



Union County

- News
- Arts
- Entertainment
- Classified
- Real Estate
- Automotive

WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000 • SECTION B

http://www.localsource.com

It really ain't so

A wire service story last week reported a troubling survey from Major League Baseball about a continuing decline of interest by young people in America's pastime. Between strikes, World Series games starting late at night and ridiculous salaries, there may be some logic to that report.

But it is spring and that is supposed to mean the annual discovery of the wonderful magic that occurs when a child's bat connects with the ball, or the first time a glove is pounded with a fist. One can't help but dispute the so-called trend, when kids are viewed already playing ball around the county.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

For 24 years, Joe Petrosky has been coaching kids in the Roselle Park Youth Baseball League. From the two players who started with him, and later became all-state players, to all the rest, he keeps alive his "love of the game" as passed down to him by his father. From Petrosky's vantage point, "baseball continues to grow in Roselle Park. It will always be a part of our community, as long as we have the necessary number of adults to guide the kids, coach and keep the program alive."

Meanwhile, next Saturday up in Bergen County, in Garfield, the Amateur Athletic Union will have "outlets for exceptional 12-year-old baseball players for AAU Sunday League and Summer Tournaments." But, it isn't the outstanding stars, rather the vast number of average kids who need the program to continue.

Clark Councilman Marty Ferrara is another example of the adults who spend so much of their time providing opportunities for recreation for our kids. A coach of girls' softball for over 12 years, he has watched the program grow. He also doesn't agree that there is a waning of interest. He says the program is "on the upswing." Ferrara points to the 300-plus girls who participate in the Clark League. There is a pipeline of kids from his program directly to the high school varsity program. The difference over the years from his view is "the method of coaching." He advocates even in the instructional league for the 5-year-olds, some actual hitting from pitching by coaches as opposed to the T-ball method.

Like his Roselle Park counterpart, Ferrara doesn't see the competition from soccer and other activities as hurting the softball program.

Roselle Park Youth Baseball Chairman Ken Marciano points to the 500 kids, ages 5 through 11, who are in his borough's program. "The trend is for kids to come back to baseball." In the eight years he has served, including five as president, he acknowledges "the growing ethnic diversity in the program. But kids are still kids and it's still America's game."

If there is a problem, Petrosky points to the need for more adult participation. The Roselle Park program calls for a parent for each child participating to put eight hours in the program. But with 300-plus games, fields to manage, and concession stands to run, there is one big shortage of adults to help out in the program.

I started thinking about an episode of the '60s show, "Mr. Novak," where the teacher talks about the handing over of that which we love most — our kids — to teachers. I would also add the effort of the coaches who help foster the love of the game for our kids.

This season, stop by at least once at a kid's game. Make sure to thank the coaches and, maybe, even umpire at that base.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.



Linda Maloney, right, and Diana Lobozzo, on the television, interact with one another as an example of Interactive Television classes. The Union County Educational Services Commission hosted a two-day workshop earlier this week for special education teachers throughout the county.

Bringing technology to special education

UCES hosts high-tech workshop

By Cathleen Taut

Correspondent

Susan Barr remembers a time when children in special education classes were hidden from view, pushed through the educational system, and then graduated ultimately unable to care for their own needs and unable to go work. "That's just not true anymore," she said.

Barr is a representative of the Union County Educational Services Commission, a group that serves all 21 municipalities of Union County by both providing specialized instruction in their own schools and by bringing specialized instruction to students at their own schools. This week, the group helped special education teachers help their students by offering a two-day workshop that focused on using technology in the classroom.

The workshop, known as "Tech Tools For Teachers," was held at Westlake School's Westfield campus this past Monday and Tuesday. More than 300 educators came together to hear about the latest in both computer and multimedia technology.

Yet, Barr points out that some people think students in special education programs do not need knowledge of computers. To this Barr raises her eyebrows and responds, "They probably need it more than the gifted kids."

To demonstrate this, Barr points out that children who have trouble reading, writing, or computing now have the option to express themselves in different ways.

Software is readily available to help students create their own graphics and animation. Students can create multimedia electronic portfolios that include video clips and snapshots of their activities. These innovations can help students. See TECHNOLOGY, Page B2

Labor contracts settled

By Mark Hrymcs

Regional Editor

The Board of Freeholders last week approved a new contract with the Union County Social Services Local CWA AFL-CIO, a union representing 380 employees within the Department of Social Services.

The three-year deal is retroactive to July 1, 1999 and expires June 30, 2001. The overall average salary increase, according to Director of Administrative Services Joseph Saleme, comes to approximately 2.65 percent per year. That figure does not include an additional \$500 signing bonus for employees at the maximum step of the salary guide.

Starting salaries for entry-level positions were reduced by approximately 10 percent, he said. Most entry-level positions include income maintenance technicians, data entry clerks and clerk-typists.

General wage increases were \$750 in the first and second years and \$850 in the third. Steps also were added to the salary guide in the second and third years.

The freeholders last week also approved a new contract with PBA Local 203, which represents three employees in the Union County Division of Weights and Measures. The contract runs from Jan. 1, 1998 through the end of this year.

Average wage increases are 2.7 percent in year one, 2.95 percent in year two and 2.9 percent in the third year. Additional steps also were included in the new settlement.

Still without contracts are PBA 199, representing corrections officers, and PBA 73, which represents county police. Both unions are in arbitration with the county, Saleme said. Corrections officers have been without a contract since December 1997 while the county police's last contract expired at the end of 1998.

The corrections officers' union is in the mediation phase of arbitration, with both sides having been scheduled to meet a third time this past Monday. The arbitrator, Saleme said, will continue trying to get both sides to reach a voluntary settlement.

Meanwhile, the county and PBA 73 have been through mediation with the county making its final offer, according to Saleme. He said negotiations appear to be heading toward a hearing.

As for the union representing rank-and-file employees within the Department of Parks and Recreation, the two sides met with a fact-finder for an all-day session late last month. Saleme expects the fact-finder to author a recommendation by the end of the month, after each side submits its proposals. Members of Local 494 United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, which represents 110 employees in the Department of Parks and Recreation, have been without a contract since the end of 1997 and should a new contract be settled it would expire at the end of this year.

Juvenile committee in search of volunteers

How often do you watch the news and hear reports of young adults committing crimes? By intervening at an early stage of delinquency, juveniles can learn that such behavior is detrimental to their future.

You can have an impact on changing things in your own community. The Juvenile Conference Committee is a unique approach to this problem. It is a citizen panel, consisting of six to nine volunteers appointed by the presiding judge of the Family Court.

The panel informally hears matters involving first or second time minor juvenile delinquency complaints that are referred by the court. These include, but are not limited to, offenses such as criminal mischief, trespassing or shoplifting.

The committee is concerned with preventing future misconduct of young people in their community. Union County currently has 22 Municipal Juvenile Conference Committees and one County Regional Committee.

Membership precludes police officers, attorneys who handle juvenile delinquency cases in Union County, judicial employees, and municipal court judges or their spouse. Membership also precludes those who hold or seek any appointed for elected political office, including the Board of Education. The Superior Court, Family Division of Union County — Family Court — is currently in need of volunteers to fill vacant positions on various Juvenile Conference Committees throughout the county.

If you are interested in volunteering one night a month for this program call the Juvenile Conference Committee Coordinator Nancy Spano Yurek at (908) 659-3360 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; e-mail at Nancy.Yurek@judiciary.state.nj.us; or mail to the Court-house Annex, 5th Floor, Elizabeth, 07207.

Retired police, fire association install officers

The Union County Retired Police and Fire Association Local 3 met at the Linden Knights of Columbus on March 16 to swear in the following officers: President Glenn Owens, Vice President Paul Barburich, Recording Secretary George Babayk, Financial Secretary and Treasurer George Mafsam, Delegate John Zamboni, Legislative Chairman Donald Silvey, Trustees Donald Klain, Thomas Reilly, Howard Thompson and Sergeant-At-Arms Frank Marranca.

Lots of cats in hats



Children in the Vo-Tykes Pre-School at the County Vo-Tech Schools wear the Cat in the Hat hats as Rachel Martin of Linden, a student in the Child Development Program, looks on. The pre-schoolers created the hats for Read Across America earlier this month.

Special waste collection days set

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan recently announced that the County of Union will sponsor three "Spring 2000 Household Special Waste Collection Days." These days are scheduled so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted household special waste in a safe and environmentally proper manner.

The collection days for Spring 2000 are:

- April 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cranford Municipal Pool, Memorial Drive off Centennial Avenue, opposite Wall Street;

- May 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Berkeley Heights Municipal Pool, Locust Avenue;

- June 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Union Township Public Works Yard, Babery Drive off Stalaber Road.

All Union County residents are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for these special Saturday collections. All residents need to do is drive to the sites with their household special waste and workers at the sites will remove it from their vehicles.

The popularity of the collection program grows each year as Union County residents realize the importance of proper disposal of hazardous items found in the home.

"This is a great opportunity to dispose of old cans and containers that are taking up space in the basement, the garage, or under the kitchen sink," said Sullivan. "It's also the responsible way to keep dangerous corrosive and toxic substances from damaging our household environments."

Acceptable, "household special waste" include oil-based paints and varnishes, antifreeze, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents and thinners, aerosol cans, fire extinguishers, motor oil and motor oil filters, gasoline, batteries, unbroken fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, mercury switches and asphalt sealers. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted.

Latex — water base — paint and empty cans will not be accepted. They should be disposed of in with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper, can be added.

"It takes a lot of planning and organization these well-attended events," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Environmental Services. "But participants are grateful that their homes are safer once they are done."

Unwanted chemical wastes and reagents stored in school science laboratories also may be disposed of through this county program. Schools should schedule appointments in advance and provide inventories of the materials to be disposed.

"Because Union County has designed this, free and convenient method of disposal," said Sullivan, "more and more public, parochial and private schools are participating in this program to make their science labs environmentally safe."

Three more collection days will be in the fall. For more information, and for directions to the collection sites, call the Union County Bureau of Environmental Services at (908) 654-9890 weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon, or visit the bureau's website at www.unioncountynj.org/oev.

Pasta dinner benefits The Arc

The Greek Senate of Kean University has joined the volunteer group of The Arc of Union County's Recreation Department to host a pasta dinner at The Arc's Roselle Center, 215 E. First Ave. on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person with advanced ticket purchase for \$8 per person at the door. Diners may eat in or take out food.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Arc of Union County recreation scholarships, which provide individuals with developmental disabilities a variety of life-enhancing opportunities. Joan Bermudo, who heads the recreation program, is planning such future events as a food drive for disaster relief and food baskets for Union County's needy families.

The Arc of Union County, with administrative office in Plainfield, provides residential services, transportation, educational services, child care services, clinical services and family support through its 20 residential programs, five work centers, two child development centers, a private school, summer camp, five special needs adult day programs including an adult medical day care program and a wide menu of family supports throughout Union County. For more information about the pasta dinner call (908) 754-2509.

'Women of Excellence' to be honored



Photo By Jeff Grant

Educators work with one another on computers during a two-day conference by the Union County Educational Services Commission.

Technology enters the special ed class

(Continued from Page B1)

dents show what they know in so many ways beyond those of pen and paper. These activities are not idealistic dreams of what could be. L'CESC already uses many of these activities in their classrooms.

New technologies are not limited to self-expression. They also help students to feel more confident in their classrooms. For example, for students that have difficulty reading, a scanner reads the material out loud so that the students can join in during class discussions about things that the class has read.

The scanner has helped many students feel less intimidated by the written word and has shown them that despite their disabilities, they are still a relevant part of the world of learning.

The technologies certainly have provided a sense of accomplishment for students in L'CESC programs. Bari is excited to report that children in these programs who have been exposed to the computerized materials and have been allowed to explore them on their own are able to fully explain how the programs work to their teachers and to show their peers how to use the materials.

Some students are successfully taking part in an online course to learn Spanish. This means that special education students are doing what was once thought impossible; they are learning new skills that will help them to lead more productive lives. "You provide someone with the appropriate learning tools... and he'll sit in a chair and focus," said Bari.

The teachers at the conference were quite excited about these new opportunities for their students. Many sat smiling as they watched keynote speaker Florence McGinn of Hunterdon Central Regional High School present what she called "Digital Velocity for a New Millennium." McGinn constantly emphasized that by using computer technology students "can find expression for themselves."

As the teachers left to go home and the tables in the school's gym were cleared away, UCESC Superintendent Edward Harmark remarked, "I think that everyone will agree that this conference was a very worthwhile one."

Deadline for 'My County' poster contest Monday

A poster contest to promote County Government Week, April 9 to 15, entitled "My County" is being sponsored by the constitutional officers of Union County in conjunction with the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey.

The contest is open to all fourth-grade students throughout the state's 21 counties and "here in Union County we're hoping for an enthusiastic response," said Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. Rajoppi, who is serving as coordinator for the project, is sponsoring the event with her constitutional colleagues, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and Surrogate James LaCote.

Detailed information and guidelines on the contest have been sent to principals and teachers in all public, private and parochial schools in the county. The basic guidelines instruct students to create a poster that depicts the special and unique characteristics of Union County and how this relates to county government. The deadline to submit posters is Monday.

A winner will be selected by a group of judges, and first, second, and third runners up as well as an honorable mention selection will be awarded. Winners will receive a certificate, and attend an awards ceremony at the County Courthouse in Elizabeth with their parents and teachers.

For more information on the contest call the County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4787, Monday through Friday. A sample of posters submitted by the students will be exhibited in the rotunda of the Union County Courthouse during County Government Week.

The Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey is composed of the county clerks, sheriffs, surrogates and registers of deeds in the state's 21

Union County will honor 12 women who have made communities better places to live, learn and work at the eighth annual Women of Excellence Awards on March 31 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood. The awards are sponsored each year by the Union County Board of Freeholders and the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

While they represent many of Union County's different communities, professions and backgrounds, these women have all been chosen because of their dedication, leadership and commitment in their areas of activity.

"These women we are honoring come from all walks of life and all parts of Union County, but they all share one thing in common—a concern about their communities," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "All have demonstrated a commitment to building better, stronger communities."

The year 2000 recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards are: Willette BaCote, Fanwood, for Women's Advocacy; Joanne M. Caruso, Cranford, for Community Service; Marcia Cohen, Summit, Arts and Humanities; Anne Evans Estabrook, Cranford, Business; Sharon Freshwater, Scotch Plains, Entrepreneur; Joan Frances Harris, Westfield, Community Service; Dr. Denise C. Lagos, Chatham, Education; Patricia A. Plante, Fanwood, Volunteerism; Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Union, Government; Lenore Scurry, Westfield, Volunteerism; Holly E. Wetscher, Westfield, Health Care; and Sgt. Nancy Zimmerman, Kenilworth, Law Enforcement.

So often the work of women goes unnoticed in their professions and in their communities," said Carolyn Vollero, chairwoman of the commission. "This is a time for us to bring their accomplishments to light and give them the recognition they deserve. It's a proud day for these recipients and for their families."

Everyone is welcomed to attend this event. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available from members of the Commission. For tickets or more information, call Joan Abianze at (908) 241-4889; Carmela Colosimo at (908) 276-1192; Brenda King at (908) 527-4200, or Vollero at (908) 276-4542.

Women's Advocate: Willette BaCote, Fanwood

A vital and effective advocate for the rights and needs of people of all ages, BaCote is the program coordinator for three innovative projects through the Plainfield Board of Education — Every Person Influences Children, Teens Effective as Mothers and Individuals Making Positive and Appropriate Choices Training. BaCote also works closely with the Plainfield Health Center, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Plainfield and the United Way of Union County.

Community Service: Joanne M. Caruso, Cranford
An active volunteer for the American Diabetes Association, Caruso helped raise more than \$150,000 over the past two years by planning, advertising and staffing the Union County Walk for Diabetes. She came to this activism when her husband was diagnosed with diabetes and has since become one of this state's most active diabetes volunteers. She also is a court reporter for the federal judiciary.

Arts and Humanities: Marcia Cohen, Summit
A leader in many community organizations, Cohen has been a member of the Union County Cultural & Heritage Advisory Board since 1981, and served as chair and vice chair. She also is a board member for more than 45 years of the Westfield Music Club, a board member for more than 36 years of the Music Educators Association of New Jersey. She recently retired after 48 years as a private piano teacher and performer.

Business: Anne Evans Estabrook, Cranford
A success in the field of commercial and retail real estate, Estabrook is owner of Elberon Development Co., a holding company with 39 buildings and 54 tenants. It currently has more than 2.5 million square feet of industrial, warehouse and manufacturing space, most in Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties. She also is very active in supporting education in New Jersey and in her church.

Entrepreneur: Sharon Freshwater, Scotch Plains
As co-owner and manager of acclaimed restaurant, Freshwater's, Sharon Freshwater has expanded the restaurant from a small take-out establishment into a highly successful and thriving part of Plainfield's restaurant row. Freshwater's has received recognition from *The Star-Ledger* and the *Daily News* for its fine soul food cuisine, and has been awarded a four-star rating by *The Star-Ledger*. Freshwater also is actively involved in mentoring others interested in the soul food restaurant business. Her other community involvement includes serving as a volunteer with the AGAPE Foundation that helps children living with HIV.

Community Service: Joan Frances Harris, Westfield
Harris is an active volunteer and leader with several groups that make a difference in the community. She is an on-air supervisor for the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars television and is the former Union County chairman of the United Negro College Fund. Harris is an active member of the National Council of Negro Women and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She also has been a troop assistant leader for the Girls Scout of America for more than 27 years and works with the Union County 4-H Club and its state advisory board. She has received more than 10 statewide awards for professional and community service involvement.

Education: Dr. Denise C. Lagos, Chatham
A language educator, Lagos has helped thousands of students through Union County College as ESL coordinator for the Cranford campus and as director of the Institute for Intensive English. Lagos is responsible for the design, layout, editing and distribution of "The Foreign Student's Voice," a literary magazine for foreign students. She speaks three languages and holds educational certificates in seven areas of study. In addition, she has numerous professional organizations, committees and on the boards of statewide professional organizations.

Volunteerism: Patricia A. Plante, Fanwood
A wife, homemaker, businesswoman and community activist, Plante serves as a role model for women concerned about their communities. A highly successful realtor in Westfield, she also finds time to volunteer time, or lead numerous community groups from her daughter's Brownie Troop and her local PTA to the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Union County Committee on Shared Services. Plante has organized drives for local food banks and for refugees from Kosovo and collected business attire for low-income women entering the workforce.

Government: Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, Union
Scanlon finds time to be a wife, working woman, a mother and grandmother, and a community leader. She is deeply involved in the Connecticut Farms Civic Association and a representative to the Coalition of Civic Associations of Union Township. She was also a member of the Union Township Board of Education, where she served as Finance Committee chair.

Volunteerism: Lenore Scurry, Westfield
Scurry has volunteered countless hours making her community, and nation, a better place to live. As an on-air chairperson for the Lou Rawls Parade of Stars television for the United Negro College Fund, she organizes hundreds of volunteers and helps raise millions for educational opportunities each year. She was the first African-American president of "Soroptimist," and helps them raise more than \$100,000 each year to help bettered women.

Health Care: Holly E. Wetscher, Westfield
A rehabilitation counselor with the Cerebral Palsy League, Wetscher has helped people with disabilities through advocacy, much-needed fund-raising and through publications like "In Your League," an agency newsletter. She was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Alliance for Disabled in Action—A Center for Independent Living.

Law Enforcement: Sgt. Nancy Zimmerman, Kenilworth
A highly decorated Sheriff's Officer, Zimmerman is the first woman to hold the position of detective in the history of the Sheriff's Office. She is the recipient of the Union County Police Academy Academic Achievement Award, three Commendation bars, two Unit Commendations and five Distinguished Service Certificates for her job performance. Zimmerman also is highly involved in the community, having organized the "Tree of Hope" committee, which helps children, diagnosed HIV+ and children at battered women's shelters. She serves on the Kenilworth Board of Education.

Tax Time

A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FEATURE

GARDEN STATE CHECK CASHING
SERVICE, INC. **WESTERN MONEY UNION TRANSFER***

CASH YOUR TAX REFUND CHECK	Elizabeth 300 South St. 908-331-6233	
	Hillside 701 Spring St. (Rt. 1 & 9) 908-309-1308	
	Elizabeth 309 Leno Ave. 908-484-2274	
	Newark 115 Aven. Ave. 973-621-9181	
	Newark 185 Market St. 973-642-3256	
	Newark 246 Washington St. 973-621-3274	
	Newark 608 Canal Ave. 973-621-3566	
	Wallkill 2011 Springfield Ave. 908-846-8770	

Open Mon. thru Sat.

