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Messengers and patriots

At the end of the movie "Casablanca," Inspector Renault concludes that Rick Blaine, played by Humphrey Bogart, has "become a patriot." It is a different world when you jump from the sidelines into the battle. The leap can be especially hard when the messenger becomes part of the fray.

Marvin Corwick, up until last week was known as a consummate numbers guy. After a long time ago stint as mayor of Hillside, Corwick had a 35-year career in municipal finance. He was especially adept at advising new administrations like in Rahway, Woodbridge and Hamilton about all the drudgery of their predecessors in terms of budgets.

Left Out

By Frank Copece

The temporary appointment of Corwick, to the position of director of the Division of Local Government Services in the ending days of the DiFrancesco administration didn't raise any eyebrows. While a Democrat, Corwick had a good relationship with a lot of powerful Republicans. With the exception of municipal officials who care very much, the average Joe really couldn't care about the Corwick appointment. That all changed in one week.

On Oct. 9, Corwick sent a critical analysis of Jersey City finances to the new mayor. Corwick did his usual number of "MUA Franchise Receivables, Police and Fire Over-time" as part of plan for aid for distressed cities. Corwick concluded the city under former mayor and current Republican candidate for governor Brett Schundler had a \$54 million deficit.

As was widely reported, the letter found its way to the press. Schundler cried foul and demanded the messenger Corwick's head. Ultimately, Corwick's boss John Kenny sacked Corwick. She said, "the release of the information was done against the advice to staff and without authorization of his superiors and showed a lack of good judgment."

Corwick countered, "I was fired for telling a mayor the truth about his municipality's precarious financial condition." Jersey City officials said reporters were calling about the report before they even got a copy. But nowhere does anyone say the report is inaccurate.

In Union County, Milton Campbell, Republican candidate for State Senate in the 22nd District — which includes Clark, Linden, Rahway, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Plainfield — has been lending off press attacks about his IRS lien for \$14,000 owed in back taxes which was satisfied last week. His spokesman, Walter Fields Jr., lashed out saying that if Campbell had been white, it would not have been an issue.

"I have known a few candidates in my life. My conclusion is that any candidate white, black or pol"

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Dems: Republicans bring nothing to table

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Republican party has not offered any vision or plan for the future of Union County. Democrats say while their own party has helped to turn around a sagging economy and kept taxes stable, among other accomplishments, during their reign on the freeholder board.

Democrats seeking re-election to the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Nov. are Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, Mary Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo Jr. of Plainfield.

The Democratic incumbents stress their ability to provide services to Union County residents while maintaining taxes over the past several years. The party has controlled the freeholder board since 1995 and has held all nine seats since 1998.

"What really shapes policy is personal experience," Ruotolo said. "There's been accountability on this freeholder board. We've been watchful of taxpayers' money." She pointed to a tax levy which has not increased in four of the past five years.

"We've made open space a priority, and ensured access to computers and the Internet in schools through Access 2000," she said, which is now extending to libraries through Access 2001.

"Now more than ever we need to remain united on accomplishments and programs on the board," Sullivan said. When the county was in Repu-

blican hands, the freeholder board was "out of touch with the electorate," he said, adding that taxes rose and companies were leaving the county. "They have no vision or plan for the future."

Democrats have led an economic resurgence, said Sullivan, executive director of the Elizabeth Development Co., which oversees the city's Urban Enterprise Zone. The freeholder board has been rebuilding the county's infrastructure and training people for jobs while the GOP has not "mentioned any new ideas, any vision."

"There are checks and balances in Union County in November; they're called elections," Sullivan said. "Voters choose based on who we are and what we do."

Mingo sees the county's job as helping municipalities reach their own goals. Many towns cannot manage business directly with the state since there are so many municipalities in New Jersey. "It's necessary to have an intermediary," he said, in county government. He stressed the importance of understanding the needs of seniors citizens and children in Union County.

"Our opponents don't seem to relate to the county," Mingo said. "They focus so much on debate and back-room politics that they forget about legislation."

"It's all about bickering, with nothing getting done."



Ruotolo



Schundler



Sullivan



Badillo



Mingo



MacDonald

"Services are what touch people here," Mingo said. "We've managed money properly," he added. "The whole idea of back-room politics doesn't exist."

"Many thought we were in for tough times" during the early 1990s, Sullivan said, faced with the difficult task of turning around "a stagnant county with an economy that lagged."

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GOP: Dems have stopped listening

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Since Democrats have stopped listening to their constituents and are catering to special interests, Republicans say, a variety of thought is needed on the Board of Chosen Freeholders to bring some diversity to the Democrat-dominated board.

Three GOP candidates are looking to become the first Republicans to win a seat on the nine-member freeholder board since 1994.

Republican candidates this year are Roselle Park 2nd Ward Councilman J. Ricky Badillo, former Fanwood Councilman Andrew MacDonald and Robert Jeffrey Schundler, the older brother of GOP gubernatorial candidate and former Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler. MacDonald lost in 1998 to the same Democratic opponents he faces this year.

During his tenure on the Fanwood Borough Council, MacDonald said he "earned a reputation as something of a fiscal conservative." He claims the current freeholder board, with all seats held by Democrats, lacks any dissenting voice and takes orders from party bosses and questions when board members might "listen to the people of Union County."

"What we need for good government is checks and balances," Schundler said. The goal is to get three Republicans elected to the Board of Freeholders, to bring "an

active, lively debate to serve the people."

Republicans have attacked Democratic incumbents for their approval of a transfer station in Linden that would process tons of New York City's household waste each day. The trash would be sent to Linden where it would be placed in sealed rail cars and transported to landfills in the South.

"I've listened to excuses about interstate commerce," MacDonald said, referring to the freeholders' explanation that they could not stop the transfer station because garbage is considered interstate commerce and cannot be regulated. The Linden waterfront, he said, "reminds me of what Hudson County looked like 25 years ago," which has become a redeveloped area and an example of "good government" in recent years. Other towns have rejected the transfer station, so there are other uses for the site, he said.

"The deal is not good for the people of Union County but for special interests," Badillo said. The choice of barges or trucks is merely a scare tactic, he said, adding that the freeholders had a third option, refusing the transfer station.

"There are a lot of questions of improper actions," Badillo said, referring to a state grand jury investigation into the transfer station project.

One idea that has not been discussed is to

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Many families faced with poverty in Union County

Donations for WTC can drain potential to help homeless

By Steven Reilly
Staff Writer

One thousand Union County families face the grim reality of becoming homeless in the next six months due to new federal welfare restrictions. By April, these families, who live in communities such as Elizabeth, Westfield, Summit and Union, will have no income, no shelter or any viable work skills for today's marketplace to earn a livable wage.

According to a 200-year-old state law, local municipalities will have the ultimate responsibility of helping people who will be sold and starving, said Steve St. Hillare, an attorney and an advocate for the poor, during a forum on poverty Oct. 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

In Union County, a family of three needs a household income of \$36,520 to stay above the poverty level. The family bread winner must make \$17.56 per hour during a 40-hour work week to afford the \$913 per month fair market rent on a two-bedroom apartment. Workers making the minimum wage, \$5.15, would have to work 19.8 hours per day to support their family.

St. Hillare was one of a diverse panel who addressed an audience of over 50 residents in the Gothic style, centuries old house of worship where last week's public hearing took place.

"There are families and individuals here in Union County who desperately need help. It is extremely important we, as a society, deal with poverty in an effective way," St. Hillare said. "The end product of our efforts will be helping someone in need build a better life for themselves."

The young children of these families living in poverty are the most vulnerable to the irreversible trauma caused by their living conditions. Lan Murphy, a mentor for the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, said.

Murphy spoke of a promising, bright Elizabeth High School senior who was involved in the coalition's mentoring programs for the past four years. One day the shining light inside her spirit mysteriously went dark. The young woman began the destructive, downward spiral into a deep depression that so many children living in poverty experience.

At the age of 17, the smart, young woman had lost all hope of having a future. She had completely given up on herself, her school work and life in general.

Counselors at the coalition were able to reach out to guide the high school senior to a freeholder scholarship available at Union County College. She is well into her first year as a college freshman.

Murphy noted that if this one child, whose future looked so promising, could so easily fall victim to self-despair and hopelessness, then who knows how many children have silently slipped through the cracks all the way to life's rocky bottom.

To a child, poverty is equal to death, Murphy said. Children living in poverty go through the same stages as children who have experienced a traumatic loss: denial, anger, bargaining and acceptance. This is an experience that will forever overshadow a child's development, she added.

