

Records room in shambles

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...of dramatic increase of 35 percent each, according to Rajappi. Deeds each will then increase over 1997.

The County Clerk's Office is a confidential office which is comprised of three divisions recording business and elections.

In the recording division all real estate transactions within the 21 municipalities of the county are processed. In the elections division the clerk accepts candidate nomination petitions, prepares ballot board special primaries and general election ballots along with preparation of sample ballots and locally tabulates and certifies elections to the state.

The business division of the office processes 8,000 business applications. Sales Tax, and other County Clerk, ID Cards, State Notary, Bureau of Motor Vehicle, made names and other related documents.

Many county clerk's offices, said Rajappi, experience significant delays including: Birth, Marriages and Deaths because of the significant change from a new recording program. In processing and some repetitive documents are expedited in Union. Due to the significant volume in the office, Rajappi requested an additional \$2,000 for 1999 overtime expenses.

Rajappi indicated that the infrastructure needs plan, last year, is a County Clerk Identification Card issued to Union County residents 14 years and older, and a photograph database for passports and IDs, generated new revenue.

We introduced both programs in June and experienced overwhelming acceptance and success with more than 2,500 residents using the services and "growing" closer to \$20,000 in revenue, said Rajappi.

The use of non-notary permits for the mailing of sample election ballots, which was started in 1998, saved approximately \$65,000 last year, according to Rajappi. The clerk's office mailed one million sample ballots last year.

Seven elections were administered in 1998 including four special elections, the annual school board election along with the primary and general elections. The county is reimbursed for any special elections by individual municipalities.

Rajappi requested an additional \$100,000 for the office's elections division because "there is no way to tell how many elections we will have in one year."

New Providence has special election and nonpartisan elections are scheduled in Hillsdale this year. Costs double in some towns because of the need for bilingual ballots, according to Rajappi. Determined by the population according to the last census, the need for bilingual ballots is evident in Hillsdale, Elizabeth, Linden and Irvington, and two other towns.

The County Clerk's Office had a total budget of \$1.2 million in 1998 with nearly all of that for salaries and more than half earmarked for the elections division. The total represents an approximate increase of \$25,000 over last year's department budget.

UCEDC to provide \$50 million in bond financing

The Union County Economic Development Corporation has created and is seeking a partnership to provide \$50 million in bond financing for business located within Union County. The participating banks — Chase Manhattan, First Union National Bank, Flier Bank-PNC Bank and Sunbelt Bank — have agreed to make available \$50 million in asset financing.

The UCEDC will coordinate the funding and marketing of tax-exempt bonds and taxable bonds issues through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. "We are excited that the banks will significantly reduce the fees that are traditionally associated with bond financing," said Ellen McHenry, director of financial programs at the UCEDC. "The savings will be passed down directly to the businesses we help."

The benefits of bond financing for the borrowers include longer-term financing, lower interest rates and fixed or variable interest rate options. Typically, there is a \$1 million minimum for both taxable and tax-exempt bonds, and the terms are usually between 10 and 20 years.

The use of the proceeds from the bonds can be used to purchase land and buildings, new building construction, additions, leasehold improvements, renovations, equipment, machinery, refinancing of existing debt and working capital.

The Union County Economic Development Corporation offers a variety of loan programs for small business owners to big corporations, located within Union County. For more information on the eligibility requirements and estimated rate of interest, call McHenry at 908-537-1160.

African Violet Society to meet in Scotch Plains

The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society of America will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. The program will be "Preparation for Show." Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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 at the sixth floor of the Administrative Building, Elizabeth Court Plaza, Elizabeth.

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 postsecondary 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 or enrolled in an accredited U.S. institution of postsecondary education, maintaining a 3.0 average of above. Members of NAWBO and their immediate families are ineligible for participation. The fees must be 1,000 words or less and written on the subject, "Why I Would Take the Entrepreneurial Path." 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 Internet at <http://www.ideographics.com> or by writing to NAWBO Scholarship Essay Contest, P.O. Box 688, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. Entries also can be sent to the preceding address.

Further information can be found at the Union County NAWBO web site <http://www.ideographics.com> or by calling (908) 688-0707.

Sanchez appointed as UCEDC microloan officer

Carlos N. Sanchez was recently named as the microloan officer for the Union County Economic Development Corporation. In his new role, Sanchez will manage the Small Business Administration Microloan Program. Specifically, he will be reviewing and making recommendations on all microloan applications and providing technical assistance to current loan clients.

"We look forward to helping Mr. Sanchez's strong lending experience and his ability to work with the small business community," said Maureen Linen, president of the UCEDC.

Sanchez comes to the Corporation as a former loan officer at First Bank of America in Elizabeth, a place he was responsible for the underwriting, processing and closing of mortgages, personal loans and commercial lending. He also has been a mortgage loan officer at Parkway Mortgage in

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Kenilworth and a branch manager at Norwest Financial New Jersey Inc. in Hawthorn Heights, where he was responsible for a \$25 million office with more than 1,000 associates. A resident of Elizabeth, Sanchez is active in several community organizations, including being on the Board of Trustees of PROCEED — Puerto Rican Organization for Community Education and Economic Development.

"The Corporation operates one of the four microloan programs in the state designed to help small businesses. Union County entrepreneurs and newly established businesses encounter obstacles when trying to obtain necessary capital. They are eligible for microloans — applicants are required to provide a business plan, business and personal income tax returns and a personal financial statement. Although the semi-annual program does not require the amount of collateral that conventional lending does, applicants must offer a small amount to secure the loan. Microloan amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For more information call Sanchez at 908-537-1160.

