloses that he is an out-of-work actor making ends meet as a waiter.

Watch him imitate a subway token clerk and make it seem as if the person behind the cage never, ever gets up or says a word during the course of his or her working day.

Listen to him imitate his father driving the family cross-country on vacation and you will probably be reminded of a time in your life when your father told you to shut up or die!

Watch him struggle to convince a convenient store owner that the phone card he sold him will benefit his business and then listen to him go into the character of the store owner, affectionately named Juan, and hear how Juan is upset because he doesn't quite

understand the terms of the contract.

"Andy is very entertaining and is very good with the audience," said Kimberly Jonny, who has been producing comedy shows at the Crossroads in Garwood since April of 1999.

Hayward, a Garwood resident who has performed all over the country, did a guest spot at the Crossroads in May and was headlined that evening on the card as an Up-and-Coming performer. Crossroads has standup comedy lined up every Sunday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to performing in the states of Florida and Massachusetts, Hayward, 37, is presently mastering his craft at New York City hot spots that include Stand Up New York at West 78th and Broadway, the Gotham Comedy Club on 34th West and 22nd streets, Caroline's on Broadway at 49th Street, and Don't Tell Mamas on 46th Street and 8th Avenue.

Hayward and his brother, Graham, did a two man comedy act on stage at the Stress Factory in New Brunswick, the first time Andy was on stage.

That led to him enrolling at the American Comedy Institute in Manhattan, a two week intensive comedy writing and performing course which prepared him for his standup comedy routine.

On graduation night some two years ago, he performed at Standup New York and, after a successful evening, has become a regular there and at other popular comedy clubs in New York City.

"I was so nervous before I went on stage by myself for the first time," Hayward recalled. "I had to ask my brother what happened during the middle of my show and he said I did fine."

Acting on stage is in the genes in the Hayward family as Andy's mom, Amy, performed with the likes of Peter Falk, pre-"Columbo" days, in a setting called the Oval in the Grove, which is non-Equity theatre.

"My mother said when she was



Andy Hayward

really on it felt like she was outside of her body," Hayward said. "I feel the same way. I remember when I first went on stage on graduation night and heard that first burst of laughter from the audience, it was the best feeling, just awesome."

"I liken it to a songwriter who, while walking down the street, hears someone whistling to the tune they wrote."

After several performances on stage, Hayward was picked to do an

industry show, one of 15 performers chosen from the American Comedy Institute. That's how he landed his first gig at Caroline's, one of the most popular comedy clubs in the east coast.

Hayward and his brother Graham are both actors in the screen actors guild, the commercial division of the outfit presently on strike. They grew up in Greenwich, Conn. and moved to Garwood in 1995.

"I felt Garwood to be a place out of

necessity, especially because of its proximity to New York," Hayward said. "When I lived in southwest Florida, it would take two hours one way, for a simple commercial audition, just to Miami and some five hours to Tampa or Orlando."

"Garwood is 40 minutes, door to door, for many of the auditions I go on or to get to New York City."

So, in a great, big, bloody nutshell, Hayward decided that standup comedy is going to be his ticket to fame and fortune. Forget about the all too fleeting auditions that may or may not come up. Hayward is making his audition in front of him.

"When I moved here, things began to get very desperate," Hayward said. "I would be sent out on one audition after another and have no control over my destiny. I felt like I wasn't creating anything."

"Then I thought, with support from my family and friends, that standup is the way to get out there and be active in those stagnant times, especially now because we're on strike."

After seeing an ad in a newspaper for the American Comedy Institute, Hayward ditched out \$375 for the two-week intensive course and let things fly.

"The course included six three-hour evening classroom meetings where you learn to write your own material and then perform it in front of your classmates, some who have already performed on stage and some who have not," Hayward explained.

"The guarantee was that you were going to have three minutes of standup material and that you would be performing in front of a live Manhattan audience. It sounded feasible and I decided there would be no more procrastinating. Here was something that had a beginning, middle and end to it."

Mary Dimino at the American Comedy Institute told Hayward about Crossroads and he quickly sent Jonny

a tape and then Jonny gave him 20 minutes for the spot he had in May.

"The most I had done to that point was seven minutes," Hayward said. "I practiced at home and pieced together all the material I had. Twenty minutes is a long time."

The stage at Crossroads was perfect for Hayward since it was spacious enough for him to portray all the zany characters in his routines.

"When I was called on stage, I took my time and I remembered thinking, 'Wow, this is a great place to perform,'" Hayward said. "It's a real big stage and it's good for me because my brand of comedy is a lot of acting out and pacing, creating characters, setting up almost a mini-play. It gave me a lot of freedom to move around and the evening went really well."

"I hope to work there again this fall."

Going up on stage and attempting to make people, mostly strangers, laugh is about as arduous a task as trying to please some fat, out-of-shape, balding, cigar-smoking, mutt who decides whether you're good enough to land the part he has in his soap opera, movie or play.

But it can be done and is being done, now by Andy Hayward.

"My advice for comedians is to never be too negative on yourself, believe in your material, don't listen to criticism unless it comes from someone who has been there before and, if you're serious, you might want to take a course such as I did. The experience is priceless."

Hayward's inspiration comes from such comedians as Jonathan Winters, Richard Pryor, George Carlin and Bill Cosby.

"I love the guys that can tell a story and bring it to life with characterization," Hayward said. "That's what I feel my strong point is."

Winters, Pryor, Carlin, Cosby move over, there's a new sheriff in town. Hayward, Andy Hayward.

Jackie Mason brings his 'everything' to Paper Mill Playhouse this month

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Fresh from his fifth Broadway show in six years, "Much Ado About Everything," the world renowned, award-winning, sarcastic comedian-commentator, Jackie Mason, will bring his hilarious wit and witiness, his biting remarks about everyone and everything, and his fascinatingly unique style of humor to the Paper Mill Playhouse stage in Millburn Oct. 17 through 21.

Certainly, this carrot-topped humorist with his charming smile and mischievous eyes, who can twist and turn any subject from sex to politics into sardonic laughter, has entertained audiences in every media throughout the world.

It isn't easy to find this versatile person offensive, because he has a special endearing kind of talent that will cause someone to laugh hysterically while the controversial Mason makes fun of everything. And laugh. And laugh. Continuously.

"I do the best that I can," Mason said with a slight Jewish twinge in his ever-familiar voice during a chat the other morning. "My shows are fresh and new, even if I get mixed in on current events. Everything is new. I talk about Lieberman and Bush, and the whole analysis of personalities, the country, the sexual revolution. Everything." He chuckled.

And he'll be discussing "everything" on stage at the Paper Mill, to which, he admitted, he was really looking forward. He even mentioned that on Oct. 19 at the matinee performance at 2 p.m., ticket prices will be reduced to \$10 each, and many more senior citizens will be added to his audience.

In the midst of the solemn High Holy Days, one could not let the subject of religion slide through — particularly when Mason has seven rabbis in his family. In his homeland of Sheboygan, Wis., and later on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, he was inundated with rabbis. His three brothers are rabbis. His father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather were rabbis. Mason, himself, was a cantor, and when he was 25 years old, he became a rabbi, too.

