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Prime cuts

Paul Ortenzio, superintendent of schools in Clark, took a break a while ago to speak to a group of students about the nonacademic subject of the prime cuts of meat. As a young student, Ortenzio worked as a butcher's helper. According to witnesses he hadn't forgot the intricacies of the trade.

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari found time as a high school student to work in a carpet store on Route 1 in Linden cutting material for customers. He would earn an Eagle Scout badge, go on to graduate law school, win election to the Board of Education and later serve as a chairman of the Board of Freeholders.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The idea of a part-time job in high school has been seen for years as a positive character builder. But a recent study of the National Academy of Science concludes that anything over 20 hours a week is actually counterproductive to the growth of the student. The study finds "students who worked more hours each week, earn lower grades, pay attention in class less and have high levels of misconduct."

The study even rejects the argument that by working, students are more likely to understand the value of money. The academics conclude that ambitious teens become victims of "premature affluence." This means that the extra money earned ends up going to purchase new CDs and fancy clothes and sneakers.

Jack Ford doesn't buy into the survey results. He serves as the marketing coordinator for Clark's work study program. In fact, he has been doing the job for over 28 years, demonstrating the importance he puts in the program.

In the Clark program, students leave midday to go to their real world job. The positive experience in Ford's view "is students learn by doing. They learn responsibility, including the fact that getting to work by 1 p.m. means getting to work by 1 p.m."

Ford also doesn't buy into the notion that all students are using their disposable income for luxuries. He points to the frequent example of the kids using their paychecks just to stay ahead of rising auto insurance costs, similar to what their parents experience.

One of the key aspects of the program articulated by Ford is the ongoing monitoring including observing the students at the work place to measure their growth. He enjoys the visits of former students, who are now full time in the work place. Over the tenure, he has even experienced former students who are now employees of current students.

In the current work place eco-
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Democrats take control of all seats on UCIA

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Last night's scheduled reorganization meeting of the Union County Improvement Authority Board of Commissioners brought with it another Democratic commissioner, giving the party now control of each seat on the nine-member board just as it does the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

John Salerno of Westfield, whose appointment was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders last month, officially began his four-year term, taking the seat of Wayne Smith, the Republican municipal chairman in Plainfield, whose term expired.

Former freeholder Walter Boright of Westfield served as chairman of the board since last fall when Lizanne

Ceconi of Westfield resigned. "It's still up in the air," Boright said Tuesday of who might be chairman in 2001 but it was on the agenda for last night's meeting, after this newspaper went to press.

It was nearly three years ago Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. upheld an ordinance by the Democratic-controlled freeholder board that changed the number of members on the UCIA board from five to nine. At the time, Republicans held three of the five seats.

The UCIA has filed suit challenging the freeholders' power to make fundamental changes to an autonomous agency. The UCIA, which arranges financing for public projects, charged that the freeholder board's
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Bagger seeks senate

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

With State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco's sights set on the gubernatorial race, and a state job offer looming before Sen. C. Louis Bassano, two legislative districts in Union County may see fresh faces running for Senate seats.

And for one of those seats, that belonging to the acting governor, District 22 Assemblyman Richard Bagger has already declared his candidacy.

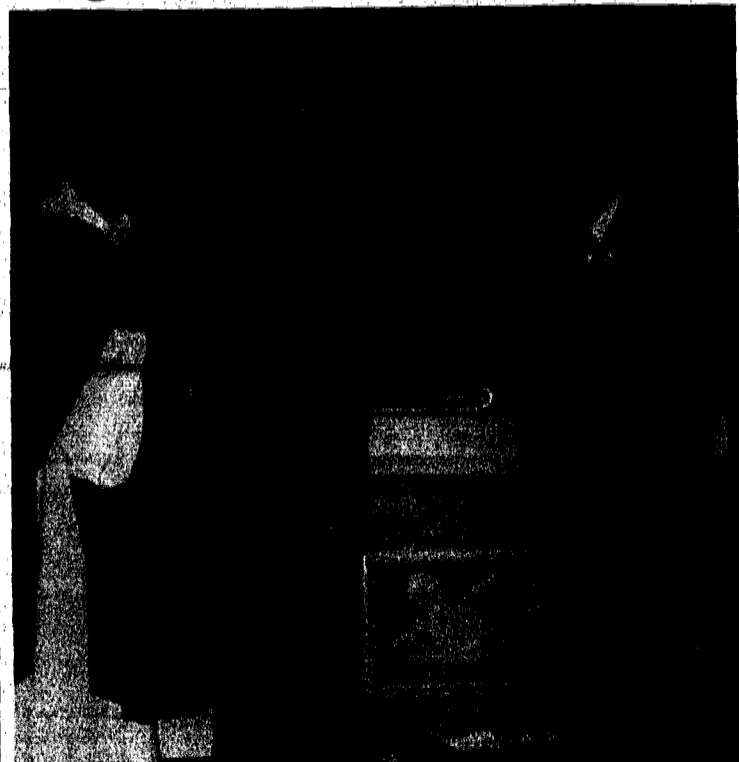
Bagger announced this week that subsequent to DiFrancesco's appointment as acting governor and his declaration to seek the state's top executive post, he will relinquish his Assembly seat to vie for the Senate seat.

"I have thought about it during the last couple of months, and once it became a fait accompli that Don would be governor, I saw this as an opportunity to serve the public and continue the work that I have been doing in the Legislature, but in a new role," Bagger said Monday.

Bagger said he expects to be the only Republican seeking the Senate seat in the 22nd Legislative District, even though redistricting will occur statewide this year and could potentially shift the make-up of his district.

The 22nd Legislative District, which includes Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Winfield
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A grand marshal



Father Chuck McDermott of St. Michael's Church and Past Grand Marshall Frank Donnelly swear in Joseph Sullivan, grand marshal, at a recent Investiture Mass for the 2001 St. Patrick's Day Parade to be March 10 at 1 p.m. in Union Center.



Photos By Barbara Kakkalis

KLONDIKE DERBY — Above, scouts from Union's Troop 63, from left, Ryan Ruhl, Bryan Wilson, T.J. Hulme and Robert Carroll use a log walk for crossing a frozen lake during as part of the skills competition in the Munsee District's Klondike Derby Saturday in the Watchung Reservation. Below, scouts from Falcon Patrol of Troop 23 in Elizabeth, Nick Battaglia, Jonathan Baker, Brian Fiallo, John Ciano and Michael Ferry prepare their sled.



Police encourage parents to buckle up

As part of Buckle Up America, and in observance of National Child Passenger Safety Week from Feb. 11-17, Union County Police will be placing an emphasis on the importance of safe transportation for children of all ages. Whether children travel by car, bicycle, school bus, or as a pedestrian, it is everyone's responsibility to make sure each trip is as safe as possible.

The Union County Police Department is planning an active week of both educational and enforcement programs. They will distribute safety and educational materials; enforce New Jersey's occupant protection laws with zero tolerance; collect old, worn, damaged and recalled child safety seats, and, as always, encourage parents and caregivers to have their child safety seats inspected by certified child passenger safety technicians.

"The Union County Police are making it easier for families to drive safely," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella, the father of two small children. "Accidents happen, and when they do it's our responsibility as parents to ensure our children's safety."

One of the most popular safety programs offered by the county is its child safety seat inspections, each Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at County Police headquarters in Westfield. The inspections are free.

Last year, the County Police inspected 3,552 child safety seats at their fitting station in Westfield. "Over 90 percent of the seats we checked were installed or used incorrectly," said Lt. Jeff Foulks, coordinator of the county's Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program. Police also found that many seats had been recalled by manufacturers.

Today, more parents and caregivers than ever are securing their kids in child safety seats. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 1996 to 1998, child safety seat use increased from 85 to 97 percent for infants less than 1 year old, and from 60 percent to 91 percent for toddlers, ages 1 to 4. It is one of the factors that caused child fatalities to drop 16 percent since 1996.

But amid this good news is the alarming fact that too many parents do not use child safety seats and booster seats. And, even though safety experts recommend that children not be moved into regular seat belts until they are 4 feet, 9 inches tall, about 80 pounds and approximately 8 years old, booster seat use for children ages 4 to 8, is less than 10 percent.

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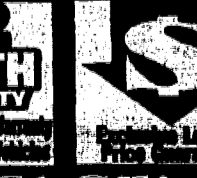
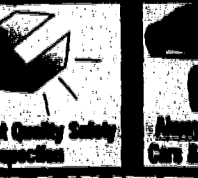
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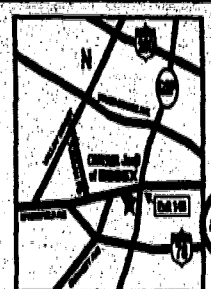
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Officer of vo-tech's HOSA chapter advances

Students from Union County Vocational-Technical High School recently competed in a series of events sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Regional Health Occupations Students of America.

Three officers from the Union County Vo-Tech chapter of HOSA, along with their instructor, Donna Powers, attended the competition on Jan. 20 at the Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne.

The three student officers were HOSA Chapter President Jennifer Cocuzza of Scotch Plains, Member-at-large Sakeneh Graves of Plainfield, and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Rhodes of Plainfield.

Rhodes won a second place medal at the competition in the Job Seeking Skills event. For the event, Rhodes prepared a resume and application, and participated in a simulated job interview. The second place finish now qualifies Rhodes to compete at the state HOSA conference in March at Gloucester County College.

Budget hearings set

The Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct departmental budget hearings for the 2001 budget on the following dates: Tuesday at 5 p.m.; Feb. 24 at 10 a.m., and Feb. 27 at 5 p.m.

All meetings will be in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the county Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

Blood drives scheduled

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

- Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Center for Kids and Family, 973A Stuyvesant Ave., Union.
- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph roads, Plainfield.
- Monday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road.
- Feb. 23, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road.
- Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 1220 Liberty Ave., Hillside.

