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# Head count

I concede the Census count activity has gotten pretty serious. Joe Scoti is a Plainfield councilman whose trademark is a friendly smile and a soft voice. Last week Scott was as agnry as I have eyer seen

What riled Scott was a censur bulletin ruling that all prisoners residing in the county facility, ever from Plainfield, are credited for the Census count to Elizabeth.

# Left Out

It's not that Scott has any spe-cial compassion for criminals. Along with Mayor Albern McWil-lians, he has been going door to door to raise Plainfield's popula-tion to 50,000 for census purposes. The 'all out effort, door to door if successful would allow the city to jone filizabeth and Union' as independent in terms of funding for Community Development Block Grants. Even prisoners become attractive for census purposes.

purposes

As we learned the hand way, the "undercount" of residents from the census 10 years ago has short-changed us in terms of federal funding formulas, and political influence in Washington and Trenton. This year the heat is on to make sure that the estimated 5 percent undercount in terms of minorities doesn't happen again.

In Union Township, Township Clerk Nancy, Issenman is the federal liaison for census-related issues. Her town's efforts have included distribution of posters and a specific program to identify new construction as a likely source of new residents who must fill out their census forms.

New Jersey is not expected to lose any of our 13 Congressional seats. But population shifts to the Route 78 corridor and Monmouth and Ocean counties are not in

and Ocean counties are not in Union County's best interest.
Our congressional and legislative districts will be stretched and that is not good. One troubling estimate had the Congressional seat of Donald Payne in Essex and Union down 50,000 from the congressional for the counties.

seat of Donald Payne in Essex and Union down 50,000 from the requisite 600,000 needed for a district. The effort over the past few years by Assemblyman Joe Suliga and his staff to assist the large wave of Polish immigrants to Linden and include a specific magnetic patient in the Crasus manufacture of their participation in the Census manufacture of the past of the

decade.

The role of the Census, Bureau in affecting our lives is more than just taking in forms. The short form for the majority of people takes 10 minutes. The so-called long form received by one out of six homes is estimated to take 38 minutes. One new Census proposal would lop northern New Jersey with New York and Southern New Jersey with Philadelphia for census purposes.

Jersey with Philadelphia for census purposes.

I, don't get warm and fuzzy over being part of the New York, New-ark, Jersey Gity Megapolitan statistical area. And just what is a megapolitan area? I am far more confortable being in good old Newark Primary, metropolitan statistical area for count outposes.

area for count purposes.

At least in Union County, I can see it now — give us your tired, give us your poor, even give us your criminals, as long as they first your criminals, as long as fill out their Census form

A resident of Cranford, Fran

# Prosecutor's Office shares in drug funds

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor
More than 10 years after breaking up one of the largest money-laundering rings in New Jersey, law enforcement agencies, including the Union Centry Prosecutor's Office, are sharing in the forfeiture of more than \$2 million in laundered money. "It seems like it takes forever, but when you're able to give millions of dollars back to communities that were harmed, the process is well worth the wait," said Frank. Nixon, Internal Revenue Service District Director. The Union County Prosecutor's

The Union County Prosecutor's Office received a check for \$556.657.42 for its efforts in dismantling the Julio Montes Cardona drug cartel.

Prosecutor Thomas Manahan and Chief of Investigations David Regal were on hand during a presentation at the Springfield headquarters of the IRS on Monday to accept the check. Regal was a captain at the time of the

"This, money comes at a great time," said Manahan, "I'm pleased to use it to combat drugs." He said the forefeited funds will be used in connection with several ongoing projects

his office is working on.
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"Asset forfeiture is a key element in hay enforcement which is in joopardy because of legislation in Congress. We must do everything we can to combat that legislation." The forefeiture came before the Court of Appeals four times. The gov-ernment's seizure of the funds was repeatedly uppled on grounds that the account was used as part of the Cardon an one-paralymetric rine.

account was used as part of the Gardon an money-laundeding ring.

The Federal Bureau of Investiga-tion received the most money of any of the agencies, getting \$679.859.03 of the \$2.15 million in forfeited funds. The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office was awarded \$708.217.74 See, LAUNDERED. Page B4



The sticker on the back of Liam Guarnucció, 2, says it all as he peruses the collection at a local book store during Read Across America on March 2, to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

# Pre-school Science Discoveries



Bridget McCoy of Cranford is determined to catch a fish with her magnetic pole during last year's Pre-school Science Discoveries at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, The Science Fair will begin Saturday and run through March 26. Times for Monday through Friday include 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. or 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Times for Saturday and Sundays Include 11 a.m. to noon, 1 to 2 p.m. or 3:0 to 4 p.m. The fee is \$12 for child and adult. Pre-registration is required. To register call (908) 789-3670.

# Lapolla wins Middlesex; 2nd in Somerset

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor The remaining Democratic organi-zation lines for the 7th District Con-gressional primary were awarded last week, with Union County Manager Michael Lapolla of Westfield taking

the line in Middlesex County while finishing a close second in Somerset County.

Somerset County Democrats

Somerset County Democrats gathered at the Washington Valley Fire House in Warren on March 2 where a run-off vote was required

between Lapolla and Warren Town-ship Committeeman Jeff Golkin. Golkin managed 65 votes among the 122 delegates, good for 53 percent in the run-off, while Lapolla received 57 votes, 47 percent.

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# Limited deer hunt completed this year

By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

The Union County Deer Management Program in the Waichung Reservation entered its fifth and final year on Monday, but in a limited capacity. Twelve of the 36 hunters who participated last year hunted until yesterday, with a goal of reducing the herd by 18, although they were expected to take as many or as few as possible within the three days.

Henters were recenied on a voluntary basis for morting staffs from approximately dawn to 10:30 a.m. and aftermon shifts of 2:30 p.m. to dask. Rain dates were scheduled today and Friday. Teams of agents are supervised by Union County Police and representatives from New Jensy Division of Fish Game and Wildlife.

The Waschung Reservation is closed to traditional hunting at all times. Anyone found hunting at a county park outside the terms of the program will be prosecuted. Residents observing such tillegal serviny are urged to call 654-9800.

Shooting was rotated through 10 areas in reservation, selected to achieve site specific reduction where deer impact is the greates. Since the county implemented the program five years ago, an average of loss than nine shots have been fitted per day and no firearms-related injuries.

The Deer Management Subcommittee voted 7-to-5 in December to continue the program the year but on a modified basis; more as a maintenance procedure than reducion.

The deer management program seeks to reduce the population of white-tailed deep to 20 per square mile, a total 60, in the reservation. The Board of Freeholders adopted the five-year plan in October 1995.

The Deer Management Subcommittee will enter the program results the current methods.

The county's Deer Management Hoommittee in June to develop a long-range deer population maintenance strategy. The subcommittee will evaluate the effectiveness and social acceptability of a fertility control program versus the current methods.

The county's Deer Management Program is the only one of its kind in the state but the subcommittice is interested in exploring a non-letha

solutions.

County officials believed the proliferation of deer, primarily due to a lack of natural prodators, was threatening the health of the reservation's forest.

# A little can mean a lot with UCEDC microloan program

owner.

Just ask Lois Keegan, owner of the
Sunnyside Academy, a day-care center in Linden, or Donna Del Mauro,
owner of Flowers by Donna, a Springfield florist

Thanks to the U.S. Small Business Administration and its partnership with the Union County Economic Development Corp., the two women were able to receive SBA MicroLoans

to start their businesses. The MicroLoan Program combines the resources and experience of the SS with locally-based oneprofit organizations like the UCEDC to provide small loans and technical assistance to small businesses in Union County, Under the MicroLoan program, UCEDC receives funding from the SBA in which it re-lends the money to small businesses in amounts of \$25,000, or less.

For Lois Keegam, a \$15,000 MicroLoan allowed her to expand from her home-based day-care center, which she started in 1985, into a lar-

ger facility located at the Grace Epis-copal Church in Linden in 1998. Kee-gan put more than \$35,000 of her own money up for the renovations of the facility. However, Keegan realized that she needed a small loan to purch-ase equipment, toys and furniture, as well as some working capital in order to make the transition successful.

Today, Sunnyside Academy employs a total of five employees and provides day care for 32 students ranging from 2½ to 5 years in age. "In addition to the day care services

that Sunnyside Academy provides, we also offer our students an academwe also offer our students an academic program as well," said Keegan.
"The Union County Economic Development Corp. guided and helped us develop a business plan that was essential to obtaining the Microllean.

