

County obtains compact repeater to help towns

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Bureau of Telecommunications is purchasing new electronic equipment, called a compact repeater, to assist municipal police and fire departments in the event of a power failure or any other disaster that may occur.

"Radio communications for any public safety agency is critical and it must be functional at all times," said Freeholder Linda Steiner, liaison to the Emergency Management Council of Union County. "We feel this new compact repeater will be a shared service that will help all public safety agencies in the county by being able to maintain crucial radio communications in times of emergencies."

The compact repeater will be installed in the county's Mobile Communications Unit, a self-sustaining vehicle with an on-board generator.

"A repeater amplifies a two-way radio signal so that it can be heard over greater distances than a signal that is not amplified," said Ben Laganga, director of the Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management. "Most police and fire agencies throughout Union County operate on this type of system. If their repeater fails, it can leave the agency without radio communications."

This new compact repeater will enable us to program any police or fire frequency in the system," Laganga added. "In the event an agency has a malfunction due to severe weather or some other disaster, we can use our Mobile Communications Unit equipped with this compact repeater system as a back-up and allow the agency to operate normally until their equipment can be repaired or replaced."

The Mobile Communications Unit is available for deployment anywhere in Union County within 20 minutes of an emergency. When the compact repeater is fully installed, the new system will be available 24 hours a day.

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(Continued from Page B1) Jersey will see it again." The trash would be transported from the site within 24 hours of its arrival.

The facility is expected to receive between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of New York City garbage daily.

Under a 20-year contract, Linden would receive host community fees of \$1 per ton, as much as \$2.5 million per year, with a minimum annual payment of \$1.2 million. BFI also would handle Linden's garbage collection, a move city officials estimate would save \$800,000 annually. How Linden would get out of its 25-year contract with the Union County incinerator remains unclear.

The 32-acre site at 4900 Tremley Point Road is owned by Tremley Point Marine Terminals, which would lease 17 acres of the land to BFI for the trash depot. One of the principal partners of Tremley Point Marine Terminals is Domenick Pucillo, the

son-in-law of Linden Mayor John Gregorio.

Republican freeholder candidates said during the campaign this past fall that the board would approve the transfer station following the Nov. 7 General Election.

"It's not illegal but it sure is pretty fishy," Bearce Bernzotti, a Linden environmentalist, said of the freeholder board's special meeting called Nov. 9. The meeting was noticed prior to the UCUA's meeting, she said, "allegedly not knowing" if the UCUA would approve the project. "It was premature and it sounds as if you knew the way the vote would go," she told freeholders.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella said it was appropriate for the board to meet. He said board members were aware the UCUA was looking to "get the ball rolling" on the proposal. Mirabella, who was re-elected Nov. 7, chaired the brief Nov. 9 meeting in Sullivan's absence.

Opponents against trash depot

(Continued from Page B1) trash is considered interstate commerce, he said, but "it can be stopped on issues of health and safety." The proposed rail line will be within 10 feet of three natural gas lines, O'Brien said.

"If adopted as it stands, it will put others at risk," O'Brien said of the plan. "I beg to differ that it's an environmentally-friendly proposal," he said, calling it "a short-term solution that will come back to bite Union County."

Bearce Bernzotti, a Linden environmentalist, questioned why several other cities have rejected the idea of a trash facility to take New York City's garbage, including Newark, Jersey City and Bayonne. She reiterated that New York City has not yet selected a contractor to handle its trash.

Christopher O'Carroll, a member of the Railway Environmental Commission, said he's been working on the Arthur Kill or the Rahway River for more than two decades. "Anything that New York City has to do with will be a sloppy process."

"We've taken steps here, we were responsible," O'Carroll said. "Linden and New York don't operate in a vacuum. Those barges stink."

"New York City is just sweeping its garbage under our rug."

Vincent Lehotsky, an Elizabeth resident who regularly attends freeholder meetings, is in favor of the

facility, but asked that some land be set aside along the Arthur Kill for waterfront access.

Annual Irish dance

The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County, New Jersey will sponsor its 67th annual dance Saturday at St. Hedwig Church Hall, Clark son Avenue, off Bayway Avenue, Elizabeth, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Founded by Joseph Nugent Sr. in 1933, the Nugent Association is the oldest independent Irish-American organization in New Jersey.

The Willie Lynch Show Band will provide entertainment. Admission is \$20, which includes beer, wine, coffee, cake and tea. There will also be a cash bar.

Being honored at this year's dance for many years of dedication to the association are Margaret Shernock and Kevin O'Brien both of Elizabeth. This year's recipient of the Community Service Award will go to retired Elizabeth Fire Director and President of the Daniel O'Connell Div. 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Joe Sullivan. For information about the dance, call Liz Welsh at (908) 486-7191, Maureen Dowling at (908) 464-9074 or Kevin Dowling at (732) 594-1763.

Information session

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology will host the second information session for interested applicants and parents to next September's freshman class on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Mancuso Hall on the campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

The information session will answer questions such as the following: Is a magnet high school a viable alternative to traditional education for your child? What is the curriculum like, and how does a student get admitted?

The magnet school offers an intensive engineering and design technology-based curriculum. The rigorous program prepares students for entry into a baccalaureate-degree program. The school, in collaboration with Union County College, provides the opportunity for students to earn up to a year of college credits prior to high school graduation.

Those wishing to learn more about the Magnet High School and/or make reservations for the Nov. 21 information session can call the Admissions Office at (908) 889-3800, Ext. 201.

COUNTY NEWS

Scouts collect food

Boys Scouts, Webelos, and Cub Scouts from communities throughout Somerset and Union counties will be collecting food for the benefit of local food banks in Scouting's annual Good Turn called Scouting for Food. After several years, the event has become an important part of the food supply picture in many of the local food banks.

On the weekend of Nov. 11, parent-supervised Scouts distributed specially-marked bags or descriptive requests to homes in their assigned neighborhoods. Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with non-perishable, non-glass food products that can be stocked at a food pantry, and to put the bags out for pickup early Saturday — unless a different time is called for in a note with the bag.

The Scouts will return to the same homes they visited previously to take the bags to a local food pantry, such as a church or a community facility. The food will be used to prepare Thanksgiving baskets and to serve needy families throughout the winter.

The Scout units participating in the food drive at this time are part of the former Watchung Area Scout Council, which has merged with the Morris-Sussex Council to form the Patriots' Path Council, BSA.

Women for Women

As part of their ongoing Community Education Workshop series, Women for Women of Union County offers "All This and Passion, Too: Integrating What You Love into your Everyday Life" on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad Street, Community Room.

The workshop will focus on the concept and practical application of adding "passion" to your everyday life. It will explore the questions: How do you identify your passion? How do you formulate a plan to integrate what you love into your life?

The workshop leader is Joan Framo Runfola. Runfola has extensive experience in private and group therapy. She is also the current associate executive director at Cancer Care Inc.

in Millburn. Her own experience with cancer and her work with cancer patients and their loved ones has prompted her to work with others to help them fully embrace their lives. Runfola will focus on helping to identify your unfulfilling goals, and setting developing strategies for leaving them behind and preparing you to begin to truly integrate what you love into your busy life.

Admission is free to the public. There is a suggested \$5 donation. Call (908) 322-6007 to register.

Women for Women has recently moved from its old headquarters in Garwood to new headquarters in Scotch Plains at 1801 E. Second Street. As a nonprofit agency, Women for Women's mission is to serve the changing and evolving needs of women and children by offering self-help support groups, as well as short-term, low-cost individual counseling and legal referral services to the Union County community.

The agency invites anyone interested in more information about groups and other services offered, to call the office at (908) 322-6007. Newsletters will be forwarded to anyone requesting them.

Ready for the holidays

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council has some fun activities planned for the holiday season. First, shoppers can avoid some of the holiday register lines and shop when the mall is closed. On Sunday, the Jersey Gardens Mall will stay open from 7 to 9:30 p.m. to allow ticket holders to shop to their hearts content. The tickets will entitle you to door prizes and special discounts. Activities for children are also provided. Tickets to benefit the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council may be purchased by calling Vicki at (908) 232-3236, Ext. 1221.

Then, if you still have more shopping to do, join the scouts at the Learning Express in the ShopRite shopping center in Clark for an afternoon of shopping. On Dec. 9, between noon and 5 p.m., a portion of the sales will be donated to Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. Learning Express offers free gift wrapping, personalization, shipping and a VIP shopping reward program.

Election night

(Continued from Page B1) the place. But I do catch victorious Freeholder Chester Holmes on his way out the door with some supporters. A few comments about thanking voters, who like the direction the Democrats are taking the county, and his priority to maintain the infrastructure during his second term.

• 11:44 p.m. Time to head back to the office after talking to a few more Democrats. Another Republican bites the dust. Several radio stations are carrying Gov. Christine Whitman as she introduces Franks for his concession speech.

• 11:56 p.m. One of the few Republicans to avoid the carnage of the Union County electorate, Mike Ferguson, is declared the winner in the 7th District Congressional race. He even wins Fairview, the home town of his opponent, former Mayor Maryanne Connelly.

• 12:15 a.m. The final pit stop of the evening. Dunkin' Donuts, for some more coffee and a snack to tide me over until morning. Connelly makes her concession phone call to Ferguson from The Sports Section Cafe in Union.

• 12:29 a.m. Sitting in front of my computer, which one of the four stories I plan to write do I do first?

• 2:09 a.m. Damn these computers. Why do I always have an obsession with making charts, perhaps the most tedious item to create on this computer?

• 2:16 a.m. My eyes tearing from ensuring the table and other commands on my chart are accurate, I embark on story number two.

• 4:52 a.m. Four stories filed. I think it's time to get to bed. But only for a few hours, of course, before I have to be back at 9 a.m. to ensure the first batch of papers is out on time.

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Newark Museum launches 'connection' with Union County

For a day, residents of Union County could call the Newark Museum their own.

On Sept. 23, more than 3,000 residents gained access to an afternoon of free activities at the 91-year-old institution, marking the launching of the Union County/Newark Museum Connection, an educational and cultural partnership between Union County government and the Newark Museum.

Another highlight of the collaboration is an alliance between the Museum and Schering-Plough Foundation, which funded the Newark Museum's portable planetarium, SPHAERA. Through SPHAERA, the Newark Museum is able to bring a portion of its science programming to schools in Union County and throughout the state.