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UCIA board reorganizes

(Continued from Page B1) action violated the agency's original charter which called for five commissioners.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, who served as chairman that year, said the board wanted a more active improvement authority, like those in other counties. "It was the only way to get some action," he said of the change in structure. "They weren't responding in any way, shape or form."

"Freeholders set the policy and look to the authority to carry that out."

Prior to the change, Sullivan said the improvement authority did an annual equipment financing to put together a package for municipalities. "That's great but that's about all they were doing."

More activity by the improvement authority "starts to attract other

things," Sullivan said. The UCIA — whose executive director, Charlotte DeFilippo, also is chairman of the county Democratic party — is currently working on about four projects, including a \$40-million deal with Morris County which was expected to be discussed last night. The freeholder board is scheduled to vote on that financing during its meeting tonight.

In addition to controlling all nine seats on the UCIA board and the freeholder board, Democrats hold each constitutional officer — county surrogate, clerk and sheriff — and eight of the nine seats on the utilities authority. John Kulish, a Republican who earned a seat on the Hillside Township Council in the 1999 nonpartisan May elections by running with a slate of Democrats, was reappointed to another term on the utilities authority last year.

Bassano to decide next week

(Continued from Page B1) in Union County, also reaches into three other counties — Somerset, Morris and Middlesex. The district has been a Republican stronghold for decades.

"I hope and expect that District 22 will remain largely intact," Bagger said. "The population of District 22 is just the right population, but there may be some changes based on what has changed in other parts of the state."

Bagger said he has discussed his bid for the Senate seat with party leaders in all four counties as well as the 17 municipal leaders that comprise his district. "I expect that within the Republican Party I would have broad support."

Bagger served as a Westfield mayor and councilman before being elected to the Assembly. As chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he has been responsible for the state budget and state finances.

Bassano, who has served in the Senate for more than a decade, said he is uncertain about whether or not he will accept the position with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Calling the offer one of several he has received since Jim Florio was governor, Bassano said Tuesday that he is not certain what the position entails and will not know until next week, when he said he has a meeting with state officials to discuss the role.



Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains speaks at the 89th annual dinner of the Union County Chamber of Commerce last month at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

Chamber honors Toresco

The Union County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 89th annual dinner at L'Affaire in Mountainside on Jan. 24. The largest annual business event in the region, the dinner honored three area businesses as companies of the year for their understanding service to the community and to the chamber.

Toresco Enterprises Inc., operators of Autoland of New Jersey in Springfield, have served the community for more than 35 years, as well as donating countless hours and dollars to local, national and worldwide charities. Autoland is ranked the number four volume dealership in the nation.

"To be recognized by the chamber is a great honor," Donald Toresco, chairman and chief executive officer of Toresco Enterprises, said. "We as an organization along with our 700 employees recognize how important it is to give back to the communities we serve."

Lindabury, McCormick and Estabrook, a law firm that was founded in 1954, is widely known for the legal expertise of its 37 lawyers, whose services benefit many businesses and individuals in and around Union County. The firm helped found the Linden Industrial Association and the Union County Alliance, and its attorneys serve on numerous community boards and organizations, including the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

"Lindabury, McCormick and Estabrook is very grateful for the honor and recognition of the members of the chamber. We are proud of our long association and the contribution we have been able to make to Union County and our business communi-

ty," said James J. Estabrook, partner in the law firm.

J. Vero & Associates is a home-based business services development organization that has worked with the chamber and with numerous other businesses and agencies throughout the state and region since 1994. Among its many successes, J. Vero Associates helped the chamber launch its monthly newspaper, Inside Business, and helped develop the financial support for the chamber's Business to Business Expo.

"It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to work with an aggressive chamber of commerce with great leadership on these projects. My organization is honored to be selected as a Company of the Year," owner Joanne Vero said.

"In the past two years, the Union County Chamber of Commerce has doubled its membership and it is now one of the largest and strongest business associations in the state of New Jersey," said James Coyle, chamber president. "The three companies honored have played a key role in the chamber's growth."

Another aspect of that growth has been the satellite chambers.

"Our local chambers in Clark, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Springfield and the Route 22 Chamber together with the Healthcare Group have been very successful," said Calvin Sierra, chamber chairman. "We are now in the process of starting a Plainfield Chamber of Commerce."

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce considers our chamber to be one of the most innovative and proactive chambers in the county," Sierra added.

Careful monitoring the key

(Continued from Page B1) nomy Ford says there are still more jobs than people for the program. "But the future of the economy directly affects the opportunity for students."

Still, the conclusions of the well-researched study are troubling. One point is that the more time the teen works, the more likely he is going to become a delinquent, and use drugs and alcohol.

There is not a call to end part-time student work. But the report does urge the New Jersey Department of Labor to ensure that the part-time job doesn't end the focus on the primary responsibility of getting on education.

Ortenzio looked back fondly at his "forced part-time job by his father for which he wasn't given a choice." He called the experience

positive and helped him achieve "a higher level of independence from what I learned in the work place." Scutari shared that view saying, "I learned the responsibility of dealing with the public, giving good service and having to budget my time carefully."

In his program, Ford places the primary emphasis on the students keeping up their grades.

In the end the keeping track and monitoring of progress of the students both inside and outside the classroom makes the difference. With careful monitoring, the work study program helps to enhance the overall educational experiences. Without it, the dangers pointed out in the academic study become real, with the students being the losers.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

County arts center rolls out red carpet for Hollywood

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

As the old song goes, "Hooray for Hollywood!"

While this sentiment has long been shared by moviegoers for decades, it has particular relevance for the Union County Arts Center in Rahway: the restored 1928 showplace has been selected as the New Jersey stop in the Library of Congress' nationwide Film Preservation Tour.

"This tour is about our heritage at the Union County Arts Center," said Director of Programming Marsha Watson.

The tour will be kicked off with a reception at which keynote speaker James Earl Jones will address the audience. The evening's film is Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," in which Jones made his feature film debut in 1964.

With screenings of 16 different titles, the series continues Feb. 23 to 25, and on three successive Fridays through March 16.

UCAC was approached by the Library of Congress last summer, according to Director of Marketing Paul V. Fantini. In the ensuing months, the staff sifted through the 40 films offered to determine the slate that will appear in Rahway.

The list of 40 is culled from a larger list maintained by the Library of Congress as being representative of American filmmaking.

"You have to take it at several levels," said Rebecca Fitzsimmons, who coordinates the tour for the Library of Congress from Washington, D.C. "At the top level, these films are all in the National Film Registry, which essentially is a list of films that are deemed 'historically, aesthetically or culturally important.' They're not just 'blockbusters.' And those are

chosen, technically, by the Librarian of Congress, 25 a year.

"There are 300 now on that list; it was started in 1988. From 'What's Opera, Doc?,' which is Bugs Bunny, through to 'Easy Rider,' back to 'Gertie, the Dinosaur' — I have this enormous selection and I let the venues choose."

In selecting the titles to appear in Rahway, Fantini said a group of UCAC personnel gathered informally.

"We sat around a table and said, 'What do you think people would like to see? We really have very few criteria,'" he said. "The major criterion was that we wanted to include silent films to feature the Wurlitzer theater organ."

"The other prominent criterion was simply that there be no real criteria."

"On the whole," Fitzsimmons commented, "I feel that they know what's best for them."

While UCAC only needed concern itself with selecting films for its festival, Fitzsimmons' task is much larger.

"Sometimes it's incredibly quick, sometimes it takes much longer," she said of the process on a national scale. "It depends on how easy it is to find a venue, how enthusiastic the venue is."

While the tour celebrates films of the past, an innovation of the present is what led Fitzsimmons to Rahway.

"I research in all kinds of odd ways — word of mouth, the Internet," Fitzsimmons said. "In this particular case, I researched it on the web. I called them up and I could tell immediately that they were people I could easily work with."

From there, Fitzsimmons worked with the UCAC staff to ensure that the project would be successful for all concerned.

"Some places 'get it' immediately,



Joseph Cotten, left, and Teresa Wright share the suspense in Alfred Hitchcock's 'Shadow of a Doubt.' The restored 1943 film is part of the Library of Congress Film Preservation Tour, which will make its New Jersey stop at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

they understand what the tour is all about, they understand the importance of movies, they're clued in — and then it's very straightforward for me," she said.

Not only will Rahway audiences have the chance to relive — on the big screen — such titles as "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre," "Shadow of a Doubt," and "Chinatown," but all the films have been restored, according to Fantini.

The Library of Congress partnered

with the American Movie Classics network in mounting the tour. Each year, the channel broadcasts its own Film Preservation Festival over several weeks.

"Well, we are an outreach program of the Library of Congress," Fitzsimmons said, "we're there to spread the word about the need to preserve American film, but we're also there to celebrate it, to celebrate what has been preserved."

"We're trying to cover as much

cinema as possible," said Fantini of the list of films to be screened. "It's a broad range of years, too. The films in this tour were made between 1903 and 1974."

UCAC has chosen films as diverse as silent films, animated films, black comedies, straight comedies, drama, musicals, suspense, and some film noir. The roster of stars and directors would make the cement-layers on Hollywood Boulevard drool: from Humphrey Bogart and James Cagney

to Jack Nicholson to Robert DeNiro, from John Huston and Alfred Hitchcock to Martin Scorsese and Stanley Kubrick.

Not only does the diversity of films prove particularly exciting for Fitzsimmons — the venues themselves offer as much variety.

"Each place is unique, because these films are so much a part of our heritage, they mean something different in different places," she said. "That's what makes it so interesting because it's never the same."

She also has the opportunity to visit towns across the nation searching out the perfect venue. Fitzsimmons found Rahway's charms to be perfect for her purposes.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful," she said of the 4-square-mile city. "There is sort of an American move back toward 'Main Street,' and I think Rahway is well on its way up. I think they're unbelievably fortunate to have that theater. It could have been torn down, it could have been a parking lot."

"And they have the organ, and that's incredibly rare. And it's just so wonderful to have that in that little town."

"It's one of those places I have very good feelings about," she said. "You get the impression it's all happening there."

