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Things change

Linda DiGiovanni knew well the voice on the phone last Thursday and she got a laugh from the message of her fellow Republican Ed Force saying "we are back." The whirlwind week which catapulted her candidate, friend and employer Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights, as the front runner for the GOP gubernatorial nomination was sure affecting her life. It also showed how quickly things change in politics.

Over the past few years, a tug of war between supporters of Franks and Donald DiFrancesco was waged by Republicans in Union County. One statehouse bid could not be split between two ambitious legislators, let alone two living so close to each other. A narrow win two years ago by Frank McDermott as the GOP county chairman, seemed to put DiFrancesco in the driver's seat.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Washington business kept then-Congressman Franks from showing up for the party fued that evening, leaving direction of his effort to supporters like DiGiovanni and Force.

Franks' close loss to Jon Corzine for Senate last year and Christine Whitman's new employment address at the EPA had given a clear order to Republican campaigns. DiFrancesco would battle Jim McGreevey and Franks would battle Robert Torricelli.

But last Thursday at the Kenilworth Inn the Republicans gathered to support the entry of Franks to take the charge flag from DiFrancesco, a victim of a New York press assault. It was a different world.

DiGiovanni, herself a former freeholder, was only a few weeks ago considering a run for the Assembly from her town of Union. She hit head on against the aggressive campaign of Dr. Eric Munoz, a Summit councilman. More formidable was a redistricting map which put Union in with Elizabeth, Roselle and Kenilworth as a legislative district. Hardly a place for a Republican looking for a win.

But by last weekend, DiGiovanni was by her own admission "working non-stop." Back again as a top staffer for Franks, she still has the easy laugh and even a hint of a warm giggle. Ever so politely she steers the conversation from herself to her candidate. "He has come full circle. From the time he managed the successful campaign of Tom Kean Sr. in 1981, his desire has been to be the governor."

He will need that experience, as he first faces a challenge from the radical right for the GOP nomination and the greater challenge of a well-financed, on message candidacy of Democrat McGreevey. Franks, a former assemblyman, GOP chairman and congressman, probably knows the odds better than anyone.

Last Saturday at 2:30 p.m. the Franks for Governor bus pulled into the parking lot at the TGI Friday's restaurant in Watchung, a stone's throw from Mountainside. The group of paid and volunteer staff easily mixed with the late lunch crowd, as they patiently waited a good 15 minutes for a table.

Franks is actually the calmest, as he smiles easily, takes a few calls on his cell phone and shakes hands with customers who offer good wishes and advice. His one-on-one eye contact and listening skills are as good as ever.

Armed with her own phone in one hand and the annoying buzzer device these restaurants give to waiting patrons, DiGiovanni lays out the intensity of a statewide campaign. After all it was only five months ago the Franks for Senate campaign and her efforts ended.

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Freeholders introduce 2001 county budget

Taxes will rise for 19 of 21 towns

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Only property owners in Kenilworth and Hillside will be spared an increase in the county portion of their tax bills under the proposed 2001 budget. The Board of Chosen Freeholders officially introduced the spending plan during its regular meeting April 26. A public hearing and final adoption of the budget is scheduled for May 31 during the board's regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

The \$315-million budget for 2001 is almost \$10 million more than last year's budget. The tax levy is \$159.9 million, up from \$150.1 million in 2000. This year's tax levy is 5 percent higher than it was in 1996, which represents an increase of less than 1 percent per year, said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, chairwoman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee.

The tax levy makes up slightly more than half of the revenue in the county budget. About \$20.5 million in anticipated surplus will be used as revenue, about 6.5 percent. The largest portion of the budget goes toward "Health and Welfare," about \$84 million, or 27 percent.

County Manager Michael Lapolla presented his executive budget to the freeholder board in January and the board's Fiscal Affairs Committee conducted several budget hearings during February. The executive budget included a \$10-million increase in the tax levy, the first hike in five years.

County officials attribute the need for a tax hike primarily on the fact that the state no longer houses nearly as many prisoners in the county jail as it did in the past. Union County annually anticipated about \$8 million in revenue from state reimbursements for prisoners but no longer receives near that amount. As a result, the county decided to close the old jail, consolidating the prison population into the new jail, and laying off corrections officers.

In addition to the loss of state prisoners, the county will see a rise of \$1.3 million in utility costs this year and \$1 million more in payments to the state for county residents in state mental institutions.