"The SBA enjoys a unique partner-ship with the Union County Econom-ic Development Corp.," said SBA New Jersey District Director Francis-

enormous amount of capital to start their businesses, but could benefit from a smaller loan."

from a smaller loan."

"The Union County Economic
Development Corp. has a compliment
of business development programs for
Union County small business owners," said UCEDC President Maureen
Tinen.

"The SA Micro-Loan program
enables us to revoide Union County

enables us to provide Union County small businesses with alternative financing for smaller and start-up companies," added Tinen. In addition to serving Union County, the SBA recently authorized UCEDC to administer its MicroLoan Program in Somerset County. Somerset County

In 1997, Del Mauro received a \$25,000 MicroLoan from the UCEDC to start her. Springfield florist — Flowers by Donna. After working 15 years for several florists, she decided to open her own.

"I used the proceeds of the Joan to hux supplies equipment and for hux supplies equipment and fer

buy supplies, equipment and fer working capital to get the business started," said Del Mauro. According to Del Mauro, the two-year-old busi-

ness is growing. She also enlists the help of her family for orders and deliveries to keep her overhead down, Without the SBA MicroLoan. Del Maitro realizes it would have been difficult securing a conventional loan through a bank. "I lacked the necessary collateral a bank was looking for," said Del Maitro." It took a little time to get the MicroLoan, but it did

enable me to start my own business."
For information about the SBA
MicroLoan Program and other prog-rams the Union County Economic
Development Corp. offers small
businesses, call (008) 527-1166.
For more information on the services and programs provided by the
SBA call (973) 645-2434 or visit the
SBA's website at www.sba.gov.

# Ceconi re-elected chair of UCIA

Lizanne Ceconi of Westfield was re-elected chairman at the Union County Improvement Authority's annual reorganization meeting fast month. New com-missioner Sebastian D'Elia of Elizabeth was sworn in at the meeting.

All other authority officers were re-elected as well, including Vice Chairman Paul DeVenuto of Garwood. Treasurer Walter Boright of Scotch Plains and Secretary, Anthony Septian of Linday

Paul Devenuto of Garwood, Ireasurer Walter Borght of Scotch Plains and Secretary Anthony Scuain of Linden.

Ceconi, an attorney with Ceconi & Cheifez in Summit, is serving ber third consecutive year as UCLA chairman. She previously served as chairman from: February 1989 to February 1993.

The Board of Freeholders appointed D'Ella to the authority for a five-year term in February. A public affairs director for The MYWW Group, he is a former public information officer for the City of Elizabeth and a member of the city's Library Board.

term in February. A public artains director for inclusion to the city's Library Board.

Library Board.

UCIA commissioners continued the appointments of Executive Director Douglas Picac of Roselle Park and Recording Secretary Ann Lord of Hillside. The freeholders last mouth also appointed Linda Hines of Plainfield to replace Cecil Sanders on the board. Her term will run through Feb. 1, 2001.







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# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# CRT upholds charitable tradition

Staff Writer
One of the finest attributes of the Cranford Repertory Theater Co. is that with each production, it conducts an outreach charity. And with its latest production, "Fiddler on the Roof," in rehearsal, the outreach charity

now in renearsal, the outreach charry will be for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County. "The benefit for this organization related to the similarity in the play when the lewish people had to leave their bomes in Anatevka, a small prasunt town in Czarist Russia," explained Tom Pedes, director. Park beneficities of CPT-Tachilla.

explained Tom Pedis, director.
Past beneficiaries of CRT's philanthropy have been Bridges, a Summitbased organization to feed the homeless; Cranford Family Care; Famine
Refusf: Christian Rescues of the Holocaust; Hole in the Wall Gang Camp;
Children's Specialized Hospital;
Plainfield Song Kitcheri; St. Barnabas
Burn Unit; Charlica, and the Make-aWith Epometains. Wish Foundation.

Pedas, who currently teaches music Pedas, who currently teaches missis at Hillide Avenue School in Cran-ford, is "absolutely thrilled to be directing one of my, very? favorite musicals." He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Choral Directors of the American Choral Directors Association of New Jersey and was named "Master Teacher" of New Jersey by the New Jersey Music Educators Association for his "dedicated service to the education of youth." Pedas is the director of the Celebration Singers, founded the children's choracy, which is in its fifth Celebration Singers, founded the children's chorus, which is in its fifth year; he is founder-director of the Lin den Summer Playhouse, "which is 18 years old and still going strong - I started a scholarship fund that is still being given to youngsters with talent in music"— and which he directed for seven years, and he also has taught award-winning choirs at both Linden High School and Cranford High School

School.

The Cranford Repenory Theater's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" is scheduled for April 1, 2, 8 and 9 at Canaford High School. Rehearshis are being conducted at Temple Beth-Elbe Motor Chayim, Linden, which will be sponsoring the production. Tiexes for dress rehearsal will be made available for senior citizens and various Union. County Family Care organizations at mo cost. The temple has agreed to to provide rehearsal space and the funds for the initial expenses. It also will take an active part in various produc-

tion activities and advertising. Profits will be split between Cranford Reper-tory Theater and Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim and will be used for

tory I neater and Lemple Both-Life McKor Chayin and will be used for youth programs. 
"The theater's Board of Directors selected the show," said Pedas, "and key knew how much I love that show that they selected me to be director. 
We have cast members from 7 years old to 70, with a cast of about 50 people. "The people come from all walks have a variety of theater experiences ranging from the novice to some with professional credits. For some, this is their first live experience. For all cast members, it's an opportunity to improve their skills and gain confidence in a professionally managed live theater production. Volunteers build most of the sets and create most of the costumes. This is yet another opportunity for people to learn some of the technical appears of live theater production."

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Pedas said that "it's a real challenge for me. I'm used to working with large amounts of people. Really that's what makes it a challenge. And Fliddler." he exclaimed, "is one of the best shows ever written. There is so much to be learned.

"You know," Pedas sighed, "when it's done in different languages — whether it's Greek or Japanese or Italian or any other language, those people think about their own, bravery and faith and the values of different nationalities. Even in my own family. I relate."

Rehearsals for the eighth-longest-running musical on Broadway began at the end of January. "We were rehearsing there or four times a week in Temple Beth El Mekor Chaim." Said Pedas. "I know people are involved in other activities so I tried oschedule rehearsals around them. When I scheduled a big rehearsal tike, but they came. We'll be rehearsing until the end of March just before the show opens.

"This is a good, theater company," "This is a good, theater company," edeas with foundly. The Crenford

"This is a good, theater company,"
Pedas said proudly. The Cranford
Repertory Theater was founded both
to "provide top rate, community theater productions and to make a contribution to the community and strive to make a difference, both artistically

and philanthropically. At the end of every performance, donations are collected for a particular outreeh." Pedas explained that "I'm wearing many has in this one. In the past, I did vocal music for 'Oliver': and 'Anything Coes.' In 'Fiddler.' I'm directing the vocal music, orchesta and I'm directing the whole play — three different hats." he grinned. "Every song in this show is just wonderful. My contentation is teaching. And you know, I'm amazed at how many youngsters are not familiar with 'Fiddler.'

"it's so wonderful for me to expose 

a Musical' and learned how 'Fiddler went through so many changes. It's wonderful that I did a lot of reading and visiting synagogues and talking to

and visiting synagogues and talking to rabbis.

Now, we're in a synagogue for reharsals. It's a real experience for reharsals. It's a real experience for the cast members. Rather than explaining things to them, they see it first hand, and they're right around the people they portray.

Pedas had to make a lot of easting decisions. He said he wants to use as many people as he possibly can briddler on the Roof," and because of this. It might split parts and give more people more opportunity to perform.

Among the principal cast members are Nicole Caprio of Cranford, who plays Taelials Eddie Egan of Cranford, as Perchik. Kerin Eyler of Edison. Chava Molly Friert of Cranford, thody! Daniel Kazemi of Springfield, Motel: Hal Landis of Elizabeth, Lazar Wolf! Jordan Lovy of Springfield, Motel: Hal Landis of Elizabeth, Lazar Wolf! Jordan Lovy of Springfield, Peydics: Charles Roessler of Westfield, Tovyec Mary Webb of Cranford, Peyda, and Beane Woomer of Piscalway, Golde.