Main Office 908-810-0222

We cash checks payable to your company

\$1.00 OFF Federal Tax Refund Regular Check Cashing Fee Exp. 3/15/00

Authorized Agent Ball Atlantic NJ
NJ Transit Bus Cards
Pre-Paid Phone Cards - Bill Payment
CHECKS CASHED - MONEY ORDERS

FIorenza & RUSSKOFF
Certified Public Accountants
HAVE YOUR TAXES PREPARED BY A PROFESSIONAL
973-564-8125
SPRINGFIELD

Fahem J. Ra'Oof, & Co., LLC
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

"The Complete Financial Service Organization"

PROFESSIONAL TAX PREPARATION
PERSONAL AND BUSINESS

FAST FUNDS *Investments (Money Management)
*Insurance (Life to Health)
*Mortgages (1st & 2nd Mortgages)
*Accounting Services

22 Ball Street, Suite 302
Irvington, NJ 07111
Call Today: (973) 399-3480

"It's Not What You Earn. It's What You Keep"

MANUEL E. VIEIRA
Certified Public
Accountant
Tax Preparation For
Individuals and Businesses
2300 Vauxhall Rd., Union
908-686-5558

ACTUAL SIZE OF AD
1 x 2
\$30.00 per time
Union or Essex County
Both Counties
\$50.00 per time

TAX TIP

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Today's tax professionals do everything from preparing returns to providing instant-refund loans to answering basic tax questions. Call for an appointment to discuss your questions or concerns with an expert.

If you would like your tax services to appear in this directory
CALL CLASSIFIED AT 1-800-564-8911

The
COUNTY OF UNION
presents

2000 SPRING HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

April 1 Cranford Centennial Pool	May 6 Berkeley Heights Municipal Pool	June 10 Union Public Works Yard
--	---	---------------------------------------

MATERIALS ACCEPTED FOR SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL

<p>AEROSOL CANS ANTIFREEZE BATTERIES CAUSTICS CORROSIVES & CLEANERS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FLUORESCENT BULBS (UNBROKEN) THERMOSTATS</p>	<p>MERCURY SWITCHES MOTOR OIL & OIL FILTERS OIL BASED PAINTS & VARNISHES PESTICIDES & HERBICIDES POOL CHEMICALS PROPANE TANKS SOLVENTS & THINNERS GASOLINE</p>
---	--

Unknown or unidentified materials, explosives radioactive materials, gas cylinders and materials containing PCB's will NOT be accepted!!!

Only materials in ORIGINAL or LABELED containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five (5) gallons.

NO LATEX PAINT OR EMPTY CANS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Hours of operation: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information please call the Bureau of Environmental Services Hotline At (908) 654-9889 or visit our website at www.unioncounty.nj.gov/ocem

SPONSORED BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

DIRECTIONS:
Cranford Centennial Pool: Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 137. At the exit ramp, bear right onto North Ave. Continue on North Ave. to Centennial Avenue. Make a left onto Centennial Ave. At the fourth light on Centennial Ave, turn left onto Memorial Drive. The pool parking lot is on the right. OR Take GSP South to Exit 136 and bear right onto Centennial Avenue. Go to second traffic light and make right into Pool parking lot.

Berkeley Heights Pool: Take Route 22 West to the Berkeley Heights/Scotch Plains Exit (2nd right after McDonalds), and continues straight through the light onto Bonnie Burn Road which turns into Plainfield Avenue. Continue up the hill and turn right at the Mountain Ave. traffic light. Travel on Mountain Ave. to the first light and make a left onto Snyder Ave. Once past the Rescue Squad Building, turn right onto Louist Ave. The pool is on the right.

Union Township Public Works Yard: Take Route 22 East to Vauxhall Road Exit (just past Check E. Cheese). Bear right onto Vauxhall Road and go approximately 1.3 miles (go through 4 traffic lights), make a left onto Shabazz Road. Continue until you come to Bayberry Drive then turn left. Follow to Swensom Place then turn left to the DPW Yard.

UNION COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY. PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED

RSVP has new home
Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Union County wishes to announce its new home at Community Access Unlimited Inc., 80 West Grand St., Elizabeth, 07202. RSVP is an organization where citizens age 55 and older service the needs of their communities. Call (908) 354-3040 or toll-free (800) 354-3090, ext. 319 and 303.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Aida' survives comparisons at NJPAC

Truth be told, comparisons are odious. However, having just seen the Metropolitan Opera's staging of "Aida" this past fall, it was only natural to make these comparisons with the performance of "Aida" staged in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall this past Sunday. It never ceases to amaze me, how this theater was designed with absolutely no conception or thought to the comfort or safety of the viewing public, or to the staging of opera in general, but that's another story.

Opera Buff

By Theodora Russo Staff Writer

he loves her back. Enter Amneris, daughter of the King of Egypt. She loves Radames, too, and since Aida is a slave, who do you think will win? After Radames' great victory over the Ethiopians, which leads to the magnificent procession — a defining moment in Act II, Scene 2 — in which the king gives his daughter's hand in marriage to Radames as his reward. The final irony, Aida's father, Amnassio, King of Ethiopia, has been captured by Radames. This leads to his forcing Aida to trick Radames into betraying his country, which results in Radames being condemned to death by entombment.

While Amneris laments this turn of events, Radames, together with Aida — who has hidden herself in the crypt to die with her lover — sing one last farewell to earth as they die in each other's arms, while Amneris, atop the crypt, cries and prays for peace: "Pace... pace..." Movingly done!

The role of Aida was beautifully sung by soprano Daniela Longhi. Her pianissimo was sublime. Constantine Nica, tenor, as Radames, displayed a sweet voice, however lacked the

necessary force needed for this role. Makvala Karashvili, mezzo-soprano, essayed the role of Egyptian princess Amneris with all the grandiose punch this role demands: She was about one of the best Amneris I have ever seen or heard. Sensational! Stefan Szekafarovsky as Ramis, the high priest, and Luiz-Ofavio Faria, as the King of Egypt, were superb, with glorious-sounding voices.

After a slow start in Act I, with the entrance of baritone George Fortuna as Amnassio, this performance finally came alive! With his very first note, he took command of that stage and the opera took off. His regal bearing and imposing manner, together with his glorious-sounding voice, made the inevitable comparison with the Met's production complete, with this performance the winner.

Mention must be made of the wonderful chorus work, under the expert direction of chorus master David Maulik. Throughout the opera, they performed majestically. The West Orange High School Madrigal Singers were a revelation. They presented a most touching and poignant scene as the Ethiopian slaves. Never have I been so moved by a group acting and pleading as during that triumphant scene. Not even at the Met!

Maestro Stijepic is again to be congratulated for pulling together a tremendous production of a truly "grand" opera, not an easy task in a hall which fights you at every turn.

Transfer shows no signs of age

By Bill Van Sant Associate Editor

After 25 years at the vanguard of vocal jazz, what superlatives can be written about Manhattan Transfer that wouldn't be redundant? Well, in the words of Tim Hauser's alter ego, Eldorado, "Redundancy does have some value at times!"

Hauser's turn as Eldorado was just one of the treats offered on the stage of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, March 12 as part of PMP's concert series. Hauser, with fellow Transfer members Cheryl Bentley, Alan Paul and the divine Janis Siegel, joined a five-man combo in a sizzling night of jazz that featured solo turns, revisited hits, and some fusion-esque jam sessions that soared to the heights:

Actually, it may as well have been a nine-member band at times, so perfectly blended were the voices with each other and the rocket-fueled combo, led by keyboardist/musical director Yaron Gersbovsky. Musical numbers were interspersed with banter between the four longtime collaborators, making for a relaxed and easy atmosphere as they filled the air with their unique style and blend. Amusing though the anecdotes were, it was the music the crowd had come for, and they were not disappointed.

After opening with "Sing Meets Swing" off their most recent album, 1997's "Swing," the quartet followed soon thereafter with "Java Jive." A hit since their 1975 self-titled album, "Java Jive" also included on "Swing," recorded this time with Astep at the Wheel, prompting Siegel to joke that it's next incarnation will probably be with Anthrax. However, when coffee can be kept this fresh and robust after a quarter-century, you don't need to add anything — just pour it and savor the notes.

Among the highlights to come was another "Swing" track: "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," a tribute to the great Ella Fitzgerald. With Bentley, Hauser and Paul singing backup, Siegel ruled the stage, being true to Fitzgerald's breakout 1930s recording while making the song entirely her own. And Siegel's trumpet solo — on her own voice, not a horn — was not to be believed.

Before his solo turn, Alan Paul passed in relief on his connection to the Paper Mill by producing a program from "The King and I" starring Betsy Palmer in 1963. Paul, coincidentally, made his professional debut in that very production as Crown Prince Chulalongkorn.



The Manhattan Transfer

It was Hauser's turn to reign supreme as the others lounged on stools and he became Eldorado, an irrepressible, jivin' old jazz demon. Between regaling the crowd with his own variety of wit and wisdom, Eldorado jammed with the bass player, mimicking his riffs in call-and-answer vocalizing. They all brought this sequence to a close — and the house down at the same time — with "That's Killer Joe" off 1983's "Vocealee."

Other high-octane numbers included "Choo Choo Ch'Boogie," "Stomp of King Porter," "Route 66," "Clouds" and "Heart's Desire." Dynamite though these performances were, the crowd reality didn't wake up until the group pulled out their hits: "Operator," the brilliant "Birdland," "Trickle, Trickle" and from 1981's "Mecca For Moderns," "Boy From New York City" and "Unit I Met You (Corner Pocket)," with which the group made Grammy Award history, winning honors in both Jazz and Pop categories in the same year. After this concert, you can see how they pulled that one off.

Noticably absent from the lineup were "Tuxedo Junction" and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square," especially since the encore was only a single song, "Boy From New York City." These hits are often saved for the encore set — as they were when the group appeared last year at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

They weren't here in Millburn, and they were missed.

Although a dazzling show from start to finish, it lacked a certain edge and energy, however, that seemed to originate in the audience but found its way onto the stage. The mid-week slot might have had something to do with it, especially for a concert as charged and high-powered as this one. Audience participation and reaction have an important place in jazz and other improvisational art forms, and one wonders how much greater this concert might have been were the crowd more pumped and audibly "into it." Perhaps if the Paper Mill wedges some of these concerts in on weekends between main stage shows, it will yield different results. However, that's not to say that this concert was anything but excellent. Whether perfectly recreating songs we learned on the radio, or turning their voices into instruments for a jam session, the Manhattan Transfer continues to deliver rock-solid entertainment. It's just that when you're as great as Manhattan Transfer, even excellence has degrees.

Rounding out this season's concert lineup are solo-out shows by Tom Jones and Linda Eder, March 28 and April 25, respectively; The Platters, The Drifters and Billy Guy's Costars, June 20; Debbie Reynolds, July 11; and Glen Campbell, July 25. For information, call the Paper Mill at (973) 376-4343.

UCC preps for comedy's opening

The Theater Project at Union County College will present "The Golden Fleece," two one-act plays by A. R. Gurney, in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford Campus. A comedy, it is a classic love story with a twist: Boy meets girl, boy gets girl, girl meets another girl, and the first girl gets back! Performances are scheduled for today through April 1, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with one matinee April 1 at 3 p.m.

Directed by Mark Spina, the cast include a Andre Desandes, Barbara Guidi, Daaimah Talley, and Gary Wood. Following each performance, a "meet the actors" reception will take place at which refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for general admission. Senior citizens will receive free tickets March 23. For tickets and reservations, call (908) 659-5189.

The funding for this performance has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and by a HEART Grant — History Education Arts Reaching Thousands — from the Union County Board of Chosen Freshholders.



Gary Wood ponders how wife Barbara Guidi can have gotten to her ninth month without his ever having realized she was pregnant in "The Golden Fleece," on stage at Union County College from today through April 1, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Roy W. Smith Theater. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

©Worral Community Newspapers Inc. 2000 All Rights Reserved. Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section can mail copy to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, New Jersey, 07083.

Students' artwork tours area schools

Have residents been wondering where their children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is hosting a touring art show of student work. The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics, and multimedia within a variety of classes per each grade

level. The show included work from Pre-K to high school and will be touring all of the schools and the board offices. The schedule is as follows: • Springfield Public Library, now to March 31. • F.M. Gaudinier Middle School, April 3 to 20.

• Jonathan Dayton High School, May 1 to 19. • Springfield Board of Education Offices, May 22 to June 2. Participating teachers are Holly Callahan, coordinator; Marylin Schneider; Barbara Delikaris, and Suzanne Dobrowski.

INFOSOURCE

FREE INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE • 24 HOURS A DAY

908-686-9898

IT'S AS EASY AS...

1 Call 908-686-9898 from your touch tone phone... 2 Press the 4 digit code for the information you want to hear...

3 Hear Unlimited Selections Per Call



Infosource is a 24 hour voice information service where callers get free information from the selections shown by calling (908) 686-9898. Calls are FREE if within your local calling area. Out of area calls will be billed as long distance by your telephone company. Infosource is a public service of Worral Community Newspapers.

ENTERTAINMENT EXTENSION 3190	MOVIE REVIEWS EXTENSION 3200	SKI REPORTS EXTENSION 2160
FINANCIAL HOTLINE EXTENSION 1250	MUSIC CHARTS EXTENSION 3550	SOAPS/TV DRAMAS EXTENSION 3270
HOROSCOPES EXTENSION 3620	NEWS HEADLINES EXTENSION 1600	SPORTS EXTENSION 3000
THE INTERNET EXTENSION 6200	NUTRITION EXTENSION 5185	TELEVISION EXTENSION 3300
KIDS STUFF EXTENSION 3380	RECIPES EXTENSION 5290	TIME & TEMP EXTENSION 1000
LOTTERY EXTENSION 1860 Sponsored by The Vitamin Factory	RELIGION EXTENSION 3180	WEATHER EXTENSION 1790

Continued information about Infosource...
 908-686-9898
 908-686-9898
 908-686-9898

History, trends, politics can aid in predicting Oscar winners

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

It's that time of year again as Hollywood prepares to roll out its red carpet and pat itself on the back. You guessed it, it's Oscar time. This Sunday, filmdom's elite will descend on the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for the 72nd Annual Academy Awards, ostensibly the highest honor in the motion picture industry. However, like any contest involving opinion, this race is as much about politics and sentiment as it is about artistic merit.

A look at past nominees and winners may give us an idea of who we'll see honored Sunday night. In fact, it may prove even more useful for that office pool that actually having seen the nominees.

Friends in high places

First of all is the big prize, Best Picture. We have a field ranging from a study in American values to a mystical prison saga to a supernatural roller coaster. And who'll get the gold? Well, you can rule out "The Green Mile." Frank Darabont's adaptation of Stephen King's six-installment novel, Darabont failed to score a Best Picture nod — as he did a few years ago with another King-based Best Picture nominee, "Shawshank Redemption." The only times in Oscar history a movie has taken top honors without a director nomination were 1933's "Grand Hotel" and 1989's "Driving Miss Daisy." Don't count on a third this year.

With "The Green Mile" goes "The Sixth Sense." In the last several years, an Academy contingent has made its voice heard with Best Picture nominations for really fun movies that aren't necessarily works of art. Witness "Field of Dreams," "Ghost," "Beauty and the Beast," and "The Fugitive." None of these took home the gold, and we shouldn't expect "The Sixth Sense" to tamper with tradition. That leaves "American Beauty," "The Cider House Rules," and "The Insider." Of these, "American Beauty" should walk away a winner, and for several reasons. First and fore-

most, it is a well-crafted, compelling and excellent piece of storytelling. But even with that, it helps to have friends, and "American Beauty" has a red carpet.

Leading man Kevin Spacey, himself a Best Actor nominee, is one of the most popular and well-liked actors within the industry. His nominated leading lady, Annette Bening, is also known as Mrs. Warren Beatty. And the movie was produced by DreamWorks SKG — as in Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen, who all have friends.

On to Best Director. The first to go is Spike Jonze for "Being John Malkovich." Without a Best Picture nomination to go with it, a director has little hope of finding his name in the envelope. Also ruling out M. Night Shyamalan for "The Sixth Sense," leaving us again with Sam Mendes for "American Beauty," Lasse Hallstrom for "The Cider House Rules," and Michael Mann for "The Insider."

With very rare exceptions — last year being one for 1999 and 1981, in recent memory — this category always goes to the Best Picture winner, so we can look for Mendes to be thinking all of those friends.

Writing on the wall

The screenplay awards often prove the most interesting, since this is where the tossable bones are usually to be found, especially for those individual artists with multiple nominations who aren't going to win in any other category. Beginning with Orson Welles for 1941's "Citizen Kane," recent examples are Matt Damon for "Good Will Hunting," Quentin Tarantino for "Pulp Fiction," Jane Campion for "The Piano," the Coen brothers for "Fargo," and Neil Jordan for "The Crying Game."

Bearing that in mind, and if "American Beauty" takes Best Picture and/or Director, we can expect the Adapted Screenplay award to go to either "The Cider House Rules" or "The Insider." Original Screenplay nominees "American Beauty" should ride the "higher awards" coattails, unless "Being John Malkovich" slips through, as did 1995's "The Usual

And this year's Oscar nominees are ...

- Best Picture**
 - "American Beauty"
 - "The Cider House Rules"
 - "The Green Mile"
 - "The Insider"
 - "The Sixth Sense"
- Best Director**
 - Lasse Hallstrom, "The Cider House Rules"
 - Spike Jonze, "Being John Malkovich"
 - Michael Mann, "The Insider"
 - Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"
 - M. Night Shyamalan, "The Sixth Sense"
- Best Actor**
 - Russell Crowe, "The Insider"
 - Richard Farnsworth, "The Straight Story"
 - Sean Penn, "Sweet and Lowdown"
 - Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"
- Best Actress**
 - Denzel Washington, "The Hurricane"
 - Annette Bening, "American Beauty"
 - Janet McTeer, "Tumbleweeds"
 - Julianna Moore, "End of the Affair"
 - Meryl Streep, "Music of the Heart"
 - Hilary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
- Best Supporting Actor**
 - Michael Caine, "The Cider House Rules"
 - Tom Cruise, "Magnolia"
 - Michael Clarke Duncan, "The Green Mile"
 - Jude Law, "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
 - Haley Joel Osment, "The Sixth Sense"
- Best Supporting Actress**
 - Toni Collette, "The Sixth Sense"
 - Angelina Jolie, "Girl, Interrupted"
 - Catherine Keener, "Being John Malkovich"
 - Samantha Morton, "Sweet and Lowdown"
 - Chloe Sevigny, "Boys Don't Cry"
- Best Original Screenplay**
 - "American Beauty"
 - "Being John Malkovich"
 - "Magnolia"
 - "The Sixth Sense"
 - "Topsy-Turvy"
- Best Adapted Screenplay**
 - "The Cider House Rules"
 - "Election"
 - "The Green Mile"
 - "The Insider"
 - "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
- Best Original Song**
 - "South Park: Bigger, Longer, Uncut"
 - "Magnolia"
 - "Music of the Heart"
 - "Toy Story 2"
 - "Tarzan"

Suspects" which, like "Malkovich," also failed to snag a Best Picture nod. Since Jonze won't get Best Director, this may be where the Academy honors this film.

No sure things

And now the actors and actresses, where anything can — and often does — happen. While sentiment could be a guarantee, it can also lead to false hopes. Just ask Lauren Bacall, who lost a sure-thing win — on her first nomination ever — to Juliette Binoche for 1996's "The English Patient." In the Best Actor category, Richard Farnsworth has seniority going for him as the oldest nominee, but his film — "The Straight Story" — lacked the marketing push to give him an edge. Sean Penn's turn in Woody Allen's "Sweet and Lowdown" is among his best work, but he will have to shake his "bad boy" image to snag enough votes for a win. And Russell Crowe, so good in "L.A. Confiden-

tial" and nominated this year for "The Insider," will probably have to wait. The real race in this category is between Spacey and Denzel Washington for "The Hurricane."

Two of today's finest film actors, both have been previously honored with Best Supporting Actor wins: Washington in 1989 for "Glory" and Spacey in 1995 for "The Usual Suspects." If a winner, either would join the elite group of actors honored in leading and supporting categories: Meryl Streep, Helen Hayes, Robert DeNiro, Ingrid Bergman, Jack Nicholson, Jack Lemmon, Gene Hackman, Maggie Smith and Jessica Lange.