The county will pay \$1.6 million less to the Police and Firemen's Retirement Fund of New Jersey as a result of state legislation passed earlier this year. In

Municipality	2000	2001	Difference
Berkeley Heights	\$1,555	\$1,658	+\$104
Clark	\$876	\$924	+\$48
Cranford	\$968	\$1,025	+\$56
Elizabeth	\$533	\$571	+\$38
Fanwood	\$911	\$955	+\$44
Garwood	\$776	\$825	+\$49
Hillside	\$585	\$572	-\$13
Kenilworth	\$777	\$745	-\$32
Linden	\$578	\$648	+\$70
Mountainside	\$1,378	\$1,456	+\$78
New Providence	\$1,293	\$1,351	+\$58
Plainfield	\$536	\$558	+\$22
Rahway	\$580	\$588	+\$8
Roselle	\$511	\$520	+\$9
Roselle Park	\$603	\$616	\$13
Scotch Plains	\$1,109	\$1,170	\$60
Springfield	\$934	\$977	\$44
Summit	\$2,022	\$2,159	\$136
Union	\$652	\$682	\$30
Westfield	\$1,457	\$1,553	\$97
Winfield	\$62	\$63	\$1
Averages	\$890	\$934	\$44

Source: Union County

The figure represents what the average home in each municipality would pay in county taxes under the proposed 2001 budget. A public hearing on the spending plan is set for May 31.

2000, the county paid more than \$3.9 million to the fund while this year the payment will be \$1.35 million. On the other side of the spectrum, an additional \$400,000 is budgeted for the employees' prescription plan in 2001 as compared to 2000.

An Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund was established this year following approval from voters in last fall's General election. The trust fund, which is an additional tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value dedicated to open space and recreation, anticipates revenues of more than \$2.8 million in the 2001 budget.

Community forum fights against hate

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Imagine a world without hate. That was the world envisioned by the guest speakers at the seventh annual community forum of anti-hate programs presented by the Union County Committee Against Hate at The Presbyterian Church of Westfield on April 25.

"Standing Together Against Hate VII" began with "Forbidden Love," a short movie about interracial relationships. Focusing on overcoming perceived cultural taboos, the movie included historical and contemporary accounts of interracial marriages and stories about romances between war enemies, military personnel, and people of religious orders.

The free program was introduced by the Rev. William Forbes, pastor of the church, and Terri Warmbrand, chairwoman of the Union County Committee Against Hate. Both speakers emphasized the importance of embracing diversity in all its forms and speaking out against hate and bias acts.

"My faith tradition, and I suspect the faith traditions of most who have gathered here, affirm people," said Forbes. "We celebrate the diversity of the human family."

Forbes acknowledged the historic tragedies and persecutions against certain groups that often had

their roots deep within religious tradition. He highlighted the importance of using the forum as a way to reach out to different groups and celebrate the diversity of the human spirit.

Reading a piece of literature about a young girl who faced ignorance and intolerance from others while growing up with a gay parent, Warmbrand illustrated the importance of accepting people regardless of their lifestyle. Through her reading, Warmbrand embodied the girl's feelings of hopelessness and oppression as a result of society's negative reaction toward her mother's sexual orientation.

After her reading, two people were honored for their contributions to the committee.

In the memory of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr., the Ruotolo Award was given to Milt Faith of Westfield. Faith was honored for his various volunteer services to community youth, including his role as executive director of the Youth and Family Counseling Service for over 35 years. The William Eldridge Award was given to Aliza Burns of Scotch Plains. Burns, an eighth-grade student, was awarded for her many hours of volunteer work for the committee.

Revealing how the FBI handles civil rights violations and hate crimes, Special Agent in Charge Kevin Donovan of the Newark Office of the FBI

explained that the agency works toward maintaining diversity in the United States by investigating hate crimes, participating in anti-hate task forces, and cooperating with civil rights groups.

By monitoring how civil rights cases are prosecuted, whether on the local, state, or national level, Donovan said the FBI ensures that those individuals who commit hate or bias crimes are swiftly brought to justice.

Keynote speaker Joyce Hunter spoke about racial and ethnic identity, sexual orientation, and religious issues as they relate to homophobia in society, particularly among today's youth. By interweaving a personal account of her own life growing up in 1950s New York City as a lesbian who is part African-American and part Jewish, Hunter revealed how her early experiences formed her identity.

"By junior high, young people are asking, 'Who am I?' ethnically and racially," said Hunter.

Hunter is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. As a director, research scientist, and community liaison and principal investigator at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Hunter has focused her attention on fighting homophobia and helping adolescents discover their identities.

Contest winners announced

Two Franklin School fourth-grade students and a Rahway student took top honors in the Constitutional Officers of Union County Poster Contest. Brianna Schlessinger and Eric Oplinger of Summit placed first and second and Grant Brown from St. Mary's School placed third. The children were awarded prizes at a ceremony to spotlight County Government Week on April 24.

The contest sponsored by the county clerk, county sheriff and county surrogate, is open to all fourth-grade students throughout the state's 21 counties, including Union County.

Winners were selected by a group of judges. First-, second-, and third-place winners received savings bonds. All contestants received certificates of achievement. Winners also attended an awards ceremony at the County Courthouse in Elizabeth with their parents, relatives, friends and teachers. The 12 winners will have their posters featured in a 2001-02 poster calendar to be distributed throughout the county.