But he indicated that he gave that up to become a comedian in order to earn some money. He was asked if he attended synagogue on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

"I'll tell you," Mason declared, "of all the Jews who go to shul — synagogue — I don't think a percent of the people fast all day. Well, I didn't go to shul, but I enjoy fasting on Yom Kippur — all day. I fast all day to prove my religious feelings. Your religious commitment and dedication to the spirit of Judaism validates your whole connection as a Jew. It makes you appreciate what Judaism stands for, and it makes you appreciate the sacrifice of the occasion."

Mason, who has made numerous appearances on television through the years, and who has been rewarded with Emmies and other awards, still prefers the stage to the TV screen. His sold out one-man Broadway shows, some of which toured Europe, include "The World According to Me," for which he won Tony and Outer Critics Circle awards; "Jackie Mason: Politically Incorrect," "Jackie Mason Brand New," which won for him a second Outer Critics Circle Award; "Love Thy Neighbor"; "Jackie Mason on Broadway," for which he won an Emmy and an Ace Award for the HBO special of the show, and Grammy nominations for both of the comedy albums, based on his Broadway Show. Then there was "Much Ado About Everything," another long-running Broadway show.

"I'd rather do Broadway than a television series," he explained, "because you want to spend whole days in a warehouse rehearsing. You only live one life. And what good is it living it in a warehouse to prove you're a star? And as the years are passing, I'm getting to be a bigger star. So, do I have to make these sacrifices? Why should your reward for being a star make you go back to that prison of a warehouse for another year? It's like being in Gulag in Siberia," Mason laughed.

"My first love is the stage," he said seriously. "I just love the stage. I become one with the audience, and I'm breathing in the applause. It really is so nice to be appreciated. It's a great place to feel you're rewarded. And, believe me, it's a great reward!"

Back in 1991, Mason was invited to London, England, to perform for Queen Elizabeth II. This was his second Command Performance, having performed for the Queen Mother in 1989. In October 1996, he was invited back to England for an unprecedented third Command Performance — this time for Prince Charles.

People have asked Mason what it was like performing for royalty? "Everybody always asks me," he said. "And what I answer is that they should appreciate me more." He laughed sarcastically. "They should be awed and impressed that I showed up. They get entertainment for nothing. How did they feel about seeing Jackie Mason?" he laughed again. "I got a chance to work for nothing."

Again, seriously, he mentioned that "I have a new show, a weekly show on BBC in England."

Mason has demonstrated his speaking abilities by lecturing in Israel, Britain, New York and Washington, D.C. He flew to Israel during the Persian Gulf crisis, after closing his Broadway show, to offer his support. And he was honored by the then Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with an award for the highest honor that the Israeli government can bestow upon an individual, "Bravery, Commitment and Valor to the State of Israel." In 1993, he was invited to tour South Africa by the African National Congress and was briefed by Nelson Mandela. The academic world recognized Mason when in September 1990, Oxford University established the "Jackie Mason Lectureship in Contemporary Judaic and Hebraic Studies" for postgraduate study, and in 1995, he was awarded an honorary degree in the humanities by Yarmon College at the University of Oxford.

"When I make my appearance on any stage," Mason admitted, "I'm too ironically Jewish. But to provide a cultural experience for the gentiles in the world, I'm not too Jewish."

At best, Jackie Mason is just a good comedian — a humorist who has the power to poke fun at anything and everything — and still make people forget their troubles — and laugh, laugh, laugh.

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Westfield Symphony will open UCAC season this Saturday

For the first time in the histories of central New Jersey's most prominent musical organizations, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and the Arbor Chamber Music Society will team up for Beethoven's Triple Concerto Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

The performance kicks off the 20th anniversary for the Arbor Chamber Music Society and opens the 2000 "Space Odyssey" season for the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro David Wroe.

"We are very excited for this partnership," said Alan Moore, executive

director of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. "The area is very rich in the arts, and we are the music organization to take full advantage of that. We are very excited about bringing the high quality of our music to as many of the New Jerseyans as possible."

John H. Hays, founder of the Arbor Chamber Music Society, adds, "This concert will be the first of many collaborations between the two organizations in their performance and educational outreach. As two of the area's most renowned arts organizations, we are pleased to be offering the community a unique and rewarding experience."

This inaugural concert will also feature John Williams' "Suite from Star Wars" and Gustav Holst's "The Planets." Ticket prices are \$25 to \$40 and can be obtained by calling UCAC (938) 209-8226 or the Westfield Symphony Orchestra offices at (908) 242-9400.

This concert is a Jersey Arts Series event selected by the New Jersey Cultural Alliance to celebrate Arts and Humanities Month beginning in October.

Profiles
The Westfield Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1983 and

offered four concerts in its inaugural subscription season. The orchestra's season quickly grew to five subscription concerts. The orchestra offered two sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall and was named a "Distinguished Arts Organization" by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in recognition of its artistic and administrative excellence. The only other orchestra so named was the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. From its inception, the orchestra has continued to offer an ambitious and comprehensive educational outreach program for students in Westfield and neighboring school districts.

Since October 1997, Maestro David Wroe has served as music director of the WSO. He formerly served as principal conductor of the Philharmonische Der Stadt Heidelberg. He also was the music director of the Kansas City Camerata and held the position of assistant conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The Arbor Chamber Music Society was founded in 1991 by pianist Lenore Fishman Davis with the goal of bringing the highest artistic level of chamber music performances to New Jersey audiences and to cultivate a greater appreciation for the broad and

inspiring chamber music repertoire. Now entering its 10th season, the society has achieved considerable acclaim for its dynamic performances and curating pre-concert discussions and is known for bringing world-class artists into schools. The Arbor Series has become one of New Jersey's pre-eminent classical music series, drawing listeners from throughout the state and has been hailed by the *Star Ledger* as "a hotbed of musicianship."

Saturday's performance will feature pianist Lenore Davis, cellist Michael Kamen and violinist Sara Parkins.

Guide available for history weekend

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs has received a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities to pay for publication of a descriptive booklet for the October Heritage Festival, "Four Centuries in a Weekend — A Journey Through Union County History."

The Heritage Festival takes place Oct. 28 and 29 during Humanities Festival Week 2000 of National Arts and Humanities Month.

"The council is delighted to support such a successful and meaningful program," said Elissa Greenwald, program officer of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Throughout the United States, the entire month of October is dedicated to the celebration of how the humanities enrich our lives.

"It is gratifying to receive recognition for our coun-

ty's Heritage Festival," said Daniel P. Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Visitors can experience the past and learn how the events and people connected with the festival's 22 historic sites contributed to the culture and quality of life in Union County."

The Heritage Festival is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and is also supported by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission. The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club has provided driving routes and laminated county maps at each site.

For your copy of the Heritage Festival booklet, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, or call (908) 558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. NJ Relay users call (800) 852-5809.

Worrall staff writers to show artwork

Painters Joe Lugara and Sandi Lowich will be exhibiting their expressionist and abstract works at Zabbazu, 22 Hamilton St., Bound Brook, from Oct. 7 through 31.

Lugara, of Union, and Lowich, of Milltown, are both employed by Worrall Community Newspapers. Lugara is a staff writer for the *Echo Leader*. Lowich is managing editor of the *Union Leader* and *The Leader of Roselle Park and Kenilworth*.

Lugara's oils and works on paper in watercolor and acrylic have been exhibited at various locations in New York City and New Jersey. He has shown in New York City at Caelum Gallery, Montserrat Gallery and

Knickerbocker Gallery, among other locations. Lugara is currently represented in New York City by Get Real Art, where his work will be featured in a one-man exhibition in 2001.

