

Control of state Legislature is at stake

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pupil savings. If one student leaves a school, the district does not see a savings from that child's absence. The school still must pay for the teacher, classroom, building, staff and utilities for the students who remain. It is not a solution to tear down and weaken a struggling school system, Hem said.

22nd District

Democrats have a chance to gain seats in this district, with Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of Linden facing former Olympic champion Milt Campbell of Plainfield for the State Senate seat.

In the Assembly, the Democrats field a ticket of Freeholder Linda Stender of Fanwood and incumbent Gerald Green of Plainfield who will take on Republicans Patricia Walsh, the mayor of Green Brook, and Gabo Spera, a former mayor of Scotch Plains.

The district includes Clark, Fanwood, Linden, Rahway, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Winfield Park, in addition to parts of Somerset and Middlesex counties.

29th District

Hillside is the only Union County municipality in the 29th District. The rest of the district includes parts of Newark. The heavily-Democratic district is considered safe, as evidenced by few challengers to the incumbents. State Sen. Sharpe James, also the mayor of Newark, is running unopposed for another term. Assemblymen William Payne and Wilfredo Caraballo, both of Newark, also seek re-election. They face Newark Republicans Tharien Arnold and Elaine Guarino, both of whom ran in 1999.

Caraballo, an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School of Law, moved last year from South Orange to Newark. He had represented the 28th District for several years. Newark Councilman Donald Tucker had represented the 29th District until redistricting put him in the 28th District.

COUNTY NEWS

Information conference

The Union County Division on Aging will present its annual Information and Assistance Conference on Nov. 8 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Kean University Center, Room 228, on the campus at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Parking is available throughout the college parking lots.

Keynote speaker Martha Clavis of the Camden Area Health Education Center will address the conference in the morning program. Her key points will be how to reduce barriers and increase services to elders. The cultural, ethnic, religious, values, and family will be reviewed from the ethnographic perspective of socioeconomic and life expectancy for minority elder population.

Clavis is a nationally known expert and commentator on cultural diversity issues. During the afternoon Clavis will be moderating a panel of community leaders discussing how to address cultural diversity.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 908-537-4222 for a registration form or e-mail to: info@agingon.org, address and telephone number to: agingon.org

Public forum on gangs

A public forum on gangs and at-risk youth sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division of Youth Services will be Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Kean University Center, located near Exit 125 off the Garden State Parkway, at Bordenfield and South 31st Street in Keanwood.

Youth Gangs" will include a discussion featuring five experts in sociology, criminal justice, and behavioral sciences. The presentation by the panelists will be followed by a question-and-answer period, a buffet luncheon and time for the audience to meet and talk with the panelists.

The Union County Division of Youth Services works to promote public safety while offering crisis intervention, counseling and other alternatives for juvenile offenders and young people with problem behaviors, said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "This forum will help educate the public about at-risk youth and how we can better respond to gang activity in our communities."

The panelists for the forum on gangs and at-risk youth include:

- Detective Jamison Antonio, a specialist in identifying local gangs, a graduate of Seton Hall Law School. He is currently assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force-Intelligence Division with the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

- Darrell C. Hatcher, the moderator of the forum. A manager of residential facilities for delinquent and at-risk youth for 27 years, he is superintendent of the Union County Juvenile Detention Center and administrator of the Division of Youth Services.

- Bonnie Hartman, a specialist in behavioral services. A graduate of Kean University, she has more than 25 years of experience in the field of child welfare services and is director of the Union County Youth Service Bureau.

- Alvin Jackson, author of "Gang-busters: Strategies for Prevention and Intervention." A native of south central Los Angeles, he is the statewide

manager of Minority Services for the Oregon Youth Authority.

- Detective Ronald Simpson, a nationally-recognized expert on street gangs. He has trained more than 5,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officials and is an investigator with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice.

For registration information, call the Union County Youth Service Bureau at 908-298-7800.

Vo-Tech FFA chapter attends state conference

Union County Vo-Tech students who are officers in the Union County FFA Chapter attended a two-day Leadership Training Conference at Camp Bernie in Port Murray last month to build their leadership skills.

The annual conference, hosted by the New Jersey FFA Association, took place Oct. 5 and 6 and addressed topics such as teamwork, opportunities in the FFA organization, public

relations and chapter recruitment and improvement.

The students also took part in a special "confidence course" — an outdoor educational activity conducted by Camp Bernie staff members designed to teach students the value of teamwork and communication.

"This conference was both fun and creative," said Paola Ortiz, a Union County Vo-Tech student. "It gave us all an opportunity to work together to bond as a team. I think we all gained some new skills and got to meet new people."