Achievement winners included Jessica Anguioni, Evan Elko and Matt Seskin of Franklin School, Summit; Noah Lyons, Kimberly Shao and Gabrielle Luciano of Salt Brook School, New Providence; Elise Enners of St. John the Apostle School, Clark; Sean Roberts of St. Joseph the Carpenter School, Roselle, and Anna Lough of St. Mary's School in Rahway.

Monte Carlo day



Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County residents Tyne Thompson, standing, looks over Carol Bovine's shoulder, as both look over the roulette table at the annual Monte Carlo Casino Day at the facility in Berkeley Heights. Residents and patients played roulette, craps, blackjack, wheel of fortune, horse racing and high-low. Play money was used and prizes were awarded in a raffle at the end of the day's festivities.

'Release the hounds' Collies take on geese at links, parks

Thanks to a new program using border collies to chase the birds, county officials are seeing results in their efforts to keep Canada geese off public facilities. In a tour of the county's golf facilities, Freeholder Vice Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. observed "a significant drop in the number of geese and their unhealthy droppings has been achieved."

Mingo said the drop-off is directly attributable to the use of the border collies. "The dogs arrived at the end of February and started work at Oak Ridge, Ash Brook and Galloping Hill golf courses in early March. They are doing such a good job we are now using them at the county parks."

The county purchased three specially-trained border collies from a breeder in upstate New York for \$1,200. Precious, a 9-month-old female, and 18-month-old brothers, Panda and Frisbee, are under the control of the Union County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, but the Department of Parks and Recreation does the scheduling of where the dogs work. The program costs the county little to operate because it uses existing staff in both departments.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said officials felt this was the most environmentally-safe method of ridding the county of Canada geese. "Border collies are extremely effective in geese control because they are bred to chase. They are not allowed to actually touch the birds, just harass them enough to make them look for better breeding areas. It could take a year to make them change their breeding habits," Froehlich said.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, who also toured the golf courses to see how effective the border collies are, said the geese have been a problem for years. "They eat the grass down to the soil and leave behind large amounts of waste. The waste runs into streams and lakes, fouling the water."

"Golfers and park visitors complain about the geese and their droppings. Because the golf courses produce revenue for the county budget and the golfers petitioned the freeholder board, we decided to start our geese-controlling program on the courses and then work the parks," Sullivan said.

"The dogs arrive and the geese just fly away," Freeholder Mary Ruotolo said. "The geese stay away when the dogs leave. They eventually return, but in smaller numbers each time. The program is working."

Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth is a 27-hole course that is undergoing \$4.6 million in renovations including new greens tees, an irrigation system and better drainage. There were 80,000 rounds of golf a year and more than \$1 million in revenues at Galloping Hill last year.

Ashbrook was opened in 1953 in Scotch Plains. It is a 616.2-acre, 18-hole course with a nine-hole pitch and putt added in 1964. Oak Ridge is the newest addition to Union County golf facilities. It was acquired in 1974 and offers 169.4-acre course located in Clark.

Alternate Route program applications due soon

Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan announced that the John H. Stamler Police Academy will offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Program in the next police recruit class beginning on July 27.

Manahan said, "one of the project's goals is to create a pool of trained officers who could then be hired by local departments, sparing the municipalities the costs associated with officer training."

"The Alternate Route Program was first offered as a pilot project at the academy in 1993," said Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien, president of the Union County Police Chiefs Association. "Over 95 percent of all Alternate Route candidates who graduated from the academy have obtained jobs in law enforcement," he added. Civilians who complete a written examination and review process become part of the academy's regular police training class.

Academy Director Anthony Parenti said "the Alternate Route recruits receive the same instruction as the regular police cadets during the 19-week training session." The courses include firearms, investigations, court systems procedures, crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury managements, crime scene management, constitutional rights and use of force.

Parenti said the academy functions much like a military basic training course. The Alternate Route and regular police cadets wear the same uniforms and must adhere to a strict regimen, including daily physical training.

"All Alternate Route candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits at an institution of higher learning," Manahan said. "The 60 college credits is a Police Training Commission requirement and cannot be waived." He said the Alternate Route candidates are not guaranteed a position by the program but will have met all the state requirements necessary to become police officers.

According to O'Brien, all candidates must be county residents and are charged \$1,200 tuition to cover costs. "Alternate Route candidates demonstrating financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition," he added. "They also can receive 12 academic credits if they enroll in Union County College."

Anyone interested in applying for the Alternate Route program may pick up an application at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. For more information call Parenti at (908) 889-6112.

All applications must be returned to the Police Academy on or before May 11.

COUNTY NEWS

Hunger walk Sunday

The Coalition for Hunger Awareness of Union and Somerset counties will sponsor its ninth annual Rally Walk to End Local Hunger on Sunday starting in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield.