Lowich paints in oil on canvas and masonry, her emotions inspired by nature, urban environments, and the human figure. She paints in bold strokes, using other media such as oil sticks and charcoal to complete a painting.

Lowich has exhibited at the Ward-Nasse and Art Students League galler-

ies in New York City, Trenton City Museum, Riverman Gallery in Lambertville, Artworks in Princeton and at Johnson and Johnson Inc. in New Brunswick.

An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Oct. 14. For more information, call Zabbazu at (732) 469-7400.

The gallery is open from 4 to 10 p.m. Mondays, closed Tuesdays, from 4 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, closed Sundays.

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Fine art, crafts to visit Cranford this weekend

The 13th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park show will take place Saturday and Sunday in Cranford across from Union County College.

The show will feature approximately 90 professional artists, photographers and craftspeople from throughout the northeast and beyond, displaying and selling their hand-crafted work. This free-to-the-public show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, and will feature terrific family entertainment all afternoon.

The show is co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and Janet and Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions Inc.

Kathy and Jim Morrison have been professional chair seat restorers for 20 years. Working in cane, both press and hand, they are accomplished in both close weave and "blind," or French caning, as well as traditional hand-caning. They also work a great deal with splint, shaker tape, Danish cord, and fiber rush.

The Morrison's work is intended to be as close as possible to the original material and design for the piece being restored. To achieve this, they use only natural materials. Their new pieces are faithful to the originals that inspired them. For example, a Shaker-style chair would only be done in materials that were appropriate for the design. Their studio is involved in the production of new pieces for about half the time. The balance is spent in the restoration of existing pieces for others.

Jeweler John Cruschfield was born in Brazil, raised in Switzerland and educated in both Europe and the United States. This varied exposure to different cultures developed in him an eclectic and multidimensional view of art and life. This can be seen in his works ranging from neatly crafted earrings to space age sculpture cuffs.

His work includes a variety of wearable art forms: earrings, bracelets, pins, belts, buckles, and necklaces. Also included in his collection are unusual neck and arm sculptures that can be admired just as much off the body as desk sculpture.

One constant throughout his work is the instinctual appeal to people from all walks of life. Rich colors combined with incisive designs produce an effect which waxes people up and challenges their concept of what is or is not wearable art. All basic elements of his work are individually cut from brass by hand. Various techniques such as metal soldering, forging and hammering are used for conditioning the metal. Then various graphic techniques are used to apply color and texture to the metal: paint, airbrush, fritket and collage.

The Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park Show will feature fine art, photography, weaving, clothing, pottery, wood, fiber, stained glass, and much more. The show will be accented with entertainment and a variety of ethnic foods.

Across from Union County College, Nomahegan Park is a lovely setting for the free event. The park, located on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, can be reached by taking the Garden State Parkway to Exit 138 — Kenilworth — and following signs toward Kenilworth. Go approximately two miles to a left onto Springfield Avenue. Or take the Springfield Avenue exit off U.S. Route 22 heading for Westfield. Follow signs for Union County College. Parking is free across the street at the college. The hours of the free event are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. For more information, call (908) 874-5247 or go online to www.rosesquared.com.

Sunday is set for annual Cranford Autumn Festival

Bring on the music, the food and crafts! This Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Cranford Chamber of Commerce plans its 10th Autumn Festival.

The downtown will celebrate the season with more than 200 exhibitors selling near the train station, North Union Avenue and Eastman Plaza.

Bring on the fun! The Autumn Festival features fine art, children's activities such as a petting zoo and pony rides, face-painting, a storyteller and some retail merchandise. Professional artisans will be selling furniture accents for the home, hand-designed clothing, and unique jewelry. The Cranford festival is a marketplace perfect for holiday shopping that features thousands of handmade items

such as handmade puppets, bronze baby shoes, furniture and quilts. Southwest Indian jewelry, pottery, and ceramics.

Oil painter Tom Golden from Harrisburg, Pa. will exhibit his paintings and pencil sketches. Actual three-dimensional, raised prints are the unique creations of Alabama crafter Stan Martin of Cypress, while "Crafter Creations" are made by Stephen Cherry of Elkton, Md. He makes handmade wooden pet feeders, houses and planters. Maryann Nevadovsky from Riverside, N.J. sews decorative table runners, quilts, aprons, vests and placemats. Norman and Lois White house build beautiful decorative wood, doll furniture, perfect for

American dolls. The tasty festival menus will include selections from 16 food vendors: barbecued kebobs, fresh cut Italian potatoes, Passarella's famous Italian hot dogs and sausage and waffles, and zesty Greek favorites. The lighter fare will include zeppoles, calzone, fruit smoothies, kettlecorn, Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes and Eddy's roasted almonds and pecans. Sherri's Fun Foods from Pennsylvania serves delicious fresh crabcakes. Mr. Wraps of North Union Street will sell sandwiches.

Especially for the children are pony rides, a Moon Bounce, face painting, and temporary tattoos. A wonderful petting zoo will be on Allen Street

near North Union Street and features more than a dozen friendly critters for young children to observe and pet. Musical and street entertainment is scheduled throughout the day. Bob Mele, a versatile, popular singer, hosts stage performances near The Clock on North Avenue.

Cranford's 10th Autumn Festival will take place near Eastman Plaza Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The rain date is Oct. 15. Cranford is easily reached from the Garden State Parkway Exit 147 or 136. Some exhibit space is still available. For more information, contact the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance Inc., at (908) 990-1036.

Golden Goose craft fair to benefit Center for Hope

The Golden Goose Craft Club will hold its annual boutique at the Westfield Tennis Club, 139 N. Chestnut St., Westfield, from Wednesday through Oct. 15. Hours are Wednesday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Oct. 13 to 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be an admission of \$1 which will be donated to the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. In addition, contests will be held for craft baskets, which are made up of donations from generous crafters.

It was announced that "we have become a Westfield tradition and just keep improving. We are always looking for new and interesting crafts and this year is no exception. We have wonderful items from all over the country. Many unique season crafts along with decorative items artfully displayed afford the shopper the opportunity to pick out the perfect gift at the perfect price. With ample street parking, this is a golden opportunity to make that special purchase and to help a charity. The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, that has touched the lives of so many."

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.



From left, Diane Smith of the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Denise Cameron of the Golden Goose, and Barbara Hendricks of Center for Hope prepare for the Golden Goose Boutique to benefit the center.

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

Stepping Out

The gallery is open during regular library hours. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friburger Park. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery in Westfield.

TAPESTRY ARTIST NINA KEDZERSKA will have her work on exhibit at the Stukis Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark Oct. 13 through Nov. 10.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The March 2000 Juried Union County Art Exhibit will be on display at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Oct. 15 through Nov. 10.

STOLEN GLANCES, an exhibit of photographs by David Kaplan, Sam D'Amico, Patricia Gagnard, Ronnie Sacco and Glenn Podol, will be on display at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday.

ART IN WESTFIELD, a sidewalk art show and sale — co-sponsored by the Westfield Art Association, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the downtown Westfield Corporation — will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Westfield.

A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities.