Assistance offered by Division on Aging

Union County's Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program schedule for March.

County representatives will be on hand to provide assistance in completing necessary applications for Gas and Electric Support, Pharmaceutical Assistance, Home Energy Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees, and the SHARP Program.

The dates, locations and times for applications are:
• Tuesday, 10 a.m. to noon, at Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 W. 7th St., Plainfield.

• March 18, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Roselle Borough Hall, second floor conference room, 210 Chestnut, St. Roselle.
For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number, (888) 280-8226.

Blood drives scheduled throughout Union County

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor blood drives throughout Union County:
• Friday, 8:30 a.m. Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Cranford, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cranford Recreation Center, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club of Cranford, 1 Bloomfield Ave., Cranford.
• Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 425 Union Ave., Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Episcopal Parish Holy Trinity Church, 205 East Avenue and Chestnut Street, Union, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holy Trinity Parochial School, 330 First St., Westfield.
• Monday, 7:30 a.m. Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Cranford, 6 to 9 p.m. Clark Fire Department, Broadway and Valley Road, Clark.
• March 18, 5 to 9 p.m. Myra Lajayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

• March 21, noon to 3 p.m. Evangelical Baptist Church, 242 Shiloh Road, Springfield, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Elizabeth Cubanos Ethnic Club, 319 New River Road, Elizabeth.
• March 26, 3 to 5 p.m. Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road, Cranford.
• Donors must be 18 years old, 25 years or older will donate with parental permission. There is no age limit for donors provided they have donated within the past two years or have a doctor's note. Donors

should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification.

People who could not donate should wait until 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 of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (800) BLOOD NJ, or (908) 256-6965.

New voting machines to be demonstrated

The Union County Board of Elections will be demonstrating new voting machines throughout the county prior to the April 20 Board of Education elections at the following organizations:

• Today, Scotch Plains Senior, 2002 Lake Ave., Scotch Plains.
• Monday, Linden Housing, 1001 Hill Ave., Linden, Linden Housing, 1501 Hill Ave., Linden.
• Tuesday, Linden Senior Citizens, 1307 Helen St., Linden, Roselle Park senior citizens, Church of the Assumption, Chago Place, Westfield, Y.M.W.I.A., Green Lane, Union, 10 a.m., Linden Multi-Purpose Recreation Center, John and Union street, 2 p.m., Clark Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

• March 18, Clark Senior Citizen Center, 1 p.m., Cranford Senior Housing, 40 Meeker St., 2 p.m.

• March 23, Berkeley Heights Senior Center, 10:45 a.m., Hillsdale Citizens center of Liberty and Seniors office building, 2 p.m., Cranford Township Committee Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Details are subject to change. For more information, call the Union County Board of Elections at (908) 527-2121.

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Union High School thespians put on the 'Grease' paint

By Lisa Smith
Staff Writer

One of the most important reasons the seniors at Union High School, who will be featured in the musical revival of "Grease" for the Union High School Performing Arts Co., are so dedicated and eager to help toward success at their district and respect at their United director, Yolande Rago. The musical will be staged at Union High School March 10, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Six of the 75 ambitious seniors came by the other afternoon to talk about stage rehearsals, hard work, musical abilities and singing and dance numbers. "But first of all, their director," she says.

Union High School had staged "Grease" eight years ago. "We were in the fifth grade at Central High," said Craig Wojcik, one of the performers. "And we all saw a previous production of the show then and loved it. We all saw the movie, too. The things Mrs. Rago has done with this amazing show put a few Rago's in it as a Regency."

"Wonderful!" the others echoed. The principals discussed their roles: Wojcik plays Kenickie and sings "Grease Lightning"; Kroeger plays Duquette and sings "There They Go"; and Janney plays Sandy and sings "Summer Nights." They've been working on rehearsals since mid-January. "We've gotten through all the musical numbers and choreography," McKenzie Burkhardt, plays Marty and sings "Freddy, My Love" and "Since I Don't Have You"; Kina Torre plays Patty Simcox, the drama teacher and sings the "Rydell High Song"; Mitchell Janakich plays Vince Fontaine, the radio disc jockey; Melissa Castro plays Sandy and sings "Summer Nights"; "Kaming to Prom, Night One"; Sandra Deeg plays Rizzo; and "You're the One That I Want."

And they all agree that "it's lots of fun."

"The best part of all of this," said Wojcik, "is that all of us fit our roles. That's real type-casting," he laughed. "Yes," said Burkhardt, "we identify with the roles."

"And," added Wojcik, "it's the first time any of us has done a show where we portrayed teenagers. It should be easy. But it's different. "We've never done it before," and one of the girls. "The sets are elaborate," said another, "and it's like the sets get bigger and bigger every year." Ron Rago serves as musical director to the delight of the cast members. "All of us are on stage at one time," said Burkhardt, "and he manages not to make a look clutter."



Union High School Performing Arts Company rehearses a scene from 'Grease'. Photo by Jeff Grant.

es does hair makeup and all the choreography. "This will be the seniors' final show at Union High School. Many of them have been with Rago since they were freshmen.

"It doesn't feel like four years," said the senior. "We are all going to continue to study musical theater and the arts after we graduate," said another. "We're going to come back to see her."

shows, and maybe we'll come to help her," another said. "My own home right now," mused Wojcik, "is my second home." The rehearsal hall has become my one and only home.