Westfield Mayor Gregory McDermott, honorary walk chairman, will speak during the rally and Bill Ard, former New York Giants offensive guard, will be on hand to sign autographs. Dr. Sanford Fineman, a founder of the Yes We Care Soup Kitchen, will be the keynote speaker.

The walk begins in Westfield's Mindowaskin Park at 1 p.m. for the five-mile participants, but walkers also have the option of choosing a three-mile route starting at 1:30 or a one-mile route at 2 p.m.

All participants will end up at Mindowaskin Park for the rally where free refreshments, courtesy of Trader Joe's and several local bakeries, will be available. Jay the DJ, the Church of the Living God Choir and a barber-shop quartet will provide musical entertainment.

The Coalition for Hunger Awareness is an interfaith group of congregations, nonprofits and civic organizations located in Union and Somerset counties.

For information on how to become a walker or a sponsor, or for information on the Coalition for Hunger Awareness, call Keith Zakheim at (908) 889-5335.

Sheriff's Office golf outing to raise funds

The Sheriff's Officers of Union County, members of Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 108, invite all golfers to participate in the fourth annual charitable golf classic on May 17 at the Pine Barrens Golf Club in Jackson.

The day's events will include an 11:30 a.m. barbecue lunch, a 1 p.m. shotgun start, dinner, prizes and awards.

Among the possible prizes offered are two hole-in-one-prizes: \$1 million, and a four-day golf vacation for two to Las Vegas, Nev.

The deadline to register for the day of golf is today. The entry fee is \$195 per person.

A portion of the proceeds from the golf outing will benefit the Union County Sheriff's Office Scholarship Fund for college-bound students.

High school seniors interested in applying for the scholarship program should pick up an application in person at the Sheriff's Office in the Union County Administration Building, first floor, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in downtown Elizabeth.

Donations are welcome and sponsorship opportunities are available for the golf outing. For more information

call Officer Darryl Warner at (908) 527-4489.

Two Hundred Club to fete police and fire

More than 400 people are expected to turn out on May 11 at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountainside, to honor Union County's police officers and firefighters who have been selected for bravery performed in the year 2000. Each winner will receive the prestigious Two Hundred Club Medal of Valor for their work above and beyond the call of duty.

Things can change quickly

(Continued from Page B1)
By 4 p.m., the massive green and gold Franks bus had left for the next stop in New Brunswick at Rutgers. I am thinking that after the glow of the announcement fades, the realities of the subject green and gold and the dollars it takes to run a statewide effort will take front stage.

On this day DiGiovanni's work won't end until well after 10 p.m. Even the indefatigable DiGiovanni is feeling the pressure of the week. But as she well knows, showing up is a responsibility because things can change pretty quickly.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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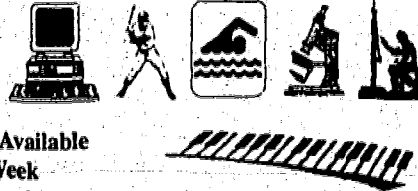
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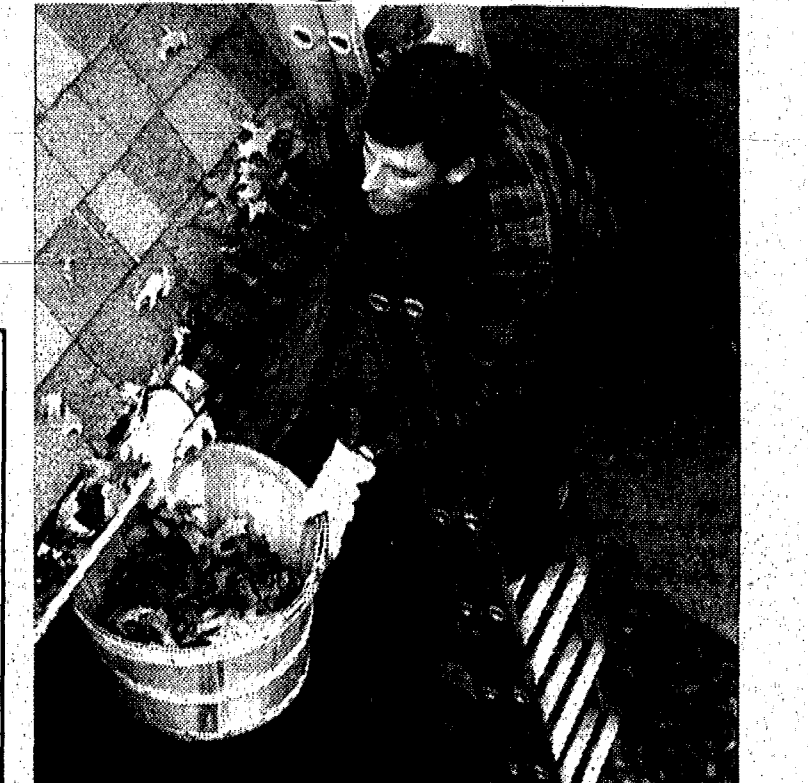
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Little Opera Company engages youth Legendary basso to join company in concert Sunday

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Opera is becoming exceptionally popular in New Jersey, and, according to Valerie Pineda of Scotch Plains, founder and president of The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, "youngsters and families are showing a lot of interest in this form of art in their various communities."