THE EXHIBIT will then be on display at the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard in Kenilworth, through Friday, and will then tour the county.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER Nov. 4 to 19: Springfield Free Public Library Nov. 20 to Dec. 10: Peterstown Community Center, Elizabeth Dec. 18 to 23: Community Access Institute, Elizabeth

FOR INFORMATION on the reception, call (908) 354-3040, ext. 275. For information on the exhibit in Kenilworth, including library hours, call the Kenilworth Public Library at (908) 276-2451.

SUMMIT ARTIST KATIE REINHARDT will have her work exhibited in the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary Gallery, Summit, through Oct. 21.

HELLA BAILIN: 'RETROSPECTIVE' will be on exhibit at the Tom, M. Galleries in the Mackay Library at Union County College's Cranford campus through Oct. 26.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, all from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesdays to Thursdays from 5 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) 709-7155.

A UNIQUE VIEW OF CHINESE ART AND CULTURE: "An Exhibition of Embroideries and Watercolor Paintings," featuring the works of Wei Jingling, will be on display throughout the Union campus of Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, through Oct. 22. For information, call (908) 827-2222.

DESIGN AT THE MILLENNIUM: "The 100 Greatest Designs of the Past Thousand Years" will be on exhibit in Downs Hall on the Kean University campus through Oct. 28.

EXHIBIT HOURS are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 827-3059.

AS IF ALIVE: "Animate Sculpture" will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Oct. 29.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

NEW STILL LIVES by artist Deborah Nieto Leber will be on exhibit Saturday through Oct. 31 at the Owen Galleries in Plainfield. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

GALLERY HOURS are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

DIGITAL COMPOSITIONS by Hans Walther will be on exhibit at the Las Malasart Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Nov. 1.

THE MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will open its 85th season with a concert Wednesday. For information, call (908) 241-6210.

CRESCENT CONCERTS at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield will present the annual Showcase for Exceptional Young Talent Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

VIOLINIST WALTER LEGAWIEC will be presented with pianist Carlie Ann Mochernuk and Pual Kuefer in a concert titled "Contrast" Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway. Clark. For information, call (732) 382-7197.

THE WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL is located at 728 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION will offer classes in visual arts in five-week segments on Wednesday evenings. The sessions are as follows:

• Oct. 11 — currently in progress
• Oct. 18 and 25, and Nov. 1, 8 and 15
• Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13, and Jan. 3 and 10
• Jan. 17, 24 and 31, and Feb. 17 and 14
• Feb. 21 and 28, and March 7, 14 and 21
• March 28 and April 4, 11, 18 and 25

CLASSES MEET at the Sunnyside Recreation Center, Malrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace. For information, call (908) 486-1408.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call (908) 232-4881.

ON THE SPOT COMEDY TROUPE will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA will present a concert today at 8 p.m. at the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth as part of the mall's Arts and Humanities Month celebrations. The program is free.

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the month of October. 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 musical performances in the coming weeks. All concerts will take place in the cafe lounge area of the store from 8 to 10 p.m.

Saturday: Christopher Hoyle Oct. 14; Mark Bodino Oct. 21; Ophelia Oct. 28; Kevin Brooks Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

A FREE LIVE CONCERT in support of a "Better Elizabeth" will be sponsored by the Hubbard Dianetics Foundation of Elizabeth Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. in L. Ron Hubbard Park, corner of Salem and North Road streets in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 351-2277.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, Saturday at 8

Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

HARVEST FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR will be sponsored Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Union Village United Methodist Church, Mountain Avenue and Hillcrest Road, Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 647-2120.

10TH ANNUAL AUTUMN FESTIVAL will be sponsored by the Cranford Chamber of Commerce Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. near the train station in downtown Cranford. The rain date is Oct. 15. For information, call (908) 996-3036.

KENILWORTH OKTOBERFEST STREET FAIR will take place Oct. 15, with a rain date of Oct. 22.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS OKTOBERFEST STREET FAIR will take place Oct. 21, with a rain date of Oct. 28.

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Summit Bank on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The group meets the first Monday of every month. The group also meets the third Monday of the month — Nov. 20 — at 8 p.m. at the West Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 241-5758.

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

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

EVENING PERFORMANCES are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Mainstage are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES are the Conversation Series Thursdays from through today at 7 p.m.; audio-described performances today at 2 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., with seminars 90 minutes prior to curtain, a sign-interpreted performance Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 9 p.m., Gay and Lesbian Night, Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m., with post-show reception.

TICKETS are \$37 to \$60. For information, call (973) 376-4433. Buy tickets with Visa, Mastercard or Discover at www.papermill.org.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Youngest" by Philip Barry 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.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz Oct. 13 to 28. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$15. The CDC Playhouse is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call (908) 276-7511.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will present "Hill Holbrook in his one-man show, 'Mark Twain Tonight!'" Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. All seats are \$35. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "The Last Night of Ballyhoor" by Alfred Uhry Oct. 20 to Nov. 4. Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$12. The WCP Playhouse is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-1221. For information on groups and benefits, call (908) 232-9568.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present "Like Bees to Honey" by Andrea Green Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Admission is free. Kean University is located on Morris Ave. in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2082.

UNION COUNTY SHOWCASE OF TALENT will be presented Oct. 21 at Nohagan Park, Springfield Avenue in Cranford. The rain date is Oct. 22. For information, call (908) 233-8610.

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

THE BACK PORCH is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 881-8455.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts every Sunday. It is Comedy Nights at 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam.

TODAY: Nick Bukavulas and Shady Grove Friday and Saturday: Stanley Jordan Wednesday: Juggling Suns Oct. 12: Scott Parade's tribute to The Doors Oct. 15: Thunder Road's tribute to Bruce Springsteen Oct. 14: Joe Taino and the Blue Flames Oct. 18: Juggling Suns Oct. 19: Day One Oct. 20: Royal Seam's tribute to Steely Dan Oct. 21: The Billy Populus Band Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5668.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB in Linden will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Monday features Football Food Specials, and Thursday is Ladies Night. The Washington Avenue Pub is located at 704 Washington Ave. in Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3707.



THIS FANCIFUL NECKLACE was created by Nancy Bundy and Bob Paris of Pompano Beach, Fla., two of the juried professional line artists, crafts people and photographers at the 14th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts show at Nomahegan Park Saturday and Sunday, rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, see the 'Crafts' listing on this page.

14TH ANNUAL FALL FINE ART AND CRAFT SHOW will be co-sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and Rose Squared Productions Inc. Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine, in Nomahegan Park. The park is located on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, across from Union County College. For information, call (908) 974-5247.

GOLDEN GOOSE CRAFT CLUB in Westfield will sponsor its annual bazaar at the Westfield Tennis Club, 139 N. Chestnut St. in Westfield, Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m., Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1. Proceeds will benefit the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. For information, call (908) 964-3817.

RAFTS 'ROUND THE YEAR will take place Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave. in Berkeley Heights. The event is a benefit for the homeless and will appear in concert Oct. 15 at 9 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens; all proceeds benefit FUSP Friends of Music. For information, call (908) 756-0750.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCES will meet Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection in Summit. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will present "Carmen" in the Wilkins Theater on Kean University's Union campus, 1000 Morris Ave., Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will present its "Sunday Series for Young Audiences" in the Wilkins Theater on Kean University's Union campus, 1000 Morris Ave., Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Ticket at \$7. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST WRITING WORKSHOP will be sponsored by Barnes and Noble of Springfield Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book discussion group, will meet Nov. 1 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

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Leisure Lifestyles

The Cook's Nook

'Beer can stuffing' leaves grilled chicken moist and flavorful

By Kathryn Rem
Copley News Service
Mike and Veda Beall of Loomis, Ill., were watching television late one night when a Southern cooking show came on the air.