If there is an upset, it will be in Crowe's favor, perhaps as a way of saying, "We really did like you in 'L.A. Confidential.'" It wouldn't be the first time an Oscar came late, as was the case with Whoopi Goldberg's Supporting Actress win in 1990 for

"Ghost" after her work in 1985's "The Color Purple" lost Best Actress to Geraldine Page for "The Trip to Bountiful."

In the supporting categories, all eyes will be on the envelope to see which three-name guy will be named Best Supporting Actor: Michael Clarke Duncan for "The Green Mile" or Haley Joel Osment for "The Sixth Sense." Although Duncan was the early favorite in this race, Osment's recent industry awards boost will for the tie this Sunday. Michael Caine — one of Hollywood's most visible actors — has already won, and "The Cider House Rules" wasn't his best work. Jude Law is a relative unknown, and "The Talented Mr. Ripley" scored only one other major nomination, for Adapted Screenplay.

However, Duncan and Osment are as unknown as Law and could split the vote, leaving Tom Cruise in line to slip through with his tour de force per-

formance in "Magnolia." Let's not forget that Cruise wasn't even nominated for "Rain Man," and he lost his Best Actor nod for "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Jerry Maguire" to Daniel Day-Lewis for "My Left Foot" and Geoffrey Rush for "Shine," respectively. And the supporting categories are often a good place for that "Sorry you lost before" consolation prize.

The Supporting Actress honors will probably go to Samantha Morton for "Sweet and Lowdown." This another category populated by relative unknowns, and only one — Toni Collette for "The Sixth Sense" — is in a Best Picture nominee. Furthermore, "Sweet and Lowdown" is a Woody Allen movie, and Allen has a habit of turning out supporting Oscar winners: Dianne Wiest twice, Michael Caine, Mira Sorvino.

Which brings us to the hardest category to call: Best Actress. Meryl Streep isn't a likely victor this year, which leaves the field wide open: Janet McTeer for "Tumbleweeds" and Hilary Swank for "Boys Don't Cry" aren't well-known names in well-known movies, and that could hurt their chances.

The remaining hopefuls are Bening for "American Beauty" and Julianne Moore for "The End of the Affair." This one could go either way; both women are strong contenders with an impressive body of recent work; and each is a past — and unsuccessful — nominee in the supporting category, Bening for "The Grifters" and Moore for "Boogie Nights."

The Beatty Connection could work either for or against Bening. She might ride a sweep to the podium, or she may find herself clapping for Moore if Academy voters are looking for a category in which to honor a film other than "American Beauty." And the bottom line? Come Monday morning, the film industry elite will be back at work, already hedging their bets for next year's awards.

And the cameras will continue to roll. The 72nd Annual Academy Awards will be televised Sunday at 9 p.m. on ABC-TV.

Panel seeks tomorrow's Oscar winners

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced two upcoming artistic opportunities for teenage musicians, composers, videographers and filmmakers through the new Jersey State Teen Arts Program.

The first of these opportunities is the Young Composer's Festival, funded by a grant from the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, which will take place at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. The other is the Young Videographer's Festival, funded by a grant from the Tribune New York Foundation. The schedules of these events will

be announced soon. "We encourage Union County student artists between the ages of 13 and 19 to sign up now to be involved in these professional artistic programs," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "These festivals will be great showcases for the skills of our creative teenagers."

For applications and information, call the New Jersey State Teen Arts Office at (609) 397-0505, or the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550.

Want to test your Oscar trivia?

So you think you're an Oscar buff. Let's see how well you know Academy Awards history and trivia.

- In 1997, "Titanic" tied two Oscar records. What were they, and what two films previously held these honors alone?
- What dubious Oscar distinction does 1972's "Cabaret" hold?
- Who was the first actor or actress to earn three Academy Awards?
- For what did The Talking Heads' David Byrne win a 1987 Oscar?
- What do Alfred Hitchcock, Deborah Kerr, Peter O'Toole, Gretha Garbo, Richard Burton, Glenn Close and Kirk Douglas all have in common?
- How many African-Americans have won acting Oscars? Can you name them?
- During World War II, when metals were in short supply, what were the Oscars made out of?
- How many people have won back-to-back acting Oscars in the same category? Who were they?
- How many times have acting careers resulted in a tie?
- Can you name the three movies that have swept the Top Five — Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress and Screenplay?
- Only twice in 72 years have women been nominated for Best Director. Who were they and what were their films?
- What was the only Best Picture winner that scored no other nominations?
- What was unique about how the Academy honored Barry Fitzgerald's performance in "Going My Way" in 1944?
- What had disrupted the 1974 Oscar ceremony?
- Who is the only person to receive a posthumous Oscar in a competitive acting category?

The answers will appear in the March 30 edition. Source: "Inside Oscar: The Unofficial History of the Academy Awards," by Mason Wiley and Damien Bona; "Behind the Oscar: The Secret History of the Academy Awards," by Anthony Holden.

Oscar information abounds on 'net

For movie fans, Oscar night is a holiday. And as the big night approaches, a wealth of related information abounds for Internet users.

A visit to www.oscar.com offers a glimpse at what to expect this year, as well as a look back at last year's ceremony and winners.

This website not only provides information, but various options allow users to send Oscar greetings or party invitations to friends, complete with photography and artwork provided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Another page features daily trivia quizzes, and even a contest to win a trip to next year's awards.

Also worth a look is the Entertainment Weekly website at www.ew.com, where the in-house critics handicap the various races being run, as well as cast their own votes in the top categories.

Whether Oscar night for you is a quiet evening at home or a festive party with fellow film buffs, the information age has put the inside scoop right at your fingertips.

Woody Allen thrives despite derision

There's a subtle difference between style and repetition. Flashiness is often confused with style, but visual flair alone is an all-day sucker, the same flavor, again and again. Style is subordinate to subject matter when the subject determines the approach, then you have a style going.

Personal style in filmmaking has become progressively harder to find. The problem lies, obviously, in the nature of the business itself — as a popular entertainment, it finds the thing that works best financially and milks it completely dry.

I can't completely blame the industry for handling its business this way, although I do think the notion of squeezing the last bit of moisture out of something, or moving on only after necessity forces a change, is a tortuously dull way of doing things. But it seems to be the only — ahem — safe way of doing things.

In America, Woody Allen is almost certainly the most ignored and disliked practitioner in the film business — and very nearly its only filmmaker with any brass. In his 30 years as a director/screenwriter, he's made armies of his contemporaries look like 85-pound cowards. The reasons he's sneered at are too

numerous and complicated to go into here; it would take hundreds of pages written by the world's best sociologists to flesh out the explanation. But one fact is certain: he allowed himself to change as a creative person, and around here, as we've said, change, unless financially motivated, is a no-no.

Allen spent his first seven years as a filmmaker producing broad comedies. The films were singular, as direct as a fist in the face, due mainly to Allen's own presence as a performer. His recognizable material, his look and his gestures all combined to make you love him or hate him, with no in-between whatsoever — the mark of a great humorist.

He was also young enough to play broad comedy. Although hardly a chicken, 35 or 34 years old at the time he directed his first real feature film, he seems younger. But around the age of 40, he turned a

corner creatively; wanting to make more serious films since day one and realizing the limitations of middle age in regard to playing broad physical comedy, he finally had enough experience in his craft to produce "Annie Hall," for which he was mainly commended. But when he stepped into straight drama the next year with "Interiors," knives and guns were drawn and he was never really forgiven. Although not a masterpiece, "Interiors" is a fine work, and not nearly as self-important an imitative of European cinema as a number of its detractors have claimed.

During this period — 1977 and 1978 — Allen was, through these two films, working his way toward "Manhattan," one of his very best works, indicating that "Interiors" was a necessary step in his development.

Now a fully developed filmmaker, Allen has produced a musical, a chamber piece, a murder-mystery comedy, and a number of character-oriented dramas, fantasies and pure comedy, in each of which his view of the world is distinctly, mercilessly present. He doesn't make effects and fancy shots; he makes films — Woody Allen films. By nature and definition, he's a stylist. One of a very small number.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, March 27th **Wednesday, March 29th**
11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Townley Adult Day Care

LOCATED AT TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SALEM RD. AND HUGUENOT AVE., UNION

Caring for an older adult can be physically and mentally draining on the caregiver. We believe that the elderly should never lose their self-respect or dignity no matter how dependent they are on their families.

Townley is a Non-Medical, Social Adult Day Care for people who are mildly or cognitively impaired.

Our goal at Townley is to provide the caregiver a respite from responsibilities for a few hours each day. We offer a "Home Away From Home" Atmosphere.

SPACE IS LIMITED • REASONABLE RATES • CALL NOW
908-964-4505

Bill Van Sant, Editor
©Worrall Community Newspapers Inc. 2000 All Rights Reserved
Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section can mail copy to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, New Jersey, 07083.

Are you profiting from the families buying homes in your community?



This valuable group of consumers spends more in the first six months in their new home than in any other time. Welcome Home Realty is the largest and most successful marketing program targeting new homeowners.

Find out how our 70 years of experience can help your business grow.

WELCOME HOME REALTY
The New WELCOME WAGON
Turning New Homeowners Into New Customers Since 1930.

1-800-7-WELCOME

Do You Need Some Power?

Jesus was deeply moved when he saw people's troubled situations. He wept at a friend's tomb. Fortunately, He didn't just offer sympathy to people; He provided solutions. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up (crucified), I will draw all men unto me." Because Christ accepted the punishment for our sin, all who will draw or come to Him in faith, can be set free. You can be free from fear, hatred, anger, pride or any other sinful habit that has control of you! This power is the grace of God and is available to "whosoever will."

Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship
is a body of believers that have both experienced and proclaim the power of the cross to set people free.

Contact us for service schedule.
Rev. Frank Sforza (908) 276-6244
THF 1@juno.com

Oscars or not, here are the year's Top Ten

With the Academy Awards right around the corner and having finally worked my way through the many year-end movies, here is my Top Ten List. What these films have in common is a uniqueness which not only produces great entertainment, but art which affects sensibilities.

On the Arts

By Jon Plouf

To start at the top, the best movie of the year is "The Cider House Rules," which is daring and dramatic, about the need for family as well as the morality of freedom of choice. Michael Caine's brilliant performance is a revelation as the doctor of orphans and women in trouble. John Irving's splendid script from his own novel set in Maine is the year's best film written.

The other really outstanding American movies were Sam Mendes' stylized by truth-telling "American Beauty," with an especially fine portrayal by Kevin Spacey as a contemporary family man whose life and values have gone sour, along with the journalist-rich "The Insider," which includes a multi-layered performance by Australian actor Russell Crowe that brings the movie to life. There can be no more topical theme than the whistle-blower's struggle on "60 Minutes" with the tobacco industry, as exposed in "The Insider" under the exceptional direction of Michael Mann.

Caine's work is rivaled by Sean Penn's layered portrayal of a mythical guitar player, who is otherwise limited in life, in the melodious "Sweet and Lowdown" by Woody Allen. This is a film that develops across America's heartland, but is given a living quality by Penn's seemingly casual but intense craftsmanship. And Denzel Washington's powerful acting — the best of the year — delivers "The Hurricane" to this list.

Three films with Britain at their hearts also distinguish the Top Ten. David Mamet's "The Winslow Boy" is both theatrical and economic. Nigel Hawthorne is in top form in this ill-

erate film about class and the potential of human relationships. "Topsy Turvey" is the wonderful, no, glorious presentation by Mike Leigh of the struggle to make "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan. Leigh's creative use of impromptu performance works perfectly in shaping the story, especially where Gilbert, played by Jim Broadbent, trains his actors. Patricia Rozema's "Mansfield Park" is as close as one may get to perfect Jane Austen. Seeing through a modern sense and sensibility, the movie is both witty and, in the subtle performance of Frances O'Connor, ultimately very satisfying.

John Wyker's "Run, Lola, Run" is the German sleeper on the list. Using existential, modern young people engaged in drug-related crime, the movie takes on depth and size by fitting together slightly different views of the same tale. And finally, from Spain, Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother" is certainly the foreign film of the year, with the best female performance I saw on screen by Cecilia Roth in the title role of this movie about women of today, of so many varieties.

Paper Mill lists theater events for the family

Classic children's tales such as "Alice in Wonderland," "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White" and "Peter and the Wolf" highlight the Spring Weekend Children's Theater Series at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. The professional children's theater performances for youngsters, 3 years old and older, and their families are Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and begin April 1. The box office is currently accepting reservations.

unfolds with a smile. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

• "Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories in a Story Salad" performed by Maximillion Productions, April 29 and 30.

Designed to whet the appetite of beginning readers, this "salad" of eight favorite stories has been harvested from around the world. It is lovingly tossed together and performed by a cast of storytelling chefs who add a pinch of comedy, a sprinkling of singing and dancing, and a generous dash of audience participation to create a wonderful feast for the imagination. This delightful production will have young readers racing to library bookshelves! Recommended for ages 5 to 10.

• "Alice in Wonderland" performed by Yates Musical Theater, April 1 and 2.

Journey with Alice through her magical daydream as she meets the famous characters from the Lewis Carroll classic. Everyone is on hand, including the tardy White Rabbit, the elusive Cheshire Cat, the distracted Mad Hatter, and last, but not least, the always outrageous Queen of Hearts. Featuring original songs, lively dances, and colorful sets and costumes, Alice and friends are sure to delight the eye and inspire the imagination. Recommended for ages 3 to 10.

• "Hansel and Gretel" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" performed by the Gingerbread Players & Jack, May 6 and 7.

A wonderful treat is in store with this double bill of childhood favorites! Each tale unfolds individually with songs, dances, laughter, and happy endings for all! Recommended for ages 3 to 10.

• "Peter Rabbit" performed by the Gingerbread Players & Jack, April 15 and 16.

• "Snow White" performed by the Gingerbread Players and Jack, May 13 and 14.

This enchanting musical version of the classic tale features picture-book settings and a group of surprisingly merry and mischievous dwarfs who help the innocently beautiful Snow White find lasting happiness. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

• "Peter and the Wolf" performed by the Puschkin Players, May 20 and 21.

Adapted from a traditional Russian

Westfield 'Y' makes plans to add finishing touches Saturday

The Westfield "Y" is offering an "Introduction to the Art of Decorative Finishes" Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Designed for people who enjoy doing their own home improvement, or individuals who have always wanted to try, this workshop will offer alternatives to wallpaper or solid-color paint.

Taught by local decorative painter Lynne Applebaum, whose work ranges from trompe l'oeil wall treatments to custom furniture painting, the workshop will cover preparation for walls and furniture prior to painting, as well as some basic faux techniques, such as engraving, marbling and sponging. The idea behind this particular workshop is to enable the student to understand how to approach a project from start to finish.

Using water-based paints, Applebaum will show students how to create glazes, mix colors and use a variety of brushes and tools to paint a textured finish on a wall or a piece of furniture. Applebaum has studied this art form at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, and the Old Church Cultural Center in Demarest, N.J., with noted decorative artist Sandra Holzman.

The fee for this workshop is \$95 per person for Westfield "Y" members, and \$115 for non-members. If you have a small chair or table to work on, bring it along. All other materials will be provided. There will be a break from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch on your own. Space is limited, so call Karan Simon at (908) 233-2700 for more information, or stop at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark St. in Westfield, to register.

Cabaret to benefit two local theaters

John Schweska, a member of the Westfield Community Players and the Cranford Dramatic Club, is reprising his New York City cabaret show "Love and Other Things" as a benefit to help both community theaters.

Schweska will be joined by vocalist and Cranford resident Joanne Guida and vocalist Robert Duffy of Berkeley Heights.

The show takes its audience through the whirlwind of love "in all its explosive as well as its many-sided and many aspects." Joining the vocalists will be accomplished pianist and arranger Andrew Cooke.

Cooke directed this New York cabaret and has extensive credits in New York and regional theater. He has been the associate conductor of Broadway's "Sweeney Todd" and pianist for the Broadway production of "Aspects of Love" and the Off-Broadway revival of Stephen Sondheim's "Company." Most recently, Cooke was musical director for the Guthrie Theatre's professional production of "Sweeney Todd."

Schweska, a lyric baritone, has been singing cabaret for more than 10 years. He has appeared in many local musical productions including "The Loves Me" and "The Wizard of Oz" at the Cranford Dramatic Club and "Romance, Romance" at the Westfield Community Players. Duffy has been seen in many local productions and will soon be heard on the concept album for the new musical "A Tale of Two Cities." Guida has also sung and acted in many local musical productions, most recently in WCP's production of "Romance, Romance." She philosophically sums up "Love and Other Things" very neatly: "There are many things that will catch your eye, but few that will capture your heart — pursue those!"

Show time for this benefit is April 8 at 8 p.m., and all tickets are \$12. The performance, followed by a reception, will be at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winslow Ave. in Cranford. For reservations, call the CDC box office at (908) 276-7611.

EVERY SUNDAY FAMILY DAY SUNDAY BUFFET ALL YOU CAN EAT \$14.95 KIDS \$7.95

STAMP YOUR FEET 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM DON'T MISS IT!!

COLORADO CAFE WATCHUNG, NJ

154 BONNIE BURN RD WATCHUNG, NJ 908-322-7200

Call "junk" with a classified ad. Call 1-800-564-8911.

Community Dining Guide

Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern
"Voted Area's Top 'Steakhouse'"

\$11.95
24 oz NY Sirloin Steak
24 oz Delicious Steak

Steaks • Burgers • Pies • Sandwiches

Happy Hour & Party Room
1230 Route 22 West
Mountainside
908-233-5300

Umberto's Clam Bar & Continental Restaurant
By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

Hungry diners with a taste for elegance will find all they imagined — and more — tucked away on a quiet side street in Kenilworth.

Umberto's Clam Bar and Continental Restaurant combines the comfortable charm of home cooking with the sophistication and ambience of fine dining. The cozy dining room — with only about a dozen tables — seems more like a tea room than a fancy restaurant, but don't be deceived.

My dining companion and I were treated to a veritable smorgasbord, our table filled with samplings from the entire menu.

Beginning with the house Merlot, which was light and fruity with berry, rather than woody, notes, we were treated to the bruschetta. This dish is usually served hot with melted mozzarella; however, at Umberto's, you'll receive the appetizer cold with fresh-tasting tomatoes, onions, celery and garlic mixed in rich olive oil and piled onto crispy bread.

Next came a plethora of tastes as the table was covered with more appetizer samples: broccoli di rapa; fresh seafood salad with scungilli, calamari, shrimp and scallops in Umberto's special dressing; grilled Portobello mushrooms in an exquisitely rich gravy of garlic and olive oil; stuffed artichokes; clams oreganata and casino; stuffed mushrooms; and eggplant rollatini. To isolate any one dish would be redundant and would take more space than is allowed here. It is sufficient to say each offering was more delicious than the last.

The entrees began with fusilli, followed by lobster and lamb, the latter of which surprised us in an Italian restaurant. Marvel soon replaced surprise, thanks to the tender and succulent lamb. The lobster ravioli was absolutely delicious, with tender lobster meat in a delicately thin pasta shell.

We finished off our meal, in traditional Italian style, with our salads, followed by dessert.

And what a dessert! Were feasted on cannoli and Umberto's famous tiramisu, which, the chef shared, was made with 11 liqueurs.

Adjoining the dining room is a tap room where one can enjoy a mug of beer, a game of pool and just about anything on the menu from a bucket of steamed to some of the fancier fare.

Umberto's is located on North 21st Street, just off the Boulevard, in Kenilworth. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays. Major credit cards are accepted.