Cecil B. Pickett Ph.D., executive vice president of discovery research at Schering-Plough Research Institute, presented a \$25,000 check on behalf of Schering-Plough Foundation to fund the SPHAERA project. The check represented the final installment of a \$50,000 Schering-Plough Foundation grant to underwrite the portable planetarium.

"The SPHAERA planetarium will bring the wonders of science to so many more children in the county," said Pickett. "It will stimulate their interest in science and inspire them, their parents and their teachers to visit the museum."

Virginia Barlage, a trustee of the Museum, said that Schering-Plough's funding enabled the museum to strengthen its position as a cultural and educational resource for people in Union County.

"This new initiative with Union County and the continued support of Schering-Plough provides the Newark Museum with the opportunity to bring its resources to communities beyond its borders," said Barlage. "Our hope is that one day the residents of these communities will visit the Newark Museum."

Children and families from throughout Union County couldn't escape the fun and excitement at the Newark Museum marked by stimulating exhibits and engaging activities.

From face painting and Native American treasure hunts, to calligraphy workshops and comet-making demonstrations, the Newark Museum was bursting with fun at every turn.

"It's a great opportunity for children to be exposed to a wonderful cultural experience," said Ann Gordon, a resident of Hillside who took her 6-year-old daughter, Alicia, to the event.

As they sat decorating picture frames, Rosalie Murray of Plainfield and her 9-year-old niece, Monyette, agreed they would be back next year. "It was a great family day," said Murray.

Allison Franzetti of Elizabeth, who

shared the day with her 6-year-old daughter, Mariana, said, "When children have a positive exposure to a museum, they'll want to come back. We're already planning our next visit."

"The Union County/Newark Museum Connection is a quality-of-life initiative that we hope residents will continue to take advantage of in the future," said Daniel Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, which spearheaded the collaboration between the county and the Newark Museum.

In addition to Union County's allotment for four free annual events at the museum, the Union County/Newark Museum Connection also includes enrichment programs for the county's public schools, such as hands-on science, and professional development programs for teachers, such as workshops on natural science and language arts.

The next Union County event at the Newark Museum is Senior Citizens Day, scheduled for Dec. 15. The event will feature guided tours and lectures. For more information or to reserve a ticket, call (973) 596-6613. Three additional activities are planned for 2001 and will be announced in the future. As always, admission to the museum is free.

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It was a universe of fun at the Newark Museum as children from throughout Union County took a moment to explore the galaxies with Cecil B. Pickett Ph.D., executive vice president of discovery research at Schering-Plough Research Institute. Pickett said he hopes that projects like SPHAERA — The Newark Museum's portable Planetarium funded by Schering-Plough Foundation — will help inspire children to become future scientists.

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Russell mixes dignity, humor

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer



Joey Russell

Joey Russell — who integrates wit, witicism and laughter into his presentation of what Jewish life was and is all about — was welcomed with applause and warm Sunday afternoon at the YM-YWHA of Union County in the new 2000-2001 season at Green Lane Playhouse Cabaret Series in Union.

Senior citizens filled all the tables surrounding the stage, and laughed, chuckled and reminisced with the veteran performer as he spoke in Yiddish, translated his lines into English, and shared rare memorable moments.

When there were technical difficulties with the microphone, it didn't even seem to phase him. Russell was able to interact beautifully with the audience without the microphone.

"It's like a theater in the round," he said gleefully. "I will try to project without using a mike."

Myra Friedman, cabaret program director, apologized for the difficulty. But Russell didn't appear to mind very much, because he was able to be closer to his audience, and to bring his audience closer to him.

He explained that "we will never repeat this generation again. This generation gave us dignity. In fact, you know that I don't even consider you all senior citizens," quipped the senior citizen. "By me, you are elder statesmen."

Russell, a Jewish-American ethnic humorist who "interacts" with his audiences in one-nighters at more than 200 shows a year, used to appear in the Catskills when there were hundreds of hotels to accommodate comedy acts such as his. Today, there are

less than a dozen. Now, he makes people laugh at Bar Mitzvah functions, brotherhood or sisterhood breakfasts, synagogue programs and anniversaries.

"I tell all true stories," he admitted. But the stories hit home, particularly when he talks about his grandparents, family members that are similar to the family members of the "elder statesmen" in the audience. He talked in Yiddish and English with interspersed translations, about a 91-year-old grandfather, who smoked and drank all of his life, and had been warned not to continue these bad habits by 24 doctors — all of whom have since passed away.

Then he mentioned his 92-year-old mother-in-law, a widow, who was fixed up with an 89-year-old date — "too old," she complained — but accompanied him to a drive-in theater. She

returned early, disgruntled: "I had to slap his face five times," she said disgustedly. "Why?" asked her granddaughter. "Did he get fresh?" "No," she answered. "He was so quiet, I thought he was dead."

Russell, who lives in Connecticut, proudly said that Sen. Joe Lieberman "lives right near me in New Haven. I know him and his family." He thought it would be great for the country and the Jewish people to have Lieberman as a vice president of the United States, but "the way things are going, we may be having Clinton as our president of the next six months, and Gore, as our vice president."

The audience laughed — and agreed.

He talked about how his parents and grandparents drank tea from a glass, instead of a cup, and everyone nodded, remembering. Russell mentioned that there were 10 boys and one girl in his family. And everyone got along thanks to the discipline of his parents. He talked about traditional superstitions that had everyone howling with laughter, and Hebrew words that had been translated into Jewish words that had become English words, and how great it is to visit Israel. The man, who won a Peabody Award, and who wrote books and made tapes of Jewish humor, said that it was "an honor to make people laugh. I love being with people. In fact, tonight I will be with people in Wilmington. I'm driving down there after this show."

"This generation," he reiterated, "gives us dignity."

It's what the world needs more than anything else, he indicated. "A little dignity goes a long way."

UCC captures era with 'Last Summer'

On Nov. 9, the Theater Project at Union County College in the Roy Smith Theater presented the opening night of "What I Did Last Summer" written by A.R. Gurney.

The show was set in the 1940s at a summer resort on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie outside of Buffalo during the last days of World War II. Director Mark Spina does a good job presenting the time period. The music used prior to the show and during the intermission is reminiscent of the era.

In many plays, it is easy to determine the main characters of the show and find the minor characters. The character of a minor character usually just helps support the play. The audience does not find out much about that person or persons.

In this case, the viewer gets to know enough about each of the six characters, that none of these participants could be called supporting or minor.

One of the more distinguished characters in the show was Charlie played by Joe Discher. The character is a 14-year-old boy who is expected to assume the role of "the man of the house" while his father is at war. Discher is very believable

On the Boards

By Dave Goldberg
Staff Writer

as this emotional boy who resembles a coming-of-age character from the 1940s.

Another important character from the play was Grace played by Daimah Talley. This character was put in the position of being in charge of her family as the mother of Charlie and his sister. Talley does an excellent job showing the pain that this character has to deal with due to her conflicting lifestyle.

Lisa Alford plays Elsie, Charlie's sister. Unlike the characters of Charlie and Grace, who seem to deal with a lot more, this is a character that gets somewhat ignored. Alford does a good job resembling an angry girl who is upset at her brother's shortcomings.

Along with the characters of the family, the show is provided with three other — and equally strong — characters.

The first of these is Ted, played

by Oscar Castillo. This is a rather confusing character who is supposedly Charlie's friend and at other times the two characters seem to hate each other. Castillo does a great job showing the anger and frustration that this character constantly has to put up with on a daily basis.

The person who inadvertently causes tension between Ted and Charlie is Bonnie, played by Corinne Colon. Both of the boys like her and it continuously causes tension throughout the show. Colon is very believable in the role of person who is really unaware of what she causes in her surroundings.

In addition to tension caused to Ted and Charlie, there is also conflict between Charlie and his family. One of the big conflicts is when Charlie goes to work for Anna Trumbull, played by Nancy Heins-Glaser. There are many problems caused by Charlie for deciding to work for this woman.

The show is well acted, with a unique set and a sound system that makes the spectator feel as if he or she is in the era. The audience needs to have a good imagination and an eye for the unexpected to truly appreciate this play.

Westfield's Choral Arts Society welcomes new singers

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey Inc. welcomes new members to its rehearsals. All voice parts — soprano, alto, tenor and bass — are welcome.

Rehearsals are in the choir room at

the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street.

Under the direction of James S. Little, the CAS will be preparing for a performance of Mozart's "Requiem"

and Bernstein's "Clicchester Psalms" to be performed Jan. 20.

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County announces recipients of 2001 arts grants

More than 40 Union County organizations and presenters of arts programs will receive a total of \$97,150 from the Union County Arts Grant Program for the year 2001.

"The awards to these 44 groups make up the majority of the grant of \$175,778 awarded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to our Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "The remainder, plus a cash match provided by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will enable the division to hire staff and to present technical assistance workshops, the Teen Arts Program, the Senior Citizen Art Show and other services for the benefit of Union County artists, cultural organizations and residents."

Organizations receiving grants through all programs administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs were honored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders at a reception celebrating National Arts & Humanities Month. The reception, hosted by NUL/Elizabethton Gas Company at their headquarters at Liberty Hall Center in Union Township, took place Oct. 23.

Marcia Cohen, chairman of the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, explained that the applications were initially evaluated by professional panels and then were reviewed by the Arts Grant Committee in a highly competitive process before being acted upon by the entire Advisory Board. "We are very excited by the quality and variety of programs available to county residents through these programs," Cohen added.

For information about the grant program and other services offered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, contact the division at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. The division can be reached by telephone at (908) 558-2550; relay users dial (800) 852-7899.

Union County Arts Grant Program 2001 Recipients

Berkeley Heights: Tony Brice, Rantian Valley Chapter, The Links for a Spring "Black History Melange of the Arts," \$1,650.

Cranford: Dennis Jenkins, Celebration Singers, for popular music programs performed by adult and children's choruses, \$3,000; Therese Kooliner, Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence, to engage the professional services of the arts education organization Artgenesis, \$3,500; Walter Stern, Cranford Public Schools, for presenting the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra of senior citizens and students, \$3,500; Adele Gilman, Cranford Housing Board, for a musical stage show for senior citizens performed by other seniors, \$1,800; Doug Brown, Rahway Valley Jesuites, for performing, preserving and expanding the quality of membership singing including a Youth Outreach Program, \$2,000; Mark Spina, Theater Project of Union County College, for performances by the Union County College Theater Project and summer project, \$2,500.