Pedas, who received a bachelor of science degree in music education.

science degree in music education from Edinboro University in Pennsyl-vania and a master's degree in choral music from Teachers College of Columbia University, said, "I love what I do. I love theater," he exclaimed. "Teaching first and theater directing second. I love it all!"



A dramatic moment is revived in 'Lilac Garden' by Debra Sayles and Andre Jouravley in a New Jersey Ballet performance March 4 in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, Union

# NJ Ballet mesmerizes audience

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

Two outstanding features were introduced to add to the perfection of the New Jersey Ballet's program Saturday evening in the Wilkins Theater at Kean Uni-versity in Union, to the delight of a mesmerized addinger.

audience.

In "Liliac Garden," a revival of a ballet based on a
one act, by Aniony Tudon, with music by Emest
Chausson and costumes by Hugh Stevenson, staged
and supervised by Stevenson, there was an eyecarching scenic design backdrop by Paper Mill Playhouse's export scenic design for Michael Anania, and a
violinist and pianist on stage.

Violinist Christopher Collins Lee, a professor at Kean University, and pianist Ron Levy, who performs regularly at Camegie Hall, provided the live massical background for a very dramatic masterpiece about a marriage of convenience and the heartbreak it brings to the bride and her lover.

to the bride and her lover.

Debra Sayles, a versatile, longitime dancer with the.

Now Jersey Ballet, is seen as Caroline, the bride. She
is very delicate and dramatic in a lyrical style. Paul M.

MeRae, assistant to Carolym Clark, the director, who
is rurely seen on singe flees days, came back to do the
particular rote of The Man She Must Marry, and he
was wonderful to look at in some light, effective danclang, Andrei Jourselve was outstanding as Caroline's
lover and his leaps and bounds across the singe show
this possession of her. Tatiuna latesthe dances beautifully as Caroline's fiance's mistress.

Six dancers graced the stage in the first act's "Designs With Strings," choreographed by John Taras with music by Peter Tchaikovsky and costumes by McRee. Ers Koroteavs Journaliva and Konstantin Dournev were featured. There was very interesting choreography and a pure love story was enacted.

chorcography and a pure love story was enacted. In the dramatic "Diane and Accton Pas De Deux," chorcographed by Agrippina Vaganova, staged by Loonid Kozlov with music by Cesare Pugni and coa-tumes by Vasia Benusi, Julia Vorobyeva and Tuvshin Bold unveiled the classical style of the Romantic per-iod. The dancers were both verly strong, and while Bold did some extremely strong and powerful leaps, Vorobyeva also appeared as a very strong ballet dancer.

Il was, however, in "Satinella Pas De Deux," from the full-length ballet "Carnavale in Venice," choreo-graphed by Marius Petipa, staged by Kozlov, with music by Pugni and costumes by Toodie Wiumer, that

Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich had the theater in an uproar ... as she offered a combination of beautiful and extremely skillful dancing with touches of humor.

Rosensary Sabovick-Bleich had the theater in an uproar of appreciation as she offered a combination of beautiful and outremely skillful dancing with touckes of humor. She is such a consistantly strong and outstanding performer, and the loud "bravas" accompanying her performance was knough to make an audience realize that one can always depend on her to provide the kind of cineriaminent only found on New York stage. Sabovick-Bleich unquessionably gets better with each performance, Dourney performs equally skillfully as her pariner, and they complement each other. They're a, joy to behold!

A most unusual third act called "Tango," with Johan Renvall as chorographer and costume designer, and music by Pizzolla, Plaza. Mores and Villoda, seven different tangos were presented. They were had the complement and the complement of the property of the complement and the continued of the c

and the audience.

Many thanks must go to Carolyn Clark, director, and her splendid staff and the excellent New Jersey Ballet Co. for bringing to the State of New Jersey a particular culture that is necessary to the welfers and education of its people. One needn't go far to be exposed to this kind of entertainment. Why travel all the way to New York City, when everything one ever looked for in a ballet is right here?

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The cast of Cranford Repertory Theater's 'Fiddler on the Roof' rehearses at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, Linden. Preparing for the April 1 opening are, from left, Charles Rossler of Westfield, who will play Tevye; Hal Landis of Elizabeth as Lazar Wolf; and Jerry Kamen of Mountainside as Avram.

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# 'La Mancha' opens at UCAC Friday

Mancha," and now audiences at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway can see for themselves as the UCAC produces this classic 1966 musical

produces this classic 1966 musical play.

Miguel de Cervantes joins his greatest creation, journeving knight errant Don Quixote, through adventures and misadventures in 16th-century. Spain. The Spanish fraquistion is at its most powerful, set post and streytellers imanage to inspire prisoners of the inquisition with Quixote the strength of the production of the producti

Quitote, Nam oi La, vandicula is se serimpiuous feast for the ears as well! David Edwards, fate of Joison and O. at the Voir, Theater Company, plays' Cervanest/Quixote. Edwards other credits include Noble in "Little Me." Albin in "La Cage aux Folles," Here productions as Frederick Tuste of the Little Night Music" and eight previ-ues outings in "Man of La Mancha." Critistine Jugueta makes her UCAG. Christine Jugueta makes her UCAG. Christine Jugueta makes her UCAG. Christine Jugueta has been a regular company member at the Denvet Cen-ter Theater Company, and performed such roles in musicels as Dr. Charlotte in "Falsetto" and Raffaela in "Grand Hotel."

Hotel." Man of La Mancha" is being directed by Russell Treyz, who made his UCAC debut in 1997 with "Into the Woods." UCAC favorite Mark George returns as musical director after last season is triumphant productions of "A Chorus Line" and "Fiddler on the Roof." Mary Jane Houdina

debut as choreographer. Sets are by Joseph A. Miklojcik, lighting is by Rich Bishop, and the costumes are by Meg Weedon

Meg Weedon.
"Man of La Mancha" will be presented Friday, Saturday, and March
17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m., and
Sunday and March 19 at 3 p.m. There
is a special student matinee at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, March, 22.

wednesday, March 22, Tickets for the show are \$24 and \$19, and student and sentor discounts are available. The Union County Arrs center is an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theatre Group: In 1999, the Star-Ledger named the UCAC production of "A Chorus Line" as best musical revival of the season.

For more information, or ticket availability, call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at (888) ETM-TIXS. Film series tickets are only, available directly from the Arts Center's box office.

Westfield High School Class of 1980/regnion is scheduled for March 25, For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (752) 617-1000.
 Westfield High School Class of 1970 regunes is scheduled for April 7. For information, call (732) 617-1000.
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• Tion High School Class of 1965
will conduct its 35th reurino April 29.

For information, call. Reunions, finding lating at (732) 617-1000.
• St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1930 reunion is planted for May 2000. Cultact Jane Geoghegan Burke at (732) 188-730. At Hause at (203) 734-730, or George Schmidburer at (970) 432-0210.

• Union High School Class of 1990 reunions schloduled for June 10. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

# REUNIONS

 Jefferson High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for June 24 at the Jefferson Performing Arts House in Elizabeth High School. For information, call Patrick Gargano at (908) 272-5485, or write to him at 322. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000 North Ave. East. Cranford, NJ 07016-2435.

Union High School Class of 1940

Union High School Class of 1930 reunion is scheduled for July 13. For information, contact Evelyn Steudle Borshay at (407) 647-8119.
 Summit High School Class of 1990 will conduct its 10th reunion July 29. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1980

 Union High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc., at (732) 617-1000.
 Summit High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunion. Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7-For information, contact Reun-ions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000. Cranford High School Class of 1974 will conduct its 26th reunion Oct. 14. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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1980 reunion is scheduled for Nev. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Westfield High School Class of 1990 will conduct its 10th reunion Nev. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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 Linden High School Class of 1990 is seeking class members for an upcoming 10th reunion. Members of this class are asked to send name. address and phone number to Linden High School, Class of 1990, P.O. Box 1990. Linden. NJ-07036, or send e-mail to lhs1990-re@yahoo.com.

# Family to Family program at Westfield High Wednesday

Do you think you could recognize the signs and symptoms associated with today's illegal drugs? Are you aware of what today's narcones, inhalants and drug paraphermals look like?

For parents coping with the intricactes of raising teenagers, for students who know there are friends who may have a problem and ter school personnel trying to learn more, there is a high-intensity program coming to Westind High School on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., that holds some answers.

The "Family to Family" program, a substance thuse intrinsive by the Union Courst Prosperior 5 (Offs when they have to the part when the day and an account.

