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Gumball rally

During visits to the Mead-care in Clark and my orthopedist, Dr. Bullock, in Westfield, I thought often about the nuisance to Union County of gumballs. Not the ones you eat at the movies, but rather those that fall from trees and should be avoided and never stepped upon.

My own run-in with these mutants of nature left me with two fractures in my foot which forced me to use crutches, wear sneakers with my pants and "sweat" of all things explain that the injury was not skating or tennis related.

From a technical view, Cliff

Left Out

By Frank Capace

Murphy of the Union County Public Works Department informed me that the prickly, annoying little balls are the fruit of the Sweet Gum tree. Unlike the acorn of the Oak tree which are devoured by squirrels, or the seed of the Maple tree which decomposes, gumballs have a two-year life span. He also informed me that the actual name for the Sweet Gum tree is liquidambar styraciflua.

Ever the diplomat, Murphy defends the Sweet Gum tree as resistant and able to withstand disease. He concludes that the quantity of the balls plays havoc at the Conservation Center, and have hit hard Panwood, Cranford, and Roseleaf Park.

Jeff Sconfi, a landscaper from Scotch Plains, notes the gumball problem on his professional website. His high-powered equipment, in the end we usually end up raking the gumballs. Scott fields, every year, numerous requests to cut down the Sweet Gum tree just to get away with the annoying by-product.

Another victim of gumballs is Union County Police Capt. William White. During five years of using White as an expert witness, I found him to always be cool, collected and unflappable. But this until I discovered he was a kind of expert in the gumball war. White angrily says that at his Parkway home these gumballs have clogged his gutters, are impervious to the sweeper, cannot be picked, and, yes, he also has taken a spill from stepping on one in his driveway.

Also on the injury list is Kathy Adams, assistant director of the Union County Juvenile Center. After stepping on one in Elizabeth she fell and suffered bruises to her back.

The common bond between White, Adams and myself is that we fell off our own homes, and it is very difficult to sue yourself.

However, gumball maintenance does raise legal issues. Edward Koloff, an attorney from Linden whose practice includes negligence work, opined for me that basic standard for homeowners that a landlord has the duty to exercise reasonable care in dealing with any potential hazard which poses a threat to a lawful visitor to the site.

So, residents of the county are urged to clean their property. See GUMBALL, Page B2

Political landscape crowded with potential candidates

By Philip Sean Curran, Staff Writer

Word of Sen. Frank Lautenberg's retirement when his term expires in 2000 touched off a week of speculation over who would run for the seat held by the Paterson native since 1983.

Among Democrats, names include U.S. Rep. Robert Menendez, U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., Assemblyman Neil Cohen and former governor James Florio.

"I want to see how far this can play out," Cohen said. His base in Union County, the fourth-term assemblyman said he has gained recognition outside the area by championing statewide issues.

Candidates realize the costs of a Senate campaign are staggering and test their stamina.

Cohen said \$2 million is needed just to be competitive in a primary race. And because federal election law allows them to accept contributions of no larger than \$1,000, candidates must spend a lot of time raising money, which is why Lautenberg opted not to run.

In New Jersey, between two major media markets, statewide races are few. But candidates wanting to increase their exposure realize the costs involved with advertising on television stations in the New York and Philadelphia markets are high.

For Republicans, Gov. Christine Whitman is the popular choice. It was nine years ago that Whitman almost toppled Bill Bradley in a Senate race

that was closer than many had expected.

If the Republican governor decided to run, she would likely clear the field of challengers, veteran observers said. "She's going to go," said Union County Republican Chairman Frank McDermott.

Going to Washington would be a logical career move for Whitman. By law, she cannot seek a third term. Whitman spokeswoman Heidi Pastore said the governor is considering the idea and is going to make a decision within the next 30 to 60 days.

The man to benefit most by Whitman's exit as U.S. senator would be Donald T. DiFrancesco, the state senate president. DiFrancesco has his sights set on becoming governor after Whitman leaves office.

If Whitman were to win the 2000 Senate race, DiFrancesco would become the governor in 2001, preventing an early jump on his opponents and blunting any primary challenge. "That's a big if, though," DiFrancesco said.

He doubts, however, that one year, a governor would be enough to ward off primary challenges, expected to come from Assemblyman Jack Collins and U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, R-Union.

As for himself, DiFrancesco, who had a chance to run for Congress in 1992, plans to leave the national politics to someone else. "I'm a New Jersey guy," he said.

Franks, who was on vacation last week, was reportedly surprised to



Robert Menendez



Joseph Suliga



Neil Cohen

learn that Whitman might be a candidate and took the news "calmly," in the words of a source close to him.

Before he starts imagining life inside the governor's mansion, Franks is keeping his congressional seat. Democrats are lining up to challenge him in 2000. Franks' Mayor MaryAnne Conelli and Warren Township Chairman Gerald Jeff Givens were entries in a race that is more than a year away.

"We consider Franks very vulnerable," state Sen. Raymond J. Lesnak said last week. "He ignored the will of the people by voting to impeach the president."

And last week, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga laid hints that he would join that list. Suliga, a Democrat from

Linden, is running for re-election this year. But he said he was considering the options about a 2000 race.

Democrats are able to even consider winning in Republican districts primarily because the political landscape is changing. Last year, they again swept the county (freelance race voters in Cranford, Scotch Plains and Westfield went Democratic) and core supporters stayed home.

As the scenarios play themselves out, Lesnak paused to inject humor into the situation. "I guess I have to look for two running mates," he said.

Menendez, whose district includes Elizabeth and Linden, said he was hearing a decision.

"In the brief time since Senator Lautenberg's announcement, I have reached out to people all across New

Jersey and people have been reaching out to me," Menendez said. "I am very encouraged and a little humbled by the enthusiasm I have received."

Elizabeth Mayor J. Cameron Bollwage is one who may replace him in Congress. One high ranking Democrat said privately that Bollwage wants the seat.

In a prepared statement, Bollwage said he plans to watch what Menendez does.

The mayor of the state's fourth largest city said, "I have worked in representing the interests of urban residents for the last 17 years as an elected official. During this time, I have dealt with many of the issues affecting urban residents at every level of government and am prepared to take the next step."

Overtime expenses concern some department directors

By Mark Heywa, Regional Editor

Overtime costs are a concern for at least two county departments in their 1999 budget. During budget hearings before the freeholder board's Fiscal Affairs Committee last week, the directors of the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Safety both expressed concerns about overtime costs and staffing problems.

"While there are no new positions within the department, said Director of Human Services Frank Guzzo, "I request as I do every year for additional detention positions." Overtime is high, he said, and there are many on-the-job injuries.

There are some problems when people get terminated and the positions are filled with overtime persons, he said. Guzzo: he would like to bring staff on incrementally and have them available so eventually there is more trained staff.

County Manager Michael Lapolla asked how much overtime costs could be reduced by hiring additional staff.

"If four positions are added," said Guzzo, "we can cut overtime by at least \$50,000." The total overtime request in the 1999 budget is \$390,000, but the department is budgeted for more than \$400,000 last year, he said.

When the new juvenile detention center opens in two years, said Lapolla, "We'll have the bodies and trained staff." Currently there are 55 detention guards and six part-time staff. The average detention population is

55 with an average stay of one month. With a capacity of 35, the detention facility is "constantly overcrowded," said Guzzo.