Ortiz, a Roselle Park resident, serves as chapter president of the Union County FFA. Other Union County Vo-Tech students who attended the conference include Canaya Briggs of Hillside, chapter sentinel; Ryan Mench of Westfield, chapter treasurer; and Dawn Laboy of Linden, chapter vice president.

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Those who vote deserve applause

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Democratic party operatives handed out Bingo markers at the Boys & Girls Club on Jeanette Avenue in Union. They were doing a brisk business among the senior gang-busters with the canisters urging support of the freeholders and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Come Tuesday, the reason we are bombing an enemy and the direction of our state and county will be open for interpretation. That's what Election Day is about. My fear is that they will still be a

group who don't vote. Their excuses include that politicians are alike, there are no choices, etc. The real problem is the poor civic involvement of the non-voters.

But my yearly anger with these people is tempered by the Republican helping their candidates at the ShopRite and Nicole Tedeschi in my book, they all deserve the applause and thanks for practicing democracy and showing up.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Caprice is an attorney.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Porter musical is delightful, 'de-lovely' at Paper Mill

Leave it to the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn to offer so entertaining a production as the new "Red, Hot and Blue," featuring great Cole Porter melodies, beautiful people, bright lights and colors, great scenery and much laughter, as to make people put aside sorrow, grief and fear for 2 1/2 hours.

On the Boards

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

And that's exactly what the audience did on Sunday afternoon — it put all of its apprehensions on a back burner — and sat back to enjoy the antics and the crazy, wonderful, goings on onstage. In fact, on opening night last Friday, Executive Producer Angelo Del Rossi came onstage before the show to read a congratulatory telegram from Bob Hope. Hope was in the original 1936 Broadway production along with Jimmy Durante and Ethel Merman.

Porter wrote the music and lyrics of "Red Hot and Blue" with a book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Croese. And the musical was revised, adapted and wonderfully directed by Michael Leeds for the Paper Mill stage. One must tip one's hat to Del Rossi and Robert Johnson, artistic director, for selecting so zany a show, and for taking a theater-goer down memory lane by offering such delightful tunes as "It's De-Lovely," "You Do Something to Me," "Just One of Those Things" and "I've Got You Under My Skin." Another tip of the hat is made for exposing an audience to such an extraordinarily talented cast starring Broadway's Bruce Adler, Tony Award-winning Debbie Gravitte, the charming and suave Michael Gruber, the marvelous Jim Walton, Felicia Finley and Stephanie Kurtzuba — and featuring dozens of wonderful performers.

The absurd story concerns a group of convicts, who have turned their "Lark's Nest Prison" into a resort-

type habitat, and who are approached by a rich widow, Nails O'Reilly Duquesne, for their assistance in finding her lawyer's childhood sweetheart. They conduct a national lottery, aided by a group of debutantes. It seems, however, that the "sweetheart" can only be identified by a waffle mark on her backside. And so the cons are paroled, much to their distress, and travel around the country selling lottery tickets.

It gets more absurd and funnier and funnier as the show unfolds. But then, "Red, Hot and Blue" is a fun show, so everyone, cast and audience, is having a great time.

It is a real pleasure to be exposed to the versatile talents of Adler, who plays Polley Pinkie — a man, who can do almost anything on stage — from conducting the orchestra and the dance numbers to muttering some swift one-liners that have the audience practically rolling in the aisles. He sings and dances, cavorts, and in one number, where he is up and down on a chair, playing himself and himself, he has the wildly applauding audience in the palm of his hands.

Gravitte, as Nails, is an exceptional performer, who has the fire of her predecessor, Ethel Merman, who originated the role on Broadway 66 years ago, when she sings such songs as "Ridin' High" and "It Ain't Etiquette," and a gentleness of her own with "It's De-Lovely" and "Down in the Depts."

Walton, who portrays Gravitte's lovelick lawyer — oh, by the way, the two characters are hopelessly in love — has a wonderful sense of comedy and a very fine voice, particularly when he sings "You Do Something to Me." Remember when Walton appeared with Adler in the Paper Mill production of "Crazy for You," in the hilariously memorable mirror scene in 1999?

Finley, as Grace, is remarkably good as the high-class society lady, who falls for Fingers, the charming, handsome conman, wonderfully played by Gruber. They are wonderful together when they sing "I've Got You Under My Skin." Then there's Peaches, whose screaming, childlike voice belies her voluptuous shape, played by Kurtzuba, and who can often run away with the show. She is particularly effective when she and the Debutantes sing and dance to "Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love."

