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Liquidator

My potential client, 10-year-old Kellyann Nöits, just got a lesson in both the downside effect of the new economy and pre-emption power of the federal-bankruptcy law. Along with her mom Maria, who works in Cranford, they attempted unsuccessfully to return her defective boombox to Bradlees. While she didn't get a refund because she's an unsecured creditor, an "A" in constitutional law may be deserved.

Bradlees, with stores locally in Union and Clark, filed last week for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. As a result of action, the remaining inventory went to Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, a.k.a., the liquidators. While the timing of the post-Christmas bailout was repugnant to those who purchased certificates or tried to make returns, the federal law actually pre-empts New Jersey Consumer Protection Laws from applying.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Friday night the entrance of the Clark Bradlees had a cluttered look. A sole stern supervisor sat behind a desk, a mountain of returns on her left and a Clark policeman standing to the right. The reports of nasty confrontations by frustrated customers didn't materialize at this store.

As customers sought to return goods, the supervisor provided a copy of a fax from someone named Rod Clark on refund policy. Her voice angrily repeated the mantra, "We are no longer Bradlees, we are owned by the liquidator." The Clark fax had modified refund policy under pressure from state attorney generals in New York and Connecticut. But this didn't change the fact that within two weeks Bradlees would be just another memory.

George Jacobs, a successful developer in the state, sees the Bradlees closing as part of a countrywide trend where regional stores like Rickels, Herman's and Channel give way to the national chains like Target and Home Depot. "It's basically a survival of the fittest of anchor stores."

Jacobs also predicted that in the short term, the stores will stay dark and the new surrounding support stores will be the heavy discounters, not your most desirable tenants.

But Jacobs does see a silver lining. "There really is opportunity in the big picture. Most of the Bradlees stores are well located. The leases of the older stores like Bradlees are low and not as profitable. It can mean the repositioning and infusion of new blood and better quality stores coming to the locations."

But a walk around the Clark store on Friday didn't reveal any optimism. One keen shopper pointed out that the so-called discounts, like on towels were anemic at best. A young stock boy named Jonathan traveled throughout the store trying to help customers and keep shelves packed.

In the next eight weeks, 30 Bradlees in New Jersey will close including the Union and Clark stores. Their employees will be left to seek new employment at the very time the economy is slowing down. The examples of the Channel on Route 22 in Springfield turning into the Linens 'N' Things with job opportunities is positive.

Faith Popcorn is an author who has made a career out of predicting the future. Last week in an interview, she predicted that high-pressure lifestyle of using every minute may be coming to an end for American workers. We may actually be seeking less success and just more quality time.

But here in the short term, Kellyann didn't get a refund from the store, and a lot of people are out of work. As a Bradlees stock clerk said to another worker, "Man, this is one big mess."

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Mirabella to succeed Sullivan as chairman

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park will succeed Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth as chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders when the county's governing body conducts its annual reorganization meeting Sunday at 1 p.m. in Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr.'s courtroom, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Lewis Mingo of Plainfield will become the board's vice chairman.

Mirabella served as vice chairman in 1999 and was re-elected in November to his second three-year term with running mates Chester Holmes of Rahway and Deborah Scanlon of Union. All three will be sworn in to

their new terms while Joanne Rajoppi of Union will be sworn in to another five-year term as county clerk.

Mirabella said many programs will continue in addition to new initiatives focusing on libraries, assistance for veterans and a new volunteer agency. He also said the freeholder board might conduct some meetings in different locations within the county during his chairmanship in an effort to get closer to residents.

Sullivan, a former school board member in Elizabeth, also was chairman of the board in 1998 and vice chairman in 1997 and 1999. His term on the freeholder board, along with Mingo and Mary Ruotolo, expires this year.



Alexander Mirabella

Chairman of the Democratic Committee in Roselle Park, Mirabella was on the Borough Council from 1991 to 1995.

PA negotiating for part of juvenile center land

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

At least a part of the property that once was planned to be the future site of a new juvenile detention center might be used by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to connect the Staten Island Railroad to the Chemical Coastline.

Union County has agreed to negotiate a price with the bistate agency to use a portion of the land; how much land will be needed is subject to negotiations, according to County Manager Michael Lapolla. Freeholders have expressed interest in selling the land which they purchased in 1999 for approximately \$2 million from Olympia Trailways. Lapolla expects an appraisal on the property to be completed shortly.

The land negotiations came on the heels of an agreement the Port Authority reached with Elizabeth and Union County last month.

Trains from Staten Island would be able to hook up to the Chemical Coastline which runs north and south, Lapolla said, however the rail line is still three years away from operation.

Calls to the Port Authority went unreturned.

Lapolla said the negotiations had no bearing on the county's recent decision to drop plans for a new juvenile detention center on the 3.23-acre property under the Goethals Bridge. The county would have been able to build the center and still negotiate with the Port Authority to use part of the land for a right-of-way, according to the county manager. He said the right-of-way is near the edge of a part of the property that would not have been used.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan said he expects the county to sell the property sometime during 2001.

"It's probably not a long-term decision," Sullivan said of the property's sale. "There are a number of entities that have expressed interest."

In addition to addressing issues with a 177-acre Continental Airlines property, the Port Authority will provide \$1 million for an engineering feasibility study of the Newark-Elizabeth Light Rail Link as part of the agreement reached last month.

"Light rail is the big thing," said Lapolla. "We're trying to put full funding in place" and the commitment from the Port Authority puts the light rail project "on the map."

"It's a major step toward full funding of the light rail."

Lapolla is confident the Newark-Elizabeth Light Rail Link will be fully funded soon. "Once that's done," the county manager said, NJ Transit can decide what type of light rail cars to use on the cross-county link beyond Elizabeth into Plainfield. He said diesel cars would be the fastest and cheapest.

The nearly six-mile link from Newark Airport to Midtown Elizabeth is expected to cost nearly \$700 million. Depending on what types of cars are used, the cost to extend the light rail west toward Plainfield could cost anywhere from \$76 million to \$228 million, based on several different options presented to the freeholders last year.

Grant to help improve waterways

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Despite temperatures in the low 20s on the morning of Dec. 21, state, county and municipal officials gathered at Nomahegan Park in Cranford to sign a contract that will help to develop a watershed management plan for waterways within Hudson, Essex, Union and Middlesex counties.

The ultimate goal of the plan is to impact nonpoint pollution. The grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection will help to assess waterways to improve water quality and eventually develop strategies on specific pollution problems.

"An important part of the process is putting money on the table to get the project going," said Robert Shinn, commissioner of the state DEP. The

county will receive \$600,000 over four years with \$400,000 over the first two years. Approximately \$240,000 will be used to provide staff and get the project on line as quickly as possible, he said.

"Local action makes all the difference," Shinn said, as well as educating people. With 8 million people inhabiting 4.8 million acres statewide, it impacts all habitats, he said. "It's a wise investment in the future because improvement doesn't happen by accident." It will help develop a common vision and ensure success, Shinn said.

Shinn and Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan signed the contract along the Rahway River with county officials accepting a \$240,000 advance check to begin work on Watershed Management Area 7.

Watershed Management Area 7 stretches as far north as West Orange to Edison in the south, Jersey City and Bayonne to the east, and Plainfield in the west. It includes the Elizabeth and Rahway rivers; Woodbridge, Morses and Piles creeks; Newark Bay, Arthur Kill, Kill Van Kull and Upper New York Bay, totalling 250 square miles in 36 municipalities.

The DEP has signed contracts with regional representatives for each of the 20 watershed management areas in the state.

An area Watershed Management Partnership Committee will be comprised of local agencies, watershed associations and towns that will seek input from other local groups and interested citizens in developing the plan at the partnership's Congress meetings.

Four officers promoted

Four veteran officers have been promoted from the ranks at the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Prosecutor Thomas Manahan announced last month. Manahan appointed Sgts. Kathleen Callahan and Joseph Vitelli to the rank of lieutenant and Detectives Tracy Morgan-Diaz and Ricardo A. Osborne to be sergeants effective Jan. 16.

"All four have performed their assigned duties, both present and past, in such a manner that has earned them these promotions," Manahan said, adding that the newly elevated officers will be in key positions within the office.

Callahan, who left a job as a Union County sheriff's officer to join the office in 1986, worked in the Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Strike Force, the Child Abuse Investigations Unit and the Special Prosecutions Unit prior to returning to the strike force in 1998 to assume a command post as a squad sergeant in the Union County Narcotics Strike Force.

In her new assignment, Callahan will be the acting director of the Union County Prosecutor's Office Laboratory. She is a member of the Union County Emergency Response Team and serves as a team leader for the Hostage Negotiation Team.

Vitelli, who was both a patrol officer and a detective with the Plainfield Police Division before joining the office in 1988, worked in the Homicide Unit, was assigned as a member of a special Federal Bureau of Investigation Task Force and was a squad sergeant in the Union County Narcotics Strike Force.

He currently serves as acting commander of the Essex/Union Auto Theft Task Force and is the firearms rangemaster as well as deputy commander of the UCERT team.

Osborne, born in Colon, Panama, came to the United States in his early teens to get an education and worked after receiving his college degree as an assistant representative for the Catholic Relief Services serving in Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Paraguay in South America. He worked for two years as a Union County sheriff's officer before joining the Prosecutor's Office in 1989 and has served on numerous federal drug enforcement task forces and worked with the Drug Enforcement Administration on lengthy, detailed wiretap investigations involving smuggling of large quantities of cocaine into the U.S. by Colombian cartels. A recipient of numerous awards from the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County, the Latin American Coalition as well as "Investigator of the Year" in 1995, he works in the Plainfield office of the Prosecutor's Office's Save A Life Today program that attempts to prevent at-risk youngsters from being crime victims or getting involved in a life of crime.

Morgan-Diaz was a certified teacher of the handicapped in New Jersey and



Prosecutor Thomas Manahan, center, stands with newly-promoted officers, clockwise from lower left, Sgt. Tracy Morgan-Diaz, Lt. Joseph Vitelli, Sgt. Ricardo Osborne and Lt. Kathleen Callahan.

had a master's degree in education from the School of Counseling and Special Services even before her career in law enforcement started in April 1982. She then worked as director of the Office of Victim Witness Assistance and later as a detective in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office in 1993.

In addition to work experience in the Trial Unit, the Child Abuse Unit and her current assignment in the Major Crimes Unit, Morgan-Diaz has served as a member of the office's on-call Crime Scene Unit. She is not only a certified paralegal, she is a certified Police Training Commission Instructor at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Relay for Life planning meeting will be Tuesday

Walkers and runners, cancer survivors, community leaders, team captains and hard workers are all needed to make the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at reality in Union County. The first 2001 volunteer committee meetings for Relay for Life will be Tuesday at the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth, to begin planning the "round the clock" event designed to raise awareness and funds for the fight against cancer in the Union County.

Relay for Life is a unique volunteer-driven, community event that allows participants from all walks of life — including patients, health-care professionals, corporations, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers — to join together in the fight against cancer. Relay for Life is a team event where participants walk or run around a track relay-style for 18 hours.

Teams of walking and running enthusiasts from all walks of life will gather in June at Kean University in Union to show their support in the fight against cancer. Dedicated volunteers from the community are needed to begin planning now for this event.

"Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund-raiser," said Liz Ackalitis, American Cancer Society Relay for Life manager. "Individuals who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event, as a volunteer or participant, have made a commitment to fight back against this disease and let the community know that you can beat cancer."

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support and underwriting, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and

prizes, plan entertainment, and lend their support in any way. If you would like to join the Union County Relay for Life planning committee as a volunteer, call the American Cancer Society at (908) 354-7373.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated

to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information about the American Cancer Society, call (800) ACS-2345 or visit its web site at www.cancer.org.

Vo-tech day classes begin Jan. 22

Day classes for the spring 2001 semester at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools will begin Jan. 22. Located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, the county vo-tech offers a wide variety of programs that combine hands-on skills with the latest in state-of-the-art technology training.

Barbara Kaczmarek, recruiter at the schools, points out that, in addition to the many courses available to high school students on a shared-time basis, six day-time programs will be offered to adults in January: A/C, Heating and Refrigeration, Automotive Technology, Baking, Carpentry/Construction, Cosmetology and Culinary Arts.

Each program can be completed in one year for those attending full-time or in two years for part-time students.

County boasts Older Worker Program

Did you know that the Union County Older Worker Program assists older people to locate employment opportunities with local companies? The program is sponsored by the Union County Department of Human Services through its Division on Aging and Division of Workforce Development. The only requirements of the program are that a person be 55 years of age or older and a Union County resident who is looking for work.

"One of the myths surrounding older people is that once retired, they cease to contribute. This could not be further from the truth," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., liaison to the Advisory Council of Aging. "Many older workers continue to remain active, earning, contributing members of the community. As you may know, society as a whole is aging and the seniors of Union County are actively working well into their 70s and 80s."

Why is there a specific employment program for older workers? The Division on Aging, always striving to be aware of the needs of the county's older residents, saw the need to provide employment opportunities for them.

"Many people retire and realize after doing so that full retirement is not for them," Mingo said. "Some people need to work to supplement their income because Social Security is not enough to sustain them. In addition, recent changes in the Social Security earnings limits have made employment very attractive to older people."

Many people have been downsized or displaced from jobs they thought they would stay at until retirement, only to find themselves looking for full-time employment at a later age. Some of these people are not old enough for Social Security or pension. If this sounds like you, the Union County Division on Aging suggests the Older Worker Program might be for you.

The Older Worker Program offers its clients a multitude of services.

To learn more about the Older Worker Program, call Donna Farrell at the Division on Aging, toll free at (888) 280-8226 or at (908) 527-4858 to schedule an appointment.

Winter sports permitted at county park facilities

The Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to visit the county park system for the purpose of enjoying the activities of the season. Winter sports — cross-country skiing, sledding and ice skating — are permitted in several locations, weather, snow and ice conditions permitting.

Cross-country skiing will be allowed throughout the park system, but there is no location in the park system suitable for downhill skiing activities. The flag pole area in Echo Lake Park, Mountainside, is the only sanctioned site in the county park system for sledding. Note that toboggans, bobsled and other non-steerable devices are not permitted at any time and park supervisors may suspend sledding activities if there is not enough snow on the hill or if severe ice conditions exist.

Galloping Hill Golf Course is not available for winter sports activities. Given the terrain of the course, there are many areas that are considered too hazardous for this use. Additionally, with \$4.7 million of renovations to the course just barely completed, protecting the turf and the investment made in this area is a priority.

Along with skating at the Union County ice rink at Warinanco Park, many lighted and non-lighted options for ice skating in natural areas are available. Signs announcing the suitability of any natural area for skating will be posted. The public is urged to observe any restrictions, which are based upon lake's ice thickness and other safety concerns.

Ice hockey is permitted at designated skating areas at the discretion of the Union County Police, based upon the ratio of ice hockey skaters and non-hockey skaters, proportionate to the size of the skating area. It is the county's intention to provide adequate ice area for the enjoyment and safety of all skaters.

The Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel winter sporting activities at any park at any time if the conditions of the park are such at the safety of the public is in jeopardy.

For more information regarding winter sports call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

Information on natural skating areas can also be obtained by calling the recorded message at the Warinanco Skating Center (908) 298-7850 or the Parks Department hotline (908) 352-8410.

Registration for horseback lessons in January, February

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that registration for Spring Troop horseback riding lessons at the Watching Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, will occur throughout the months of January and February. Classes are for beginners through advanced students, as well as adults. New students, especially those who have never ridden before, are encouraged to participate.

Junior Troop, for children 9 through 18 years of age, will begin March 16 and consists of 10 one-hour weekly lessons. Classes are available Tuesdays through Saturdays. Adult troop, consisting of eight weekly lessons, some at convenient times for those who work, will begin on or after March 25.

Applications must be present in person. Stable office hours are 9 a.m.

to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. No mail-ins will be accepted. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment must accompany all applications. All new members must bring a birth certificate and proof of residence.

All students will be required to provide specified uniforms and helmets. A sale of used riding clothes will be March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the stable. Those wishing to donate items to the sale may do so from Feb. 24 to March 2 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. New items are available year-round at the Stable during regular office hours.

Watching Stable is a facility of Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information on lessons or the used clothing sale call (908) 789-3665.

Mothers & More set meeting for Jan. 17

Interested in learning about unique ways to pursue a career while caring for your children? On Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Lisa Culhane of Flexible Resources, a consulting and staffing agency located in Montclair, will discuss nontraditional work arrangements for professionals including permanent part-time, innovative job-sharing and telecommuting. The presentation, courtesy of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, will take place at Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

For more information call Jennifer at (732) 382-7578 or Tricia at (908) 232-7352.

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Winter outerwear sale

The Volunteer Guild of Rumlens Specialized Hospital of Union County is sponsoring a winter outerwear, bedding and accessories sale on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

The sale, by Horizon import, will feature wildlife fleece jackets; fleece hats, gloves and polo sets; fleece pants, pullovers and blankets; name-brand sweaters, and chenille throws, coverlets and tapestries. Regular and plus sizes will be available, and cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted.

The public is welcome to shop free. All the income the Volunteer Guild receives from the sales is used to purchase items for residents and patients, such as televisions, VCRs, and prizes for the bingo games. The guild also sponsors a Christmas party/gift distribution and a summer picnic every year, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services are interested in recruiting new volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks.

For more information, call the office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

'Freeholder Forum'

Union County's continued progress and economic growth in 2000 are the subjects of the latest "Freeholder Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The show features Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan and Freeholder Mary Ruotolo discussing current activities of the freeholder board and events of the past year. In 2000, the freeholders held the line on taxes while implementing new programs for senior citizens and promoting economic development throughout the county.

"After three years of cuts in the county tax rate, we held the line on taxes in 2000. For the first time, less than half of the county budget was raised through property taxes," Ruotolo, who chaired the Fiscal Affairs Committee this year.

The "Year of the Senior Citizen" saw new programs to benefit the county's growing senior citizen population. These included Senior Focus, which appropriated funds to municipalities for building or expanding senior centers, and Senior Scholars,

which funded tuition-free courses at Union County College for those 60 years of age or older.

The past year also saw the county's unemployment drop to its lowest level in many years as businesses expanded and new enterprises started, said Sullivan. The freeholder board played a role in starting many of the major economic development projects.

"It's really a golden time for the county. There's so much economic development going on. It's great to be a part of it," he said.

In each 30-minute program, freeholders and guests discuss news events and issues affecting the lives of Union County residents. "Freeholder Forum" is brought to viewers by the freeholder board and is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "2000: Year in Review," the show will be aired through Jan. 12 according to the following schedule:

- Union County, except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
- Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit: Channel 36, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon.
- Elizabeth: Channel 70, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
- Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m.
- Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Scotch Plains: Channel 34, check cable listings.
- Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside: Channel 36, check cable listings.

Anyone wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholder Forum" can call the Office of Public Information at (908) 436-2072.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct the following blood drives:

- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden.
- Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph, Plainfield.
- Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph, Plainfield.
- Wednesday, 4 to 9 p.m., Linden Presbyterian Church, Orchard Terrace and Princeton Road, Linden.
- Jan. 12, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- Jan. 15, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

For more information call (800) BLOOD-NJ.

Celebrity bartenders to raise funds in Union

The 2001 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently held a planning session for the annual Celebrity Bartenders Fund-raiser which will be Jan. 21 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Union Township Knights of Columbus Hall on Jeanette Avenue.

All proceeds from the event will be used to put on the fifth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Township of Union. This parade is the fastest growing in the state, attracting more than 10,000 people for the last several years.

The Celebrity Bartenders Fund-raiser will feature various celebrities from the sports world and daytime television. Last year's event drew close to 1,000 donors. Organizers of this year's event will look to top that figure.

EMT course offered

Beginning Saturday, Union County College's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services is offering its popular EMT Certification Program. The classes will be at the college's Plainfield campus and will run the entire spring semester. This program meets the criteria of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the emergency care and transportation of the sick and injured. It also will prepare participants for the New Jersey state certification exam for basic EMT.

To participate in this program, students must have a current card in Basic Life Supports through the American Red Cross, The American Heart Association — BLS for Health Care Providers — or the New Jersey State Safety Council. The cost of the program is \$195.

For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Education at (908) 709-7600.

Books raise funds for annual We Care awards

The Union County School Counselors Association is selling the Entertainment 2000 Books to fund the We Care awards granted to high school students within Union County.

Each book contains hundreds of discounts for fine dining, fast food,

sports activities, special attractions, hotels, airlines and movies. Books are available covering the northern, central, and southern sections of New Jersey, as well as New York City. The books range in price from \$20 to \$30.

To obtain a book call Carmine Venes at (908) 233-1086 or (732) 396-1077.

High school seniors can enjoy free college course

Wallace Smith, acting vice president for academic affairs of Union County College, announced that 100 Union County resident high school seniors would each receive one free college course at Union County College. Smith explained that this program was made possible by a special extension grant from the state Department of Education under the School to Careers provision of the Federal Perkins Act. Smith said 100 high school seniors from Union County who have at least a "B" average and good attendance records would receive a special one-time "scholarship" to take one course at Union County College.

"The student will receive all tuition, fees, books, and materials completely free, and upon completion, the credit will be part of the student's permanent college transcript," Smith said, "unlike other programs where advanced standing credits are not transferable to other institutions until after graduation from Union County College."

Smith further explained that these college credits also will be used toward the student's high school graduation requirements as mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education, N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.3.

"In some instances, we will be adding the high school seniors to the population of a course given on one of Union County College's four campuses. In other cases, we will have enough interest to send a faculty member to teach the course at a high school site," Smith said. "In either situation, the students will be experiencing a regular college course, doing college level work, and commencing a seamless transition to college life."

For more information about this program and other School to Tech programs, call Ivan Rubin, School to Careers director at (908) 965-2999 or e-mail to IRUBIN@ucc.edu.

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Paper Mill Playhouse prepares to exhibit its 'Art'

Paper Mill Playhouse has announced that award-winning television, film and stage actor Judd Hirsch directs and stars with Cotter Smith and Jack Willis in "Art," Yasmina Reza's devilishly witty play about modern art and old friendship running now through Feb. 4.