Harold Gibson, director of the Department of Public Safety, said his department's enormous overtime budget is due partly to lack of staff. Five million dollars were budgeted in the 1998 modified budget as well as the 1999 executive budget.

The department is making an effort to take people off of non-correctional positions and put them back to deal with the security of inmates.

The 1,450 inmates, on average, at the county jail in Elizabeth are "pretty large" for a daily operation, said Guzzo. "The department aims to reduce overtime through training to put people in the right place at the right time." There are nine people currently in the Police Academy scheduled to graduate in May.

Gibson said the mobile firearms range has saved "enormous amounts" of overtime expenses. The trailer, with two firing ranges, can be set up anywhere. "This way, officers do not have to leave their posts during regular duty hours to qualify with their firearms."

The firearms range is available to all municipalities upon request, said Chief of Police and Security, Richard Murray. There may be a need to expand the program and get another trailer because of many requests, he said.

Budget requests for the 1998 modified budget for the

Department of Human Services contained total appropriations of \$36.1 million with a large majority — \$30.9 million — slated for social services.

The 1999 executive budget for the Department of Human Services stands at \$36.6 million with the largest increases coming in the areas of juvenile, aging and youth services.

Only \$5.6-million of the department's budget comes from the county, with the remainder coming from federal and state aid. Federal and state aid had increased more than 30 percent over 1997.

"We've received, I believe, our fair share of aid," said Guzzo. "The reliance on county tax dollars to expand services has been nil."

Salaries and wages have increased, said Guzzo, and two positions were transferred from the county administration.

The Department of Public Safety 1999 executive budget stands at \$33.7 million, an increase of approximately \$2.5 million over the 1998 modified budget of \$31.2 million. More than 80 percent of the budget is slated for Correctional Services.

Gibson said most divisions of the department that usually require the state funding are Correctional Services, Emergency Management, and Police and Security.

Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairman Al Mirabella said suggestions presented at budget hearings will be incorporated into future deliberations before the entire freeholder board.

Celebrating black history



Nida E. Thomas, vice president of Campaign at United Way of Eastern Union County, left, and Cheslie Demby Roberts, secretary to the board at United Way of Eastern Union County, display some of the 5,000 African-American history keepsake bookmarks distributed to libraries throughout the county for Black History Month. For more information, contact the United Way of Union County at (908) 353-7171.

Exercise program for stroke victims to begin

Beginning April 6, members of the public can participate in an exercise program especially designed for people who have had strokes, which addresses general fitness needs. The session focus on balance, posture and exercises to be performed at home. This is a cooperative program presented by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and Rutgers Specialized Hospital.

Classes are instructed by a physical therapist and a recreation therapist, and are held every Tuesday and Thursday, through Nov. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. at Runnels Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Pre-registration is required for participation and there is a \$15 enrollment fee.

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IAAPP will meet March 4

The Union County Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals will hold its monthly meeting March 4 at 8 p.m. at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. The guests for the evening will be the Mental Health Professionals at Cal Jean Hagadorn, CPS, at 008-233-4543 to place your reservation. Cost is \$20.

County blood drives aim to combat shortages

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor blood drives throughout Union County.

- Friday, 3 p.m. Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Union
- Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cranford Fire Department, 7 Springfield Ave.
- Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mark's of the Assumption Church, 455 Washington Ave., Elizabeth
- Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shop-Rite, Central Avenue, Clark

Donors must be 18 years old. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no average limit for donors provided they have donated within the past two years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their blood type, and bring a signed form of identification.

People with cold or flu symptoms should stay home if they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center to eligibility criteria.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call (908) 610-0931, or (908) 256-6668.

Freeholders meet tonight

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet tonight for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

Final budget hearing scheduled for March 6

The Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct its final budget hearing March 6 at 9 a.m. in the freeholder conference room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth. The committee will meet with department heads to review individual department budgets.

The preliminary budget is expected to be introduced by the Board of Freeholders sometime in the spring.

Women business owners sponsor essay contest

The Union County Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners has announced its scholarship essay contest. The author of the winning essay will be awarded a \$500 non-renewable, one-time scholarship to an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education.

The contest is open to any female resident of Union County, 17 years of age or older, who is currently a high school senior, enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education, maintaining a 3.0 average or above. Members of NAWBO and their immediate families are ineligible for participation.

The essay must be 1,000 words or less and written on the subject, "Why I Would Like to be an Entrepreneur." Entries will be evaluated for originality, inspiration, wit and expression of thought. The deadline for entries is April 15.

Complete guidelines for the contest and an entry form can be obtained on the NAWBO website at <http://www.nawbo.org>, or by writing to: NAWBO Scholarship Essay Contest, P.O. Box 66, Elizabeth, 07201-0066. Entries can be sent to the previous address.

Further information can be found at the Union County NAWBO website, <http://www.idealgraphics.com/awb>, or by calling (908) 688-0791.

Founded in 1978, NAWBO is the largest of 30 chapters within the National Association of Women Business Owners and has 15 chapters within the state. NAWBO represents more than 7.7 million women business owners within the U.S.

The Union County Economic Development Corporation is helping businesses not only get onto the information superhighway but also remain in the fast lane with its series of free business training programs offered in cooperation with local agencies at seminars dedicated to help small businesses integrate new technologies, increase overall efficiencies and save money and time. Anyone can attend these upcoming courses:

Home Page Development
March 4, 9 a.m. to noon
It's now easy to create your own home page and have it presented on the Internet — doing it the right way. This course will provide the basics of creating web pages. The course hands-on so you can actually start putting your page together.

Internet Marketing and Business Operations
March 25, 9 a.m. to noon
This course explains how to get started doing business with the government electronically, how to receive bid solicitations and bid on contracts.

Business Opportunities Through Electronic Commerce II
March 25, 1-4 p.m.
This hands-on session will show you how to find information about federal government bidding opportunities using the Internet, and how to respond to them.

Introduction to Electronic Data Interchange
April 22, 9 a.m. to noon
This course covers everything the small businessperson needs to know to get started with EDI.

EDI Implementation: Technical Issues
April 22, 1-4 p.m.
How to make your EDI system do more to help your business operate better, faster and at less cost.

Financial and Technical Assistance for Small Business
April 30, 9-11:30 a.m.
Learn how to increase your chances of getting a loan and how to get through the loan application process. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet directly with lending institutions on site.

Laying the Groundwork for Electronic Commerce
May 27, 9 a.m. to noon
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An attorney, Frank Goggin is president of Cranford.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bayern Verein prepare for a last dance at Farcher's Grove

By Bea Smith

Staff Writer
Bill Wild of Union, who happily received a 30-year pin as a member of the Bayern Verein Bavarian folk dancing group, was unappreciatively repudiated by the group but no longer by entertaining at Farcher's Grove, Union.

"They're going to tear it down and make way for something else," he said. "The group has been dancing at Farcher's Grove for 69 years. Now its last show will be on Feb. 27."

Wild, who was originally from Springfield, and who served as vice president and president of the Bavarian dancers, said he can't remember when he wasn't a part of it.