The others in the cast are absolutely marvelous. The Convicts include Brian Barry, Leonard E. Sullivan, Jeremy Davis, Mark C. Reiss, Josh Rhodes and Jaymes Hodges, who plays Leonard, a huge, frightening gorilla of a man, whose only utterance is a slow, menacing "Yeah," and has the audience waiting with bated breath just for that word. They, and Adler, dressed in striped convict clothes, can turn the black and white costumes into sharp, attractive tuxedos. It's amazing.

The Debutantes are equally marvelous and beautiful. And they are Susan Lamontagne, Tessa Bass, Dana Moore, Dana Zihlman, Laura Dryaczek and Lisa Mandel. Then there are The Senators, Dick Decareau, Carolyn Saxton, Ben Lipitz and Melodie Wolford.

Another showstopper is the lively title song performed by Gravitte and company.

With contributing great choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler and music direction by Tom Helm, "Red, Hot and Blue" is an absolute winner — a unique form of entertainment that can be found nowhere else.

"Red, Hot and Blue" thrilled audiences on Broadway in 1936. It is still thrilling audiences — only more so — in 2001. After all these years, it still maintains its entertainment value as a delightful, delicious, "de-lovely" musical comedy.

Incredible! "Cole Porter's Red, Hot and Blue" will run through Dec. 2 at the Paper Mill Playhouse. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.



The cast of Cole Porter's Red, Hot and Blue thrills the audience with the showstopping title tune. In the front row are, from left, Michael Gruber, Felicia Finley, Jim Walton, Debbie Gravitte, Stephanie Kurtzuba and Bruce Adler.

Theater's drive aids local causes WTC relief fund is among designated charities

During the run of the new "Red, Hot and Blue," the Paper Mill Playhouse will conduct its annual Community Drive.

This year, the drive will benefit three charities — The American Red Cross, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS and the New Jersey Chapter of First Book.

According to Paper Mill publicist Charlie Siedenburg, "This year's drive benefits three outstanding charities that provide direct aid to individuals in need in our immediate community."

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, is vital in providing disaster relief services. Contributions will benefit the Millburn/Short Hills Chapter and play a key role in the World Trade Center Relief effort.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the nation's leading not-for-profit AIDS fund-raising and grant-making organization, provides direct support to individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

Only cash contributions are being accepted for the Red Cross and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

The New Jersey Chapter of First Book, a national not-for-profit agency that promotes literacy, distributes books to community centers and after-school programs in Newark, East Orange, Irvington and the surrounding areas.

Contributions of new children's books, appropriate for youngsters between the ages of 3 and 7 years old, are being accepted.

Receipts for books and cash contributions will be located throughout the Paper Mill lobby. Donations will be accepted at performances of "Red, Hot and Blue," and the hours during which the theater lobby is open, weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information, call the Paper Mill at 973-399-3636 or visit www.papermill.org.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Children's ballets are full of magic & wonder

Known primarily for its annual family treat, "The Nutcracker," presented at the Paper Mill Playhouse, the New Jersey Ballet has continued this tradition with the excellent offerings in its family series.

On Oct. 21, the company graced the stage of the Wilkins Theater at Kean University in Union, presenting "Peter and the Wolf" and "Beauty and the Beast" to an audience filled with enthusiastic children and their families.

Probably the most famous piece of music used to introduce children to the classics, "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev was brought to dazzling life. Both the brightly lit stage and the vibrantly colorful costumes by Eric Jones perfectly matched the whimsy of Prokofiev's score and the carefree mindset of the protagonist, Peter, as did Paul McRae's lively choreography. Furthermore, the narration not only introduced the young audience to the cast, but to the various orchestral instruments which are featured on each character's theme.

As Peter, Andres Neira displayed a boyish charm and a graceful ability as he cavorted about the stage, while Andrei Jouravlev was all power, athleticism and might as The Wolf. As Peter's backyard friends, a trio of women delighted the youngsters as The Cat, Michelle de Fremery was

Family Fare

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

fithe and displayed enviable agility. Gabriella Noa, who danced the role of The Duck, proved herself to be not only a fine dancer, but an excellent comic actress as well. However, Marlene Shapiro was absolutely mesmerizing as The Bird, performing a large portion of her role en pointe and imbuing her performance with a delicate, birdlike interpretation.

Rounding out the cast were ballet master Alexander Makarov as Peter's grandfather, and Tsvitin Bold, Susan Arnshtad, Konstantin Dournev and David Tamaki as a band of hysterical, bumbling hunters. While Makarov's was not a dance role per se, the hunters filled the stage with their choreographed hijinks, eliciting many laughs.