County Prosecutor's Office that is being syfered to every school on a county-wide basis, is aiming to arm middle and high school communities with informa-tion about the dangers of alcohol and drugs that every teenager is exposed to

ch, and every day. The program, led by a father who lost a son and teenagers currently undergo-

ing substance abuse treatment, is moderated by Prosecutor Thomas Manahan in conferation with the Union County National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Superintendent William Foley and the Westfield Board of Education Council Council of the Westfield Board of Education Council of the Westfield Board of Council of the Council of the Westfield Board of Council of the We

Education.

The teen agers who come from Day Top-New Jersey, a Mendham-based to the life of the life o treatment center, engage in an open of thoses, discussion relating to the life choices that resoluted meters decision and the addiction had not the families and the warming argain that all parents should watch for in their officient while the parents discuss the affects that eaddiction had on the family and the warming argain that all parents should watch for in their children. The principal objective of the program is to educate the contract of the program in the educate the contract of the program is to educate the contract of the program is to educate the contract of the program in the educate the contract of the program is to educate the contract of the program in the educate the contract of the program is to educate the contract of the program in the program is to educate the program in the program in the program is the program in the program in the program in the program is the program in the program in the program in the program is the program in the program in the program in the program is the program in the progra

Representatives from the Prosecutor's Office and local police department officers will be on thand to display current "dreg-cef-choice" for teens along with related paraphernalia.

# Laundered funds go to law enforcement agencies

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Continued from Page B1 while the South Plainfield Police Department received \$566.574.19.
Receiving \$285.328.77 carb were the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and the police departments of Office and the police departments of Plainfield, North Plainfield, Piscataway and Somerville. "No one entity could have done it alone, they all came together," said Anne Marie Minogue, acting special agent in charge of criminal investigation for the New Jersey District of the TRS.

The ring laundered tens of millions of dollars through U.S. banks for Colombian drug cartels. The central fig-

Hern drops

out of race

(Continued from Page B1)
On the first ballot, Golkin collected 60 of the 132 delegates, or 45 percent, slightly less than the majority required to avoid a runoff. Lapolla du 43 votes, 35 percent; while former Fanwood mayor Maryanne Comely finished hird with 21 votes, 16 percent, and 1. Brooke Hern of New Providence received eight votes, 6 percent. Joel Farley of Westfield received no votes.

received ng voices.

Hem has since dropped out of the race and thrown his support behind the county manager. After some discussions with Eapolla and other Democratis Friday, the attorney from New Providence came to his decision. Tuesday, "I've found there is a lot of embusiasm for a bright future," Hem said of his political life. "But now is the time to unite."

Somerset County towns in the 7th.

Somerset County towns in the 7th District are Bound Brook, Franklin,

Green Brook, Hillsborough, Manville, Millstone, North Plainfield, South Bound Brook, Warren, Watchung and parts of Bridgewater.

parts of Bridgewater.

The previous night, March 1, at the Middlesex County Convention at the Woodbridge Sheraton on Route 1, Lapolla gamered two-thirds of the votes, nearly 100 of the 146 delegates. He finished ahead of Golkin who received 23 votes. 17 percent; followed by Connelly with 16 votes, 112 percent Hearly design to the votes of th

percent. Hern had eight votes, 5 percent, while Farley received none cent, while Farley received none. Nearly all of Woodbridge, parts of Edison. South Plainfield and Mid-dlessy Borough are Middlessy Coun-ty municipalities that are part of the 7th District.

7th District.

Union Cointy makes up the largest part of the 7th District with nearly half of the registered votes; seventeen of the county's 21 municipalities are included. The Union County Democrate Organization awarded its line Feb. 26, with 16 of 17 municipal chairmen backing Lapolts. Surging Lapolts. Surging Lapolts. Surging Lapolts.

The 7th District also includes Millburn and parts of Maplewood in Essex County, and parts of Somerset Coun-ty. The Essex County line is expected to be awarded by the end of this

ure in the case was loss Montes Car-dona of Piscataway.

The 12-member organization was -built or bricks of drug defivery.

Minoque stall in the early morning of Feb. 9, 1990, more than 300 law enforcement officers executed areas and search warrans in New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Flonda.

Cardona pleaded guilty to money laundering conspiracy and other charges in 1989 and was sentenced to eight years in prison. Fourteen other defendants pleaded guilty also and received sentences between 18 and 46

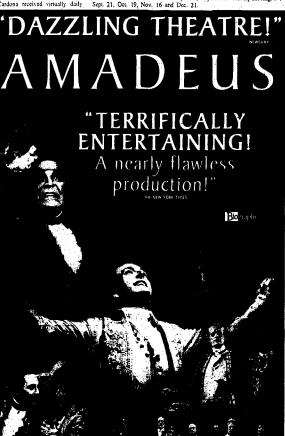
deliveries of cash in packages and duffel bags at his home where the money was counted and stored.

He supervised 11 people who coil-arried at the banks for deposit had cread millions of dollars in cash generated from narcolics sales into non-cash instruments for deposit into

# Alzheimer's group meets March 16

The next Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hos-pital of Union County will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. on March 16 in the Family Conference Room of the facility. 40 Watchung Way, Berkely Heights. For more information on this whoelchair accessible program, call (908)

edule is as follows: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.



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neet April 1 in Summit for their
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omerset Republicans March 29.



View from the Appalachian Trail, an 8-by-10-inch oil painting by plein air artist Jared Clackner, is among the artist's works on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through March 29.

# Westfield Players offer memberships

Westfield Community Players Membership Director Letty Hudda announced that membership for the remaining two shows of the 1999-2000 season are now available for \$20. She noted that this represents a savings of \$7 over purchasing tukes individually for the last two shows. The final shows of the current season are the Arburn Miller drama "The Price," opening Saturday, and Alan Jay Lorner and Frederick Loewe's musical "Brigadoon" in May and June.

To purchase individual membership for \$20 each, make checks payable to Westfield Community Players and send to Letty Hudak, 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NI 07090.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in New Jersey and has brought to life more than 180 come-dies, dramas and musicals in their own 150-seat theater in Westfield, 1000 North Ave. West.



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lining Guide"

# Exhibit at Swain Galleries is 'plein' as day for artist

through March 29 at Swam Gallenes in Plainfield.

The open spaces of New Jersey's Humerdon, Somerset and Sussex counties including fields, lakes and novers, particularly the Defaware, are the principle but not exclusive focus of the Denville artist, originally from Ohio. He paints while he travels and his most recent work for this exhibit occurs at least six months while encompassing those from the spring-summer of 1999.

"My paintings are most about tight at time of day and within any season. I prefer late afternoon and evering light, I can go to the same location and see something differently because and see something differently because

and see something differently because of the weather. It could be rainy, or overcast, and the key can change moods. My whole idea is to respond nodes, by whole feel is to respons to being outdoors, where is like to be, and absorb the beautiful patterns in open spaces as I paint them," the artist stated, adding, "I create screne stated, adding, environments."

stated, adding, "I create serene environments."
A graduate of Spectrum Institute environments."
A graduate of Spectrum Institute for Adventising Arts (NI), he entered the field of graphic design and free-lance illustration, By 1990, he hence he wanted to get to the outdoors to paim landscapes. He studied with American landscape painting at Ridgewood Art Institute (NI) and later began assisting Skip Whitcomb with courses in outdoor painting. Clackner's work has been selected for more than two dozen juried and invitational shows and at least 9 solo exhibit throughout New Jersey and the Northesis as well as Wyoming, Idaho, Azirona and more. In 1999, he

Idaho, Arizona and more. In 1999, he mounted three solo presentation was invited to show in the Rich

Fellowship Benefit in Pepapek (NI).

St. Hubert's Giralad Animal Imagery, juried exhibition included his world or the importance of habitas. Further, he was hoosen for threeprior Richmond Fellowship Invitationals and received the Judges Award at the Jackson, WY Art for the Parks top 100 show.

Clackter's exhibit opened Saturday and continues Tuesdays to PHED38 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays to 4 p.m. a Swain Galleric 30 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For more inquiries, call (908) 756-1707.

Jared P. Clackner.

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steaks, of course, but there is much more available to discriminating dinners here than their excellent beef.