"It was a fun part of my childhood," Wild said, attending Southold Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, when the original group was in Newark. "I started with it when I was 4, dancing with the group. I used to dance in short leather pants and do lively dances," he recalled. "My peers in high school used to make fun of the short pants, but I had no trouble with it. At the same time, I was singing with the Irvington Saenger Club. At that time, they had about 100 singers. Now they have about 38. We used to sing in Montgomery Hall in Irvington. It was fun."

Wild explained that "My father owned Wild's Tavern and Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Springfield, and they had about 20 to 25 young American-born German guys singing with it. They needed to practice a little more, so they sang in my father's tavern, so just a little extra rehearsal. And I thought right in there during my first year in high school, I met my brother, the late Tony Wild, who is in the club, which was why I got interested in it in the first place. Once you

graduate from high school and are working, they take you into the club. I was a junior member until 1948. The dancing was great. It still is."

Wild explained that "I worked various print shops and on the printing press at the American Insurance Co. in Newark. Then I went into service. He was in the Army working with anti-aircraft guided missiles from 1951 to 1953. "When I came out, I went to work for the Newark Star Ledger on the composing room as an apprentice. After five years, I went to work in the composing room at the Newark Evening News and stayed until it folded in 1972. Then I went back home, Ledger as a printer. I didn't spell, but I specialized as a make-up man in the composing room."

"And all this time, Wild was a member of the Geritan dancing group. "I used to dance at Farcher's Grove for 30 years," he said. "The dance group was a very tight group — we were all like brothers and sisters. And some times things got pretty heated. At least four or five of us fellows found out wives cheating the group, including me. Many of us danced within the club, got my wife, Christine, out of the club. Now, five children and grand children are members of the club."

"We also have a children's group, from 5 to 12 years of age. The five guys were quite a few years ago dancing every two years," he said. "We have competitive dancing called the fastest. On the weekend or days, we will be in St. Paul, Minn. We'll be going for our third year."

"Wild served as vice president of the club, then president. "I was the first American-born president."

"The Wilds have four children, Christopher, who is a Methodist minister in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Elizabeth, Anna and Otto. "Aunt," he said proudly.

by "they're all musically inclined." Wild mentioned that "our club used to invite clubs that do our kind of dancing from all over — there are four or five clubs that do the same thing, from New York, Maryland, Philadelphia. They're moved to Farcher's Grove."

"It's really very sad," Wild said, "because there's so much tradition. It's a landmark. Soccer teams used to come up to play, but this year, it's all coming to an end. Now, it's all a matter of when everything will be finalized. Sometimes, we'll be there until 1 a.m. for rehearsals — doing the dances over and over again. The dances bring prizes. The one for men is a sculpture of a man and woman in costume dancing a figure dance."

"He said that "Right now, we don't have a hall to take out dance festivals. "We're considering the VW Hall in Union and the German Club in Clark. They have an outdoor dance pavilion in the German Club in Clark, where we might hold our major dances where you wear your finest in costumes and clothes."

Paul Ulrich, president of the Bavarian Club, expressed his feelings about the big change now that Farcher's Grove is being torn down.

"We've been going there as a club for 69 years," he said, "when we moved from what used to be called Montgomery Hall in Irvington. Then we moved to Farcher's Grove as our new clubhouse and have been there ever since."

"The owners of the business, the building and the grounds are the Elizabeth Sport Club, and as one of the incoming clubs there, we've had a good relationship with them. We sponsor two festivals a year, one in June, and a folk-dance festival. We ran that for many years," said Ulrich, "almost 20 years, and our Oktoberfest, which we



Kristina Saunders, 5, and Chris Keller, 10, rehearse for Bayern Verein Bavarian folk dance group's last event at Farcher's Grove.

can occasionally since we got there. We have a two-day picnic and have changed the date to August. We had our last picnic in August."

In addition, Ulrich declared, "We finally ran our annual dance, and the last one at Farcher's Grove will be on Feb. 27. It will be our 69th anniversary. We've been running it continuously since 1930 when the club was founded. It will be our last, though because Farcher's Grove will close in March."

"I'm disappointed to say the least," he said. "But it's just a sign of the times. Farcher's Grove was one of the few remaining German clubhouses left in New Jersey, and with this closing, we're losing something. For us,

we're temporarily homeless. Now, we're rehearsing our rehearsals for the dance practice group to meeting at the VW Hall in Union. We're also looking to hold some of our meetings at the German Club in Clark. Our first Oktoberfest will be Aug. 28."

Ulrich chuckled. "We're not letting the grass grow under our feet. You need a viable clubhouse. You know the old, 'A lot of people will be coming to our dance on Feb. 27 with mixed emotions. We intend to have our dance next year, but it will not be the same. We may have to do an outdoor event. Dance halls are very few and far between. You know," Ulrich said sadly, "Farcher's Grove has always been like a home away from home."

Half our membership grew up there. It's a little sad. But we'll get through it."

Rick Ernst, who has served as vice president of the club for the past seven years, and who is responsible for setting up and conducting all the activities, including the June Saturday overnighting, feelings and emotions about the major change.

"In a way," he said, "it's basically the only clubhouse that I can remember I started dancing at, Farcher's Grove when I was 5 years old — at all the festivals. And I have never missed one," Ernst laughed, "including coming back from my honeymoon and going directly to the event to dance, which I've been doing for the past 33 years."

Next week is Family Week at NJ theaters

Thousands of New Jersey children from Teaneck to Cape May will have their first live theater experience this month as they accompany their families to AT&T's Family Week at the Theatre from Feb. 27 through March 1.

The program, underwritten by AT&T and produced by the New Jersey Theatre Group, offers free tickets to children ages 5 to 16 at more than 100 events in 38 professional theaters located in 17 New Jersey counties. Some of the events, including theater workshops, backstage tours and meet-the-cast receptions, are free to all family members whose stage production are offered free to children when an adult ticket is purchased. The more than 80 stage performances during "AT&T Family Week at the Theatre" encompass a vast range of styles from popular productions of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Wuthering Heights" to musical theater performances of "Oliver!," "Annie," and "Rags, Rhymes 'n' Reason" to classical theater presentations of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Greek "Myths & Legends," to dramas such as "The Quareet and All."

"What could be better than supporting a theater program that gives families an opportunity to share an entertaining and meaningful outing right here in our own backyard?" AT&T Corporate Vice President Linda Hershbin said. "AT&T Family Week at the Theatre is ideal for us because it touches a very rich cultural heritage that comes alive in a very real and accessible way."

The New Jersey Theatre Group, producers of the AT&T Family Week at the Theatre project, was established in 1981 to promote the growth and development of the professional theater community in the Garden State, including outreach to New Jersey schoolchildren. Now, in its 18th year, Theatre is expected to draw well over 1 million people in the 24 theater counties serving families from throughout the state.

"Parents throughout the state have chosen AT&T Family Week at the Theatre, and we're grateful AT&T took a leadership role in making it happen," says New Jersey Theatre Group Executive Director Laura Allen. "It's exciting to see the wonder in the children's eyes as they become engaged in these live theater experiences, and we believe it's the hope of wonder that these theater experiences give."

Information and the schedule for the 1999 AT&T Family Week at the Theatre can be obtained by logging on to www.familyweek.com.