Windsor Diner • Restaurant
Always Something New To Please Everyone

BLACKBOARD LUNCH SPECIALS
\$4.95 Includes Soup or Tossed Salad & Beverages

Kids Night • Hot & Cold Salad Bar
Catering On & Off Premises
1030 RARITON RD., CLARK
(732) 982-7755

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Yankee Buffet & Bar
3666 Morris Ave., Union
(Across from Stop Sign)
Chinese & American Cuisine

Over 80 Items Daily
• Cozy Cocktail Lounge
• Extensive Take Out Menu
• Apple Parking
• Early Bird Discount
Elegant Banquet Room for Parties up to 250
908-688-8816

midas touch Diner • Restaurant
OPEN 7 DAYS
Breakfast • Lunch & Dinner

Complete Breakfast Special \$2.95
Senior Citizens SPECIALS Over 20 Items to Choose From

61 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park
(908) 241-1335

Umberto's Clam Bar & Continental Restaurant
Your Host: Umberto Formerly of Highland Pavilion

FEATURING NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ITALIAN CUISINE AND FRESH SEAFOOD

N. 21st St. • Kenilworth Off the Blvd.
(908) 931-9070 Fax (908) 931-0113
www.umbertosrestaurant.com
Open Mon-Thurs 11:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat 4pm-10pm, Sun 3pm-10pm • Plenty of FREE parking including Municipal Lot on So. 7th St. & along the Blvd. Most Credit Cards Accepted

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES

465 N Broad St. • Elizabeth
(908) 381-8833

KIDS EAT FREE
Monday through Friday
Evenings after 4:00 PM

We Serve The Best Breakfast in Town All Day Long

Il Giardino Ristorante & Pizzeria

NORTHERN & SOUTHERN ITALIAN CUISINE
103 Mill Street, Cranford
(908) 272-2500

Catering For All Occasions
• Separate Dining Room
Eat In • Take Out
Cappuccino • Espresso

Souffle Restaurant

"The Ultimate French Cuisine"
Lunch Served 11:30am-2:30pm
Dinner Served Thurs-Fri-Sat 5-10pm
Evening Served Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm

Featuring 3 course Prix Fixe for \$19.95 & our very special A la Carte menu
Reservations suggested on weekends
7 Union Pl. • Summit
(908) 598-0171

Breathless A Party One

876 Hart Street • Chatham
(732) 574-3915 Helixton; (732) 382-5837

*** 20 OF OUR HOTTEST DANCERS DAILY ***

- 2 Big Screen TVs
- Over 20 TVs with ESPN, Sports Channel, MSG & All Pay-Per-View Events
- Shot Specials Daily
- 2 Free Buffalo Daily - 4:30pm to 6pm and 12 midnight
- Delicious Homemade Specials and Fresh Sautéed Dishes

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AND CORPORATE FUNCTIONS
Free Parking on Hartman Ave. on Premises
*Check In at 10:00pm - 11:00pm - 12:00am
Sun 4pm-12am

GRAND OPENING
A FINE ITALIAN AMERICAN FAMILY RESTAURANT

FREE Dinner Entree w/ Purchase of equal or greater value

Bring your own wine and enjoy a romantic dinner

THE GREENWOOD
Open 7 Days
8 AM - 9 PM

519 Millburn Avenue • Short Hills, NJ 07078 • (973) 376-0651

St. Giordano Ristorante & Pizzeria
NORTHERN & SOUTHERN ITALIAN CUISINE
103 Mill Street, Cranford
(908) 272-2500

Catering For All Occasions
• Separate Dining Room
Eat In • Take Out
Cappuccino • Espresso

Souffle Restaurant
"The Ultimate French Cuisine"
Lunch Served 11:30am-2:30pm
Dinner Served Thurs-Fri-Sat 5-10pm
Evening Served Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm

Featuring 3 course Prix Fixe for \$19.95 & our very special A la Carte menu
Reservations suggested on weekends
7 Union Pl. • Summit
(908) 598-0171

Breathless A Party One
876 Hart Street • Chatham
(732) 574-3915 Helixton; (732) 382-5837

*** 20 OF OUR HOTTEST DANCERS DAILY ***

- 2 Big Screen TVs
- Over 20 TVs with ESPN, Sports Channel, MSG & All Pay-Per-View Events
- Shot Specials Daily
- 2 Free Buffalo Daily - 4:30pm to 6pm and 12 midnight
- Delicious Homemade Specials and Fresh Sautéed Dishes

AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AND CORPORATE FUNCTIONS
Free Parking on Hartman Ave. on Premises
*Check In at 10:00pm - 11:00pm - 12:00am
Sun 4pm-12am

Have Dinner At Our Place & Enjoy

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

Stepping Out

There are no resident requirements. For information, call (973) 621-8900.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY will conduct auditions April 14 and 15 for its summer music camp.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of "Joined at the Head" by Catherine Butterfield April 9, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. at El Bodogon Restaurant.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE THEATER will conduct auditions for the July production of "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

JOHANNA HURWITZ, award-winning author of children's books, will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes.

THE WESTFIELD "Y" will be currently conducting classes in carpentry and lock, an appreciation and welding. The "Y" is located at 220 Clark St.

UNION COUNTY TORAH CENTER will offer a Judaic art retreat course Sundays through April 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

CASUAL TIMES RESTAURANT features comedians on stage at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark.

LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC will present a concert featuring the Pro Nobis Chamber Singers Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will be presented in concert April 1 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

the concert, a "Conversation With the Artists" will take place at 7 p.m. For information, call WSO at (908) 328-9400 or UCAC at (732) 499-8226.

TRIO PASIONAL Vas-Cones and Festival Lisenero Group will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway April 8 at 8 p.m.

VINCE DI MURA AND THE GEORGE ST. PROJECT will appear in concert at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1870 Irving St., April 14 at 8 p.m.

shows every weekend in April and May. April 1 and 2: "Alice in Wonderland," ages 3 to 11 years old.

April 15 and 16: "Peter Rabbit," ages 3 to 7 years old. April 29 and 30: "Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories in a Story Salad," ages 5 to 10 years old.

May 6 and 7: "Hansel and Gretel" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," ages 3 to 7 years old.

May 12 and 14: "Snow White," ages 3 to 7 years old. May 20 and 21: "Peter and the Wolf," ages 5 to 10 years old.

All performances are at 10 a.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn. Tickets are \$9 for orchestra seats, \$8 for mezzanine.

UNION RECREATION Department will sponsor weekly ceramics classes

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "The Price by Arthur Miller" Saturday through Saturday. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$12. The WCP Playhouse is located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-1221.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Foreigner," a comedy by Larry Shue, Friday through April 7. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present "The Golden Fleece" by A. R. Gurney today through April 1 in the Roy Smith Theater at the UCC Cranford Campus, 1033

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature musical appearances during the month of March. March 25: Open Mike Night, 8 p.m. to closing.

Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Living St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call (732) 381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB & STEAKHOUSE in Rahway will present guitarist-singer Markus Hattoz every Wednesday. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-4700.

VAN GOGH'S SEAR CAFE in Union will present a series of musical events throughout March and April. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesdays," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians.

Sunday, Ginny Johnston Bano Tuesday, Mike Froy Van Gogh's Sear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME & ARTS will exhibit five newly acquired paintings by W.P.A. artist Louis Wolochowicz.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9655.

LARGE-PAINTING RETROSPECTIVE will feature the work of Frank Cerullo in an exhibit in the Member's Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Wednesday.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. CVI is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

PLEIN AIR LANDSCAPES by Jared Clacker will be on exhibit at the Swan Studios in Plainfield through Wednesday.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 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) 756-1707.

RETROSPECTIVE, the work of Mark Metcalf will be on exhibit at the Tommaso Gallery at Union County College Cranford through April 15.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays to Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Mackay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

CONTEMPORARY FIGURE PAINTING and Portraiture will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through April 14, featuring the works of Loretta Kellar, Tim Gaydos and Lora Shelly.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild is located at 1870 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

ANTIQUE ARCHITECTURE DETAILS OF ELIZABETH will be on exhibit at the Freehold's Gallery, featuring the works of photographer Owen Kengler through April 20.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and Thursday evenings. The gallery is located on the 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth-North Plaza at Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

REFLECTIONS: "Memories, Mountains, Rocks and Water," the clay and mixed media works of Carole Wong Cheek, will be on exhibit at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit through April 21.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, or by appointment. The gallery is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 272-0900.

HOMAGE will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union, showcasing the work Jeannine Chubotovsky and other artists associated with the gallery, through May 3.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Finberg Park on Morris Avenue, next to Union Town Hall. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

AUDITIONS **NEWARK BOYS CHORUS SCHOOL**, a fully accredited, 4th through 8th-grade academic/choral school, will conduct auditions for September 2000 enrollment. There are 16 openings for 4th grade, limited space in 5th grade.



DOROTHY JONAS AND JOSHUA PIERCE the celebrated piano team, will appear with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra April 1 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. For information, see the 'Concerts' listing on this page.

College gallery shows Metcalf retrospective

Now through April 13, Union County College's Tommaso Gallery will be home to Mark Metcalf's "Retrospective." The exhibit will include landscape paintings of both urban and rural subjects matter.

Metcalf, who died in 1994 at age 40, was an enormously talented painter who concentrated most of his works on New York City's bridges, streets and waterfronts, and died before he fully realized his artistic voice.

Metcalf once said, "I am a realist at heart. Nothing is more affordable, evocative and moving than the real world caught on canvas and in film. The poets is everywhere, even in the industrial wasteland with its ordinariness and misuse and ruin, and when light plays across its features or fills a sky with limpid hues at sunset, I am compelled to paint, and do so with great excitement."

Although Metcalf painted life and landscape throughout New York City, much of his work was centered in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. "I'm doing my portrait of the city, painting from the bridges, the streets, the roofs and the waterfront. The landscape is both a function of the 1980s, but embedded in the scenes is the story of the transformation of the city. The once-bustling waterfront, a focus of activity in the area, is now an abandoned wasteland. The structures remain but only as monuments to a time gone by."

Metcalf said on his work was that of 15th-century Flemish painters. Like them, Metcalf did his paintings "on the spot" and caught the full character of a place. He had a way of presenting industry, normally portrayed as overwhelming, in an intimate and poetic light.

The Tommaso Gallery is located on the first floor of the Mackay Library on the campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call the Tommaso Gallery at (908) 709-7155.

Union County College is a public comprehensive community college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains, and enrolls approximately 9,000 full- and part-time students. All four campuses are located in the New York metropolitan area and are easily accessible by car and public transportation.

Something to see? Telephone 1-800-564-8911.

DISCUSSION

BREAKING INTO PUBLIC ART is the topic of a workshop Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1870 Irving St. Speakers are Tom Moran of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and artist Katherine Heickl. Fee is \$5; registration deadline is Friday. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its Film Series through May. Unless otherwise noted for double and triple features, tickets are \$3 for 1 p.m. screenings, \$5 at 8 p.m.

The series continues with the following schedule: • Wednesday: "Hitchcock Turns 100" Double Feature — "To Catch a Thief" and "Vertigo," 7 p.m., \$7 for both films.

• April 12: "Ben Hur," 1 and 8 p.m. • May 3: "Leave 'Em Laughing" Comedy Double Feature — "A Night at the Opera" and "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., \$7 for both films.

UCAC is located at 1870 Irving St. in Rahway. For information and reservations, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the UCAC website at www.ucac.org.

FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be sponsored by Monmouth University at the Lewis Mountainside Monday evenings, April 3 through May 8. Cost is \$103 for six weeks. For information, call (800) 222-7719.

KIDS

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will present a series of children's

for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave. Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 964-4828.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. — for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 895-5269 or (908) 893-4751.

KISMET SINGLES will sponsor several events in the coming weeks. For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.thatiskismet.com.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue its 1999-2000 season with the comic thriller "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin now through April 2.

Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information and reservations, call (973) 376-4343; for groups of 20 or more, call (973) 379-8226 ext. 2438.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Man of La Mancha" through Saturday at the Arts Center, 1870 Irving St., Rahway. Shows are 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, and Saturday. Tickets are \$19 and \$24. For information, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the website at www.ucac.org.

Springfield Ave. Shows are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and April 1 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Reservations are recommended. For information, call (908) 659-5188.

CRANFORD REPERTORY THEATRE will present "Fiddler on the Roof" April 1 at 8 p.m., April 8 at 8:25 p.m., and April 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating, \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$5 for children younger than 10 years old. Performances will take place at Cranford High School, West End Place. For information, call (908) 276-9231 or (908) 276-5053.

VARIETY

LOVE AND OTHER THINGS is the theme of an evening of cabaret music featuring John Schweska, Rod Duffy and Joanne Guite at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. Tickets are \$12, and proceeds will benefit CDC and the Westfield Community Players. For information, call CDC at (908) 276-7611.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. In addition, the following musicians will appear at the Back Porch in March:

March 24: Will Power, 9 p.m. March 25: Notin That Order, 10 p.m. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 386-7871.

CROSSROADS in Garwood will present a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-6666.

JMK Saab has got you covered.
Inside & out.

No Charge

Scheduled Maintenance Program.

Select Saab Models are covered for three years or 36,000 miles. See us for more details.

Route 22 East, Springfield, NJ
973-379-7744 800-269-SAAB www.jmk saab.com

Friends stick together in exhibit at Les Malamut Art Gallery

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Jeannette Chubatovsky of Union has had a distinguished career for many years throughout the art world, and now, as she approaches the age of 78, she wants to pay homage to those who participated and assisted in her many endeavors.

Chubatovsky, an artist by profession and by heart who also does public relations representation for the Les Malamut Art Gallery at the Union Public Library, agreed to exhibit her paintings, photographs, illustrations and sculptures along with friends Viola Meskin, George Tarr, Donald Yacullo and a wife painting by Helen Sei. The exhibit, appropriately called "Homage," had an opening reception Saturday afternoon and will be shown through May 3.

"Most artists credit their career growth to the people and places that influenced them," she stated. "That is why I chose the exhibit title, 'Homage,' to be able to pay homage to a few of the ones who influenced me and befriended me. I want to pay homage to members of the gallery board, especially Viola Meskin, director of the gallery; Janet Wheeler, library director; Cheryl Wasserman, curator, and Jim Schaefer, former Chamber of Commerce director and president."

All during her publicity duties for the Les Malamut Art Gallery, Chubatovsky recalled, "Everybody, especially the gallery board members, said, 'Isn't it time you did an exhibition?'" The petite, rather shy-looking woman, who had also served as president of the League of Women Voters of Union for four years, said, "I started thinking of all the different

facets that I had done, and when I started putting it together, the format evolved. I gathered particular paintings, photographs, illustrations, technical drawings — about 35 pieces. And my good friend, George Tarr, helped me frame my work. The work represented a span of about 50 years."

Chubatovsky smiled warmly. "It's interesting," she remarked, "because I wasn't going to be an artist. I was attending evening school at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art. Art was just something I did. But in the evening school, they encouraged me to follow through. So, I attended day school and graduated at the age of 18."

The artist studied the first Industrial Design course given at the school and one of the first in the country.

"I only followed through because I couldn't find work. It was during the Depression. Fate determined my future. For lack of a job, I became an artist. I became associated with Belle Logan in New York City, one of the first women industrial designers in the country and a leader in home furnishing designs. Under her guidance, I learned merchandising, design and manufacturing productions. Some of her silver designs are in the Cooper-Hewitt and Smithsonian museums and will be on display at the gallery."

Chubatovsky said, "I worked as an industrial designer for many years. And during that time, I always painted and sketched, and I always carried a sketch book with me, which is what most artists do."

After 10 years with Logan, Chubatovsky had a number of artistic jobs including a technical illustrator for Goodyear Aircraft in Arizona, Douglas Aircraft in California and Wright

Aeronautical in New Jersey. She also worked as a patent illustrator for Singer Sewing Machine Co., a freelance photographer and a freelance designer in Israel.

"I spent a year in Israel," she recalled, "working on the kibbutz. And some of the cards that I designed for a silk screen company will be in the exhibit."

About 10 years ago, she said, "I started with the art gallery when it was called the Wheelchair Gallery. I was doing public relations. What happened was that Les Malamut, who had been a friend for many years, stopped me one day and asked me to join the board. I said I didn't have time. But then I decided to do it. It was the least I could do for him."

"After all," Chubatovsky explained, "Les had directed me and encouraged me through the years when he was editor of the *Union Leader*. Bob Baxter, the late prize-winning photographer, also encouraged me. Actually, I had a dual career — one as a technical illustrator, which

is a precise art — and paintings, sculptures and drawings. Les was a very stern and demanding person, but I respected him. His opinion was very valuable to me. Then Jim Schaefer approached me to do PR with Les. And gradually Les said, 'You do it.' I had been doing publicity for the Girl Scouts and for the League of Women Voters for more than 20 years."

She said that "I was happy to do it for such wonderful people. It was very satisfying. We get all kinds of artists at the gallery. And the gallery always encourages new artists — to give them exposure. Recently, we had two works from famous artists, Harry and Wendy Devlin of Mountaintop. He also did architectural work, and he wrote and illustrated children's books."

Now that she's exhibiting her works, Chubatovsky has even more to do: "I have to do the contract for myself," she smiled good naturedly. "I also have to schedule the exhibition and still do the publicity."

"I do have a few new paintings that I want to sell," she said. "A couple of



Photo By Jeff Grant

Union artist Jeannette Chubatovsky, left, joins Union Public Library Director Janet Wheeler at the Les Malamut Gallery. The two have joined forces with others on "Homage," the current exhibit featuring Chubatovsky's work.

them are in the exhibit. Also photography is my mainstay."

Before long, it will be the artists in the Metropolitan area who will be

paying homage to this versatile and talented lady. Is it possible that she has a whole new career opening up to her?

Bill Van Sant, Editor
©Worrall Community Newspapers Inc. 2000 All Rights Reserved
Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section can mail copy to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, New Jersey, 07083.

CISCO MCSE A+ CNA Open House
March 28, 2000

CERTIFIED INTERNET NETWORKING SPECIALIST

NO COMPUTER EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

\$13,000.00 PAY RAISE!
After Graduation, Thank You, Unlimited Access
Renée Y. Sims (complete letter on file)

JOB OFFERS! BEFORE I GRADUATE!
Thank You, Unlimited Access
Marva Hanes (complete letter on file)

Call to make an appointment and GET the whole story!
These letters are on file, with other success stories.
Come and create your own Unlimited Access success Story!
We're here to help!
"We're not Satisfied, until your Certified, and Working!"
OR VISIT US ON THE WEB: unlimitedaccessinstitute.com

Call toll FREE
1-800-953-1814

Unlimited Access Institute

Peek behind the curtain... because the real story takes place in the

dressing room

An original musical

"sheer brilliance"

Bound to become a theatrical hit!"

SoHo Playhouse
15 Varian Street, NYC, (Lower East Side) and Prince Streets
Tuesday at 8, Saturday at 2
Teachings - All seats, 10
212-239-6200

NOSTALGIA OAK WAREHOUSE

"THE" OAK SUPERSTORE

90 DAY FINANCING
NO DOWN PAYMENT
NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS
NO INTEREST PAYMENTS

Get Organized With Your Bills... Tax Time Is Here

SALE ENDS March 30, 2000

Largest Home Office Display in New Jersey!

OAK 6 PIECE CORNER GROUP
Group includes 36" computer desk & hutch, 48" worktable & hutch, corner wedge & hutch. Available light & dark finish.
W0846H, 84H, 8369H, 835, 838W, 835W

48" COMPUTER DESK w/CD ROM HUTCH
\$399
AFAS497A5701

66" OAK DESK WITH COMPUTER RETURN
A401026L
Pull-out keyboard tray, CD pullout, locking letter or legal file drawer. Light finish.
\$549

OAK CONTEMPORARY BOOKCASES 32" WIDE

30" High.....	\$69
36" High.....	\$83
48" High.....	\$99
60" High.....	\$118
72" High.....	\$139
84" High.....	\$157

AFAS250/26/48/60/72/84

COMPUTER DESK w/ CD ROM HUTCH
PRINTER CART AVAILABLE At An Additional \$99.00
\$299
AFAS415

NO PARALLEL BOARD

35" OAK COMPUTER WORKSTATION
Pull-out keyboard and printer shelf.
35" Hx29" Wx20" D
\$199
AFAS300

SOLID OAK ARROWBACK SWIVEL DESK CHAIR
Light or medium finish.
A400292M/30L
\$99

60" OAK DELUXE ROLLTOP DESK
Double pedestal, locking tambour, carved handles, plenty of storage, legal/letter file drawers. Light or medium finish.
A401068M/50L
\$998

OPEN 7 DAYS • TUES. - SAT. 10-6, MON. & FRI. 10-8, SUN. 12-5

Ordering does not apply to previous orders. Not responsible for typographical errors. And is actual rendering. Merchandise may vary. * Minimum purchase of \$250.00 including tax and delivery charges is necessary to qualify for deferred credit terms. Finance charges will be due on the purchase. All 0% minimum monthly payments will be due prior to the promotional due date as indicated in your periodic statement. If you pay the full price of the purchase by the date of purchase, all 0% minimum monthly payments will be due.

