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From The Editor's Notebook



John Casiano, Editor in Chief

If a pitcher blesses himself before throwing to a batter at the same time the batter blesses himself for divine intervention, what do you think goes through God's head?

Just a thought.

I wonder what would happen if I was elected governor of my state and went to each of the 30 homeowners on my block and told them — not asked them but told them — that they each had to give me \$3,000 because I wanted to build a \$30,000 gazebo on my property. Not to worry, though. I'd be gracious enough to allow them to sit in it every once in a while.

First, I guess, they would probably collectively tell me to go to hell. To pay \$30,000 for a gazebo is ludicrous. And they'd be right. The next thing they probably would do is talk among themselves and find a candidate to run against me in the next election because if this is an example of my fiscal responsibility, they'd be better off with someone else at the helm.

Again, they'd be right.

So why can't our county manager and freeholders realize this?

Since Michael Lapolla was appointed county manager last year, he has added several assistants to the payroll, restored positions that were previously eliminated by the former county manager, restored departments previously eliminated by the former county manager, created, with the current freeholders, new departments at taxpayers' expense, and has approved, with the current freeholders, more than \$38 million in bonds that will have to be paid by future taxpayers of Union County.

When other counties in New Jersey are examining ways to eliminate or at least downsize county government, it seems our county manager and freeholders are having some kind of difficulty understanding this very simple concept. In plain English, "You're not important! There is no reason for county government to exist, so stop spending our money on stupid things!"

Where we have the Union County Economic Development Corporation, which exists as a nonprofit corporation, we now have the Union County Department of Economic Development, funded by taxpayers' dollars. Where we have the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission, which existed as an autonomous agency, we now have the Union County Office of Environmental Health, funded by taxpayers' dollars. The freeholders recently approved \$39 million in bonds to fund the construction of a juvenile detention center as well as various parks projects, and while it may sound good on paper, the truth is that future taxpayers of Union County are going to have to pay when the bonds are due.

On Aug. 27, the freeholders are again expected to spend more tax-

Freeholders to approve new vehicle repair site

County to lease Smith Cadillac locale

By Sean Dally, Staff Writer

Several county operations could be relocating to new headquarters in the near future.

The county is negotiating with Smith Motors, a regional car dealership firm, to lease the Smith Cadillac site in Elizabeth.

The county will use the Smith Cadillac facility to house several of its county vehicles under one roof. Right now, the county has five different motor vehicle yards — one on Highway Avenue in Elizabeth, two at the same site in Westfield, one at the Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark and one in Scotch Plains.

Details of the lease will be available during the Aug. 27 meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. County

Manager Michael Lapolla has no exact figures, but predicted that the lease price would be approximately \$350,000 per year.

The Smith Motors site covers 60,948 square feet with a total of 39,000 square feet in buildings. The site is assessed at \$856,900 on Elizabeth's tax maps.

According to Lapolla, Smith Motors is negotiating the lease of its Elizabeth dealership because it wants to centralize its own operations at a Woodbridge location.

The county wants to centralize its vehicle repairs at one site because of economies of scale, said Lapolla. The county owns about 550 vehicles, including paramedics and County Police Department vehicles.

There's absolutely no reason

given the number of our vehicles. It doesn't make sense," said Lapolla.

Only one other motor vehicle yard — the one in Scotch Plains — would remain open.

The Smith-Cadillac site would apparently let the county service more vehicles at a time as well.

The dealership has 30 hydraulic lifts, while the county has approximately 12 in working condition, scattered among its five repair sites. These lifts are exactly the same as those seen in garages; they let mechanics do maintenance and repairs more easily on vehicle's undersides, where many of the important mechanical parts are.

The county has about 40 employees working on motor vehicle repairs. None of these employees will lose

their jobs, said Lapolla, but neither will any employees be replaced if they leave.

The county already has plans for at least one of the lifts.

This is the Westfield site, a large building that will be transformed into the new headquarters for the Union County Police Department and the county forensics lab.

The county police and the lab are already based in the Westfield site.

According to County Police Chief Richard Manna, there is not enough space for the lab and police headquarters at this site.

The county will solve this by expanding both into the location formerly used for vehicle repairs and election machine storage.

Other county departments will be leaving the site as well, including the Departments of Environmental Affairs and Emergency Management.

These too are in cramped quarters in the Westfield site.

They will be moved to the Union County Utilities Authority's trash incinerator in Rahway, also known as the Union County Resource Recovery Facility. Space is available at the incinerator, which is also close to major industrial sites in the county. The incinerator site will also be used to store Emergency Management vehicles, like those for hazardous material clean-ups.

The county will also establish the newly created Office of Environmental Health in offices at the incinerator.

The OEH will be formed out of the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission (CREHC), an autonomous arm of the county government, was recently dissolved and is being run under emergency management until the OEH can be formed.

Bidding farewell



Freeholder Donald Gonçalves, right, presents a resolution to Victor DiFrancesco Jr., who left his job in the office of County Counsel after more than five years of service to accept a position of deputy attorney general to the state attorney general.