University production sets the tone of the Holocaust

Kean University Theatre Series presents an emotional and historical tour-de-force, Arthur Miller's "Playing for Time" through Sunday at Wilkins Theatre.

Miller's adaptation of the book by Emma Tenenba is the story of the French singer's imprisonment at Auschwitz at the height of the Holocaust. Recruited to the camp's ragtime orchestra, Tenenba and musicians strive to entertain repetitive Dr. Mengele, and ignore the ever-present threat of the gas chamber.

This epic story is matched both in spirit and largely by an epic cast and technical crew. Groups include box car transporters, the orchestra, the Nazis and camp inmates. Sound and lighting are key, and impressive. Props, lighters, planes, baking ovens, marching feet and screaming tanks effectively communicate the dramatic atmosphere. Lighting is too bright, too dim, foreboding, flashing for bombshell deployment, and too far for death — and always just right. The production boasts a simple but efficient set, depicting the camp barracks and rehearsal room, with the production orchestra neatly perched above the action, as well as simple and effective costumes.

High honors are due to Teresa C...

Theater View

By Jacques McCarthy, Associate Editor

...and assistant director Kevin Gleason for artful use of the stage. Groups of people huddle in a boiler, march to the chambers, perform in a cramped space. The horror of the women's subjugation to the camp, stripped of all including their dignity, is impressively staged.

High marks are also due music director Kenneth Faulkner Alexander. The production orchestra sets the mood, playing unobtrusively through much of the play, and provides an accurate rendition of the Auschwitz orchestra.

Performances are no less laudable, and also less in number. Most notable is Greta Perkwicz as Fania, with a lively filling voice that cuts through the ugliness to remind us of the beauty of life.

Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.



Kean University student, Greta Perkwicz, standing, addresses members of the women's orchestra in Arthur Miller's "Playing for Time." Seated in the front row, from left, are Alexandra Belstein of Cranford and Christina Papadatos of Iselin. Second row from left are Stacey Gorton of Summit, and Deborah Lipkin and Nikki Gangemi, both of Union.

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Renowned 'Mr. Las Vegas' pleases at the Paper Mill

By Barbara Phoenix
Correspondent

Wayne Newton's appearance at the Paper Mill Playhouse was pure delight. Newton shared the stage with a nine-piece orchestra and three backup singers.

"Having seen Newton before, I knew he would be as good as remembered, if not better."

Newton really knows how to deliver. His two-hour show was a mixture of songs that are synonymous with his name along with a medley of live songs, starting and bringing with the audience, which brought many laughs and applause.

Appearing in a black tuxedo, this handsome entertainer showed his musical talents by playing the piano, guitar, fiddle and banjo. Newton

also spoke of his "Dynasty" collection, which consists of all his previous popular songs in a six CD collection.

Newton said he was so moved by the music, "Saying Private Ryan," he had the house lights brought up and asked all veterans in the audience to stand and be recognized. Newton has added this to his act on an ongoing basis. The show ended with tribute to the vets as Newton sang "The Impossible Dream."

Known throughout the world as "Mr. Las Vegas," this gentleman knows how to please his audience, evidenced by the long standing ovation he received. The entertainer mentioned his vitality, and said he hopes to be entertaining for many more years.

Audiences warm up to 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Are you suffering from the mid-winter blues? Cranford Dramatic Club has just the tonic. "Arsenic and Old Lace," which runs through March 6.

It is 1941 on the Brooklyn Island of sisters Abby and Martha Brewster, souls of discretion and champions of proper deportment. Daughters of an established physician, and left well off in their declining years, the sisters look after harmless brother Teddy Brewster, who thinks life is Teddy Roosevelt, and keep an eye on young, amputee nephew Mortimer, a cynical humorist who is counting the number's minutes until he can get the number's daughter next door.

"It may sound like enough to keep anyone's sanity, but side tracks are the key to this play. As the play progresses, Abby and Martha never fail to offer a glass of poisoned elderly wine to unwitting visitors. When Mortimer discovers his aunt's grimy little "preoccupation," the mayhem begins, further complicated by the sudden reappearance of Jonathan, the black sheep of the Brewster clan. Now a gangster, Jonathan is certainly "no helpless old ladies" are in any way.

This production will keep audiences laughing heartily from beginning to end. Much laughter is to be

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy, Associate Editor

Brewster is a scream, charging up the stairs and shouting the alarm call. Richard J. Shello is posessive comic as Mr. Mortimer. His horror at his game's antics is positively hilarious. Carol Mancini and Jane Aulenbach as the gracie two-tone elicit many giggles with their straight-faced features. Timothy Bryk does a fine job as the gruff Jonathan, assisted by the wretched Igor-escape Dr. Epstein, played to comic perfection by Ed Wynn.

Shello's scenes with girl next door, flame Margie, played with charm by Melissa Understall, are a pleasure to watch. DC President Bob Peltz steps onto the boards in funny cameo, as a former Mortimer saves from the perils of elderly wine, and as lieutenant Rowley.

Shello is located at 78 Wilans Ave. Cranford for information, call (908) 272-6336.

HOROSCOPE

For March 1 to 7

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Channel your energy into positive and healthy activities. Seek easy solutions to work or health-related problems and don't stop to give over your milk.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Prepare for unexpected changes on the job front. Avoid over-reacting in a romantic relationship. Back up and give your partner some room to breathe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Enjoy a shift in your priorities in the next week. A lot of projects and clear the decks for a brand-new opportunity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): The emphasis is on your job or career. If your turn to step up to the spotlight has you here, from forward and three days. Flourish with friends and concentration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Check vacation possibilities. There's a long-range energy out there with your higher self. Keep your judgments or conclusions to yourself during a heated discussion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're appointed referee in a financial dispute. Avoid taking sides and keep your eye on the bottom line. Step up to the challenge and initiate a personal project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Fight stress and add beauty and harmony

into your life. Sprig your yourself with flowers and music. You can expect increased inspiration from coworkers and peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Groups and organizations. Make new friends and partner up and have some fun. Your work situation or environment improves. Expect a raise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The much sought-after answers to a mystery are right at your fingertips. Don't overlook the obvious. Take advantage of present opportunities to advance your career.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid giving out uncollected advice to loved ones. Expect to feel a little more sensitive and emotional this week. If you're trying to teach your child the lesson, take it to the end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Watch out for an avoid work-related tensions. Take time and smell the roses. While the full moon this week in your financial sector, look closely at your budget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Relationships provide a welcome escape and haven. Open up and share your heartfelt problems with a loved one. Fight against impulsive spending on luxury items.

If your birthday is this week, make an honest attempt to be more cooperative during the coming year.

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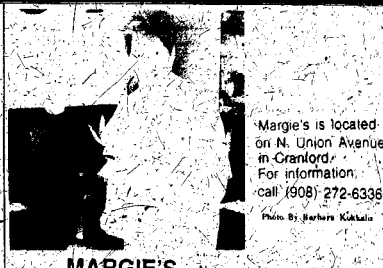
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MARGIE'S Not your average diner.

By Tobiann Antonelli Staff-Writer

If you're interested in trying something a little bit different from your average diner, Margie's Restaurant on the Corner of North and Union streets in Cranford provides homemade Russian fare in a casual setting that keeps many patrons coming back for seconds.