The Film Preservation Tour will begin Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. with the Opening Festival Reception, at which the Oscar-nominated Jones will speak.

Fantini comments that while most moviegoers don't purchase tickets in advance, response has been "excellent."

"We still have some VIP film festival passes," he added, "which include the reception with James Earl Jones and all the films in the tour."

UCC Theater Project finds one venture reaches two goals

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

It begins long before a theater's season is announced and subscription brochures are sent out; months before, sometimes more than a year. And it can be arduous.

The process of play-selection is among a theater's most paramount decisions. Will an audience come see it? Is it technically feasible? Are the actors comprising the company's core suited to the roles? Is it within the budget?

While the answers to the latter questions can only be answered by in-house personnel, the Theater Project at Union County College found it could enlist its audience in determining the first criterion: If we build it, will they come?

This past Sunday's reading of "Joe Egg" by Peter Nichols was the third installment in the four-week Play Reading Series. "How I Learned to Drive" by Paula Vogel and "An Empty Plate in the Cafe Grand Boeuf" by Michael Hollinger were presented Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, respectively. Following each free reading in The Commons on the Cranford campus, the audience shares in a discussion of the piece, its merits and drawbacks, and its potential as a fully staged production.

Reading for pleasure

The series, which concludes Sunday at 3 p.m. with Christopher Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," was initially conceived as a means of maintaining activity between shows. Gary Glor, a regular producer and actor with the Project, approached Artistic Director Mark Spina with his idea during the Project's November production of A.R. Gurney's "What I Did Last Summer."

Glor commented, "We have a hiatus from November to March, and I said, 'Well, that's a long time for us to be dormant. It might be nice to remind the audience that we're there, and also a good chance to give our actors a stretch, to play many roles as much as possible, give everybody a chance to get up there.'"

"So, I came up with the idea of the Reading Series," he continued. "Mark said, 'That's great, fly with it.' I said, 'I'll do a couple of plays that you want to hear read in consideration for the season,' and that's the way I built it."

In the past, the Project's method of play selection involved gathering together actors informally to read scripts under consideration. Even without an audience in attendance, Spina prefers to hear a script on actors' voices before making his

final decisions. The concept of a Reading Series struck him as being quite similar.

"We used to do this in my living room for new scripts," he said. "Just have the actors from the Project come to my house — sit around the living room, read the play, discuss it, read scenes from several different plays, discuss it. And it would give me a chance to hear how a play lays on my core group of actors. There are a lot of plays I like that don't fit my group."

"It's moving the same process out of my living room and into the atrium here, which is a lovely environment to come and sit on a Sunday afternoon," Spina continued. "This is just giving me a chance to do the same thing in a more public way, and this seems to be a way of sharing that with people."

"The goal was more to give everybody a chance to work," Glor added, "and to give the audience an idea of what we're thinking of."

Attendance so far has been promising, with approximately 15 to 20 people in the audience at each of the three readings, according to Glor. Of those, Spina estimates that 75 percent are regular visitors to the Project, and 25 percent are newcomers.

Reading is fundamental

As sunlight streamed into the glass-walled Commons Sunday, people were milling about in a comfortably informal atmosphere. Audience members mingled in groups with coffee and cookies. Sitting in a row of chairs were six actors — Tom Rice, Daaimah Talley, Barbara Guidi, Jennifer Leta, Brian Kennedy and Diane Wetzel — all sipping bottled water, chatting and preparing for the reading. Guidi shared a laugh with Leta, who then commented on a Brad Pitt performance; Kennedy looked pensive; Talley whispered in Rice's ear; like her castmates, Wetzel paged through her highlighted script. Only one chair was empty — producer-director Glor was changing one of his many hats, prior to welcoming the audience and joining the cast as Bri.

The reading was a fascinating form of theater, with Rice playing "The Reader," providing narration of the stage action printed in the script, blocking absent from this type of storytelling, but necessary to the plot.

During the discussion period after Sunday's performance, Spina announced

the first play in the series, "How I Learned to Drive," would most likely be the Project's fall show, a decision which was aided by the Reading Series, with surprising results.

"The audience was really very important for us," Glor said later, "because we had come across the script, which we all loved, but we were afraid. We didn't know what the audience's reaction would be because it's about a pedophile, an uncle who molests his niece. And people who had read the play or had known about it were afraid of it."

"So, when we did the reading of it, it was fascinating in that the people who were afraid of it loved it, the people who saw it loved it. They were surprised they loved it, knowing what the content would be about, and that led us to say, 'Well, then, this is worth doing.'"

Reading the forecast

With the success of this initial outing, both Spina and Glor are optimistic about continuing the series in the future.

"I'm glad the audiences are enjoying it," Spina said, himself enjoying the last of the winter afternoon's sunlight in the atrium. "I think it's going very well. We're looking at doing it again next year, possibly once a month during our off-season." The Project's season is now May-July-September, making the off-season October through April.

Spina also hopes to feature more readings of original works. "We'd like to do some more originals, and also do originals by New Jersey authors. We're very excited about this becoming something the audience seems to enjoy so much."

In addition to Sunday's reading of "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," the Theater Project presents Storytime for Children the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. in The Commons.

"We're looking for events that we can do that keep our actors busy, that keep the audience aware of us when we're not producing."

"It's been working out really well on all fronts," Spina concluded. "It's been a learning experience for us, the actors are enjoying it, the audience is enjoying it."

Not a bad way to spend a Sunday afternoon indeed.

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Actresses' 'bad girl pasts' come in handy in Paper Mill comedy

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

On television, one of these women took aim at Charlton Heston and blasted apart her foyer with a shotgun.

The other woman numbers among her TV incarnations a cunning jewel thief and a devious manipulator.

But when Stephanie Beacham and Fiona Hutchison appear in Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband," which opened Wednesday at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, each in her own way puts her "past" to good use.

During a rehearsal break last week, Beacham laughed heartily recalling the filming of the infamous shotgun scene on "The Colbys," the "Dynasty" spin-off on which she played Sable Colby, Heston's wife.

"I thought, 'Oh, don't give me a gun, I can't use them!' And, of course, they did and I shot Charlton Heston in the eye," she said. "It was a blank, obviously, and I was so upset, and he knew how upset I was. And the next day, the beast came in with an eye patch just specially to tease me — but he was fine."

Sable isn't the only television role for which American audiences know the British actress: she's also played Luke Perry's mother on "Beverly Hills 90210," the title role in the sitcom "Sister Kate," and the doctor on "SeaQuest." Despite the diversity of her characters, Beacham is unashamed of her decided preference.

"Oh, I like those baddies," she said with relish, "because they move the story along. Being a doctor in a submarine, I can't tell you how dull that was! Because you just have to put bandages on people, but you don't move the story along, the story happens to you and you react to it. I like being the one that gets the wooden spoon out and starts stirring."

In "An Ideal Husband," Beacham stirs things up as Mrs. Chevely, who could well be a distant ancestor of the delicious Mrs. Colby. Set in Victorian-era England, Beacham gets out her spoon when she encounters a former school mate and her husband — a man on whom Mrs. Chevely has the goods.

With a taste for the bad girls, the actress is faced with the challenge of investing a sense of humanity into the role to avoid a caricature of a performance.

"I think it's probably my favorite task in acting," Beacham said. "I know that you can love to hate a character, and I have no fear of being unsympathetic, no fear of it at all. I remember James Mason turning down wonderful roles because he said his audience wouldn't accept it. I have no fear of that. I mean, they love to 'boo, hiss' you, don't they?"

The first step for the actress is getting behind her character's actions and endorsing them, and she uses a real-life "buddy" to illustrate her point.

"You've got to love the person you play, and you've got to believe they're right," she shared. "Imelda Marcos thought that the people of the Philippines wanted her to have 2,000 pairs of shoes. She wasn't guilty about it; she knew that she owed it to her people to have the shoes that they didn't have."

"I think that Sable had the belief that she had right on her side. Her sister had gone off with her husband and she had her children to protect. So Sable didn't realize that she was 'bad' because the ends totally justified the means."

Having played the role in the 1996 Broadway revival, this is Beacham's second go-round with Mrs. Chevely, whom she describes as being "so corrupt she doesn't even know that she's corrupt." However, it wasn't the intriguing lady of means that lured the actress back into the "Wilde" — it was the opportunity to collaborate with director James Warwick, whose work she had seen and admired in a Los Angeles production of "In Walked Monk."

"I was so impressed with his work that I thought, 'I want to work with him.' So when he asked me to do this, I thought, 'I don't know if I really want to, but how fascinat-

ing — to try and revisit a play and really have a new concept and work with James."

The heart of Lady Chiltern

While Mrs. Chevely's delicious machinations may be reminiscent of some of Beacham's prior roles, fans of daytime star Fiona Hutchison may be taken aback by her character's moral fiber.

"I find Lady Chiltern extremely difficult to play," joked the actress, known for portraying such soap vixens as Gabrielle Medina on "One Life to Live" and Jenna Bradshaw Cooper on "Guiding Light."

The former classmate of Mrs. Chevely, Lady Chiltern is married to the "ideal husband," who finds himself in the comically unenviable position of being at Mrs. Chevely's mercy.

After creating very complex yet flawed characters on daytime, Hutchison found playing "the good girl" presented her with challenges.

"You should talk to James," she said, referring to her director, laughing. "I walked in here the first week of rehearsal and said, 'I can't believe you put me in this role, I haven't got the foggiest idea how to play her, I feel as though I'm a complete fraud. Now that I've told everyone the truth, let's get down to business.'"

While the virtuous Lady Chiltern is a far cry from some of Hutchison's prior work, the actress shares a certain kinship with her character.

"Well, it's true. I have played far more degraded characters than Lady Chiltern, and I wish I could say that this is like water off a duck's back, but it isn't," she said, fingering a heart-shaped pendant made of ruby, diamonds, garnet and pearls. The piece belonged to her great-great-grandmother and bears a picture of Hutchison's great-grandfather on the back. "This is from 1870. This has been in my family for a long time, and this piece is my key to Lady Chiltern. She's the real deal."