Resident seeks preservation of Ash Brook Reservation site

By Sean Dally, Staff Writer

Dean Talcott builds and maintains bridges while he's working for the county.

But he hopes to build something else, and not across a river or valley.

Talcott wants the county to go into the Ash Brook Reservation and build a nature trail.

The trail has not been funded or formally planned yet. But Talcott, who is also chairman of the Fairwood Environmental Commission, presented his own plans for the trail during last Thursday's Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting.

Talcott's trail would begin at the county police academy in Scotch Plains, which would provide parking for hikers.

If hikers travel inside the woods for half a mile, then make a three-quarter mile closed loop through a swamp. The whole trail would look like a tassel dangling from a rope if viewed from above.

No vote was made on the trail that night. But it did receive the support of Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, liaison to the county Parks and Recreation Committee.

"We don't have something like this in Union County," he said.

The reservation, which straddles the town line between Clark and Scotch Plains, has a number of attractions, said Talcott.

There are a number of historic sites in the reservation. These include Red Hill — a former Native American campsite — and the site of a Revolutionary War battle, the Battle of Short Hills.

It is home to a number of different animals, said Talcott, some of which can only be found in the reservation: deer, turkey, foxes, woodrats in the swampy areas, crows, owls, possibly even coyotes.

"I went back there in the winter two years ago and I said I'm in another world," he said.

According to Talcott, much of the reservation is inaccessible. There is no parking and the forest is undisturbed in parts.

"This is 150 acres of woods," he said. "There's not many places like that, undisturbed."

Talcott doubted that the trail could be built strictly with volunteer help.

It took 10 volunteers five days to build a nature trail in the Watchung Reservation in July. That trail is 200 feet long, less than 5 percent of the length of Talcott's trail.

More than half of the trail would be on boardwalk. The start of the trail, though, could simply be dirt, but will probably be paved because there will be some damage from construction.

Talcott's trail would also be raised three feet or so above the ground when it plunges into the swamp. This would give a better view and protect the boardwalk from occasional floods in the area. The height would depend on the terrain, said Talcott.

These things would also increase the cost of the project, the builder will have to make soil studies in the swamp.

Arnold Fiorini, Talcott's boss, estimated that the construction would cost around \$200,000. He warned that that was only a ballpark figure and that the soil studies could drive up the figure.

Teachers in three districts continue negotiations

By Sean Dally, Staff Writer

School opens in only a couple of weeks, but teachers are still negotiating with school boards over their contracts.

Contract negotiations continue in 155 of the state's 593 school districts. Three of these districts are in Union County, in the public school districts of Linden, Mountaineer and Scotch Plains-Fairwood.

Mountaineer has hammered out a tentative but unratified contract with its teachers. Linden and the Scotch Plains-Fairwood school districts are both in mediation with their teachers.

These 155 districts represent almost three quarters of the 217 school districts whose collective teacher contracts expire June 31, the end of the last school year.

This is significant because a number of these districts will not complete negotiations before the 1998-99 school year starts.

To predict a time that the contract would be settled is impossible. If they didn't have to go into mediation, they wouldn't be in mediation.

— Mary Lou Mitchell

According to Frank Belluscio of the New Jersey School Boards Association, which compiled the data, these districts usually complete negotiations in September or October.

But Mary Lou Mitchell of the New Jersey Education Association said there was no way to predict when the particular contract negotiation will end.

"If you've reached mediation, the two sides have been trying hard to come to an agreement and they haven't been able to," she said, "and to predict a time that the contract would be settled is impossible. If they

didn't have to go into mediation, then they wouldn't be in mediation."

The NJSEA represents teachers in all 20 Union County local districts, in the West Lake district and in the Union County Vocational-Technical School.

The teachers in these districts will still work under the terms of their old contracts.

Expired contracts sometimes become a source of friction between school boards and teachers unions. This is especially so if the teachers have been working under their old contracts for a long time.

"The number itself is not unusual," said Belluscio.

Actually, the number is not particularly high. It's not unusual to open school with 100 or more districts still negotiating in September.

Last year, 197 districts had their collective teachers' contracts expire. At this time last year, 123 of those were still negotiating.

"It's just a complex process," said Mitchell of the NJSEA. "In Linden it's not unusual to take this long."

Salary increases are of course one of the main issues during negotiations. Statewide, salaries will increase 3.8 percent in those districts that have settled their contracts. Mitchell did not have figures for Union County.

Another contract issue is increased teacher workdays.

According to Belluscio, about 35 percent of the state's school boards are trying to increase their teachers' workdays with 1998 school days and years with more parent-teacher conferences.

Frank Viggiano, president of the American Federation of Teachers in New Jersey, said school boards are also trying to cut costs this year.

"A lot of the AFL negotiates contracts for Clark's public school teachers," according to Viggiano. New Jersey's public school districts are facing increased costs from state-imposed programs and decreasing state aid.