The tragedy in New York on Sept. 11 has had an ironically cruel effect on a portion of the community already faced with hardship. The surge of generous donations to the many World Trade Center relief funds has inadvertently framed the much needed donations from the already struggling, nonprofit family assistance programs in Union County.

Generous residents who have historically supported the soup kitchens and food pantries throughout their communities have been moved to send their support to the victims relief funds. As noble as this is, the poor are still poor and getting poorer.

"These families were homeless before the tragedy on Sept. 11 and they are still homeless after Sept. 11," Brenda Myrick, director for the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, said. "The only difference they see since the tragedy is that now, they have nothing to eat."

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Incumbents face rare challenge in 20th District races

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Democratic incumbents in the 20th Legislative District face a rare challenge in the Nov. 6 General Election, this time from a ticket that has its roots in an insurgent Elizabeth Democratic organization and has aligned itself with Republican gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler.

In the 20th District, which is comprised of Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle and Union, incumbent State Sen. Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth faces a challenge from Independent Daniel Nozza, a chiropractor from Elizabeth.

In the Assembly race, incumbent Neil Cohen of Roselle and Joseph Cymry of Union, both municipal Democratic chairmen, take on Noz-

za's running mates, Ralph Fabre and Dency Rivera, both of Elizabeth. The Nozza line has aligned itself with Schundler's campaign for governor and has focused much of its own campaign on ousting Lesniak.

Nozza said the state senator has referred to himself as a power broker, admitting that many people fear him; something that should not be the case for an elected official. "There's no way we can vote him out if no one is in the ballot," he said, adding that Republicans have never been given a choice against Lesniak.

Nozza criticizes Lesniak for his law firm's connections to certain projects, such as a proposed transfer station in Linden which currently is under investigation by a state grand jury. He said the senator and his law firm have benefi-

ted from his influence, as in the case of the transfer station, where his law partner, Paul Weiner, was among the landlords of the property to be leased. "Politicians should not be buying and selling the people's power."

"It's a fingerprint of the way he's been operating," Nozza said. "People have had it, with 'sweatheart deals' like the transfer station."

Nozza also emphasized the need for a Jersey City-style renaissance in Elizabeth, the district's urban center, and revitalizing public schools while "providing a school choice safety net" now.

"None of us have an axe to grind, we simply want good government," Nozza said.

Lesniak said he is running on his record and


vision for the future and expects to win re-election.

The most significant legislation is the most recent, Lesniak said, as a co-sponsor of a bill that will create an anti-terrorism task force. The measure passed both houses and was signed into law last week.

"Things have changed so dramatically over the last few weeks," Lesniak said. "We have to take a close look at streamline government," because the economy in New Jersey has taken a dip, and "ensure financial footing."

Established by the governor, the task force should be able to take quick action necessary to better protect residents, he said. The task force would mobilize the state's resources and agen-

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
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Union County families are confronting poverty

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Michael Fabricant, a professor at Hunter College's School of Social Work in New York City, said the media have long abandoned the poor and homeless of this country.

"Poverty has become an unpleasant subject of the media. Newspapers used to run front-page stories on homeless families, now it is blasé," Fabricant said. "The materially poor have become invisible in American society, they have no voice to cry out for help with."

"The enterprise of being human is a fragile existence, to do nothing for those in need would make us subhuman as a culture," Fabricant said.

According to Jose Cuevas, the community organizing director for the Interfaith Council in Plainfield, those families trapped under the poverty line do not want handouts.

"Society needs to teach people how to handle a job in the new business world. They need to be taught how to conduct themselves in meetings, they need to be taught how to interact with co-workers, they don't need to be brushed under the rug," Cuevas said. "These are decent human beings who want to do whatever they can to improve their lives. These things just don't happen by themselves."

According to Cuevas, his group of volunteers help people living in impoverished areas to join together to form voter blocs, gaining a small amount of power that is critical to getting legislation passed to help poverty-stricken communities.

An invitation to last week's public hearing was sent to 55 county and state lawmakers asking them to attend and listen. Not one representative of the people attended the meeting.

"Politicians don't want to touch the problem of poverty, it is too messy for

them. I recently met with Sen. Jon Corzine to discuss legislation for six Abbot School Districts in Union County," Cuevas said. "Corzine had an aid tell us that nothing would be done this year in light of Sept. 11 and we should just go home and wait for things to be normal."

"I told him that the president ordered us to go back to doing things normally, and that we can't wait. We have been waiting too long already."

According to Karen Olsen, founder and executive director of the National Interfaith Hospitality Network, people need to learn what is going on so they can go to their lawmakers and make a difference.

"Poverty used to be the subject of sermons on Sunday. It was in the faces of the homeless we walked by on our way to work on Monday. Newspapers used to print stories on their front page. No more," Olsen said. "Just because we have tried to ignore the problem doesn't change the truth, it is still here, and getting worse."

Many families living in poverty in Union County must make difficult choices every month. Choices such as whether they will pay the rent or buy food this month. These families are working hard at jobs that do not pay a livable wage.

"I have been a volunteer long enough to know that volunteering is not enough to help these families," Olsen said. "Lawmakers must enforce affordable housing laws. We need to help train our low-wage workforce for in-demand industry. We must educate the public to what is happening to our friends and neighbors throughout our communities."

"Any family in Union County can fall victim to the tragic conditions of poverty and homelessness," Olsen said.

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Red Ribbon Awareness

Union County will band together when they Unite For a Drug Free Millennium, at the third annual Red Ribbon Awareness Kickoff event at Nohemag Park in Cranford. The celebration will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is Sunday.

Red ribbons will be displayed all over Union County during the week of commemoration for the life of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena who lost his life in the fight against drugs. Red Ribbon Relay and Drug Awareness Day honors all who have lost their life in the battle and those who continue to fight to make their community a safer place to live.

The National Guard will amaze participants with spectacular helicopter landings. Union County youth will "strut their stuff" at the Showcase of Talent, and there will be plenty of exhibits, food available and displays to view.

Children can ride ponies and play with furry critters courtesy of the Cleveland Petting Zoo, defy gravity on the moon at the moonwalk and get their face painted. There will be plenty of other events for participants to enjoy also don't miss out on this day of safety and education.

For more information, call the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse at 732-381-4100.

Heart Walk on Sunday

More than 1,500 people are expected to Step Out, Save Lives! — Strengthen the Chain of Survival! at the American Heart Association's Union County American Heart Walk on Sunday, at Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth. Teams and individual walkers from throughout Union County will Step Out, Save Lives! — Strengthen the Chain of Survival! to continue to reduce disability and death from heart disease and stroke.

For more information, call the American Heart Association at 973-376-3636

Annual gala Saturday

The Union County College Foundation will be hosting its ninth annual gala on Saturday in the Commons on the college's Cranford campus. 1033 Springfield Ave. This year's gala, a Mardi Gras and Casino Night, will honor United Parcel Service for its generous support of the college. Those attending will "Wager to Win" for student scholarships and celebrate Union County's educational leadership in meeting the needs of an ever more diverse and expanding community.

The schedule of events for the evening begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by an award presentation at 7:30 p.m., a 50/50 raffle drawing at 8 p.m., and a 50/50 raffle drawing at 8:15 p.m. Jamie Green of The Pepsi Bottling Group of New Jersey is the honorary chairman of this year's gala.

Tickets are \$135 of which \$55 is tax deductible. Professional couples will roll the dice, deal the cards and spin the wheels, as attendees play to support UCC students. Tickets include \$25 in "fun money" to use at the gaming tables. The "profits" earned at the gaming tables can be exchanged for raffle tickets to win valuable prizes including airline tickets, sporting events and more.

In addition, tickets for a 50/50 cash raffle are currently being sold. Proceeds from the raffle will be dedicated to the endowment of a "September 11th Scholarship" to UCC for which children of police and firefighters will be eligible. Details of scholarship criteria have yet to be finalized. The cost is \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. The first prize of the 50/50 raffle is 20 percent of the gross amount — up to \$10,000 if all tickets are sold — and up to 10 percent for the second, third, and fourth prize — up to \$5,000.

To purchase a ticket to attend this black-tie optional event, or to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit the "September 11th Scholarship," call Diane McCurdy at the UCC foundation at 908-709-7505.

'How to Be Happy'

Individuals with an interest in mental health advocacy and education are invited to join the next meeting of NAMI-Union County, a new affiliate of The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Orsola Presbyterial Church, 1689 Rancho Road, Clark.