Despite the closeted skeletons of the likes of Jenna and Gabrielle, Hutchison herself is also the real deal. Born in America to British parents of what she describes as an upper-class bloodline, she is only slightly removed from the aristocracy depicted on stage.

"One doesn't like to brag about that because it really means nothing here in America and it sounds terribly pompous when you're in England, so I never speak about it," Hutchison said modestly. "But my breeding — God rest my parents, they're no longer alive — is of Lady Chiltern's background."

However, genealogy is where the similarities end.

"So, it's in me, but I have probably rebelled against it since the day I was born in Miami. It's not my upbringing," she continued. "I was brought up in Jamaica, West Indies; I've lived in New York since I was 16; I've done so many things on my own, I've traveled to many different countries — that the 'covering up' and 'keeping down' and not saying what you really feel is extremely foreign to me."

"But I am enjoying getting in touch with something that is deep in my history, in Fiona Hutchison's roots. It's very frightening and it worries me and it's made me uneasy."

The actress credits her director with guiding her into the heart of Lady Chiltern.

"It's not easy, I'm not finding it easy," she said of the rehearsal process for "An Ideal Husband." "I'm finding it a big challenge, and greatly rewarding when I hit moments that work. And James I've known for many years — he directed me in Los Angeles in another play, way back — and he has had great faith that I can do this, so I have actually lived on his every word. I have really hung on everything he's told me."

Although Hutchison has extensive experience on stage, it's the soap work for which she's primarily known. However, the actress has no concerns that fans won't accept her in such a diametrically opposed character.

"I don't find it difficult to break out because I don't see

Stephanie Beacham, right, and Fiona Hutchison, below, share the stage at Paper Mill Playhouse in Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband.' The pair also share a history of playing soap opera bad girls.



myself in any of those images," Hutchison said, "because I've played a lot of different roles that I'm sure you and millions of people have never heard of me doing, but I know I've done them."

"You know how it is — I don't see myself in the way other people see me. And the fact that certain characters became popular and other things I did didn't is a fact of the machinery we have — you know, the publicity machinery, the television, whatever it may be."

"With Stephanie Beacham, you could say the same thing, couldn't you? I mean, look at 'Colbys' and 'Dynasty' — good God, world-renowned — but the roles she's played have been far diverse."

Of comedy and corsets

While Hutchison may have found the demands of the role to be daunting at times, the dishy, manipulative and subtly sexy material is nothing new to the Emmy-nominated veteran of daytime television.

"Yes, it's drama, drama, drama! I mean, Mrs. Chevely is a Gabrielle/Jenna type, and I certainly know their kind," she said with a laugh. "So, whenever I'm allowed to let the hair on the back of my neck flare up in this play, it's great."

"And this is a comedy, let's not forget. And that's the part I love about this play — because I have done some comedy in the past, I love doing comedy, and Lady Chiltern has her moments. And we hope there might be more. It's delightful in that respect."

A comedy it is, and one written by no less a wit than Oscar Wilde, whose dialogue not only sparkles, but even has its demands on the costumers.

"It's fun to have to put those epigrams in so that they show, but so they also don't hold up the action," Beacham said.

The witty repartee created a very real need for Beacham. The era-appropriate costuming necessitates the actresses wearing corsets, and Beacham requires that the bones of her corsets not touch her bottom-most ribs. Comfort? No, far from being a diva's demands, the actress simply doesn't want her breathing hindered by the appliance, especially with Wilde's lyrically colorful language.

"Generally, in real life, you say a thought in one breath, and you rather want to be able to do the same thing," she said of the script's passages. "You can snatch a quick half-breath, but it's much more effective if you just drive it through to the end, and that requires free ribs."

"I'm finding the humor in it," Hutchison said. "It comes out of the circumstances, and hopefully I can play it right, because it is such a technique — and that's my biggest fear, is to make it entertaining. I want it to be enjoyed."

As for Beacham's reunion with Mrs. Chevely, the actress has nothing but praise for the wildly wicked woman of the world, but laughs at the thought of offering her character any advice.

"Oh, I think I'd ask her for advice. I don't think I would advise her, I think she'd laugh in my face. I wouldn't spend an awful lot of time with her — but then, she's rather busy and she probably wouldn't have an awful lot of time to spend with me — but it would definitely be fun to go out on the town with her."

They'd probably stir things up quite a bit.

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In healthy society, form follows function

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

An observation: In Miami there are many outdoor swimming pools, and many are heated, especially where there are elderly people who like the comfort of swimming in warm water outdoors, even in cool mornings and evenings. In New Jersey there are many heated indoor pools because people like to swim in the long autumn, winter and spring when it would otherwise be uncomfortable.

But in Austin, Tex., where this is being written, there are few heated pools and even fewer open in the winter because that season is short and the populace can wait for the eight months of swimming outdoors in the heat of summer. So, technology and behavior follow nature in a natural course of common sense in each region.

In his book "Genome," Matt Ridley writes, "Freudian theory fell the moment lithium first cured a manic depressive where 20 years of psychoanalysis failed... Marxism fell when the Berlin wall was built, though it took until the wall came

down before some people realized that subservience to an all-powerful (proletariat) state could not be made enjoyable, however much propaganda accompanied it."

Innate common sense should have told those Americans sympathetic to the lies and nonsense of the Communist cause, that whatever the injustices at home the result of oppression on behalf of the people is Berlin wall, secret police, the gulag, and anti-semitism. Interestingly, my father who was a liberal Jewish teacher in New York City and was never duped by the Stalin regime, told me that when I was a child in the 1940s, The Americans who extolled, or rationalized or forgave Stalin's excess-

ses after World War II were committed not only to a course against common sense, but to an immoral one against human nature and human values. No propaganda or dressing up of their charm or vivacity, or even their legitimate intention to speak up against domestic violence, can change the horrendous outcome of their unnatural beliefs.

Matt Ridley's far-seeing book on our makeup as we now understand it — and understand what may unfold in genetics in the next several decades — leads one away from thinking just about such grand scientific subjects like the double helix, or something as mundane but useful as one grows older as the availability of heated swimming pools, to the conduct in the last century of those who were comfortable but unhappy in the democratic west and too quick to give in to the power and magnetism of oppression by the state, supposedly on behalf of the proletariat.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

HOROSCOPE

For Feb. 19 to Feb. 25

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Dramatic best describes your mood this week. Make a winning presentation and rejoice as a creative project gets funded and starts to take shape.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Drastic changes are probable on the home front. Be aware of and avoid aggressive behavior from family members who don't agree with your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You

can get a lot accomplished if you will take the time to get organized. Research a new idea before you decide to write it in stone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socializing puts a big dent in your budget. Look to your savings as a temporary solution while finding other ways to supplement your recreational funds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your best foot forward this week and avoid an emotionally draining situation that could hold you back. A timely raise is well deserved.

If your birthday is this week, expect lots of development tension surrounding personal and domestic issues during the coming year. Watch your temper and make sure a disagreement with a loved one doesn't get out of hand. Nip it in the bud, and confess or explain your side of the story. On the professional scene, you'll find hard work does pay off. Put your nose to the grindstone and channel your energies constructively.

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CDC's 'Barefoot' survives pacing, revisions

As with many an oft-prepared dish, each chef has his own secret ingredient, his own way of approaching the recipe.

Such is the case with the Cranford Dramatic Club's current offering, Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park."

The story of young newlyweds in their first apartment is perhaps one of the sweetest comedies Simon has penned, and the Cranford troupe has done a fine job bringing this tale to life. On the whole, CDC's "Barefoot" is a polished production, but one with a couple of ingredients measured a little carelessly by the cook.

Starring as the young lovers, Paul and Corie Bratter, are Alan Niebuhr and Amy Lane Watson. Watson imbues Corie with an Ivory Girl freshness and a sweetness that's palpable and winning; however, like the production in general, her performance lacks a certain energy and verve. Without the zest for life and irresistible impetuosity which define this character, Watson's Corie comes across as something of a sweet-natured whiner. With her "ready for anything" mindset only seeming to appear when the dialogue dictates, this Corie actually seems to be the "watcher" rather than the "doer," carefully measuring her words and actions.

Niebuhr brings to the proceedings a

On the Boards

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

focus and energy that make Paul's quirks all the more maddening and endearing. Despite a tendency to smile at his own jokes, he creates a vibrant and living character. Compared with Watson's Corie, however, Paul — described by his bride as a stuffed shirt — winds up being the more excitable and less predictable of the pair, something Simon did not intend and which shifts the balance in the script.

Supporting roles also are ably filled. Carolee Ashwell-Pross is hilarious as Corie's mother, Mrs. Banks. Whether quaffing martinis in panic, unsuccessfully hiding her opinion of the couple's apartment, or being a good sport about exotic food, she fills every moment with the truth of this woman, making her comic behaviors all the more riotous.

Joe Nierle doesn't manage quite the same polish, though. As Victor Velasco, the Bratters' upstairs neighbor and easily the script's most over-the-top character, his Hungarian accent is

inconsistent and on more than one occasion he works a little too hard to make a joke work. In Velasco's less manic moments, though, this actor truly shines, making one wish for a little more focus in the performance.

While Art Kusiv's Delivery Man is only on for a moment and does nothing more than comically wheeze, Stan Kaplan's Telephone Repairman is a delight. His two scenes sparkle as he imparts wisdom "peppered" with wit and telephone metaphors.

Technically, the show is truly an achievement. Marc Chandler's set design is attractive, functional and effective, with particularly nice attention to such details as the large window, the skylight and the kitchenette. Alex Garlen's lighting design and Ed Wittel's sound are perfectly suited, adding exactly what they should without ever being noticeable as "effects."

Like the gourmet, Victor Velasco, director Bob Pells has prepared quite a tasty dish — but two ingredients have unfortunately been mismeasured. The energy and pacing of Friday's opening night were plodding, lacking the sparkle and fizz needed in a light romantic comedy. This was most evident in Watson's Corie, whose irrepressible *joie de vivre* is what should drive this story.