Pineda, an opera singer herself, has planned to bring Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'amore," which means "The Elixir of Love," conducted by Robert Butts, to the Maurice Levin Theater, JCC Metro in West Orange on Saturday at 8:30

p.m., the Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains on Sunday at 2 p.m., the Armstrong Auditorium, Blair Academy, Blairstown, May 12 at 8 p.m. and Boonton High School at 2 p.m.

The Little Opera Company of New Jersey and the Baroque Orchestra of Boonton will perform the opera with narration by the legendary basso from Scotch Plains, Jerome Hines, who will lend his personal talents to the opera. A cast of professionals will combine talents with young singers, ages 6 to 18, who are members of the Little Opera Company.

Pineda will perform the role of Adina, and her husband, Juan Pineda, who recently finished a run as Thuy in the Broadway cast of "Miss Saigon," will star as Nemorino. The other professionals include soprano Melody Alesi, winner of the Licia Albenese/Puccini Scholarship; baritone Douglas Jabara as Belcore, who has performed with Opera Musical Theater International, and bass Nathan Bahny, as Dulcamara, who has performed with the Metropolitan Opera.

The comic opera will be sung in Italian and explained in English by Hines. The young singers, who auditioned from throughout the state to participate in the opera, have been taught basic Italian, musicianship, acting skills and have an opportunity to perform with professionals. The young chorus and orchestra members are selected, based on talent. They are rehearsed and trained by professionals in the field of opera, and by performance time, they will have rehearsed 19 times for a total of 46 hours that began in February.

"This is our second production," said Valerie Pineda. "We chose to do this opera because there was a bigger chorus and more opportunity for the cast members to sing. We felt because of how wonderful they did in the first opera, 'Marriage of Figaro,' that they would be able to have a bigger part."

Pineda said "we have nine professional singers playing the lead parts, including my husband, Juan, and 30 young people in the chorus. This is not a school. We are a producing company. We audition in Westfield, usually at the New Jersey Performing Arts or at the Presbyterian Church.

"We have two goals," she said. "One is to bring opera to New Jersey audiences at affordable prices and convenient locations. And two, to encourage the younger generation to participate in this art form."

"We have 30 kids," she said, "and more knocking at the door. They come from all over New Jersey to



Juan Pineda, who recently finished a run as Thuy 'Miss Saigon' on Broadway, will star as Nemorino in 'L'Elisir d'amore,' presented by The Little Opera Company of New Jersey this weekend in West Orange and Scotch Plains.

audition. What we really want to be doing is creating a new audience for opera. By including the children, we're bringing the families in — people who might never have an opportunity to see an opera."

Pineda has a strong conviction that "hopefully, we'll create some new artists out of this. Right now," she said, "we have about two or three people who would like to pursue opera as a career. And the rest of them have caught the bug to appear on stage."

The three people are Katie Spadora, a 16-year-old student at Mount St. Mary's Academy in Watchung, who is participating for the second time;

Chrissy Danelson, 15, of Linden, who has performed in local community theater, and Maryanne Siorendino, 15, who is from Roselle, "and who is definitely interested."

Pineda, who grew up in Roselle, "was always singing. And I didn't really know anything about opera until I took my first voice lesson when I was 16. My first voice teacher, Sonia Lewis of Westfield, changed my life. She's now my partner in crime," she mused. "She's a great asset to the company."

"I studied at the Manhattan School of Music and the Boston Conservatory. When I was finished with school," Pineda said, "I started teaching voice and doing some local singing in little opera companies in the area. Then we just decided to start our own opera company. And the adults really liked it because their kids are in it. They also like it," she said, "because we are very selective about what stories we choose. We're going with the comedies. We sing it in Italian, and in between songs, the narrator explains what is going on in the opera. By the time it's over, the audience really feels that it knows and understands the Italian without having to read subtitles."

Pineda is confident of the growing success of presenting opera in this form. "What we're putting up, we can't go wrong," she said. "We only have professional people who are very comfortable on stage with a high level of acting skills. And we have a lot of auditions. So far, it's working out very well."

"By the way, we'll be doing another opera in the fall. But right now, we are so involved in the spring production, that we can't even think of anything else."

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Liberty Hall celebrates Livingston

The snippets of conversation you might overhear at Liberty Hall Museum in Union on Sunday could very well surprise you. Folks might be discussing Thomas Payne's current best seller, "Common Sense" or such people in the news as Capt. Nathan Hale. Dress will be casual, breeches, waistcoats and tri-corn hats. For you see, the past will become the present on that day as the museum honors Liberty Hall's builder, William Livingston, New Jersey's first governor.