One of the ways school boards try to cut costs, according to Mitchell, is to change health benefits, an expensive item during contract negotiations.

The collective contracts in two other districts — New Providence and Plainfield — expired June 31 as well. Plainfield's teachers will return to school under a one-year extension of that contract. New Providence has already settled its negotiations with its teachers.

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Notebook

(Continued from Page B1) payers' dollars when they vote to approve a \$360,000 per year lease to rent space at the Smith Cadillac Oldsmobile building in Elizabeth in an effort to consolidate its motor vehicle repair operations. While the freeholders are calling this a cost-savings plan, I can't see that. If the county will close four of its five motor vehicle repair sites and move them to the building in Elizabeth, I can only guess that this lease will be a long-term lease. If the building's market value is about \$3 million, then any lease beyond eight years is a waste of taxpayers' money.

I once suggested that Union County officials examine their neighbors in Essex County. Within

the last four years, since Essex County Executive James Treffinger was elected to office, bits and pieces of county government have been chipped away to the point where Essex taxpayers are enjoying less spending by their county government leaders. Apparently, Union County officials have not taken me up on the suggestion.

What's really disappointing is Freeholder Alex Mirabella. Mirabella hails from Roselle Park, a town that was my regular beat from 1991 to 1994, when Mirabella served as councilman at large. With the exception of two or three meetings, I attended every council meeting when they were held every Thursday night and recall Mirabella on many occasions talking at

unnecessary spending that would have to be shouldered by taxpayers. I covered his re-election bid for councilman at large and his election bid for mayor of the Borough and listened to him tell us that tax increases had been minimal during his tenure because he watched spending. Where's that encouraging voice now on the freeholder board?

Our county leaders should learn quickly that just like the case of the \$30,000 gazebo, taxpayers are not going to forget.

Want to correspond? Do you have story ideas you want to suggest? Issues in town that need to be addressed? E-mail me at WCNChief@aol.com.

NEWS CLIPS

Crafters sought

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that Trailside Nature and Science Center is looking for crafters and artisans to display and sell quality products at its 1998 Nature Boutique, Dec. 6 from 10 to 5 p.m.

"If you are a crafter, this is a great opportunity to show your wares," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "And if you love crafts, this is an opportunity to meet artisans first-hand."

Items to be sold should be based on natural materials or hand-made or a natural history theme. Crafts being sought include: stenciled work, unique children's toys, hand-woven baskets, stained glass, original stationery, cards or photography, live green or dried material arrangements,

decor and gift items with wildlife, gardening or nature themes as well as other unusual and creative crafts.

Participating crafters may also have their work sold at the Children's Gift Shop, a special feature at the boutique which allows children to shop for friends and family members in a price range of \$3 and under.

Interested crafters should call Susan Day at (908) 789-3670 or send color photographs of craft items with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Trailside Nature and Science Center, 425 New Providence Road, Mount Pleasant, NJ 07992.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Harvest fest set

Live period music, Native Ameri-

can dancing and storytelling and a Colonial magic show are all part of the fun scheduled for Union County's 17th annual Harvest Festival to be held Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 425 New Providence Road, Mount Pleasant.

To make this event come to life, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Trailside Nature and Science Center needs volunteers who are willing to give of themselves and to participate in one of Union County's premier events. No experience is necessary. A brief training session, held prior to the festival, will teach volunteers what they need to know to participate.

Union County's history dates back to the 1600s, when Elizabethtown was the first English settlement in New Jersey.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Union librarian's writing talent is no mystery

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

In the Children's Department of Union Public Library and the Vaughall Branch, Roberta Rogow is known and loved by all for her various programs and projects, readings and story telling.

In the literary world, Rogow has quite a different career. She has just had her first full-length novel published, a mystery, "The Problem of the Missing Miss," has completed her second novel and is hard at work on a third novel.

She's a science fiction buff, too, and attends science fiction conventions. She even wrote a science fiction reference book 10 years ago called "Future Speak."

"This book is long out of print," Rogow admitted during a visit to the office the other afternoon. "It was totally different from my first novel. It was a fan's guide to the language of science fiction."

The novelist-librarian, a friendly woman who was anxious to talk about her many crafts, smiled. "You want to know why I wrote the book 'The Problem of the Missing Miss'? It was because someone asked me to. Actually," admitted Rogow, "I knew a man called Marvin Kaye through his science-fiction anthology. He ferrets out new writers. He's very much a talent scout. He and I met about five years ago. After he read one of my short stories that I had written for his anthology. He felt that this story didn't fit into any of his current projects. But Marvin said he was doing a Sherlock Holmes book and asked me if I could write a Sherlock Holmes story. As luck would have it, the library had just gotten several references on Sherlock Holmes."

Rogow said contently, "I had all my materials right here. I came up with a story called 'Our American Cousins,' a short story in which Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt consult Sherlock Holmes on a small problem of a personal letter that had gone astray. It was a lot of fun to write. I had researched the Roosevelts thoroughly. And wouldn't you know, she mused, the story won a prize. It went into Marvin's 'This

Open Book.' It had a reading and it was performed in the New York area. I played one of the parts, Eleanor, of course, and it was a lot of fun.