"There were a guy and gal from Louisiana showing how to grill a chicken by rubbing it with spices and sticking it on a can of beer," recalls Mike.

"I like to experiment on the grill, so I paid attention. A week later, I bought a roasting hen and tried it. It was so moist and juicy that when you pulled on it, the legs and wings fell right off."

Believed to have originated in the swamp areas of Louisiana, Beer Can Chicken is an unorthodox and almost foolproof method of preparing a succulent chicken outdoors. Just insert an open can of beer into the body cavity of a seasoned bird and cook it vertically on a covered grill. It stands up because the splayed chicken legs and beer can make a stable tripod base.

"When Mike told me about making the chicken, I thought it was a joke," says Missy Baker of Springfield, Ill., who works with Beall at the state Department of Public Aid. But, after tasting his bird-on-a-can, she was convinced. "I've never had chicken this moist. And it has no beer taste."

The beer in the can steams the chicken from the inside, keeping the flesh moist. The skin is exposed all the way around, making it extra crispy. And, the bird self-bastes, coating itself with fat that eventually drips off. Beall has made the recipe — aka Drunken Chicken, Beer-Butt Chicken and Dancing Chicken, so-called because the boiling beer causes the bird to vibrate or "dance" — many times. Last Easter, a grill full of the

funky chickens was the centerpiece of the holiday meal.

He begins by rubbing a rinsed bird inside and out — a few hours before grilling so the spices can penetrate the meat — with a blend of equal parts seasoned salt, black pepper, garlic powder, poultry seasoning, ground thyme and paprika.

"I like to listen to Barry White while I rub it down," he jokes. Beall shares these tips:

- Before beginning, make sure your covered grill — either gas or charcoal — can accommodate an upright bird.

- A 6- to 7-pound chicken should cook about 1½ to 2 hours. A 4-pound or needs about 1 to 1½ hours.
- Although any beer would suffice, Beall prefers sweet Michelob Honey Lager. It only comes in bottles, so he pours it into an empty beer can.

- To give the bird barbecue flavor, he soaks hickory wood chips in water for 30 minutes and then throws them onto the coals just before setting the bird on the grill.

- He cooks the bird directly over the heat, with an 8-inch square aluminum pan resting on the coals to catch the fat. Others have used indirect heat, letting the fat drip out of the bottom of the grill. Both methods work.

- When the bird is done cooking, it takes two people to remove the can — one with oven mitts to hold the hot chicken and the other to slowly pull out the can.

"Congratulations! It's a 7-pound baby Bud," Beall exclaims after "delivering" a can of hot beer.

The Bealls, both 37, cook in tandem. Veda, a state championship bowler, uses the kitchen to make side dishes, while Mike is in charge of the grill.

"I don't cook in the house. That would be unsafe," he says.



Veda Beall lends a hand to her husband, Mike, as he places a seasoned chicken over a beer prior to grilling.

Dee Cole of Jacksonville, Ill., is another fan of the stand-up chickens. She's tried several recipes and finds that brushing the skin with melted margarine makes a crispier, richer-looking skin. For extra flavor, she replaces some of the beer in the can with Italian dressing.

Tom and Lisa Vincent of Girard, Ill., first read about Beer-Can Chicken in a camping magazine.

"It scared us at first because it seemed too easy. We wondered if it would really work," says Tom.

They've since made it a number of times, adapting the original recipe to their liking. For more flavor, they

sometimes inject the bird with Cajun marinade and refrigerate it six to seven hours before cooking to give the flavoring time to fully penetrate the meat.

The Vincents have three grills that they use year-round.

For Beer-Can Chicken, they start cooking on their Weber charcoal grill with indirect heat for an hour or so and then switch to direct heat. The result is a well-cooked, tender fowl with browned, crisp skin.

"The white meat is more moist" than a chicken grilled traditionally, says Tom.

"It's more like a broasted bird. It's a good Sunday afternoon meal because you can just leave it. You don't have to toil over it."

Says Mike Beall about Beer-Can Chicken: "I think the French word for it is 'cool.'"

Beer-Can Chicken

- 1 4- to 5-pound whole roasting chicken
- Vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons any dry spice rub, divided

- 1 12-ounce can of beer
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Remove neck and giblets and rinse chicken inside and out; pat dry with paper towels.

Coat chicken lightly with oil and season with 2 tablespoons of dry rub. Set aside.

Open beer can, pour our about ½ cup of beer and make an extra hole in top of can with church key can opener. Sprinkle remaining tablespoon of dry rub inside beer can.

Place beer can in center cooking grate and "sit" chicken on top of beer can. The chicken will appear to be "sitting" on the grate.

Cook chicken for 1 to 1½ hours, or until internal temperature registers 165 degrees in breast area and 180 degrees in thigh. Remove from grill.

Carefully remove beer can. Let rest for 10 minutes before carving.

Per serving: 479 calories, 84 g protein, 2 g carbohydrate, 13 g fat, 231 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber, 213 mg sodium

From Weber Grills

Vincent's Drunken Chicken

- 1 12-ounce can of beer
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 whole 4- to 1/2-pound chicken
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Empty half of beer from can and pour barbecue sauce into can with remaining beer.

In small bowl, combine basil, paprika, onion powder, garlic powder and black pepper; mix well. Rub spice mixture evenly over chicken.

Place cavity of chicken over beer can so that chicken is sitting on the can.

Place chicken and can on grill rack in center of grill.

Cover and cook 1 to 1½ hours, or until chicken is no longer pink. Serve with sauce from can.

Per serving: 363 calories, 56 g protein, 12 g carbohydrate, 8 g fat, 154 mg cholesterol, 1 g dietary fiber, 495 mg sodium

From Tom and Lisa Vincent of Girard, Ill.

Cole's Drunken Chicken

- 1 whole 2- to 3-pound fryer chicken
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 1 8-ounce can of beer
- 4 ounces Italian salad dressing
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Heat grill to medium heat.

Rinse chicken and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Brush on melted margarine.

Pour 4 ounces of beer — half the can — out of can and refill with 4 ounces Italian salad dressing. Place chicken on beer can — it acts as a stand — and place on grill.

Cover grill and cook over medium heat for about 1 hour or until juices run clear.

Per serving: 197 calories, 28 g protein, trace carbohydrates, 9 g fat, 77 mg cholesterol, 0 dietary fiber, 123 mg sodium

From Dee Cole of Jacksonville, Ill.

Duckling sizzles cooked on grill

There's something irresistible about cooking outdoors, especially when the recipe is a new twist on an old favorite. When it comes to grilling, however, many of us only think about hamburgers or chicken. Why not try something new on the grill — BBQ Duckling. Sure to make your outdoor barbecue a memorable occasion, BBQ Duckling is delicious and easy to prepare.

BBQ Duckling

Makes 4 servings

One 5-pound Maple Leaf Farms Duckling

- 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons onion, chopped

- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh green chilies with seeds, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice

1. Place duckling on rack, breast side up, in roasting pan and insert cooking thermometer into thigh so it is not touching any bone. In a preheated, 350-degree oven, roast until duckling reaches internal temperature of 180 degrees, about 30 minutes per pound. Remove from pan. When cool enough to handle, cut into quarters.