Elizabeth: Kathy Smith, Bridgeway, for visual arts instruction from local artists for beginning and advanced artists, \$3,000; Eileen R. Carroll, Community Access Unlimited, for choral instruction for adults with developmental disabilities, \$1,750; Rod Spearman, Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, for children's workshops specializing in dance, painting and murals, \$3,000; Joseph Keenan, director of the Elizabeth Public Library, for a series of adult and children's programs, \$3,800; Gladys Martinez, YWCA of Eastern Union County, for art classes to children culminating in a display, \$2,000; Nida E. Thomas, Urban League of Union County, for free programs in observance of Black History Month and Women's History Month, \$2,000.

Fanwood: Chung H. "Robert" Chang, Chinese American Cultural Association, for performances and classes in Chinese and Western choral music, \$2,000.

Edison: Asit K. Ray, Garden State Cultural Association, for two East Indian American cultural fall festivals "Durga Puja," \$2,000.

Kenilworth: Dale Spindel, director of the Kenilworth Public Library, for a three-part series including dramatic performances and storytelling, \$750.

Linden: Robert Kelly, Linden Public Library, for a multi-disciplinary series of family-oriented cultural performances, \$1,800.

New Providence: Lore Reinhardt, New Providence Public Library, for multi-cultural programming for children, \$700.

Plainfield: Alexis Renteria, Ballet Folklorico "Sentir Crotche," for Latin American folkloric dance performances, \$3,000; Dr. Denis Bane, Central Jersey Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for the Delta Multi-Discipline Arts Festival, Celebrating Diversity in the Arts, \$2,000; Patricia Bender, City of Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center, for visual art instruction for senior citizens culminating in an exhibit of fine art, \$1,500; Alan G. Gabun, Crescent Concerts, for a concert series of varied musical genres, \$1,000; Charlene Jones, Liberty Community Development Corp., for a creative theater arts project for Plainfield youth, \$1,700; Tim Espar, Plainfield Symphony, for a series of performances of classical symphonic music, \$4,000; Jeff Blanchard, Second Street Youth Center Foundation, for art instruction for children in the after school program, \$2,000; Margaret Cohen, Temple Shalom, for a concert series featuring klezmer, Latino, jazz and blues, \$2,000.

Rahway: Lawrence Cappiello, Arts Guild of Rahway, for a jazz music series featuring New Jersey artists, \$3,000.

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Springfield: Mary Knight, Friends of the Springfield Public Library, for a series of eight theatrical performances for adults and children, \$1,200.

Summit: James Little, Calvary Chorale, for a concert series featuring chorals and choirs, \$1,200; Nina Deutz, Concord Singers, for choral workshop, spring concert and concert with Newark Boys Chorus, \$3,000; Jayne Graepel, Connecticut with Women and Families, for a dance Master Class series with free workshops, \$1,800; Nancy Boulcher, Playhouse Association Inc., to enhance the production of "The Heales," \$1,000; Susan Chace, Resource Center for Women, for a series of poetry readings by New Jersey women poets, \$2,000; Mia Anderson, Summit Area Public Foundation Summit 2005, for a Cultural Heritage Festival showcasing traditional and folkloric music, dance arts, \$1,000; Vincent I. Schwenk, Summit Chorale, for six choral concerts for adults and students, \$4,500; Carol E. Smith, Summit Symphony Orchestra, for a spring concert featuring the works of Verdi, \$1,500.

Union: Jani Kovacs-Jonas, VM YWHA of Union County, for the music series "Cabinet Around the World," \$2,200.

Westfield: Lenore Davis, Artisan Chamber Music Society, for four chamber music concerts with pre-concert lectures, \$3,000; Ann Hoener, Choral Art Society, for a series of choral music concerts, \$2,500; Cynthia Smyth, Community Players of Westfield, for the annual series of theatrical productions, \$3,300; Dr. Barbara Thomson, First Congregational Church of Westfield, for the "Mad Day Musicals" series of half-hour concerts, \$1,800; Margaret N. Fontana, Function Ten, for producing a season of four theatrical performances, \$1,000; Diane Tartaglia, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, to host "El Dia de los Ninos" in Elizabeth celebrating diversity through the arts, \$1,500.

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By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor
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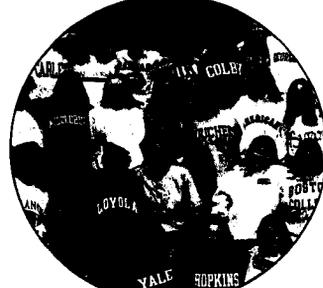
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Waller musical comes to UCAC

When "Am! Misbehavin'" opened on Broadway, it made history by winning every Tony Award, including Best Musical.

"The opening night audience almost knocked the roof off with cheers," reported William Clover in the Associated Press. Time Magazine called it "a stompin', struttin', high hatin' smash," and Clive Barnes predicted "Am! Misbehavin'" would be "a joyous celebration that is going to cross the world."

Well, that time is now, with an exciting new production of this award-winning musical appearing at the Union County Arts Center Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. All tickets are \$18. Senior citizen, student and group discounts are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (732) 499-8226.

"Am! Misbehavin'" is an extraordinary musical encompassing 30 show-stopping musical numbers that take the audience on a journey not only through the Fats Waller song book, but through Harlem in its hey-day. With snappy period costumes, complete with bowlers and spats and ermine and pearls, the dynamic five-member cast turns the theater into a rollicking party. One doesn't have to be a jazz buff to enjoy "Am! Misbehavin'" — like Fats Waller himself, you just have to love a good time. The joint is jumpin' from start to finish with Waller classics like "Honeysuckle Rose" and "Squeeze Me" and hilariously naughty with "Your Feet's Too Big" and "That Am! Right." This fast-paced romp takes you where the high steppers partied, from honky tonk dives to the Cotton Club, from Tin Pan

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Producers Irving Street Rep., founded in 1991, is dedicated to producing the finest in theatrical and musical entertainment. The success of this tour encouraged this talented and ambitious production company to produce tours of "Godspell," "The Elegance of Ellington" and "The Nat King Cole Songbook." "Five Guys Named Moe," another of their recent tours, will appear at the Arts Center Jan. 20 for another evening of "stompin', struttin' and high hatin'." Don't miss out on either of these great Broadway musical revues.

The Union County Arts Center is a regional performing arts venue. Its wide array of offerings includes theater, music, film, dance and headliner entertainment. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performs regularly at the Arts Center under its designation as resident orchestra of this vaudeville-era theater claimed by many to be the most beautiful theater in the state.

As a non profit organization, the Arts Center is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. The Arts Center has offered its gratitude to The Merck Company Foundation for its continued generosity and Comcast for being the sponsor of the Family Fun Series. The following organizations and institutions also are contributors to the Union County Arts Center: The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the City of Rahway, the Rahway Savings Institution, Liberty Bank, Schering-Plough Foundation and NUI/Eirzbetstown Gas.

Artistic calendar will aid research

The first and only public reception for 11 artists who contributed their paintings of women for the 2001 Breast Calendar is scheduled as a benefit for the New Jersey Breast Cancer Research Fund Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. All but two artists live in New Jersey.

The artists will be on hand to sign their pages in the full-color calendars available at the reception. They were initially honored last month at a Traction reception by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. The Breast Cancer Fund is administered by the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research and 100 percent of all proceeds will go directly toward innovative research and educational projects.

The calendar was conceived by two friends who were seeking a cooperative project. Springfield artist Kat Block, whose cut-paper collage appears on the cover, and Robert Weider M.D. Ph.D., chairman of the NJCCR Breast Cancer Advisory Group, joined talents.

Noted Block, "We each wanted to find a way to help the fight against breast cancer. We were able to obtain major underwriting support from Bristol-Myers Squibb on the basis that the calendar be educational, something that also fits our own aims. Each month, advice and information is contained in a box that runs across the bottom of each page, giving more and more details."

She added that the calendar was also made possible through generous support from Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Health Educator Jane Lewis M.D. of Public Health, UMDNJ.

Of the 13 artists, four are represented by Swain Galleries including Block, whose figural collage, "Back to the Garden," is also the October feature; Paul W. McCormack of New



Artist Kat Block of Springfield, left, is joined by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman to commemorate the 2001 Breast Calendar, featuring works of art to benefit breast cancer research.

York whose three-quarter profile, "Expectations" appears in May; S. Ally Schaeffer of Fanwood whose seated woman, "Pensive," leads off in January; and J. Brian Townsend of Plainfield, whose portrait of a young girl, "Christina," heralds March.

For February, Bonnie Maranz of West Orange, "Woman: Morph Series," a sculptural figure; April, Barbara Schachman of Berkeley Heights, "Painted Women," a grouping of women's heads recognizable from classic paintings; June, Debra F. Livingston of Scotch Plains, "Cancer Soldiers," landscape with figures and words; July, Hayley Jennifer of Union, "Fat," a three-quarter figure; August, Irma L. Ostroff, New York City, "Joy," women upholding a cloud of women; September, Carole

Dakake of Newton, "She is with me always," two women, one spectral; November, Alice Bryan Hondu of Maplewood, "Talena," a seated woman; and December, Clara Man Udano, "A woman holding a placard with a repeated book title and other phrases."

On the dedication page, photographer Howard Nathenson of Cliffside Park contributed his black-and-white image of "Kat's Hands."

The benefit reception sponsored by Swain Galleries is open to the public and all calendar donations are tax-deductible. Swain Galleries is located in the historic Crescent District at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For details, call (908) 756-1707.

'Nunsense' continues through Sunday at Kean

The Kean University 2000-01 Theater Series will present a rendition of the hilarious Off-Broadway hit musical "Nunsense."

The production will be held at the East Campus Theater, located on North Avenue in Hillside. Performances are scheduled for today, Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. "Nunsense" is a musical that pulses

with merriment and an unabashed desire to make the audience laugh through songs and spontaneous comedy that is suitable for the entire family. The premise involves the Little Sisters of Hoboken, who are readying a talent show to pay for the burial of their fellow sisters who succumbed to boudism.

The play stars Kean University students Kristen Bussiere of Edison;

Laura Gibson of Chatham; Karen Kenrus, Deborah Lipkin, Marilyn Munoz, Christina D. Vazquez and Laura Walsh of Union, and Stephanie Shack of Springfield.

Ticket prices are \$12 for the general public; \$10 for faculty, staff, alumni and seniors, and \$8 for Kean students. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (908) 527-2337.

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Stepping Out

MacKay Library on the Cranford Campus of Union County College through Dec. 14.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

FROM BODY TO SPIRIT, the works of Pat Feeney (Murrell), will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway Sunday through Dec. 15. An opening reception will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. For information, call (732) 981-7511.