Visit us on the WEB @ www.nostalgia.oak.com

1057 Rt. 46, E. CLIFTON, N.J. (973) 777-9112	Rt. 165 & Rt. 37 West TOMS RIVER, N.J. (732) 473-1100	5 South Main St. ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. (732) 446-4333	2480 Rt. 22 E. UNION, NJ (908) 686-6409	10 Barclay Fairs Shop Dr. CHERRY HILL, NJ (610) 676-1330	894 Route 202 S. BRANCHBURG, N.J. (908) 231-6655	3729 Victory Blvd. STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. (718) 370-5577	NEW LOCATION CLEARANCE CTR. 49 WILSON AVE. ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. For Information Call: (732) 446-4333
--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---

Gift Certificates Available • Due to advanced preparation of this ad, some items may not be on display or available for immediate delivery.

Healthy Living

Practitioner of humor believes laughter is the best medicine

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

At the age of 53, Rick Shapiro of Fanwood has achieved a very special goal in his life — to make people laugh, to relieve stress by clean and natural humor and to help people celebrate life.

He is known as a humor therapist and consultant specializing in humor and stress management. And although he is a "much sought-after speaker" in numerous super corporations in America, Shapiro occasionally takes time out to entertain and talk to senior citizens.

Last Tuesday, Shapiro, adorned in a white lab coat and canvas medical paraphernalia around his neck, and carrying a clipboard, marveled at the genuine laughter that he was able to evoke from a senior citizen group at Schaefer Gardens in Union. His title, A.L.O., he explained, means "A Little Overweight," as he laughed at him-

self. "If you can't laugh at yourself, you can't laugh at life," he told the senior citizens. "Laughter is the best medicine. If we laugh more, we have less stress. You know, people tend to forget how to smile. Really, it's an upside down frown."

Shapiro explained to the appreciative, attentive seniors, "Life is very short. We can make it as good or as bad as we want. Be positive — walk around with a smile thinking good thoughts. Celebrate life. Be able to find humor in yourself."

He engaged the assistance of two senior volunteers, active in Schaefer Gardens, Angie Viscaro and Lee Parvone, who successfully managed to bring laughter to the large gathering of Shapiro and to themselves. He then went on to explain how he feels about senior citizens.

"I love them. First of all," he said, "my grandparents had a great relationship. Perhaps some of that

rubbed off on Shapiro, because he has been searching for an opportunity "to make senior citizens realize how very important it is to appreciate their friends and to have fun." And he continued, "If you have nothing good to say to them, don't say anything at all."

He offered "Seven tips to successful aging" and some guidelines to follow:

- Start where you are, make the most of what you have; no matter where you are in life, you can build from there.
- Take responsibility, assume personal responsibility for your own physical and financial health.
- Be positive. A positive attitude is more important to the quality of life than your own circumstances.
- Stay connected and remain active with family, friends and social and religious organizations; an active mind is a healthy mind.
- Give to others. Contributing to one's community provides a source of enrichment. Be a mentor, help others grow, teach them what you have learned over the years.
- Keep growing and learning, continually assume new challenges and remain mentally active. Remember, you are never too old to learn.
- Maintain your sense of humor.

Shapiro does not consider himself a comedian, although when he was 20 years old, he was a Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus clown and had worked as a stand-up comedian. He also "wrote and produced comedy for night club acts, television and stage shows."

"Everything changed," he told the seniors, when, in 1968, after enlisting in the Air Force, he was sent to serve in an orphanage outside of Saigon. By the end of his tour, he had received two combat clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

For more than a quarter century afterward, Shapiro went on "to help people celebrate life — from companies, to groups, nurses, doctors, health care groups, a lot of conventions."

He said he makes people laugh "by making fun out of real stories of life, by poking fun at myself, everyone sees the humor in themselves. They share in the experience that I talk about."

don't take life so seriously that you cannot laugh at yourself."

Shapiro said, "I like to speak before 50 people or better. I usually average about 200 to 500 people."

Shapiro is married to Debbie, a music teacher in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area. They have two sons, Barry, 12, and David, 9.

"We use humor in our house all the time," he declared, "just to change the mood."

Shapiro pondered seriously, "You know, I'm 53 years old, and I never thought I would see 53. And now, I've vowed that if I can help everyone celebrate life, then I've reached my goal in life."

Elizabeth, county allow time off for screenings

The County of Union and the City of Elizabeth have announced that they will both implement policies allowing city and county employees as much as four hours per year to use for cancer screening. These four hours will not be counted toward the employee's sick, personal or vacation time.

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon said that they believe that Union County and Elizabeth will be the first governments in New Jersey to implement such cancer screening policies.

This policy, which was first established in Boston in 1997, encourages employees to go to their physician to be screened for any kind of cancer, said Mayor Bollwage. Freeholder Scanlon, a 12-year cancer survivor, said, "It is my goal to encourage all of the county's 2,800 employees to take advantage of life-saving screenings for cancer that can be successfully treated through early detection."

Both policies would went into effect Jan. 1.

Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla said that employees who take advantage of the policy will be required to submit to the personnel office a signed copy of a medical document verifying that the employee was given a cancer screening. Failure to submit a copy might result in forfeiture of time. Employees will be given one four-hour block that cannot be broken down into hourly units. Screening could include checks for

cancer of the breast, prostate, thyroid, mouth, colon, skin, lymph nodes, lung and reproductive organs.

Bollwage and Scanlon said that they hoped private employers would follow suit and establish similar policies for their employees.

Jim Nealy, executive vice president of the American Cancer Society, Eastern Division, said, "The American Cancer Society applauds the actions and efforts of Mayor Bollwage and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Granting four hours time off from work for all city and county workers to receive cancer screening not only encourages the employees to utilize these services, but also, provides them with the opportunity for early detection, which is critical to survival for cancer patients."



Rick Shapiro A.L.O.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
Entertainment - Friday noon.
Sports - Monday noon.
Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.
General - Monday 5 p.m.

CHIROPRACTIC FOR BETTER HEALTH

DR. DONALD ANTONELLI
CHIROPRACTOR

REDUCING STRESS

If you feel abnormally weighed down by stress, the best solution is to identify the cause and eliminate it.

Most stress actually has roots in emotional trauma, such as the death of a loved one or impending job loss. Chemical stress can be caused by environmental pollution, too many preservatives and other chemicals in food, or misuse of medication.

Physical stress can also cause pain and other problems. This can be created by overwork, lack of sleep, or pushing your body beyond its endurance level. It can also be caused by structural problems of the body, such as spinal imbalance or some other distortion of the body.

Mental stress may require psychological treatment. You can avoid some chemical stress by eating natural foods, shunning polluted areas, and by reducing improper drug intake. To eliminate the physical stress caused by structural problems of the body, your doctor of chiropractic can help restore your body to proper balance and good health.

In the interested reader's behalf from the office of:
Dr. Donald Antonelli
Chiropractor
Antonelli Family Chiropractic Center
2575 Morris Ave., Union
908-688-7373

Hospice of New Jersey

The inpatient unit is for Short Term care to manage acute symptoms, adjust medications, or to stabilize residential situations. The first licensed Hospice in New Jersey, we also provide home care services in various health care facilities.

"Hospice of New Jersey wishes to thank all social workers for their support - during social workers month!"

Hospice of New Jersey
proudly offers comprehensive care focused on easing the physical, emotional and spiritual; pain that often accompanies terminal illness.

Hospice of New Jersey
400 Broadacres Drive
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Phone: (973) 893-0818
Fax: (973) 893-0828

Independent Living with a Helping Hand in a Comfortable, Apartment-style Setting

Spring Meadows offers quality assisted living services to enhance your lifestyle... All for an Affordable Monthly Fee. Discover Summit's Newest Community.

Call for More Information Today.

Spring Meadows
SUMMIT

Call or Write for Your FREE Assisted Living Booklet

Name _____
Address _____
Phone (____) _____

41 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901

Return This Coupon and We'll Rush You This FREE Valuable Booklet

Call (908) 522-8852

Sell it with a classified ad, 1-800-564-8911.

ADVERTISEMENT

Permanent Cosmetics: Make-up of the Future

Imagine waking up and ready to go for the day with your eyebrows, eyeliner and to color perfectly in place. Permanent Cosmetics is a 4000-year-old process that has been brought into vogue the past 10 years. Permanent Cosmetics is the permanent application of pigment into the skin for eyebrows, eyeliner, lip liner, complete lip shape reconstruction, nipple areola (after reconstructive surgery of mastectomy patients) scar camouflage and hair simulation in the scalp for alopecia areata patient. In ancient times, this process could only be afforded by the elite and very wealthy. Today's new technology and new innovative processes have made the procedure affordable for anybody to have this procedure done.

SoftTap Permanent Cosmetics created this unique technique which utilizes a precision-made hand tool and a set of fine needles that are dipped into pigment and applied to the skin to create a desired color, shape or design. Unlike traditional methods of tattooing, the color is not pushed into the skin, instead the skin is gently lifted to deposit pigment. As a result, there is a definite difference in the amount of pain experienced by the client. The technique is a very controlled, gentle and safe procedure compared to other methods.

Bina Rothman has completed an extensive advanced SoftTap training seminar in both the art and science of permanent cosmetics. Ms. Rothman individually designs the clients permanent make-up giving them a balanced, soft, natural result. The look you have always desired of can be your forever. Call 908-688-8244 for more information or a free consultation.


Children's Specialized

Where families turn for the answers to some tough questions about children.

Knowing where to turn for help is critical.

Diagnosing and treating children and providing information, training and support for their parents is not an adjunct to our work at Children's. It is the life's work of every one of the unique professionals on our staff.

We want to hear your questions.



Children's Specialized Hospital
An Affiliated Member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System

908-233-3720
732-914-1100

Healthy Living

Overlook Hospital's Heria Center offers expert, cutting-edge care

The newest surgical options in hernia care are now available at Overlook Hospital/Atlantic Health System in Summit. Hernia sufferers can seek expert care by physicians specializing exclusively in hernia repair.

An estimated five million Americans suffer from hernias. Each year, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, more than 700,000 sufferers have their hernias surgically repaired, but physicians believe that hundreds of thousands more never seek medical attention for their pain due to fear of a long and painful recuperation time. But recent advances in hernia-repair surgery techniques enable sufferers to consider surgery without all of these concerns.

Overlook Hospital offers the newest in hernia repair treatment options, including tension-free surgical techniques, which use a prosthetic mesh

to fill the space created by hernia. Over the following weeks, surrounding tissue will grow around and through the mesh creating a strong repair. This procedure can be performed as same-day surgery under local anesthesia and enables many patients to quickly return to normal activity.

"Overlook Hospital offers the most advanced treatment options using the most current medical equipment available in the industry," says Dr. Jerrold S. Lozner, vice president of Medical Affairs. "We hope Overlook's new Heria Center will encourage anyone who thinks they may experience hernia symptoms to get an expert opinion and receive the best quality care available in hernia treatment."

A Life-altering condition
A hernia is a protrusion of an organ or tissue through an abnormal opening in the body. Most hernias occur

when a piece of intestine slips through a weakness or tear in the abdominal wall, creating an opening through which a bulge can be both felt and seen. If the protruding tissue becomes trapped in the opening, its blood supply can be cut off, creating a strangulated hernia — a potentially life-threatening condition that will require emergency surgery.

But even when a hernia is not life-threatening, the constant pain that worsens with activity can make the condition life-altering. Normally, strong and active people may find they need to take frequent breaks at work, experience pain with the simple extension of picking up a child, and otherwise sit on the sidelines of life. Only surgery can repair the abdominal wall, correct or prevent a strangulated hernia and eliminate the chronic pain that interferes with normal activity. A recently released report, called

the Bard-Roper Starch Report, reveals that almost everyone in the country knows more or less what a hernia is. But this report shows that Americans are in the dark when it comes to hernia causes, symptoms and repair methods. Of the people surveyed, 98 percent erroneously believe that hoisting a heavy object can cause a hernia, and more than half incorrectly believe that coughing can bring on the condition. The report was conducted by Roper Starch Worldwide for Rhode Island-based health-care products company Davol Inc., a subsidiary of C.R. Bard Inc.

"The fact is, lifting a heavy object or coughing may intensify the symptoms of an existing hernia, but a hernia doesn't develop out of the blue," says Dr. Lozner.

No need to suffer
Hernias can develop slowly over a period of months or years, or can

come on quite suddenly. Anyone can develop a hernia at any age. Nonetheless, the condition is most common in men, and often occurs in the unsupported space left in the groin. Hernias also occur in newborns and women, especially women who have experienced pregnancy and childbirth.

For more information about hernias and today's surgical repair techniques, call Overlook Hospital/Atlantic Health System at 908-522-5888.

Overlook Hospital is an Atlantic

Health System 490-bed major teaching hospital in Summit, Home of New Jersey's first stericite Institute; the Valerie Center, a pediatric oncology cancer program; The Children's Medical Center of Atlantic Health System cardiology; physical medicine and rehabilitation; same day surgery and ambulatory; the Wound Care Center; and a Medicare-certified home care and hospice program. Overlook also provides maternity services and critical care services to high-risk newborns.

Facilities offer assistance to independent seniors

Assisted living is a new housing concept designed for older adults who do not wish to live alone, yet want the assurance that assistance is nearby. It is a relatively new industry that combines residential building design with a wide range of services that are usually offered at a more affordable price than other long-term care options.

Assisted living is more than a housing arrangement. It is a philosophy that support a person's right to individuality, privacy and dignity. But with nearly 29,000 Assisted Living Facilities in the United States, it may be difficult to decide which facility is best for you or a loved one. The following are some guidelines to consider in the ALF selection process:

• Safety/Physical Considerations. When visiting a facility, try to be as observant as possible. Take a look around the building and ask yourself, "Is there sufficient parking for visitors?" "Are the grounds well maintained?" "Is the entry and parking area well lighted?" "What type of security system is in place?" "Are there smoke detectors?" "Is the building wheelchair accessible?"

• Environment. Everyone is happier in a pleasant and clean environment. Make sure the facility is free from unpleasant odors, is a comfortable temperature and has good ventilation.

• Location. Location is also an important factor when choosing an ALF, as distance may affect how often family members and friends are able to visit. Also keep in mind the facility's location in comparison to a hospital or other support services as well, and your personal physician.

• Rooms/Apartments. There are a variety of room types and sizes available in ALFs. Some offer full apartments, while others may consist of one room with a small kitchenette. Consider the type of arrangement in which you or a loved one would feel most comfortable and seek out ALFs that offer such accommodations.

• Financial. The harsh reality is that, at least in part, your decision will be based on what you can afford. Therefore, it is important to know, upfront, what the total cost of care will be and what help is available through federal and state programs such as Medicaid. It is appropriate to discuss

your initial financial concerns during the on-site visit. The cost of assisted living can vary significantly, so determine what is affordable to you.

• Residents and Staff. An excellent way to learn about an ALF is to talk to and observe individuals who already reside there. Are residents smiling, relaxed, properly groomed and involved with activities? Also take notice of how the staff operates. Are they pleasant, well groomed, knowledgeable, attentive and respectful?

• Activities and Daily Life. In ALFs where tenants describe themselves as happy, many tell of their

"pleasant surprise" in making the transition from living alone to joining an assisted living community — because there "is just so much to do."

Assisted living activities should include a variety of social and recreational opportunities, as well as frequent entertainment and cultural events.

A free brochure with common questions and answers on assisted living is available as a public service from the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Write to "Assisted Living Information," Saint Barnabas Assisted Living Residences, 695 Chestnut St., Union, NJ 07083.

SEND YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT A HEALTH CARE PACKAGE.

Make an individual health care plan part of your kid's curriculum. In New Jersey, our individual plans offer one of the state's largest physician networks and a 24-hour Health Information Line.

And with no deductibles or paperwork, your young scholar won't have to cram just your school on how to go to the doctor.

For more information, call 1-800-465-3086

CIGNA HealthCare
A Business of Citicorp

*Plans are subject to underwriting. Coverage is not available in all states.

Your Pediatricians

SPEAK

Presented by Chiu-Man Poon, M.D., FAAP, and Felice Woolrich, M.D., FAAP, Board Certified Pediatricians

— TOP SICK FOR SCHOOL? —

Children suffering from a contagious illness should always be kept home from school. In addition, children with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a constant cough are best cared for at home. Ultimately, the child's comfort level can determine whether a school day will be too taxing. Those with mild coughs, runny noses, or congestion are usually fine to attend class. Children with chickenpox can return to school once all the pox have crusted over, typically within five to seven days of the onset of symptoms. With pink eye, children may return to class when eye drainage is

gone, as long as they are old enough to practice good hygiene. With strep throat, children can return to school after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.

This column is presented as a community service by NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SERVICES at 2780 Moms Ave., Suite 2A, Union, NJ. We are always happy to answer any questions we can, and guide our families towards finding the answers they need. We are known for our good listening skills and for our focus on prevention as well as treatment. To schedule an appointment, call (908) 887-3300.

P.S. Contact your Pediatrician if you are not sure whether your children can go to school.

HOSPICE OF NEW JERSEY GOES SOUTH!!

Hospice of New Jersey, with their corporate headquarters in Bloomfield, has become the first licensed hospice in the State of New Jersey. As the first licensed hospice in the state, they will be expanding their services to central and southern New Jersey.

Hospice of New Jersey is a community based organization presently serving Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Union, and Middlesex counties. They began serving patients and their families on March 8, 1995. Since then, they have opened the first inpatient unit in the state at Wayne General Hospital in Wayne, New Jersey, contracted with 21 nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, and various community based organizations, and have services 3,850 patients and their families in various health care settings since its inception.

They are dedicated to providing compassionate and specialized care for terminally ill patients and their families through a 24-hour support system comprised of a three teams which include a medical director, nurses, social workers, bereavement counselors, clergy, aides, and volunteers. They are available to the terminally ill patient who is no longer under treatment for cure of their disease and are in the final stages of life. They focus on quality of life when the length of life cannot be extended.

Michelle Stefanelli, Administrator and CEO of Hospice of New Jersey, says, "I am looking forward to serving the central and southern areas of the state with the highest quality of care and support available, which is provided by a highly experienced and qualified team of professionals."

KidCare of New Jersey, which provides health insurance to children of moderate income families, is also available through Hospice of New Jersey.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL HOSPICE OF NEW JERSEY AT 973-893-0818

16 million Americans have diabetes.

You may be one of them.

Come to Trinitas Hospital for a free test to see if you have diabetes.

Over 8 million Americans have diabetes and don't even know it. Who is most at risk?

People who are overweight • People who don't exercise regularly • People with a family history of diabetes • People 45 or older • Women who have had a baby weighing more than nine pounds • People who are either African American, Hispanic or American Indian

Visit us on Wednesday March 29, 2000 from 8:00am to Noon for your Free Diabetes Screening, 240 Williamson Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07207 (in the Medical Office Building, Suite 104) 908-527-5490

www.trinitashospital.com

Check Out Our Monthly In-Store Special!

THE VITAMIN FACTORY

201 Route 22 West
Hillside
973-926-2946

If you're not shopping at The Vitamin Factory, You're paying too much for your supplements

Limited Time Offer

Designer Protein \$21.99/2lb

Up to 65% Off Selected Vitamin Factory Brand Products

Extensive Line of Body Building & Sports Supplements...

Biggest & Best Selection of Vitamins & Supplements...

Huge Selection of Herbs & Homeopathics...

Health & Beauty Aids, Books, Herbal Teas, & much more...

ALL DISCOUNTED!!!

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SUPER COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">35% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">EAS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Complete Line of Sports Supplements EXP. 3/29/00</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SUPER COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">35% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">MET-RX</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Complete Line of Sports Supplements EXP. 3/29/00</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SMART COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">35% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">TWINLABS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Complete Line of Supplements EXP. 3/29/00</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SUPER COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">35% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">NATURE'S WAY</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Complete Line of Herbal Supplements EXP. 3/29/00</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SMART COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">35% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Dr. Atkins</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Complete Line of Vitamins & Supplements EXP. 3/29/00</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SMART COUPON</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">NATURAL PAIN RELIEF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Inholtra</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">90 tabs. \$21.99 Sup. Retail \$34.99 EXP. 3/29/00</p>

Smart coupons need not be presented at time of purchase - We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Super Coupons - Limit 2 per customer - No further discounts apply.

WE HONOR COMPETITORS COUPONS - See store for details

Offer Good While Supplies Last - No Rainchecks. Discounts taken off Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price. Not Valid with any other offers.