"Then he asked me to write a second pastiche story that had to do with Sherlock Holmes as written by someone else. It seems Dr. Watson notes had been given to a writer for interpretation. My story was in the style of P.G. Woodhouse, and Marvin used it and asked me to write some more short stories."

In January of 1996, while attending a science fiction convention in Boston, Rogow was worrying about how she was going to get home. "It snowed from December through March — remember? And my car had died, 20 miles outside of Boston."

While Rogow was worrying about her car, an editor from St. Martin's Publishing House approached her and said, "I think you're a very good writer and I think you can do a story about Lewis Carroll." "I wrote 'Alice in Wonderland,'" Rogow recalled. "He said, 'not just a story, a novel.'"

"And my jaw dropped," she exclaimed. "When I picked myself off the floor I explained that I have done short stories, but never had done a 100,000 word novel. I would have to have a plot and subplots, a lot of description. It's a very different thing."

Rogow accepted the challenge, and I did some research and had found novels written by Lewis Carroll, or Charles Dodgson, as I like to call him. I read that he had spent some summers in Brighton in England and so had Dr. Arthur Conan Doyle, who created Sherlock Holmes. He had visited Brighton and found it a fascinating place, and I had maps and pictures. "I wrote my first 50 pages and an outline in the spring of 1996 and one of the editors, G.S. Martinis, Keith Kahn, liked them. That's when I got an agent, and she was very helpful. She read the manuscript and made very good suggestions. Rogow mentioned that while writing my first novel, a whole lot of stuff was happening in my personal life, so it took about a year before I had hand-



Roberta Rogow

led the manuscript. Having dutifully handed this in, I worked on a second novel, with a plot (which, when Mr. Dodgson and Dr. Doyle were in Portsmouth, and they ran into a problem when they attended a spa and the medium dropped dead. This book is completed and is called 'The Problem of the Spurious Spiritualist.' That has already been accepted, and now I'm working on the third, in the series, 'The Problem of the Evil Editor.' It is set in London in 1886, and it also deals with actual events. One of the suspects is going to be Oscar Wilde. I've already done some research. Some of the other people, making a brief appearance in my book, will be Whistler, John Tenniel, illustrator of the 'Alice' books, and Beatrix Potter. And I have at least three more plots for three more novels."

Rogow lives in Fair Lawn and is married to Murray Rogow, a freelance publicity and public relations coordinator for 50 years. They have two daughters, Miriam Ann Moore, "a writer, who has written two mystery novels about the disco era," and Louise Katherine Howard, a computer wizard, a programmer, in Washington, D.C.

"She and her husband, Matthew, do the same thing — they tell the computer what to do. Miriam and I will be doing a book signing tour in San Francisco where she lives, from Aug. 31 through Sept. 7. We'll also go to Boulder, Colorado and Scottsdale, which is outside of Phoenix. Matthew also is a travel agent."

The Union Library, which is very proud of their librarian-novelist, "has been really, really nice about it. They provided a lot of reference material for me."

Readers will have no problem with this newest whodunnit

A mystery buff can immediately derive the realization that the author of a book such as "The Problem of the Missing Miss" is an avid fan of the Sherlock Holmes stories. However, an author such as Roberta Rogow, who when she is not involved in books and children in the children's department of the Union Public Library, can be forgiven. In fact, in her debut as a mystery writer, she has written a refreshingly humorous, intricately mysterious story, with a historical background of Brighton, England in 1885.

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

Of women war rampant, Rogow tells sordid tales of boardwalk pursu-its, of prostitution, where the culprits "sell" youngsters to men throughout the world, and how, at least in this book, some of the criminal acts are resolved through the Criminal Amendment Bill.

The characters in Rogow's book are realistically funny, strongly formed, and particularly interesting.

In addition to the marvelous characters of Dodgson and Doyle, whose controversial and comic exchange throughout the book make up for most of the book's excellence, there are Alicia Marbury, a strong-minded, level-headed yet spoiled youngster, who tries to find a way to free herself from her kidnappers; Kitty, a poor, feckless girl of about the same age, who is assigned to watch over Alicia and is fascinated by the girl's financial background; the commanding Miss Julia Harmon, who presides over a so-called "girl's school"; and Mrs. Jeffries, the madam of a number of establishments of ill repute, who also has a personal interest in Alicia's father.

Unquestionably, there are moments when the author has the reader sitting on the edge of a chair, turning page after page with feverish anticipation. Also, unquestionably, Rogow is a dedicated follower of Sherlock Holmes.

It shows well. Without doubt, it probably "The Problem of the Missing Miss" would not have been written. It's wonderful for summer reading. It's even fun to be sitting on someone's shelf waiting to be picked up. And it'll be picked up, because you can resist a mystery book such as this?