"Art" centers around three men whose friendship is turned upside down when one of them buys an expensive piece of modern art — an all-white painting. Winning critical acclaim from Paris, London and New York audiences, including the Olivier Award and the Tony Awards, Ben Brantley of the *New York Times* called "Art" "an impeccably tailored piece of work." Worldwide, "Art" has received more than 125 productions in 30 translations.

Among the honors "Art" has received are the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, the 1998 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, the 1998 Outer Critics Circle Special Achievement Award for Outstanding Ensemble, the 1997 Olivier Award for Best Comedy, the 1996 Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy, and the 1995 Moliere Award for Best Author.

Prior to Paper Mill, this production of "Art" was recently presented at Florida's prestigious Coconut Grove Playhouse where it received audience and critical acclaim.

The design team for "Art" includes Ani Blackburn, scenic design; Cletus Karamon, lighting design; and David Paterson, sound design.

Judd Hirsch, who directs and plays Marc in the comedy, was twice honored with the coveted Tony Awards on Broadway for his performances in "I'm Not Rappaport" and "Conversations With My Father," both by Herb Gardner, and has just returned from the extensive national tour of "Art" after starring in it both on Broadway and in London. Hirsch made his Broadway debut in "Barefoot in the Park" and created the role of Matt Friedman in Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Talley's Folly," for which he was nominated for a

Tony. On Broadway, he also starred in "Chapter Two" and played the multi-faceted character of "Wiseman" in Jules Feiffer's "Knock, Knock," for which he won a Drama Desk Award. He appeared Off-Broadway with a string of performances including Bruce Jay Friedman's "Scuba Duba," Jean-Claude Van Itallie's "King of the United States," Lanford Wilson's "Hot L Baltimore" and Wilson's "Talley's Folly" before receiving an Obie Award for these achievements. Afterwards, he appeared in Chekhov's "The Seagull" and Richard Dresser's "Below the Belt." He made his TV debut in the Emmy Award-winning movie "The Law" and has since headlined four TV series: "Delvecchio," "Taxi," winning two Emmy Awards; "Dear John," earning him a Golden Globe; and "George and Leo" with Bob Newhart. Hirsch's film credits include "King of the Gypsies;" "Ordinary People," for which he received an Oscar nomination; Herb Gardner's "The Goodbye People;" "Without a Trace;" "Teachers;" Sidney Lumet's "Running on Empty;" "Independence Day," and "Man on the Moon."

Cotter Smith, who plays Serge, appeared on Broadway in "An American Daughter" by Wendy Wasserstein, presented by Lincoln Center Theater. Off-Broadway credits include Paula Vogel's 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "How I Learned to Drive," "The Dying Gaul" by Craig Lucas, "The Blood Knot" with Danny Glover at the Roundabout, "Death of a Miner" at the American Place Theater, and "A Soldier's Play" with the Negro Ensemble Company. In addition, he was a member of Circle Rep for 10 years where he appeared in "Soldier's Play" at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, which led to his being cast as Robert Kennedy in the miniseries "Blood Fued," and began his career in film and television. He was a regular on the ABC series "Equal Justice" and has appeared in numerous other series and movies, the most recent being "Run



Jack Willis, Judd Hirsch and Cotter Smith take to the stage in Yasmina Reza's 'Art,' currently at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

the Wild Fields" for Showtime. He is also a founding member of the Matrix Theater Company in Los Angeles, where his work includes "The Seagull," "Endgame," "The Homecoming," "The Tavern," "Mad Forest" and "Habeas Corpus." He has been nominated four times by the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle and has twice received their Outstanding Performance Award. He is also the recipient of three Dramalogue Awards and two Ovation Award nominations.

Jack Willis, who plays Yvan, was in the national tour of "Art," and understudied the role of Yvan on Broadway. His Broadway debut was in David Mamet's "The Old Neighborhood," starring Patti LuPone. As a member of the acting company at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, Mass., Willis played among others, the roles of Tilden in "Buried Child," Caliban in "The Tempest," Lopakhin in "The Cherry Orchard," Aston in "The Caretaker" and Banquo in "Macbeth." As a member of the Dallas Theater Center, he appeared as Willie Stark in the Adrian Hall adaptation of "All the King's Men," Boo in "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" and Jack Henry Abbott in "In the Belly of

the Beast." He has also been a member of Trinity Repertory Theater in Providence, R.I., and has appeared at Yale Repertory Theater, Huntington Theater, Alliance Theater, Cincinnati Playhouse, Asolo Theater and the Dallas and San Antonio Shakespeare Festivals. His film and television roles include "Deadline," "Law and Order," "The Talented Mr. Ripley," "The Cradle Will Rock," "The Out of Towners," "Problem Child," "I Come in Peace" and "Leaving the Post." In March, Willis will begin rehearsal with Sir Peter Hall in a production of Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida."

Yasmina Reza, author, is currently represented Off-Broadway with her hit play, "The Unexpected Man," starring Alan Bates and Eileen Atkins. Reza began work as an actress, appearing in several new plays as well as Moliere and Marivaux. In 1987 she wrote "Conversations After a Burial," which was directed by Patrice Kerbrat and won the Moliere Award for Best Author, SACD New Talent Award, the Johnson Foundation Award, and was subsequently performed across Europe and in South America. Fol-

lowing this, she translated Kafka's "Metamorphosis" for Roman Polanski and was nominated for a Moliere Award for Best Translation. Her second play, "Winter Crossing," won the 1990 Moliere Award for Best Fringe Production, and her next play, "The Unexpected Man," enjoyed a successful production in France, Scandinavia and Germany. In 1995, "Art" premiered in Paris and went on to win the Moliere Award for Best Author. Since then it has been produced worldwide and translated into 20 languages. The London production received the 1996-97 Olivier Award and Evening Standard Award and continues to play at the Wyndham's Theater. Screenwriting credits include "See You Tomorrow," starring Jeanne Moreau and directed by Didier Martiny. In September 1997, her first novel, "Hammerklavier," was published in France to great critical acclaim. In 1998, Reza's "The Unexpected Man" was presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, directed by Matthew Warchus, starring Michael Gambon and Eileen Atkins.

Translator Christopher Hampton's many theater credits include "When

Did You Last See My Mother" at the Royal Court Theater and Comedy Theater; "Total Eclipse" for the Royal Court, Lyric Hammersmith, and BBC TV; "Uncle Vanya" for the Royal Court; "The Philanthropist" for the Royal Court, Mayfair and Wyndham's Theater; "Hedda Gabler" for the Stratford Ontario Festival, revived at the National Theater; "Savages" for the Royal Court; "A Doll's House" at Lincoln Center and West End; "Treats" for the Royal Court and Mayfair Theater; "Tales from the Vienna Woods" for the Royal National Theater; "Tales from Hollywood" for the Mark Taper Forum and Royal National Theater; "Tartuffe" for the Royal Shakespeare Company; "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" for the RCS and Broadway; "Faith, Hope and Charity" for the Lyric Theater and Hammersmith; "White Chameleon" for the Royal National Theater; "Sunset Boulevard" for the West End and Broadway, and "Alice's Adventures Under Ground" for the Royal National Theater. Television credits include "Able's Will;" "The History Man," BBC; "Hotel du Lac," BBC; "The Ginger Tree," BBC, and "Tales from Hollywood," BBC. Film credits include "A Doll's House," "Tales from the Vienna Woods," "The Honorary Consul," "The Good Father," "Dangerous Liaisons," "Mary Reilly," "Total Eclipse," "Carrington," and "The Secret Agent," the last two of which he also directed. Currently Hampton is represented in New York as the translator of Yasmina Reza's latest play, "The Unexpected Man," and directing his own screenplay of "The Moon and Sixpence."

The performance schedule for "Art" is Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36 to \$60 and may be purchased by calling (973) 376-4343, or directly online at www.papermill.org. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

UCAC concert marks winter solstice

The spirit of the holidays will continue at the Union County Arts Center with its presentation of "A Winter Solstice Concert" Jan. 13 at 8 p.m.

Liz Story will be featured in this unique evening of Windham Hill recording artists. The Celtic harp of Lisa Lynne and the soulful guitar of Sean Harkness will round out the Windham Hill ensemble.

Story's recent Windham Hill recording, "17 Seconds to Anywhere," is a collection of 11 short works on solo piano. This album expresses a clarity and simplicity that is an integral part of her musical nature and weaves together melodic tones and moving harmonies in compositions such as "Rumors of Discipline" and "Beginner's Mind."

Surprisingly, for so gifted a musician, Story did not originally have a burning desire to compose, but that was before she heard the music of improvisational jazz piano legend Bill Evans. "I knew that I had to learn harmony," Story recalls, and began to start composing through improvisa-

tion. The influence of classical training and jazz improvisation has helped Story become one of the era's most inventive adult contemporary instrumental artists and composers.

"When I sit at the piano," Story says, "complexity dissolves. I want the music to somehow move me, simple and stripped down ... I wonder at the possibility that a melody of three notes can turn the heart." Perhaps, "A Winter Solstice Concert" will provide the answer.

"A Winter Solstice Concert" offers an ensemble performance at the beginning and the end of the evening. Both Lisa Lynne on harp and Sean Harkness on guitar will break away from the ensemble for their own solo performance. Lynne's first album for Windham Hill, "Daughters of the Celtic Moon," captured the mystique of Celtic music through 10 original Lynne compositions. Her latest release, "Seasons of the Soul," continues pairing original compositions with great pop/rock musicians.

Harkness is making his solo debut

with his Windham Hill recording of "Aloft." Influenced by a range of artists including Bach, Elvis and Gershwin, Harkness has created a unique trademark acoustic sound that is incorporated with classical, Latin and Celtic music.

The Union County Arts Center is a regional performing arts venue. Its wide array of offerings includes theater, music, film, dance and headliner entertainment. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performs regularly at the arts center under its designator as resident orchestra of this vaudeville-era theater.

As a non-profit organization, the arts center is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

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WCP takes 'A Shot in the Dark'

Maurice J. Moran Jr., known to local theatergoers for his many past appearances and directing efforts on the Westfield Community Players stage, directs "A Shot in the Dark" by Marcel Achard, adapted by Harry Kurnitz.

The show runs Friday and Saturdays, Saturday through Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. The WCP box office can be reached at (908) 232-1221 with all tickets at \$12. For benefits or group sales, call (908) 232-9568.

This mystery with a punch line gives audiences the story of a good-hearted and guileless young woman hauled before the magistrate on a murder charge. She was found nude, unconscious, clutching a gun with her dead lover beside her. With all this evidence against her, the magistrate begins to believe her story at the risk of his own career. The 1961 Broadway version starred Walter Matthau, Julie Harris and newcomer William Shatner.

The WCP cast features Scott Stern of South Orange as magistrate Paul Sevigne and Mary Kate Cullinan of Elizabeth as the accused, Josefa. Evan Blank of New York City is the cynical clerk Morestan and Josefa's imperious employer Benjamin Beaurevers, is Jim Caffrey of Garwood.

The cast also includes Sondra Ferra of Cranford,

This mystery with a punch line gives audiences the story of a good-hearted and guileless young woman hauled before the magistrate on a murder charge.