Ask about our Frequent Buyers Club

League's lunch is set to feature women authors

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will sponsor "A Literary Luncheon" April 5 benefiting the League's community service projects in Union County, serving women and children in crisis.

The luncheon will feature a distinguished panel of authors who will discuss their literary careers and latest releases, and personally sign copies of their books for guests. The authors' books will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Sale Johnson, a leading advocate for juvenile diabetes research, co-author — with her daughter, Casey, and husband, Woody — of the book "Managing Your Diabetes," and recipient of Presidential appointments, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Fund-raising events will also be held.

About the authors
Linda Fairstein
America's foremost prosecutor of crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence, Fairstein has run the Sex Crimes Unit of the District Attorney's Office in Manhattan for more than 20 decades. Her first novel, "Final Judgment," was published in 1996 to critical and commercial acclaim. "Likely to Die" published in 1977, also achieved international best-seller status.

Sylvia Weinstock
For years, legendary baker, and cake decorator Sylvia Weinstock has kept a tight lock on her recipe files. Now she finally lets "the cake out of the box" and divulges her secrets in her new book "Sweet Celebrations." Weinstock's exquisite cakes have graced the tables of celebrities such as Whitney Houston, Candy Launer, Eddie Murphy, Donald Trump and Liam Neeson.

Belva Plain
Belva Plain first came to the public's attention when her first novel, "Evergreen," was published in 1978. "Evergreen" became an instant hit, topped the *New York Times* best-seller list for 41 weeks, and aired as an NBC-TV miniseries starring Lesley Ann Warren. Since then, she has remained at the forefront of contemporary fiction with her books that followed, all of them becoming best-sellers. Her forthcoming novel, "After the Fire," will be released in April 2000.

The luncheon will take place April 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Chancellor, 500 Millburn Ave. in Short Hills. Tickets are \$50 each and are available by calling (908) 709-1177 or at the following locations: The Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Ave., Cranford; The Booklovers Outlet, 301 South Ave. in Westfield; and Prudential New Jersey Realty, 215 North Ave. in Westfield.

Proceeds from the event will support the Junior League's mission of assisting women and children in crisis. Current and future JLEP projects will benefit from this event, including the Rosemary Cucaro Pediatric Medical Day Care Center, the Engle Center, an adult day care program, Special Olympics of Union County, and The United Family and Children's Society of Plainfield.

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield is an organization of women committed to improving their community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Founded in 1923, JLEP service families in need since 1923.

A subscription to your newspaper keeps your college student close to hometown activities. Call 908-686-7753 for a special college rate.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
March 25, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market, Craft and Collectible Show, Indoor and Outdoor
PLACE: Nutley Parks Department, 44 Park Avenue, Nutley
TIME: 9:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Featuring over 100 quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including new and used items, baseball cards, memorabilia, toys, fashion clothing, jewelry, coins and Beanie Babies galore! For more information call Norma Friedman 908-289-8112.
ORGANIZATION: Memorial Day Parade Committee

SATURDAY
April 1, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market/Crafts & Collectibles Sale, 18th Annual Indoors event
PLACE: Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood (between Ridgewood/Maplewood Avenue)
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: Free admission/40 quality dealers selling over 1000 collectible items, one-of-a-kind collectibles, antique treasures, estate jewelry and a variety of merchandise. Enjoy the famous Quince Kitchen, coffee and a light lunch. Call 973-762-8115.
ORGANIZATION: Maplewood Woman's Club, a non-profit Federated volunteer service club

SATURDAY
April 1st, 2000
EVENT: Roselle Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

SUNDAY
March 26, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market and Collectible Show, Indoor and Outdoor
PLACE: Bellevue High School, 100 Passaic Avenue (off Jaraman Street), Bellevue
TIME: 9:00am-5:00pm
PRICE: Now held the first Sunday of the month unless a holiday, then the Second Sunday. Set up from over 100 quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including new and used items, baseball cards, memorabilia, toys, fashion clothing, jewelry, coins and much more! For more information call 201-997-9535.
ORGANIZATION: BHS Seniors

RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY
March 25th and April 1st, 2000
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Stanley Terrace and Portar
TIME: March 25th, 9:00am-4:00pm; April 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm.
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

What's going on is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is paid and costs just \$20.00 (for 2 weeks) for Essex County or Union County and just \$30.00 for both. Your **Worral** magazine is a Maplewood office (483 Valley Street) by 4:00 PM on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Advertisement may also be placed at 170 Scotland Road, Orange, 266 Liberty St., Bloomfield or 1291 Styvessant Ave., Union. For more information call 763-9411.

CONCERT-MUSIC

SUNDAY
March 26th, 2000
EVENT: An Afternoon to Remember
PLACE: YMHA, 501 Green Lane, Union
TIME: 2:00pm
PRICE: An afternoon of singing and dancing featuring the talents of "Maya and Boris." This is their fourth visit with since coming to the U.S. 10 years ago. Their musical program is thoroughly enjoyed by all. Refreshments available. Tickets: \$5.00 at the door. To reserve table for 8-10, (paid in advance), call Myra Friedman 908-289-8112.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by YMHA.

THEATRE-PLAY

FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
March 17th to 26th, 2000
EVENT: "The Songs Your Fathers Love" a new revue of folk songs
PLACE: Seton Hall University Theatre-in-the-Round, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange
TIME: Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sunday matinees at 2pm.
PRICE: Tickets \$13 (regular; \$10 student/seniors). Reservations: 973-761-9790.
ORGANIZATION: Celtic Theatre Company

FUN AUCTION

FRIDAY
March 31, 2000
EVENT: Blast From the Past, Annual Tricky Tray Auction
PLACE: Union Catholic High School, 1600 Marina Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
TIME: Doors open at 6:00pm
PRICE: \$6.00 includes one bid pack, finger desserts, coffee, and 100% Purchase tickets prior to March 31st, and receive an extra bid token FREE!!!
ORGANIZATION: Union Catholic High School Parents Guild

WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

FRIDAY
March 31, 2000
EVENT: Free Clinical Presentation, "MOTHERING THE IMPOSSIBLE PROFESSION"
PLACE: The Psychodynamic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 789 Northfield Avenue, Suite 11L, West Orange, New Jersey
TIME: 8:00pm-9:30pm
PRICE: Free. For registrations or further information call 973-786-7600.
ORGANIZATION: The Psychodynamic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ).

REUNIONS

- Westfield High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Saturday. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Westfield High School Class of 1970 reunion is scheduled for April 7. For information, call (732) 617-1000.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion April 15. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Union High School Class of 1965 will conduct its 35th reunion April 29. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Geoghegan Burke at (732) 388-7363, Al Haase at (203) 744-7896 or George Schmidbauer at (920) 432-0210.
- Union High School Class of 1990 reunion is scheduled for June 10. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunions 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.
- Union High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 24. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Cranford High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Barron High School Class of 1934 is looking for classmates for a 65th reunion. Contact Dorothy M. Enel at (561) 364-8671.
- Union High School Class of 1955 has scheduled its 45th reunion for Nov. 25 at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. For information, call (732) 714-7233, send fax to (732) 714-7234, or address e-mail to UHS1955@aol.com.
- 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-nj@yahoo.com.

KID STUFF

ACROSS

- Barrel piece
- Graduate
- Dickens work, originally
- Rabbit of renown
- Yard entrance
- in the neck
- "Norma —"
- Glutton's choice
- Motionless
- Lapis
- Sunrise site
- Input provider
- AC motor inventor
- Cola ingredient
- Pig
- Used a dial
- Pinto or kidney
- Squirrels love them
- Michelangeli work
- Silly
- 41 years past
- Broad tie
- Branch of peace
- Actor London
- Address Arthur
- 52 Car — ribs
- Artifice
- Kidde show host
- WWI alliance
- Most rational
- Park, Colo

DOWN

- Decides
- Forest feature
- Cloud's home
- Unoccupied
- Marry on the sly
- Masters of mind
- Unpleasant mascot
- Flower holder
- Cambridge school
- Approaches
- Fu variety
- Envelope closer
- Sky light
- Club club, abby
- Permit
- "Life — bed of roses"
- 21-hack
- Lawrence's land
- Moonshine relic
- Tea-barking
- Men's clothing
- Rebbe measurement
- Pats architect
- Pairs in a duo
- Opinion spaces
- Dime
- Genetic stuff actor
- 35 Kitties' father
- 36 Slice
- Before prefix
- Some are special
- A CBS foe
- Bus furniture
- Director Frank
- Escort
- "Vegetarian" herb
- So. location
- Artistic media
- 35 Decreas
- 15 Countertop
- 56 Pat of Tartan
- 57 Obtain

See ANSWERS on Page B12

HOROSCOPE

For March 27 to April 2
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give yourself permission to go solo and break free from the restrictions and obligations involved in your daily life. Indulge yourself in luxury.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your psychic abilities are heightened during this period. Find someone who can work with you to interpret their dreams or subconscious images.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Royal treatment is yours from friends who want to show you a good time. Go along with the program, and let yourself be nurtured.

CANCER (June 23-July 22): You will attract the kind of energy you radiate. Stand tall, carry yourself like a real professional who is entitled, and doors will open.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's up to you to unravel a philosophical or political problem. Hit the library or Internet and do some research. Avoid making the wrong move professionally.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Go along with an investment plan you understand, and make sure that there are no surprises down the line. Also, clear up confusion surrounding a contract.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Relationship issues come up for review and resolution. Don't pass judgment on your loved ones so hastily. Wait, and make sure that you have all the facts.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Learning an important lesson takes patience and perseverance. Set up your budget so that you don't have to suffer financially. Save what you can.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Childless need attention and support. If not your own, then that of people in your immediate neighborhood or community. Put emphasis on discipline.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Getting a fair amount of rest makes it possible for you to cope with stress. Slow down, and make note of what is precious and important in your life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New ideas are stimulating and will receive a favorable response. Be sure to get important correspondence in the mail this week.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money management becomes a must when you discover your cash is going out much quicker than it's coming in. Seek professional assistance.
If your birthday is this week, you have a very intense and powerful year on tap: Expect a personal transformation that will take your life out of the category of the ordinary. Lessons or expansion will come through higher education or love of travel. Your circle of friends is likely to grow by leaps and bounds and encompass the entire globe. Calculate carefully before taking any major risks with your finances. Heed the advice of an elder or mentor.

Earn Extra Money - Work for Census 2000

Census 2000 is recruiting individuals to help take the census in communities across the country. This job offers flexible hours, competitive pay, and work close to home. If you want a second job or are retired, it's perfect! Most Census field jobs last approximately one to four weeks. We provide training and mileage reimbursement, and we pay our Census takers and crew leaders weekly. We need you, so call our toll free number.

Do it now!
1-888-325-7733

www.census.gov/jobs2000
The Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer
TDD: 1-800-341-1310
Census 2000
AN IMPORTANT JOB — THAT PAYS

Calvary Nursery School & Child Care

108 Eastman Street, Cranford

Full day Kindergarten
Nursery School & Pre-K
Child Care - Monday through Friday, 7am - 6pm
Includes Kindergarten, Nursery School & Pre-K Programs, September-June

Our staff provides warm nurturing care and education for children, age 2 1/2 through 6. Art, music, language development, worship, guided play - all are included in our school and child care programs.

For further information or brochure, please call: (908) 272-3962
REGISTER NOW FOR FALL!
Licensed by DYFS

www.localsource.com

Internet Directory

A Better Accountant... <http://www.abetteraccountant.com>
 Agape Family Worship Center... <http://www.agapecenter.org>
 American Savings Bank... <http://www.americansavingsbank.com>
 Big Planet Phone... <http://www.bigplanet.com/mysatellite>
 BigShotSports.com... <http://www.bigshot.com>
 Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce... <http://www.bloomfieldchamber.com>
 Breed National Bank... <http://www.breednational.com>
 Carlo Motors... <http://www.carlomotors.com>
 Clinton Hill Baptist Church... <http://www.njbas.com/CHBC>
 Designer Satchels & Kitchens II... <http://www.localsource.com/designer/satchels>
 Divine Services Unlimited, Inc... <http://www.divinesc.com>
 Dreams Come True Weight Loss... <http://www.localsource.com/dreams>
 East Orange Chamber of Commerce... <http://www.localsource.com/eoccc>
 Essex County Clerk... <http://www.essexclerk.com>
 Eye Care Center of NJ... <http://www.eyecare.com>
 First Night of Maplewood/50 Orange... <http://www.localsource.com/firstnight/50orange>
 Fore Hill Properties... <http://www.rent.net/forehillproperties>
 Glen Ridge Educational Foundation... <http://www.localsource.com/GREF/num>
 Grand Sanitation... <http://www.localsource.com/grandsan>
 Dreams Come True Weight Loss... <http://www.localsource.com/dreams>
 and Nutrition Center... <http://www.localsource.com/andn>
 East Orange Chamber of Commerce... <http://www.localsource.com/eoccc>
 Essex County Clerk... <http://www.essexclerk.com>
 Eye Care Center of NJ... <http://www.eyecare.com>
 First Night of Maplewood/50 Orange... <http://www.localsource.com/firstnight/50orange>
 Fore Hill Properties... <http://www.rent.net/forehillproperties>
 Glen Ridge Educational Foundation... <http://www.localsource.com/GREF/num>
 Grand Sanitation... <http://www.localsource.com/grandsan>
 Holy Cross Org... <http://www.holycross.org>
 Hospital Center at Orange... <http://www.cathedralhealthcare.org>
 Human Rights Advocates Int., Inc... <http://www.localsource.com/hra>
 Internet Training... <http://jigant.net/worldwide.com>
 Jump America... <http://www.jumpamerica.com>
 Liza & Inna... <http://www.localsource.com/lizaandinna>
 Mason Warehouse... <http://www.localsource.com/MasonWarehouse.htm>
 Malignium Homes... <http://www.maligniumhomes.com>
 Montanard Foundation, Inc... <http://www.localsource.com/montanard.htm>
 Mountainside Hospital... <http://www.localsource.com/mountainside>
 Multi Packaging Systems... <http://www.localsource.com/multi/multiage@web.net.asp>
 NJ Avenue... <http://www.njavenue.com>
 Prudential White Realty Co... <http://www.arenth.com>
 Rate Institute... <http://www.rate-institute.com>
 South Mountain Yoga... <http://www.yogagis.com/southmountain>
 Sovereign Bank... <http://www.sovereignbank.com>
 Summit Area Jaycees... <http://www.summitjaycees.com>
 Summit Bank... <http://www.summitbank.com>
 Summit Volunteer Fire Aid Squad... <http://www.summitfire.com>
 Suncoast Federal Savings Bank... <http://www.suncoast.com>
 Township of Union... <http://www.uniontownship.com>
 Township of Union Public Schools... <http://www.localsource.com/tups.htm>
 Turning Point... <http://www.turningpoint.com>
 Union Center National Bank... <http://www.unioncnb.com>
 Union Universalist Church... <http://www.univchurch.org>
 United Way of Bloomfield... <http://www.localsource.com/wayofbloomfield.htm>
 Woolley Fuel Co... <http://www.localsource.com/woolleyfuel.htm>

To be listed
Call 908-686-7700 X311

Community Classified

1-800-564-8911

Search your local classifieds on the internet
<http://www.localsource.com/classifieds/>

SALES HOURS

Monday through Friday
 9:00 AM - 5 PM
 After Hours Call
 908-686-9898
 Selection # 8100

ADDRESS

Classified Advertising
 Worrall Newspapers
 P.O. Box 158
 Maplewood, NJ 07040

Phone: 1-800-564-8911 Fax: 973-763-2557

Offices where ads can be placed in person:
ESSEX COUNTY
 463 Valley Street, Maplewood
 170 Scotland Road, Orange
 266 Liberty Street, Bloomfield

UNION COUNTY
 1291 Sylvanest Ave., Union

RATES

CLASSIFIED RATES
 20 words or less.....\$16.00 per insertion
 Additional 10 words.....\$4.00 per insertion
 Display Rates.....\$25.50 per column inch
 Contract Rates Available
 Blind Box Number.....\$12.00 per insertion

BEST BUY

CLASSIFIED COMBINATION RATES
 Ad appears in all 18 newspapers
 20 words or less.....\$22.00 per insertion
 Additional 10 words.....\$6.00 per insertion
 Display Rates.....\$47.50 per column inch
 Contract Rates Available

CHARGE IT

All classified ads require prepayment.
 Please have your card and expiration date.



NEWSPAPERS

UNION COUNTY
 Union Leader • Echo Leader
 Clark Eagle • The Leader
 Spectator Leader • Gazette Leader
 Railway Progress • Summit Observer

ESSEX COUNTY
 News-Record of Maplewood & South Orange
 West Orange Chronicle • East Orange Record
 Orange Transcript • The Glen Ridge Paper
 Nutley Journal • Belleville Post
 Irvington Herald • Valhalla Leader
 The Independent Press of Bloomfield

DEADLINES

Business Directory 4 PM Thursday
 Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday
 Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
 In-column 3 PM Tuesday

ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments: We make every effort to avoid mistakes in your classified advertisement. Please check your ad each time it appears. Should an error occur please notify the classified department within seven days of publication. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. shall not be liable for errors or omissions in cost of actual space occupied by item in which error or omissions occurred. We cannot be held liable for failure, for any cause, to insert an ad. Worrall Community Newspapers, Inc. reserves the right to reject, revise or reclassify any advertisement at any time.

CLASSIFIED SPECIALS

GARAGE SALES

25 words \$21.00 or \$28.00 combo
 Garage Sale signs, price stickers, balloons, helpful hints, inventory sheet and Rain Insurance.

ECONOMY CLASS

20 words \$7.00 or \$11.00 combo items for sale under \$100.00 One item per ad price must appear.

AUTOS FOR SALE

20 words - 10 weeks \$31.00 or \$44.00 combo no copy changes

DREAM MACHINES

Photo of your car plus 20 words
 4 weeks - \$40.00
 Call now 1-800-564-8911

HELP WANTED

ASSOCIATE TRAINER
 Local office of National Organization needs two Full Time Career minded persons willing to work hard. We offer training. Earn while you learn. Choice of locations. Potential first year earnings in excess of \$30,000. Call Joe at 973-762-7902.

ATTENTION: WORK AT HOME: WE'LL HELP YOU!
 Fun, Simple, \$1600 month part time, \$5000 month full time. Free booklet. Call 24 hour messaging: 888-911-7521 (SCA Network).

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER, 30 hours per week. Computer skills a plus. Salary commensurate with skills and experience. Fax resume to 973-736-3501.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ASSISTANT, Looking for someone to assist in billing and cash applications other duties include filing, mailing and general office duties. Full time. PTC, Maplewood. Fax resume to 973-761-1424.

AIM HIGH, New bonuses Available! Up to \$12,000 Enrollment Bonus for those who qualify, and for a limited time receive \$1,000 (not active duty) by 31 May 2000 (mechanical/electronic career field). Tuition assistance, medical and dental care. If you are a high school graduate, between 17-27, call 1-800-422-USAF for an information packet or visit www.airforce.com. AIR FORCE.

AIR CONDITIONING/Heating Service, Installers and Helpers. Experience necessary. Year round good pay, benefits. Call Springfield Heating 973-376-0055 or fax resume, 973-376-2546.

HELP WANTED

SECRETARY
 Summit Bank
 Member of the Summit Bancorp
 908-686-0100
www.summitbank.com

Please call our Voice Box system 24 hours, 7 days/week, and use Box #4400 for the positions listed below:

- Secretary Retail Banking Summit
- Part-Time Sale Deposit Clerk Summit
- Full-Time Tellers New Providence, Bankway Heights, Summit
- Part-Time Tellers Mountainside, New Providence, Short Hills, Springfield

Summit Bank encourages long term growth and career advancement within the company, while offering an attractive salary and pleasant working environment. Summit Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V.

*Voice Box is a registered trademark of VOICE BOX SYSTEMS, INC.

HELP WANTED

BILLER EARN UP TO \$40K per year! Easy Medical Claims Processing. Training provided. Computer Required. No previous experience necessary. Flexible hours. Triad Business Solutions 1-888-956-7793, extension 454.

BILLER EARN UP TO \$40K per year! Easy Medical Claims Processing. Training provided. Computer Required. No previous experience necessary. Flexible hours. Triad Business Solutions 1-888-956-7793, extension 115 (SCA Network).

BILLERS, UP TO \$20-\$40/hour, Easy claims processing from home. We train. Must have computer & modem. Call 1-888-876-546 ext 778.