With a touch of the realities of child prostitution in the Victorian era, Rogow offers a stunning tale of what life was all about in England in the 19th century. She also fictionally brings into the realm of her story (two real characters, a recently defunct Arthur Conan Doyle, and an elder professor, the Rev. Charles Dodgson, also known as the famous author of "Alice in Wonderland") series Lewis Carroll. These two meet quite by accident. Some involved in solving a kidnapping case of Alicia Marbury, the daughter of the liberal Lord Richard Marbury. It seems that Marbury is fighting against strong opposition for the Criminal Act Bill in Parliament and sends his young daughter to Brighton for safekeeping and to spend a vacation at the seashore with his old friend, Dodgson.

However, the youngster is switched over by Marbury's political enemies before Dodgson comes to claim her at the train station. With a hint of the memory of Sherlock Holmes "harking around" the corner of every page in the mystery book, "The Problem of the Missing Miss," the two unlikely cronies, Doyle and Dodgson, attempt to unravel the mystery of the child's nanny, who was found murdered. And Doyle's bride, Tuppie, ever patient, ever kind and considerate, disregards the amenities of a honeymoon vacation, and assists her bridegroom with information and advice.

In an era where the exploitation

Wordsmiths are sought for writing competition

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company, a project of Very Special Arts New Jersey, is seeking poems, essays and plays by NJ residents, 18 years of age or older, for its fifth annual NJ Wordsmith Competition. Submissions by writers with disabilities are especially encouraged. All works submitted will be judged by a panel of judges who are professionally affiliated with theater and/or literature. Selected works will be showcased in November at the NJ Readers Theater, followed by a reception to honor the authors. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 5, 1999.

USA/NJ, a nonprofit organization which is part of the international Very Special Arts network, is dedicated to assisting that the arts are available and accessible to people with disabilities. UPTCo, a project of USA/NJ, is a touring ensemble emphasizing quality performances by people with and without physical disabilities.

Major funding for UPTCo is provided by the NJ Department of Community Affairs, the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, United Way of Central Jersey, Very Special Arts, and the NJ State Council on the Arts Department of State.

To request an application or to receive additional information, contact Joy Indik, Very Special Arts, NJ, 703 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, or (732) 743-9885, 743-9935 or 743-9913, TTY.

Longtime arts advocate appointed to Teen Arts board

Marsha Watson, program director of the Union-County Arts Center in Rahway, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Friends of Teen Arts Inc.

FOTA is a non-profit agency currently responsible for the program administration of the NJ State Teen Arts Program. Members of the FOTA Board represent the arts, education, business and government. Friends of Teen Arts Inc.'s mission is to develop, provide and support innovative educational opportunities in the literary, fine and performing arts that nurture the creative abilities of NJ teenagers. Some of FOTA's 1997 accomplishments include the revitalization of a State Teen Arts Festival at the College of New Jersey, organization of a statewide Young Composer's Day at Westminster Choir College, organization of a statewide summer conference for students and artists on the new Core Curriculum Content Standards in the Visual and Performing Arts, and managed and secured prestigious, high visibility sites throughout

New Jersey for the State Teen Arts Touring Art Exhibit among dozens of venues programs.

A longtime Fanwood resident, Watson is the only representative to the statewide organization from Union County. Watson has long been an art education activist, not only from her role as program and education director at the Union County Arts Center, but also as a 25-year veteran of the Rahway School District. Serving as program director and producer for the Union County Arts Center, Watson is responsible for the artistic vision of the center, all programming and the implementation of the educational outreach programs.

As an educator, she currently serves as director of the Drama and Musical Theatre program at Rahway High School. She has directed over 47 theatrical events for educational institutions, community theaters, semi-professional productions, and youth programs. She has received recognition and fellowships from the

National Endowment for the Arts; the Geraldine A. Dodge Foundation for the Actors of Theatre; and the National Playhouse Arts in Education Adoption Program. She has recently been selected by Music Theatre International to oversee the pilot production of "Once on This Island 7," a 90-minute version of the Broadway musical for MTI's Broadway Junior Series.

She has served as an educational consultant for Harbort, Brace Publishing Company, George Street Playhouse, and Salem University. Watson has been the resident theatrical director at the Union County Arts Center for 13 years, including the direction of the New Jersey premiere of "A Chorus Line," "The Will Rogers Follies" and "Crazy For You." She has developed the On-School Time educational programs and instituted a summer arts instructional program for children ages 8-18. She has been the administrator of an intensive volunteer training and membership program with the local public school system and an

exchange program with Kean University.

Having been on the UCAC board of trustees from 1986-1994, she served as vice president responsible for facility management and programming. In 1994, she left the board to assume the duties of artistic/executive director during an intense search for an executive director. Since the 1996 hiring of Joseph A. Mancuso, UCAC executive director, she has worked closely with him to refine the artistic vision for the future seasons.