With a history that goes back to before the days of the American Revolution, the past comes to life for visitors to this 23-acre landscaped property and elegant ancestral mansion. A visit to Liberty Hall is like a trip through time, but on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., special events will truly take visitors back to the 18th century.

Sharing in the fun will be Jonathan Kruk, a noted storyteller who captivates his audience with stories of Governor Livingston and his daughters. Tales of Sarah Livingston Jay, the wife of John Jay, Susan Livingston, a protector of Liberty Hall and Kitty Livingston, the famous Liberty Hall "ghost" will entertain and amuse listeners.

For those who like to tap their feet to the music, living history musicians, Erica and Courtney Kent will be on hand. They are talented musicians and actors whose songs, instruments and stories communicate, teach and amuse.

Stacy Roth, first-person interpreter, will portray the era via a demonstration of tea-drinking customs. Guests might even be treated to a taste of Revolutionary Tea much like that brewed by Susan Livingston, after the Boston Tea Party.

William Sommerfield, as Gen. George Washington, will be strolling the grounds to answer the questions of both young and old about life during the turbulent days of the Revolutionary War. Adding to the authenticity will be the cannon fire and gun drills of Lamb's Artillery, a military encampment group.

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, directly across from Kean University, is open Wednesday through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the last tours at 3 p.m.

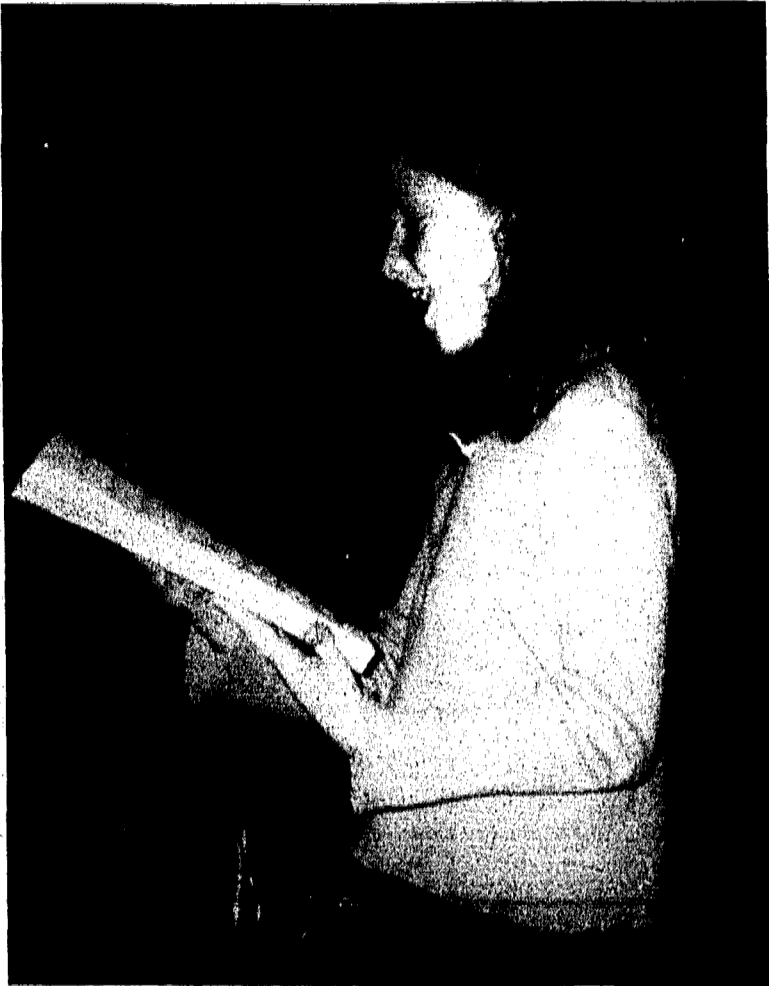
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Book signing Saturday

The Town Book Store of Westfield, 255 E. Broad St., will be hosting a special author appearance this weekend. On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ellen Schwartz will be in the store to promote her childrens books.

"Jesse's Star," an "early reader" or first chapter book for kids about 7 to 10, is a time travel story in which Jesse travels back in time to Russia in 1900 at the time of the pogroms. He experiences life from the point of view of a young Jewish boy whose village is being terrorized by soldiers.

For more information call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.



Emily Hirsch practices for 'L'Elisir d'amore,' which means 'The Elixir of Love,' an opera presented by The Little Opera Company of New Jersey.

Feinstein could go on and on in concert

It's very rare when one can boast of a perfect singer, a perfect concert — a perfect evening — all in one sitting. Such an experience was offered to a Paper Mill Playhouse audience Monday night when Michael Feinstein appeared on stage. The young man, whose rich and memorable voice, and charming personality enhanced an adoring audience of people of all ages, has truly lived up to his title, America's Ambassador of Song.