BILING PERSON, FULL TIME - Congenial Medical Office - Union Springs area Benefits. Fax resume/salary requirements to 973-379-3337 - Attn: Angela.

CAMP COUNSELORS for summer day camp. VBS! Inquire; group counselors, activity instructors for sports, arts and crafts, woodworking, camping skills, canoeing, archery, nature, roleplay, drama, music, challenge course, newspapers, karate, international, craft and games. Working area: ideal for teachers. Call the students! 908-580-camp. Email: wnst1@netnet.com

CARDIOLOGY PRACTICE, Livingston: seeks part time EKG Tech approximately 15 hours/week for new medical office. Some clerical duties included. Fax resume to 973-941-9403

HELP WANTED

CAREGIVERS NEEDED part time mornings. Attention to care for elderly. Non-medical companionship and home care. Salary \$7.50/hour. No certification required. Driver's license and car required. Home instead Senior Care, 908-682-9300.

CASH DAILY FULL TIME ONLY
 Consumer goods distributor is gaining up for 12 busy seasons. We are currently seeking for 18 people to train in all areas:
 •Inventory/Order filling
 •Sales/marketing
 •Distribution/Delivery
 *Excellent management training program
 *No Experience Necessary/No. Train
 Earn \$500 for Training
973-488-8400
 Call Personnel

CHILD CARE Looking for Nanny/Teacher/Babysitters. Rapid Placement!! Full Part time hours. Great pay, immediate and Summer Jobs Available. Toll Free 1-877-Silly-You.

CLERICAL, Part-time position available. General office billing, flexible hours, room for advancement. Springfield location. Call Gai, 973-762-5655.

COMPUTER CLERK full or part time. Must know Windows 95, good salary, will train. Call 201-965-1573, extension 169 or 888-550-9684, extension 169.

HELP WANTED

PROOF READER PART TIME
 We are a group of weekly newspapers with an office in Maplewood. Looking for a person to proof read our legal advertising on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. As one of our affiliates, we come into one of our offices and fill out an application.
(973) 763-0700
 Production Director
 Worrall Community Newspapers
 P.O. Box 158,
 Maplewood, N. J. 07040

HELP WANTED

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY Coordinator for small independent day school in Short Hills beginning July or September 2000. Responsibilities include: overseeing floor office network of 35 computers, maintaining Windows, managing technology budget, troubleshooting, working with teachers for staff development, teaching of small groups of students, and researching Java elections for the technology program. Desire to work in a school setting, effective communication skills, and ability to relate to teachers at varying levels of technological proficiency mandatory. Send cover letter and resume to Matthew Gould, Assistant Director, Far Brook School, 62 Great Hills Road, Short Hills, NJ 07078. Fax to 973-379-6740 and/or phone 973-379-3442.

YOUR AD could appear here for as little as \$16.00 per week. Call for more details. Our weekly classified department would be happy to help you. Call 1-800-564-8911.

ADVERTISE

NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION FULL TIME

We are a group of weekly newspapers with an office in Maplewood looking for a person with good typing skills. You will compose ads from advertising layouts, build editorial pages following page layouts. Along with all phases of the production department.

Newspaper publishing and Macintosh experience helpful, but not required. Benefit plan with paid holidays. Call for an appointment.

(973) 763-0700
 or send your resume to
 Production Director
 Worrall Community Newspapers
 P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, N. J. 07040

NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION - CAMERA DEPARTMENT FULL TIME

We are a group of weekly newspapers with an office in Maplewood looking for a person to work in our production department. Primary duty will be to produce set work, halftones and negatives on our Camera.

Experience helpful, but not required. Entry level position. Benefit plan.

(973) 763-0700
 or send your resume to
 Production Director
 Worrall Community Newspapers
 P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, N. J. 07040

A free press is the strength behind democracy.

At Worrall Community Newspapers, reporters learn what it takes to become good reporters. Why? Because reporting for one or more of our weekly newspapers means becoming involved in the communities we serve. From news stories to features, from council coverage to police blotters, from community events to the Board of Education, reporters are the eyes and ears of all of our readers. Worrall Newspapers, which publishes 18 newspapers serving 26 towns, has openings for reporters in its Essex and Union County regions. If you think you have what it takes to be a reporter, send resume and clips to Editor Tom Canavan, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J., 07083, or fax to (908) 686-4169.

Be part of a company whose mission is to preserve democracy. Worrall Newspapers is an equal opportunity employer.

ADVERTISING SALES

Worrall Community Newspapers is looking for experienced and aggressive salespeople for outside and inside sales. Earning potential commensurate with experience.

Call for appointment (908) 686-7700

TELEMARKETERS:

• Work Evenings • Earn Extra money
 • Friendly Environment • Bonuses

We are currently looking for energetic people to work evenings at our union office.
 6:00-9:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
 to market our 19 local publications.
 (Flexible schedules available 3 to 5 nights per week)

For More Info Call George at
 (908) 686-7700 Ext. 346

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Temp/ Hire
 Permanent Positions
 Great Pay & Benefits
randstad.
 Call 732-991-1771
 Fax Resume 732-991-9619

TEACHERS

Would you like to make a difference? Sylvan Learning Center is coming to Cranford. We have immediate openings for full and part time teachers at our new location. Sylvan provides diagnostic and prescriptive instruction to students K-12. We emphasize building academic skills and increasing self-esteem. Certification mandatory. Positive attitude and a good rapport with students required. Fax resume or call:

SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER
PHONE 908.709.0202
FAX 973.857.2934

Retail Merchandiser Part-Time

Parts of Union & Hudson Counties
 An opportunity exists with the Procter & Gamble Cosmetics Division. The primary job responsibilities include the initial & ongoing resets for the Cover Girl & Max Factor outlets. This is a great opportunity for people re-entering the work force. Prior retail merchandising exp is preferred.

- Independence & Flexible Work Schedule
- Drive Your Own Car (we reimburse)
- Candidates Must Be Available At Least 3 Full Days Per Week
- Valid Driver's License
- Competitive Hourly Wage
- Proof of Insurance

Please write/send resume to:
Procter & Gamble
 Cosmetics Division
 Attn: Recruiting Specialist
 REF #90SL, Mail Stop 2B
 11050 York Road
 Hunt Valley, MD 21030-2098
 Equal Opportunity Employer M/F
 NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

24 HOUR CLASSIFIED AD LINE

announcing
CALL 908-686-9898
 ENTER SELECTION # 8100

Your advertisement and your Visa or Mastercard ready to answer the questions you are asked in a clear voice.

REAL ESTATE

HOME IMPROVEMENTS
 SUPER IMPROVEMENT Kitchens, Baths, Windows, Doors, Sheetrock, Tile, Painting, Plumbing, Decks. Call 908-688-3325

Tub, Tile Resurfaced
 Use Within 12 Hours
 Choose from Rainbow
 Colors All Fraction
 Replacement Cost
 Call Mr. UGLY
 1-800-588-UGLY

LANDSCAPING
 SPRING CLEAN UP or any size lawn cut for \$24 weekly cutting. 1-800-448-2995

LAWN CARE
 AFFORDABLE LAWN SERVICE. Cutting clean-up and annual trimming. For free estimate call 732-499-9651
 Licenses: 908-2078

PAINTING
HOUSE PAINTING
 INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
 Fully Insured
 Free Estimates
STEVE ROZANSKI
 908-686-6455

RECYCLING
 Industrial Accounts Served
MAX WEINSTEIN SONS, INC.
 HONEST WEIGHTS—BEST PRICES.
 Always Buying Scrap Metals
 2425 Morris Ave./Mr. Burnett/Union
 N.J. 84-30-541-1
 908-686-8238/Since 1919

LANDSCAPING
 BILL SCHAU Landscaping, Inc./Commercial, Residential Lawn Aeration, Seeding, Mulching, Top Soil, Fully Insured Call Bill at 908-887-8028

MASONRY
DREW MASONRY
 Steps, Pavers, Concrete Work, Work, Sidewalks, Walkways, Curbing, All Repairs and Small Jobs
ALSO SNOW REMOVAL
 "Very Reasonable Rates"
 Free Estimates - Fully Insured
 908-289-0274

PAINTING & PLASTERING
 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
 FREE ESTIMATES
CALL: LENNY TUFANO
 908-273-6025

ROOFING
COMPLETE ROOFING
 All Work Done By Professionals
 All Jobs Inspected By Owner
 • Single ply's
 • Flat On
 • Re-roof
 No small job or repair refused
 908-232-7008

LANDSCAPING
 DONORPIO & SON Complete Landscape Service Spring Fall Clean-up Lawn Maintenance, Shrubbery Design, Planting, Mulch, Organic Applications, Tree Removal, Fully Insured/Licensed Free Estimates 973-763-8911

PAUL'S MASONRY
 BRICK AND CONCRETE SPECIALIST
 STEPS, SIDEWALKS, PATIOS
 ALL TYPES OF MASONRY REPAIRS
 VERY AFFORDABLE
 908-964-1554

PLUMBING
BLEIWEIS
PLUMBING & HEATING
 All types heating systems, installed and serviced
 • Gas hot water heater
 • Bathroom & kitchen remodeling
 • Radiators
 Fully Insured and Bonded
 Financing Loans \$1795
 Visa/Mastercards accepted
 908-686-7415

EVERLAST ROOFING
 Specializing in Roof Tear Offs
 Re-Roofs, Full Roofs, Gutters
 Slate Tile, Cedar, Copper, Shingling
 Phone: 908-664-6081
 24 Hr. Emergency Service
 1-888-857-7800
 GAF CERTIFIED SERVICE
 Fully Insured - Free Estimates

HOLLYWOOD LANDSCAPING
 ARTISTIC LANDSCAPING DESIGN
 EXOTIC GARDENS & POND INSTALLATION
 TREE REMOVAL
 FREE ESTIMATES
 908-686-1838

MOVING/STORAGE
 ALL TYPES OF MOVING and hauling. Problem solving our specialty. Call now! 24 hours 973-228-2655 "We Move To It" 24 hours 973-696-9696
PAUL'S N & M MOVERS
 Fomerty Of Yale Ave
 Hillside, NJ 07177
 Local & Long Distance Moving
 CALL 908-688-7768

GR BYRON Plumbing and Heating, Boiler Repairs and Installation, Pumping, Repairs, Hot Water Heaters, Sewer and Drain Cleaning, Work, Waterbury, Fully Insured Lic# 39027 908-689-9285

MAX SR. & PAUL SCHOENWALDER

J.D. ROOFING CONTRACTOR
 Certified in 1 ply rubber roofing
 Flat roofing-repairs
 Shingles re-roof/repair
 Roof inspections & maintenance
 All work guaranteed
 Fully Insured - Free Estimates
 908-322-4637

J. VIZURO Landscaping Design, Spring let clean up, Monthly maintenance, snow removal, shrubs, tree fertilize, tree maintenance 973-753-2075 973-753-4150

PAINTING
 ALL PRO Painting and Home Improvements. All you need is paying too much and then being dissatisfied with the work done on your home! Then call us at work it guarantees and payment is not accepted until you are satisfied and we are fully insured. Call for a free estimate 908-380-1196

ESTABLISHED 1912 INSTALLATION & SERVICE
 • Hot Water Heaters
 • Radiators
 • Air Conditioning
 • Electric Drain & Sewer Cleaning
 Serving the Home Owner
 Business & Industry
 464 Chestnut Street, Union, NJ
 Plumbers License #10229-49545
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT
 908-686-0749

MARK MEISE 973-228-4965
 YOUR AD could appear here for as little as \$15.00 per week. Call for more details. Our friendly classified department would be happy to help you. Call 1-800-564-8811.

R & C LANDSCAPING
 SPRING CLEAN-UPS, MULCH, SHRUBBERY TRIMMING, FERTILIZING
COMPLETE LAWN CARE
 COMPLETE LANDSCAPING DESIGN
 VERY COMMITTED
 TO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION
 Fully Insured - Free Estimates
 CALL: 908-887-8188
 BEERER 1-800-390-6880

BORIS RASKIN Painting, Exterior, Interior, Fully Insured, Free Estimates, Reasonable Rates, Best References, Please call 973-964-9292

RICHARD SCHOENWALDER
 PLUMBING, AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING
 MASTER PLUMBING LICENSE #1851
 908-664-8535; 1-800-464-8933
 21 Southgate Rd. New Providence
 FAX: 908-686-0749
 BONDED AND INSURED
 FAMILY TRADITION SINCE 1912
 www.schoenwalder.com

Free Quick, Over-The-Phone Evaluation of your Home
 Call 1-800-439-8339 press D# 3407
 Talk to no agent. Pre-recorded message
Quick, Free Over-The-Net Home Evaluation.
 Visit www.douglasramos.com
 Country of Douglas Ramos
 RE/MAX United
 1961 North Ave. ste. 24, Union

MORTGAGES

Purchase or Refinance!
 GOOD Credit?
 BAD Credit?
 Any Kind of Credit
 • 1-4 Family
 • Multi-Family
 • Mixed-Use
 • Commercial

MORTGAGE AMERICA
 271 MT. PLEASANT AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR
 WEST ORANGE • 973-325-1717
 Licensed Correspondent Mortgage Bankers-NIS Banking Dept.

With approximately 500 properties closed in 1999
 Re/Max United paid 2.3 million (yes million) in commissions to their realtors last year.
 Would you like a piece of the pie?
 Join RE/MAX UNITED with a **75 x 25% SPLIT** and make no monthly payments at all
 Yes, no monthly payments, no management fee, for real and in writing.

✓ GET ALL BENEFITS OF THE RE/MAX FRANCHISE
 ✓ GET ALL CALLS ON YOUR SIGNS
 ✓ GET ALL CALLS ON YOUR ADVERTISING
 ✓ GET PAID 75%25% AND MAKE NO PAYMENTS.
 Call Carlos Couto (908) 851-2323
 Union County Essex County Hudson County
 1961 Morris Ave. 164 Ferry St. 284 Kearny Ave.
 Union Newark Kearny
 Carlos Couto/Maria Couto - Sole owners

Visit our web page at <http://www.mangels.com>

Mangels & Co. REALTORS

Selling Homes in Union County Since 1929

367 Chestnut St. 502 Centennial Ave.
 Union Cranford
 (908)688-3000 (908)931-1515

ROSELLE PARK
 FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL
 This lovely home is located in one of Roselle Park's nicest areas. Boasting LR w/brl, PDR, FR, EIK runs the length of the house equivalent to a large deck, CAC and much more. CROE405 \$229,000.

SPACIOUS SPLIT
 Spacious Battle Hill Ground Entry Duplex Split in excellent condition with 4 BR's, newer 2 1/2 Baths, LR, PDR, never EIK and FR w/doors to deck, thermo wind, sec eye, newer gas furn & CAC. U-4472, \$259,900.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY RESTAURANT
 Totally remodeled restaurant with handicapped bath, all new equipment in a great location with high visibility! Just open the door and you're in business! CRO 590,000.

BURGdorff REALTORS ERA

Come visit us on the web at <http://www.burgdorff.com>

NEWLY LISTED
 Spacious 3 BR CRANFORD Colonial near schools, recreation, tennis & shopping. Updated baths, ground level Family Rm, Florida Room plus tiled deck, fireplace in the LR, DR w/plate railing, 1st floor cwn plus new Rec Rm, laundry & full bath in basement & more. \$310,000.

NEWLY LISTED
 Spacious 5 Bedroom CRANFORD Colonial on deep corner lot near schools, recreation, tennis & shopping. Newer kitchen & baths, den, tiled deck, fireplace in the LR, DR w/plate railing, 1st floor cwn plus new Rec Rm, laundry & full bath in basement & more. Home Warranty. \$329,000.

MOUNTAINSIDE
 TERRIFIC 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on 1/3 of an acre of level property. Updated baths, ground level Family Rm, Florida Room plus attached garage. Gas heat, central air, ceramic, wood & carpeted floors. \$389,900.

WESTFIELD CHARMER
 Captivating 3 Bedroom home with new Country kitchen, DR w/bay window and built-in china cabinet, built-in bookcases flanking LR fireplace, antique "bottle glass" windows, patio, deck & rear fenced yard & more. \$344,900.

BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED.
 JUST LISTED! Mint condition WESTFIELD split level with 3 Bedrooms, a sunny Eat-in Kitchen and a grade level Family Room. Don't let this centrally air-conditioned cream puff slip by. Own it for \$259,900.

MOVE-IN CONDITION COLONIAL.
 JUST LISTED! Spacious, mint condition 3 Bedroom, 1.5 home in RAHWAY. Updates include roof, thermopane windows, electric, oak floors, large EIK w/Prago floor, MBR w/skyline, recessed lighting & walk-in closet. New landscaping and patio, rear fenced yard. \$172,500.

28 Offices Throughout New Jersey
 Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

WESTFIELD OFFICE
 600 North Avenue West • Westfield, NJ 07090
 (908) 233-0065

welcome home

BURGdorff ERA

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER
 PRESENTS A
FREE HOME OWNERSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES
 Tired of writing that rent check? Need more space for your growing family and want financial stability? Then this is a great opportunity for You!

Topics Covered:
 The Entire Home Buying Process • Understanding & Qualifying for Mortgage Products
 Personal Money Management • Credit Rebuilding
 Free Individual One-On-One Counseling • Free Credit Report
 Affordable Townhouse Units Available

WORKSHOP LOCATION
 PLACE: Episcopal Diocese of Newark
 31 Mulberry Street
 Newark, New Jersey 07102

DATES: April 10 thru May 8
 (Five consecutive Mondays)

TIME: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER CALL NOW!!
 St. James Housing Resource Center
 260 Broadway Suite 300, Newark, NJ 07104
 Ask For Laurie Robertson 973-482-1656
 Refreshments will be served
 Underwritten by: Fannie Mae

ROOFING
WE STOP LEAKS!
 CLARK BUILDERS, INC.
 •Roof Siding & Repairs
 •Gutters & Drainage
 Serving Union & Middlesex Counties
 For 20 Years
 Fully Insured - Free Estimates
 N.J. Lic. No. 010702
 732-951-9000 1-800-794-LEAK (5325)

RUBBISH REMOVAL
ANYTHING GOES!
 Entire Homes Cleaned Out
 Attics, Basements, Garages
 Same Day Service
 Senior Discount
 Insured

Call 1-800-283-1348 or 973-731-9031.

DONATELLO'S
 Rubbish Removal-Same Day Service
WE CLEAN OUT ATTICS - basements
 •Garages •Basements •Yards •Decks
 WE TAKE AWAY Furniture •Appliances •Wood
 •Metal •Construction •Debris
 973-886-0034 Senior Citizen's Discount

TILE
 CERAMIC TILE Installer, New and Repair
 Bathroom, Porcelain, Glazing, No. Use
 Top End Of Small Tiles in All A Major Credit
 Cards Accepted Joe Mignola 1-800-449-1156
 Home 973-252-8257

DEVELOP TILE Contractors Established
 1958 Kitchen, Bathrooms, Restrooms, Showers,
 Shower Stalls, Tile Floors, Tile Enclosures,
 Tile Estimates, Fully Insured, No Job Too Small
 or Too Large 908-686-2555

TREE EXPERTS
BOYLE TREE SURGERY CO.
 ESTABLISHED 1922
TREE & STUMP REMOVAL
PRUNING
TREE SURGERY IN
ALL ITS BRANCHES
 Union
 908-954-9358

STONEGATE TREE SERVICE
 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE
 IN ALL PHASES OF TREE WORK
 REASONABLE RATES, FULLY INSURED.
 FREE ESTIMATES
 908-738-8712

TREE EXPERTS
WOODSTACK TREE SERVICE
 Local Tree Company
 All Types Tree Work
 Free Estimates, Senior Discounts
 LOW, LOW RATES
 908-776-8752

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

AMAZING MAIL ORDER Money Machine turns your mailbox into an ATM! FREE report tells all! Call 800-873-9236 ext. 1428 (24 hours). UR

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
 AT&T-NCI Sprint 1 Cell Phone Care Route
 Potential \$1,000-\$5,000 All Cash! This isn't a
 job! Invest \$5K. Free information.
 1-800-897-8988 extension 3005

BUSINESS SALES \$50,000-\$100,000 Sales
 Marketing Professionals. Unique opportunity
 using your established contacts to build your
 future in Business Sales Training! Local Area:
 1-800-715-4294 (SCA Network).