Brick and wood predominate inside, giving a warm and easy feel to the classically styled dining room. A spacious second floor is also available for dining, and seating is comfortable, not cramped. Dress is casual but smart, and the relaxed atmosphere allows for easy conversation,

The a la cane menu is diverse and unexpected. Appetizers The a la care, menu is diverse and unexpected. Appetizers tend to be simple affairs of the highest quality, like the slices of Norway Smoked Salmon served with capers and mustard sauce. Salads are unique and refreshing, offering far more variety than just mixed greens, though not too filling prior to the entrees, which mostly fall in the \$25 range.

Main courses feature the steaks, of course, which are dry-aged on the premises and certainly worth the trip. Grilled to perfection, one can select from several cuts, including the luxurious double-cuts of both T-bone, and the signature New York Delmonico Steak, either of which would be ample for

Perhaps most surprising is the variety of entrees, from stuffed pork to grilled chicken. An abundance of scafood also appears on the menu, including such offerings as blackened swordfish and grilled tuna. Tempting daily specials are also available in addition to the regular menu. Dessens are delicious, and even traditionally filling items are created light enough to enjoy after a complete meal, along with espressos or after-dinner liqueurs.

or atter-dinner requeuts.

Service is excellent, courtesy of an attentive staff which
deserves special mention. With the recent addition of a liquor license, Sebastian's offers an impressive wine list as well
as their full bar. The knowledgeable wait staff is available for questions about the diverse menu, as, well as suggestions for mplementary wines.

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Reservations are recommended, particularly on busy weekends, but it's worthwhile for some of the finest dining anywhere, among friendly and unassuming surroundings. From the understated atmosphere to elegantly delicious fare, Sebastian's Steakhouse provides a memorable dining experience

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# ART Shows

SUMMIT FRAME & ART will exhibit five newly acquired paintings by W.P.A. artist Louis Workshonok. Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Trusdays unit 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 45 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8865.

THE LAY OF THE LAND, contempor

THE LAY OF THE LAND, contemporary lancaspes by painter Series Schröm and Michael Meitzger and aerial photographer Overs Kartiler, will be neithbit af the Gallery at the Arts Guillo of Hahway through Firday. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Firdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm. Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 pm., and by appointment. The Arts Guillow located at 1870 Inling St. in Barty, For Information, call (732) 351-7511.

PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER by Union artist Joe-Lugare will be on exhibit at Van Gogh's Ear, 1017 Stuy-vesant Ave, in Union, now through Trendful.

Tuesday.

COME FLY WITH US, à collection of partings and mode's by aviation artist. Keith Ferris, with be on exhibit at the less Malamut An Gallery in Linan Public Library now through Wednesday. Gallery house are Monday's, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 9 p.m.: and Fridays and Saturcesys from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is idealed in Frioreger Park on Morans Avenue, next to Union Town Hold. For information, call (909) 851-6450.

851-5450. COLOR, LINE & FORM, the paintings

COLON, LINE & FORM, the pannings of Aice Bryan Hondru of Maplewood, will be on, exhibit with the watercolor widdle pannings of Christopher Pacio Murray Hill afthe Onaid & Palmer Musuem in the Springfield Public Library, through March 16.

Gallery hours are Mendays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from foundays and Saturdays from 10 am. to 4:30 pm.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am. to 4:30 pm.; Tuesdays from 11 aid 3:00 pm. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, For information, call (973) 975-930.

VIETNAM: A PEOPLE AND A WAR VIETNAM: A PEOPLE AND A WAR, works by photographer Jay Ghering Smith, will be on exhibitin the Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building through March 17. The Freeholders Gallery is coordianted bny the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritene Affairs. Gall.

dianted bny the Union Couinty Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza on Rahway Avenue in downtown Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 589,0550 558-2550

559-2550.

NJ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART SHOW will be on exhibit Monday through March 17 at the du Cret School of Art. An opening reception will take place Friday from 7.30 to 9 pm. Gallery hours are 9 am. to 5 pm. daily. The school is located at 1030 Central Ave. Planfield. For information, call (908) 757-7171.

PLEIN AIR LANDSCAPES by Jared Clackner will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through March

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays afrom 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays until 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908)

RETROSPECTIVE, the work of Mark Metcalf, will be on exhibit at the Toma-sulo Gallery at Union County College, Cranford, Friday through April 13. An

# Stepping Out opening reception will take place Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays from 1 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the MacKay Library on 1 Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

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AUTHOR MARY SANDERS SMITH will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to discuss her new hovel, "June." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3535.

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TRIO PASIONAL, Yas-Cortes and Festival Lianero Group will appear in concert at the Union County Aris Center in Rahway April 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. UCAC is located at 1601 Iring St., Rahway, For information, call (732) 499-8226.

DANCE FOLK DANCERS WILL Meet SUMMIT FOLK Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit Con-nection. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

DISCUSSION
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MANHATTAN TRANSFER will bring their Grammy-winning blend of lazz, R&B, doo-wop, swing and rock to the stage of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn Tues-day. Preparing for the show are, from left, Alan Paul, Cheryl Bentyne, Tim Hauser, and Janis Siegel. For information, see the Concerts listing on this page.

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SUMMIT SYMPHONY will present a Sommin Stanthury Will present a concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, corner of Morris and Summit avenues. Admission is free. VAN FRAZIER will appear in concert as Grover Cleveland School, 468 E. Milton Avs. in Rähway, Tuesday at 1.45 p.m. as part of Music in Our Schools Month. AUTHOR GWENDOLYN BROOKS, the first African-American to with the Pultzer Prize, will spake at Kear until westigly Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilkins Tneater as part of the Kean Contemporary Writers Series, Admission is free, Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For Information, call (908) 527-2337.

**FESTIVALS** HECORD & CD EXPO will take place March 19 at the Springflatd Hoffday In, Route 22 westbound, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is 55 for adults, 93 for septior citizens; children younger than 12 years old are admitted free, For information, call (908) 486-3303 or (908) 925-9667. RECORD & CD EXPO w

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and "Vertigo." 7 p.m., \$7 for both films
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May 20 and 21; "Peter and the Wolf," ages 5 to 10 years old.

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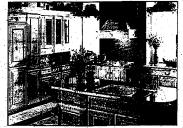
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Deit: is a keen observer of the passing parade with an acerbic wit and a unique style of writing and performing, playing to 10,000 folkles from the main stage of the prestigious Philadelphia Folk Festival as a five-time host and per-

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Dieth has been performing for more than 20 years and is also a regular contributor to Acoustic Guitar, Frets Magazine and other publications. He is also the
subtor of a highly acclaimed book, "The Folk Music Chronicles?" a collection
of humorous articles, essays and short stories about performing acoustic music.

Every audience member at Friday's Arts Guild concert will receive a free copy
of Dietz's book.

As audience members will learn when they hear Deitz perform, he is an excellent musician with a fine singing voice and many wonderful orginal songs and stories, as well as a full reproterior of standard folk songs. The Arts Gülid of Rahvay is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, and is accessible from Routes 185 north and south, the Garden State Purkway, the New Jersey Tumpike and Route 27, St. Georges' Avenue in Rahway.

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# GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA, We Build Leaders One Girl at a Time



In 1917, the first Girl Scout troop for disabled girls was organized in New York War I, Girl Scouts served their country on the home front, working in hospitals, growing vegetables, and selling defense bonds. After the war came *The Golden Eaglet*, a feature film about Girl Scouting shown in theaters across the country, and *The American Girl*, a pópular magazine for young girls.

By the time Girl Scout membership reached 137,000 in 1926, the organization had its own national training center for Girl Scout leaders, Camp Edith Macy in upstate New York, Membership diversified in the twenties and thirties with the Introduction of Black and

diversined in the twenties and thirties with the introduction of Black and native American troops. The year 1934 saw the beginnings of Gif Scout cookie sales when Philadelphia Girl Scouts sold the first commercially back Girl Scout cookies. With the coming of war in the early forties, Girl Scouts again served on the home front, collecting fat and scrap metal and growing Victory Gardens.

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The post-war years brought the restoration of the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace and its dedication as a national program center for girls in 1956 and the division of girl membership in the Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scout age levels in 1963. Eco-Action, a nationvide environmental program, and the swearing-in of the first Black national president, Gloria D. Scott, were turning points of the seventies, followed in the eighties by introduction of a Younger age level, Dalsy Girl Scouts, and a series of publications dealing with contemporary issues, such as child abuse, youth suicide, literacy and pluralism.