2. Combine barbecue sauce, onion, garlic, chilies and lime juice. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes.

3. Prepare outdoor grill, placing

aluminum drip pan in center over coals. Brush duckling with barbecue sauce. When coals are medium hot — covered by medium layer of gray ash with areas of red visible — place duck pieces on grill and cover. Cook until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes, flipping and turning to cook evenly and prevent skin from burning.

4. Remove from grill and serve immediately. Serve with green beans, new potatoes with celery and onions, or your favorite cole slaw.

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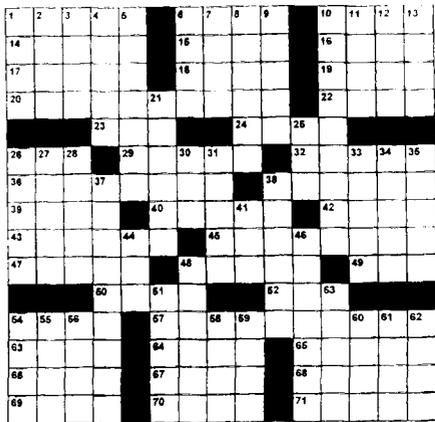
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
October 7th, 2000
EVENT: BIG INDOOR FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

FRIDAY
October 6th, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 9:30am-12:30pm
PRICE: Now and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, etc. Call 973-974-9377 for more information
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

CRAFT

SATURDAY
October 14th, 2000
EVENT: HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET
Now in our 11th year!
PLACE: Union Catholic High School, 1600 Marline Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
TIME: 10:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: \$1 for a Door Prize ticket (prize color TV). Over 125 crafters of quality seasonal decorative and functional items. Autumn Leaves Cafe luncheon menu. For additional information call 908-889-1500
ORGANIZATION: Parent Guild of UCHS

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY
October 7th, 2000
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 739 Seminary Avenue, Rahway
TIME: 9:00am-1:00pm
PRICE: Used clothing, shoes, toys, household items, sold by the bag or individually.
ORGANIZATION: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

OTHER

SATURDAY
October 7th, 2000
EVENT: AFTERNOON OF GAMES & FASHION
PLACE: Lyons Manor
TIME: 12:00pm-4:00pm
PRICE: \$30
ORGANIZATION: The Hillside League of Women Voters

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HOROSCOPE

For Oct. 9 to Oct. 15

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The full moon this week highlights personal opportunities that will be supported by the highest blessing party.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll feel the pressure to back and redo or complete a less than satisfactory task from the past. Bite the bullet and totally apply yourself this time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Watch out for Cupid's arrow this week. Don't let a sudden attraction or temptation of the heart undermine an otherwise stable relationship.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't do or say anything condescending or negative to a loved one and upset the apple cart on the domestic scene. Work to keep the peace.

and fair form of give-and-take in your close personal relationships.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Avoid excess in areas of food and drink or the pursuit of bad habits. Make adjustments in your routine or diet that would support a healthier lifestyle.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's easy to make new friends at a club or group gathering. Reach out and get the ball rolling with an open hand, warm smile and kind word.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your best to ensure a win-win outcome in a business dispute. Meet face-to-face with an authority figure and hash-out your differences.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends can be very persuasive when lobbying your support for a pet project. Lend a sympathetic ear, but think about what is best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Handle other people's money or joint affairs with extra special care this week. An untimely mistake or misunderstanding could be very costly.
If your birthday is this week, be prepared for the new and exciting opportunities that are likely to cross your path during the coming year. Unusual and offbeat experiences will set the stage for romantic or social interactions with people from different walks of life. Open your heart and mind and be willing to make the changes that are asked of you without putting up too much of a fight. Communicate power and find personal fulfillment in a creative project.
Also born this week: John Lennon, Helen Hayes, Eleanor Roosevelt, Luciano Pavarotti, Margaret Thatcher and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

REUNIONS

- Members of Alpha Phi Delta of Upsala College interested in an early October 2000 reunion luncheon are asked to contact Irene DiBisce McHugh at (732) 892-3569 or Bess Meyer Terp at (609) 296-9335.
- Summit High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Saturday. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Saturday. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Saturday 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 Saturday at the Pines in Edison. For information, contact Doris Mazur Cyran at (732) 381-6384 or Michael Pileggi at (908) 862-2497. E-mail can be sent to pileggi@aol.com.
- Union Catholic High School Class of 1984 will conduct a family picnic reunion Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Forest Lodge in Warren. This is a change in date. For information, send e-mail to Lisa Hofstader Thibault at cthibault@fac.edu.
- 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 information, call (908) 289-0516. Being sought are classmates Joan Cook, John Mattis, Mary (Lombardi) Dwyer, Robert Saracem, Florence Oeler Grant, Dorothy (Beale) Serpico, Catherine (Moran) Groff, Charlotte (Golda) Stauder, Frederick LiCamsi, Dorothy (Baszczewski) Summers, Geraldine Bergstedt Spechi, and Ann (Alibrando) Vanko.
- Baitin 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.
- Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1965 will conduct its 35th reunion Nov. 4. For information,

- call Gary Butler at (908) 241-3060 or send e-mail to gbutler@worldnet.att.net.
- Linden High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 11. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Rahway High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 18. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Union Catholic High School Class of 1970 will sponsor its 30th reunion Nov. 24 at the Acquasava d'Elle Fommi Restaurant, Westfield. For information, call Mike Ventura at (908) 277-2410.
- Union Catholic High School Class of 1990 will sponsor its 10th reunion Nov. 24 at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, send e-mail to purkin769@aol.com.
- 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@cs.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 slizza@hotmail.com.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 25 at Costa's Restaurant in Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 276-6825.
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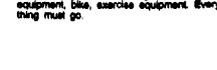
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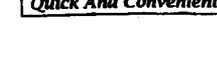
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AUTOMOTIVE

Art & Science help Cadillac's race to attract new buyers

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

In Paris, "Caddy-yack" is not the name of a new Chevy Chase golf movie. It is the French pronunciation of the venerable American luxury automaker's name.

The double "L" is pronounced as a "Y." So, the French may be excused for butchering the pronunciation.

Cadillacs are rare visitors to these shores. Jean Charles Automobiles in Paris advertises that it is "concessionnaire exclusif" for Cadillac in France.

Dealerships throughout the European Economic Community are similarly scarce. In fact, Cadillac's annual sales for the whole of Europe are barely 1,000 units.

To put that in perspective, a single U.S. dealer, Lund Cadillac in Phoenix, sells 1,400 a year.

The few Euro-buyers are high disposable-income types who don't flinch at paying \$5 a gallon for gasoline, or 23 percent luxury taxes and import levies that can push the price of a Cadillac abroad to well more than \$80,000.

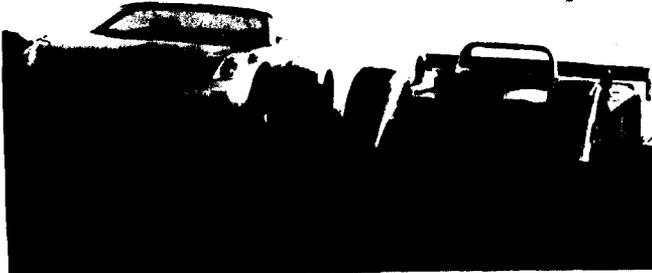
"Caddy-yacks" last caused pronunciation problems for the French when the U.S. entry raced at Le Mans 50 years ago.