Peggy E. Seymour of Cranford, and John Duryea of Scotch Plains, with Elliot Lanes as stage manager. Opening night patrons are invited to stay for a champagne reception with the cast after the curtain rings down. A backstage tour of the theater workings will be given to interested patrons after the Jan. 19 show.

The WCP season will continue with the drama "The Heiress" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz in March and the season finale is Samuel Taylor's romantic comedy "Sabrina Fair" in May. The two-show ticket package is available through the WCP box office for \$20, a savings of \$4 over the cost of individual tickets.

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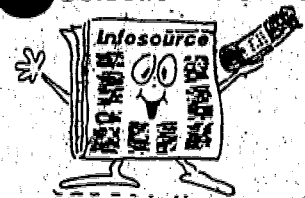
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Polish Foundation marks holidays with traditions

The Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark invites all its members and the public for a traditional Christmas program Saturday at 4 p.m. at the PCF Banquet Hall, 177 Broadway, in Clark, located near exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway.

In the true Polish tradition, singing of Christmas carols lasts from Christmas until Feb. 2.

Guests will hear a new repertoire of Christmas songs by the multi-talented Adam Mikula, violinist Ewa Gindrowicz, and mezzo-soprano Dominika Laster. Mikula was born in Poland in Jelenia Gora. He received his master's degree in clarinet from the Academy of Music in Wroclaw, Poland, and also from Mannes College of Music in New York City. Mikula plays several wind instruments, as well as piano and organ. He performs with various ensembles in the New York area and performed extensively around the world with classical folk ensembles.

Gindrowicz, violinist, was born in Bialystok, Poland, finishing her studies at the Academy of Music in Gdansk and later in private studies. She has participated in many music competitions and festivals in Poland and abroad.

Laster, a native of Wroclaw, Poland, is recent graduate of Hunter College where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in the theater arts. Laster augmented her theatrical studies by studying voice privately and taking music as a minor. Some of her operatic roles include Pastore 1 in Monteverde's "Orfeo," Mrs. Peachum in "The Beggar's Opera," and a Witch in "Dido and Aeneas." Among others, Laster has studied with Izabella Kobus-Salkin of the Lodz Opera, Norma Newton at Hunter College, and Charles Kellis at The Juilliard School.

Halina Filipowicz will open the Christmas program with a recitation followed by the concert of traditional Polish and English carols as well as Polish Pastoralki, specially arranged for this event. To end, the artists will lead all participants in a sing-along; there will be a sharing of the "Oplatek" wafer, and a buffet meal.

Donation of \$20 per person includes the concert and buffet. Due to the limited seating, make reservation now by calling PCF at (732) 382-7197.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Concert in Westfield is Sunday afternoon

Trinity Concerts will present a trumpet and organ recital Sunday featuring Donald Batchelder and James Little at Trinity Episcopal Church, Forest and North avenues, Cranford.

Donald Batchelder, trumpet, has been recognized as an outstanding freelance trumpeter in the New York area since 1983. He has served as acting principal trumpet with the New York City Opera since February 2000, and performs often with the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera. A member of the music faculty at Montclair State University, Batchelder also holds the principal trumpet chairs in the Westfield Symphony and the Stamford Symphony in Connecticut.

James Little has been organist/choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit since 1993, where he directs a program of three choirs and a concert series by the Calvary Chorale. He is also the director of the Choral Arts Society of New Jersey



Donald Batchelder

that is located in Westfield.

The recital will be in the sanctuary at 4 p.m. A reception will follow the recital in the Guild Room of Witherington Hall.

Volunteers are now sought

Volunteers are needed for the Union County Teen Arts Festival at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, March 14 and 15, 2001. For two days middle school and high school students from Union County public, private and parochial schools exhibit their artwork, perform and participate in workshops in all artistic disciplines with professional artists.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Assist artists with workshops
- Provide art stop tables, short demonstrations or interactive arts activities
- General coordination help

Volunteers can work one or two full days. Lunch is provided. For information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth, at (908) 558-2557, TTD users call (800) 852-7899.

Cranford Dramatic Club seeks performers for 'Sound of Music'

The Cranford Dramatic Club will conduct open auditions for its spring production of "The Sound of Music" Jan. 27, 28 and 30 at the CDC Playhouse, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

Auditions Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. are for the Von Trapp children only; Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. for all other parts. Production dates will be May 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19. The show will be directed by Ken and Mary Webb. The musical director will be Tom Pedas.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing a song either from the show or of their own choice, and should bring sheet music. There will be a small dance/movement audition as well as readings from the script. The following is a list of characters:

- Maria Rainer: 20s, female lead, governess of Von Trapp children, must be a very strong singer and move well.

- Capt. Georg Von Trapp: mid-40s to 50s, male lead, strong distinguished military type, sings "Edelweiss."

- The actors playing Capt. Von Trapp's children should be strong singers with an ability to harmonize. All children must also move well, especially Liesl. Any prior choral experience is a plus.

- Liesl, 16; Friedrich, 14; Louisa, 13; Kurt, 10; Brigitta, 9; Marta, 7; and Gretl, 5.

- Mother Abbess: mid-40s and older, Mother Superior at Nonnberg Abbey, a strong character needing a strong singing voice.

- Sister Berthe, Sister Margareta and Sister Sophia: These three nuns are small, good character parts; age is variable, all must sing well with the ability to harmonize.

- A Nun's Chorus: There will be a nun's chorus. All should have strong voices with ability to harmonize. Prior choral experience is a plus.

- Rolf Gruber: 17, telegram delivery boy, must sing and move well.

- Elsa Schraeder: late-30s, glamorous character, the Captain's ladyfriend, must sing well.

- Max Detweiler: mid-40s to 50s, friend to Von Trapp, charming, comedic relief, must sing.

- Franz, the butler: Age variable, character part, a non-singing role.

- Frau Schmidt, the housekeeper: Age variable, character part, a non-singing role.

- Others: There are several small speaking roles for both men and women, playing party guests and Festival contestants.

Scripts are now available at the home of Bob and Sandi Pells. Call them at (908) 276-6113 to make pick-up arrangements. For other information, call Ken or Mary Webb, co-directors, at (908) 653-0781.

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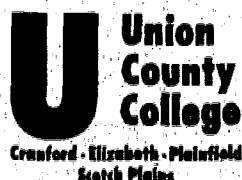
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The Cook's Nook

Phyllo dough needn't be 'all Greek' to home chefs

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

Like many uninitiated, I always associated phyllo dough with the butter-rich sweet Greek dessert, baklava.

But, since I'm not one too keen on walnuts, I shied away from the dessert and, thus, the pastry. Never used it. Didn't eat it. Until about six years ago, when a friend persuaded me to try spanakopita at a Greek restaurant. Since I love spinach and feta cheese, I gave the dish a try. I was soon a phyllo dough convert.

Phyllo dough, which literally translated means "leaf" in Greek, is a tissue-thin pastry used in both sweet and savory dishes. Usually, the sheets are used in quantity — five, 10 or 20 — depending on the dish.

"It's used mainly, and has been for centuries, in Mediterranean countries — Greece; Turkey, Lebanon," said Margaret Rauch, research and development manager for Athens Pastries and Frozen Foods in Cleveland, the leading producer of phyllo dough under the Athens and Apollo labels. "It's a very thin pastry that's low in fat — you can see right through it."

Rauch said the interest in cooking with phyllo seems to have grown in the last several years, partly because professional cooks have turned to a more Mediterranean-style of cooking.

"I can tell you the phyllo dough cooking classes for home cooks here in the Cleveland area are very popular. They sell out their classes and add classes. By that, I can tell that people are using it more and want to learn about it," Rauch said. "There's a lot of attention given to it in the media, which leads me to believe that consumers see professional cooks using it, and they, too, want to try."

"And, I think when people use it, they realize it's not as hard to use as they may have thought," she said. "It really is very simple and can really jazz up a meal without adding a lot of cost to it."

And, it's very versatile. "I don't think there's one best use. It makes very interesting appetizers, entrees and desserts," Rauch said. "I think more people are used to it as an appetizer or dessert, but it makes an excellent entree, too. If you take a strudel, which people typically think of a strudel as sweet, and make it savory, it's very good. One of my favorite things to eat is vegetable cheese strudel."

An easy use is to take five sheets of the dough, butter and layer the sheets and then cut it in half. Place a boneless, skinless chicken breast at one edge. Top the chicken with a favorite cheese, sun-dried tomatoes or vegetables, and roll it up in the dough. Bake for 20 minutes at about 350 F and you have taken everyday chicken and turned it into an elegant entree.

"You don't have to wait for a special occasion to use it because it works so well with just about anything," Rauch said. Homemade phyllo is not made ter-

ribly different than the way Athens produces it, albeit they use large equipment to roll, stretch and cut the 40,000 pounds of pastry they make each day.

"It's basically flour and water and a little bit of salt, a little bit of oil," Rauch said. "Some people may add a little egg, and maybe a different type of oil, such as olive oil, but that's the basic recipe."

Producing the phyllo dough, however, is a very involved process.

"It can be done in one massive dough that is mixed and kneaded and allowed to rest and stretched very, very thin," Rauch said. "A clump of dough double the size of a football would cover a 4-foot-by-8-foot table when it's stretched out. At home, people often use a special dowel and you need to get a couple people to pull and pull and pull until it's very thin. The dough has to rest and relax to do that."

Using phyllo dough, however, is relatively easy, and with some stores carrying fresh phyllo in their produce or dairy section, and with the vast availability of frozen sheets, home cooks can dress up any dish in little time.

If you're using frozen phyllo, Rauch recommends thawing it out in the refrigerator overnight if you plan to use it the next day.

"You have to use it thawed. It's unworkable frozen."

If you need it the same day, an hour on the counter should be enough time to thaw a pound — 20 sheets — of dough.

By the way, Athens spells phyllo "fillo" on all its packaging. Either way is correct, but for journalistic purposes there are rules to phollow, and they say spell it with a "p-h" when writing about the pastry.

When using the dough, have on hand a wide pastry brush, a clean linen towel and a spray bottle of water. It helps to have a large cutting board to work on. As you work with the pastry, keep the remaining dough covered with a damp towel — you don't want it drying out or will become unworkable.

Rauch suggests working with one sheet at a time and layering the pastry. If you want to cut back on the butter, just butter — using melted butter — every other sheet.

Once the dough is thawed, it can remain in the refrigerator for four weeks. She also recommends using a sharp, non-serrated knife when working with phyllo, but use a serrated knife to cut the cooked product.

When you think of phyllo dough, you automatically think of baklava, the most famous Greek dessert made with nuts, spices and butter.

Baklava

Filling:

- 1 pound (4 cups) blanched almonds or walnuts or a combination of both, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

- 1 pound phyllo pastry
- 3 sticks (3/4 pound) unsalted butter, melted, for brushing phyllo

Syrup:

- 2 cups water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 2-inch strip lemon rind
- 3/4 cup honey
- Yields 30.
- Preheat oven to 300 F.
- Combine nuts, sugar and cinnamon.

Keeping unused sheets covered with damp linen towel, place eight sheets of phyllo pastry, one at a time, in bottom of 8x14x2-inch pan, brushing each sheet with melted butter.