The second half of the program — "Beauty and the Beast" choreographed to Maurice Ravel's score — was a study in opposites when compared with "Peter and the Wolf." More reminiscent in tone of Jean Cocteau's brilliant film version than the animated Disney feature, the entire ballet was beautifully conceived and presented, tender and gentle in its telling of the story.

Where "Peter and the Wolf" was bright and whimsical, "Beauty and the Beast" was darker-toned, both in the visual presentation and in the nature of the piece. Using a more muted palette of colors in both the scenery and the costumes, created by Nancy Reed and Paul McRae, the production design highlighted a slightly darker side of life as represented by the

Beast. The lighting for this ballet was spectacular, making effective use of shadows and a twilight feel.

As Beauty, the breathtaking Christina Theyoung was rapturous in her performance. Like Noa, Theyoung is an excellent actress, emoting not only with her body, but with her eyes and face, creating a fully realized — if silent — character.

Theyoung's dancing was exquisite, particularly in her dance with the Rose Fairies and the magical Bird, who was played exceptionally by Kotoe Kojima. The entire sequence was staged en pointe, creating a very lyrical and beautiful moment.

Sergio Amarante danced the role of the Beast with a yearning he managed to communicate despite a full face mask. His interpretation of George Tomal's choreography was wonderful.

In the final scene, The Love Duet, Theyoung and Amarante — now sans mask — partnered on an appropriately lovely *pas de deux*, bringing the ballet to its climax. Amarante was very expressive when he was transformed into a human, and the partnering featured the most beautifully executed lifts of the day.

One of the more charming elements of "Beauty and the Beast" was the inclusion of students from the New Jersey School of Ballet in the roles of the Bunnies, Squirrels and Ducklings, as well as playing three of the six Rose Fairies.

To gain a "kid's perspective" on this family presentation, I brought along my two children — Reid, 6, and Tori, 3 — and, in the past, talked with them following the performance to see what they got out of it. Although this was their first exposure to the ballet, except for repeated viewings of their "Nutcracker" video, both said they were able to follow the story without relying on the narration. After "Peter and the Wolf," Reid

commented that he preferred the ballet version to the Disney short with which he's familiar — "I like this one better than the movie because the ending's cool!" — and said his favorite part was the chase sequence between the climax. Tori, on the other hand, singled out different elements, citing The Cat and The Bird as her favorite characters.

Their impressions of "Beauty and the Beast" were positive, but not quite so enthusiastic, perhaps owing to the fact that the whimsy of "Peter and the Wolf" was naturally absent here. Both preferred the first act to the second because, as Tori put it, "it was more kid-like." While the adult love story of "Beauty and the Beast" couldn't eclipse the antics of a young boy, both Tori and Reid had high praise for the Bunnies, Squirrels and Ducklings in the second ballet.

While adult dance fans may find the presentations of New Jersey Ballet's family series a bit simplistic and even a little rough around the edges if you look hard enough, one would be hard-pressed to find a better alternative in cultivating a love of the classics in youngsters, both in the areas of music and dance. This wonderful presentation appealed not only to a child's less-refined taste, but to an adult's more sophisticated viewpoint as well, making for a perfect family outing. New Jersey Ballet has proven that high-quality entertainment knows no age limits!

The New Jersey Ballet will return to the Wilkins Theater Sunday at 2 p.m. in "Hansel and Gretel." For information, call New Jersey Ballet at 973-597-9600 or the Kean box office at 908-527-2337.



As The Bird, Marnie Shapiro 'flies' across the stage in the New Jersey Ballet's production of "Peter and the Wolf." Andres Neira, as Peter, looks on from his perch atop a fence. The company will return to Kean University Sunday with "Hansel and Gretel."

Poets are sought for national contest

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That is what A.R. Gurney's play "Sylvia" seems to be going for: an empty-nester goes through a midlife

On the Boards

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

crisis with an unusual twist. In this case, a dog named Sylvia. The problem is the "hook" of the play. Sylvia is played by an actress who speaks and reacts in a way that can be seen as "only human" to such things as cats, other dogs, and people.

The play was opened this past weekend, presented by the Stony Hill Players at the Wilson School in Summit. Despite the interesting premise of the play, there is something about it that does not quite ring true.

Sylvia, played by Diane Kahan, a good-hearted dog, adopts a pair of empty-nesters who recently moved to the city after their kids went off to college. Greg, played by Lee Grabelsky, is loved with his life and dissatisfied with his job, while Kate, played by Melissa Tarow, is interested getting back to teaching junior high students Shakespeare.

Greg and Sylvia meet in the park, and Greg takes her home. Sylvia automatically latches onto Greg, saying how much she loves him at every opportunity. Kate does not take the same shine to Sylvia, calling her "Saliva" and expressing irritation at this new animal taking up her apartment and her husband's time.