As program director, Watson has been very active in the Association of Arts Presenters, the Consortium of Eastern Regional Theaters. She holds a B.S. and M.A. in Theatre/Communication Education from the State University of New York at Geneseo and in 1996 completed the New York University certificate program in Arts Administration.

Watson's plans for the coming year, in addition to a full teaching load at Rahway High School and artistic oversight of the UCAC's season

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Shakespeare Festival presents 'Scandal'ous play

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Theater View

By Faith Aghew
Correspondent

mangled to Sir Peter, but wants Joseph, or maybe Charles. If the letters circulated by Snerwell and Joseph can be believed, follow it so far?

This circle of "friends" talks of nothing quite so much as each other. And they do it in the nicest way possible. Snerwell and Joseph have agreed to use this tendency to their own advantage... with... hilarious results. They are aided in their machinations by Sir Benjamin Backbite, Mrs. Candour, and Crabtree. No one is untouched by the scandal they create. Scott Wentworth has assembled a

Rivalry, gossip and scandal abound in the NJ Shakespeare Festival production of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy *The School for Scandal* at NJ Shakespeare Festival in Madison, through Aug. 30. For information, call (973) 408-9600. From left are Gregory Jackson as Joseph Surface and Ryan Artzberger as brother Charles Surface. Hiding underneath is Michael Rudio as Sir Peter Teazle.

strong cast. Michael Rudio as Sir Peter... stumbling and enquiring. His cocky timing is impressive, and he imbues Sir Peter with great warmth and sensitivity. Likewise, Ryan Artzberger as Charles Surface. His forthrightness is charming, as is his soft-heartedness. David Hall is delightfully dull as Sir Oliver Surface.

'An Evening With Jerry Herman, an intimate musical about composer/lyricist's journey' showcasing the songs for which he wrote the music and lyrics, is on Broadway at the Booth Theater. From left are Florence Lacey, Herman and Lee Roy Reams.

Renowned composer gets a show of his very own.

Composer-lyricist Jerry Herman, who has been nominated for and has won more Tonys than any other composer-lyricist, is an absolute phenomenon!

While many senior citizens at the age of 65 are retiring or in retirement, Herman seems to be beginning a new career. The man, who wrote such fantastic jewels of music for the Broadway theater — "Milk and Honey," "Hello, Dolly!," "Mame," "La Cage Aux Folles," "Mack and Mable" and "Jerry's Girls," is appearing on Broadway at the Booth Theater in "An Evening With Jerry Herman," which opened July 28 after two weeks of previews. Not only does he sit at the piano on stage playing the beautiful and lively and sad music he has created, but he narrates the moments in his life that brought forth these creations — and he even sings a bit in a voice that knows what it is doing. The man is incredible!

Of course, Herman accompanies his people on stage who perform his favorite works with a boundless excellence. There is the fabulous, versatile, marvelous-looking Lee Roy Reams, who has appeared with Herman on tour and who has performed the lead in "La Cage Aux Folles" in many theaters throughout the years — including the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. He will dominate the same musical there next season. Reams, who also served as director of the current Broadway show, enacts the male role from Herman's show. And there is, too, lovely Florence Lacey, who sings and dances to the music of Jerry Herman. The three complement each other in a show that has a limited run — through September — which New York audiences will refuse to allow them to end. Jerry Herman is also on stage accompanying the three on the bass.

"I feel wonderful," Herman exclaimed the other afternoon during a warm, marvelous chat. "I'm obviously working very hard." Eight performances a week can tax a much younger man. And to be able to see

Bea A Star

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

and hear his own musical creations being performed by Reams and Lacey — it's still rewarding. What I get back from the audience is worth the whole thing!"

Herman stated seriously that "I chose these people out of everyone who is alive today. I chose Florence and Lee Roy because they typify the classic show singers who typify the style of classic music that I represent."

Among the numbers the extraordinary Reams sings, dances and performs are "Shalom," "Only Takes a Minute," "Before the Parade Passes By," and with Herman and Lacey, "Hello, Dolly!" "Mame," "Movies Were Movies" and "The Best of Times."

Lee Roy, admitted Herman, is perfect for this show, because he's a great singer and dancer. He's also a great impressionist and a great tap dancer. You can't find all those talents and qualities in one man. In this show, he has a chance to do it all, and he does it all.

The lyric composer, who wrote the autobiography, "Showtime," two years ago, was honored by having West 45th Street bear his name. Jerry Herman Way.

"He didn't do it all, except appear on Broadway with his own magnificent work," said Reams, during a minute with backstage reality. "You don't know how long it took me to persuade him to appear in a medley of his own songs that have meant so much to me through the years."

After the run of the show, Herman will take a little vacation back home in Los Angeles.

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By Florence Lenaz

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While the menu remains true to Italian cuisine offering a balanced array of pasta, poultry, fish and meat, it is the innovative, artistic, Mr. Esposito's preparation and presentation that vitalizes the palette and sooths the eye.