Sprinkle top sheet generously with 1/4-cup nut mixture and cover with two buttered phyllo sheets. Sprinkle with 1/4-cup nut mixture. Continue adding buttered phyllo sheets, sprinkling every second sheet with nut mixture, until all nut mixture is used. Place remaining phyllo sheets on top, buttering each sheet.

Cut baklava into small diamond-shape pieces with sharp knife.

Place pan of water on lowest shelf in oven. Place baklava on middle shelf about water and bake for 2 to 2 1/2 hours, or until golden, making sure that water pan is always full.

While baklava is in the oven, prepare syrup by combining in a saucepan water with all ingredients except honey. Bring to a boil, and simmer for 15 minutes. Add honey, and simmer five minutes more. Remove lemon rind and cool.

Remove baklava from oven and pour cool syrup over hot pastry.

Note: Can be prepared and frozen, unbaked. When ready to use, bake, frozen, in 300 F oven for 3 to 3 1/2 hours, or until golden.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 286 calories; 4.5 grams protein; 19 grams fat (57.3 percent of total calories); 27.4 grams carbohydrate; 2 grams fiber; 25 milligrams cholesterol; and 157 milligrams sodium.

These next recipes are courtesy of Athens Food, which makes "fillo" dough and "fillo" dough mini-shells.

Chicken Pot Pie

1 (2 1/2-pound chicken), cut into quarters

- 2 quarts water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 cups medium diced carrots
- 2 cups medium diced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 15 sheets of phyllo dough
- 1/2 cup butter

Yields 6 servings.

Place chicken, water and one tablespoon salt into 4-quart soup pot, bringing to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer chicken until tender, about 60 minutes.

Remove chicken, cool and dice two cups of meat. Strain chicken broth into a fresh pan.

Simmer carrots in strained chicken broth until tender, remove and add to diced chicken. Repeat with celery and onions.

In small saucepan over medium heat, melt three tablespoons butter. Stir in flour, mix well, cook for one minute and whisk in two cups of strained chicken broth. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, simmer for three minutes, or until thickened slightly. Remove from heat and cook slightly.

In large bowl, place chicken, cooked vegetables and thawed peas. Mix gently. Pour thickened chicken broth over chicken and vegetable mixture, season with basil, salt and pepper. Cool completely and stir in sour cream.

Layer nine phyllo sheets, brushing each sheet with melted butter. Do not butter top sheet. Cut phyllo to line bottom and side of 9-inch pie pan. Spread chicken mixture over dough. Top with six phyllo sheets, brushing each sheet with melted butter. Cut to cover pie pan. Butter top and edges. Pierce top layer with fork several times to vent.

Bake in preheated 375 F oven for 10 minutes; lower oven temperature to 350 F and continue baking for 40 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand five minutes. Serve hot.

Note: You can make in individual-serving ovenproof bowls.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 792 calories; 48.6 grams protein; 48 grams fat (55 percent of total calories); 39.9 grams carbohydrate; 3.7 grams fiber; 189 milligrams cholesterol; and 273 milligrams sodium.

Cream Phyllo Cones

- 3-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 2 quarts milk
- 12 egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 1 lemon peel, grated
- 12 sheets phyllo dough
- 6 tablespoons butter
- Sliced fruit and whipped cream for garnish
- Confectioners' sugar to dust
- Yields 12 servings.

In top of double boiler, over hot water, mix sugar and cornstarch together. Stir in milk, egg yolks and lemon peel. Cook about 25 minutes or until thickened. Stir frequently. Pour into large bowl and cool completely.

With electric mixer, whip on high speed for one minute.

To prepare phyllo cones, layer four sheets, brushing each with melted butter. Cut layered phyllo length-wise in four strips to fit shape. Wrap phyllo



This fun cone-shape dessert filled with cream and topped with fresh fruit and whipped cream is a treat for any age. It is made with phyllo dough, a tissue-thin pastry dough used in both sweet and savory dishes.

around cone form and brush with butter.

You can make cone shapes yourself from aluminum foil. Do not wrap phyllo tightly around foil shape, as it is not smooth and will make removal difficult.

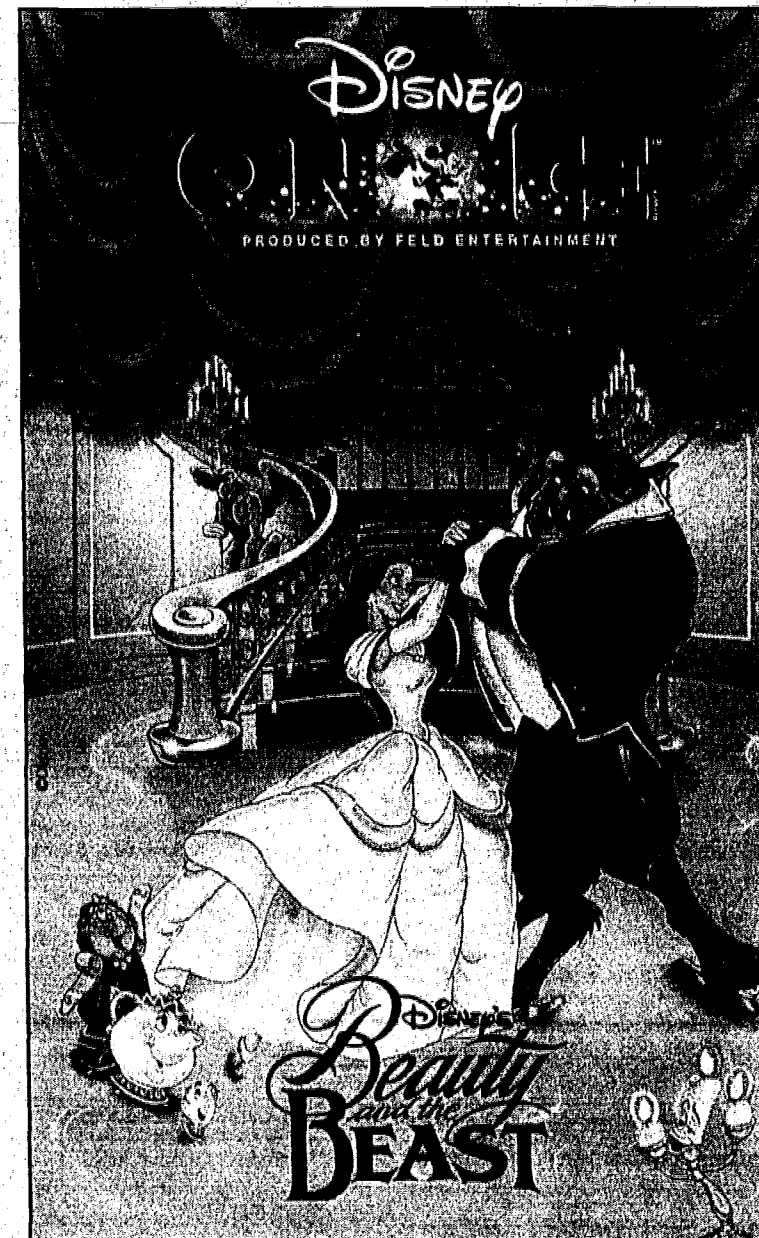
Repeat with remaining phyllo.

Bake on greased cookie sheet in preheated 375 F oven for about 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove cones from forms after two

to three minutes out of the oven, then cool completely.

Pipe filling into cones and garnish with whipped cream and fruit of your choice. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 565 calories; 11 grams protein; 19.6 grams fat (30.7 percent of total calories); 88.4 grams carbohydrate; 0.1 gram fiber; 262 milligrams cholesterol; and 259 milligrams sodium.



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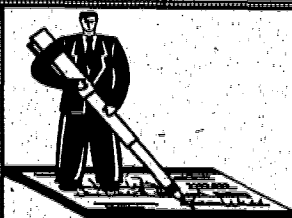
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ART SHOWS

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities.

The exhibit will tour the county. For information on the reception, call (908) 354-3040, ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery in Westfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery is located at 549 South Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-0412.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE, works from the Merck 2000 Union County Juried Art Show, will be on exhibit at the Freeholders' Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth through Jan. 12.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, as well as Thursday evenings. Admission is free. The Union County Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

RECENT WORKS by artist William C. Sturm will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Jan. 17.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

NEW JERSEY PHOTOGRAPHY FORUM sixth annual Juried Show will be on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital during the month of January.

Exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. CSH is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

3 WOMEN: ELEMENTS OF THE ABSTRACT will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Wednesday through Feb. 2. An opening reception will take place Jan. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

THE BOUND BROOK CYCLE by artist David Ambrose will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth McKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College Jan. 19 through Feb. 22. An opening reception will take place Jan. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. UCC's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS for 7th- to 12th-graders for "Godspell" by John Michael Tebbelak and Stephen Schwartz will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., and Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Congregational, 220 W. 7th St. in Plainfield. The show runs March 17 to 25. For information, call the Westfield church at (908) 233-2494 or the Plainfield church at (908) 755-8658.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will conduct auditions for "The Sound of Music" by Rodgers and Hammerstein Jan. 27, 28 and 30 at the CDC playhouse, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Auditions for the von Trapp Children — two boys, 14 and 10 years old, five girls, 5 to 16 — will be Jan. 27 only at 1 p.m. All other roles will be auditioned Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The show runs May 4 to 19. For information, call (908) 653-0781.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will conduct auditions for the children's chorus of "Carousel" by Rodgers and Hammerstein Feb. 10 at the playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn. Children whose names begin with A through L sign up at 9 a.m. in the theater lobby; names beginning with M to Z at noon. Auditioners should prepare music from the show; an accompanist will be provided. For information, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2278.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA is accepting applications and will conduct auditions for instrumentalists for the 2000-01 season. For information, call (908) 709-0084 or (609) 208-0029.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB will welcome student and adult male singers for its 76th season. The Glee Club rehearses Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the choir room of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, Broad Street and Mountain Avenue in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-0673.

Stepping Out

BOOKS

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERY SERIES Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month through January to discuss books by Stephanie Barron, skipping the month of December. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

AUTHOR MARY FRIEDMAN will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark Wednesday at 7 p.m. to promote her new book, "How I Survived My Summer Vacation and Lived to Write the Story." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road in Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

AUTHORS DR. SCOTT GREENBERG, Dr. Michael Gazsi and Gary Skole will appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. to promote their new book, "Self Care Anywhere." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

AUTHOR ZOLTAN KARPATY will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. to promote his new book, "The Visitor." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road in Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The group, led by Kevin Muller, will meet the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

THE WOMEN'S READING GROUP at Barnes and Noble in Clark will meet Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month to read. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book-discussion group at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, will meet Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS will meet at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. The group meets monthly. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

CLASSES

ARTIST WILLIAM C. STURM, whose work is currently on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union, will present a special workshop on drawing and painting "for kids from 2 to 92" Saturday at 2 p.m. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

ARTIST JOAN MCKINNEY will present "Watercolor Charm," an artist demonstration sponsored by the Westfield Art Association, Jan. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is free. For information, call (908) 687-2945.

MUSICIAN DAN ALDERMAN and teacher Hope Blecher-Sass will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. to lead a workshop of projects related to the 100th day of the school year. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road in Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for the fall session of its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddlers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call (908) 789-9696.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts.

Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

The Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION will offer classes in visual arts in five-week segments on Wednesday evenings. The sessions are as follows:

- Jan. 10 — already in progress
- Jan. 17, 24 and 31, and Feb. 17 and 14
- Feb. 21 and 28, and March 7, 14 and 21
- March 28, and April 4, 11, 18 and 25
- May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Classes meet at the Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace at

Orchard Terrace. For information, call (908) 486-1408.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call (908) 232-4881.

CONCERTS

THE POLISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION in Clark will present a traditional Polish Christmas program of music Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. The donation is \$20. For information, call (732) 382-7197.

ARBOR CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY will present a program of Romantic masterworks for strings and piano Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Tickets are \$18



PIANIST LENORE DAVIS will be among the artists performing with the Arbor Chamber Music Society Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. For information, see the 'Concerts' listing on this page.

for adults, \$15 for senior citizens, and free to students. For information, call (908) 232-1116.

TRINITY CONCERTS will present an organ and trumpet recital with trumpeter Donald Batcher and organist James Little Sunday at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Forest and North avenues, Cranford. A reception follows the concert.

A WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT, featuring Windham Hill artists Liz Story, Lisa Lynne and Sean Harkness will be presented Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$18 and \$25. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

CHUCK MANGIONE will be presented in concert Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$20 and \$28. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the winter. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, including a concert schedule, call (732) 574-1818.

MUSIC IN THE CAFE in Barnes and Noble in Springfield will feature free musical performances in the coming weeks. All concerts will take place in the coffee lounge area of the store from 8 to 10 p.m.

Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

CRAFTS

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection in Summit. Fee is \$2. For information, call (973) 467-8278.

DISCUSSION

THE EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS CIRCLE will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark Monday at 7:30 p.m. The Writers Circle meets the second Monday of every month and new members are always welcome. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

FILM

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch in the coming weeks. All films begin at 10 a.m.

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

KIDS

UNION RECREATION Department will sponsor weekly ceramics classes 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.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD, a creative forum for poets, will meet at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, including meeting date and time, call (973) 376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT will take place at Barnes and Noble in Clark Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Open Mike Poetry Night is sponsored the second Sunday of every month in the Music Department. Barnes and Noble is located at

1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.

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) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue the 2000-01 season with "Art" by Yasmina Reza, directed by and starring Judd Hirsch. The show runs through Feb. 4 at the theater on Brookside Drive in Millburn.

Evening performances are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Special performances are audio-described performances Feb. 1 at 2 p.m., Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. and Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; and a sign-interpreted performance Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$37 to \$60. For information, call (973) 376-4343, or buy tickets with Visa, MasterCard or Discover at www.papermill.org.

HEART AND SOUL ENTERPRISES will present "Guys and Dolls" by Frank Loesser today through Sunday at Union High School, North Third Avenue in Union. For information, including show times and ticket prices, call (908) 851-6780.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "A Shot in the Dark" by Marcel Archard, adapted by Harry Kurnitz, Saturday through Jan. 20. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For information, call (908) 232-1221; for group rates, call (908) 232-9568.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present the touring company of "Five Guys Named Moe" Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-6455.

NJSO will celebrate works of Tchaikovsky

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present an exciting three-week festival focusing on the music of Tchaikovsky Jan. 10 through 28.

The festival, titled "The Meanings of Tchaikovsky," encompasses three weeks of orchestral concerts under the baton of Music Director Zdenek Macal and will also feature guest appearances by violinist Gil Shaham, pianist Gerhard Oppitz, cellist Daniel Lee, soprano Sally Wolf and tenor John Daniecki. The programming will also include many of Tchaikovsky's rarely performed interpretations of great works of literature such as his "Hamlet," Op. 67; Manfred Symphony, Op. 58, and "Francesca da Rimini," Op. 32. The festival will include numerous special events including chamber music, a choral program, a film screening of Ken Russell's Tchaikovsky biography, "The Music Lovers" and a symposium. Pre-concert Festival Preludes will precede each orchestral performance. In total, "The Meanings of Tchaikovsky" encompasses 17 events in eight locations, three of which in Essex County.

"What is the bearing of Tchaikovsky the man on Tchaikovsky the composer," asked Festival Consultant and Humanities Coordinator Joseph Horowitz. Much of the programming of "The Meanings of Tchaikovsky" searches to answer this question. Horowitz will host many of the special events and pre-concert Festival Preludes. He has also written special program notes for the festival.

"Tchaikovsky wrote every kind of music, but if you look at what is played, what is popular, it's just the three last symphonies, 'Romeo and Juliet,' the Violin Concerto, the First Piano Concerto, the 'Capriccio Italian,' 'Swan Lake,' 'Sleeping Beauty,' 'The Nutcracker' and a few others," said Maestro Macal. "For the 2001 Winter Festival we're doing some of the best-known Tchaikovsky, but also a lot of other things, with a concentration on literature. This is an area in which he has perhaps done more than any other Russian composer," he said.

The Meanings of Tchaikovsky — Week One
The festival opens with "Tchaikovsky Up Close," hosted by Joseph Horowitz and Maestro Macal. This festival kick-off will feature chamber music including the Valse Scherzo, Op. 34; Meditation, Op. 42, and the Piano Trio, Op. 50, featuring NJSO Concertmaster Eric Wyrick, principal cellist Jonathan Spitz and pianist Pedja Muzijevic. A lecture and a post-concert meet-the-artists reception are also included. "Tchaikovsky Up Close" takes place Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium at The Newark Museum in Newark.

The orchestral program begins with the "Herbert R. and Evelyn Axelrod Concerts," an annual NJSO event that features a young artist from The Curtis Institute of Music. These performances will feature cellist Daniel Lee, who will join Maestro Macal and the NJSO in performances of the original version of Tchaikovsky's Rocco Variations for Cello and Orchestra, Op. 33. The program also features Tchaikovsky's "Hamlet," Op. 67, and the beloved Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36. Performances take place Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall,

at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Pre-concert Festival Preludes for these performances will focus on "Tchaikovsky and Shakespeare," including excerpts from Tchaikovsky's incidental music from "Hamlet" brought to life with the help of actors from the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. Festival Preludes takes place one hour and 15 minutes prior to performances.

The Meanings of Tchaikovsky — Week Two
The second week of the festival begins with a special program titled "Tchaikovsky and the Piano," and will feature return engagement by the husband-and-wife duo of Maxim Mogilevsky and Svetlana Smolina — two of the artists who performed in last season's Rachmaninoff Piano Spectacular. The program features many of Tchaikovsky's works for one and two pianos including the Sonata in G major, Op. 37; "The Seasons," Op. 37, performed by Mogilevsky, with readings by Smolina; Pabst's Concert Paraphrase on Themes from "Eugene Onegin" for Two Pianos, and much more. Joseph Horowitz will host the event. "Tchaikovsky and the Piano" takes place Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at NJPAC in Newark.

The orchestra performances of week two of the festival mark the return of heralded violinist and NJSO audience favorite Gil Shaham, who will perform Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35. Maestro Macal will conclude the program with Tchaikovsky's monumental and rarely performed "Manfred," Op. 58. Performances take place Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at NJPAC in Newark. Pre-concert Festival Preludes will be hosted by Princeton University Prof. Simon Morrison. The topic for the discussion will be "Tchaikovsky and Byron." Festival Preludes takes place one hour and 15 minutes prior to these performances.

The Meanings of Tchaikovsky — Week Three
The final week of "The Meanings of Tchaikovsky Festival" will begin with a special screening of Ken Russell's 1971 film biography of Tchaikovsky titled "The Music Lovers." The film stars Richard Chamberlain and Glenda Jackson. Joseph Horowitz hosts the screening. "The Music Lovers" will take place Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium at The Newark Museum in Newark.

The final orchestral programs of the festival feature three rarities. Maestro Macal and the NJSO will be joined by acclaimed pianist Gerhard Oppitz in performances of the original version of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 in G major. The version most often heard today was a revised version by Alexander Siloti. The performance continues with Sergey Taneyev's completion of Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Duet," a work based on the famous "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture," and originally sketched as an idea for an opera. Soprano Sally Wolf and tenor John Daniecki will be the featured soloists.

Call the NJSO Ticket Office at (800) 255-3476, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or NJPAC at (888) 466-5722. Tickets are now on sale for all events. Check the NJSO's web site at www.njsymphony.org/Tchaikfest for a complete listing of events.

CROSSROADS in Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Every Sunday is Comedy Night at 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam. Every Wednesday is The Juggling Sons. Every Thursday, ladies drink half-price.

Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during January.

Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving 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 and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times throughout January.

Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 277-0220.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE in Union will present a series of musical events in the coming weeks. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Tuesday: Howard Parker and Milt Januse
Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM in Rahway will present musical entertainment during January. Every Wednesday night is Open Mike Night.

Saturday: X-738
Jan. 13: Bad Attitude
Jan. 27: Live Animals
The Waiting Room is located at 1431 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of Lewis Street. For information, call (732) 815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB in Linden will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Monday features Football Food Specials, and Thursday is Ladies Night. The Washington Avenue Pub is located at 704 Washington Ave. in Linden. For information, call (908) 925-3707.

Exhibit focuses on the abstract

The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway will exhibit "3 Women: Elements of the Abstract" from Wednesday to Feb. 2, featuring work by Judy Lyons-Schneider, Marjorie DeAngelo and Miriam Stern.

There will be a reception with the artists from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 14. Admission is free.

Lyons-Schneider is a painter, print-maker, photographer and mixed-media artist. She "collages" images by layering them much in the same way as paper collages. She usually explores imagery with her camera; the telephoto lens allows her to zoom in on objects she can incorporate into her work. Her Polaroid image and emulsion transfer pieces occur as a result of her explorations with image and various mixed media. The unpredictability of the transfer technique has great appeal to Lyons-Schneider, allowing free rein to imagination and an opportunity to develop a dialogue with her work by the viewer. These works, often with unusual juxtaposition of images, are without a specific narrative but include numerous visual clues with which the viewer may connect. Pieces in this exhibit utilize photographs taken in Bhutan, Tibet, Nepal, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, West Africa, Egypt, Vermont and Staten Island.

Stern uses her computer to manipulate her photographs and transform them into something other than the obvious image. These transferred computer images become the basis for her monoprints, but the artistic process and esthetic of handwork done by the artist would be lost if the computer were the only implement used. It is the hands-on print-making process which she finds to be a wonderful new way of creating a unique image from her computer-manipulated images. The elements of spontaneity and surprise as well as the painterly touch are what make this combination of techniques and media so exciting for her.

DeAngelo of Somerset does the major portion of her photography outdoors. She does her "cropping" in the camera whenever possible and uses focus, color and close-ups to achieve different effects and give impact to the photographs.

DeAngelo shoots primarily in 35mm format, primarily in color. She seldom uses filters or teleconverters, but uses soft focus to give her pieces the appearance of a painting. Due to the unusual nature of her abstracts, some viewers think they have been digitally altered. However, none of the work in this exhibit has been changed on the computer.

To achieve her unique abstract compositions, DeAngelo extracts from the environment minute details of color, texture, line and pattern. Carefully cropped, these images become extraordinary. They are difficult to identify in their isolation, yet they become powerful images and stand on their own bold statements of our surroundings.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m.; or by appointment. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

This exhibit is sponsored by a generous grant from Merck and Co. Inc.