Less melodrama would be 'moor' fulfilling in 'Wuthering Heights'

Theater View

By Ruth Ross
Theater Correspondent

They were chewing up the scenery at the Paper Mill Playhouse last week when Robert Johnson's latest production, a dramatic adaptation of Emily Brontë's dark novel of the moors, "Wuthering Heights," took to the stage where it will run through April 4. Unfortunately, the result is less classic novel and more a cross between "Classic Comics" and Cliff Notes for the characters are more like caricature, and the nuances of emotion are set aside in the worship of plot.

A classic tale of obsessive and thwarted passion, "Wuthering Heights" is a copy of the pinacles of the country English literature in the melodramatic framework of modern soap opera and bodice-ripping romance novel. Catherine Earnshaw, the precocious daughter of the house, and the coarse but handsome "gypsy" orphan her father brings home, and names Heathcliff quickly become attached to each other, and as they mature, their companionship turns into obsession. Family class and fate work cruelly against them, as do their own pitiful and volatile natures, and much of their lives is spent in revenge and frustration. When Heathcliff leaves, Catherine, to the rich and cultured Edgar Linton, the devotee of the rest of the life is sojourning revenge on her family. All this takes place on the English moors as wild and raw as their lives for any another.

Classic literature above, to Thrucross Grange, the Lintons' elegant, gifting manor and back again. There's even a huge mountain, Pennington Crag, on top of which these two wild children, Catherine and Heathcliff, cavort and streak and wave their arms in the wind. Add to this atmosphere fog, wind, and the suggestion of rain and snow, and you'll only swear you were out on the moors instead of safe and warm in Millburn, New Jersey. And opening the play with dramatic music and a single candle and a moorland wind, learning a ghostly, wraith-like, ethereal glow, the audience the creep and see the scene for the strange events to follow.

Gregg Barnes' lavish costumes are equally magnificent. Ruffled, and buttoned-down, dresses, and elegant waistcoats and tights, paint evoke the world of the landed gentry as personified by the Lintons, just as the downy-red, rough-junior-like are appropriate to the more humble inhabitants of the Earnshaw family and the orphan ward, Heathcliff. Baroque-style, a nice touch in the first act when Heathcliff and Catherine stand in the windstorm Pennington Crag as the wind catches their hair, the two appear ready to take off and fly shrieking into the wind. Later, to show how assimilated into her new lifestyle Catherine has become, Barnes has dressed her and her new husband Edgar Linton in the same color.

Would that the acting matched the scenery and costumes. Although the script sticks very closely to the novel, dialogue was delivered at top volume and often drew more laughs and hoots than pathos. In his usual incarnation, David Ledingham's Heathcliff resembles Fabio, complete with long, downy locks and a shirt open to expose his manly chest. His sudden return, three years after running off into the night upon learning of Catherine's intention to marry Edgar, reveals an elegant, young, movie-star handsome figure, no wonder Edgar's sister, Isabella falls for him despite his awkward antecedents, and Lewis Brink-Ledingham's manager, for one Heathcliff is not quite right in his snarling, agitated and howling a lot, but he doesn't manage to communicate the under, heady side of life poor man's nature.

His partner in torment is Catherine Earnshaw, played by Libby Christopherson, also at full volume. From the first moment we see her as a young girl, she is a precocious, mean, wild person — clearly trouble for anyone who comes in contact with her. Like Ledingham, Christopherson portrays the large, large, she plays the role well, she slams her feet, flutters her eyes, shakes her head and swirls her skirts in a convulsion of control, and give a cry of joy when she sees they attempt the smallest, more controlled displays of feelings on her behalf, they don't range quite true.



From left: Elizabeth Raby, as Isabella; Mark H. Doid as Edgar Linton; Libby Christopherson, as Catherine; Jodie Lynne McClintock as Nellie; and David Ledingham as Heathcliff in "Wuthering Heights" at Paper Mill Playhouse.

Edgar Linton should evoke some sympathy as the long-suffering husband of this hysterical heroine, but Mark H. Doid's portrayal focuses on the wimpy, weak nature, instead of depicting him as Brontë's quintessential stilette superficial snob of a country gentleman. When, after Catherine's death, he grows to mature as Cathy's father, it is hard to believe the change of the milkier he was in the beginning. Elizabeth Raby is better as his sister, Isabella, evoking sympathy especially in the later scenes when she has married Heathcliff against her brother's wishes and is the dominant force in her own life. Her husband's cruelty is matched in the later scenes by his successor as master of Wuthering Heights, Heathcliff. Hindley's wife, Frances, played by Amy Tribbey as a fearful Libby

Christopherson, given in Wuthering Heights more laughter than sympathy in what amounts to a cardboard character. The real skeleton of the performance is Jodie Lynne McClintock as the faithful maid, servant, secretary, Libby Dean. (Telling the tale to the new school, in Thrucross Grange, Mr. Jackson's secretary played by Jodie Barnes, she shines in and out of the action, fits up the stage with her presence and through it all provides a nice bit of reason and sympathy amidst the complicated, lurid plot. As her boss's sister, outgrows, the self-righteous justice, Christopherson Wycik, who's laugh-off inappropriate moments, he was more a Monty Python version of a Yorkshire farm worker than the voice of rural authority he is in the novel.