"How to Be Happy" will be the topic of discussion presented by Dr. Harish K. Malhotra, a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry, clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and a staff member of Overlook Hospital and Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

For more information, call Joann Melachuk, NAMI-Union president, at 732-381-7729, or Polly Ashelman, NAMI-Union secretary, at 908-245-4937.

County has turned around

(Continued from Page B1) in every indicator." The Democratically-led freholder board reversed course and led one of the most prosperous periods in Union County's history. The board "reconnected to people," with \$4 billion in private and public investment in Union County.

Republican challengers have made an issue of the freeholders allowing a transfer station in Linden, which would process New York City's household waste, into the county's solid waste management plan. Also raised by the GOP was the approval in 1999 of a medical waste facility in Linden.

The City of Linden decided the transfer station project was OK and the Union County Utilities Authority

"thought it was a good idea," Mingo said. The only responsibility of the freeholders is to accept it into solid waste management plan, while state Department of Environmental Protection has the final say, he added.

As to the medical waste facility, Mingo said, "It's not a matter of wanting waste. It's here; it has to be dealt with and we need a way to do that."

The county "cannot prohibit 1,200 trucks per day regardless of what they want to put on a train."

"It takes leadership to make tough decisions," said Sullivan, adding that the project dates back to 1999, evidence that was not fast-tracked for quick approval.

Next week: Candidates for Union County sheriff.

Variety needed on board

(Continued from Page B1) cussed. Schundler said, is sending the trash down the coast to landfills in North Carolina. "When I see a squandered opportunity in Linden, are we pursuing opportunity," he asked. Investment in the City of Linden like the investment that has gone on in Hudson County in recent years — where his brother has been mayor — can pay off for Union County.

Schundler said a lively and varied discussion can get a diversity of thought on the freholder board. "I'm not debating that they provide service," he said, "but do we pay more for it than we ought to."

"Everything in government is sacrosanct," MacDonald said. "If Demo-

crats ran General Motors, they'd still be making the DeSoto.

"There's no way these freeholders will lower taxes. I guarantee taxes go up."

Grants that the Democrats talk about securing come from other branches of government. "It's a shell game," MacDonald said.

"I saw what goes on at freholder meetings," Badillo said. "If you have a viable issue, they discredit and attack you."

"I didn't see anyone vote against layoffs" of corrections officers, said Badillo, who was among those laid off. "We criticize what's going on because we don't like what's going on."

Incumbents face challenge

(Continued from Page B1) cises to together adopt preventive measures and respond to terrorist attacks. The team would work with the federal government's new Department of Homeland Security to ensure better coordination and prevent further attacks.

An partner in the Parsippany law firm of Weiner Lesniak, the state senator said he helped expand prescription drug programs for senior citizens as a co-sponsor of legislation. The measure gives thousands of seniors lower cost prescription drugs, he said.

In his next term, Lesniak emphasized continuing to expand pre-kindergarten programs. He said partnering between educational and busi-

ness communities "ought to be a priority."

Cohen, who currently is the deputy minority leader, said he will seek to become the majority leader if Democrats take control of the Assembly. A partner in the law firm of Gill and Cohen, he was the prime sponsor of 14 bills in the last session. He pointed to the New Jersey Safe Haven Act, which allows young mothers to drop off newborn babies at hospitals, rather than abandoning them, as well as legislation allowing police to impound vehicles if they do not have automobile insurance.

Next week: Assembly and State Senate candidates in the 22nd District.

Railroads more attractive

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ka dot who had a judgment against him from the IRS should expect a big hit from his opposition. Fields called the matter "personal between the IRS and Campbell" but the day the judgment was filed with the county clerk it became a public message.

Sometimes though, the messenger can actually be a hero. It was reported that train service use on the Northeast Corridor has skyrocketed since the Sept. 11 tragedy. Railroads look a whole lot more attractive these days.

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A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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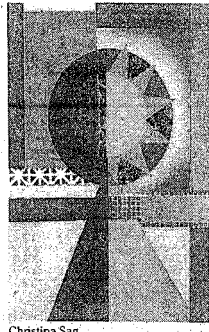
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America takes boomers back in time to the '70s

The usually staid Paper Mill Playhouse was rockin' to its rafters Oct. 9 when the classic rock group America delivered a Baby Boomer blast from the past.

Against a brilliantly lit backdrop, the band, headed by front men Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell, served up powerhouse renditions of most of their greatest hits to a loudly appreciative crowd. Sounding pretty much as they did when they first hit the music scene in 1972, they galvanized the audience with song after song, many of which are still staples on most classic rock radio stations. Joining Beckley and Bunnell were longtime "Americans" Michael Woods on guitar, Bradley Warren Palmer on bass and Willie Leacock on drums.

Opening with a high-powered rendition of "Riverside," Beckley, Bunnell and company rocked the house with "Ventura Highway," "You Can Do Magic," "Don't Cross the River," "Til Man," "I Need You," "Daisy Jane," and almost a dozen other numbers, each featuring a satisfying mix of a hard-rock edge and folksy melodies and harmonies.

Bringing an electrifying touch to the evening was guitarist Woods, who was showcased to full effect on "California Dreamin'," "Hangover," "Survival" and "Sandman," on which he jammed a hot guitar riff with Bunnell.

Beckley wasn't left out in terms of bringing his instrumental talents to the fore, adding an energy to the night. On "Lonely People," he did double duty, playing the keyboard one-handed while adding a harmonica riff to the song.

Closing the performance, the

Concert Scene

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

crowd was sent into a frenzy by "Sister Golden Hair." Returning to the stage for an encore amid raucous cheers and whistles, the band took their places and Bunnell quipped, "Oh yeah, we forgot this one." With that, they launched into perhaps their greatest and best-loved hit, "Horse With No Name," taking us back to 1972 when we first went through that desert on an anonymous equine. It was magic! Beckley and Woods once again wailed on their respective guitar solos.

Helping to push the night over the top was the audience. Paper Mill crowds often hesitate to really "let loose and get into it," as was the case with Manhattan Transfer in 2000. Not so last week — judging from the way concertgoers were pumped up for a night of rock and roll, the stately theater may as well have been the Garden or Continental Airlines Arena.

With the Baby Boom generation reaching middle age, and therefore comprising the theater's target audience, and many '70s groups still touring local venues, Paper Mill would do well to consider adding such appearances to the annual roster of Broadway stars and cabaret legends. Last year, Air Supply visited the Millburn theater; this year, America. Paper Mill! Let the good times keep rolling!

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Bruce Adler is an extremely funny man, a naturally funny man, who has the most fun playing comedy roles. The versatile performer, born to comedy again is about to turn the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn into a house of laughter, when he returns there for the third time as Policy Pinkle in the musical comedy, "Red, Hot and Blue," opening Wednesday.

"It's a fun role," Adler laughed, during a recent chat, "just as the other two shows I did at the Paper Mill — 'Anything Goes,' last season and the previous season's 'Crazy for You.' I don't always do comedies, you know. I've done all kinds of plays, drama and musicals. And my favorite role is the one I am presently doing," Adler admitted.

And so, his favorites have been such shows as "Crazy for You," which Adler did on Broadway and for which he was nominated for Tony and Drama Desk awards — the Paper Mill Playhouse production had been taped for the Public Broadcasting System's "Great Performances," and is shown occasionally on Channel 13. Broadway's "These Were the Days," for which he won a Drama Desk Award and was nominated for a Tony; "Rumors," "Sunday in the Park With George," "George Abbott's 'Broadway,'" "Oh, Brother!" and "Oklahoma!"

Throughout the country he starred in favorite roles in productions such as "Me and My Girl," "South Pacific," "Guys and Dolls." "They're Playing Our Song," "Cabaret," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "My Fair Lady" and "The Wizard of Oz." Adler's favorite movie roles were in "Beauty and the Beast" and in "Aladdin," where he sang "Arabian Nights." His best roles on television were in NBC's "Law and Order," "Here and Now" and the Cinemax series, "Paramour."