Secondly, the powers-that-be have felt it necessary to tamper with the script, moving the action from the

mid-'60s to what appears to be the present day, and changing lines left and right. While it isn't unheard of for a director to relocate a play to an era different from what the author wrote, this script hinges on Paul and Corie being ill-prepared for the demands of co-habitation — an innocence which would not exist for these particular people in 2001. The constant references to FedEx, Starbucks, John Gotti, cordless phones, CDs and Steven Spielberg only serve to distract from the forward momentum in a script we know was written more than 30 years ago. Furthermore, the changes are inconsistent: if you must adjust the rent from \$125 to \$850, shouldn't a cleaning lady's pay be more than \$5 a shift? And changing "the West Orange P.T.A. show" to "the Cranford Dramatic Club" was nothing more than a cheap laugh which took the actors and the audience out of the moment.

While the energy and pacing are things that can be polished even after a show has opened, sadly the script changes are set. With the energy tweaked, the revisions will be easier to ignore and the truly fine work being done on the CDC stage will shine.

"Barefoot in the Park" runs through Feb. 24. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

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Photos depict war-torn life

Now, Jay Gehring-Smith of Hillside is a photography teacher and head of the Art and Industrial Art Department in the Cranford School system. However, from 1968-69, he was an army photojournalist covering the war in Vietnam for the United States Army.

Now through March 9 a series of Smith's wartime photographs will be one display at The Gallery of The Arts Guild of Rahway in an exhibit titled "Vietnam: Life in Spite of War." This photo essay is a study in contrasts between war and the life that goes on in spite of war. The exhibit contains some pictures of the war, the fighting and devastation, but focuses on the people and the way they struggled to live with the war ravaged their land. Smith notes that many of these people fought side by side with American infantrymen, and he was on hand to photograph it all.

Smith tried whenever he could to get away from the killing fields and visit the villages to see some of the life that went on around the war. None of these pictures were posed, though many look as if they were. The photographs were frequently taken "on the run" as he traveled through the area as senior combat photojournalist for the First Infantry Division covering Saigon and the area north of Saigon.

This is only third time that these photographs have been exhibited and each earlier show proved a cathartic experience for many who saw it. These images evoke a dark time in the national history and remind those who served in Vietnam of things many might wish to forget but find indelibly etched in their memories. It is also a celebration of the strength of the human spirit.

Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m., or by appointment. Call (732) 381-7511 for details.

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The Copa Room can be used for banquets, private parties and corporate events, and opens into the Empire Room where there is ballroom dancing and space that can accommodate up to 270 people.

On the menu, Jillies offers 16 appetizers ranging from the shrimp egg roll at \$3 to golden fried oysters at \$9.

I ordered the shrimp egg roll, which was filled with large shrimp served with a hot — and I mean hot — mustard sauce of duck sauce. It was very good, but the golden fried oysters my companion ordered were lip-smacking delicious and could have fed four instead of two.

There were several specials we could have ordered, but my companion stuck to the menu and ordered the Alaskan king crab and sirloin steak served with drawn butter or bernaise sauce for \$22.99. The Alaskan king crab was large and delicious as was the sirloin steak, which melted like the warm butter served with the crab legs.

I had the lobster special with butter, which was presented in an unusual way as if the lobster were looking to eat me.

But after the first biteful it was clearly me who was enjoying the meal. Jillies is open for lunch Tuesdays to Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner Tuesdays to Thursdays from 5-10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays until 11 p.m., and Sundays from 1-9 p.m.

The 68-item menu was created by the combined efforts of award-winning chef Jimmy Tarantino, who won the "Chef of the Year" award from Great Chefs of New Jersey 2000 at the Mayfair Farms Great Chefs of Essex County, and Michael Marciano and owner Felix Hsieh.

The entree menu offers "West from the Grill" and "East from the Wok" items.

There are 10 entrees from the West from the Grill, beginning with three Jillies sirloin steaks in three sizes — Jillies prime age sirloin steak, eight ounces for \$12.99; 16 ounces for \$16.99 and 20 ounces for \$19.99 — while the Teriyaki prime age sirloin steak is \$13.99, \$17.99 and \$20.99, respectively.

There are three Jillies light entrees — grilled chicken over arugula and tomato salad for \$11.99, grilled chicken over Jillies Caesar salad for \$11.99 and Jillies special salad with grilled sirloin and shrimp over Caesar and arugula salad for \$14.99.

From the East, Jillies offers General Tso Chicken, sesame beef or chicken, or Shanghai Dream, all for \$12.99. The Shanghai Dream is a clam lover's delight with little neck clams sauteed in chef's oyster sauce, black bean or garlic ginger sauce.

For dessert I ordered the French cheesecake, which was served with whipped cream and butterscotch syrup. It was delicious while it was light and sweet tasting. The best cheesecake I ever had.

My companion had the raspberry cheesecake, which had a darker crust, but was as light and tasty as mine.

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ART SHOWS

OUR VIEW: 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 tour the county. For information on the reception, call (908) 354-3040, ext. 304.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit paintings by American artists of the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn 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.

VIETNAM: LIFE IN SPITE OF WAR will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through March 9.

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

THE BOUND BROOK CYCLE by artist David Ambrose will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth McKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College through Feb. 22.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. UCC's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be on display at the Elizabeth Public Library through Feb. 27.

Gallery hours are regular library operating hours. Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

LANDSCAPES, the work of Elizabeth artist Dario Scholis, will be on exhibit through Feb. 28 in the Freeholders Gallery, on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday evenings. The Union County Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza on Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 527-4100.

FROM PARAFFIN TO BEESWAX, the work of Francesca Azzara, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Feb. 28.

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

A PORTFOLIO PROJECT Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Art Students League of New York will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Feb. 28.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Swain Galleries are located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

OVERCOMING HATRED/CREATING COMMUNITY, an exhibit of artwork and photography, will be on display in the Tomasulo Art Gallery on the Cranford campus of Union County College Feb. 26 through March 1.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday through Thursday evenings, 4 to 6 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7505.

PROBING THE NAKED PERSONALITY, the work of Barbara Petitto, will be on exhibit in the Members Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 8. A reception will take place Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

SEA SERIES: REVELATIONS, recent work by Bonnie McKee Tortora, will be on exhibit at the Kent Place Gallery in the Kent Place School in Summit through March 9. A reception will take place March 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, or by appointment. Kent Place School is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-0900, ext. 332.

INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW 2001 will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Sum-

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mit through March 14. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, noon to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will conduct auditions for the New Jersey premier of "The Teachers' Lounge" Feb. 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. at the Linden Presbyterian Church, Orchard and DeWitt terraces. Show dates are May 4 and 5. For information, call (908) 925-9068 or send e-mail to mysticvp@aol.com.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway is seeking resumes and title submissions from directors for the 2001-02 season. Submissions may be sent to Carnival Productions at 733 Jefferson Ave., Rahway, 07065-2615. For information, call (732) 388-4921 or send e-mail to ctpickets@aol.com.

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

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

BOOKS

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its Great Books Discussion Series in the coming months. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room.

Today: The Book of Job, The Bible
March 15: "Utilitarianism," Mill
April 19: "Caesar and Cleopatra," Shaw

May 17: "The City of God," St. Augustine
June 21: "Symposium," Plato
July 19: "Of Experience," Montaigne
The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERY SERIES Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark March 8 at 7:30 p.m. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month 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.

AUTHOR DOROTHY CANTOR will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "What Do You Want to Do When You Grow Up: Starting the Next Chapter of Your Life." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

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 CARLOTTA HOLTON will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. to promote her book, "Getting Out of Limbo: Surviving a Dysfunctional Marriage." 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 Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month to read. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book discussion group at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, will meet March 7 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.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS will meet at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. The group, which meets monthly, will resume in March. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

CLASSES

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 789-9696.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character deve-

lopment and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

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

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

• Wednesday and Feb. 28, and March 7, 14 and 21



MICHAEL GAILIT, principal organist of St. Augustine Church in Vienna, Austria, will appear in recital Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Millburn. For information, call (973) 376-0688.

• March 28, and April 4, 11, 18 and 25

• May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Classes meet at the Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace. For information, call (908) 486-1408.

UNION MUSIC SCHOOL is accepting registration for the summer 2001 session — June 26 to July 27, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily. To receive a brochure of course offerings send name and mailing address via e-mail to unionmusicsschool@hotmail.com, via fax to (908) 687-7332, or call (908) 851-6470.

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.

CONCERTS

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the winter. 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.

Friday: Mark Bodino
Saturday: Ginny Johnston
Feb. 23: Christopher Hoyle
Feb. 24: Andrew Kessler
Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection in Summit. Upcoming meetings are Feb. 23 and March 9 and 23, when Greek Independence Day will be celebrated. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

DISCUSSION

THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark March 12 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 in Rahway will be the site of the Library of Congress Film Preservation Tour from Feb. 22 to March 16. Oscar-nominee James Earl Jones will deliver the keynote address Feb. 22.

• Feb. 22
6:30 p.m.: Opening reception
7:30 p.m.: "Big Business," and "Dr. Strangelove, Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"
• Feb. 23
8 p.m.: "What's Opera, Doc?," "Yankee Doodle Dandy"
• Feb. 24
3 p.m.: "What's Opera, Doc?," "Ger-

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month. 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 is \$2. For information, call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue the 2000-01 season with "An Ideal Husband" by Oscar Wilde, starring Stephanie Beacham. The show runs through March 18 at the theater on Brookside Drive in Millburn.

Evening performances are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Special performances and events are the "Valentine Sweetheart of a Deal" offer Feb. 14 to 18; the Conversation Series at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine Feb. 22, and March 1, 8 and 15; "Family Week at the Theater" March 3 to 11; the Meet the Artists Symposium, "The Importance of Oscar Wilde," March 13 at 7:30 p.m.; audio-described performances March 15 at 2 p.m., March 17 at 2:30 p.m., and March 18 at 7:30 p.m., all with sensory seminars 90 minutes prior to curtain; a sign-interpreted performance March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will conclude its staged readings of scripts under consideration for the 2001-02 season Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater on UCC's Cranford campus, 1066 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Admission is free, and no reservations are required.