PUBLIC PATHWAYS: "The Olmsted Legacy," a photographic journal by Nancy J. Ori, will be on display at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit Monday through Dec. 15. An opening reception will take place Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

AUTHORIMKAL SPARKS will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield Saturday at 10 a.m. to lead a crafts program and sign copies of her books, including "A Little Book of Manners for Boys," "Let's Have a Tea Party," "My Best Friends and Me," "A Little Book of Manners for Girls" and "Making My Room Special." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS at Barnes and Noble in Springfield will meet Monday at 7:15 p.m. The group meets monthly. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

THE WOMEN'S READING GROUP at Barnes and Noble in Clark will meet Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

Recreation Center, Melrose 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.

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OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT will take place at Barnes and Noble in Clark Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Open Mike Poetry Night is sponsored the second Sunday of every month in the Music Department. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit the artwork of Geoffrey Mawby through the holiday season. Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 405 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

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. Through Sunday, Springfield Free



THE JOINT IS JUMPIN' this Saturday at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway when the national tour of the hit Fats Waller musical " Ain't Misbehavin'" appears at 3 and 8 p.m. For information, see the 'Theater' listing on this page.

Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, (973) 376-4930.

Monday 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.

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

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The gallery is located at 549 South Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-0412.

PROVENCE TO PLAINFIELD, the works of Timothy W. Jahn, will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Nov. 28.

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.

NEW JERSEY PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM and the Watchung Arts Center will exhibit the sixth annual juried show through Nov. 30.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is located at 124 Diamond Hill Road, Berkeley Heights. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit the works of Mary E. Bobek and Andrew Bobek through Nov. 30.

Exhibit hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. CSH is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

NEW WORKS IN WAX by Francesca Azzara will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 8.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

'MAGIC AND METAPHOR' will feature the multimedia artwork of Silvia de la Rosa of Maplewood, at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 8.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BRUSH WITH ANTIQUITY, paintings and carvings by Marjorie McConnell Fanwood, will be on exhibit at the Les Malmat Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Dec. 12.

Gallery hours are regular library hours. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The Kent Place Gallery is located 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-0900, ext. 232.

PHOTOGRAPHER ANNE ROSS will have her work exhibited throughout the Wisner House at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through December.

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8787.

NEW OUTLOOKS: "The NJCVA Faculty Exhibition" will be on display at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 3.

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

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

BOOKS

AUTHORS DOLORES JORDAN AND ROSELYN JORDAN will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield this evening at 7 p.m. to sign copies of their new book, "Salt in His Shoes." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

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

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

AUTHOR DWIGHT HISCANO will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "New Jersey: The Natural State." The Town

AUTHOR HOWARD FINE will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "A Piggy Christmas." 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 at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, will meet Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

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

CLASSES

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for the fall session of its Advanced Acting classes which concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement classes. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

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

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

- Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13, and Jan. 3 and 10
- Jan. 17, 24 and 31, and Feb. 17 and 24
- Feb. 21 and 28, and March 7, 14 and 21
- March 28, and April 4, 11, 18 and 25
- May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

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CONCERTS

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the fall. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, including a concert schedule, 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 coffee lounge area of the store from 8 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, William Smith, Nov. 24, Mark Bodino, Nov. 25, One X 6, Dan and Nicole is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

SINGER-SONGWRITER KENNY SACK will make several local appearances in the coming weeks.

Dec. 2: Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth, 2 to 3 p.m. Dec. 7: Clark Free Public Library, 203 Westfield Ave., Clark, 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 10: Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, 3 to 4 p.m.

For information, send e-mail to kennysonwriter@hotmail.com.

ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA will be presented in concert by St. John the Apostle Church, Valley Road in Clark, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For information, call the rectory (908) 486-6363 or the school at (732) 386-1361.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Plainfield will present Errol Bailey and the Westfield Concerto/Solo Chamber Orchestra in a concert of classical music Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested. The church is located at 1430 Park Ave., Plainfield.

CRAFTS

22ND ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN IMPORT AND GIFT SALE will be sponsored by Lodge Linne 429, Vasa Order of America, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St., New Providence. Admission is free. For information, call (908) 665-1292, (973) 539-1859 or (908) 464-6526.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet Nov. 24 and Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection in Summit. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

DISCUSSION

THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Writers Circle meets the second Monday of every month and new members are always welcome. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will welcome the 2000 holiday season with a presentation of "Miracle on 34th Street" Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30. UCC is located at 1601 Irving St. in the Downtown Rahway Arts District. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch in the coming weeks. All films begin at 10 a.m.

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

KIDS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT with Humpty Dumpty and Choo the Safety Clown, will take place this evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-3330.

KEAN CHILDREN'S HOUR at Kean University in Union will present "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 3 at 2 and 5 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater on the Union campus, Morris Avenue. Tickets are \$6. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

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

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD, a creative forum for poets, will meet at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet Dec. 4 at 8 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 Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 241-5758.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation: \$2. For information, call (908) 899-5269 or (908) 899-4751.

KISMET SINGLES will sponsor a "Culinary Seductions" cooking class Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. at Classic Thyme Cooking School, 161 E. Broad St., Westfield. Cost is \$65 at the door. For information, call (908) 232-827 or visit the web site at www.thatskismet.com.

SATURDAY HIGH JUMP Nov. 23, Movie Marathon Nov. 24, LULU Nov. 25, The Inheritors Nov. 30, Basic and Divine Affilius

Crossroads is located at 76 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

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

Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call (732) 381-0505.

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

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

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

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dent, and \$8 for Kean students. For information, including ticket prices, call (908) 527-2337.

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Torch-Bearers" by George Kelly Friday to Dec. 17. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens, all seats are \$5 at Friday performances. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0377.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present the national tour of the Fats Waller musical, "Ain't Misbehavin'" Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. All tickets are \$18. UCCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

VARIETY

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

Also appearing will be Not in That Order, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22.

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

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Every Sunday is Comedy Night at 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam. Every Wednesday is The Juggling Sons. Every Thursday, ladies drink half-price.

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Healthy Living

With new test, fitness is measured in years

By Jack Williams
Copley News Service

If age were measured in fitness instead of years, some of us would never qualify for Social Security. Seniority would be a stigma, more a milestone of mediocrity than a privilege of longevity.

And Jack LaLanne would be all of 29, a poster boy for Generation X or exercise.

In an era when information moves faster and more frequently than humans, there's a new way to gauge age: a fitness assessment system called, appropriately, FitnessAge. *FitnessAge* Footprint? No. Provocative, motivational and reasonably reliable? Yes.

It's the same quick but comprehensive test that told LaLanne, 85, that decades of discipline, sacrifice and sweat put him within sipping distance of the fountain of youth.

"I've been working out since I was 15 years old, and it's paid off," he says.

FitnessAge, a San Diego company, bases its assessment on 20 years of data from more than 60,000 people who've been measured for aerobic capacity, body fat, flexibility and strength.

Scores on this test reflect how you compare with others your age. But instead of being assigned a percentile, your score is measured in years.

FitnessAge relies on traditional testing developed by the YMCA and the American College of Sports Medicine for adults from 18 to 80-plus.

You'll get a three-minute step test — stepping on and off a 10- to 12-inch step. You'll do sit-ups, the kind that don't strain the back; push-ups, and a sit-and-reach test for flexibility. A body-fat measurement completes the equation.

First introduced to corporations by Peter McLaughlin, an author and motivational speaker, the test and its accompanying software are reaching fitness centers nationwide. In San Diego County, it's offered at 11 sites, with 1,800 centers and 15,000 personal trainers nationwide targeted by the end of the year.

McLaughlin, head of FitnessAge's corporate programs, has made a lucrative living out of convincing corporations that healthy lifestyles are vital to workplace performance.

At 50 plus, the former tennis pro has seen his own fitness age plummet to 22, he says.

In flying about 150,000 miles per year, McLaughlin avoids the pitfalls of high-fat airplane food by ordering special meals in advance. When he arrives at his destination, he heads straight to the nearest fitness center usually the in-house hotel gym.

"The other day, after about a 3,000-mile trip to Greensboro, N.C., the first thing I did was work out," he said. "Then I had a nice glass of chardonnay."

"The average business traveler

gains 5 to 7 pounds a year — and it's not just weight, it's fat. So you really need to watch it when you're sitting in airplanes that long."

In his signature four-hour work shop, McLaughlin is really a corporate athlete in disguise. He's on his feet, exuding enthusiasm, energy and — perhaps most important of all — humor.

"Humor dies with stress and fatigue, and it's the one thing you need to differentiate yourself from other speakers," he said. "Exercise perks you up."

It's not uncommon for corporate employees who undergo the FitnessAge exam to test older than their years — especially the typical American executive, who works an average of more than 11 hours a day.

Follow-ups are recommended

every three months, to track a person's progress after, ideally, he or she has followed some recommended lifestyle changes.

"Before, I would give a speech, walk away, and they would have liked it," McLaughlin said. "But there was nothing there to follow up on. Nothing to excite people."

With FitnessAge as a tool, measuring and tracking physical fitness, there's at least the incentive of turning back time.

For more information about the program, visit the web site, fitnessage.com, or call (858) 625-4222.

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Annual sale Saturday features gifts, crafts from Scandinavia

The 22nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale sponsored by Lodge Linné 429, Vasa Order of America will be held Saturday at Salt Brook School, 240 Maple St., New Providence, off Springfield Avenue. The sale will be open to the public between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Merchandise hand crafted and manufactured in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will feature a wide variety

of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items of silver, pewter, linen, wood, paper, wool, straw and other materials. The fact that this sale represents one of only a few remaining sources of traditional Scandinavian goods explains why it is patronized by people traveling from all over New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut to begin their holiday shopping and enjoy the annual celebration of the Scandinavian culture.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf like items, Jul Biskop or straw goats in all sizes, painted Dale horses, Danish mobiles, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of Advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy. Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, stationery, and prints suitable for framing.

cheese, several types of herring and mackrel, lingonberries, and cloudberries, and various chocolate and nutprun.

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch of Scandinavian specialty sandwiches and pastries 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day. At 2 p.m. children between the ages of 3 and 14 years old, dressed in traditional Scandinavian costumes, will perform a selection of Scandinavian folk dances. These young members of the Palatin Bladlock in Children's Scandinavian Dance Club are supported in their cultural studies by Lodge Linné 429.