While most people in the audience are those of a certain age, at least regard William York's 1939 film adaptation of "Wuthering Heights" starring Merle Oberon and Laurence Olivier, as the definite version of Brontë's moody Gothic tome, it falls short of the original. "Wuthering Heights" will be performed Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Mainstage performances will be Thursday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Paper Mill Playhouse is completely accessible to individuals with disabilities. With audio-described performances for the visually impaired on March 25 at 2 p.m., March 27 at 2:30 p.m., and March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and a sign-interpreted/open-captioned performance for the hearing impaired on March 28 at 9:30 p.m. For information and tickets, call the box office at (973) 376-4343.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ballet brings magic to Kean University

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Ballet Company confirmed its celebration of its 40th anniversary Sunday afternoon with a brilliant production of the classical "Coppelia" at the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University.

The audience, filled with beautiful little girls, beautifully dressed and their parents and other citizens, was entranced by the colorful scenes on stage.

The simple little story of the 19th century classical ballet, "Coppelia," is a beautiful story of a young girl, Swanilda, who is accidentally made into a doll by a mad scientist. The story is told with enchanting music by Tchaikovsky, lovely costumes by Paul Mackay and sparkling scenery by Michael Barlow.

In the acts of marriage, dance and music, the adventures of a peasant girl who has a "fairy" with life-sized mechanical dolls, a toy maker and a case of mistaken identity, is made easy to understand by a narrator who guides the audience in the audience lounge level.

The adorable Rosemary Sabovich-Bleich, who plays the title role, is a young girl of 11, who is a very young ballerina, particularly in terms of her face, very expressive, whether comical or dramatic.

The "Coppelia" is a ballet by the Kean Ballet Company, which is a very young ballet company. It has a very good reputation and has a very good reputation. It has a very good reputation.

Alfred Lauriat, as Dr. Coppélius, the elderly toy maker, who makes a slightly evil appearance throughout the ballet and has a plan to marry the girl, is played by the young dancer, Rosemary Sabovich-Bleich.

The other dancers, all superb, included Swanilda's friends, Mirella, played by Kiki Kikovic, Christina, played by Julia Szymoyka, and



Rosemary Sabovich-Bleich is the principal dancer, Swanilda, in the New Jersey Ballet Company's matinee offering, "Coppelia," at the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, Union.

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In the Philathalians of Fanwood's production of "Play It Again, Sam," Bogey, played by Michael O'Connell of Scotch Plains, looks on as Allan, played by Tom Gallison of Garwood, is attacked by, from left, Jeanelle Ricci of Roselle Park, Renee Jackson of Fanwood, Stephanie Altman of Westfield, Liz Durkin of Plainfield and Kim Nguyen of Scotch Plains.

Philathalians mount Woody Allen classic

The Philathalians of Fanwood have again theater. It seats about 50 people and the playing space is about 12 feet by 15 feet, not a large space, but you don't need a large space to do a play. The Garage House, where the group is in residence, has been returned to the Kean Arts Center, and also is used by the group for other functions.

Theater View

By Michael Mendez
Correspondent

"Play It Again, Sam" bounces back and forth from reality to fantasy, and is usually done with a lighting design. In this particular piece, there is a lot of lighting transitions and it became difficult to follow which was which. The actors, although talented, with some impressive credits, appear uncomfortable with their blocking, set and some character choices, and at times they seem to be struggling with lines. The details that make or break a show were overlooked.

The Philathalians in the past have mounted some fine productions. In time, one can hope a group such as this will work out all of the kinks, and all what they do best.

Summit set to celebrate a centennial

In conjunction with the celebration of the Summit's Centennial, the Summit 2005 Heritage Festival will feature the music, dance, food, arts and crafts representing Summit's

diverse population — past and present. The goal of the festival is to celebrate Summit's rich diversity and its commitment to making the city, not just a New Jersey's premier destination, but also a place where everyone

the festival and/or its planning should contact Mia Anderson, and/or Jesse Bialek at the Summit 2005 Office, 227-1400.

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Jacquie McCarthy, Editor
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Senior singing group available for performances

The Kean University Senior Singing Group is available for performances. The group consists of 12 members, all of whom are over 65 years of age. They perform a variety of songs, including classic hits and contemporary music.

For more information, contact Jacquie McCarthy at (908) 527-1199. The group is available for performances at various venues, including schools, churches, and community centers.

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The Summer Youth Performance Workshop, a five-week program for elementary school young people, will be offered again this year by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC). The program provides students ages 10 to 14 with an opportunity to study local, national and modern dance with top professionals five days a week for five weeks. The program will be held from June 28 through July 29 and is sponsored by The Yungbly Fund, Summer Youth Performance Workshop. Classes are dedicated to giving each student focused, discipline-based instruction in their field, according to Philip S. Thomas, NJ-PAC vice president for education. A curriculum which includes appearances on stage and field trips will round out the total program experience. Students will also have the opportunity to perform on stage at NJ-PAC's Mainstage Theater.

Summer Youth Performance Workshop provides one artist-in-residence with an opportunity to further their craft and work with today's youth of color in a multicultural performing arts camp. This is a one-of-a-kind summer experience we are pleased to offer ages 18 and over. Acceptance to the program will be

determined by auditions, scheduled the May 2 classes will be held Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. NJ-PAC audition applications may be obtained by calling (973) 833-1977.

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Amateur astronomers invited to observatory

According to Ron Kuenfner of Amateur Astronomy Inc., the skies of March 1999 are perfect for the amateur (viewing) astronomer because many of the brightest objects in the sky can be seen early in the evening.