During the current decade, Girl Scouting experienced a renewed emphasis on physical fitness with the inauguration of a health and fitness national service project in 1994 and the Girl Scout sports initiative in 1996. Throughout its history, Girl Scouting has held on to its traditional values while maintaining a contemporary outlook - a dual focus expected to continue into the next century.

**PROGRAM** 



Girl Scouting is committed to helping all girls from every background to develop the confidence, determination, and skills needed to thrive in today's world. There is one Girl Scout program that is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It is adapted to meet the developmental, educational, and social needs and interests of girls at five levels: 5-17 or from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

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purageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect my self and others,

espect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl

The Girl Scout program has four fundamental goals that express the ways girls may benefit from the Girl Scout experiences.

Develop to her full individual potential.

Foster feelings of self-acceptance, unique selfworth, and empowerment.

Promote perception of self as competent, responsible, and open to new experiences and challenges. Encourage personal growth

Allows girls to utilize and practice talents and abilities.

Relating to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect.

Help her develop sensitivity to others and respect for their needs, feelings, and

Promote an understanding and appreciation of individual, cultural, religious, and racial differences.

Foster the ability to build friendships and working relationships

Develop values to guide her actions and to provide the foundation for sound decision-making.

Help her develop a meaningful set of values and ethics that will guide her actions.

Foster an ability to make decisions that are consistent with her values and that reflect respect for the rights and needs of others.

Empower her to act upon her values and convictions

Encourage her to reexamine her ideals as she grows and changes

Contributing to the improvement of society through the use of her abilities and leadership skills, working in cooperation with others.

Help her develop concern for the well-being of her community and its people.

people.

Promote and understanding of how the quality of community life affects her own life and the whole of society.

Encourage her to use her skills to work with others for the benefit of all.

# The Girl Scout Program:

· Is for all girls. Girls from all backgrounds are welcome and learn to

Promotes progressive and cooperative learning experiences, making decisions, and evaluating progress. Helps girls better the quality of life for others, without regard for personal reward. Girls develop

qualities of responsible citizenship and service that help lay a foundation for responsible action as Develops leadership and decision-making skills through specific activities, experiences with self-

government, and the influence of adult role models

Builds skills in a balanced program that

includes activities in the worlds of science. math, and technology; out-of-doors, arts, people; and well-being. The program also centers upon contemporary issues to support and assist girls in confronting the pressure of today's world.

Provides adult leadership that is trained and prepared to guide and encourage girls, to discover their talents and abilities while reinforcing their strengths in a supportive and safe environment.

Is flexible. Girls participate in a variety of ways: Troops, interest groups, events camps, and as individuals.

Supports activities that encourage cross-cultural understanding. Girl Scouting is a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.



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# Healthy Living

# Overlook is first NJ hospital in Beth Israel 'revolution'

It doesn't involve a miracle drug or a new advance in medical technologie, Neverholesis a revolution is correcting in American medicine. Hospitals are beginner to look beyond their foles as providers of medical services, include all places of a patient's well-bring in their case and treatment. Advanced in the control of the control of

stelf. The broader goal is to create a model program that can be adopted by

The leading hospital in the field, New York's Beth Israel Medical Center, supported the grant application and is collaborating with Overlook to develop its training program and con-

auct research.
"Hospitals and health care workers

are good at addressing the physical needs of our patients, and we need to "got stronger in these other areas. The grant will help us to really sensitize our staff about what pulliative care means," explains Patty Colligan-Levine, Social Work Manager at Overlook and coordinator of the train-

ing development team.

Overlook Hospital is also the only New Jersey hospital invited to partici-pate in a study conducted by the Pal-liative Care Outcomers Consortium, a group of eight hospitals, led by the Beth Israel, that are collaborating on the research and development of pal-

hative care programs.

Palliative care traditionally refers
to the kind of attention given to to the kind of attention given opatients with active, progressive, fur-advanced disease for whem the prog-nosis is limited. The focus is on help-ing the patient and family, so that dying is as comfortable and meaning-ful a process as possible. Pallitative care includes state-of-the-eart medical tectoring transportations. treatment, especially to control pain

Just as importantly, it also embraces a person's spiritual, psychological, social, and financial needs. Building on its history of leader-ship in caring for the dying, Overlook Hospital has taken this palliative approach a glain step forther. Overlook has developed the philosophy that palliative care is a model of good practice for all health care workers, and that all patients, at all stages of health and life, can, benefit from its health and life, can benefit fr

The training program at Overlook is designed to hone the principles of palliative care into a true clinical dispalmative care into a true climical dis-cipline, and apply to the benefit of every patient. Physicians, nurses and all staff members who have direct ses. The training emphasizes simple yet essential communications, skills that enable health workers to know their patients more intimately and addresses staff's own fears and feelings about illness and death. The goal is to build a more accurate assessi

of physical symptoms along with a heightened awareness of the patient's (cellings and situation. It also means fostering a close relationship between Overflook's staff and a patient's family and caregivers.

A major feature of Overlook's Pal-liative Care Program is an in-house team of experts to advise physicians and to assist in providing palliative series for all patients, especially those nearing the end of life.

Another critical goal of Overlook's program is providing patients with seamlass care as their needs change, for example in wansferring out of the hospital to hospice, nursing facility or, home. This includes the obvious, such as ensuring that the appropriate course of medical treatment is understood and followed. It also includes the morso-opyrous, such as respecting the wishes of dying patients and their families about the goals of care and making 'those desires clear to emergency medical service teams and

other caregiveri outside of Overfook.
Psim management has been described as the essence of palliate our. In 1997, Overlook established and the palliate our the palliate our the palliate outside the other overlook. Hooghtal routinely treat pain as affish visit sign, and train its effect vital signs, pain cannot be assessed with instruments and numbers. Pain assessment rolles primarily on the patient's subjective sense of distress and their own statements and responses. The accurate measurement of pain, therefore, depends crucially on staff sensitivity and communication, and commitment to distantineat to distantine the accurate market of the palliance of the pall

A national survery of patients satisfaction already points to the success of Overlook's, pain management efforts. To help bring the entire field of palliative care into the future, Overlook Hospital is particular. Overlook Hospital is participating in a pilot of study of the Palliative Care Outcomes Consortium about the

impact these programs have on patients' quality of life, and their satisfaction with the care they receive. Relatives, friends, and caregivers are also part of the study.

Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic Health System 490-bed major teach-ing hospitalin Summit. Home of New Jersey's first secrotactic radiosurgery-program for the treatment of cancer. Overlook's specialty services include the Neuroscience Institute and Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey, the Valeric Center, a pediatric oncology cancer program: The Children's Med-ical Center of Atlantic Health System: teat Center of Atlantic ricatin System;
a Chest Pain Center; the Same-Day
Surgery Center and Hernia Center;
and a Wound Care Center. Overlook
also provides a Medicare-certified
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# Society offers

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and the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship will offer an informative cancer, education, program tillor (Cancer, Keys to Survivorship) March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Westin-Hotel in Morriston. The program is free of charge and is offered to anyone whose life has been teuched by any form of cancer, including patients, family members, friends and health professionals. OrthoBiotech is the presenting sponsor of the conference, whose generosity has made this event possible. The Northern New Jersey Chapter has received additional funding from local participating sponsors: Amgen, Hackensack University Medical Center, St. Barmabas Medical Center and Atlantic Health System at Morristown Memorial Hospitat.

ter, st. Isamanas vicentas, veiner and Atlantie Health System at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Developed to address topic areas generally not, included in uraditional cancet-education programs, the program consists of four modules. The the topics are "Teamwork: Skills for communicating with health care providers;" "Living With Through and Beyond Cancer Striategies for Self-Empowerment and Self-Care; "What Cancer Survivors Need to Know About Health Insurance," and "Working II Out 1 Your Employment Rights as a Cancer Survivor." Speakers include cancer survivors, health care

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'keys to surviving' cancer

Committee.
Registration information can be obtained from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Northern New Jersey Chapter, 45 Springfield Ave., Springfield, or by calling (973) 376-9559.

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# Healthy Livin

# Sharing Network reports rise in consent for organ donation

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network — The Sharing Network — reported recently the number of organ and tissue denors was higher last year than in the 10 previous years, a record break.