Antiques, crafts abound in coming weeks

In the coming weeks, antiques shows and craft fairs abound in preparation for the holiday gift giving and entertaining season. Antiques fairs and crafters will find a plethora of opportunities to enter show — and maybe sell — their wares, or purchase the perfect gift for someone special.

and Fran Hemmingsdal, jewelry, bric-a-brac, and collectibles. Joan Truitt, Victorian furniture and lighting, Deb Coliere, jewelry, Julia Eriksson, collectibles, Shari Yellin, sterling, Joseph Fortner, upholstered Victorian furniture, Don and Marie Sutton, glass and small tabletop collectibles, Sabine Ziemer, country furniture, Jean Elkin, silver, Bill Doty, period furniture and furnishings, and Hahn's Antiques presenting their oak dining tables, china cabinets, upholstered chairs and serving pieces.

An assortment of table linens will be available, including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and year round use. For the home, one will find Danish stainless steel items, baking needs, aprons, knives, a large variety of Dutch wrought iron candle holders, wooden candleholders, and decorative crystal pieces for Christmas and everyday use.

Lodge Linné 429, Vasa Order of America, is a non-profit organization for individuals of Scandinavian descent. The lodge meets the first Fridays of each month at the Community Volunteer Fire House, Community Place 2, Warren, off Sterling Road. Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many local organizations and charities such as the First Aid Squad, Volunteer Fire Departments, local libraries, high school scholarships and the Star Ladder Fire, Air and Christmas Funds. A portion is also donated to the local Vasa Order to be used for Scandinavian cultural programs and scholarships.

Antiques

After the tremendous success of the first Antiques Event at the Teaneck Armory, Hahn's Antiques will present the second Antiques Show at Teaneck Armory, Teaneck and Liberty roads, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1 for seniors, and \$1 for children, babies in arms are free, but strollers not permitted. Proceeds benefit the Montclair Craft Guild Community Outreach and Scholarship Programs, which have donated more than \$15,000 to Montclair State University since the early 1980s. For more information, call (973) 783-4110.

Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway, for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department will be expanded to include Norwegian silver soap and pewter, amber pieces, and Aankka's beautifully colored wooden necklaces, earrings, and bracelets from Finland.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee breads, and authentic Danish pastries which will be supplied this year by the Copenhagen Bakery of Northport, N.Y. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses, including authentic Farners

The admission to the show will be \$5. Marine White of Bernard's Appraisal Services will be on hand to appraise treasures for a small fee. Organizers plan on having their own "Road Show" at the Armory for this two-day event. Catered food will be available for vendors and patrons.

Crafts

The Montclair Craft Show, sponsored by the Montclair Craft Guild, will once again be held at Hillside School, 54 Orange Road in Montclair, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year, the juried show returns to its original one-day format, guaranteeing a dynamic holiday shopping atmosphere.

Looking for special and unusual holiday gifts? You will find them at the Holiday Nature Boutique Dec. 3 at Trailside Nature and Science Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Karen Jenko at (908) 665-1292, Sandy Olson at (973) 539-1859, or Dianita Pearson at (908) 464-6526.

Featuring more than 100 professional craft artisans from 10 states, the event showcases exhibitors selected for the highest quality of craftsmanship. Returning favorites and several "new additions" will represent the best of wearable art, glass, wood, ceramics, jewelry, and folk art. New this year is an exciting Gift Auction which take place all day, featuring 10 one-of-a-kind items donated by Guild members. Proceeds of the Gift Auction will benefit the Montclair Quilt Restoration Fund.

The exhibitors mentioned above are just a sampling of this great show. Spend a delightful day at the second Teaneck Armory Antiques Show. The Hahns plan to do another antiques event with the Dumont Lions Club as sponsor, tentatively scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2001.

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Crafters and vendors are wanted for the Holiday Bazaar being held at Fairview School, 376 Berkeley Ave. in Bloomfield, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 743-2380 or 748-8762 for further details or contact jpsvfdj@hotmail.com.

Among the many crafts for sale will be framed pressed flowers; country decor; homemade jams, jellies and preserves; nothead dolls; herbal soaps; fresh green arrangements; leaved glass; honey, beeswax candles, and a wonderful variety of jewelry. Shoppers will also find striking nature photography, authentic Native American carvings and dream catchers, pottery, delicious gift baskets, unique natural wreaths of all types, angels, hand-painted lampshades, bird houses and feeders, ornaments, toys, stocking stuffers, and much more.

The craft boutique is a true family-friendly event. Crafters take time to chat with visitors and help children with purchases for siblings or grand parents. In addition to the unique offerings available from crafters, there will be science toys, stuffed animals and natural history books for sale at Trailside's own gift shop.

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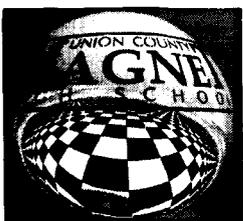
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Singer regales with tales & tunes

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It was a very special treat to listen to the soft and beautiful voice of K1 Sullivan as she added sophistication to the music of Noel Coward, Cole Porter and Bart Howard, and to Le Dome at the Manor in a program on the evening of Nov. 2 called "Noel, Cole & Bart."

It was an equally special treat to partake of the Manor's Cabaret Souze four-course dinner and marvelous music provided by pianist Bobby Richards that provided the cabaret offering in the Terrace Lounge.

Directed to a table near the piano by the ever polite, ever smiling man in a tuxedo, Sammy Odeh, my companion and I were immediately welcomed by Michael, the head waiter. Executive chef Jochen Voss' delicacy, red and yellow pepper mousse with radish and Balsamic sauce, whetted the appetite. And while Richards appropriately played "Autumn Leaves" and "Autumn in New York," my companion enjoyed the crispness of her rendition with unusual management, marinated tomato and shaved pecorino, and I loved about the sliced gannetted Portobello mushroom with bean sauce.

A marvelous rendition of "Play Misty for Me" accompanied a sharp

lyric salad of mixed bay groves and Balsamic vinaigrette. "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" was offered by Richards while Michael brought a delicious braised veal breast filled with trumpet and Portini mushrooms, wild onions, bread and roasted Hokkaido squash for me, and an exceptional piece of Mediterranean seasoned salmon steak with leek and blue cheese crust and shallot sauce for my companion.

The unusual tasting dessert of pumpkin cheesecake with apple slaterry mixings followed to the tune of "Gossyp Nocturnal," "As Time Goes By" and "Time After Time."

The blonde and beautiful Sullivan who reminds one of Lana Turner, adorned in a magnificent black sequined gown, bolero styled, provided a great rendition of "Perfect Stranger," "It's De Lovely" and "Just One of Those Things." She talked about the complicated and fascinating lives of the three composers, and went on to entertain the fascinated audience with "It's All Right With Me" and "Let Me Love You." Her piano accompanist, Mark Nadler, who is currently working with Sullivan in their show, "Gershwin's American Rhapsody" at the Triad Theater in New York City, complemented Sulli-

van's musical tour de force. He sang along with her on Porter's "Don't Fence Me In," and it enticed the audience to want to sing along, too.

When Sullivan sang Coward's "Mad About the Boy," one could hear a pin drop in the room. She offered a very funny "Tim World Weary," which Bea fully introduced in 1928.

Then she sang Howard's "Fly Me to the Moon" and the audience soared in anticipation. The numbers from "Kiss Me Kate" brought back wonderful memories, particularly "Why Can't You Behave?," "Always True to You, Darling, in My Fashion," "So In Love" and "Wonderbar." Sullivan reached the high notes with such little effort, and her smooth Broadway toned voice soothed the appetites of the audience.

It was great to hear her sing "Let's Fall In Love Again," and when her beautiful eyes searched the cabaret atmosphere, Sullivan said, "Cole Porter would love this room." She talked about meeting Howard in 1988 and discussed his lifestyle. Then Sullivan sang "Experiment." And when she closed the show with "I'll See You Again," the audience knew that she would one day come back to the Manor, so that the patrons could see Sullivan again.

Traveler tells tale of two nations

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

I have written before on the effect of travel on one's perception of society and culture. In a way, the traveler is an encapsulation of taking a leap and if the play is of any value, learning from it.

But more of that later.

Not long ago, I returned from Australia for the Olympics and New Zealand. The contrast between the freewheeling Australian and the more tightly wound, intricately British New Zealanders is not only attributable to the distance each culture has put between itself and the mother country, but to the, er, economic differences. Australia is large and sprawling and diverse with a healthy and in Sydney, booming economy. New Zealand suffers terribly from the energy gap — no oil — only partially solves with hydro and geothermal power.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of New Zealand these days is a justified tight weariness about how they are to continue to be the first-rate economists to

enhance their quality of life, while Australians tend to be more openly self-critical and hang loose. That can be seen in the output of many of their best current films, by the way, as evidenced by the hilarious self-mocking of the Australian "Muriel's Wedding" or "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," as compared to almost anything from the brilliant but very introspective and worried Jane Campion of New Zealand.

That is not to say the Australians are culturally advanced over their very competitive Island neighbors. They just have more resources and confidence. In fact, the economic and cultural, not to mention actual physical integration of the native population of each country is far

more advanced in New Zealand, where the Maori are vibrant, living the part of the society.

There's much written by cultural anthropologists about the advantage of native societies, where the family unit and the culture is largely kept intact. That is largely true in New Zealand, while in Australia among the romantic aborigines — or that matter American blacks — or that was hardly the case. For some reason John Wideman's oldly titled but very great book about heritage and passed on identity and culture, "Fatherland," comes to mind.

Grand indigenous, dramatic, playwrights like Ibsen or Eugene O'Neill have not yet told the story of the struggle and emergence of these two associated island cultures, but that will come to their states and ours, in time. Frank Perls says Jane Campion's historical and strong film of a few years ago, "The Piano," is a foretaste.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

County students perform with NJ Youth Symphony

New Jersey Youth Symphony Inc. has a visitor who has traveled the world and collaborated with legends like Isaac Stern, Yehudi Menuhin, and George London.

He is Maestro Jonathan Sternberg and, together with New Jersey Youth Symphony musicians, will open the season with Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" along with works of Joseph Haydn, Modest Mussorgsky and Cesar Franck. The performance is scheduled for Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Morristown High School. The high school is located on Erie Street in Morristown. Admission is \$5; students and senior citizens are admitted free.