As Policy Pinkle in "Red, Hot and

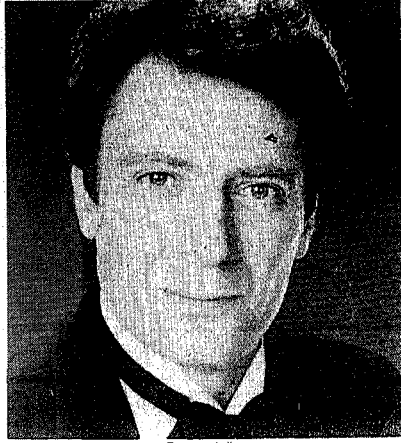
Blue," Adler said, "I play a policy guy, a counterfeiter, a deliciously, delightfully and not very dangerous crook — a convict living the life of Riley in a prison that I am forced to leave. It's the kind of prison where you check your brains at the door," he laughed. "It's wonderfully funny, a zany, fun comedy — a very happy show — something you need all the time, and especially now."

Adler explained that "it's just terrific. It's a different kind of show, with a great Cole Porter score, full of beautiful dancers, colorful costumes and scenery. It beckons to you to come on in, have a good time, and then go home. And," he added, "come back to see it again."

Adler was reminded of the mirror scene from "Crazy for You," which had the audience howling with laughter and actually brought the house down. He agreed that it was really one of the funniest things he had ever done. "You know," he said, "Jim Walton, who did the scene with me, has a starting role in this show. We just have a good time. Now, Debbie kind of joined in; after all, she didn't want to be left out. Eventually, the whole cast decided to join in the lunacy and have a ball." Adler is reforming leading lady Debbie Gravite.

Although the performer is not related to dancer Stella Adler, nor to the Luther Adler acting family, he is related to a performing family. Born in New York City to a vaudeville family, Henrietta Jacobson and Julius Adler, he played onstage with them at the age of 3. "I was born to it," he said, "but I almost killed vaudeville when I performed with my parents when I was 3 years old. I played the London Palladium with them when I was 7 years old, and headlining the show were Sophie Tucker and Allen Jones, and the famous comedy and singing team called The Merriamacs."

Adler's uncles, Irving and Hymie Jacobson, performed on Second Avenue. And his grandparents also



Bruce Adler

"were in the theater at the turn of the century. I learned from all of them," he said reverently. "I learned my craft from the best of the best."

He said that he particularly loves "the style of 'Red, Hot and Blue.'" Adler pointed out that "you just go out and you do it. And there's nothing I won't try. I'm shameless. Uh," he said, "nothing short of nudity. I always play twice. Once is never enough. I gamble on the success of the show all the time in the theater. To risk nothing is to lose everything. I go for broke."

As this will be Adler's third show at the Paper Mill, the performer said of the Millburn theater, "I love the Paper Mill. Everybody becomes your friend. The stage hands are friends. And here, they spare no expense. It's a first class place — and it's close to

home." Home, meaning New York City, where Adler resides. "The Paper Mill knows how to do it and they're always right."

"I've never regretted being in the theater, not for a second — not even when I wasn't working. I am so fortunate to do what I do, love what I do and make a living at it," Adler said. "It keeps me young, it keeps me healthy and it always makes me happy. I really love to perform." He explained that "I've had a varied career. I love the sound of laughter. I love to make people happy. My mother once said to me a long time ago, 'If you have a great time doing what you do, there isn't an audience in the world that would allow you to have a good time by yourself.'"

Adler sighed. "I try always to have the best time doing what I'm doing."

'The Fantasticks' delivers some fine moments

On the Boards

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Like the on-stage trunk from which the players retrieve their props, the Cranford Dramatic Club production of "The Fantasticks," playing through Oct. 27, offers magic, excitement and a few items that could use some polish.

Directed by Madge Wittel, the show moves along at a clip, sticking to the original staging of the Off-Broadway production, which is still running after four decades. However, despite the pace, the production lacks a certain energy and focus in almost every performance, leaving the show somewhat anemic.

Shining through, however, is Jennifer Beth Minter who, as Luisa, delivers the closest thing to a perfect performance as one is likely to find. From her wonderfully executed opening monologue through to the end, she completely embodies this young woman, nailing with precision the sweet intensity that is adolescence.

With a voice as clear as a bell, she deftly handles the almost acrobatic score with aplomb, effortlessly sailing into the stratosphere, most notably on "Happy Ending" and "Round and Round." This performance is not to be

missed — you may even return to see Minter one more time.

Also of note is George Straley who plays Henry, the old actor who shows up to comically aid in an abduction. Straley makes full use of his abilities in this often-riveting role — his "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" speech was a howl.

As Henry's sidekick, Mortimer, an actor who only plays death scenes, Frank Lettera displayed a rubber face and an enviable comic timing. He deservedly stopped the show opening night with his "self-inflicted death by arrow" pantomime.

The rest of the cast does a fine job, but lacks the focused energy to make the work soar. As El Gallo, the narrator, Roger Hayden exuded too much warmth and accessibility and not enough mystery and sex appeal.

Technically, the show has been

adapted very well from the three-quarter-theater style that is traditionally used and placed on a proscenium stage. The set, designed by Marc Chandler, features all of the usual "Fantasticks" elements — the platform and poles, the trunk of props, etc. — but the proceedings never feel out of place "up there" on a stage, even for loyal devotees of the show.

Maurice Moran's lighting is particularly memorable, especially his absolutely haunting "moonlight" effect simulated by El Gallo near the end of Act I. Helpfully by the second weekend, Moran's spotlight operator will do his design better justice.

As with Matt and Luisa's "perfect love," harsh scrutiny under bright light reveals flaws in this production. However, no flaw here is so great as to truly detract from the whole, which is one of the most charming shows ever written, and the performances delivered by Minter, Straley and Lettera more than make up for any number of drawbacks.

"The Fantasticks" runs through Oct. 27 at Cranford Dramatic Club. For information, see the "Theater" listing on Page B8.

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Travel's reflections offer glimpse of leaders

Editor's note: The following column was originally published in April 2000 and is reprinted here at the author's request.

The Victorians believed that travel was broadening. In the go-go age of today, that may seem quaint, but in that earlier era, if you could afford the leisure to travel, it was expected you would learn from the experience. Thus, the upper classes targeted cultural centers for their visits.

Now we travel in short hops to Caribbean islands, or spas, or the like. Very few but the retired venture off to experience and learn at a more leisurely pace. And many of the retired simply opt for warm weather escapes or motoring about in their RVs. I recently made such a leisurely trip across the country, admittedly with some very purposeful stops and tasks, but lots of time to spare. As in those Victorian days past, I found much to learn and new perceptions forming. Perhaps the most interesting to share are the insights I gained about our nation's presidents.

The first stop on this trip of the presidents was at Abe Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville, Ky. It sounds like a cliché, but my highest-rated president by most historians really was born in the wilderness. He was nurtured in a childhood without conveniences or even many basic necessities. His thirst for wisdom and self-

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By Jon Plaut

reliance were undoubtedly engendered by these early days in a log cabin — which is still there to behold.

In comparison to Lincoln, a little further down the road in Nashville, Tenn., is the plantation home of that self-proclaimed populist, Andrew Jackson. Jackson was rough-hewn and a product of the frontier, like Lincoln, but he was almost without humility and governed, in comparison to Lincoln, in a ruthless manner.

Moving further south, one reaches Little Rock and then Hope, Ark., childhood home to our most recent president. What values were taken from his single mother in view of the sensational revelations of the last few years, we do not know, but Mr. Clinton certainly rose from a poor childhood as a result of his tremendous exercise of intellect. In that regard, the boy is clearly stamped upon the man.

Across Texas, one encounters Lyndon Johnson, who rose from the Texas Hill country to a position of great political fortune in the United States Senate, and then, terrible conflict as president. His roots in a region that needed the government's help so

desperately in the 1930s pushed Johnson toward a great accomplishment in education and civil rights, while the ambition and certainty that had been engendered into him from youth made him unable to see the calamity that the Vietnam War was bringing on the country and his presidency. These dual themes are so apparent at the Johnson Library in Austin.

John Kennedy's dynamic presence can be experienced in El Paso, where a treaty with Mexico on border issues was proclaimed. Kennedy's youthful attraction shines out from a mural right at the border, but it is not just on the visitor to this national park that there was as much to regret in this president's personal life, as to admire. And while in Houston, one is never far from the fact that George Bush, who served his country in so many ways culminating in his presidency, now lives quite quietly on a suburban street. Of course, his son and now president, George W. Bush, is a Texan through and through.