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FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY
January 5th, 2001,
(snow date January 12th)
EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 9:30AM-12:30PM
PRICE: New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, etc. For information call 973-374-9377.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

SUNDAY
January 7th, 2001
EVENT: Giant Flea Market, Collectible Show, Indoors & Outdoors
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (OFF JORALEMON STREET)
TIME: 9am-5pm
PRICE: Over 100 Quality Dealers Selling a Variety of Unique Merchandise. For information call 201-997-9535.
ORGANIZATION: BHS Cheerleaders

SUNDAY
January 14th, 2001
EVENT: Flea Market, Craft and Collectible Show, Indoors & Outdoors
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TIME: 9am-5pm
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ORGANIZATION: St. John's Rosary Society

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Auditions are scheduled for NJ's Equity theaters

The New Jersey Theater Group, the alliance of the state's professional Actors Equity theaters, will hold auditions Feb. 26 for non-Equity performers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in New Brunswick. More than 26 theatres are expected to be in attendance from across the state including Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick; McCarter Theater, Princeton; New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, Madison; American Stage Company, Teaneck; TheaterFest, Montclair; and Forum Theater, Metuchen.

To enter the lottery, performers must follow the following rules and procedures:

- Send one copy of your picture with attached resume.
- A note indicating whether or not you intend to sing as part of your audition.
- Indicate on that note if you are a New Jersey resident or have access to New Jersey housing.
- Enclose a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope. Any entry without a return envelope will be disallowed.
- Your entry must be postmarked by Jan. 19 in order to be eligible for the lottery.
- Mail all entries to the New Jersey Theater Group, P.O. Box 21, Florham Park, 07932.

Linden Art Assoc. continues classes

The Linden Art Association, a non-profit organization for all ages, recently began its 46th year of weekly evening classes Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunnyside Recreation Center, on Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace.

Anyone interested in joining this group to discover and/or develop their talents in visual arts is welcome to stop by on a class night to see the members working on their varied projects under the guidance of a very versatile professional instructor.

Classes are held in a five-week segments, as follows:
• Jan. 17, 24 and 31, and Feb. 7 and 14.
For information, call (908) 486-1408.

Performers who received an audition slot in the February or August 1999 New Jersey Theater Group combined auditions are not eligible for these auditions.

If you are selected for an audition, you will be notified by mail, in your self-addressed stamped envelope, of your timeslot and other audition details. The audition site, in New Brunswick, is easily accessible by car, train and bus. Directions will be sent if you are selected for an appointment.

All of New Jersey's professional theaters are equal opportunity employers. Actors of color are encouraged to submit their pictures/resumes for this audition.

• Union High School, all classes, will take part in a reunion beginning with luncheon Feb. 3, 2001 in Kissimmee, Fla. For information, contact Jack Jordan, class of '36 at (516) 966-8585 or john881@webtv.net; John or Ellie Truhe, class of '45, at (609) 698-3621 or johndarme@aol.com; Dick Walter, class of '48, at (561) 395-3274 or dick1150@aol.com; or Tom Ryan, class of '51, at (561) 483-7494 or tarjer@aol.com.

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REUNIONS

• Union High School Class of 1991 will conduct its 10th reunion April 21, 2001. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
• Hillside High School's Florida Alumni Reunion will take place Feb. 25, 2001 at noon at the Holiday Inn Catalina, 1601 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla. Admission, through advance registration only, is \$35 per person. For information, contact Marvin Kaleky at 466 Briarwood

Circle, Hollywood, FL 33024, or call him at home at (954) 967-0199 or at work at (954) 967-8500. He may be faxed at (954) 967-0890 or contacted via e-mail at hhaaf@aol.com or emkay18@yahoo.com.

• Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1956 will conduct its 45th reunion May 5, 2001, at the Embassy Suites in Piscataway. For information, write to Class of '56 Reunion Committee, 26 Orris Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854.

• Union High School Class of 1966 will conduct its 35th reunion May 5, 2001 at the Woodbridge Hilton. For information, call (908) 964-5477 or send e-mail to jwsip@aol.com.

• Summit High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion July 21, 2001. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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Also born this week: Elvis Presley, Richard Nixon, George Foreman, Alexander Hamilton, Jack London and Horatio Alger.

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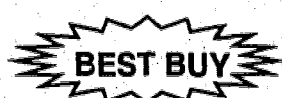
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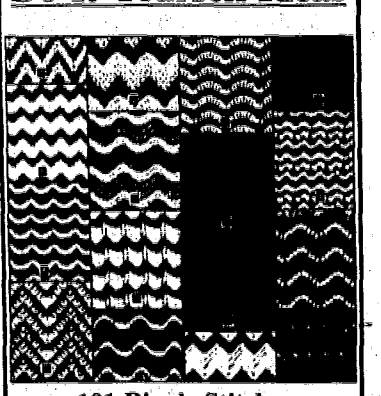
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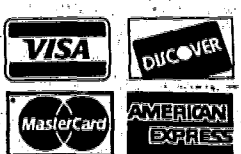
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They are available to assist agents with contracts, sales and listings as well as conducting their own personal real estate business.

Delaney, a licensed broker since 1987, is a member of the Burgdorff ERA's President's Club and NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club for the past 13 years. She achieved Bronze Level in 1999 and is a member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club. She has served as a member of the Million Dollar Review Committee.

Berger, broker, is a member of the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club and has achieved Silver Level in 1987, 1992, 1997, 1988 and 1999 and Bronze Level in 1981-86, 1988-1991, and 1993-1996.

She has been a member of ERA's Leader Circle. Berger is a member of the NJAR's Distinguished Sales Club. A licensed broker since 1984, Berger has earned the Certified Real Estate Specialist designation.

Fiore joins Burgdorff

Burgdorff ERA announced that Sara Fiore has joined the company's New Providence office, located at 1243 Springfield Ave.

Fiore has been a licensed Realtor since 1997 and is a member of the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

As a mother of two school age sons, Fiore is involved in various activities with Columbia Middle School and the Mountain Park Community. She attended the Fashion Institute of Technology, where she studied textile design. She devoted a portion of her professional career to educating gifted and talented students in New York City. The flexibility of teaching allowed her to continue freelance work as a textile designer.

Downer joins Weichert

Cheryl Downer has joined the Summit office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

An experienced real estate professional, Downer previously was associated with another local real estate company, where she qualified for the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club in 1998. "Joining Weichert will allow me to better serve my customers," Downer said.

A resident of Summit since 1989, Downer is married and has two children. She studied architecture and literature at Canal Zone College in Panama,



Camie Delaney



Lois Berger

ma, and has experience as a design director for Douglas & Waters in Short Hills.

For real estate transactions, call Downer at Weichert's Summit office, (908) 277-1200, located at 474 Morris Ave.

Kostas is aboard

Larry Minsky, branch manager, announced that Anastasia "Stacy" Kostas has joined the Summit office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

A licensed real estate professional since 1994, Kostas began her real estate sales career with Weichert's Westfield office. Most recently, she was associated with another local real estate company. In 1998, she qualified for the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club.

Kostas is married and has two children. She is a member of the Westfield Greek Orthodox Church. Kostas holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Rutgers University.

For real estate transactions, call Kostas at Weichert's Summit office, (908) 277-1200, located at 474 Morris Ave.

Four are honored

Four sales associates at the Summit office of Weichert Realtors have been honored for their accomplishments in October, announced Larry Minsky, branch manager.

Linda Henderson won the office's top listing award. A consistent top producer, she earned her fifth gold award in the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, and repeated as a member of Weichert's President's Club and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs in 1999. Her career achievements earned her induction into the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Distinguished Sales Club. Henderson is a resident of Summit. Seasoned real estate veteran Kathy Buontempo was honored as the office's overall top producer. Buontempo, a licensed broker with extensive sales and management experi-

ence, is a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and the 1999 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

Karen Howells won the October award for the greatest number of sales. An experienced real estate professional, Howells is a longtime resident of Murray Hill. In addition to her real estate sales experience, Howells worked as a project manager in the financial services industry. She holds a seat on the board of trustees of the New Jersey Youth Symphony and supports the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Greater Newark Youth Orchestra.

Merryl Synder of New Providence earned the October award for the greatest number of sold listings. An experienced real estate professional, she has been honored as a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Marketed Club and Ambassador's Club. She is a past member of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club.

To reach these award-winning real estate professionals, call Weichert's Summit office, (908) 277-1200, located at 474 Morris Ave.

Sagan appointed

Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves recently announced the appointment of Judith Sagan as vice president and manager of the company's Westfield office. A former vice president and manager of the Burgdorff ERA Northwest Regional office, Sagan brings a wealth of experience to one of the company's most productive offices.

With more than 20 years of solid real estate experience, Sagan holds a broker's license and the Graduate Realtor Institute designation. She is an active member of the Union and Middlesex County Board of Realtors, as well as the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors and has served on the Warren County Board of Realtors as a vice president and secretary/treasurer, as well as sitting on their board of directors.

Putting a special emphasis on building and managing a highly productive team, Sagan takes pride in the sales associates at the Westfield

office. "It is always a great pleasure to help our sales associates not only reach, but exceed their professional goals. And it is for this reason that I am particularly excited to work with the team of professionals in the Westfield office whose commitment to service excellence is unparalleled.

San Andres is aboard

Pelilia "Lily" San Andres has joined the Union office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

A licensed real estate professional, she formerly worked as a chemist for Ashland Specialty Chemical, where she served as the company coordinator for the United Way campaign.

San Andres is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. She speaks fluent Tagalog and is a member of Weichert's International Division. She and her husband reside in Middlesex and have two children.

For real estate transactions, call San Andres at Weichert's Union office, (908) 687-4800, located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

South joins Weichert

Sonia South has joined the Union office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

An experienced real estate professional, South formerly owned Montego Realty. More recently, she was associated with another local real estate firm.

South, who lives in Union, is an alumna of University of Technology and Northern Caribbean University of Jamaica, where she studied business and real estate.

For real estate transactions, call South at Weichert's Union office, (908) 687-4800, located at 1307 Stuyvesant Ave.

Sanderson is associate

Melinda Sanderson has joined the Westfield Office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

A licensed real estate professional, she brings experience as a contracts administrator to her new position with Weichert. She is a graduate of Hampton College of Middletown, N.Y., where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a resident of Union.

For real estate transactions, call Sanderson at Weichert's Westfield office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm St.

Decker appointed

Frank Decker has joined the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors as a sales associate.

A licensed real estate professional, Decker brings experience as a police officer to his new position with Weichert. He is a resident of Clark.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Lexus IS 300 is attracting non-Lexus buyers

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

The more things change... the more they get like the competition. At least that's how it seems with the evolution of sports sedans.

The 3-Series sedans from BMW, for example, are much more supple, rounded and soundproofed — more Lexus-like — than the previous generation.

And now Lexus comes out with the IS 300, a 3-Series competitor, and it has the angled lines and chiseled personality that the stock BMWs once had.

This entry-level division of Toyota sells the larger and more expensive GS 300/400 sports sedans, but it wanted a less expensive car to pull in younger buyers to groom them for future sales of bigger and better cars.