Maestro Sternberg is a world-renowned conductor who's conducted such orchestras as New York Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic and Vienna Symphony Orchestra. He studied violin at Juillard School of Music and completed his education in musicology and viola at Manhattan School of Music, New York University and Harvard. In addition to working with the London Philharmonic in several all-Bethoven concerts in the Royal Festival Hall, he conducted the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in Geneva, the Orchestre Lamoureux in Paris, and the orchestras in Prague, Berlin, Munich, and Brussels, just to name a few. Maestro Sternberg was professor of music and conductor at Eastman School of Music and Temple University in Philadelphia and has made appearances in Europe and the United States as a guest conductor.

The program opens with New Jersey Youth Symphony brass and percussion sections playing Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man." Youth Symphony member Julia Warren will perform the English Horn solo in Cesar Franck's Symphony in D minor. Other works include Franz Joseph Haydn's Symphony 77 in B-flat major and Modest Mussorgsky's fearful "Night on Bald Mountain."

New Jersey Youth Symphony Inc. has been granted a Citation of Excellence by the New Jersey Council on the Arts/Department of State for 1997-2000. For more information on the concert at Morristown High School, call NYYS offices at (908) 771-5544.

New Jersey Youth Symphony members from Union County are: Berkeley Heights: Roger Grosse, Kira Jacobs, Christopher Albert Lin, and Rebecca Williams.

Cranford: Samuel Chaloff, and Karen Polshuck.
Fanwood: Kaiq Chang, and Jeffrey Woo.
Mountainside: Oliver Eng, Kristin Joham, and Emily Porch.
New Providence: Lilly Fang, and Andrew Nicholf.
Springfield: Keith Dworkin.
Summit: Alex Busho, Della Natasha Davies, Liam Day, Simon Kwak, and Julia Warren.

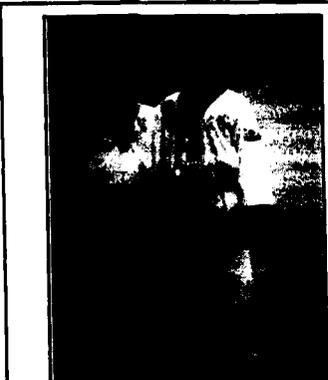
Westfield: Emily Chen, Robert Hwang, Thomas Killian, David Louis, Diane Park, Rosemary Topar, Margaret Wei, and Christina Yang.

Local poets are being sought

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Union County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 30. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19909, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Nov. 30.

You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.



Dr. Jacobson, a second degree black belt, is pictured with grandmaster Tiger Cheong, an eighth degree black belt.

The 2000 National Tae Kwon Do Championships were held on October 7, 2000. More than 7000 participated in the event which was held at the University of Hartford Sports Center in Connecticut. The winners of the National Championship prepare to compete at the International Tae Kwon Do Festival to be held in Paris, France.

This year's gold medal winner of the Executive Senior Division, (for participants 41 years and old and older), was 57 year old Dr. Jay Jacobson, chiropractor, who represented Tiger's Tae Kwon Do School in Edison, New Jersey. Dr. Jacobson was also the winner of the United States Gold Cup Tae Kwon Do Championship Senior Division held in Egg Harbor, New Jersey in 1995. In 1996, he took the silver at the American Tae Kwon Do Championships held at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Dr. Jacobson believes that an impeccable diet, vigorous exercise and chiropractic care, (which maintains the structural integrity of the spine and nervous system), minimizes the importance of chronological age. Dr. Jacobson is in "top" physical condition and believes that his physical superiority is key in meeting the challenges and the stresses life presents.

Artist's work exorcises society's pain at UCC gallery

Now through Dec. 14, the Tommaso Gallery — located in the Kenneth MacKay Library on the Cranford Campus of Union County College — will be host to artist Miriam Beerman's show, "Documents."

The exhibition will contain one large painting titled "Oswiecim," which is the Polish name for Auschwitz, as well as a combination of written transcriptions of the diaries and letters found at the Lodz ghetto in Poland. Beerman explained her works have reflected the history of that time and the history of oppression in general.

In addition, the exhibition will display 10 framed dry point prints from a portfolio titled "Faces," printed in February of 1989, and made as the result of a grant at the Women's Studio Workshop. This addition of 10 portfolios with nine prints in each, are based on a piece from the notebooks of "Matte Laurids Brage" by Rainer Maria Rilke. Also in the exhibition will be two sets of recent drawings which reflect a new development in Beerman's work and one, very large and complex collage.

Beerman is no stranger to the art world. With more than five decades of works behind her, Beerman's art is continually evolving in new pieces daily. Through the decades, her works have carried one major theme: the theme of pain, physical and emotional, her own and the world's. Many of her paintings are done in dark colors reflecting the idea of the victimization of animals and people, the horrors of the Holocaust, and the alienation of modern life.

Beerman graduated in 1945 from the Rhode Island School of Design with her bachelor of fine arts degree. She then moved to New York City and studied under Yasuo Kuniyoshi at the Arts Students League before entering the New School for Social Research where she learned the art of woodblock printing from Adja Yankers. During a two-year Fulbright grant, she studied with Stanley William Hayter at Atelier 17 in Paris.

She was the first woman to have a solo exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum back

in 1971 and since that time has had more than a dozen solo shows. She is also the only person to date who has received two grants to participate in the Rutgers Center for Innovative Printmaking in New Brunswick.

The gallery is located on the first floor of the MacKay Library on the campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Evenings hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call the Tommaso Gallery at (908) 709-7155.

Book store will aid hospital

The Town Book Store in Westfield will be collecting new books to be donated to Children's Specialized Hospital as holiday gifts for young patients at the Mountainside facility.

The hospital is requesting donations of new books, particularly board books and story books, to be wrapped by hospital volunteers and distributed during the holiday season. The Town Book Store is offering a 25-percent discount on any books purchased at the store for the purpose of donating to Children's Specialized Hospital. The donated books will be delivered to the hospital in early December.

For more information regarding this promotion, call the Town Book Store at (973) 763-4225.

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FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
November 18th, 2000
EVENT: Fishermen's Flea Market
PLACE: St. Thomas Church Hall, 1400 St. Georges Avenue, Rahway
TIME: 9AM-3PM
PRICE: \$3.00 (Kids under 12 free). A variety of new, used costume and antique, fresh and saltwater fishing tackle will be available. Free door prizes will be awarded every hour. Hot food and refreshments will be available. For information call 732-382-6154
ORGANIZATION: St. Thomas Holy Name and FFM

SATURDAY
November 18th, 2000
EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 9:00AM-2:00PM
PRICE: New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, jewelry etc. Tables available for \$15 (per table). Call 973-372-0064 or 973-765-3251 between 9:00am to 6:00pm
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

SUNDAY
November 19th, 2000
EVENT: GIANT FLEA MARKET CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLE SHOW—INDOORS & OUTDOORS
PLACE: Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road, Bloomfield (off Broad Street by Watchung Avenue)
TIME: 9:00AM-5:00PM
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ORGANIZATION: Unico

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY
November 11th & 12th, 2000
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Cong. B'nai Anavah Synagogue, 2035 Vauxhall Road, Union, NJ
TIME: Saturday 6PM-8PM, Sunday 9AM-12NOON
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Sisterhood B'nai Anavah Synagogue

CRAFT

SATURDAY, SUNDAY
November 18th, 19th, 2000
EVENT: 20th ANNUAL CRAFT & ARTS SHOW
PLACE: Caldwell College, Ryerson Ave. near Caldwell (Off Bloomfield Ave.) Caldwell
TIME: 10:00AM-5:00PM
PRICE: Free Admission. 145 crafters/refreshments available all day. Also Chinese Auction. Free Parking. Call Jane 973-226-2955 for more information
ORGANIZATION: Friends of Caldwell College

SATURDAY
November 18th, 2000
EVENT: HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, NJ 07068
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: Free admission
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic Mothers Club

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
November 18th, 2000
EVENT: HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFT SHOW
PLACE: Women's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood (between Ridgewood Road & Maplewood Avenue)
TIME: 10:00AM-4:00PM
PRICE: Free admission
ORGANIZATION: Women's Club of Maplewood

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
November 10th-12th, 17th-19th, 24th-26th, 2000
EVENT: ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE, SOUND & LIGHT SHOW
PLACE: Club Building, 295 Jefferson Avenue, off US22 East
TIME: Fridays, 6-10PM, Saturdays NOON-9PM, Sundays NOON-5PM
PRICE: Adult \$5, Children (12 & under) \$2, Seniors (60 & up) \$3
ORGANIZATION: The Model Railroad Club, Inc.

SATURDAY
November 18th, 2000
EVENT: Holiday Boutique
PLACE: 777 Liberty Avenue, Union
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Women's Fellowship Rattle Hill Community Moravian Church

THURSDAY
November 16th, 2000
EVENT: HOLIDAY DEMONSTRATION NIGHT OPEN HOUSE
PLACE: Hannah Caldwell Elementary School (School Gym), 1120 Commerce Avenue, Union, NJ
TIME: 6:00PM-10:00PM
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ORGANIZATION: Hannah Caldwell Elementary School

SUNDAY
December 10th, 2000
EVENT: CHANUKAH SHOPPING BOUQUET
PLACE: YMHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union
TIME: 12:00NOON-4:00PM
PRICE: Free admission
VENDORS WANTED: \$25 per space. Set up by 11:00am. Call Jani for application and additional information, 908-289-8112
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For Nov. 20 to Nov. 26

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Well, come assistance or help on a professional project from a partner or mate. Also put some time and energy into settling a legal matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You should feel quite comfortable in the financial arena this week. Take this time to review your personal and jointly held resources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Words uttered in haste could come back to haunt you later. Don't speak out on a controversial matter until you are prepared to back up your story.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Take advantage of an opportunity to work hard and achieve a specific goal. Focus and commitment are imperative. Buckle down to prosper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The possibility that you could find love and happiness is way above average this week.

Approach a romantic situation with an open mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be prepared for some intense moments during a family crisis. Realize that you can't buy your way out of this situation, so take emotional responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): It's back to school for you in one form or another. Put yourself in a situation where you are consistently exposed to new ideas or concepts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Monetary issues are up for review and resolution. Be practical or conservative in your spending, and walk away from a get-rich-quick scheme.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your leadership abilities to inspire others to great heights. You are most effective when working to bring about a positive change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The search for inner peace and harmony takes you on a very special spiritual journey. Fasten your psychic seat belt, and enjoy the ride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a promise you made to a friend, no matter how difficult or inconvenient it might be. Your relationship is on the line. Don't blow it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are attracted to someone with lots of power and influence. Figure out a way to turn this acquaintance into a valuable friend or ally.