Now in its eighth year at the convenient location, Margie's serves only the finest traditional Russian specialties prepared from scratch on the premises by proprietor and head chef Margie Obolesky, along with her husband and two cooks. The staff prepares and displays their heritage through unique meals and authentic decorations that add comfortable dining ease. Even the menu serves as a tribute to their heritage. Beneath many items on the menu is a brief history-lesson explaining the origin of the dish, its place in history and its evolution into the culinary treat that is still prepared by Margie's the old-fashioned way.

Upon my arrival, I was greeted by Margie and Irina, one of the restaurant's attentive servers. My dining companion and I were seated in a comfortable booth that made us feel instantly at ease. In addition to the 12 or so tables, patrons can also choose to sit in a more formal setting for a quick breakfast or cup of freshly brewed coffee.

Our meal began with a hot bowl of homemade chicken noodle soup, laden with fresh carrots, celery, egg noodles and garnished with fresh dill. We also enjoyed a given omelette of heavy pumpkinseed bread and butter. Margie also offers freshly made split pea soup as well as a traditional borscht, a light cabbage and beef soup.

For the main course, I decided to sample one of Margie's specialties, the Hungarian Goulash. This dish consisted of fork-tender chunks of beef, slow-cooked in a dark brown sauce with onions and served over a bed of fluffy egg noodles. The generous portion was both flavorful and satisfying. My dining companion decided to feast on Margie's chicken Milanese.

The restaurant also offers daily specials in addition to the regular menu items such as stuffed peppers, pork chops and chicken sautéed with spinach and onions. In the coming weeks, Margie's will also begin to offer week and fish dishes.

Early risers can take advantage of Margie's breakfast menu which includes eggs, omelettes, french toast, cinnamon apple or banana nuttana pancakes, as well as an assortment of coffees, teas and juices. The restaurant also does catering for all occasions and will prepare food for take-out. To place orders in advance, call (908) 272-6336.

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Looking for a career in health care without working directly with patients? Union County College is offering an opportunity to pursue just such a career through an Associate in Applied Science degree program in Health Information Technology. The college has introduced an opportunity to pursue the program in collaboration with Passaic County Community College, Paterson. Although the program's degree will be granted by Passaic, local students can take just about every class at a UCC campus, saving them the transportation time and costs of traveling to a distant campus outside their own county. Many courses will be concentrated within weekend hours to further accommodate students.

The degree program in Health Information Technology features instruction in the latest medical software used in physician's offices, hospitals and medical insurance companies. Unlike the role of a medical assistant, whose position combines the above skills with direct patient interaction involving clinical duties, a health information technologist

focuses heavily on detail with insurance forms and classification in a non-clinical role.

According to Dr. Jackie Kineavy, vice president for academic affairs at Passaic, students who complete the Health Information Technology program can expect to assume a job role comparable to that of the previous medical records technologist. They will be prepared to classify information used for medical billing purposes. Graduates are eligible to take a certificate examination through Kean University to qualify as a health office manager, credits earned through the program are directly transferable to several four-year colleges and universities.

Under the collaborative collegiate program, members of Passaic's faculty will teach hands-on computer laboratory courses at UCC's Plainfield Campus. Local students attend more technical lectures conducted through the use of interactive television. Here, they report to an ITV classroom at a UCC campus. Join in

on a presentation conducted at Passaic's campus by one of that institution's faculty members, and communicate with the instructor and classmates as if they were at the same room. These local students will take their general education courses at any one of UCC's campuses — with all credits directly applied towards a Passaic degree in the program.

UCC has also begun a collaborative arrangement for local students to participate in programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology with Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center School of Nursing and Allied Health, Plainfield; an affiliate of Solara Health System, and in Ophthalmic Dispensing with Essex County College and Raritan Valley Community College.


According to Dr. Ernest Conan, UCC's vice president for academic affairs, the collaborative arrangement for the Health Information Technology program with Passaic is only the beginning of a trend the college plans to pursue with other institutions in offering health care programs to local

students. He notes that UCC is doing so to meet the employment training needs of the regional economy, where health care industry is the fastest growing sector area. Dr. Conan said that some 35 percent more jobs will be available in the health care field over the next 12 years — and employers sorely need qualified professionals to fill these positions.

Those interested in further information about the Health Information Technology program with Passaic should call either Dr. Wallace Smyth, director of UCC's Plainfield Campus, at 908-412-3500, or Lisa Dellinger, UCC's health information technology program chairperson, at 973-684-6297.

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If you are suffering from nervous tension, you should be aware of that left your relief is needed from this condition. Taking a mild dose, raising your voice to a higher pitch, and talking more rapidly than normal may be signs of nervous tension. Do you frown more often than usual? Are you irritable and out of sorts? And when you lie down to bed do you have difficulty in falling asleep because of an overall tenseness in your body? Untreated or unrelieved nervous tension may affect your whole body as well as your disposition. It may

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Kids N Parenting

Parents should take care when choosing a day care center

Choices are likely that if you are a parent, you have searched your community for child care options and wondered what qualifies one place over another. There are some important clues to look for when evaluating where you will leave your child day after day.

"Child care should be more than a place a parent drops off their children for the day and hopes for the best," said Vicki Folds, early childhood development specialist for Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Center, Inc. "Because your child will spend much of their formative years in an environment other than their own

home, you've got to look for a place that can be fulfilling for your child's developmental needs."
Folds recommends that parents keep a check list with them when visiting child care centers. Parents should question every aspect of the environment including the condition of the facility, the learning opportunities, safety and the employees' qualifications. Here you check list to help you rate each place you visit.
Does the facility have:
• A warm and inviting atmosphere?
• An isolated area for children who are sick?
• Current licenses and permits post-

ed for the building and employees?
• Security cameras in every room?
• A fenced-in outdoor play area?
• Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers?
• A separate diaper-changing area?
• Child-size commodes, water fountains and sinks?
• Adults supervising children at all times?
• Security precautions such as electronic locks and video monitoring cameras?
• Planned, appropriate activities geared toward a child's age group?
• Age-appropriate learning materials?

• Separate rooms for infants, toddlers and pre-school age children?
• Did the staff:
• Appear friendly, calm, patient and loving?
• Dress appropriately?
• Have at least one employee with first-aid certification and CPR training?
Did you notice that:
• Parents and teachers spoke daily?
• All accidents and unusual incidents are reported to parents?
• School events are posted and parents are informed regularly of activities?

"A parent should carry this list with them and keep detailed notes about every center they visit," recommended Folds. "They should spot check the center one or two times to make sure the items on the list are followed consistently, before committing to enrolling their child."
Folds has more than 25 years of hands-on child care and academic experience, and has created a learning program called Curriculum 2000 Learning Links for two, three, four and five-year-old children that is being implemented at more than 160 Tutor Time centers nationwide.