The first week, Mercury, the planet closest to the sun, is closest to the horizon. Brilliant Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, is first above and in the right of Mercury. A bright object in the sky near Beta Venus is bright as a legend. In the upper left of Venus, Saturn, completes the grouping.

Jupiter and Mercury continue to move together toward the setting sun during the second week of March. Instead of "passing" each other, though Jupiter and Mercury will begin to drift apart. This week, Venus will appear in opposition. It is as spectacular as a conjunction, but it is much more rare. Venus and Saturn, however, are creating a true conjunction during the third week of March.

About one hour after the last of these three conjunctions, on the night of March 10, Mars will be in opposition. Mars, the red planet, is at its closest to Earth in 18 months. In January, Mars traveled past the star, Spica, in the constellation Virgo, and is now moving back toward Spica. This backward motion will appear every two years as the earth overtakes Mars in its orbit.

This year, Mars will be in opposition on March 11, the January 11 of the 1990s. On March 11, the moon will be in opposition to Mars. This is a rare event.

The public is invited to view the wonders of the heavens on the largest scale at fourth Friday of every month at Raptor Observatory, home of Amateur Astronomers Inc. The Raptor Observatory is located at the campus of Lincoln County College, 1001 W. 10th St., Swanton, N.J. Admission to the observatory is free but more information can be obtained from Amateur Astronomers Inc. at member@amateurastro.com or via e-mail at "amateurastro@aol.com". The Web site is at <http://www.amateurastro.com>.

Touring children's theater offers special workshops

Pushtari Players touring children's theater companies offers the following workshops and residencies:

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The Informance An innovative adventure in learning about the arts designed to follow performances. The Informance is a 90-100 minute, non-competitive, multi-component theory. Structured to be accessible to all young as well as older students, the Informance is tailored to the age, grade and specific interest of any audience.

Partnerships An innovative mentoring program designed to bridge the gap of theater arts by pairing older students with younger ones in preparing, for, attending and following-up on a live theater presentation in the school. Pushtari artists

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Choices workshop This interactive workshop includes a short performance in which students and further some work of their own. The workshop is designed to be a reading of their work by professional artists.

Special needs workshop Self-expression exercises follow the "at risk" and "at risk" and "at risk" students. The workshop is designed to be a reading of their work by professional artists.

Holocaust education workshop An appropriate parallel program "role playing" and other drama techniques designed to facilitate discussion and exploration of Holocaust related issues in conjunction with a Holocaust awareness presentation by Pushtari Players.

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Garden Buffet is located at 1181 Morris Ave., Union. Upon entering the restaurant, which is separated into two dining rooms - one for smokers and one for non-smokers - my dining companions and I were immediately offered a beverage of our choice, which included free refills throughout the meal. We were then invited to help ourselves to the generous buffet. Even those with the most finicky palate could have found something to dine on with over 185 items available from weekly, and 55 different items daily.

The buffet offered everything from traditional Chinese and Japanese fare such as meat, fish, and poultry combined with an assortment of vegetables and sauces both mild and spicy for the more adventurous. To Indian and American style meals such as spaghetti, chicken, macaroni, mussels, and many more. I specifically liked chicken, mussels, and many more. I specifically liked chicken, mussels, and many more.

In addition, diners can also begin their meal with one of Garden Buffet's hot tasty soups which include egg drop, wonton or hot and sour. Appetizers such as boneless spare ribs, crispy fried noodles and fried dumplings can also be sampled as a prelude to any meal.

Maintaining companionship and I wasted no time in filling our plates with several of the selections that were offered. Pleased with the variety of fresh, hot food, we sampled such dishes as dumplings, beef rolls, a spicy egg roll wrapper filled with lobster, mandarin duck, chicken and sour chicken, roast pork with vegetables, and fish, shrimp with lobster sauce and orange beef. All of the dishes were expertly prepared and full of flavor. The menu were include and the vegetables fresh and brightly crisp; due to the style of authentic oriental cuisine. Also, the attentive staff continually refilled the serving trays ensuring that no patron was deprived of their favorite dish.

After eating as much as our plates would hold, we decided to take advantage of the various desserts that Garden Buffet offers. We selected self-service ice cream from a self-serve machine. We also treated us to fresh fruit-bake squares, fudge cookies and almond cookies, all of which perfectly completed our satisfying meal.

Garden Buffet offers carry-out which is charged by the pound, as well as lunch specials, combination platters and special birthday orders of any dish on the menu. They also catering and can accommodate parties of up to 150 guests. For information, call (908) 688-8998.

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ORGANIZATION: St. Thomas Center

SATURDAY
March 13th, 1999
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Rosely Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle, New Jersey
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: A Lot of Great Merchandise to Choose From
ORGANIZATION: RCHS Mothers Club

SATURDAY
March 20 (Snow March 27), 1999
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Bookcenter Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 9am-2pm
PRICE: Live and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, jewelry, etc. Tables available for \$15 (per table). Call 973-372-0084 or 973-763-3261 between 9am-5pm.
ORGANIZATION: Rosemar Lutheran Church

SATURDAY
March 20th, 1999
EVENT: Inland Empire Craft Market
PLACE: Women's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Road, (between Redgaw Wood Road and Maplewood Avenue) Maplewood, NJ
TIME: 10:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: FREE. Over 40 jewelry dealers. A variety of merchandise at bargain prices. Including Toys, Quality Crafts, Antiques, Collectibles and Much More! A Light Lunch and Homemade Country Kitchen Items For Take Out are Available. For Information Call 973-762-9159.
ORGANIZATION: Women's Club of Maplewood, A Non-Profit Federated Service Organization