If your birthday is this week, put your best foot forward, and start off this important year in your life on a high note. You'll find yourself in the mood for striking out on your own and blazing new trails. Expect new and exciting opportunities to manifest themselves out of a creative venture. Relationships take on a harmonious tone. An old friend reappears and plays an important role. Enjoy spending quality time just talking, laughing and learning new things together.

Also born this week: Bo Derek, Ken Griffey Jr., Stephen Geoffreys, Shel Silverstein, William F. Buckley Jr., Christina Applegate and Rich Little.

Exhibit offers glimpse into the lives of county's disabled

Community Access Unlimited is a non-profit social service agency that has been committed to providing the highest quality support services to people with disabilities, and at-risk youth for more than 20 years.

Community Access Unlimited strives to provide a wide range of programs that are individually focused.

With the support of Union County Arts Grant Program, Community Access Unlimited was able to provide professional photography lessons to 10 adults with developmental disabilities. Through the work of highly regarded photographer Simon Fulford, whose art has been exhibited internationally, CAU has captured the accomplishments of Union County residents with disabilities in the form of a traveling photography exhibit. The exhibit, titled "Our

View: A Unique Perspective on Life in Union County," consists of 20 black-and-white matted and framed photos that provide a snapshot into the lives of people with disabilities in Union County.

This exhibit will be on display at Springfield Public Library through Friday. CAU staff will offer literature in English and Spanish to complement the photos. For more information, contact Erin Porter at (908) 354-3040, ext. 304, or see the "Art Shows" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

REUNIONS

- Rahway High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Saturday. 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 Acquavia Elite Pontini 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 pdukin769@aol.com.
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- Cranford High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
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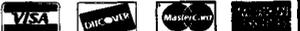
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Rowe, Leader are sent to Summit Conference

Prudential New Jersey Realty's Millburn/Shon Hills office sent two of its top sales associates, Sally Rowe and Myra Leader, to the annual Summit Conference of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates in Toronto in September.

Open to the top 6 percent of Prudential Real Estate's network of United States; Chip Bell, an expert on customer loyalty; Tom Ferry, one of the leading motivational trainers in the industry; and Alan Parise, a leading authority on sustaining success through turbulent times.

Leader took the opportunity to attend several training sessions at the conference, including Stephen Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" and two sessions with Tom Ferry.

"The speakers gave us such concrete information to help us succeed even more effectively," she said. "Being with top producers from around the United States and Canada was very stimulating and exciting. I collected a lot of good ideas from others. It was also fun to be able to share my own successes and insights with them."

Leader, Prudential President's Circle award-winner, is known locally for her innovative marketing plans and for selling homes that other listing Realtors haven't been able to sell.

Rowe, who has been attending the annual Summit Conference for many years, agrees that the meeting was very stimulating.

"One of the great advantages of attending the Summit Conference is meeting leading sales associates from other key markets around North



Sally Rowe stands with John Vander Wahl, president of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, at the recent Summit Conference.

American," she said. "Not only can we share successful ideas with each other, but we also build relationships that can help our clients as they move from one area to another. I'm also enthusiastic about going into more depth with some of the key players in Prudential Real Estate's leadership, learning about new developments in the Fine Homes International Program, and finding even more ways to use technology, effectively on behalf of my clients."

Rowe, who met with John Vander Wahl, president of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, and Kathy Blance, Prudential Real Estate's Eastern Regional Manager at the meeting, has been a Prudential Chairman's Circle member for several years and was named a Prudential Legend a few years ago.

To arrange for a private tour, get a complimentary market analysis of your home, or for any other real estate needs, Rowe and Leader are available at (973) 467-3883, (973) 467-9030, or online: sallyrowe@PrNewJersey.com or myraleader@PrNewJersey.com.

Passerini, Tahan attend annual Cendant seminar

Maureen Passerini, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker New Jersey, accompanied by Claudine Tahan, director of Relocation, attended the Cendant Mobility Broker Network's Annual Regional Seminar last month.

Highlighting the three-day symposium were speeches by Cendant Mobility Broker Network President W. Bruce Wallin and C.W. Metcalf, a renowned expert on the power of humor in the workplace. Wallin outlined the incredible success the Network has experienced this year, while Metcalf defined humor as a necessary workplace survival skill.

At the seminar, Passerini and Tahan participated in a series of interactive workshops and had the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of relocation issues with other Network brokers and Cendant Mobility Broker Services staff.

Coldwell Banker New Jersey's Relocation division was also presented with a number of awards during the session, recognizing excellence in relocation. The awards included Best Outgoing Referral Department and the Outstanding Achievement Award for Outgoing Closings.

"These awards are a tribute to the hard work and persistence of everyone in the Relocation division, along with the Sales Associates who assist with the relocation process," Passerini said. "They provide our clients with an unparalleled level of service every day, and this maintains the Coldwell Banker tradition of full-service."

Tahan also praised the valuable sessions and take-home value the symposium offered. "I was truly impressed with the vast array of topics discussed," Tahan said. "This conference was a great motivator for business development." Passerini continued, "Our attendance at this information-filled symposium demonstrates Coldwell Banker's ongoing commitment to participate in necessary training and development so that together, we can provide the highest levels of service to our corporate clients and their transferring employees."

Coldwell Banker New Jersey is part of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, the largest franchised brokerage of the Coldwell Banker system, which has 2900 offices and more than 70,000 sales associates throughout North America. NRT Incorporated, the parent company of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, is a leading owner of residential real estate brokerages in the United States, with more than 700 offices and more than 29,000 sales associates.

Cendant Mobility Broker Network is the best performing broker-to-broker network affiliated with Cendant. Cendant Mobility is the world's largest relocation company and recognized leader in all market segments it serves, including: corporate, military and government relocation, international assignment and consulting services and affinity programs. Cendant Mobility has more than 1,800 clients. It assists over 118,000 transferring employees annually, with 18 percent of the volume represented by international activity in nearly 100 countries. Cendant Mobility is a member of the move.com network of relocation, real estate and home-related services companies and is a subsidiary of Cendant Corporation.

Interactive brochure to provide useful information

The ERA Brokers of New Jersey announced the introduction of The Interactive Brochure, the company's newest use of technology to market ERA services and provide consumers with important and useful information on homebuying, homesealing, and moving.

Considered to be the technology leader in the real estate industry, ERA's new marketing tool comprises two business card-sized CD-ROMs which contain cutting-edge presentations designed to allow consumers to view only the information they need. By contrast, video presentations often must be watched in their entirety in order to obtain the information a consumer needs.

The first CD-ROM, titled, "The Interactive Brochure," provides consumers with valuable information on ERA, selling and buying a home, and relocating. Using facts, charts and graphs, the presentation walks consumers through the steps of buying and selling a home.

For example, pricing recommendations and home preparation tips are offered in the "Selling a Home" section. The CD-ROM also introduces consumers to the ERA Answer Book, which is a complete guide to over 90 of the most frequently asked questions and answers about buying and selling a house, available free to consumers.

The second CD-ROM, called "The Moving Experience," was designed to help consumers who are relocating. It contains information on the physiological aspects of moving such as preparing our children and pulling up old roots, finding a new home, financ-

ing your home, selling your home and moving.

According to Lydia Sanchez Flagg, Broker/Owner, ERA Queen City Realty, "The reaction of our customers to The Interactive Brochure has been very favorable, and it definitely has opened doors. It reinforces what our agents say about the Company, our products and our services." She is quick to emphasize that it is no substitute for a personal visit with an agent.

Flagg, who joined the ERA real estate network in 1982 because it was the only company working on innovative technology to make the process of buying and selling a home easier and better, added, "Our customers like having this information available at their convenience in an easy-to-use format."

Consumers interested in receiving a copy of "The Interactive Brochure" and "The Moving Experience" CD-ROMs and/or The Answers book can contact their local ERA office or visit the ERA website at www.ERA.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with more than two years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services. The ERA Real Estate network includes more than 2,600 brokers and sales associates throughout the United States and 23 other countries and territories.

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Oquist named to Top 50 list

Robert Oquist, sales associate with RE/MAX Village Square in South Orange, has been named to the RE/MAX of New Jersey Top 50 List for highest commissions year to date through September.

Oquist's outstanding sales performance places him at the top of more than 1,400 RE/MAX professionals in the state.

"I'm quite pleased with the success I have experienced as a RE/MAX agent," said Oquist. "I look forward to many more years of service to customers who trust me to perform at the highest professional level."

"Since RE/MAX is strictly comprised of full-time top producers, ranking in the Top 50 with RE/MAX is quite an accomplishment," said Joe Ventresca, RE/MAX of New Jersey's regional owner.

To contact Oquist, call RE/MAX Village Square in South Orange at (973) 763-3700.

REAL ESTATE

ERA Brokers announce expansion of Move.com

The ERA Brokers of New Jersey announced the expansion of Move.com's network of online services to include National Home Services, CareerZone.com, Visa.com, Inc. and HomeNet. ERA real estate is a member of the Move.com network.

Launched in January, Move.com is Century 21's parent company's relocation, real estate and home-related services portal on the Internet. It offers consumers a comprehensive selection of products and services needed to move, during and after their move.

collection, cable services) and other key home services. Working with CareerZone.com, Move.com now provides consumers with career tools to help find a job while moving. Through its partnership with Visa.com, Inc., Move.com offers customers access to limited edition time at HomeNet, acquired by Move.com in May of this year, offers customers access to numerous gardening and home improvement tips, property planners and calculators, decorating, and other home-related information.

For consumers, moving can be a challenging and overwhelming logistical and emotional experience. For ERA real estate professionals, the Move.com network benefits their customers by providing important and useful information related to moving and the home through an organized network of websites. Specifically, Move.com has information on home improvement and maintenance, organizing a move and comparing school statistics as well as links for movers, furniture, contractors, insurance and more.

Internet users can access Move.com from a link on ERA's website. ERA.com, homebuyers and sellers can locate ERA offices and ERA real estate professionals by area from the Move.com site. ERA's property listings appear on both the ERA.com and the Move.com websites. Many listings can be viewed

using iPIX technology, which allows users to take a 360-degree Virtual Tour of a home for sale.

Consumers interested in learning more about ERA or Move.com can contact their local ERA office or visit the ERA website at www.era.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with more than 25 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services. The ERA Real Estate network includes more than 2,600 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more than 28,000 brokers and sales associates throughout the United States and 23 other countries and territories.