The insalata Tropicea is a mouth watering fusion of avocado, mango and goat cheese sautéed in a tomato rice dressing topped with jumbo shrimp. The traditional yet savvy combination of fruit and cheese mixture is well balanced and rich in flavor and texture.

The Costata Monge Lisa's divine two colossal pork chops pan-seared in sherry wine and served with an array of sautéed vegetables and potato purée. The aroma of this dish will cause your mouth to water before the first bite, and believe it or not, you will see that the anticipation was well worth it as a pork chop never gets so succulent. This pretty precious dish is enough to put the likes of Henry VIII in awe. Chicken is transformed in Pollo Savoy as pieces of chicken are even roasted in rosemary and balsamic vinegar creating a zesty tender morsel.

If you can't resist, I feel it a most duty to tell you that the creamy, smoky Mr. Esposito's homemade family recipe creates a rich, creamy and utterly gorgeous desert. If you enjoy a lighter form of sweet, there is gelato and sherbet.

I must say the owners have the right vision of what a complete dining experience should be and must say that tonight I was a part of the vision by way of a splendid dinner. If you are looking for a unique dining experience that The Red Parrot is where you should go. The fare and flair of this place make it a true treasure.

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Good advice for dealing with the dog days of summer

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- **Parenting Insights.** This informational gathering is an opportunity for new parents to meet, compare ideas about baby care and ask Saint Barnabas' obstetrical nursing team a variety of parenting questions. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Solarium of Unit 3300 at SBMC. Newborns in car seats or strollers are welcome, and refreshments will be served. For reservations and information, call Maternal Child Health at (973) 322-5000, ext. 2584.
- **Children of Aging Parents Support Group.** If you are caring for an elderly parent, experiencing the demands of the "sandwich generation," and would like the opportunity to talk with others, join in. The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Suite 100 of the East Wing. To register, call (973) 322-2446 or (973) 322-5829.
- **Breast Cancer Support Group.** This group is open to women currently receiving treatment for breast cancer. The group provides a supportive atmosphere in which to gain emotional support and practical information about issues specific to breast cancer. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room, located on the second floor of the East Wing Building. For more information, call (973) 322-8414.
- **Breast Breaders Club.** This group is open to all persons interested in helping themselves, a friend, or loved one with lung disease. The group offers an opportunity to share your experiences and self-help techniques with others who have similar concerns. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month in classroom C on the ground floor of

the medical center. For more information, call (973) 322-8990.

- **Renal Support Group.** This group offers education, information and mutual support for dialysis/patients, their families and friends. Meets the first Sunday of each month in Classroom CD of the SBMC from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (973) 322-6546 for additional information.
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The expression "dog days of summer" is so named because the ancient believed a dog would appear the rage of the Star Sirius which caused hot sultry weather. No doubt, today our pets are very near and dear to us. But there are much more sensible ways to keep yourself safe through the remaining summer.

Thousands of NJ residents visit emergency rooms each summer for accidents related to heat, barbecues, bicycles, fireworks and pools. Interestingly enough, the number one culprit is horseplay. However, Scott Stanford of the Independent Insurance Agency of Union County says, "You can still have fun in the sun as long as you follow a few, simple safety guidelines."

As fat as heat, heat exhaustion occurs when the body cannot sweat enough to cool down. Older individuals are particularly susceptible because aging decreases the ability to perspire and also lessens one's sensitivity to thirst. Stanford recommends these tips:

- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids — especially water.
- Air out your car before getting inside.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored, cotton clothing.
- Wet yourself down in the pool, bath or shower.
- Don't exercise during the heat of the day.
- Recognize the signs of heat exhaustion — intense perspiration, dizziness, weakness.
- In addition to avoiding heat, staying out in the sun has other benefits — no sunburn. The most dangerous and permanent sun damage occurs to our bodies before age 18. However, everyone should wear a sunscreen with SPF of greater than 15. Children under the age of 10 are very susceptible to eye damage, to encourage those goofy sunglasses and hats.

Water activities are the highlight of summer fun. "Don't let a pool turn your summer into tragedy," warns Stanford. It is estimated 260 children under five

drown and another 3,000 are injured each year in swimming pools. Yet, children are not the only group at risk to pool and swimming-related injuries.

- Everyone should follow these guidelines:
 - Never swim alone.
 - Do not dive into shallow or unfamiliar waters.
 - Observe warning signs.
 - Do not run or wrestle around a pool.
 - Never leave children unsupervised near a pool area. If a child is missing, check the pool first!
 - Fence in all pools with gates at least five feet high and use door alarms.
 - Remove toys and other attractions from the pool when not in use. They can attract children or other trespassers. Store and use pool chemicals in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
 - Learn CPR.

Summer fun is not complete without barbecues. But if you are going to get burned, get burned by the sun, not your grill. Stanford recommends these tips:

- Keep your grill away from anything that can burn, including your home, tables, bushes, etc.
- Never use a grill inside. Aside from fire hazards, it can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- For gas grills, check your propane connections to make sure they are clean and are turned off when not in use. Store propane tanks outside and away from your home.
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The College will provide general education and support courses, while the Muhlenberg School of Radiography will offer didactic and clinical courses in a practical hospital setting.