Greg, who is getting tired of his job for not being "real" enough, spends more and more time taking care of Sylvia. He begins to feel more connected to the world through his dog, who literally sees everything in black and white. Kate is looking for some more freedom in her life, and feels Sylvia is taking that away from her.

As a concept, the play works quite well. A new character intrudes into a not-quite-dysfunctional marriage, and will either heal it or hurt it. The fact that Sylvia is a dog the audience sees



A fetching Diane Kahan, left, proves it's indeed a dog's life in "Sylvia," the current production of Stony Hill Players in Summit. Joining Kahan in the lighthearted play is Lee Grabelsky.

and hears as a person, if a hyperactive and hyperemotional person, also works.

Kahan plays Sylvia as an agreeable dog who wants to like everyone and wants everyone to like her. Except cats, of course. Grabelsky shows that around Sylvia, Greg gets the enjoyment he probably only felt while playing with his kids or being a kid himself. Tarow also shows that Kate is not a frosty control-freak, but simply thinks Sylvia is getting in the way. Despite this, the way Kate tries to get Sylvia out of the picture appears drastic.

The real problem is Sylvia "talking." More specifically, Sylvia talking to Sylvia, or do they imagine Sylvia can talk to them? And if so, why do they imagine Sylvia in a similar way if they have different opinions of her? The other characters in the play don't talk to Sylvia, so it is never properly explained. The fault of this lies more in Gurney's script than in anything the actors do.

Are we supposed to think Greg and Kate can actually communicate with Sylvia, or do they imagine Sylvia can talk to them? And if so, why do they imagine Sylvia in a similar way if they have different opinions of her? The other characters in the play don't talk to Sylvia, so it is never properly explained. The fault of this lies more in Gurney's script than in anything the actors do.

Despite this rather glaring problem, the rest of the play is enjoyable. Sylvia's reaction to other animals and peo-

ple provides much of the laughs. The other characters provide the human humor and relief from trying to figure out the "rules" of the play.

Greg befriends a Brando-esque fellow dog owner named Tom, played by Alex Devanas, who explains the amusing truths about dogs, dog owners, and dog owner's spouses as he sees them. An androgynous marriage counselor, played by Victoria Steel, becomes convinced Greg needs treatment better suited for sick horses. Phyllis, played by Susan Rosenthal Oct. 27 and Barbara Goldstein other performances, is a friend of Kate's who finds all roads leading to Sylvia.

The cast members all give amusing and surprisingly touching performances. The lack of character in Kate and Greg's apartment does not seem to reflect anything about their lives, unless it is supposed to show how much they miss their children. But again, that is not very clear in the script, not even enough to be subtle. Directors Audrey Monaco and Bob Peiser are able to get more use out of "imaginary" sets, like the park and street corner where Greg takes Sylvia. A talking dog can be as interesting as a cheerleader or a ghost, but some ground rules must be needed for a proper suspension of disbelief.

"Sylvia" runs through Nov. 11 at the Wilson School, 14 Beckman Terrace in Summit. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.

Ballet returns to Kean this weekend

The Kean University Saturday Night Concert Series will present the New Jersey Ballet in "An Evening of Classical Favorites" Saturday at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. As part of the Sunday Series for Young Audiences, the troupe will perform "Hansel and Gretel" Sunday at 2 p.m., also in Wilkins Theater.

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St. Barnabas obstetric team delivers 'shining guardian' baby

Bibi and Hirohisa Hayakawa of Maplewood, had been trying to have a baby for three years. Eventually, with the assistance of in vitro fertilization, Mrs. Hayakawa became pregnant. When the Hayakawas learned they would be having twins, due in early summer 2001, the couple was ecstatic. But Jan. 30, an unanticipated turn of events turned their dream of having a family into a nightmare.

In late January, Mrs. Hayakawa, then at 17 weeks gestation, experienced unexpected bleeding and had to be rushed to St. Barnabas Medical Center. In the throes of a miscarriage, Mrs. Hayakawa lost the first fetus en route to obstetric surgery before she could be stabilized and attempts were made to prevent the second fetus from miscarriage.

According to Dum Terrone M.D., perinatologist at the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Mrs. Hayakawa's miscarriage was caused by cervical incompetence, a condition in which the cervix dilates prematurely, leading to miscarriage or premature delivery. "Even aggressive

intervention would provide less than a 5 percent chance of survival for the remaining twin," he said.