SATURDAY
March 20, 1999
EVENT: Annual Spring Craft Fair
PLACE: St. John's Varney Church, 420 Myman Avenue, Colonia, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: Free admission. Free parking. Over 100 crafters. All food and items. Food and homemade baked goods available. For information call 732-574-0150.
ORGANIZATION: St. John's Varney Church

What's Going On is a guide directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is prepared and costs just \$20.00 for 2 weeks for Essex County or Union County, and just \$30.00 for both. Your notice must be in our Maplewood office (461 Valley Street) by 4:00 PM on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Advertisements may also be placed at 170 Springfield Road, Orange, 206 Liberty St., Bloomfield or 1291 Riverfront Ave., Allentown. For more information call 763-9411.

Linden photographer's latest project has a lot of 'HEART'

The Union County HEART Grant, sponsored by photographer Elizabeth Kane, Antique Architectural Details of Elizabeth, New Jersey, has been completed by grant-recipient photographer Owen Kanizer of Linden. An exhibition of photographs from the project is on display at the Elizabeth Public Library through March.

Kanizer, well-known for his fine art aerial photography which has been exhibited widely in New Jersey for several years, completed this project with his feet planted firmly on the ground.

"Last fall, Kanizer was assigned to a \$30,000 individual artist HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Nicholas R. Schwartz, chairman, and the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The grant helps support and self-perpetuate photographic projects documenting some of the beautiful antique architectural details of a historic area of design, and craftsmanship that can still be found everywhere has been steadily vanishing from many of the older buildings in the city of Elizabeth. His medium of choice for the project was black-and-white photography, which he said lends itself more to capturing the essence of the old design elements I'm trying to portray, without the distraction of color."

Kanizer said he has "watched history obliterated by progress" in Union County's urban city for decades, as older buildings have been

FRIDAY, SATURDAY
March 19th, 20th, 1999
EVENT: Semi-Annual 300 Family Garage/Auto Rummage Sale
PLACE: Church of the Holy Spirit, Church, Chestnut Street and Grace Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ
TIME: Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm. Saturday, 9:00am-3:00pm.
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ORGANIZATION: Income For Mission and Ministries of the Church

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FRIDAY
March 18, 1999
EVENT: Flah N Chps Dinner
PLACE: Church of St. Catherine of Siena, School Auditorium, 1003 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ
TIME: 5:30pm
PRICE: Catered By The Arroyo Restaurant, 9000 N. 1st St. in Bechtel. Adults \$9.00. Children 12 and Under \$5.00.
ORGANIZATION: Church of St. Catherine

FUN AUCTION
FRIDAY
March 12, 1999
EVENT: Annual Tacky Toy
PLACE: Union Catholic High School, 1500 Marine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
TIME: 6:00pm
PRICE: Admission \$6.00 includes one bid ticket, refreshments, coffee and tea. (Ask host to bring your own tickets). Tickets purchased prior to March 12 receive an extra bid ticket. Free! Over 18 items of quality. Call 508-889-1500.
ORGANIZATION: Union Catholic High School Parents Guild

OTHER
SATURDAY
March 13, 1999
EVENT: Mother's Market
PLACE: Cedar Grove High School, Rug, 1600 Marine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ
TIME: 9:00-2:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission, Indoor sale of new and used children's items only. Baked goods, lunch available. Benefit Community Park Playground. Call 973-687-9000 for more information.
ORGANIZATION: St. William's Club of Cedar Grove

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For March 15 to 21

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Activities behind the scenes demand your attention. Take your time and get organized. Finishing up an old project requires going back to make many changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your thoughts turn to money matters. Do what you have to do to get your budget in order. Advice or guidance from a parent or mentor is helpful and may come true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't make any promises you can't keep in a club or group endeavor. It does you good to slow down. Take time and consider things. Your nerves could be a sore test.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Collaborate on activities originating with a group. Look around for unique travel or educational opportunities. Avoid a dispute with a child or loved one over finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let go of the old and welcome change into your life. In many ways, it's a brand new you. Celebrate your transformation. An idea born this week is worthy of research.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partner ships formed under this week's lunar influence have a high probability for success. Joint financial obligations come into play. Be sure to pay your fair share.

HOROSCOPE

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Consider a special period for social activities with friends and family members. Your creative self-expression flows with ease. Venture out and take a chance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take stock of your goals and aspirations, and make necessary adjustments. You're rewarded for your hard work and dedication to an assigned task. Hang in there.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lack of love or money is highly probable this week. Do your homework and improve your odds. Expect a change in your domestic situation. Financial responsibilities increase.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be prepared for a very busy week filled with personal challenges, passions and

relationships. Close relationships are a source of stress. Avoid an argument you can't win.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Delays and frustrations risk out of chaos and confusion. Abandon from daydreaming your way through the week and make some conscious and concrete choices about your future.

If your birthday is this week, communication is heightened during the coming year. Take time and clarify your goals and ambitions. Speak candidly with loved ones in plain, close to your heart. The travel bug bites in early fall. Shop around for the best bargain getaways. Your career is influenced by a powerful individual. Ideas are timely advice.

Also born this week: Fabio, Gary Sanchez, Irene Cara, Queen Latifah, Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman, Lenny Kravitz, Peter Graves, Timothy Dalton, Tom Hanks, Brad Pitt.