BUSINESS OWNERS Accept major credit
 cards! Free setup. Absolutely no upfront
 charges! Regardless of size, age, credit, or
 four-step increase salary! 1-800-668-0211
 www.mp-solutions.com (310) (SCA
 Network)

DO YOU EARN \$600 in a day? Your own Local
 Candy Route. Includes 30 machines and free
 candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-698-VEIND

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
FRANCHISES FOR SALE See our listing of
 over 2000 of the hottest franchises. Free
 information. www.FranchiseOpportunities.com
 or call 424-362-8771

GET OFF THE Couch! Invest \$24K in yourself
 and get a new computer along with your new
 business. March specials! Toll free
 888-933-5487 or www.excell.com/cabai

INVEST IN YOURSELF We dominate our industry
 and continue to grow nationwide. We are
 recession resistant! We're not a household
 name, yet our franchisees thrive and grow
 with us. No experience necessary. We provide
 all the training, minimum investment \$3K. Fast
 Fix Jewelry Repairs 800-359-0407
 www.123fix.com

LEARN PIANO Tuning - Be your own boss,
 Etcowen income. Full or part time. Call
 732-615-4775

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
NEW AUTOMATED home Business Quickly
 earn a full-time income. Visit
 http://www.retroquickly.net/cob to see and hear
 complete presentation


WORK FROM home Earn \$420.00 the week
 around your schedule. Call 800-633-1119
 Online www.bwh.com

WORK FROM home Earn extra income
 around your schedule. Earn from \$600-\$1,200
 part time. \$1,200-\$3,000 full time. Join our
 international company through a local contact
 973-374-0389


RENTAL
 "All real estate advertised herein is
 subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act,
 which makes it illegal to advertise any
 preference, limitation, or discrimination
 based on race, color, religion, sex, handi-
 caps, familial status, or national origin, or
 intention to make any such preference,
 limitation, or discrimination.
 *We will not knowingly accept any ad-
 vertising for real estate which is in violation
 of the law. All persons are hereby informed
 that all dwellings advertised are available
 on an equal opportunity basis."

NEW JERSEY MORTGAGE RATES
 FOR UPDATED RATES CALL INFO@SOURCE 908-688-9888 AND DIAL THE LENDER CODE
 LOOK FOR THESE LENDERS ON THE INTERNET @ WWW.CMIMORTGAGENFO.COM/MORRALLHTM

PRODUCT	RATE	PTS	APR	PRODUCT	RATE	PTS	APR
American Fed. Mortgage	888-221-4627			First Savings Bank	712-746-3400 (NJ)		1751
30 YEAR FIXED	8.25	0.00	8.29	30 YR FIXED	7.88	1.00	8.20
15 YEAR FIXED	7.88	0.00	7.92	FEE 15 YR FIXED	7.75	0.00	7.76
1 YR ARM	6.75	0.00	7.31	5/1-30 YR	7.50	0.00	8.36
Zero point loan specialist, FRB program.							
Bank of America	800-451-2265	INFO	1768	Loan Search	800-511-2275 (NJ)		1767
30 YR FIXED	8.38	0.38	8.51	APP 30 YR FIXED	8.38	0.00	8.38
15 YR FIXED	8.13	0.13	8.23	FEE 15 YR FIXED	7.75	0.00	7.75
1 YR ARM	8.00	0.13	8.11	NIP 30 YR JUMBO	8.25	0.38	8.35
NJ's Lowest Rates! www.loansearch.com							
Columbia Savings Bk	800-367-4988			Synovus Fed'l Savings Bk	800-651-3835		
30 YR FIXED	8.50	0.00	8.53	APP 30 YR FIXED	8.38	0.00	8.44
15 YR FIXED	7.88	0.00	7.91	FEE 15 YR FIXED	7.88	0.00	7.88
1 YR ARM	6.00	1.00	8.11	NIP 10-15 YR	7.88	0.00	8.29
Call for jumbo mortgage rates. Other products available. Visit us at www.synovus.com							
Commonwealth Bank	800-323-0000			Union County National Bank	800-655-3000		
30 YEAR FIXED	8.25	0.00	8.29	APP 30 YR FIXED	NIP	NIP	NIP
15 YEAR FIXED	8.00	0.00	8.05	FEE 15 YR FIXED	8.00	0.00	8.00
1 YR ARM	6.63	0.00	NIP	5/0 5/1-30 YR	8.00	0.00	9.11
Free weekly zero cost refinancing! 180 day lock w/no add-on! Free flip-down option! Low/Med program available							
Rates compiled on March 17, 2000. NIP - Not provided by institution							
Contact lenders concerning additional fees which may apply. C.M.J. and The Wall Street Journal assume no liability for typographical errors or omissions. To display information, lenders only should contact C.M.J. @ 800-428-4665. Rates are supplied by the lenders, are presented without guarantee, and are subject to change. Copyright 2000, Cooperative Mortgage Information. All Rights Reserved.							

SEIZED REAL ESTATE AUCTION
 U.S. Department of the Treasury
 Two-Story Townhouse-Style Condominium

 2 BR, 2.5 BA, Enfilade Kitchen,
 Fireplace, Finished
 Basement with 1BR/2BA, End
 Unit, 1-Car Garage,
 1,736 +/- sq. ft.
 955 South Springfield
 Avenue, #2208
 Springfield, NJ 07081
 Auction Location
 60 Distribution Boulevard
 Edison, NJ 08817
 Auction Date & Time
 April 13 • 12:00 noon
 Registration
 April 13 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Open House
 April 2 & 9 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 POLYMER PEN & CALL T.V.
(732) 287-1667
 E&G TECHNICAL SERVICES
 Sale # 00-46-847
 www.treas.gov/auctions/customs

AGENT of the Month

WOODWARD PROPERTIES
 Proudly Congratulates
Robert A. Luback
 For
 Excellence in Real Estate
 Production
 For
 the Month of February
 Buying? Selling?
 Call George at 908/598-0155

908-598-0155
 www.woodwardhomes.com
 92 Summit Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901

Woodward Properties Realtors, is an independently owned real estate firm based in the heart of Downtown Summit. Woodward agents are community-oriented real estate specialists who focus on meeting the individualized needs of those moving into or out of Summit and the surrounding communities of Short Hills/Millburn, the Chatham, Madison, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Springfield, Westfield, Stirling, Gillette and Millington. Woodward offers extensive relocation services throughout the United States and abroad as well. The relocation department can tailor a relocation package based on the requirements of individuals and families. Woodward provides those relocating with pre-marketing services, including area information packages and school information, counseling, and home search/purchase assistance. Woodward Properties is an affiliate of Woodward Realty Group whose market area extends throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey. Memberships include garden State Multiple Listing Service, North Central Jersey Association of Realtors, Somerset/Hunterdon Association of Realtors, RELO - the world's largest network of independent brokers, the Employee Relocation Council, Relocation Directors Council, England's National Homes Network, and the United Kingdom Chapter of FIABCI - the International Real Estate Federation, providing Woodward with a network of brokers nationwide and abroad.

SUMMIT AREA CONDOMINIUM CENTER
 Woodward Properties' Condominium Center is the only one of its kind in the Summit area. It was created to handle the unique marketing, sales, rental and management of multi-owner properties. The staff are experts in explaining the many opportunities, advantages and responsibilities of condominium living, ownership and investment. The Center also serves as a resource of information for current owners, occupants and potential buyers of both commercial and residential multi-owner properties. The Center can be reached by calling 908-598-2588.


Buying? Selling? Relocating? Just have a question about real estate? Call on the brokers and agents of Woodward Properties, Realtors, at your convenience.

Highlight Your Special Agent of the Month
 Call Paula at
(908) 686-7700


JUDY PADALINO
 Dedicated to superior quality in service and marketing residential properties in all price ranges. Expert consultant management advice for long-term client relationships extending beyond a single point of sale. Skilled in technology, local advertising and marketing strategies, a experienced professional negotiating skills. Married and mother of one child. Living in Union for 27 years. NJAR ADC
 Silver Award Winner 1999, Brunches, Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, Member of Weichert Precious Ambassadors Club
Union Office
908-687-4800
908-353-7489
Weichert Realtors

RAY VAN DYKE
 Ray Van Dyke brings a broad background of 32 years sales and marketing experience to the real estate industry. Active in community affairs, and knowledgeable of local market. Ray is the person to call when buying or selling your House. 973-763-0600 (Ext. 305)

THE KLEIN CO.
 REALTOR
 151 Maplewood Ave. • Maplewood • 973-0800

LUCKNER JEAN-MARIE
 CONGRATULATIONS
 LUCKNER JEAN-MARIE
 A Professional Realtor who treat you with all the care, honesty and integrity that you are looking for in a Realtor. Luckner is fluent in English and French. If you are looking to sell, buy a house or for a free pre-qualification call Luckner today he will be very glad to help you.

WOODWARD PROPERTIES REALTORS
 Marketing Summit Area Properties
 With Hometown Pride
908-598-0155
 42 Summit Ave., Summit, NJ 07901
 www.woodwardhomes.com

DIANE EPP
 A 16 year veteran, Epp is a member of the NJAR, Distinguished Sales Club, NJAR Million Dollar Club, 1986-99, Silver Level 1993, 94, 96, 98, 1993 Realtor Associate of the Year. Epp was named to Weichert's President's Club in 1998, and Weichert's Ambassador Club, Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert Realtors, West Orange Hall of Fame.
West Orange Office
973-731-6064
Weichert Realtors

LUCKNER JEAN-MARIE
 CONGRATULATIONS
 LUCKNER JEAN-MARIE
 A Professional Realtor who treat you with all the care, honesty and integrity that you are looking for in a Realtor. Luckner is fluent in English and French. If you are looking to sell, buy a house or for a free pre-qualification call Luckner today he will be very glad to help you.

Century 21
 North Side
 10 Bloomfield Avenue
 Belleville
 Business (973) 751-7771
 Each Office is Independently Owned And Operated

WOODWARD PROPERTIES REALTORS
 Marketing Summit Area Properties
 With Hometown Pride
908-598-0155
 42 Summit Ave., Summit, NJ 07901
 www.woodwardhomes.com

AUTOMOTIVE

New Saturn L-Series offers European flair

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

Count me among the skeptics of the Saturn L-Series. This outer-orbiting division of General Motors started off strong in 1990 with the original Saturn coupe, sedans and wagons, which have now been renamed the S-Series.

It was an American company building cars for Americans, and a plant manager told me this division would never consider rebadging and selling a foreign-made car as a Saturn. Times changed, attitudes evolve. Saturn changed how cars are bought and sold with its no-haggle, no-baffle sales and service and a money-back guarantee not satisfied.

The cars found a dedicated core of buyers and all drifted along nicely for a few years, until the rest of the compact-car segment caught up with Saturn quality and features. Saturn, meanwhile, didn't keep up with the industry.

When it came time to trade in and move up, and the cars were little changed from the years before. It wasn't until the 1999 model year that the cars were noticeably changed by quieting the engines and adding soundproofing for a quieter interior.

Saturn also played a trump card last October when it surprised the industry with its three-door coupe. It was the first of its kind and a fascinating innovation that resulted in a jump start of sales.

Company executives and dealers are hoping for more sales activity with its new L-Series and are eagerly anticipating a compact sport-up planned for 2002.

The L-Series is a substantial move up from the S-Series, but it's not a Chevy nor an Acura in ride quality or craftsmanship. The L has family plan styling, but it is difficult to how it performs daily chores.

It should do well among the current Saturn owners who want something different, if it can be heard among the cries for attention from all the other midsize models in this category.

The LS sedan and LW wagon are built from the Opel Vectra, a popular GM model in Europe. Only the very

base infrastructure of the car is carried over from the Vectra. Saturn insists. All else has been well Saturnized.

Some of the appealing European elements have survived, such as a normal-sized dashboard that is not as imposing as the widely copied cab-forward design, a fast-looking silhouette, and a sleekly raked windshield that usually adds a distracting reflection in the lower portion of the windshield.

The L-Series cars have plain styling, but their European roots provide good visibility for the driver and doors that open wide for access and a solid, quality-assuring thump when closed.

The SW1 test wagon came with the new 2.2-liter four-cylinder, the standard engine, and had an as-tested price of \$19,565, including \$540 for destination, floor mats and an upgraded stereo. A comparable S-Series wagon will cost less than \$17,000.

The LS2 and LW2 models come with a 182-horsepower 3-liter V-6 that is built in England. This is the first six-cylinder offered in a Saturn, and another much-needed enhancement in the midsize class.

It's not that the four-cylinder is underpowered. Actually, it is the punch of a small six-cylinder, but a V-6 is expected in this class, especially to compete in the midwest and east. The four-cylinder is part of a global effort of GM engineers to create an engine that eventually will be used worldwide for the company.

It is a sophisticated double-overhead-camshaft design with four valves per cylinder and twin balance shafts to counter the effect of vibration. It is rated at 137 hp with 147 foot-pounds of torque.

You can load a pair of parents and a couple kids and notice little depreciation in power. Performance is perky, but I would have wished for a P-Drive mode to the electronic transmission to give a sharper response to acceleration and shift points. The four-cylinder could use it for passing or entering the freeway.

Saturn says the base four-cylinder wagon will do 0 to 60 in 9.8 seconds with standard four-speed automatic.

The LS and LS1 sedan come with a 5-speed manual transmission and will do 0 to 60 in 9.5 seconds.

Fuel mileage is a thrifty 24 mpg around town and 31 on the highway or 23/32 with the automatic transmission.

Fuel mileage for the six cylinder is 20/26 with the standard automatic; 0 to 60 acceleration is 8.2 seconds. However, the cruising radius for both models is held back slightly by the 13.1-gallon gas tank.

Credited the Opel roots for good stopping power. The power-assisted front disc and rear-drum system will bring a fully loaded wagon to a stop from 60 mpg in 160 feet without ABS or 140.3 feet with ABS. Compare that to 172 feet for the S-Series without ABS and 147 feet with.

The interior is well-packaged for maximum space, though there is nothing innovative about its wagonness. It was done in the Subaru Legacy Outback or the Saab 9-5, which has similar styling lines. Both of these cars have a multitude of wagon adjustments for pets and people to accommodate busy and sporting lifestyles.

The wagon's utility comes with a split folding seat back and 29.4 cubic feet of storage or 71.3 cubic feet with the seats folded. The cargo floor has tie-downs, a pair of storage compartments on either side of the spare tire and a cargo net.

There is 39.3 inches of head room in the front seats and 39.6 in back. Leg room is 42.3 inches in front, which is as good as it gets in most passenger cars.

In back, there's remarkable leg room at 37 inches, but passengers would have appreciated the raised interior seating used in other GM cars to give a better view.

The driver's area is efficient with a height-adjustable seat and an easy reach to the door-panel map pocket, the deep, locking glove box and AM-FM-CD stereo and eight speakers. The uplevel LW2 adds lumbar adjustment to the driver's seat.

As on the smaller Saturns, the L has plastic body panels to deflect door dings and errant shopping carts. No side air bags offered, which isn't a loss to most people, but it seems a

missed opportunity to tout safety features.

The fit and finish are very good overall. The fabric appears durable as do the interior trim pieces without that typical GM fakeness of cheapness. The test wagon had squeak wad accents around the center instrument panel console and around the base of the gear shift lever — a nice, warning touch that contrasted well with the two-tone plastics.

There's also subtle use of chrome on the door handles, air vents and push buttons on the gear shift and emergency brake handle.

The window buttons on the center floor console are typically European but new for a Saturn. It's a packaging problem because there isn't room for them on the door, and these console buttons will take a little time to get accustomed to.

This new Saturn isn't out of this world, but it is a good, sturdy addition to the line.

Mark Maynard is automotive editor at the San Diego Union-Tribune. Contact him at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

APARTMENT TO RENT

ELIZABETH
LOOKING FOR PEACE AND QUIET? YOU FOUND IT!
Huge 1 bedroom available at quiet and charming location, select units with freshly renovated kitchen including brand new appliances, remodeled bathroom, tile hardwood floors, large closets space, private parking, laundry on site. Walk to public transportation. No pets From \$500.
560 Westminster Avenue
908-353-3913

ELIZABETH, ELMORA Section Studio and one bedroom, possible 2 bedroom. Heat, no water included. Please call Mrs. Lager at 201-487-8281.

NEWARK-WEEQUAHIC AREA
STUDIO 1 AND 2 BEDROOMS
Very spacious, nice quiet building and neighborhood. Near transportation. Superior service program.

ON SITE SECURITY
DRIVE UNDERGROUND PARKING
Call Mrs. D. for appointment
973-743-8488

STOP RENTING! Own for less! \$0 down! No credit needed! Guaranteed approval!
1-800-362-8333 extension 5003

LIVING 2 BEDROOM 2nd floor, 2 family Large rooms, 980 sq ft utilities and security. Available April 1st. 908-859-0755

UNION AVAILABLE April 1st, spacious 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, central, great location \$1,000 per month. 908-333-5848.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT
WEST ORANGE private room to rent. Share bathroom and kitchen. Furnished. Call Tam 973-243-2303

WEST ORANGE Elmleigh Hotel 289 Main Street. Convenient to transportation. Rates from \$90 per week. Call 973-734-8434 or 973-328-1938

HOUSE TO RENT
NO RENT! Own for less! \$0 down! No credit needed! 800-337-8161 ext. 2703

OFFICE TO RENT
SPRINGFIELD INDIVIDUALLY furnished offices with business support services. Call Tam 973-921-3000

UNION 800 Square feet, Shyvana's! Amenities. Private entrance, grade level with parking. \$555 per month. Call Phoebe 908-687-4499

VACATION RENTALS
HILTON HEAD—Villa on beach, 1 bedroom and pullout queen sofa bed, bunk beds. Full refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry on premises. Ocean View. Non-smoking. 973-352-2555

Use Your Card...
MASTERCARD
Quick And Convenient!

visit our website at www.lynesinfiniti.com

MARCH SANITY

IMPECCABLE STYLE. SENSIBLE VALUES.

Own one and you'll understand.

1996 INFINITI G20 \$159 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$12,266 ⁰⁰ cash	Bring This Ad In To Receive \$500 Off Your Best Price!
1997 TOYOTA COROLLA \$171 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$11,000 ⁰⁰ cash	Warranty**: • 4 Year/60,000 Mile Bumper to Bumper Warranty • 6 Year/70,000 Powertrain Warranty • Leasing Care Available!
1997 INFINITI J30 \$299 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$19,425 ⁰⁰ cash	BAD CREDIT? NO PROBLEM! We'll make your TICKET TO RIDER!
1999 INFINITI G20 \$299 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$18,995 ⁰⁰ cash	BRING US YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE + FINANCIAL STATEMENT + SOCIAL SECURITY CARD + RECENT PAY STUB DRIVE HOME TODAY! NO CASH TO FINANCIAL APPROVAL! 1-800-286-4091
1998 MERCEDES-BENZ ML320 4X4 WAGON \$399 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$31,995 ⁰⁰ cash	
1998 INFINITI Q45 \$572 ⁹⁹ by lease or \$32,800 ⁰⁰ cash	

LYNES USED CAR HEADQUARTERS!

1998 INFINITI G20 COUPE \$8995	1998 INFINITI G20 \$10,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995
1998 INFINITI G20 \$10,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995
1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995
1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995
1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995	1998 INFINITI Q45 \$15,995

401 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 800-332-2842 • 973-743-3100
One Minute Off GSP Exit 148 • Store Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm

CHEVY WE'LL BE THERE

MARCH MADNESS

HUGE SAVINGS! **\$0 DUE AT LEAST SIGNING!**

Brand New 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier SIGN & DRIVE! \$212 ⁹⁹ to \$12,768 ⁰⁰	Brand New 2000 Chevrolet Prizm SIGN & DRIVE! \$189 ⁹⁹ to \$13,379 ⁰⁰
Brand New 2000 Chevrolet Malibu SIGN & DRIVE! \$99 ⁹⁹ to \$13,999 ⁰⁰	Brand New 2000 Chevrolet TRACER CONVERTIBLE SIGN & DRIVE! \$99 ⁹⁹ to \$13,999 ⁰⁰

CONVERSION VAN HEADQUARTERS
New 1999 BLOWOUT! **ASTRO** \$25,397

REDUCE YOUR PAYMENTS FURTHER!

2676 ROUTE 22 W. • UNION
908-886-2800

Sell Your Stuff!

Advertise It All On The Internet

LocalSource Online

Call Now!!
1-800-564-8911
www.localsource.com/classifieds