He had, in fact, been scheduled to appear in concert in the Millburn theater for Tuesday but within weeks, his engagement had been sold out completely and a second performance was scheduled.

The moment this versatile, personable artist appeared on stage and waved greetings to a roaring crowd, he had the audience in the palm of his hand. And there the people stayed, while Feinstein's magic fingers brought a fiery piano to life, and his voice filled the hearts and souls of the crowd. His varied repertoire brought forth a classical atmosphere of the music of such popular composers as George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome

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Kern, Irving Berlin, Sammy Kahn, Johnny Mercer, Jule Styne, Harry Warren and Duke Ellington. He elegantly performed the music from the great Broadway musicals of our time.

Feinstein paid tribute to his fantastic six-man band, many of whom gave solos, some of whom he sang along with as they played their instruments.

John Oddo, Feinstein's musical conductor, shared the piano with the star. It was great to see Bucky Pizzarelli on guitar, who not only thrilled the audience with his performance, but Feinstein, also, particularly when they did a duo of the mystical, haunting melody, "Laura," and Pizzarelli made magic as he plucked his electric guitar. Feinstein stood stunned; stared unbelievably at Pizzarelli, and gasped, "I can't follow that." During

the concert, George Rabbai on trumpet, Mark Vinci on sax, Jay Leonhart on bass and Joe Cocuzzo on drums, really proved that music can soothe, excite and heal the soul.

There was an atmosphere of rhythm in the air when Feinstein opened the show with "The Birth of the Blues," and the audience had a toe-tapping session. Then a little Gershwin prevailed with "Nice Work If You Can Get It."

Feinstein sang his own version of the aria, "Figaro," in vigorous fashion and the warmth in Feinstein's great rendition of "The Tender Trap," did not go unnoticed. He had the audience singing with him with "Making Whoopie."

The audience loved "Long Ago and Far Away," which was followed by "The Second Time Around."

Then, the man who sings like an angel sang "They Say That Falling in Love Is Wonderful," from Irving Berlin's Broadway musical, "Annie Get Your Gun." There were songs from Al Jolson's past, and Feinstein continued with "It All Depends on You" and Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm." He

had the audience in a dither when he offered to sing all the songs from "Oklahoma!" in 60 seconds — and he did so to thunderous applause.

Feinstein sang the music from "Oliver," and when, in his sweet, soothing voice, sang "As Long As She Needs Me," everyone swayed with emotion. He reached high notes easily and held some of the notes so long, that one had to take a deep breath.

He unknowingly described himself when he sang "You're Just Too Marvelous." "Come Back to Me" followed and then George Gershwin's "Of Thee I Sing," was thrilling. Feinstein took requests for Gershwin songs, and the audience called out its favorites, and Feinstein sang some of them: "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

The concert ran more than two hours, and the audience stood up, applauded and asked for an encore. "Keep the Music Playing," sang a smiling star. And if the folks in the theater had their way, Feinstein could keep the music playing — forever.

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Rubano to 'finish the act' at Manor

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Craig Rubano, a Broadway favorite, will be bringing something unique to the Manor's Cabaret Soiree series at Le Dome in West Orange tonight. The versatile and talented performer will offer a show called "Finishing the Act," a compilation of Act One Finales.

Rubano is known to Broadway theatergoers as the young lover Marius in "Les Miserables," he played the role more than 700 times, Algenon in the first New York revival of "Ernest in Love," and the title role in "Dorian Gray." He was an original cast member of the Tony Award-nominated musical, "The Scarlet Pimpernel." He also played Zeppo Marx in the Goodspeed Opera House hit revival of "Animal Crackers." As a member of the singing group, The Whiffenpoofs, Rubano performed throughout the United States, including Carnegie Hall's centennial salute to Cole Porter, and in 13 countries around the world, including a command performance in Monte Carlo for Prince Albert of Monaco.

"The show, 'Finishing the Act,' which I'm bringing to the Manor, is a show that is entirely comprised of songs that originated as act one finales in Broadway shows."

Rubano, who has a genuine sense of humor, explained that "this is just a peculiar fascination of mine. I've always looked forward to the end of the first act in the theater — lately, of course, for different reasons. I've always had an interest in the precious 15 minutes before intermission. The songs have to be kind of special. They tend to be songs that are hopeful in some way. That's why they appeal to me — you know, songs that inspire, that stay with you, that make you hum during the intermission for 15 minutes or so."

He explained that "a lot of them have been songs that everybody knows. Many of them are powerful songs. And I do a lot of different kinds



Craig Rubano will be at The Manor in West Orange tonight as part of the restaurant's Cabaret Soiree series at Le Dome.

of songs in my act. And through that, we look at life and how we capture our own memories and look forward to how our own lives unfold when we hear a beautiful song. We're looking back and looking forward, I suppose. We can all relate to that."

Rubano said he was "excited about performing at The Manor. I've never been there before, but I hear it's just lovely. I'm really looking forward to it."