As you travel west, you encounter wildlife areas and parks which were created under the conservation genius of Teddy Roosevelt. It is interesting to be reminded that at the turn of the century, Roosevelt was not only signing the acts that established these parks, but visiting them and riding about on horseback to enthusiastically re-experience nature himself. What a

contrast I felt between the exuberance of Teddy Roosevelt and even the bleached accomplishments of Lyndon Johnson versus the studied, self-aggrandized library of Richard Nixon in California.

Returning east, I ventured to the home of Jefferson Davis in Biloxi, Miss. Here was a stiff-necked, stubborn man who almost led the nation to disunion, causing great personal and national suffering by his countless wrong decisions. I couldn't help but compare that failed life to the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson I was reminded of in Savannah and Charleston. In Charleston, there is the irony of a wonderful statue to a young George Washington, father of his country, in front of a massive ugly monument to the Confederacy.

Finally, in Washington, D.C., I made my first visit to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial on the Tidal Basin, between the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials. This Roosevelt Memorial is a complex one, covering the Depression and the war years. It is an inspiring rebuke to those who dishonor government, and I believe the words found on the memorial, from Roosevelt's pen, would have made the young Abe Lincoln of Hodgenville, Ky., proud of the union he preserved.

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Mark is missed on classic Williams drama

Despite a couple of gifted performances, Westcott Community Players' current production of Tennessee Williams' classic drama "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" fails to deliver the goods in terms of believability.

Two-dimensional, one-note performances and distinctly anachronistic props make it very difficult to buy into the reality of this contentious family, gathered for the 50th birthday of patriarch Big Daddy.

As Maggie the Cat, Renee DeLeonzo fails to imbue her character with any depth of emotional resonance; the result is an endless litany of "stupid" line readings which seem to have no connection to anything other than the cue at hand. Her interpretation of the staging attempts to do much more than aimless wandering and occasional posing.

As the alcoholic has-been grandson

On the Boards

By Bill Van Sant
Star, Brick, Bret Boyle is faced with the unenviable task of predominantly listening to the other actors, a difficult job to make believable and one at which he succeeds most of the time.

However, with few exceptions, the actor is given very little of substance to which to react, leaving him adrift with limited lines of his own.

As Big Daddy, Charles Azet comes across more as an extra on "The Sopranos" than a Southern plantation boss.

Faring much better are Sheila Harding as Big Mama and Lynn Lan-

gine as Mae. Both women "become" their characters with every entrance and their lines never seem like scripted dialogue, but rather the automatic reactions of real people with real histories. Furthermore, though the setting is Brick and Maggie's bedroom, these two characters seem so much more at ease and natural in the space, as if it were actually a room in their house and not the set of a play.

Overall, the production suffers from only two fatal flaws — anachronism, in both tone and physical terms, and a failure to capture the music of Williams' writing and language and, subsequently, the script's subtext. While one can overlook plastic hangers in the closet and Valero closure's on Brick's leg cast, it is not so easy to ignore lines that don't sound comfortable on the speaker's tongue, which was the case with many of the actors. For example, Big Daddy's repeated mention of having been in the "laboratory for the exploratory" is not an accidental internal rhyme; however Azet rushed over that phrase every time as if he wasn't sure

what to make of it. Additionally, there was no sense of a Southern sensibility or mindset, nor any real indication of the sweating heat which fuels these characters' tensions.

Under director Naomi Yablonsky, the pace of the show is to be admired, as is her able handling of many actors on a small stage. The set by Bill McMeekan is effective and functional, and Alex Garden's lighting design is very evocative, especially the moonlight falling on the gallery beyond the French doors.

Harding and Langone are not the only bright spots; the show is not without its merits — not the least of which is the chance to see a great American play performed live — and hopefully by the second and subsequent weekends, the company will have melded into a more polished package and become more comfortable with the material and its subtext.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" runs through Nov. 3. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.

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Laughs should ring out with Theater Project revival

I've never written a review of a one-performance-only show prior to its opening, but this time I can do so in good conscience.

Sunday, the Theater Project at Union County College will kick off its 2001-02 Play Reading Series with "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls," Christopher Durang's uproarious spoof of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

How can a critic review an event in advance? Well, in this case, the review is actually the Project's 1997 full-scale production of the show, which featured the same director and cast of actors that lucky audi-

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By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

ences will see Sunday at Cafe Java in Westfield.

This riotous comedy — and the aforementioned production — are what changed my mind about Durang, who had not been among my favorite playwrights prior to that night four years ago. The writing was some of

the best I'd ever heard, and the talented company of artists more than did the just justice, making me wish the show was longer.

Featured in the cast is Gail Lou — who won the 1997 Worrall Newspapers T.E.A.M. Award for her performance — as Amanda Wingfield, an alternately shrewish and fatuous facing Southern belle. Lou swept across the stage, fully embodying Amanda with a complete sincerity that made the comedy all the more gut-bustingly glib. Project regulars: Andre DeSanties, Gary Glor and Deborah Pires. As Lawrence, Amanda's emotionally

stunned son, DeSanties brought down the house with his obsessing over his collection of glass swizzle sticks as he cavorted about the stage in "little boy" shorts pants. Glor, whose talent never fails to amaze me, mixed just the right amounts of angst and comedy as Tom, and Pires stopped the show as the hard-of-hearing "feminine caller," Ginny.

Director Mark Spina never fails to deliver, especially when it comes to comedy, working from the inside out and making the ridiculous seem not only possible, but rather attractive. His deft touch is perfectly suited to Durang's absurdity, making for a very

satisfying blend of talents.

If the 1997 production is any indication of what's in store Sunday, and I see no reason why it shouldn't be, Cafe Java is the place to be this weekend.

"For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls" will be presented in the Theater Project's Play Reading Series Sunday at 3 p.m. at Cafe Java, 70 Elm St., Westfield. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stopping Out calendar on Page B8 or call 908-659-5189.

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• Union High School Class of 1961 will conduct its 40th reunion Nov. 2 at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark. Cost is \$45 and includes cocktail hour and buffet. For information and reservations, contact UHS Class of '61 Reunion, c/o Arlene Kordulak Grinnell, 527 Fairview Ave., Colonia, 07067; call her at 732-382-7362, or send e-mail to agrin@home.com.

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Hearty appetites are encouraged to try the "Famous Country Sampler," which includes two pancakes, a wedge of French toast, a wedge of a Belgian waffle, one sausage link and two strips of bacon. All extra-large, served in almost any style imaginable, are made with three extra-large eggs; all egg orders come with homemade potatoes and toast.

Light breakfast eaters can opt for individual cereals, bagels or a variety of breads and muffins.

The number of items, and the taste, makes the wait during lunchtime, worthwhile. Everything from triple decker sandwiches to salads to burgers to wraps are prepared fresh. The "Stars of Broadway" include the Happy Waitress, an open-faced grilled cheese sandwich with bacon, tomato, French fries, onion rings and cole slaw. The Philadelphia cheese steak deluxe, New York-style Sloppy Joe, and hot pastrami and corned beef concho on rye are diners' selections for Tony Awards. There is always an assortment of salads for the light eater.

Patrons in the mood for complete dinners, starting at \$9.95 you have over 40 entrees to choose from among fresh seafood, chops and sautéed specialties. Aside from the Italian specialties, all dinners come with soup or salad, rice pilaf or spaghetti or potato and a vegetable, among the favorites is whole Rotisserie Chicken. Kids are welcome to select any menu items, including those in the Disney-themed children's section. But those children and adults must remember to leave room for the homemade desserts.