That's when Briggs Cunningham, in one of his more quixotic trips at winning the Vingt-Quatre Heures du Mans, brought to France a couple of ponderous-looking Coupes the Villes and a rebodied "aerodynamic" thing the French dubbed "Le Monstre" for obvious reasons.

The hope was that Cadillac's new, kick-rump V-8 engines would make duck liver pale of the local boys. The Cadillacs came away with more international press than any 10th-place car ever got, but they never returned.

Now, Cadillac is back, Jacques. Four prototype Cadillac race cars, powered by twin-turbo NorthStar V-8s, appeared at Le Mans this year to begin a three-year quest to win the endurance racing classic. Although the Cadillacs were crowd favorites, they were slow, unreliable, handled poorly and barely finished in the top 25. They will be back.

A week later, in Colorado, three near-stock Seville STSi sedans participated in the venerable Pikes Peak Hill Climb. They raced in, and won, the new class for luxury cars, though the class rules looked suspiciously



Cadillac Evq Luxury Concept, left, and Northstar Le Mans Prototype are racing to generate a Cadillac audience in Europe and Asia.

like an STSi spec sheet; no other marques were entered.

Why? That's exactly what many of Cadillac's traditional customers — the cutely-coiffed ladies and the polyester-shirted men — are asking. Why Le Mans? Why Pikes Peak? Why all this raciness?

"To change people's perceptions of who we are," answers Mike O'Malley, Cadillac's recently installed general manager.

In recent years, it has occurred to Cadillac that its loyal cadre of owners is rapidly dying off. To maintain, or — better yet — expand its market share, it needs to find new buyers.

Accordingly, a philosophy has emerged called "Art and Science."

"From a customer's perspective," O'Malley says, "we looked at Art and Science and how that resonated with customers, and we settled on a theme of 'design and technology.'"

"It's basically the celebration of world-class design, with world-class technology. Things like the NorthStar system, StabiliTrak, NightVision and other technologies in which we think we are world-class and leading-edge."

The Art and Science positioning also goes hand in hand with Cadillac's recent decision to go glob-

al. Currently, Cadillac sells only a handful of its cars outside the United States. Within the next three to five years, that will change.

To compete in those markets, Cadillacs will get leaner and meaner. More precise. Less sloppy. Racier, to be sure.

The exact focus, O'Malley explains, "depends on what region of the world you're talking about. Let's start with Asia. Typical perception of the Cadillac brand in Asia that has developed over the years is 'great, big, very luxurious, driver's cars.'"

"In Europe, it's very much tied to Hollywood. Big fins. That sort of thing," he says. "We've made some attempts to change that over the years."

"We've learned that to change perceptions of who you are — to even have people put you under consideration — requires time and marketing investment."

"That's what this is all about," O'Malley says, referring to the Le Mans racing effort going on around him. "I mean, we're selling 1,000 vehicles a year here in the market. But we know that this event is starting to change people's perceptions about who we are."

This global emphasis has implica-

tions for the U.S. market as well.

"We have to significantly increase our volume worldwide in this division," O'Malley says. "If I don't play competitively in Europe, and in Asia, my share position and my volume in the United States won't continue to grow."

O'Malley promises at least one significant model introduction "every year, from now, as far as the eye can see." The first redesigned model was the 2000 Catera. Changes to it were significant enough in Cadillac's way of thinking for O'Malley to guarantee, "We'll sell more of the new ones that we did of the old ones."

Catera is built in Germany on a Opel Omega rear-wheel-drive platform. Cadillacs traditionally have been rear-wheel drive cars until recent years, when the line converted to front-wheel drive. Now, a return to rear drive is seen as a vital feature for competing with the high-performance, technology-rich marques in the worldwide market, such as BMW, Mercedes and Lexus.

"We're building a whole new plant in Lansing, Mich. for global models,"

O'Malley says, adding that the changover will revert to rear wheel drive.

There still is a segment of luxury class drivers who prefer a front drive car, O'Malley says, but there also is demand for rear drive because of performance requirements.

Those requirements would be a balanced weight distribution and the ability to run safely at sustained speeds of more than 120 mph on Germany's autobahn.

"For Cadillac to be a full blown luxury marque, it really needs to appeal to both of those types of buyers," O'Malley says.

"We believe our Cadillac brand and our positioning with Art and Science allows us to stretch the Cadillac halo over that from-wheel drive DeVille in the U.S. — which is terrific, and still very consistent with Art and Science — all the way to a high-performance luxury sports sedan like the STS."

Cadillac's Concept Cars the past two years are important manifestations of this General Motors' division's new philosophy. The two-seater Evq sports car in 1999 and the Intqj sports sedan in 2000 are so called Vision Models for Cadillac that will influence its designs for years to come.

Kip Wasenku penned the Evqj and as Cadillac's lead designer he has just completed work on a major redesign of the Seville for the 2004 model year. He says the race car and the concept car empowered him to be daring with the new Seville.

As important as styling is in a luxury car, it is the pavement-pounding horsepower of the NorthStar engine that is the key building block in Cadillac's high-stakes makeover.

"Number one, it perfectly fits the design and technology positioning that the brand has," O'Malley says. "Number two, for the luxury segment, powertrain — that is the foundation. You'd better have a good powertrain or you're not a player. We have it with the NorthStar System."

Not-so-secretly, Cadillac has been developing a 425-horsepower version of the 32-valve, V-8 NorthStar. It would be the most powerful Cadillac

engine ever — surpassing the 500 cu. in. 400-hp brute in the 1970 Eldorado.

Cadillac hasn't announced yet that it will be produced, but the automaker certainly has spent a lot of time and money developing something that wouldn't be produced.

Recently, GM broke silence on several Cadillac fronts:

• The Escalade has been redesigned. The 2001 model year has been dropped — and will debut next April as a 2002 with a Corvette-based 385-horsepower Vortec — not NorthStar — V-8.

• A decision has been made to produce an Escalade EXT pickup truck based on the Chevy Suburban platform — like the Avalanche — to fight Lincoln's Blackwood pickup.

• And it was announced that the 2003 model is available in the U.S. with the NorthStar V-8.

This is the most exciting time in Cadillac's long history, O'Malley says, but he vows to not attenuate the brand's core supporters.

"From a pure business standpoint, we do very well with our traditional, loyal Cadillac owners," O'Malley says. "We will not forsake them. We just won't do that."

"However, at the same time, we believe there is enough elasticity in Cadillac as a brand, in our Art and Science positioning, to allow play in the more globally oriented luxury segments of the market."

Cadillac intends to teach the French how to roll those double LLs: Cadillac.

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Advice is offered on car winterizing

Don't wait for the first whispers of cold air to start blowing before you dress your car for winter. The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club suggests the following steps to make sure your vehicle is outfitted from headlight to tail light for rain and snow.

• **Battery.** Cold weather can kill an ailing battery, the cause of many winter breakdowns. Avoid problems by asking your technician to test your car's charging system output and the battery's condition and charge.

• **Fluids.** Remember to change the oil and check the antifreeze, brake, differential, and transmission fluids. Old antifreeze in your car's cooling system may contribute to cooling system failure.

• **Lights.** Enlist a friend to help check your car's high and low beams, and its license plate, fog, parking, side-marker, hazard, turn-signal, reverse, and brake lights.