Book explores the wonderful world of Walt Disney's trains

Much has been written about the late Walt Disney, but did you know he had a keen interest in trains? It was more like an obsession. All of his theme parks were ringed with trains. Disney's fascination with locomotives is chronicled in a book by Peter Cox Publishing, "Walt Disney's Rail-

road Story" written by Michael Broggie. Broggie knows from where he speaks — he grew up inside Disney's circle of close personal friends. When he was a young boy, Broggie and his brother would show up at Walt Disney's home and help their father and Walt run the Carolwood


Pacific, a live steam railroad that ran around Disney's backyard. The boys would wipe down the passenger cars in preparation for the day's operations. Disney's love affair with trains began in his hometown of Marceline, Mo., where in his youth he held his first job selling tobacco, candy and

newspapers on the Missouri Pacific line. By 1950, his enthusiasm for realistic model trains had evolved into an elaborate backyard live steam railroad, Disney's Carolwood Pacific Railroad, with which author Broggie became very familiar, including a 40-foot-long trestle, loops, overpas-

ses, gradients, an elevated dirt berm and a 90-foot tunnel underneath Mrs. Disney's flower bed. In "Walt Disney's Railroad Story," Broggie captures Disney's love of locomotives, which was much more than a hobby.

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New infant formula addresses nutritional concerns

Say goodbye to imprecise "home-made" thickened infant formulas. The days of clogged bottle nipples and worried babies are not getting complete and balanced nutrition are coming to an end.

Mead Johnson Nutritional, a leader in infant formula innovations, has introduced Enfamil AR, a breakthrough infant formula for mothers who in the past have thickened their babies' formula by adding rice cereal.

The newest member of the Enfamil Family of formulas, Enfamil AR is a pre-thickened infant formula and is specially designed to provide complete and balanced nutrition. It is the first and only one of its kind available in the United States.

Experts agree that breast milk is the gold standard for babies' nutrition and it's the reason Enfamil's patterned after it. Parents can be confident that their infant is getting the nutrition a baby

needs because, as with all Enfamil products, Enfamil AR delivers the necessary nutrients for growing infants.

Enfamil AR is a milk-based formula that offers a unique blend of carbohydrates, and maintains important vitamins and other nutrient levels such as protein and fat similar to those of regular Enfamil with Iron.

Designed to allow formula to flow through standard nipples, Enfamil AR, unlike "homemade" rice cereal-thickened formula, is not gooey, sticky or clumpy. Slightly thicker in the bottle than regular formula, Enfamil AR impregnates as it comes in contact with an acidic environment similar to that which occurs in a baby's stomach. With this new innovation, mothers no longer have to worry about clogged bottle nipples or that their infant may gag on a small bit of rice cereal.

Ideal for parents who may have to juggle many tasks or who are constantly on the run, preparing Enfamil AR is convenient and involves fewer steps than adding rice cereal to regular infant formula. And, unlike "home-made" thickened formula, it provides balanced nutrition and can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated for up to 48 hours.

Enfamil AR is available in 14-ounce powder and 32-ounce ready-to-use formulations, which can be found wherever formula is sold. The Enfamil toll-free support line, (800) BABY-123, provides information and advice for parents who have questions about infant feeding and nutrition. It includes access to Mead Johnson registered dietitians. Infant feeding and nutrition information is also available on the Enfamil Web site: www.enfamil.com.

Parents can use a 'chip' to control tv viewing

A tiny chip will soon be making a big difference in the way people watch television. The chip, now being built into all television sets, lets parents determine what television shows their children watch when they can't watch with them.

People who want to begin blocking violence now and don't want all by a new television can buy an attachment which has the v-chip technology at electronics stores for about \$79. That's good news in the fight against TV violence.

Called a v-chip, it allows parents to block a program based on the new television ratings each show has been given. The chips, made by the Trionix-based company Tri-Vision, use a pin number, much like an ATM machine. Only the person who knows the pin number can control what programs are allowed on the home.

The technology, supported by President Clinton, now gives parents the power to program out the violence on their TV sets. Information about the new v-chip technology is available on the Internet at www.v-chip.com.

Parents concerned about television violence, sex, language and dialogue can call toll-free (877) 255-6266 for more information.

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Human relations essay contest open to area high schools

The 19th annual Philip E. Hoffman Human Relations Essay Competition sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey chapter of the American Jewish Committee has officially begun, as announced by Susan Kirgan of Short Hills and Joan Koff of Summit, co-chairs of the competition committee. Other members of the committee are Thelma Bloom of West-Orange, Dee Hoffman of Verona, Nancy Lasser of New Vernon, Barbara Evrinson of Mountainside and Jeanette Faktor of Livingston.

A distinguished panel of the following judges will select the winning essay: Dr. Albert Aronoff, 281 State

Civil Rights commissioner Professor David Barry, executive director of the Community College Humanities Association; Stephen Han, representative from the Organization of Chinese Americans to the NJ Stamp Out Hate Coalition; Dr. Ruth Legow, assistant adjunct professor of English at Rutgers University; and Alan Zeng, president of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of NJ.

All high school students in Essex, Morris, Union, Bergen and Passaic counties are eligible to submit entries on the following topics: "Sex and its role in dating. Psychologists have found that our respect for

individuals is strongly influenced by our notions about the groups to which the individual belongs. These groups may be created by differences of age, sex, race, nationality, religion or by physical appearance.

Share an experience that you have had or witnessed, in which prejudice has been overcome. What motivated the change of attitude? How would you promote a more tolerant climate in your school or community?

Present your views through whatever written medium you prefer: personal essay, short story, letter, poem or playlet.

Competition deadline is March 29, 1999. The winners will receive awards of \$500, \$300 and \$100. The school hosting the first prize winner will be given an engraved plaque. An honorable mention will be awarded to the student with the best essay from a high school submitting 10 or more essays; provided no other prize has been awarded to a student in that high school.

Copies of the essay competition announcement and further information can be obtained from AJC at 225 Millburn Ave., Suite 504, Millburn, NJ 07041; phone (973) 379-7644; e-mail New Jersey@AJC.org.

inaugurated in 1981; the competition has established to honor Philip E. Hoffman, a founding member of the chapter and former national president of American Jewish Committee, who served as U.S. Representative to the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

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Foundation provides resources to parents raising teens

A recent survey of teens was conducted by the Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens Foundation on behalf of Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens. For many parents, the results may serve as a wake-up call for the serious business of raising teens. Pre-Teens provides parents with a free national helpline and an informative free magazine containing issues confronting those who are raising teens or pre-teens.

The survey of high school students found that:

- 51 percent of teens said that parents have been present and allowed drinking at the parties they have attended.
- 75 percent of the teens had had classes in drug education and resistance, and yet 60 percent of these teens said these classes did not have any positive effect on preventing drug use.
- 50 percent of teens under the age of 17 years have been sexually active, and 90 percent do not practice safe sex.
- 80 percent of teens said the biggest conflict with parents is a result of them either not listening or not trusting.

65 percent of teens said that schools do not do much to prevent drug usage.

- 83 percent of teens said that there is drug use in their schools.
- 86 percent of teens do not think metal detectors should not be in schools to prevent weapons being brought to school.
- When teens were asked if their parents discuss sex with them, 60 percent said not at all. Of the 40 percent who do discuss sex with their parents, 75 percent said their parents are not very factual. Ninety percent of teens

learn about sex and sexual issues from friends.

- 85 percent of teens said that schools should provide more information about depression or suicide.
- 80 percent of teens say they are not always honest about where they go or who they go with.
- 68 percent of teens say they know of someone who has attempted suicide.