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TIME: 9am-5pm
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ORGANIZATION: Bloomfield Union

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY
October 13th & 20th, 2001
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: St. Joseph Polish National Church, Corner of Stanley Terrace and Porter Road, Union
TIME: October 13th 9am-4pm; October 20th 9am-1pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

October 19th & 20th, 2001
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, (corner of Clark Street), Glen Ridge
TIME: October 19th 9pm-9pm; October 20th 10am-1pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes. Furniture, housewares, books, toys, electronics, etc. treasure trove. Refreshments available. For information and directions call 973-743-5586
ORGANIZATION: Glen Ridge Congregational Church, Women's Association

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

October 26th & 27th, 2001
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: United Methodist Church of Summit, Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue, Summit
TIME: Friday 10am-9pm; Saturday 9am-12pm
PRICE: GIANT SALE — Low Prices. Bag Sale Saturday.
ORGANIZATION: United Methodist Church of Summit

THEATRE-PLAY

SUNDAY
November 4th, 2001
EVENT: "We've Come This Far By Faith" A Play & Musical.
PLACE: Linden High School Auditorium, 121 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden.
TIME: 5:00pm
PRICE: Advance tickets \$8. At the door \$10. Children 12 and under \$3 (at the door). For additional information of tickets 908-925-8996 or 908-468-2401. A play that will make you laugh, cry, sing, dance and shout all in one evening.
ORGANIZATION: The F.C. Morris, Fellowship Choir

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
October 27th, 2001
EVENT: ATTC TREASURES SALE
PLACE: 174 South Valley Road (corner of Meeker Street, near bottom of Walker Road), West Orange
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: Free Admission Collectibles jewelry, accessories, cookware, Xmas decorations, toys, kitchenware, ceramics, furniture. For more information call 973-731-4465.
ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Community Church

FUN AUCTION

SUNDAY
October 21st, 2001
EVENT: Tricky Tray Auction
PLACE: St. Theresa School 705 Clinton Street, Linden
TIME: Doors Open at NOON
PRICE: Admission \$2.00 at door and \$5.00 in advance. For further information call 908-862-1619 and leave message
ORGANIZATION: St. Theresa School

SUNDAY

October 21st, 2001
EVENT: Tricky Tray Auction
PLACE: Elizabeth Linden Elks 289, 228 East Elm Street, (off Washington Ave), Linden
TIME: Doors Open 1pm, Calling starts at 3pm
PRICE: \$5.00. Tickets sold at the door. For information call 908-925-3433.
ORGANIZATION: Elizabeth/Linden Elks 289

FRIDAY

November 2nd, 2001
EVENT: Tricky Tray/Fun Auction
PLACE: Sts. Constantine & Helen Church, 510 Linden Place, Orange
TIME: 7:30pm
PRICE: Admission \$7. New gifts, Refreshments.
ORGANIZATION: Daughters of the Garage

GARAGE/YARD SALE

SATURDAY
October 20th, 2001
EVENT: Yard Sale
PLACE: The First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, corner of 5th Avenue & Chestnut Street, Roselle.
TIME: 9am-3pm (Rain or Shine)
PRICE: Free Admission. Lunch Available.
ORGANIZATION: The First Presbyterian Church of Roselle

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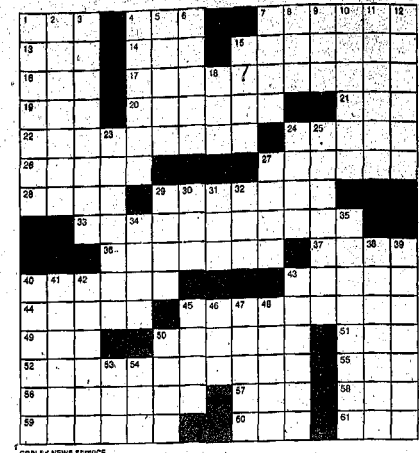
SATURDAY
October 20th, 2001
EVENT: Tricky Tray
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
TIME: Doors open at 4pm, Calling of prices at 5:30pm
PRICE: For more information call 973-374-9377
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, SATURDAY

October 19th, 20th, 2001
EVENT: Book and Jewelry Sale
PLACE: Donald B. Palmer Museum at The Springfield Free public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue
TIME: 10am-4:30pm
PRICE: Free Admission Donations of books, paperbacks, CDs, videos, cassettes, and jewelry gladly accepted during library hours. For information call 973-376-5921.
ORGANIZATION: Friends of the Library

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Band brings Latin sounds to Rahway tonight

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway will present Inti-Ilumini, the Chiflans of South America, the award-winning musical group featuring the sounds of Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina for an exclusive New Jersey engagement today at 8 p.m.

For several decades, Inti-Ilumini was in exile in Italy during the Pinochet regime. They are a symbol of free expression, liberty and democracy for Chile. Inti-Ilumini's music has intoxicated audiences around the globe for three decades. Their music comes from Latin American roots and they play on more than 30 wind, string and percussion instruments. Their instruments come from European, American Indian, African and Mestizo cultures.

Inti-Ilumini have appeared on Amnesty International

stages with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Mercedes Sosa, Sting and Wynton Marsalis, and at benefit concerts for the Victor Jara Foundation with Paco Pena, John Williams, Emma Thompson, Karen Matheson, Maria Faraonito, Salsa Celia and the Rambert Dance Company. Jara was killed in Chile's National Stadium after the Allende coup in 1973.

In 1999, Inti-Ilumini won Group of the Year and Composer of the Year, for Horacio Salinas, awarded by the Entertainment Journalists Association of Chile.

Inti-Ilumini will appear on the Union County Arts Center stage today at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50, \$19.50 and \$16.50. For more information, call Ticket Central, Union County Arts Center's box office, at 732-499-8226.

JCC plans family trip to New York resort

The JCC MetroWest will run a family trip to the Rocking Horse Ranch Resort from Nov. 16 to 18. Located in the Shawangunk Mountains near Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Rocking Horse Ranch offers daily guided horseback riding on private trails — beginner, intermediate and advanced levels — horse-drawn hayrides, indoor heated pool, archery, rifle range, fishing, basketball, softball, tennis, fitness room, handball, shuffleboard and miniature golf.

Activities for children include Fort Tinsie Giant playground, pony rides, crafts, costume character lunches, sports and petting zoo. Nightly entertainment with show and live music is featured at the night club on the premises. Younger guests can enjoy nightly bonfires, sing-alongs, and traditional marshmallow roasts.

The all-inclusive package offers a buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The cost per adult JCC MetroWest member is \$295 and adult non-member cost is \$320. For children between the ages of 4 and 15, the member price is \$115 and the non-member price is \$130. All children younger the 4 years old are free.

For more information, call Dita Szwefach at 973-428-9300, ext. 459 or e-mail dszwefach@metrowest.org.

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Horoscope

Oct. 22-Oct. 26
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in club or group activities to help promote your business. Make a small fortune networking your way through the crowd.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The energy and sincerity you bring to a relationship are very important. Give from the heart and only good can come from it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Take care of your immediate job duties and responsibilities with a smile. Frowning and complaining will only make it more unpleasant.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Make a conscious choice to be more social this week. Break out of your shell with plans for dinner and dancing with a special friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can trust a family member to keep a secret. Open up and take this opportunity to get what has been eating you off your chest.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Communication is highlighted. Share long and enjoyable conversations with

like-minded individuals and learn a thing or two.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A free-wheeling shopping spree spells disaster for your budget. Be extremely selective in your choices and avoid buying on impulse.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Meet and greet the world with an extra dose of enthusiasm this week. Money-making efforts or ideas pay off. Cash in!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rally around a charitable cause and give of your time and money to show your support. Pay attention to an intuitive connection.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Recognition for your above-average achievements come from a boss or supervisor. Take a much-deserved bow for a job well-done.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There are no short cuts to health, happiness

and success. Come up with a plan for your life that will get you there in time!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have a way with words. Put your skills to work and expect positive feedback on a personal proposal or written request.

If your birthday is this week, take time and make an honest effort to really straighten out your finances during the coming year. A quick and simple course in money management may be just what the doctor ordered. Think in moderate terms and don't get caught spending more than you can realistically or comfortably afford. There's a lot of fun to be had in a club or group environment. Sign up now!

Also born this week: Catherine Deneuve, Michael Crichton, Moss Hart, Pablo Picasso, Mahalia Jackson, Dylan Thomas and Bill Gates.

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Kellogg Foundation benefits UCC/Trinitas nursing students

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, president of Union County College, and Gary Horan, president and CEO of Trinitas Hospital, recently presented the first J.C. Kellogg Foundation Scholarship to Joyce L. Merrigan of Cranford, a student in the Cooperative Nursing program conducted by the two institutions.

The newly established scholarships will be awarded to all fourth- and fifth-semester students in the UCC/Trinitas School of Nursing Program who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better. Students enrolled in the UCC/Trinitas LPN — Licensed Practical Nurse — to RN — Registered Nurse — program with a 3.0 GPA or better will also receive scholarships under this program.

Kellogg Foundation Scholarship funds will cover the students' costs minus any grants in aid which they receive from other scholarships and funding sources as determined by the students' filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. These costs include tuition and fees for nursing courses and UCC courses taken during eligible semesters. Students will also receive funding for course-related books and equipment purchased in Union County College bookstores. Students will continue to receive the scholarship through graduation from the nursing program, provided they maintain the requisite 3.0 GPA.