Sunday: "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" by Christopher Durang

The reading will be followed by a coffee reception, at which time audience members will be asked their thoughts on the day's selection.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Awake and Sing" by Clifford Odets through Sunday. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets Saturdays and Sundays are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens; Fridays, all tickets are \$5. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon through Feb. 24. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

KEAN UNIVERSITY THEATER SERIES in Union will present "Of Mice and Men," based on the novel by John Steinbeck, in Wilkins Theater Friday through Feb. 25. Shows are 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$8 for students. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway will present "Steel Magnolias" by

Robert Harling March 2 to 10 at El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St., Rahway. Shows are 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. March 4, and 8 p.m. March 8. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$30 and include show-only tickets and meal-and-show packages. For information, send e-mail to ctpickets@aol.com or call (732) 388-4921.

VARIETY

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

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.

Today: Day One
Friday: ULU
Saturday: Chameleon
Feb. 22: Persun and Shinbone
Feb. 23: Crescent City Maulers
Feb. 24: Funky Black Widows
Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

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

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 February. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-4700.

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

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

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

Sunday: Pat Clare Trio
Tuesday: Ginny Johnston
Feb. 25: Steve Minzer Trio
Feb. 27: Pat Beubaker
March 4: Hal Hirsch Trio
March 6: C9
March 11: Vince DIMura and The George Street Project
March 13: Swampbilly
March 18: Ginny Johnston Band
Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM in Rahway will present musical entertainment during February. Every Wednesday night is Open Mike Night.

The Waiting Room is located at 1431 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of Lewis Street. For information, call (732) 815-1042.

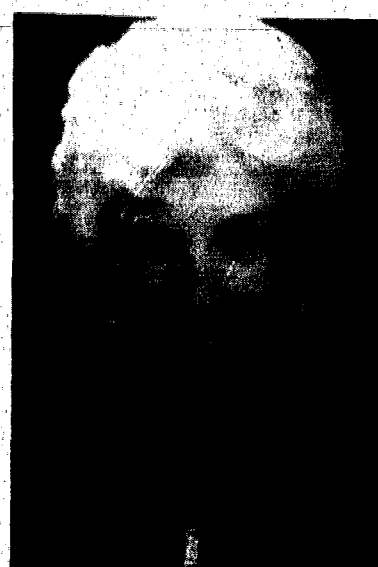
THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB in Linden will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night. The Washington Avenue Pub is located at 704 Washington Ave. in Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3707.

Barstow is named director

The Board of Trustees New Jersey Youth Symphony Inc. has announced the appointment of Barbara H. Barstow as artistic director of the Murray Hill-based organization. Barstow has been a creative force throughout her 19 years with the symphony. During this time she was the inaugural conductor of the Youth Orchestra, Orchestral String Training Ensemble, Junior Strings, Philharmonia, Summer Music Camp, and the chamber music training program. As artistic director, Barstow will oversee planning and coordinating of music training for the entire organization.

Across the state, Barstow has been a driving force for music education of all ages in New Jersey. Whether building public school orchestral programs, consulting with arts groups or adjudicating competitions, Barstow has devoted her life to bringing music to young people.

She is equally involved in developing music performance opportunities for adults in her local community. In 1983 she helped organize the Belle Mead Friends of Music, a music club that serves as a performance outlet for central New Jersey amateur and professional musicians. In 1994 she was an inaugural member of the Board of Directors of Montgomery Cultural Center, where she served as chairper-



Barbara H. Barstow

son of its Performing Arts Committee, helping to organize a concert series for the first season.

As a consultant for eight years with the Young Audiences of New Jersey, she coordinated a major project that promoted student recruitment for instrumental music study in the New Jersey public schools. In 1987 Barstow became assistant professor at Westminster Choir College of Rider University where she taught string methods for 12 years.

For more information on NJYS Inc., call (908) 771 5544.

Student filmmakers can nab Oscars

Applications for the 28th annual Student Academy Awards competition, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, are now available. Entries must be submitted by April 2 in order to be considered for this year's prizes.

For the program, the country is divided into three regions and students submitting films must first compete in the appropriate regional competition. This year, for the first time, original entries will be accepted only on 1/4-inch VHS (NTSC)-video tape. However, should an entry be selected as a regional finalist, the entrant must provide a 16mm or larger film format print within seven days of notification, in order to continue in the competition. Winning films from each of the three regions will then compete as national finalists. These films will be screened at the Academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, Calif., and voted upon by the Academy membership — the same film artists and craftspeople who vote to select Oscar statuette-winning films.

Region Two encompasses the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The regional coordinators are Dan Ladely at the Mary Riepma Ross Folm Theater at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Barbara Scharres at the Film Center of the School of The Art Institute of Chicago.

Entries may be submitted in one of our categories: alternative, animation, documentary or narrative. To be eligible, entries must be produced within the curriculum of an accredited college or university, in a student-teacher relationship, and must have been completed after April 1, 2000. All Region Two entries must be received at the regional center by 5 p.m., April 2, 2000.

Students ultimately selected as national winners will be flown to Los Angeles to participate in a week of industry-related activities and social events that will culminate June 10 with the awards presentation ceremony at the Academy's Samuel Goldwyn Theater. Along with their trophies, Gold Medal winners in each of the four categories receive \$5,000; Silver Medal winners take home \$3,000, and Bronze Medal recipients are awarded \$2,000. An Honorary Foreign Student Award will also be presented at the June ceremony.

Students interested in entering the competition may download an application from the Academy's web site at www.oscars.org/saa or send their application request, along with a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 8949 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90211, Attn: Student Academy Awards.

Regional Two Coordinator Dan Ladely can be reached at (402) 472-5353. He will accept all Region Two entries. Coordinator Barbara Scharres can be reached to answer questions and for entry information only at (312) 443-3735.

The Student Academy Awards were established by the Academy in 1972 to support and encourage excellence in filmmaking at the collegiate level.

NJ Film, TV Commission offers interships

The Educational Advisory Board of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission is offering internships to students enrolled in film, television, and communications degree programs.

These internships are now available for the Spring 2001 semester and are open to students presently enrolled in New Jersey colleges and universities. Interns are unpaid, and college credits

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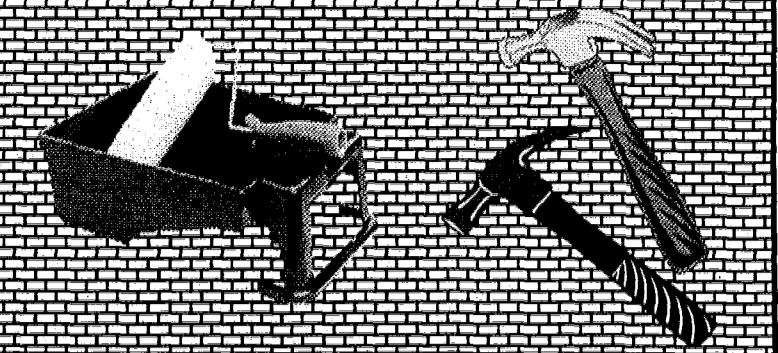
During the semester internship in the office of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, students become involved with the pre-production and production coordination of motion pictures, television programs and commercials. They assist in the scouting of film locations and the preparation of research mater-

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
February 17th, 2001,
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EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church,
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- South Mountain Yoga.....http://yogasite.com/southmountain
- Sovereign Bank.....http://www.sovereignbank.com
- Summit Area Jaycees.....http://www.angelfire.com/nj/summitjc
- Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.....http://www.summitvts.org
- Synergy Federal Savings Bank.....http://www.synergysfb.com
- Township of Union.....http://www.uniontownship.com
- Turning Point.....http://www.turningpointnj.org
- Union Center National Bank.....http://www.ucnb.com
- Unitarian Universalist Church.....http://www.firstuu.essex.nj.uua.org
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To be listed
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Community Classified

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Search your local classifieds on the internet
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Monday through Friday
 9:00 AM - 5 PM
 After Hours Call
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 Selection # 8100

ADDRESS

Classified Advertising
 Worrall Newspapers
 P.O. Box 158
 Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: 1-800-564-8911 Fax: 973-763-2557

Offices where ads can be placed in person:

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 463 Valley Street, Maplewood
 170 Scotland Road, Orange
 266 Liberty Street, Bloomfield

UNION COUNTY
 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union

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CLASSIFIED RATES
 20 words or less.....\$16.00 per insertion
 Additional 10 words.....\$4.00 per insertion
 Display Rates.....\$25.50 per column inch
 Contract Rates Available
 Blind Box Number.....\$12.00 per insertion



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 West Orange Chronicle • East Orange Record
 Orange Transcript • The Glen Ridge Paper
 Nutley Journal • Belleville Post
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 The Independent Press of Bloomfield

DEADLINES

Business Directory 4 PM Thursday
 Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday
 Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
 In-column 3 PM Tuesday

ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad the first day it runs! We cannot be responsible beyond the first insertion. Should an error occur please notify the classified department. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We can not be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

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HELP WANTED

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Auto dealership seeks part time administrative assistant. Windows, Word, Excel and Internet skills a must. Flexible hours, salary. Resume to: Chrysler Jeep of Essex, P.O. Box 540, Maplewood, NJ 07040 or fax to: 973-761-4516.

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HELP WANTED

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DRIVER- COVENANT transport. Coast to Coast runs. Teams start up to .46, \$1,000 sign-on bonus for experienced company drivers. For experienced drivers 1-800-441-4394. Owner operators 1-877-848-6615. Graduate students 1-800-338-6428.

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HELP WANTED

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 PHONE: 908-688-1111
 FAX: 908-688-2432

INSURANCE: SPRINGFIELD agency has career opening for licensed, experienced, life and health customer service rep. Excellent telephone, organizational and computer skills a must. Professional working conditions and excellent benefits. Fax resume to: 973-378-4559 or call 973-487-8850.