These statistics speak for the teens of today. Additional results regarding other issues are available from Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens.

Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens counseling services can be accessed by calling the helpline at (800) 475-TALK, or by entering a private counseling room on their Web site at www.raisingtodaysteens.org. Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens also provides a bimonthly magazine called Parents Raising Teens and Pre-Teens as another free resource for parents. The magazine is filled with informative articles on topics of interest to anyone involved in raising teens or pre-teens, and can be obtained through the Web site or by calling (602) 931-0289.

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Don't rush children through the toilet training process

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research found that 90 percent of all children were toilet trained by age 2 1/2, he has fostered a child-oriented approach.

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He says parents should look for the following signs of readiness:

- Regular, predictable bowel movements.
- Ability to pull pants up and down.
- Some demonstration — such as squatting, grunting or even telling you

he/she's having a bowel movement.

- Your child seems uncomfortable with soiled diapers and wants to be changed.

These signals indicate a readiness to start the process, but it's also important to remember that toilet

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Thirteen/WNET begins new arts programs

Thirteen/WNET, the flagship public television station of the New York metropolitan area, has announced the debut of its popular MetroArts/Thirteen. This six-hour block of non-commercial cultural arts community programming will air Sundays from 6 p.m. to midnight on the MetroGuide channel.

Since August 1998, viewers in 27 states in Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties have been enjoying MetroArts/Thirteen on the MetroGuide Channel over Cablevision.

Each week of MetroArts/Thirteen is headed by a noted personality in the arts community who introduces and provides cultural context for the evening's offerings. This star-studded roster of celebrity guest hosts has included composer Marvin Hamlisch, actors Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis and Philip Bosco, former NYC Mayor Ed Koch, James LaBrie, founder of the National Dance Institute; cabaret singer David Campbell, singer Paul Plishka, baritone Thomas Hampson, soprano Lauren Hangan and Han-Lyn Blackwell; playwright Wendy Wasserstein; conductor Skitch Henderson; Judith Jamison, artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Kevin McKenzie, artistic director of American Ballet Theater; Maxwell Anderson, director of The Whitney Museum of American Art; and Katy Kurvick-Hahn, among others.

Theater, dance, opera, music, the visual arts — MetroArts/Thirteen offers programming from the entire spectrum of culture and the arts. MetroArts/Thirteen features several of Thirteen/WNET's most popular series, including "City Arts," "Sessions at West 54th," "Great Performances" and "American Masters." In addition, Thirteen/WNET creates a roster of original programs through the MetroArts/Thirteen Arts Alliance — which includes over 150 arts and cultural organizations including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the City University of New York. Television MetroArts/Thirteen also provides complete, up-to-date calendar listings and announcements for arts events in the metro area.

MetroArts/Thirteen is a production of Thirteen/WNET. Joan Hershey is producer; Michael A. Fieldus is executive producer.

Thirteen/WNET in New York is one of the key program providers for public television, bringing such acclaimed series as "Nature," "Great Performances," "American Masters" and "Charlie Rose" as well as the work of Bill Moyers to audiences nationwide. As the flagship public broadcaster in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut metro area, Thirteen/WNET reaches millions of viewers each week — airing the best of American public television along with its own local productions such as "City Arts" and "Real New York." With educational and community outreach projects that enhance the value of its productions, Thirteen/WNET takes television "out of the box." And as a national and global media conglomerate, Thirteen/WNET is a leading provider of educational software and other cutting-edge media products. More information about Thirteen/WNET can be found at <http://www.wnet.org>.

Arts council establishes arts hotline

The Elizabeth Arts Council supports and promotes the work of Elizabeth's arts, community and cultural institutions. Membership is open to all those directly involved in the arts — artists, writers, students, teachers and performers, and those who enjoy the arts and want to see them flourish in and around Elizabeth.

Last fall, the Elizabeth Arts Council, with the support of Mayor Rompage and the city of Elizabeth, inaugurated the Elizabeth ARTS LINE.

The phone number of the ARTS LINE is (908) 420-4122. Callers receive up-to-date announcements of cultural events in and around the city of Elizabeth.

For more information about the Elizabeth Arts Council, call (908) 289-3564 or leave a message on the ARTS LINE.

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Orange, Summit auction houses join forces

Lincoln Galleries of Orange and Remney Galleries of Summit, two of New Jersey's leading antiques auction houses, are joining forces. As of Feb. 1, the Remney offices have moved and all business will be performed under the Lincoln banner at their 65,000 square-foot facility at 225 Scotland Road in Orange. Reg Blauvelt will retain his position as president and Carolyn Remney will begin her duties as vice president in charge of marketing and sales. Remney will also join Blauvelt as auctioneer at the popular Lincoln monthly auctions.

Lincoln was formed in 1987 and is one of the oldest businesses in New Jersey. It was among the founding members of the Appraisers Association of America. They joined Mayflower Moving and Storage in 1930 and, with 68 years of experience behind them, are widely known as premiere movers of fine antiques and large estates. Their ability to auction estates as well as transport them enables them to offer their customers an unparalleled service. Lincoln also has a retail furniture and fine art restoration shop, which is staffed by an elite group of European craftsmen.

In recent months Lincoln has sold a Philadelphia highway for \$85,000 and a colossal collection of 150,000 vintage baseball cards. The motherlode of baseball cards was found in an attic in 7 full trunks. The owners turned down \$43,000 retail and entrusted the massive collection to Lincoln for auction. Lincoln netted them \$77,000.

Remney Galleries was established as an antiques and consignment shop 11 years ago and quickly became a Summit mainstay. They began holding auctions in 1983 and by 1997 their auctions were so well attended they were forced to triple the size of the auction house facility. One year later it became apparent to Carolyn Remney that she once again needed a larger space. Remney is known for their specialty auctions, specifically of Wedgwood, Haudt Coqure and oriental rugs. In addition to her role as president and senior appraiser at Remney Galleries, Carolyn Remney also dedicates her time for lectures, publications and the media. She hosts her own TV show, "Antique Treasures," on TV30, and appears as a guest appraiser on "The Antiques Roadshow," PBS Channel 13.

The merging of these two dynamic organizations should prove to be a formidable force in today's auction arena. When asked why he decided to merge with Remney, Blauvelt responded, "I have been reading so much about Carolyn Remney in the papers, I thought that she must be doing something right and decided that I wanted her on board. Lincoln is about to implement a series of expansion changes and Carolyn is just when the program needs. I am very much looking forward to working with her." The changes referred to by Blauvelt include the addition of weekend specialty auctions to the calendar, educational lecture series, renovations to the auction gallery, a greater focus on the furniture and fine art restoration aspect of the business, and a future additional office.

Remney decided to throw her hat in the ring with Lincoln when it became apparent that her company had suffered to spend in less than a year. "With Russia's economy as it has been, I have had a hell of a time keeping up with my own success. Keeping a part of the Lincoln team will allow me to expand the media coverage and the educational lecture series, do more appraisals and specialty auctions. Lincoln has some great plans for the immediate future. It is a highly respected company and it is exciting to be a part of it."