For Dr. Terrone, there were serious risks to consider with any efforts to save the remaining fetus. Attempts to delay the birth of a second twin, are called a "delayed internal delivery," and represent a relatively new area of medical research. Health risks for mother and baby alike are increased dramatically due to the chance of infection caused by the rupture of the membrane from the loss of the first fetus. Likewise, according to the medical literature, treatment tends to hold off the birth of the second fetus for only a matter of days, sometimes four weeks at most. Since a full-term baby is 37 to 40 weeks gestation, and the youngest surviving infants have been born at 23½ weeks gestation, Hayakawa would need at the very least a minimum of another 6½ weeks in his mother's uterus to survive. Another five weeks above and beyond that benchmark would increase his health and survivability significantly. But the odds were not in his favor.

For the Hayakawas, the decision was more personal. Despite the devastation of losing her first twin, a boy, whom she and her husband, a software engineer, named Nostromo, which is Japanese for "hope," she steadfastly followed strict guidelines and spent time both at home and in St. Barnabas' high-risk maternal-fetal medicine department, waiting and hoping.

Treatment included tocolysis — medicine to prevent labor; antibiotics to prevent infection; a cerclage, or stitches to prevent premature delivery; as well as bed rest. "Dr. Terrone and his colleagues, particularly Dr. Richard C. Miller, as well as Dr. Kalavathi Ayyagari, my OB/GYN, were very cautious in managing the remainder of my pregnancy," said Mrs. Hayakawa. "I knew Dr. Terrone had done all that he could do and that our chances were very slim. But after all we had been through, we were more than willing to take those chances."

"We are delighted the Hayakawa

Baby reached this gestation age with no ill effects for Mrs. Hayakawa," said Dr. Terrone. "We have used this technique before, as have our colleagues around the world, but it takes for a delayed interval delivery to achieve an additional 19 gestational weeks. There is no question that the first twin could not have been saved given the quick manner in which Mrs. Hayakawa miscarried; the vast majority of women, unfortunately, lose both babies. It is gratifying for our team — including the perinatologists, residents, our high-risk maternal nursing staff, and other support personnel — that our efforts were so successful. I have nothing but praise for the Hayakawas, particularly Mrs. Hayakawa, for demonstrating such a commitment to this pregnancy despite the many obstacles."

On June 15, 2001, Mrs. Hayakawa gave birth to 4-pound 10-ounce Hikaru Wakeel with the assistance of her obstetrician/gynecologist, Dr. Ayaago of Maplewood, Albert Franco M.D.; Jennifer Malabre, R.N.; and

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"Hikaru No Genji" or "the shining Genji" is the main character from "The Tale of Genji," a Japanese novel written by Murasaki Shikibu in approximately 1000 A.D. Shikibu is a woman writer and her book is the first novel ever written," explains Mrs. Hayakawa, who has an M.A. in Spanish literature and is learning Japanese. "So it is a significant piece of literature for several reasons." Hikaru — along with Wakeel, which means guardian in Urdu and Arabic — can loosely be translated as the Hayakawa's "Shining Guardian." "For us, it is such a miracle and a blessing to have him. Throughout the last 4½ months, Hikaru has been a glimmer of hope for my husband and I and now that we are overwhelmed by the happiness and light he has brought to our lives."

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Probably the best advice for someone who is diabetic is to have his foot examined routinely by a foot specialist. Even minor problems can become serious if they are left untreated.

Dr. Brandwein's office is located at 20 N. 20th St., Kenilworth. For information, call 908-276-6624.

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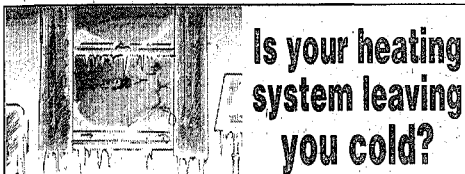
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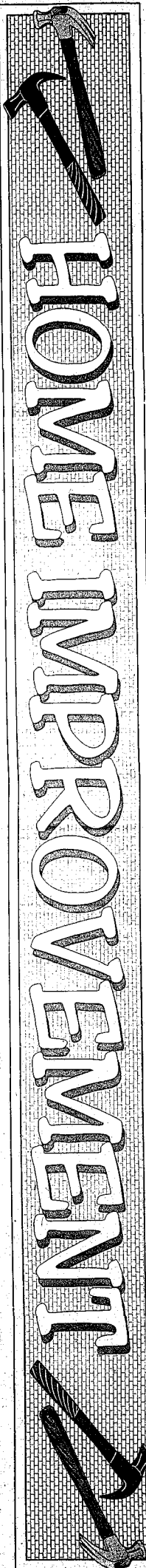
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Safety, comfort, ease are chief among 2002 upgrades on Mercury Sable

The front-wheel-drive Mercury Sable — available in both four-door sedan and station wagon body styles — has delivered a combination of style, comfort and practicality since its debut in 1986. For 2002, Sable builds on its reputation for safety by offering ABS at no charge, and adding security and convenience features such as security approach lighting.