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Keen University President Ronald Appelbaum, center, accepts an award from Dr. Ernest G. Cole, left, executive director of The Cerebral Palsy League of Union County and Greg Muller, former mayor of Union. Appelbaum received his award at a dinner at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union celebrating the League's 50th Anniversary Jubilee.

Other honorees included: Joseph Starkey, Schenck-Plough; Tim Harrington, trustee of CPL; Claia Vannier, posthumously, former CPL trustee; Dr. Thomas Brown, president of Union County College; actor Eddie Bracken; and Michael Zerres, partner of Blume & Goldfaden law firm, a corporate sponsor of CPL.

Hospital offers a lighter lifestyle

Rahway Hospital offers a Lighter Lifestyle weight-loss program on Thursdays from 5:40 to 7 p.m.

The weekly program is designed to provide education and support for its participants who wish to pursue a lifestyle change through weight-loss program.

Registration and the first eight weeks of the program cost \$80, with a weekly fee of \$8 thereafter.

The hospital-based program is facilitated by a registered dietitian and a physician's clinician and includes

information on such topics as reading labels, the food pyramid, portion control, calorie counting and motivation.

The hospital is located at 865 Livingston St. Rahway. For more information and to register, call (732) 389-6153.

Medical school students work with community

The Institute of Medical and Dental Activities, an Elizabeth-based private vocational school that specializes in entry-level medical training, is proud to announce a series of programs that its students have undertaken to become actively involved in community services.

Under the auspices of the school, students can become involved in a number of volunteer organizations in the city of Elizabeth, including the Salvation Army, Father Hudson House and The House. In addition, students have the opportunity to work with some of the homeless citizens in the Community Awareness Program.

The school's Patient Care Specialists students are given the opportunity, as part of their studies, to regularly volunteer their time working with Hospice patients in Elizabeth at Father Hudson House, 111 DeHart Place, and The House, 851 North Broad St. This effort is coordinated by Diane Colquhoun of Hope Hospital in Linden.

Union students volunteer their time at the Community Awareness Program and the homeless in the city of Elizabeth. As part of this effort, students supply personal care packages to the participants of the program.

Finally, students work to organize health fairs, blood drives that take place at the school at 28 Commerce Place, second floor, in Elizabeth. Community blood drives will take place April 13, June 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 15, and Dec. 15. On each of these dates, blood can be donated between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"We always provide our students by giving of their own time and resources to help the less fortunate of our community," said Denise Robinson, president and CEO of the Institute of Medical and Dental Activities.

Founded in 1995, the Institute of Medical and Dental Activities is a private vocational school that specializes in entry-level medical training. Offering both day, evening and weekend classes, the school trains its students to work as medical or dental assistants, phlebotomists, nurse assistants and medical office receptionists, as well as many other rewarding medical positions. IMDA is fully certified by the New Jersey Department of Education to the Department of Health, the New Jersey Board of Nursing, the New Jersey Department of Labor, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the NPA, and the National Center for Competency Testing. For additional information, please call the Institute of Medical and Dental Activities, contact Joseph Wright at (908) 538-1000.

Insurance agents donate toys to hospital

The Independent Insurance Agents of Union County recently donated red toy engines and other toys to the pediatric playroom at Overlook Hospital. The newly constructed playroom is located in the pediatric wing of the hospital. The playroom is a place that children staying in the hospital may visit daily for arts and crafts

or just free play. Activities are based on child development principles and supervised by a Child Life Specialist. The playroom is only one part of the ChildLife program at Overlook. Pre-up teaching program seeks to familiarize children with preoperative routines; hospital personnel and medical equipment. Child Life Specialists

and that children who are prepared for a hospitalization are less fearful and cope more effectively with the experience.

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Fortunately, there are natural ways to reduce the incidence and progression of impotence. According to Dr. Steven Libman, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at NYU and author of "Forever Young" and "Healthy Solutions," a low fat diet in combination with vitamins and herbs can

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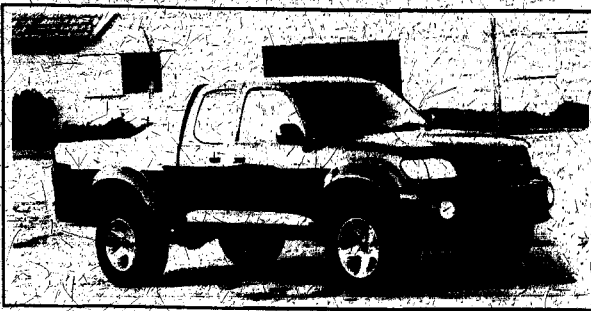
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A HINT OF THE FUTURE
 Toyota unveiled a concept version of the T150 full-size pickup truck at the 90th Chicago Auto Show. The special show truck offers consumers a hint of the new full-size T150 pickup that will be built at Toyota's new manufacturing facility in Gibson County, Indiana, and will go on sale this spring. The four-door T150 concept is powered by a new 4.7-liter DOHC V8 engine and features 18-inch alloy wheels, massive over-fenders, front grille treatment and roll bar.

Automotive tech competition to kick-off NY Auto Show

The Greater New York Automobile Dealers' Association is gearing up for the second annual GNYADA National Automotive Technology Competition to be held at this year's New York International Auto Show on March 11. The contest, which puts the nation's best high school students to work, offers the winner awards \$2 million in prizes, including full-scholarship to a university, post-secondary technical college.