Presently, Lincoln holds monthly three-day auctions with an average of 500 attendees. "We have 400 paddles and there are 100 bidders. It is exciting to stand in front of a crowd and auction was imminent," said Blauvelt. The merging of these two companies offers a win-win situation for both Lincoln and Remney and for their customers as well.

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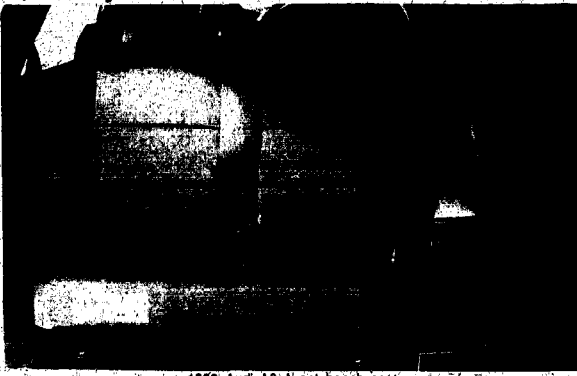
The Audi A6 Avant's foundation is the A6 luxury touring sedan. Because of its lineage, the new Avant enjoys a level of standard features and refinement that clearly mark it as both a vehicle of abundant luxuries and a true Audi.

Standard amenities abound in this spacious interior. Twelve-way power seats with electric lumbar adjustment and locking head restraints for both front occupants, and 60/40 split folding rear seats with locking backs, are now standard. A new, 140-watt speaker sound system with a trunk-mounted subwoofer and new "Concert" radio provide the best standard audio experience ever available in an A6. A standard dual zone climate control system with an activated charcoal filter offers independent temperature settings for the left and right sides, and employs a sunlight sensor for complete accuracy.

Other standard features, to name a few, include 15-inch forged aluminum light alloy wheels, power windows with all four windows featuring Audi's innovative one-touch up/down touch control with pinch protection, power outside mirrors with defog, power central-locking system with selective unlocking, a radio frequency remote locking system with remote trunk opening and panic function, a convenience key, close, and open for power windows, retained accessory power, electronic cruise control, a remote power hatch release, front and rear reading lights, and wiring for an optional Motor-hand-free telephone.

Luxury can also be felt in the little touches. That's why Audi includes large front seat, rear seat and luggage area lights inside the car with fade-in and fade-out feature, four footwell lights, soft nighttime overhead lighting for the center console and "uddle" lights in all four doors so no one has to wonder what's below when they step out.

While equipped with an extensive list of standard features, the A6 Avant offers several options unlike any in the industry. First is the Warm Weather Package, which includes a solar sunroof, power interior blowers when the vehicle is parked in the sun



1999 Audi A6 Avant bench seat

and manual sunshades for the rear side windows. These sunshades are in addition to the standard manual sunshade for the rear window. The Electronic Security Package offers rear-seat mounted side airbags for the outboard positions — a class-exclusive feature — and Xenon high intensity discharge headlights with automatic leveling control.

An option exclusive to the A6 Avant is a removable rear facing children's bench seat. The optional children's bench seat, turns the A6 Avant into a seven seater. This bench seat, sculpted and contoured to be anatomically correct for children up to 50 inches and up to 80 pounds, has its own head restraints, armrests and safety belts. For maximum flexibility, if it is not occupied, it can be swiveled to one side, folded up, or removed entirely and stored in its standard carrying case. This versatility provides owners with the maximum luggage area and avoids the lost storage space that permanent seats consume.

Recognizing that the needs of owners can change over time, Audi will make the preparation for the removable rear facing children's bench seat a standard feature in the A6 Avant.

That way, should a family's need to add this feature change over time, their local dealer will be able to install it. An introduction, this seat will be a factory-installed option only.

There are several other option packages that Audi owners have come to enjoy and expect. The Convenience Package includes a glass slide and tilt sunroof with sunshade, four-position memory for the driver's seat and for the auto-dimming outside rearview mirrors. Included in this package are also an auto-dimming inside rearview mirror, and a "Home-link" remote transmitter incorporated into the driver's sunvisor. The Cold Weather Package includes heated front and rear seats, and a heated steering wheel.

The Audi Package includes a high performance Bose premium music system that was acoustically customized for the new A6 Avant, and a 6-disc CD changer. With nine speakers, five equalizers and a five-channel amplifier, this 200-watt Bose system provides lifelike music reproduction and a balanced stereo image for every passenger. The signature Bose system is also easy to live with — innovative automation allows the controls and display panel to be designed for maximum ease-of-use. The components

are fitted into the car without sacrificing valuable hauling capacity. This comprehensive system even includes a tuned ported bass enclosure, 10-speaker deep base frequencies without intruding into the cargo space.

Other stand-alone options are few with a car this well-appointed. They include 16-inch "wine glass" design alloy wheels with 11-spent-rated all-season tires, leather upholstery, a hands-free mobile telephone and a six-disc trunk-mounted CD changer.

To complete one's definition of personalized luxury, there is a full palette of exterior and interior colors from which to choose. There are ten standard exterior colors: Brilliant Black, with Clearcoat, Aluminum Silver Metallic, Molting Metallic, Europa Blue, Mica, Volcano Black, Mica, Casablanca, White, Racing Green Mica, Andorra Red Mica, Jasper Green Metallic and Cashmere Gray Mica, as well as Audi's signature Pearl White. A comprehensive interior design guide is available at Audi dealers for customers to select exterior colors in combination with their choice of available interior Atmosphere. There is also a new interior leather color which has been added: Vanilla Onyx.

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Bob Latz has retired as vice chairman of the Chrysler Corp., but he still has a hand on the wheel, so to speak. He will take his "corporate resurrection" skills to the Indian Motorcycle Co. as a general consultant for the firm in Niwot, Colo. That is being to restart production of the famed American motorcycles.

Latz, author of "Casey: The Seven Laws of Business That Made Chrysler the World's Hottest Car Company," will assist and advise the company in all areas.

"President Leonard Labovitz says, 'Our goal is simple: to regain our reputation for manufacturing the finest motorcycles in the world and to re-establish the Indian Motorcycle Co. as a serious contender in the competition for worldwide market share.'"

The last Indian motorcycle rolled off an assembly line in Michigan in 1975, but more than 100,000 are still in circulation. The marque has been maintained by owner's group and suppliers who manufactured parts and kept the name on the road.

The next Indian motorcycle is scheduled to come off the line in a factory in Myrtle Creek, Ore., on land owned by the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.

"Ultimately, we will have a re-established Indian Motorcycle Co. with Indian-made motorcycles produced by Native Americans," said co-owner Ken Malagisi.

The initial "new" Indians will be a pair of V-Twin models, sharing frame and engine, but with different styling. Rough Industries is designing the engine.

The owners are currently working with a prototype production company out of Detroit. Production-level motorcycles should arrive by the first or second quarter of 2000.

"We don't want to put out a fly-by-night motorcycle," Malagisi said.

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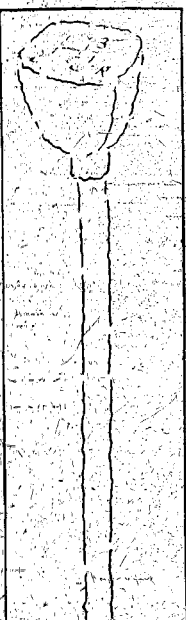
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