According to James C. Kellogg, "This scholarship is not only intended to assist deserving nursing students, but to contribute to the broader community interest by addressing the shortage of qualified registered nurses that is developing in the city of Elizabeth, the state, and throughout the country. This shortage is in evidence at the same time that our aging population is creating demand for even more nurses." In New Jersey, only 14 percent of registered nurses are younger than the age of 30 and by 2006 New Jersey will need 14,000 additional nurses.

The J.C. Kellogg Foundation was founded in the 1950s by Kellogg's father, J.C. Kellogg III, when three of his

children were stricken with polio. Kellogg was a resident of Elizabeth and for 25 years represented Union County on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In light of recent events, it is particularly poignant to note that Kellogg was chairman of the Port Authority during the construction of the World Trade Center. His wife, Elizabeth Kellogg, was involved in the Eastern Union County Visiting Nurses Association. It was her interest in health care and the Kellogg family's dedication to Elizabeth that inspired the J.C. Kellogg Foundation's current gift to support the UCC/Trinitas School of Nursing program.

Since the early 1970s, Union County College and Trinitas Hospital School of Nursing — formerly Elizabeth General Hospital School of Nursing — have offered a joint nursing program leading to an associates degree and School of Nursing diploma. In the spring 2001 semester, a total of 495 full- and part-time students were enrolled in the program. In recent years, nursing school students from Elizabeth and the surrounding area have demonstrated an increased need for financial assistance to pursue their education.

According to UCC President Brown, "As a result of the generosity of the J.C. Kellogg Foundation in establishing this scholarship for nursing students, it is my hope that both enrollment and student achievement in the Union County College/Trinitas School of Nursing joint program will increase." At the presentation ceremony, hospital President Horan stated that, "The existence of these scholarship funds will assure that the long and successful collaboration between Union County College and Trinitas School of Nursing will continue to meet the need for skilled professional nurses in Union County and New Jersey."

For additional information on the UCC/Trinitas Nursing Program contact Lillian O'Reilly at 908-709-7258.



Joyce L. Merrigan of Cranford expresses her joy on learning from the J.C. Kellogg Foundation that she is the first recipient of the scholarships established by the foundation for the benefit of Union County College/Trinitas School of Nursing. Looking on are UCC President Thomas H. Brown, right, and Gary Horan, president and CEO of Trinitas Hospital.

SAGE offers Day options

Through the end of the year, SAGE is offering its senior health services at a discount.

SAGE's Introductory offer discounts the fees of attendance at Spend-a-Day Health Center when combined with the services of a home health aide for morning and evening assistance.

Attending adult day care provides necessary social, physical and mental stimulation for older adults who may otherwise be isolated in their homes. Many older adults and their families would like to use adult day services but

Attending adult day care provides necessary social, physical and mental stimulation.

are overwhelmed by the preparations needed to get ready to go in the morning and by the assistance needed upon returning home.

SAGE, a non-profit eldercare organization located in Summit, has a solution. Now through Dec. 31, new participants at Spend-a-Day, SAGE's Adult Day Health Center in Berkeley Heights, are eligible for an introductory offer of a 20-percent discount for the use of adult day care when combined with the use of a home health aide from SAGE's Home Care division. Clients of Spend-a-Day come from all over Union County.

For details, call 908-464-8217.

Lanza is certified in long-term care

Raymond Lanza D.O., C.M.D., medical director of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, has been granted the title of Certified Medical Director in Long-Term Care by the Board of Directors of the American Medical Directors Certification Program.

Dr. Lanza is one of 78 physicians who have completed the CMD requirements and were certified at the spring 2001 meeting of the AMDDCP Board of Directors. Since the program's inception in 1991, more than 1,560 physicians nationwide have received the CMD designation. The spring group, along with those physicians who will be approved at the fall meeting, will be recognized at the annual symposium of the American Medical Directors' Association in March 2002 in San Diego.

Dr. Lanza was named medical director of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, Berkeley



Dr. Raymond Lanza

(Heights, in March 2000. The 345-bed county facility offers nursing care, including long-term care, sub-acute

care, respite care, hospice care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and psychiatric care.

Dr. Lanza graduated magna cum laude from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, with a bachelor of science degree in biology and psychology. He received his medical degree with honors from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1978. He completed his internal medicine training at Overlook Hospital, a major teaching affiliate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1981, serving as chief resident, internal medicine, at Overlook until 1982.

He served as associate director of medical education at Union Hospital from 1984 to 1988, and director from 1988 to 1990. He also served as director of medical education with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine, Union Hospital Division, from 1990 to 1993. He is past medical director of Madison Medical Center, 1995 to 1996, an outpatient residency training program of Atlantic Health Systems.

Folic acid aids pregnancy

Recent studies show that women who take folic acid before pregnancy and during the first part of a pregnancy can reduce the risk of certain birth defects affecting the brain and spinal cord by 50 percent. Since the brain and spinal cord may begin developing within the first month of pregnancy, often before a woman knows she is pregnant, it is important to take folic acid before you become pregnant.

The U.S. Public Health Service recommends that all women of childbearing age should consume 4 milligrams of folic acid a day. You can eat foods that contain folic acid, like asparagus, drink orange juice, or you can take a vitamin supplement.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey offers vitamin supplements containing folic acid at its health centers. For more information about PPGNJ's services, call the Elizabeth Center, 208 Commerce Pl., at (908) 351-5384, or the Plainfield Center, 123 Park Ave., at (908) 756-3736.

Various options are available in treating erectile dysfunction

Be it through the media, informal peer discussions or dialogue with healthcare professionals, most adults these days have ample knowledge of the potential benefits of Viagra in treating erectile dysfunction. While Viagra is currently the most widely used treatment for ED, it is not appropriate for all patients and several other highly effective treatment options are also available to them.

ED is the inability for a man to get and/or keep an erection sufficient for sexual activity. It's estimated that more than 30 million men in our country today have it to some degree, including about half of all men 40 to 70 years old. Once referred to as impotence, ED is considered a more appropriate term because it provides a less judgmental and more accurate description of a very specific problem.

Few medical professionals would dispute that record numbers of men have acknowledged their risk of, and acquired treatment for ED since Viagra first came to the market in 1998. However, recent statistics show that only 60 to 70 percent of all patients treated with the drug achieve satisfactory results — making 30 to 40 percent of these individuals ideal candidates for other therapeutic options. It is this perception of Viagra as a "cure-all" that often causes men to develop unrealistic expectations regarding their recovery and leaves them ill-equipped to search for more effective treatment approaches.

"Experiencing sexual dysfunction is difficult enough without being burdened by misguided expectations surrounding treatment and recovery," said Barry R. Seidman M.D., attending physician at Atlantic Health Sys-

tem's Overlook Hospital in Summit. "In most cases, ED is associated with a medical condition and is treatable. A consultation with a urologist who is experienced in evaluating and treating the condition is the best source of information."

Many in the urology community are now taking steps to build an exist-

ing ED awareness with better information about the various therapeutic options available to help patients improve sexual function — above and beyond treatment with Viagra.

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A PAINTER'S LEGACY, an exhibition dedicated to the memory of noted artist and teacher James Bahagian, will be on display at the Kent Place Gallery through Nov. 9.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: The Merck 2001 Juried Union County Art Exhibit will be on display at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Nov. 9.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION member Sheila Langa will have her work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through Nov. 15.

INTERPRETATIONS: "Recent Art Works" inspired by People, Places and Things in Union County by the New Art Group will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 18 through Dec. 14.

THE TOWN BOOK STORE in Westfield will exhibit the works of members of the Westfield Art Association Saturday through the end of December.

MARKING A MARK — the work of New Jersey artists Gary Bnechie, Caroline Burton, Eric McLeod, Gloria Rodriguez and Barbara Siorck — will be on exhibit Nov. 11 through June 6, 2002 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

THE SHAPE OF LANGUAGE: The design of printed communication will be on exhibit through Oct. 27 at the Nancy Thompson Library at Keen University, Union.

UNMARKED LIVES, a touring exhibit of tapestries, textiles and paperworks by artist Joanne Sorko will be on display at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Oct. 28.

FIGURATIVE BRONZE SCULPTURE by Charles Hahn will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Oct. 31.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud.

CLASSES THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY will offer an eight-week series of art classes.

Pottery: Wednesdays, days 1 to 3 p.m. or evenings 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 26 to Nov. 14, \$100 for members or \$115 for non-members.

Painting With Oils: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., today through Nov. 29, no class Nov. 22, \$105 for members or \$115 for non-members.