The network recovered 134 organ denors, a 28-percent increase over 1998. At total of 444 transplants were performed in New Jersey, representing a 31-percent increase over 1998. Over a 10-year period, from 1990 to 1999, the actual number of life-saving transplants performed in New Jersey increased 195 percent. Joseph Roth, president and chief executive officer of The Sharing Network, said there was a total of 27,817 has pital referrals reported in 1999, a 43-percent increase over the 19,341 hospital referrals reported in 1998. Roth attributed the gubstantial increase in organ donations and hospital referrals, in part, to:

pital referrals, in part, to:

• Additional staffing of specialized hospital services personnel at The Sharing Network.

• Increased donor-awareness educational programs,

and a special emphasis on minority outreach.

• A recent Medicare rule that requires hospitals to report all deaths or imminent deaths to their orean procurement organization.
These offers resulted in a 51-percent overall consent rate

for organ donation, an increase of 3 percent ower the 48-percent consent rate reported in 1998.

"We are pleased that the donor family consent rate is

slowly but surely rising, and we will continue our efforts to educate the public on the importance of not only register-ing to become an organ donor, but discussing the subject

ith your family as well," said Roth.

All New Jersey hospitals within The Sharing Network's service area participated with referrals and 63 out of 70 hospitals had an organ, tissue or eye donor, representing

more cooperation by hospitals than ever before. "However", said Roth, "the sad fact of the matter is that even with this success, there are still not enough organs donated to meet the need. We have a very diverse population in the state of New Jersey and some groups are not contributing enough to meet the demand."

He pointed out that 1,800 people in New Jersey are on examing lists with more than 70,000 people nationally. "The shortage of organs is at crisis levels," Roth said. The Sharing Network stated that New Jersey statistics helped to dispel a myth that African-Americans are not the recipients of transplanted organs. New Jersey provides for minority transplants in proportion to the population. Of the transplants performed in New Jersey last year, 21 percent were received by African-Americans, 8 percent by Latino-Americans, 2 percent by Latino-Americans, 3 percent by Asian Americans, 65 percent by Latino-Americans, 1 and 3 percent by other races.

The Network also recovered record numbers for inchancing tissue donations with 105 bone donors, 72 hearts for valves, 67 skin and 320 eye donors. "We are grateful to the donor families who made it possible for so many people to receive a second chance at life," said Roth, "and we will continue to work throughout 2000 to spread the word about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donations."

the Sharing Network is a non-prosti, tederally-certified, sate-approved procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue of transplant in New Joseph II you eri niterested in becoming an organ donor, "is very important to make your wishes known to your anally. For more information on how to become an organ donor or to join the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, cell The Sharing Network at (800) SHARE-NJ or visit the website at www.sharenj.org

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  "Statistical Highlights"
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   444 life-saving transplant were performed in New Jersey last year, a 31-percent increase over 1998.
   Over the past in 10 years, the actual number of life-saving transplants performed in New Jersey increased 195
- percent.

  \* There were a total of 27,817 hospital referrals reported in 1999, a 43-percent increase over the 19,341 hospital referrals reported in 1998.
- In 1999, there was an overall organ donor consent rate of 51 percent, up 3 percent from 1998.
- All hospitals within The Sharing Network's service area participated with referrals and 63 out of 70 hospital had an organ, tissue or eye donor.
- 1.800 people remain on waiting lists in New Jersey for life-saving transplant operations. Nationally, the figure is 70.000.
- Record number of life-enhancing tissue donations were recovered in 1999 with 105 bone donors, 72 hearts for valves, 67 skin and 320 eye donors.

# Sound mind in a sound body



LauRenn McDaniel of Scotch Plains gets a hearty workout at Kean University's renovated recreational fitness facility, located on the school's East Campus in Union.

# Overlook Hospital earns Governor's Award

Overlook Hospital recently received the New Jersey Governor's Award for Performance Excellence, the highest state honor an organiza-tion can receive for quality and performance.

performance.

This prestigious award, previously called the New Jersey Quality Achievement Award, has been given to 20 organizations since its inception to 20 organizations since its inception in 1993. This is the first time a hospital has ever received this significant

tal has ever received this significant recognition.

"I congratulate the men and women of the six organizations that have been named as the ... recipients of the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence," said Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. "By striving to be leaders in their fields, these companies are helping to make New Jersey a great place to live, work and raise a family."

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The Quality New Jersey, a nonrofit organization, in partnership rith the New Jersey Commerce and conomic Growth Commission, manThe New Jersey Governor's Award is based on the criteria for the Malcolm Baldrige. National Quality Award. established by Congress in 1987, to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses by promoting quality awareness.

awareness.
Overlook Hospital, which is one of only two hospitals to receive this award, will also be honored at the 2000 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where President Uninon presents the Baldrige awards.
"The Governor's Award confirms what we already know," said David Freed, president of Overlook Hospital". The physicians comploves and

tal. The physicians, employees and volunteers of Overlook are an extraor-

volunteers of Overlook are an extraor-dinary and qualified staff that delivers exceptional patient care." Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic Health System 490 bed major teach-ing hospital in Summit. Home of New Jersey's first stereotactic radiosurgery program for the treatment of cancer, Overlook's specialty services include: the Neuroscience Institute and Brain

Tupor Center of New Jersey, the Val-ene Center for pediatric concology capter programs; The Children's Medical Center of Allanitic Health System; a Chest: Pain Center; the Same Day Surgery Center and Hernia Center; and a Wound Care Center. Overlook also provides a Medicari-certified home care and hospice prog-ram, as well as maternity services and critical care services to high-risk new-boms at the new Frank, and Minit Waish Maternity Center.

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# Coloniai Judaism is Sunday's topic

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Barbara Pleaner of West Orange on the Jowish community in the Colonies. Where did the Jewish people come from? What were their lives like in colonial Amena? Where did they settle? Come and learn their story. The Sunday hours as the museum are from 2.10 5 pm and consumed docents are on hand to guide visitors, through the 17-10 farmhouse the last sour begins at 4 pm. Food will be proported over the open hearth by each part of work the point hearth by excellent story, the 17-10 farmhouse will be proposed from the point hand to be colonial temporal work the colonial reproduct the scale of the parallels to visitors. The pith slope is stocked with cook-hooks, timizer, colonial reproductions, as well as educational material. On March 19, the masseum will pre-

sent a colonial woodworking demon-stration. Admission to the museum se \$2 for adults, and \$.50 for students; children younger than 6 years old are

For more information about the maseum and its upcoming events, call (90%) 232-1776 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday to Friday

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ways better than one. GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A com-

plicated professional matter requires your full attention. Being more assertive pays off. Don't be afraid to take

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Bill Van Sant,

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SCGRIPO. (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): An affilior of the hoar is highlighted. If, you steal quality moments alone with

you steal quality moments alone with your romantic partner, neither one of

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# Craft hopefuls are sought for annual festival Folk Music," with the world-renowned Cherish the Ladies

Craft applications are now being accepted for the 26th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival, to be conducted April 29 on the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

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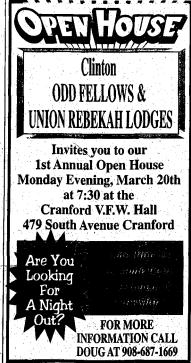
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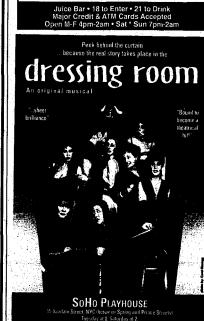
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# **AUTOMOTIVE**

# Ford's imported, Americanized Focus garners Car of Year honors

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service
Lave a friend who owned an older
Ford Escort wagon and loved it, and
as a single guy and biking enthusiasts
be boosted of his wagon's versatility and utility.

To the rest of the world, though, it was a solling pig sty, with years of junk crusted to the inside. The outside was soldom washed, and the tailgate was stained by oily exhaust. "With the back seats foiled, I could

fit in a 4-by-8 sheet of plywood," my frond would say vaih pride, adding owth very intle damage to the

He praised his Escon's fuel ec-

nonly and modest maintenance costs, "Why do't need anything else?" he once asked, as I stepped from the front sear to the sidewalk to scrape a banana

nec. Itom my shoe.

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You can get everything into that are it thought, evelop is formed friend.

That treaty but faithered. Escort has going on to the boneyard in the sky, and my friend now drives a boxy SUA, which will hold a sheet of plywood and the occasional woman—
though soldom at the same time, he

Ford also has retired the Escort and

First also has cotted the Becort and replaced to with Fixes, 2 very compensation moves from the Betrape that has been made; Ampticamend in the framelium room the comment.