Sable has earned double five-star crash safety ratings from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration for three straight years. Sable is built in assembly plants in Chicago and Atlanta.

New for 2002

- Sable has added quite a few features for the 2002 model year.
- LED rear center high mounted stop lamp on all series
- Auto-dimming rear view mirror with compass available on GS Plus and LS Premium
- For 2002, the Mercury Sable packaging and series lineups have been simplified, with both body styles available in GS, GS Plus and highline LS Premium configurations.

- All Sables now come equipped with four-wheel and-lock brakes at no charge
- Security approach lighting, which is built into the side mirror housings, is now standard equipment on all Sables
- The Sable LS Premium sedan and wagon offer leather seating surfaces as a no-charge option
- New colors: Matador Red Clearcoat Metallic, Dark Shadow Gray Clearcoat Metallic, Arizona Beige Clearcoat Metallic, Medium True Blue Clearcoat Metallic

Design and package

The Mercury Sable is modern and distinctive. Its 108.5-inch wheelbase contributes to a smooth ride and is no longer than many of the competitors. The Sable's jeweled headlamps and tail lamps contribute to the smooth, clean exterior surfaces. Standard 16-inch wheels reinforce the balanced overall proportions. LS Premium models have seven-spoke alloy wheels. Sable sedans are offered as both five-passenger and six-passenger models. Five-passenger models fea-

ture a floor-mounted shifter and front center console. Six-passenger Sables feature a flip-fold center seat that can be configured to present a center armrest, two cupholders, a coin holder and cassette storage. A 60/40 split fold-down rear seatback allows for maximum passenger and cargo versatility.

The Sable GS station wagon is offered in a six-passenger configuration. The Sable LS Premium wagon is offered in either a five- or six-passenger configuration. A rear-facing third row seat is standard in both wagon series.

The Sable sedan trunks have 16.0 cubic feet of luggage volume, with a low liftover height of 26.0 inches for easy loading and unloading. The Sable wagon has 81.3 cubic feet of cargo volume with the rear seatbacks folded down, and 39.8 cubic feet with the seatbacks in their upright position. The Sable wagon's liftgate features the flip-up rear window to make loading small packages easier.

Performance, ride and handling
The Mercury Sable GS sedan and station wagon are powered by a

3.0-liter, 12-valve OHV Vulcan V-6 engine that produces 155 horsepower at 4,900 rpm and 185 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,900 rpm. The 3.0-liter, 24-valve Duratec V-6, which powers the Sable LS sedan and station wagon, produces 200 horsepower at 5,650 rpm and 200 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,400 rpm.

Both engines are designed to go 100,000 miles before the first scheduled tune-up, with normal fluid and filter changes.

All Sables deliver power to the front wheels through a four-speed automatic overdrive transmission with adaptive shift control programming which maintains the same shift quality throughout the life of the transaxle.

Sable's standard MacPherson strut independent front suspension includes a front stabilizer bar to control body lean.

Sable sedans use a quadra-link rear suspension design with nitrogen gas pressurized shocks and progressive rate springs, which help to maintain ride comfort at various loading levels. The rear suspension is designed with a raised rear roll center, which is closely aligned to the vehicle's center of

gravity to reduce body sway while cornering.

Sable sedans have power-assisted front disc and rear drum braking. Wagon models have four-wheel disc brakes. The anti-lock braking system, which is a no-charge option on all Sables, helps to prevent braking-induced wheel lockup and maintain driver control while braking. The optional all-speed traction control helps to control wheel slip under acceleration, for enhanced performance control.

Variable assist power rack-and-pinion steering reduces assist levels at highway speeds to improve driving feel. It increases boost at slow speeds, for reduced effort in slow speed maneuvers, such as parking.

Safety and security

The Mercury Sable has earned a dual five-star crash test rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the driver and right front passenger.

The Sable's standard Personal Safety System adjust deployment of the airbags based on data collected in the first milliseconds of a crash. Front

outboard safety belt pretensioners take up slack in the safety belts prior to airbag deployment. Safety belt energy management retractors gradually slacken the safety belts if necessary to reduce the force of the belt on the occupant's chest.

Standard security features on the Sable include a remote keyless entry system and a SecurLock passive anti-theft system that requires the ignition system to communicate with a specially encoded chip in the key before the vehicle will start. As a convenience, Sable also has an accessory delay feature that allows the use of all windows for as long as 10 minutes after the ignition is turned off and before any door is opened.