Upon successful program completion, students will be able to transfer the associate degree to a four-year college or university, thus paving the way for more advanced educational opportunities. An associate degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology can also be combined with another health care degree to afford graduates an even wider assurance of employment opportunities.

The field of nuclear medicine involves using small amounts of radioactive materials that are administered to the patient in order to evaluate the anatomy and functional status of various organs and tissues. Technology used in specialized instrumentation called a gamma camera to detect the distribution of a photograph, known as a radiopharmaceutical. Students will learn to do cardiac scans, bone scans, breast imaging, and hepatobiliary scans; the latter used to evaluate the gall bladder and bile ducts. Other studies performed in nuclear medicine help in functions including detecting blood clots at lungs, detecting lymphoma and other cancers, and evaluating the structure and function of the kidneys.

Nuclear medicine students must be performed by licensed private technologists who must understand the complexities of the equipment they use and the safety measures essential for protecting the patient and the public from unnecessary radiation exposure. Because the quality of a study is directly affected by the skill of the technologist, national certification and licensing by state laws have been established to ensure technologists are properly educated.

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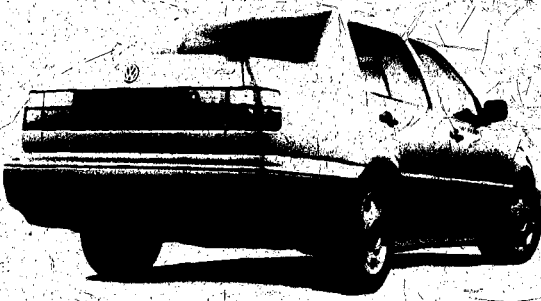
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Automotive



The 1998 Volkswagen Jetta TDI

The VW Jetta TDI — a diesel in disguise

With the TDI engine, Volkswagen set out to shatter the perception of diesel cars. What they created was a diesel that doesn't know it's a diesel — one that's clean, fun-to-drive, and remarkably frugal.

In the Jetta TDI, this engine provides some of the best EPA fuel mileage marks possible, with ratings of 49 mpg during highway driving and 40 mpg in the city. With a 14.5 gallon fuel tank, that's a lot of miles between pit stops. The Jetta's 1.9 liter, 90-horsepower TDI engine is capable of achieving a top speed of 109 mph. Its exceptional performance, over the entire rpm range, results from jettable fuel torque curve which peaks at 149 ft. lbs. at just 1,910 rpm. This low-rpm torque performance gives the Jetta TDI surprising acceleration and the broad torque allows for good mid-range performance for passing.

The Volkswagen TDI meets stringent exhaust emission standards in the US and Europe. In fact, the super-efficient TDI emits 20 percent less carbon dioxide than a comparable gasoline.

The TDI's remarkable performance characteristics are the result of a major advance in diesel technology, where by fuel is injected and ignited directly in the engine's cylinder head. Previous diesel engines ignited fuel in a separate combustion prechamber, offset from the cylinder head, which resulted in a significant heat loss. This inefficiency is not the case with direct injection, which uses an advance electronic diesel control. In simple terms, it can be said that Volkswagen's TDI vehicles are "dive-by-wire," from fuel pedal to fuel distribution with no mechanical control. This sophisticated electronic control, which oversees everything from the position of the accelerator to the intake air amount, makes it possible to manage the powerful efficiency of the direct injection process.

As the TDI name implies, Volkswagen also employs exhaust turbocharging and charged air cooling to further enhance the efficiency of this compression ignition process.

With the help of a special diesel catalytic converter, which further reduces NOx, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons, the Jetta TDI meets the strict clean air standards set by the state of California.

Recognition of the TDI's revolutionary technology includes a 1995 "Popular Science" magazine Best of What's New award, a "Popular Mechanics" Design and Engineering Award and "Wards" Ten Best Engines for 1997 award.

Active safety comes from precise handling, the security of front-wheel drive and their accident avoidance aids like daytime running lights. Passive safety can be found in the standard front passenger air bag supplemental restraint system. Both front seat occupants can adjust the shoulder belt height of the three-point safety belts, which are also equipped with emergency locking retractors.

To help secure a child safely, which should only be used in the rear seat, automatic locking retractors and emergency locking retractors are provided.

Other safety features include anti-intrusion side door beams, protective side door reinforcement and padding; and Volkswagen's safety cage construction that works in conjunction with energy absorbing crumple zones to help protect the occupant during a collision.

Additional frontal impact protection comes from the steering system via a collapsible steering column and a steering wheel designed to absorb impact energy.

Further details of how the Jetta interior provides occupant protection are found in the absence of sharp interior edges, recessed handles and control switches, pushable sun visors and a foldable rearview mirror. Volkswagen also employs a high-mounted stop lamp in the rear window and open door warning reflector for all doors.

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