Website can provide answers to buyers', sellers' questions

As New Jersey's competitive housing market continues to tighten, many homebuyers and sellers are looking for new ways to achieve their goals. Mywayhome.com, a regional real estate website for Northern and Central New Jersey, provides the answer.

Created by a family of leading real estate professionals including Realtors, mortgage bankers and real estate attorneys, mywayhome.com provides an online resource for selecting a home, instant statistics about neighborhoods, schools and safety, and

most importantly, personal assistance to help consumers build a successful home-buying or selling team.

"The members of mywayhome.com believe in partnering with clients to make their real estate transactions as smooth as possible," said Paul DeGiacomo of the law firm of DeGiacomo and DeTommasi, a new mywayhome.com family member. "I am pleased to be a part of a group of such dedicated professionals."

Financing is another popular topic with visitors to the website. Mortgage

calculators and information about various loan programs are made available through mywayhome.com member American United Mortgage Corporation. "We enjoy working as a team with other professionals to help streamline the home-buying process," said Earl Myers, vice president of American United.

Additionally, the site is gaining in popularity with individuals selling their home with half of the website dedicated to home sellers. The site provides information about selling a

home and also features homes for sale throughout northern and central New Jersey. There's even real estate marketing assistance for those looking to sell on their own.

"We are continually interviewing new industry professionals to find those who can add value to the services we provide our clients," said Gabriella Swartwood, director of mywayhome.com. "Visit mywayhome.com to see all the website has to offer."

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Buntin joins Burgdorf

Burgdorf ERA recently announced that Rachel A. Buntin has joined the company as a sales associate in its Summit office, located at 785 Springfield Ave.

Buntin has a varied background in sales, management and administration. Before becoming a sales associate, she worked as a receptionist at the Burgdorf ERA corporate headquarters and at the Short Hills office. She is a highly organized associate who enjoys working with and meeting new people on a daily basis.

A New Jersey native, Buntin has lived in New Providence for three decades and has firsthand knowledge of the very things that interest her clients: school districts, transportation, commuting, recreational and cultural opportunities in the area. She also has experience as a Welcome Wagon Hostess. Married to Hank Buntin, the couple has five children.

The Burgdorf ERA Summit office is a full-service real estate office offering the area's most comprehensive marketing programs through its innovative Burgdorf Signature Service program. Approximately 40 full-time, professional sales associates work out of the Burgdorf ERA Summit office, which is located at 785 Springfield Ave. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at (908) 522-1800.



Rachel Buntin



Roger Christman

Homes Sales professional, previously was an award-winning real estate professional and certified Luxury Properties Specialist with Weichert Bernardville office. He also served as the office's public relations liaison.

As director of Capital Properties and Estates, he will assume responsibility for the Weichert division that offers the owner of an exceptional property a custom marketing plan to reach the buyer seeking a one-of-a-kind luxury home.

In announcing Christman's appointment, Boffi said, "I am pleased to announce Roger's appointment as the new director of Weichert's Capital Properties and Estates Division. As a long-standing resident of Somerset Hills, Roger has keen insight into the luxury-end residential market."

"He also has developed successful marketing strategies to provide the leadership necessary to integrate the Capital Properties and Estates operation throughout Weichert's seven-state market area," she said.

Christman has been a licensed real estate professional since 1996 and is a repeat member of Weichert's Million Dollar Club. He is graduate of Lynchburg College in Virginia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to help grow the program, and expand throughout the company," Christman said.

Reed wins award

Lola E. Reed, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors' Westfield office, has won the September office awards for the greatest number of transaction units and most sales.

All all-around real estate professional, Reed has made a specialty of marketing the exceptional examples of vintage Victorian homes in the local area. Her successes include the historic Williams-Droscher Mill in Cranford, and the oldest existing home in Cranford, the Norris-Oakey House.

These successes have fueled her interest in developing her growing expertise in this special niche of the real estate market.

"In some cases, it takes a little imagination to see the charm of some of these older homes, which may have been updated by previous owners anxious to add modern conveniences without a long-term plan in mind, Reed said. "We have many lovely examples of historically significant homes, and I really enjoy reaching out to the people who are interested in restoring and preserving their beauty."

Reed was honored as a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club, and qualified for the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club in 1999. They are the most recent achievements for Reed, a licensed real estate professional and Cranford resident.

Chernin is honored

Andrew Chernin, a sales associate at Weichert Realtors' Short Hills office, has been honored at the office and regional levels for his recent accomplishments, announced James M. Weichert, president.

Chernin led his sales region, which encompasses 14 offices in Union, Essex, and Morris counties, in resales during August. The previous month, he led the office in listings, sales and transaction units, and captured three regional awards: top resale dollar volume, with nearly \$4.3 million in sales; most resale transaction units and most resale marketed listings.

Chernin is a member of Weichert's Ambassador's Club, awarded to the top 2 percent of the company's sales force. He repeatedly has qualified for the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, most recently in 1999, and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

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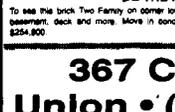


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Vintage cars keep the race running for retired Chrysler exec

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

The first time I met Francois Castaing, he was about to try to milk a brahma bull.

Not a typical setting to meet the top engineering executive for Chrysler, but his boss, Bob Eaton, the chairman and CEO, had just ridden that animal into the media show for the launch of the redesigned 1997 Jeep Wrangler.

And there I was without a camera. Castaing was one of the last car guys at the top of the old company. And he has been on one side of the fire wall or another for several international car brands since he graduated from college.

He is credited with making Renault a powerful force in Formula 1 racing in the late '70s, and he spent seven years trying to turn around American Motors.

And 1987 to '97 was another big adventure: trying to turn around Chrysler with Bob Lutz, another car guy with high-test in his veins.

I'd not heard of Castaing again until I scanned this year's driver list for the Chrysler Jeep Classic Speed Festival in San Diego.

There was his name in Group 1, next to a bull of a different name — Car No. 70, a 1930 Chrysler V70 Spa. I tracked him down at his office in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he is still working in the automotive industry.

A trace of French seasons his speech and, as ever, he speaks of his accomplishments with the modesty of a team player.

He retired at age 52 from Chrysler at the end of 1997, "a few months before the takeover of the American company by the Germans," he says. "I was, frankly, a little troubled by the direction the company was taking," he says. "In retrospect, my concerns were proven to be true."

He left for a number of reasons, but mostly to do something else.

Vehicle collection
Castaing is married and has four daughters; two are studying engineering and two are in arts and literature.

He has a small but growing collection of interesting vehicles that the whole family enjoys driving. Besides the race car, the family garage

includes a 1956 Chrysler 300B, a 1959 Facel Vega HK500, a 1974 Steyr Puch Panzergau — an Austrian Military truck — and a couple of Vipers. "But everybody has one of those," he says.

At least every retired Chrysler exec.

In retirement, he divides his time between two activities: the auto industry and speaking at Detroit-area high schools.

Castaing sits on the boards of four auto-parts suppliers, the biggest of which are battery-maker Exide with past teammate Lutz, and Valeo, a French-based supplier of automotive parts. He also does consulting on advanced technology that could be applicable to cars.

In his school work, he campaigns his enthusiasm for engineering at the high schools in the Detroit area.

Among college-bound 11th- and 12th-graders, he wants them to know that if they work hard in school and pay attention to science they can be very successful in life.

"There are too few of them interested now," Castaing says. "When in high school, the system is on their back to get good grades, but at the

time they are distracted by girls and other things.

"Studying math and science is tough and time-consuming, and many will go for easier classes to get a better grade. But at the end of the day, you may not get into a job that is as rewarding as engineering.

"If you have an engineering degree, you are guaranteed of finding a high paying job."

Castaing also is the chairman of the Detroit Science Center, working to raise money to fix it up and make it bigger and better. "Most cities in this country have a beautiful science center, but Detroit does not," he says.

The Renault years

It was his engineering degree that led him into the auto industry.

After college, he became the chief engineer of Renault motor-sports and designed racing engines. He was never that interested in racing the cars himself.

At the time, Renault was quite successful in racing, competing in the sport prototype class with 2.0-liter engines against Fiat, Abarth, Chevron BMWs and others. It won that championship in 1974 and won Formula 2 in 1975 and '76.

Castaing introduced turbocharged engines as the team moved up to 1,000-kilometer world endurance racing, competing against such well-established teams as Porsche and Alfa Romeo.

Renault finished in the top two but never won. "Finally, we went to LeMans and won in 1978 with an Alpine Renault," he says.

In 1977, Renault moved up to Formula 1, and at the direction of Castaing, the automaker was the first team to turbocharge an engine and the first to use Michelin radials.

It was a technical exercise, he explained, to take a tiny 1.5-liter, 6-cylinder engine and get 600 horsepower out of it on regular fuel. The cars were running against 3.0-liter V-12s.

Using a more sophisticated fuel — an exclusive blend for Renault — the engine could generate 1,000-horsepower, but that was after his time.

"We struggled for 24 months, two seasons," Castaing says, "but won our first race just two years after we started, the Grand Prix of France."

"From that point in Formula 1, everybody decided we had a great idea and went to turbochargers. And

that's when I left motorsports."

Vintage racing

It wasn't too many months into retirement that he decided it would be "great" to do some vintage racing.

Chryslers from the mid-1920s to '30s were of particular interest.

Contemporary race fans remember Chrysler's winning days in NAS CAR, he points out, but very few know that in the early days of the company — and without many modifications — people would race them and be very successful.

Castaing is part of a small group racing early Chryslers. His No. 70 is parked in the paddock with the cars of Ray Jones of Sydney, Australia, and Martin Swig of San Francisco. Jones will be racing his 1929 Chrysler Le Mans. Swig is driving a '31 Imperial.

"In those days, they came up with motors that were very good and very progressive," Castaing says, citing the use of hydraulic brakes — instead of cable — before anyone else.

"In 1927 and 1928, European businessmen would buy these cars and go racing with them in the 24 Hours of Le Mans or Spa, Francorchamps in Belgium," he says. "And they were finishing in the top five against Bouleys and Bugattis."

His racer could have been six feet car.

It was a tip-off to the Mile Milla with Jones in 1998 that got Castaing hooked, and he asked Jones if he could get another car. "If so, I'll take it," he said.

As it happened, Jones found a 1930 V70 roadster with a rumble seat in Australia and began the ground-up restoration. The car was restored in the likeness of a V70 roadster that raced at Spa in 1931.

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Francois Castaing takes a turn in his 1930 Chrysler V70 Spa at Sears Point International Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., during the Wine Country Classic.

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Tires. Find 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.

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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.

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