A perimeter anti-theft system, which monitors doors, windows and trunk, is standard on LS Premium sedan and wagon models.

All-speed traction control and front seat side-impact airbags are offered together as part of the optional Secure Package.

An auto-locking feature automatically locks all closed doors when the vehicle has reached 5 mph. For security.

New features abound on Ford's 2002 model of the popular Windstar

The 2002 Ford Windstar features several new features for the model year.

- AdvanceTrac Interactive Vehicle Dynamics System
- Freshened appearance for the LX model
- New colors: Amazon Green Clearcoat Metallic, Matador Red Clearcoat Metallic, True Green Clearcoat Metallic, True Blue Clearcoat Metallic

Overview

The 2002 Ford Windstar is popular with families who put safety, comfort and convenience on the top of their list when buying a new vehicle. Windstar is the only minivan to achieve the federal government's highest crash-test rating, five stars, for the driver and front-passenger protection, for seven straight years. Windstar also has achieved the double five-star rating in the government's new side impact test, when equipped with optional side air bags.

The safety stars get better in 2002 when Windstar offers AdvanceTrac interactive vehicle dynamics. AdvanceTrac is a system that helps to actively improve vehicle handling by sensing when a vehicle is entering a skidding condition. The system electronically applies individual brakes and reduces engine power as necessary to help the driver to regain control.

The Windstar is available in four trim levels to meet the needs of a broad customer base. The volume LX model gets a new look for 2002 with standard driving lamps and painted body-colored front and rear fascias. Other models include the sport SE and SEL and the Limited for the luxury minivan customer. Windstar is also offered as a panel van for commercial use.

Comfort and Convenience

The optional Amazon from Volvo Entertainment System provides video diversion to rear-seat passengers. The system has a 6.4-inch color monitor that pulls down from the overhead console, as well as a removable videocassette player. The ceiling mounting position for the screen makes viewing easier for third-row occupants.

The system provides stereo transmission through the vehicle speakers, supporting personal audio systems. Three 12-volt power points included in the package are found in the rear cargo area, front-row cigarette lighter and front-row passenger area.

Other elements of the package include two headphones with 8-foot cords, one infrared remote control and side pocket storage for videotapes. The rear-seat control module contains audiovisual inputs, volume control, media selection, seek function and two headphone jacks.

The Ford Windstar's available dual power-sliding doors allow convenient entry and exit from both sides of the vehicle.

Windstar has 136.4 cubic feet of space on the four-door model. The spacious interior is accented with an available full overhead console that provides storage space and includes a tissue holder, garage door opener/holder, conversation mirror and much more.

The available roof rack adds to the cargo-carrying capability. A memory package allows as many as three drivers to set positions for the driver's seat, exterior mirrors and the adjustable accelerator and brake pedals. The available tilt steering wheel allows the driver to adjust the steering wheel for comfort.

Powertrain

All Windstar models have a 3.8-liter engine with split-port induction, which produces 200 horsepower at 4,900 rpm and 240 foot-pounds of torque at 3,600 rpm. Windstar's front-wheel-drive layout provides traction benefits and contributes to a spacious interior.

Windstar is classified as an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle in all 50 states. A 26-gallon fuel tank gives Windstar as much as a 500-mile highway cruising range.

Ride and handling

Windstar has front disc/rear drum brakes with a four-wheel antilock braking system for added steering control in hard braking situations. Windstar also

offers the AdvanceTrac interactive vehicle dynamics system, which uses the ABS braking selectively to enhance vehicle control.

Safety and security

The Personal Safety System enhances Windstar's safety package. This system analyzes several frontal crash factors and determines the proper response in milliseconds. The system uses dual-stage driver and right front passenger airbags that provide the capability of deploying the full-powered model, or with less pressure in the Stage I model. In less severe frontal crashes, airbags inflate with less force — or not at all — helping to reduce the risk of injury due to the inflation of the airbag. The system helps to make sure the appropriate level of airbag pressure is used.

The system uses an electronic crash severity sensor, a restraint control module, driver's seat position sensor, safety belt pretensioners, energy management retractors and front outboard safety belt usage sensors to help protect the driver and right front passenger in certain frontal collisions.

The system also features outboard restraints, with pretensioners to tighten the safety belts in the first moments of a crash, and energy management retractors that gradually slacken the safety belt if necessary to help reduce the force of the belt on the occupant's chest.

The Personal Safety System on Windstar also includes a front passenger seat weight sensor. This sensor can automatically turn off the passenger front airbag and side airbag, if equipped.

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