INSURANCE AGENCY looking for a full time person who is experienced in either personal or commercial lines. Must be able to rate and write. Good typist. Hours 9:00am-4:00pm. Call 973-763-6734.

INTERIOR DECORATING retailer seeks sales/ design associates. Needs flair for color and design. Service oriented, no evenings, no Sundays. 908-654-9555.

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INTERNATIONAL MARKETING Company needs help with expanding NJ operation. \$500- \$1500 part time, 2K- 5K plus full time. 1-800-999-1855. www.workpartimenow.com

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LPN WANTED for Assisted Living in West Orange. Geriatric experience and knowledge required. Full and part time positions available. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays. 973-325-5700 for interview.

MANAGER (Weekend Manager) to provide supervision in a small boarding home. Hours 7:00am- 7:00pm. Call 973-678-7490.

MEDICAL BILLING: No experience needed. Full time/ Part time. Training provided. PC required. Must type 30+ WPM. Up to \$600/ year. 1-888-750-8766 ext. 521 www.medds.com.

MEDICAL PART time receptionist, experience a must, busy 2 doctors practice in Union and Linden. Approximately 18- 20 hours, no Saturdays. Call 908-964-5318 or fax resume 908-964-7646.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST. Full time experienced for high energy Chiropractor in West Orange. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm to 7:30pm. Tuesday 3:00pm to 7:30pm, and Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm. Fax resume 973-325-1922.

HELP WANTED

MEDICAL PART time Flexible hours, billing and collections. Experience a must. No evenings or Saturdays, salary commensurate with experience. Call 908-964-5318, or fax resume 908-964-7646.

MEDICAL SECRETARY computer literate, mature, reliable, flexible hours. Fax resume 973-375-4837 or call 973-416-6633.

NANNY/ HOUSEKEEPER wanted, live-in in Summit, patient caring person to take care of 2 girls. Please call Julie, days 908-598-1126, evenings 908-598-9181.

NURSING: LONG term care facility in Gloucester County. Registered nurses and certified nursing assistants. Full time and part time, all shifts. Excellent benefits. Phone 856-582-3174 or fax 856-582-3194.

OFFICE HELP in Doctor's West Orange office Monday, Thursday mornings. Neat, well groomed. Car necessary. Ideal for students. 908-687-7101.

Part Time or Full Time Secretary: Busy Real Estate office. Word Perfect required. Resume: Management, P.O. Box 3131, Union, NJ 07083.

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Worrall Community Newspapers

P.O. Box 158

Maplewood, N. J. 07040

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We are a group of weekly newspapers with an office in Maplewood looking for a person with good typing skills. You will compose ads from advertising layouts, build editorial pages and use our camera to reproduce art work and page negatives.

Newspaper publishing and Macintosh experience helpful, but not required. Benefit plan with paid holidays. Call for an appointment.

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POSTAL JOBS \$48,323.00 year. Now hiring, no experience, paid training, great benefits. Call for lists, 7 days. 800-429-3660 ext. J200. National Resource.

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Human Resources Department Code: APA New Jersey Performing Arts Center One Center Street Newark, NJ 07102 Fax: 973-353-8042 No telephone calls please.

Only those candidates selected for interviews will receive a written response. E.O.E.

RECEPTIONIST, GOOD office skills required including knowledge of Microsoft Office. Livingston location. Hours 9:00am-5:00pm. Contact Ellen at 973-992-9444 or fax resume to: 973-992-3344.

RECEPTIONIST FULL time for busy orthodontic office. Heavy phone and computer skills. Dental/Ortho experience a must. Good salary and benefits. Call 973-376-7131 between 10:00am-12:00pm, ask for Cheryl D. or fax resume to: 973-376-1889. Others need not apply.

RECEPTIONIST— FULL Time for general office duties, multi-lined telephones, filing. Assist administrative assistant and office manager. Computer experience a plus. Friendly office, great benefits. Call 908-686-5959.

RETAIL MANAGER (Full Time)

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SOCIAL WORK Home Based Clinician: Intensive work with at-risk youth/families with MH needs in their home. Assessment, crisis intervention, individual and family treatment. MA+ experience Day, evenings, weekends and on-call hours. Provides challenge, diversity, supportive environment, clinical supervision, opportunity for professional growth. Drivers license. Send resume to Olivia Toca, GTCMHC, P.O. Box 1393, Trenton, NJ 08607 Fax 609-393-0273.

SOCIAL WORK Intake Coordinator: Staff agency access center, providing telephonic assessments of clients seeking service and scheduling intakes. Some additional outpatient responsibilities. Requires good assessment, organizational, and public relations skills, BA+ 2 years mental health experience. Send resume: VP Clinical Services, GTCMHC, P.O. Box 1393, Trenton, NJ 08607 Fax 609-393-0273.

SOCIAL WORK Therapist (Bilingual): Spanish/English, to work in OP MH program. Assessment, group, individual and family counseling. Knowledge of abuse, addictions, time-effective treatment. LCSW or license eligible. Minimum 2 years experience. Send resume: Clinical Manager, GTCMHC, 800 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638 Fax 609-396-6024.

SOCIAL WORK Case Manager: Adult ICM program. Aggressive community outreach, clinical intervention, skill building, linkage to community resources and intensive follow-up for persons with severe mental illness. MA BA +2 years experience. Drivers license. Position provides challenge, diversity, supportive environment, opportunity for professional growth. Send resume to Director/ICM, GTCMHC, 314-316 E. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608 Fax 609-393-4647.

SOCIAL WORK Counselor: For day treatment program serving adolescents with behavioral problems. Caseload of 8-10 youth. Develop and run groups, family meetings, etc. Experience with addictions, ADHD desirable. Requires flexibility and innovative treatment approaches to working with inner city pop. MA/BA +2 years experience. Send resume to Clinical Mgr. GTCMHC, 1320 New Willow St., Trenton, NJ 08607 Fax 609-396-0881.

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UPSCALE SALON located in the Pleasantdale section of West Orange looking for highly motivated, skilled, hairstylist, manicurist and waitress. Please call David 973-731-1042.

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REAL ESTATE



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The staff at All Towne Realty celebrate the grand opening of the company's second office in Colonia.

All Towne opens office in Colonia

Feb. 1 marked the grand opening of All Towne Realty at 429 Lake Ave., Colonia.

A celebration luncheon that included many well wishers, business associates, friends and family joined Nora Haddow and Ron Simone, owners of All Towne Realty.

Simone and Haddow opened their first office in Clark several years ago at 1146 Raritan Road. The company has since grown to more than 20 professional real estate associates who are experienced and knowledgeable in today's market.

Debra Ratcliff is training manager. She has served as chairman of the Educational and Program Committee for Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

Pam Kopack, a Cranford resident and agent for over 20 years, and Lori Kazanowski, a Clark resident, are a top

producing team at All Towne Realty.

Linda Daly of Westfield and Karen Wolhrab of Linden are also among the agents at All Towne Realty.

Simone and Haddow believe in giving back to the community, which is why they host the annual Halloween Bash every year which benefits a different charity each time.

The Colonia office is open and serving the public with experienced agents such as Don Bence, who has consistently been a silver award winner with NJAR from 1995 through 2000, and Edith Roman and Anne Burnett.

For real estate needs, call (732) 815-1499 in Colonia or (732) 381-1190 in Clark. All Towne Realty is a member of the Garden State, Middlesex, Somerset and Monmouth Multiple Listings Systems and members of Greater Union County Association of Realtors and the Middlesex Board of Realtors.

Top Gun Academy targeted for training

The ERA Brokers of New Jersey announced that the ERA Top Gun Academy, its unique advanced agent training program, will be held in New Jersey in March.

Designed to help ERA real estate associates enhance the level of service they offer to their clients by teaching new skills, the ERA Top Gun Academy has been attended by more than 5,000 ERA real estate professional since its inception in 1992.

The program builds on the individual's understanding of his or her customers and offers techniques for identifying and providing better, more individualized customer service.

According to Jerry R. Smith, vice president of educational development of ERA, "Through interactive role-play, agents learn how to present a highly professional and well-defined listing presentation, to focus in on clients' needs and how to meet those needs."

In order for an agent to be accepted to the academy, he or she must first complete the ERA Acceleration training course, or have significant real estate experience.

During each of the eight weeks at the academy, agents must achieve specific goals in order to remain in the class. Every week, students must report on their appointments, listings taken, listings sold, sales and buyer brokerage agreements. Only those agents dedicated to and focused on accomplishing their goals graduate from the academy. Graduates who achieve 10 or more targets during the academy receive wings and membership to the elite ERA Top Team.

Statistics comparing the production of ERA Top Gun Academy graduates for the 12-month period prior to their starting the program with their production during the eight-week workshop, show that the average weekly production per person increases more than 300 percent.

According to Jamie Pavlis, broker/owner of ERA Jamie Pavlis Real Estate Inc., "This is an intense and motivating program. Top Gun graduates are highly productive real estate professionals. From the clients' perspective, graduates provide top service, ask the right questions, know the

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— Jerry R. Smith

current market and where it is going. In a nutshell, graduates can pinpoint clients' needs and close a sale."

ERA is one of the only franchises with an advanced agent training program which is paced over multiple sessions to help its sales associates achieve a higher level of production and provide superior service to their clients.

The ERA Top Gun program was in development for more than two years, and was tested and re-tested in order to develop the best training program in the industry.

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To learn more about the ERA Top

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Four are cited

Larry Minsky, branch manager, has announced that four sales associates at the Summit office of Weichert Realtors have been honored for their recent accomplishments.

Honored as the office's top producer for the month of November was Jeff Maccarelli, a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Marketed Club and the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. A licensed real estate professional since 1984, he has earned commendations for his expertise in new construction. Maccarelli, a longtime resident of Berkeley Heights, also has a law degree.