• **Supplies.** Keep a windshield ice scraper, spray lock defroster — also keep an extra defroster at home — and an extra pair of gloves in the car, and consider packing a folding shovel and some rock salt, sand or kitty litter. If you'll be driving in the mountains, carry chains, blankets, foul-weather gear, flares, and a tarp, just in case you break down.

• **Tires.** If your tire treads are shallow, it's time to purchase a new set of tires. Consider the climate and the type of driving you do when choosing tires. Studded tires are permitted in New Jersey between Nov. 15 and April 1, but they should be used only in packed-snow conditions. During the winter, check tires regularly for correct inflation; they lose pressure as the temperature drops.

• **Wipers.** If your wipers leave streaks across your windshield or back window, the blades or tension arms may need replacing. Fill the washer-fluid reservoir with a non-freezing cleaner, and always clear ice that binds your wiper blades before turning on the wipers.

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Avalanche is a 'toy box for outdoor enthusiasts'

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

Chevrolet was looking for a way to talk with 10 million mainstream Americans about a new pickup and decided on the good old-fashioned far — farm stand, country music and food on a stick.

It launched its Avalanche Ultimate Challenge Tour at the Del Mar Fair in San Diego County recently and will visit 10 other major fairs and festivals to show off its new truck sport utility.

The tour is a way to prime the sales pump for Avalanche, which should be in dealerships next February or March as a 2002 model.

The truck at Del Mar was a near-production version of the concept vehicle that was on the timetable at the San Diego International Auto Show last February.

Built from a Suburban, Avalanche is part pickup and part sport utility. Sort of a toy box for outdoor enthusiasts.

This showcase of innovation will be offered in one well-equipped trim level with a 285-horsepower, 5.4-liter V-8 engine, four-speed automatic transmission, moon roof and OnStar system.

"I don't want it to look smaller," says Deb Michael, assistant brand manager, who was in San Diego to kick off the tour.

Avalanche is about 89 percent Suburban and comes with a box bed that is 5 inches deeper than a pickup bed and a 33-gallon fuel tank. The standard wheel size will be 16 inches, but 17s will be offered as an option.

The Avalanche will ride on a wheelbase that is 13 inches shorter than an extended-cab pickup.

There will be seating for six in the four-door cab version, and the seats have a cloth and leather covering that includes an embroidered Chevy logo.

A removable rear window and mid-gate — an industry first — between the passenger compartment and the bed fold down to create an 8-foot cargo hold. The three-piece hard tonneau can be opened one panel at a time and stored in slots on the bed sides.

Cargo lights for the bed also back-light the lockable, watertight bins in the top rails.

The lightweight, composite tailgate has molded cup holders. Handholds and foot steps help users into the tall bed.

A removable roller mat for the bed has the track indentations for a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle, drain holes in the bed handle water from a person at watercraft or snowmobile.

The front end has its own special lights, a chrome trim bar, a bumper with foglights and daytime running lights.

Options include a sun roof, roof rack, runningboards and a bike mounting system.

Pricing will fall between the full-size, extended cab Silverado pickup and a Suburban, which puts the truck in the \$18,000 to \$40,000 range. It will be built at the factory in Silao, Mexico, and Chevy expects to sell 100,000 the first year.

Chrysler's Power Play

DaimlerChrysler's redesigned 2001 Chrysler Town and Country and 2001 Dodge Caravan minivans are in production at the automaker's assembly plant in Windsor. At full speed, the factory will build 1,470 vans a day in three shifts.

Between Dodge and Chrysler, DaimlerChrysler sells more than 640,000 minivans worldwide every year and owns approximately 40 percent of the North American minivan market.

Since introducing the minivan segment in 1983, DaimlerChrysler has sold more than 8 million Dodge and Chrysler minivans worldwide.

For the new version, engineers invented the power liftgate, an industry first.

An electric motor opens or closes the liftgate in about four seconds and is activated by push buttons on the key fob or in the overhead console. The system includes an obstacle detection feature, and an alert tone sounds for two seconds before the liftgate starts to open or close.

As with the power sliding doors, sensors can detect resistance to movement and will go into reverse to avoid damage to the door or a person.

For double protection, there are pinch sensors at the sides of the tailgate that can detect hands or other objects too small to be detected by the primary detection system.

Windstar Solutions

As Chrysler prepares to launch its new minivans, Ford is showing a concept van that has all the appliances of home — except the kitchen sink.

In a partnership with Maytag, the six-seat Windstar Solutions minivan

has a miniature washer-dryer in the rear cargo area, which also has room for a microwave oven and a refrigerator-drawer.

There's a volvo cooler size refrigerator built into the left wall panel at the third row bench seat. The center area behind the front seats has another cooler that can be pulled out and brought to soccer games.

Driver and passenger have cup holders that can be heated or cooled.

Trays fold down from the front seat backs, and a trash compactor solves the problem of a litter bag. A wet-dry utility vacuum takes care of the crumbs on the spilled Big Gulp.

Between snacks, passengers can watch movies or play electronic games.

Also experimental is the Home Connection, a voice-activated system that could connect with home electronics to preheat the oven, check the pantry supply, and monitor home security and fire systems.

Many of the pieces easily could be put into production, a spokesman says.

The microwave, refrigerators and entertainment system are handy ideas.

Not much can be said for the vacuum, which could turn into a device of torment between siblings, and the washer is limited to about one shirt or one pair of pants at a time.

Understanding the importance of women and their lifestyle is a mission for both companies, Ford says. I'd be surprised, though, if a woman really wants to add housekeeping to one of her late bastions of quiet space — the car.

Pure Pontiac

Jim Wangers is a longtime car guy who was instrumental in pumping the iron for the muscle-car era, which included his work as a marketing whiz to boost the Pontiac image and the GTO.

In the early '60s, he worked with the Royal Pontiac dealership in Royal Oak, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, to be a back-door performance-parts speed shop for the factory.

From this alliance came factory-ordered high-performance Pontiacs that evolved into a special line of Royal Bobcats with a special emblem.

Ad man by day, Wangers was the weekend — and night — hot shoe who was drag racing the cars back then, and winning, which helped the race program.

From this came the Royal Racing Team, a catalog of products and a national reputation.

As a memento of those "Glory Days" — the name of his book — Wangers has commissioned a pair of 1/18 scale die cast models, the most famous Royal Bobcats ever built: the 1966 G10 "Go To Tigers."

The cars — one gold and black, the other white and gold — are detailed with Hurst wheels, MKH shocks, Royal Bobcat emblems, Royal license plate frames, a functional hood scoop and the Ram-Air bathtub trap under the Tri-Power carburetors.

Packaged in sets of two for \$100, the showcase box is numbered and signed by Wangers. He'll also sign the cars, if you wish.

Also Available

- Honorary Membership Plaque for \$20 — 9 1/2 by 12 inches — that is framed with the Royal Bobcat emblem, personalized with your name and autographed by Wangers.

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- Royal Racing Team T-Shirts, Size M, S, L and XL, \$15, XXL and XXXL, \$18.

Today, Wangers still works in the auto industry and lives in northern San Diego County.

Die-cast models can be ordered by calling toll free (877) 5888-4687, through the web site at www.jimwangers.com or via e-mail at info@jimwangers.com.

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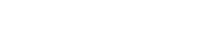
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