The rules of the contest are simple: Each year, all high school seniors are assigned a new automobile that is needed for maintaining a number of days. The student teams must then diagnose the problem and correct it within the allotted time. Each bug must be diagnosed and repaired within a certain amount of time, depending on the complexity of the problem. The student's knowledge is tested through a challenging written test specifically prepared by ASE.

The truth is, most of us are completely helpless when it comes to even the most routine automotive maintenance. If cars have gotten so complicated that the art of fixing them is

1999 Buick Riviera returns as a leader in style

Riviera returns for 1999 not only as Buick's styling leader, but also as the most distinctively styled car of the decade in the opinion of many auto writers.

As Buick's new design, styling, technology and engineering expertise, the 1999 Buick Riviera Brand Manager Katherine Becker says, "It's a very special car — highly contoured and a powerful, elegant design masterpiece that provides a halo for Buick overall."

From 1997, the full-size, coupe styled in four-door colors: Sterling Silver, Metallic, Titanium, Blue Metallic, Gold, Firemist Metallic and Dark Bronze Metallic.

One of Riviera's most exciting features is its engine — the 240-horsepower supercharged 3000 Series II V-6, a high-technology 3.8-liter engine that has been widely acclaimed in its new media. The supercharged engine is connected to the 4T65HD, a heavy-duty electronic multi-gear four-speed automatic transmission.

That, paired with features, smooth and responsive performance. Riviera's 0-60 mph acceleration is 8.2 seconds for the 1999 Buick Riviera. Buick's 0-60 mph acceleration is 8.2 seconds in some editions.

The engine delivers 240 hp at 5200 rpm and torque. Despite such power, Buick's Riviera, still maintains economy, again provided

in 24 miles per gallon city and 27 mpg highway.

A group of programmable features called Personal Choice again allows the owner to program each of two remote keyless entry fobs with different settings for memory door locks, window locking, security feedback with radio locking, and parking lights. Personal are memory settings for driver's seat, mirrors, radio and climate control.

Convenience, plus, another group of standard features includes a flexible-pass function, PASS-Key II theft-deterrent system, daytime running lamp with 12-watt, Sentinel headlamp controls, rearview mirror, electronic power windows, electronic rearview mirror for ignition key, seatbelts, air signals and parking brake, delayed entry and exit lighting, anti-theft "stolen" warning, battery protection, lock-out protection and delayed locking.

In 1999, the GM OnStar mobile communications system is again available. OnStar combines Global Positioning System satellite technology and a hands-free, voice-activated cellular telephone to link drivers to a communications center where advisors are available to provide many kinds of assistance, such as emergency services, and navigational and travel support. OnStar, which is a hands-free, voice-activated cellular telephone to link drivers to a communications center where advisors are available to provide many kinds of assistance, such as emergency services, and navigational and travel support. OnStar, which is a hands-free, voice-activated cellular telephone to link drivers to a communications center where advisors are available to provide many kinds of assistance, such as emergency services, and navigational and travel support.

Riviera's Prestige Package again carries these popular features, including heated seats, leather interior, electronic dimming, cruise, radio and driver outside-view mirrors, heated driver, vanity

mirrors, driver and passenger power mirror adjustment, radio and temperature controls for the standard leather covered steering wheel, center striping, a three-function universal transmitter-programmable two garage door openers and other remotely triggered devices, and an enhanced PASS-Key II theft-deterrent system including "central" anti-kick with starter interrupt.

Beyond all other features, however, is Riviera's styling. As its chief designer, William T. Porter, recalled when the latest generation design was unveiled, "It really looked good. It was carved in all the right places. The whole thing looked wonderful."

"From the first week the new things came together. I had the very strong feeling we were working on a significant car. You could feel in your bones that this was going to be a great car."

Several other awards, including a design and engineering award from Popular Mechanics, exceptional merit award from Robb Report, "Best Luxury Car" — Drivers' Choice Awards from the TV Show MotorWeek, a place on the "10 Best" list of the Chicago Sun-Times and a "most collectible car in the future" award from the National Automotive History Collection of the Detroit Public Library.

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"Purchasing a child safety seat often is the stressful, confusion-filled passenger safety. Specialty for the Parents (PAP) based club "The key is to choose a seat that fits your child, your vehicle and your budget."

According to Schroeder, more expensive seats aren't necessarily better than low-priced seats. All child safety seats must meet federal safety standards, regardless of price.

AAA's Schroeder offers the following tips in choosing the right child safety seat:

• Make sure the seat fits your child's weight and height.

• Try installing a seat in your car before purchasing it. Make sure it fits and can be tightly secured.

• If your child is old enough and justifies it to the you select a seat. Children are advised in the purchase decision; they are more likely to comply with the seat.

• Always consult your vehicle owner's manual before purchasing and installing a child safety seat. Most will offer specific instructions and list specific equipment needed for proper installation of a child safety seat.

• Reclining infant seats should never be installed in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag.

AAA also recommends that all children aged 12 and under in the back seat. "The safest place for a young passenger is in the back seat, properly restrained," said Schroeder. "Unless there is no alternative, the back is where it is."

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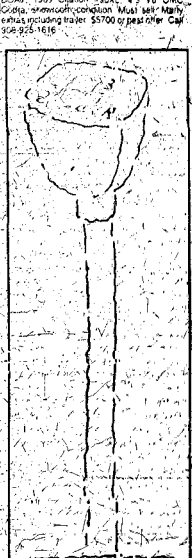
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