In fact, it was named the 10% which amended not of the Year by a juny of 47 U.S. and Canadian successive parameters. But five Year wand, which happens on the 1000 European Car of the Year wand, which happens be the first time the same verifies.

to be the first time the same vehicle has driven off with both awards. If memory serves, the Escort never garneted a Car of the Year distinction.

Escort was a handy household eco-nobox selling nearly 300,000 units a year. Dowdy but durable, it was priced right — buy it, and forget about Of neglect it ... as some did. The Focus isn't severe as a fashion

statement, but it is sharp enough to be an aspiration vehicle for young peoin a syntam or temporary enough to be mission not weird. for older folks. It comes as a sedan, three-door hatchback and wagon, with prices



The Ford Focus has replaced the retired Escort, and was named the 2000 North American Car of the Year by a jury of 47 U.S. and Canadian automotive journalists.

Car of the Year by a jury sights higher than Escort, which shows Ford's confidence in not just the syding and features but the penetrating advertising campaigne.

Listed a Roar-door, five-passenger SE wagon with optional 2-liter LETEC foot-prinder with double overried camshafts.

With a base price of \$15,580, the asteoded \$16,500 wagon included the SEOL/ETEC organic superide and the Control. Group option package—\$155.500. ETEC organic superiod and the Control, Group option package—\$155.500, and a state of the standard group option package in the first said a stift and telescoping steering wheel.

Takes and a surface States that his a telescoping steering wheel. That features along with a height-adjustable state option and the states of the state of

mental concensures a safe and sound-driving position.

The base SE wagon comes with a 10-chorsepower single overhead can four-cyclinder and four-speed automa-tic transmission. Other standard mentales include 15-inch aluminum whichs, remote locking, air condition-ing, power, mirrors and owndows. AMP-Pd-sacities serior, front center-cortsole, tear window defroster, cov-red vanity mirrors, a 60/40-split foldconsole, fear window defroster, cov-ered vanity mirrors, a 60/40 split folding rear seat back, cargo cover and luggage rack.

The Focus feels just as durable as

its predecessor, and it is quiet on the road and easy on fuel. Its modern interior styling and quality feel to fabric and plastic fielp keep this cal

imenor styling and quality feel to fabric and plastic help keep this car from being a borting economou.

Usually, small cars are a packaging dilemma for engineers. Small dones, narrow eabins and compact instinant panels present a challenge for inserting switches, controls and gauges that are convenient to use.

The Focus wagon is laid out thoughfully and efficiently, with crearakable room for passenger comfort. There are slightly less than 40 inches of head from from and vagriche back-sear leg room of 37.6 inches a longer stretch than some larger sedants.

As a family hauler, the wagon suit and the single center out pholder is a little more parenting. There were no seat-back pockets—on the test car—for coloring books, switchers that gets suiffed into them, and the single center cup holder is a little out of, reach for small children. There's no center armerst, either, which works for comfort and as a territorial dividing line for siblings.

Ford's so-called personal safety system for Focus raises the consciousness for safety features in a small car.
The features include:
• Second-generation front air bags

 Crash-severity sensors, driver-seat position sensors and safety-beht tage sensors to help determine air-thag deployment
 Trace-point tap-shoulder safety-behs with safety-belt protectors, and load-lamiting retractors, which week Trace-point top-shouler safety, belts with safety-belt protectors and lead-lamiting retractors, which were within the air bags to help hold passengers in proper position.
 Tenhe child-safety, ear mounting.
 Trank critaryment release on scalars, which helps provent children from academally locking themselves in the trank.
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Optional front-seat/head/chest
side-infract-air bags
 Optional four-channel ann-lock

The price for getting into a Focus might be a latter higher than his pre-decessor, but the return is realized in a shall, safe car that handles well and looks sharp. Fixus is new and a little different.

but not a re-invention of the economy car. It's just a lot better looking than most of its competition.

Getting personal
Ford knows that with a family vehi

ele come the friends of man and kids - so it built in six option kits to personalize the car for pet, business or recreation.

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For example, the "Have Spot, Will Travel" kit — at \$189 — includes a pet bod that can be beated or cooled with any water. Spot's Super-Duper, Lint Roller, with organomic -handle, stows in the rear cup holder so it's always within reach.

An Insulated Pet Beverage Bottle, caps water fresh — as if a dog cares—and the 15-filter container has a shoulder strap so you can lug it along on hikes:

One of the pet features also works well when carting around a burtch of

One of the per features also works well when carring around a bunch of little boys — the Air Parifier. Why roll-down the windows when it gets a fulle close inside when you care electronically ionize the air to-breathable standards?

Not for kids or pets is the Mobile Pro Kit at \$259, a weekstation that attaches to the from rescenaes what is

attaches to the front passenger seat to create a desktop with dipboard and bins to hold a laptop. Included is the Out-of the Office

hins to hold a laptop.

Included is the Out of the Office
Bag from REI that has a stot for a lap top and pockets for a personal phone

MPA player and other such gadgets. The cather kits are:

• The Road Trip Kit, \$169, includes a 16-quart Coternan heatable/coolable cooler, which plags into the power point, mini-spiral canadidate the center convoler a throw blanket and pitton album.

• UC ustomize IKR, \$45, includes tozen of reciticable car decals and dishbuard poetry.

• Off the Beaten Path Kit, \$59, includes bectpack, first and kit, flashight and heavyweigh procho.

• The Makini Tracks Kit, \$252, includes a period bactpack, mini grill and utensil set, and emergency lantem.

The options can be bought through a decalership or on-line at his passes and the passes of the pa

a dealership or on-line http://www.Focus247.com.

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# 2000 Ford Focus SE

Body style: Compact, front-drive, five-passenger, five-door wagon Engine: 2-liter 16-valve ZETEC inline four-cylinder; cast-fron block diceast aluminum-alloy head

Power ratings: 120 hp al 5,3(6) rpns; 135 foot-pounds of torque at

ductast aluminum-alloy, head

• Power tatings 120 hp al 5,3(ii) pmr, 135 foot-pounds of torque at
4,5(ii) pm

• Transmission: four-speed automatic

• Acceleration: NA

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• Acceleration: NA

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• Pact lank: 13.2 gallons

• Wheelbase: 103 inches

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• Carb weight: 27-17 pounds

• Erani houd/Reg/shoulder room: 400.7 (653.7 inches)

• Rara head/Reg/shoulder room: 400.7 (653.7 inches)

• Carpo spaes: 37.5 cubic feet

• Sistering: Power-assisted reak-and-printion

• Trees and wheels: 195/60/8 15-inch BSW on alloy wheels

• Braker: Pront-venied dises and roar drufts

• Competition: Chevrolet Caydier: Saum SL and wagon, Dodge/

Plymouth Neon: Toyota Corolla and Honda Crivie

• Where assembled: Wayne, Mich. and Hermoillo, Mexipo

• Price: \$15.580; as tested, \$16.390, includes crube control, driver ammerst with storage compartment, map lights and a tilt and telescoping steering wheel





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The wagon and sedan are available in three trim levels: the base GL, GLX

The wagon and sodan are available in three trun levels: the base OL, OLA, and top-of-the-line OLA. The Esterm is well-explined with a valid of standard features including air conditioning, color-keyed bumpers, AM/PM stereof, castett, daylime running lights, technoliect, I-I-tinch wheels, body side moldings and fear window derroster. The OLA adds power windows, mirrors and dors looks with remote keyless renty, and the OLA+ adds four-wheel ABS and cruise control. The OLA+ wagons also includes a sunroof.

The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for the GL sedan starts at \$12,699 with manual transmission, while the GL wagon starts at \$13,199 with manual transmission. The manual transmission GLN sedan has a MSRP of \$13,799 and the GLX wagon is priced at \$14,290 for the manual transmission. The GLX+sodan and wagon are only available with automatic transmission. — the sedan is priced at \$15,599 and the wagon \$16,299.

Automatic transmission is available for the GL and GLX on both the wagon and the sedan for \$1,000. The two-tone paint option on the GLX+ wagon is \$200. Destination and delivery charge for the Esteem models is \$430, not including license and state or local taxes.

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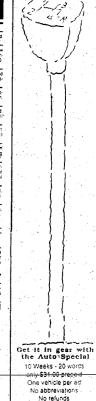
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