To do that required style and speed. The IS 300 is quick — 0 to 60 in 7.1 seconds — and head-turning shape. It is a Lexus for someone who wouldn't typically consider Lexus. Read that: male, 35 to 40 years old, highly educated, married with a \$100,000 household income.

Prices for the IS 300 start at \$30,945 destination fee. The test car stickered at \$34,156, which is reasonable value for the hardware.

The car is new in the United States, but it comes from a tested foundation, the Toyota Altezza, which has been on sale in Europe and Japan for two years. The IS 300 is special for Lexus in the United States and won't be shared with Toyota.

Despite a nicely Lexus-ized package, some Toyota roots are showing, but few buyers of the IS 300 will notice... or care.

Not all manufacturers can pull off the re-imagining and re-fitting of hintermarket models for U.S. consumption, but not all manufacturers have such a good car to start with.

With the BMW 3-Series as a benchmark, the IS 300 is fluent in German, but with some street-savvy influences of its own.

Among the Teutonic accents are rear-wheel drive, inline 6-cylinder engine and front and rear bumpers that crop closely to the tires. There's even a roof-top antenna.

Specific enhancements for North America include more soundproofing, a huskier exhaust note, clear-lens taillights, high-intensity headlights with composite covers and air dam with fog lights.

Not all changes were cosmetic; The engine, battery and fuel tank have been moved toward the center of the car to enhance balance.

There's a nice array of shiny metal accents that try to spiff up Toyota plastic, but it lacks the continuity of a ground-up Lexus original design.



The Lexus IS 300 is for someone who typically wouldn't consider this luxury division of Toyota. It is powered by a 215-horsepower in-line six-cylinder engine and five-speed automatic E-Shift transmission.

The large circular speedometer is ringed with a chronograph — Rolodex-like — bezel that calls out "Rolodex." The theme meshes well with the cog-like dials for climate control and the chrome bezels around the gear shift console and the chrome Tootsie-pop ball shifter.

A margin of titanium-gray trim spans the instrument panel and window switch plates on the door panels.

Drilled and brushed-stainless steel pedals — including driver's foot rest — are another nice touch that were a "tyrannical battle" with Toyota headquarters in Japan to be OK'd. The driver's footrest in the test car, however, had come to loose and wiggled around like a cheap add-on.

Softening the metallic and black interior were optional leather and Ecstaine upholstery and door trim panels. Pronounced like "Ecstaine," this man-made materials looks and feels like ventilated suede.

Dead center in the speedo are three small analog gauges, including one for instant MPG, another BMW likeness, but it is just as unnecessary here. The 18 mpg city and 23 highway ratings are good enough that few buyers of this car will quibble over mileage.

Also useful is the 8-speaker 240 watt AM-FM-cassette with in-dash 6-disc CD that cranks as strong as the engine and, thank you, there are no redundant steering wheel radio controls.

The only controls on the tight-leather wrap of the steering wheel are the E-shift buttons for the 5-speed automatic transmission. The only shifter of choice now, but a 5-speed manual will be offered some time in the next year.

At the time of launch there was just too much time-consuming data acquisition for EPA certification to

offer both auto and manual transmission.

Horsepower comes from the 3.0-liter 1-6 from the GS 300 sedan and SC 300 coupe.

Better to be a "have" than a "have not" in this group — and at 215 hp is very capable at motivating the 3,270 ground curb weight. The engine is just 5 hp shy of the heavier GS/SC 300s because of its single exhaust. It's also certified as a LEV, low-emissions vehicle.

Not that the car needs more power, but a range of sport-racing accessories are planned through Toyota Racing Development, which already has engine enhancements for the GS and SC 300s.

The IS 300 slips through traffic with ease, controlled through the E-Shift transmission and big disc brakes. The floor shifter can be manually selected for sport or snow mode. Bump the shift level to the manual-shift slot and gear changes are done through thumb buttons on the steering wheel.

Place your hands at 3 and 9 o'clock on the tightly wrapped leather wheel, and you poised for trigger shifting. Thumb the topside buttons for downshifts; the index or middle finger can flick the back side buttons for upshifts.

Shifts are well-timed and the car behaves competently, but it doesn't have the grace under pressure of a BMW. The steering isn't as communicative or responsive.

Big praises goes to the engineer who insisted traction control be standard equipment. A heavy right foot at the traffic light will easily break loose the low-profile Bridgestone Potenza 040 tires. Also considerate is the option for 16-inch all-season tires for wet and winter drivability.

The car's wedge-like silhouette —

also reminiscent of the older BMW sedans — earns it a very low coefficient of drag, 0.29. Still, at interstate speeds there is noticeable wind at the outside mirrors and from the wide, open wheels.

The IS 300 isn't like any other Lexus, but it has the horsepower, street smarts and high fashion to survive. Purebred Lexus breeding will come in time.

BMW 330i vs. LEXUS IS 300

Engine: 3.0 liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder with variable valve timing vs. aluminum head, iron block 3.0-liter DOHC 24-valve timing
Horsepower: 225 at 5900 rpm vs. 215 at 5800 rpm
Transmission: 5-speed Steptronic vs. 5 speed E-shift automatic
0 to 60 acceleration: 7 seconds vs. 7.1

Fuel economy: 19/27 vs. 18/23
Length: 176 inches vs. 176.6 inches
Height: 55.7 inches vs. 55.5
Curb weight: 3,373 vs. 3,270 (w/ automatic transmissions)
Aerodynamic drag: 0.31 vs. 0.29
Weight distribution: 50.7/49.3 vs. 54/46
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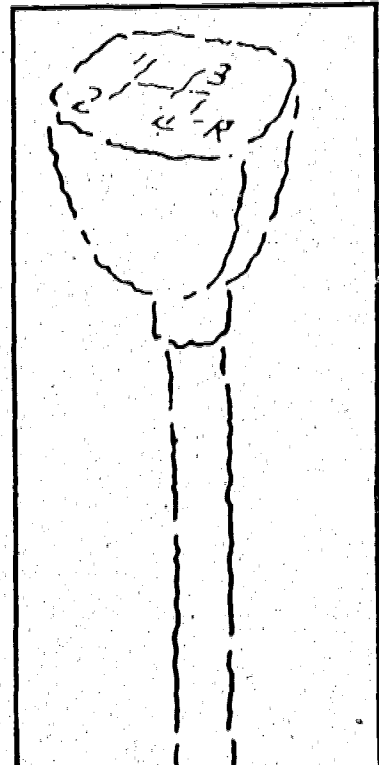
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Torque: 218 at 3,800 rpm
Transmission: 5-speed automatic with E-shift
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 7.1 seconds; top speed, 143.7
EPA estimated fuel mileage: 18 mpg city, 23 highway
Fuel tank: 17.5 gallons; 91 octane recommended

Features
Standard: High Intensity Discharge headlamps with automatic leveling, ultraviolet and infrared ray reducing green glass, anti-chip paint on lower body panels, 8-way power adjustable driver's and passenger side seat with 4-way manual headrests, front seatback pockets, rear seat pass through to trunk, brushed aluminum pedals, twin trip meters, exterior temperature gauge, manual tilt steering wheel, dust/pollen air filter, power windows/mirrors/locks, cruise control, remote trunk and fuel door releases, light vanity mirrors, first-aid kit, tool kit and Lexus Premium 8-speaker AM-FM-cassette and in-dash, single-feed six-disc CD changer

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Curb weight: 3,270 pounds
Trunk capacity: 10.1 cubic feet
Chassis
Suspension: Four-wheel independent; front double wishbone with S-shaped upper arm, rear double wishbone with S-shaped upper arm

Steering: Engine-speed sensing, power-assisted rack, pinion
Brakes: 4-wheel power-assisted discs with ABS and EBD, electronic brake distribution; 11.65-inch rotors front, 12.09-inch rear
Tires and wheels: Bridgestone Potenza 040 P215/45R 17-inch, with full-size spare and alloy wheel; optional 16-inch all-season tires available

Pricing
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Don't wait for the first whispers of cold air to start blowing before you dress your car for winter. The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club suggests the following steps to make sure your vehicle is outfitted from headlight to tail light for rain and snow.

- Battery. Cold weather can kill an ailing battery, the cause of many winter breakdowns. Avoid problems by asking your technician to test your car's charging system output and the battery's condition and charge.
- Fluids. Remember to change the oil and check the antifreeze, brake, differential, and transmission fluids. Old antifreeze in your car's cooling system may contribute to cooling system failure.
- Lights. Enlist a friend to help

check your car's high and low beams, and its license plate, fog, parking, side-marker, hazard, turn-signal, reverse, and brake lights.

- Supplies. Keep a windshield ice scraper, spray lock defroster — also keep an extra defroster at home — and an extra pair of gloves in the car, and consider packing a folding shovel and some rock salt, sand or kitty litter. If you'll be driving in the mountains, carry chains, blankets, foul-weather gear, flares, and a tarp, just in case you break down.
- Tires. If your tire treads are shallow, it's time to purchase a new set of tires. Consider the climate and the type of driving, you do when choosing tires. Studded tires are permitted in New Jersey between Nov. 15 and

April 1, but they should be used only in packed-snow conditions. During the winter, check tires regularly for correct inflation; they lose pressure as the temperature drops.

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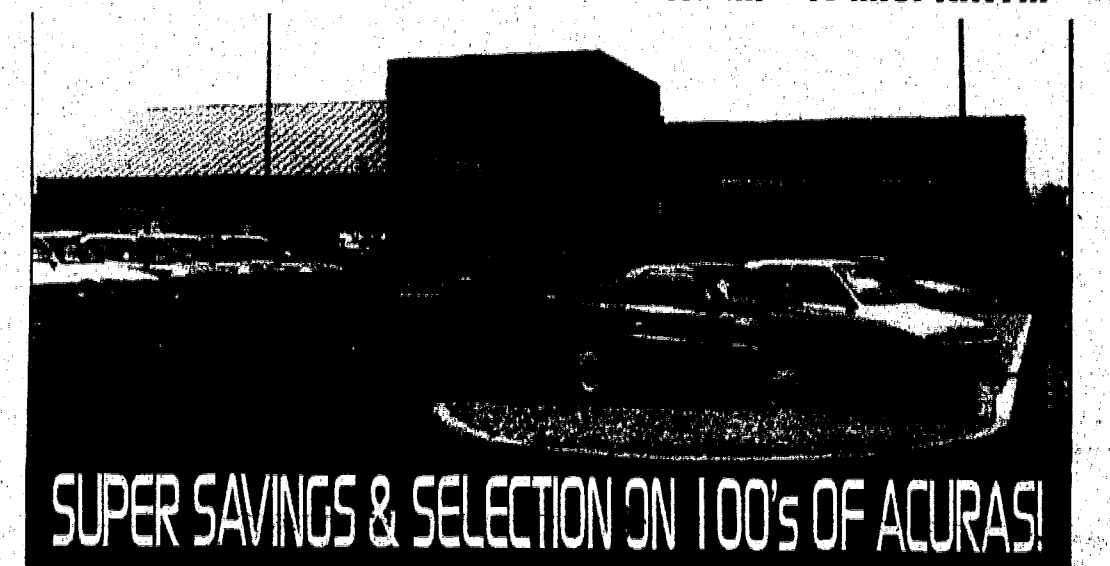
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