Winner of the November top sales award was Katherine Litkey. A member of Weichert's 1999 Ambassador's Club, she is a member of the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs. She is a member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club. A resident of Madison, she is a licensed broker and holds the Graduate Realtor Institute and Certified Residential Specialist professional.

Alyce Reno captured the award for securing the greatest number of listings. A longtime resident of Summit, Reno has been repeatedly honored as a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, most recently in 1998.

Linda Henderson was honored for recording the greatest number of sold listings. A consistent top producer, she earned her fifth gold award in the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, and repeated as a member of Weichert's President's Club and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs in 1999. Her career achievements earned her induction into the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Distinguished Sales Club. Henderson is a resident of Summit.

To reach these real estate professionals, call Weichert Realtors' Summit office, (908) 277-1200, located at 474 Morris Ave.

Tener is awarded

Carol Tener, a sales associate with the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club Gold Achievement Award for production of over \$10 million in 2000.

"Carol Tener's outstanding production is an example to all real estate professionals of the ultimate in service and dedication. Her leadership and expertise are an asset to Burgdorff ERA and to the entire real estate community," said Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA.

Tener has qualified for the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club 16 times in

her real estate career, and is among a select group of sales associates in the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club.

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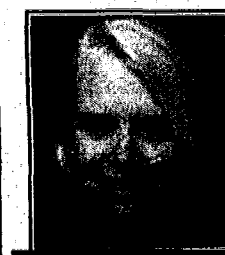
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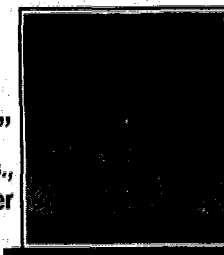
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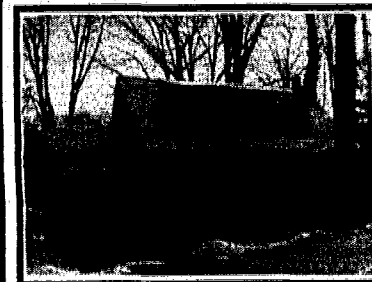


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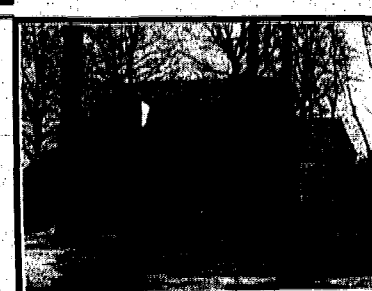


Gina Suriano-Barber
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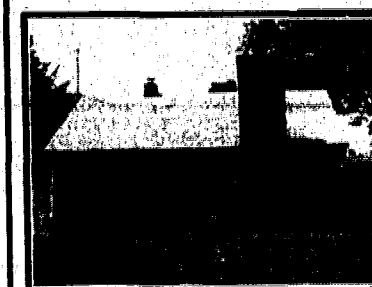
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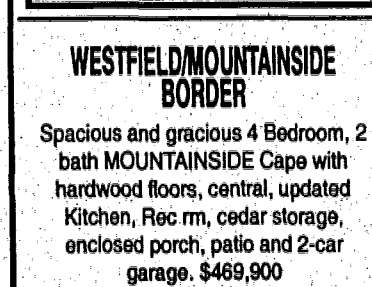
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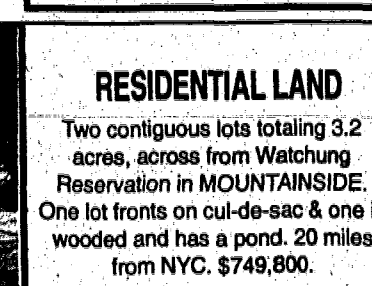
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VW Passat contains a 'secret weapon'

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

The Volkswagen Passat, a flirtatious TV ad notwithstanding, will not empower drivers to meet beautiful people at stop signs.

A babe- or guy-magnet, it's not. But, with the new all-wheel-drive Passat, what you could get is a few drag races, a slalom championship and maybe a hill climb trophy or two.

The new Passat, equipped with VW's new 4Motion AWD system, is VW's first such system available in the United States since the little-missed and even less-sold Quantum 12 years ago.

VW hopes to peddle about 12,000 4Motion-equipped Passat sedans and wagons a year, which would push overall sales of the Passat beyond the once-unthinkable 80,000 mark.

While it might be overkill for tame driving conditions, 4Motion could be a secret weapon to have in the most challenging driving conditions.

This 4Motion system, which just debuted, is all-wheel traction management in the tradition of Audi's refined quattro system: efficient, seamless and confidence-inspiring.

The level of sophistication in the 4Motion system should not come as a complete-surprise, since VW owns Audi, but the Passat version is a little different.

For instance, the AWD Euro-spec VW Golf varies from the Passat 4Motion system in that its engine, like the Audi TT, is mounted transversely and is hydromechanically controlled. Also, 4Motion operates all the time, on all wheels, at all speeds.

Front to rear, 4Motion utilizes a mechanically operated power apportioning system, with an auto-lock Torsen center differential. Side to side, it has an electrically controlled unit, called an Electronic Differential Locking system.

Together, these two components sense road conditions, and increase or decrease traction to each wheel accordingly.

Try it next winter when the first snowstorm hits. You'll love it. While the TV news vans are sliding off into the trees, you'll be whizzing along through the slush and mush without a hitch.

Passat's bump-smothering suspension complements the system, giving the car impeccable road manners. Torque-steer is virtually non-existent, due to a four-link front suspension

that creates a center-point steering axis.

Most other annoying aspects of SUV-like AWD or 4WD systems — high, wide and ugly — are almost absent from this Passat, as with similarly equipped Audis.

Turning radius remains the same as the Passat front-driver. Ground clearance is only a half-inch higher with AWD. Drag coefficient is the same.

Gas mileage is just a mile or two a gallon worse on the highway, compared with 2WD Passats with the same 2.8-liter V-6.

The torque-rich 30-valve engine, another feature that creates similarities between this Passat and an Audi, is a new feature for Passat in the 2000 model year.

It churns out 190 horsepower — compared with the Audi version's 200 — and seems lavishly more powerful than the past, passive Passat power plant, the 1.8-liter turbocharged four.

Stomp on the gas, and it's guaranteed you will take a deep breath before the engine does. And triple-digit speeds feel as comfy and secure as any double-digit velocities. Makes you long for an Autobahn around.

On the whole, the 4Motion Passat probably will have you humming that swishy love song from the TV commercial. But there are nit-picks.

Sadly, the 4Motion Passat is available only with the five-speed automatic transmission, with the gimmicky Tiptronic tap-shift feature. A five-speed manual — or the in-house six-speed — coupled with the 2.8-liter engine, would be in violation of your state's Anti-Fun Ordinance.

Curb weight is up by 210 pounds, courtesy of the 4Motion system, and 0-60 times are a full second or more slower.

The optional sunroof, like those on other most V-Dubs and Audis, howls like a Shop-Vac sucking up standing water.

The electronic door locking system locks all four doors upon take-off, but only unlocks the front two upon landing. That's constantly irritating when you want to retrieve your coat, briefcase or recalcitrant children from the back seat after stopping.

And the telescoping cup holder is fun to play with — for awhile — but not very versatile or functional.

The biggest nit-pick, however, is price: \$30,000 for a Volkswagen? VW's response is that the 4Motion system is only a \$1,650 option — and well worth it at that price.

But the option is only available on a Passat GLS or GLX or wagon model that's already loaded with leather seating surfaces, automatic climate control, four-wheel ABS, the howling sunroof, real wood trim and other amenities.

Sticker price on our GLX test vehicle was a wallet-numbing \$30,905 — add \$800 for the wagon.

Jerry Garrett is a San Diego-based free-lance auto writer.

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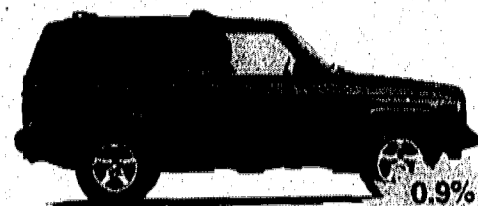
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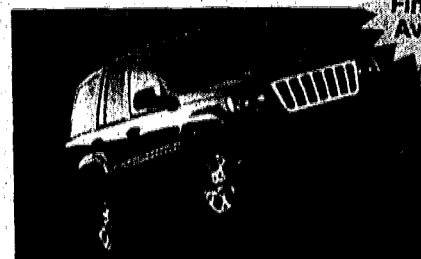
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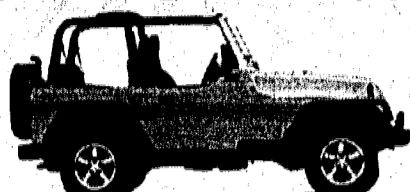
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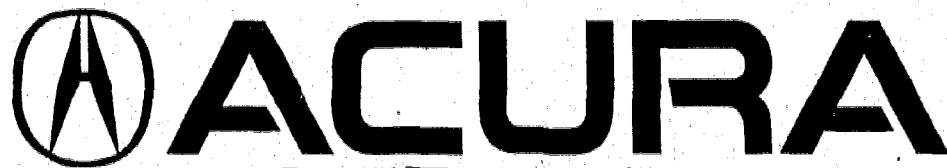


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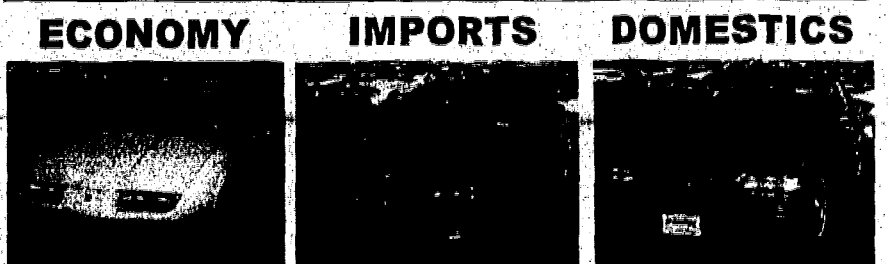
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