Beginning Stained Glass Workshops: Thursdays 6:30 to 8 p.m., today through Nov. 29, \$75 for members or \$85 for non-members.

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MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old.

INTELLIGENTIA, the Chieftains of South America, will be presented in concert today at 8 p.m. by the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

ARLO GUTHRIE will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

NEW JERSEY BALLET will present two shows Oct. 20 and 21 in Wilkins Theater at Keen University, Union.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will kick off the 2001-02 season with a gathering Friday at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. — at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS and the Union High School Key Club will sponsor a benefit concert Oct. 28 at 8:30 p.m. to aid those affected by the Sept. 11 attack on America.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Cancalosi, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month.

NEW ARTISTS/CLASSICAL SOUNDS concert series will continue through Nov. 4. All concerts take place at Keen University in Union, begin at 2 p.m., and are free to Keen students and staff members with I.D.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE CRAFT CLUB will sponsor its annual boutique through Saturday at the Westfield Tennis Club, 133 N. Chestnut St., Union.

THE 9TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR will be sponsored by the PTA of Franklin Elementary School in Union Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gym, 1550 Julian Terrace, Union.

THE 15TH ANNUAL WESTFIELD CRAFT-ART MARKET will take place Nov. 2, 3 and 4 at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TRACEY WEST will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield today at 11 a.m. to sign copies of her new book, "Wee Wizards."

BARNES AND NOBLE of Springfield will sponsor a Halloween party for children 3 to 8 years old Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. included will be stories, a craft project and a costume parade through the store.

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Broadway, Clark. Admission is free, donations are accepted. For information, call 732-382-1197.

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be sponsored at the Loews Mountain-side, Route 22, Mondays, through Dec. 10; session one is Sept. 24 through Oct. 29; session two is Nov. 5 through Dec. 10. Subscriptions are \$121 for six weeks, \$225 for 12 weeks. For information, call 800-531-9416.

JAZZ ETC., the jazz concert series sponsored by the Arts Guild of Rahway, will continue the autumn 2001 season with Marlene VerPlanck Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10; seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

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THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present Cole Porter's "Red, Hot and Blue" Wednesday through Dec. 2. Evening performances are Wednesdays through 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 are Thursdays at 7 p.m., Nov. 1 to 29; audio-described performances Nov. 29 at 2:30 p.m. and Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; sign-interpreted performances Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; Gay and Lesbian Night, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. with post-show reception; and Singles Night, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. with post-show reception.

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THE THEATER PROJECT will present Christopher Durang's "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls" as part of the Play Reading Series Sunday at 3 p.m. at Cafe Java, 70 Elm St., Westfield. Admission is free. For information, call 908-659-5189.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt through Oct. 27. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the CDC theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 908-276-7811.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett Friday through Oct. 28 in the Vaughn-Frames Theater on the Union campus, 1000 Morris Ave. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday to Saturday, and Wednesday to Oct. 27 and 2 p.m. Sunday and Oct. 28. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$8 for students. For information, call 908-527-2337.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams through Nov. 3. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$12. The WCP theater is located at 1002 North Ave., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Burke in Summit

Mike Burke, a real estate professional with a long track record of success, has been named director of the Coldwell Banker New Jersey Summit office, located at 357 Springfield Ave.

The announcement was made by James Sosnovik, regional vice president of Coldwell Banker offices in Morris, Essex, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and Union counties.

"We are pleased to have Mike assume management responsibilities for the Summit area," Sosnovik said. "With his winning track record of sales and management, he will undoubtedly take the office to a new level of success."

Burke brings an entrepreneurial spirit and a will to succeed in his new management position. Before working in real estate, Burke worked in the insurance business as a district manager, winning numerous awards throughout the industry. His career took him all over the western United States and far away from his eastern roots.

Eventually opting for a more settled career in real estate, Burke moved back to New Jersey in 1998 and became a sales associate in the Coldwell Banker Chester office.

In March 2001, Burke began managing the Coldwell Banker Randolph office, helping that office achieve some of the best success since its opening. Everyone at Coldwell Banker is anticipating similar success in the Summit office under his enthusiastic leadership.

Excited about his new position in Summit, Burke said, "It is a challenging opportunity for me to help the Summit office attain a new level of gained market share and growth. My goals for the future are to ensure that we have the most highly trained and skilled agents in the business, so that we can provide our customers with unparalleled professional support and personal service."

The Coldwell Banker Summit office holds a large market share in Union, Somerset, Essex and Morris counties. For more information about buying or selling a home in the Summit area, call 908-227-1770.



Mike Burke

Monteleagre speaks Spanish and English fluently, which allows him to service a large portion of the consumer population. He holds a degree in accounting and is a former teacher. Monteleagre is a resident of Union County. He enjoys reading in his spare time.

Monteleagre can be contacted by calling RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park at 908-245-9300.

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Monteleagre is aboard

RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park announced that Isaac Monteleagre has recently affiliated with its successful team of top-notch real estate professionals.

Monteleagre speaks Spanish and English fluently, which allows him to service a large portion of the consumer population. He holds a degree in accounting and is a former teacher. Monteleagre is a resident of Union County. He enjoys reading in his spare time.



Macy Egerton Lycan

Serving as a sales associate, Monteleagre will be specializing in the listing and sales of residential properties in various locations throughout Union, Essex and Middlesex counties.

Monteleagre has more than 20 years of experience in the real estate industry and he joined RE/MAX to take advantage of the opportunities that exist for the company's sales associates.

"RE/MAX offers a much greater opportunity to advance my career, and I have a number of tools and resources that allow me to better service my clients and customers," said Monteleagre.

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Lycan joins Burgdorff

Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Macy Egerton Lycan has joined the company as a sales associate in their Summit office, located at 785 Springfield Ave.

Before joining Burgdorff ERA, Lycan was director of media relations for Deutsche Bank Americas and before that was a vice president in public relations for Salomon Brothers. She has a gift for connecting with her clients to share ideas, make plans for the future, and find the optimal way to represent their best interests.

Lycan is an associate's degree in liberal arts from Katherine Gibbs School. A resident of Summit since 1996, she has also lived in New York City, Dallas and Virginia Beach.

The Burgdorff ERA Summit office is a full-service real estate office. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-522-1800.

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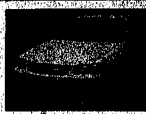
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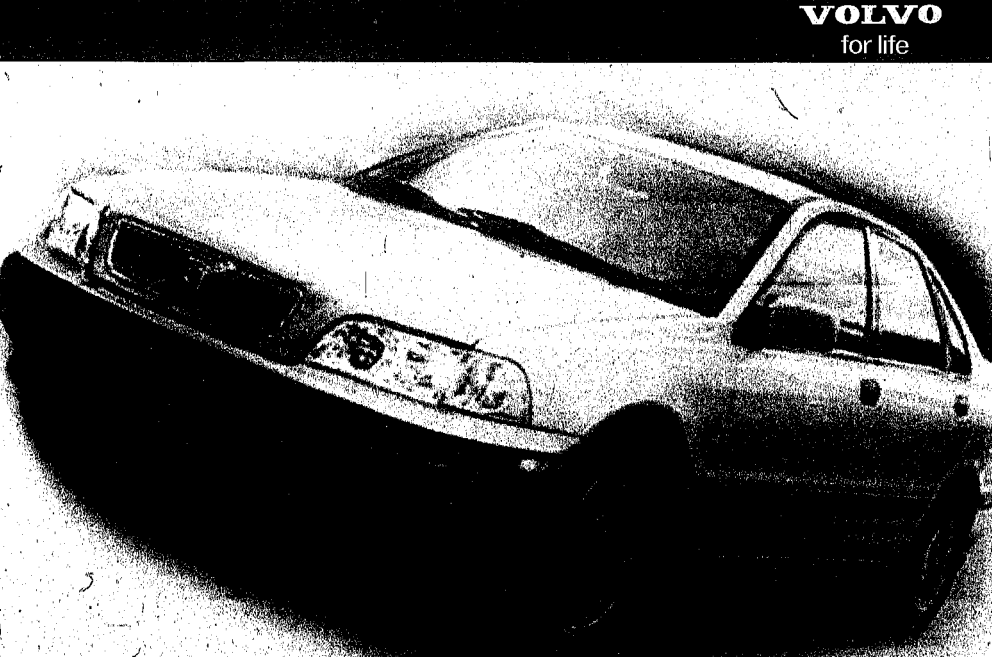
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