The St. Louis-born singer had not really planned a career in singing at all. "It was kind of bizarre," he said. "My other life is that I have a bachelor's degree in literary theory from Yale University and a master's degree from Columbia in English and comparative literature. But I have always been in plays in high school. I started singing a lot — for money. And I said to myself, if I don't try to see what this life would be like right now, I'll never do it. I'll do it in the interim. So, I tried it eight years ago. And I found I

wanted to do something of my own."

He laughed. "We are always in the interim in this profession." In the interim, Rubano was a guest vocal artist with the Orchestre National de Lyon in France in "Broadway Parade," and he was a soloist in the Brooklyn Academy of Music's tribute to Stephen Sondheim. He joined Bernadette Peters in her Grammy-nominated live concert album at Carnegie Hall on Angel Records in 1997.

"I put together a CD of 'Finishing the Act.' Actually, that came first. And after The Manor, I have bookings for gigs through the year 2002. And beyond that one never knows in this profession."

"Concerts are nice in their way, especially when you can't depend on Broadway," he said, "or anything else, these days. No job is secure. Right? So, I might as well do what I like."

After all, he said, "you only have so much time."

La Rosa brings down the house

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By Bea Smith
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Perhaps the reason why Julius La Rosa has had so much longevity on the night club circuit and cabaret scene through nearly five decades, is probably because he has such a strong rapport with his audiences. He has a powerful, yet sometimes gentle voice, which is reminiscent of the quality of Frank Sinatra at his best, and the first thing he does with his audience after bellowing a loud "Hello!" is to make a permanent friend of every single patron.

At least, that's the impression one experienced on the evening of April 26 up in Le Dome, the Manor's cabaret room in West Orange. And what really made him so likeable was his unpretentiousness. After all, this veteran singer has been around a long time, and a star a long time, but on stage, he is just one of the guys. He's Julius La Rosa. But he's you, too.

Just the thought of such rare and delightful entertainment whetted this reporter's appetite a few hours before in the Manor's elegant dining room, where the gracious maitre d', Sammy Odeh, offered a Cabaret Soiree menu to whet one's appetite. And Robert, the equally polite waiter, brought forth the best food in New Jersey. First, and always, my companion and I were offered a delicacy direct from Jochen Voss, the Manor's executive chef — an appetizer of lobster mousse with radish salad and saffron ahoi.

For the first course, I enjoyed a most unusual dish made up of prosciutto-wrapped artichoke, heirloom tomato and mozzarella Napoleon, with Pesta sauce, while my companion was fascinated with her creamed spring garlic soup with herbed cream cheese dumplings.

Following a salad of mixed baby

greens with chive dressing, I found the broiled lemon sole stuffed with peppers and served with sauteed snow peas, roasted new potatoes and Beurre Blanc, soft and tender and delicate, and my companion's choice of oven-roasted boneless young chicken, stuffed with herbed mushroom briciole, plus gratineed vegetables in truffle jus, was a happy one. In fact, it was an appropriate moment because the versatile multitiered pianist, Bobby Richards, at the piano, began his repertoire with "Tenderly."

His marvelous renditions of "Love Soft As an Easy Chair," "Laura" — no one can play this song as great as Richards — "April Showers," "April in Paris," "April in Portugal," and "I'll Remember April," accompanied our delicious dinner. When the special Manor coffee was served with a dessert to die for — marinated strawberries and yogurt mousse, plus caramelized strudel leaf with mint sorbet — one could only glance longingly at the exceptionally tasty petit fours, and Richards played "A Day in the Life of a Fool."

Then up in Le Dome with the man one would love to listen to indefinitely, the lights stayed on because La Rosa said, "I like to have eye contact with my audience. I'm comfortable that way."

If La Rosa had changed a lot since his youthful days with the Arthur Godfrey Show he still has that boyish

quality that is so enamoring. And to the piano accompaniment of Steve Michaels, the singer sang "I Love You More Today." Then he turned to Michaels and seemed in earnest when he asked, "What's the name of my next song?" To the audience, he grinned sheepishly, "a senior moment." After hitting a high note in "You're Nobody Until Somebody Loves You," La Rosa reached for his chest and gasped, "I think I hurt myself!"

His endearing grin cheered everyone, and when he offered "Days of Wine and Roses," and "Without a Song," La Rosa said he recorded a song about 40 years ago and "it sold about 12 copies because someone also recorded it, Maurice Chevalier." But his personal rendition of "I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore," would have given Chevalier something to worry about. He brought the house down with "As Time Goes By" with a little audience participation. Then La Rosa romanced his audience with "You Make Me Feel So Young."

The evening could not have ended with some Italian tunes, and his "Back to Sorrento" in Italian and English nearly shook the walls." La Rosa had a "fireside type of chat" with his audience. He said he is 71 years old, has been married for 45 years and has a son and a daughter, and grandchildren, of which he is very proud.

He also mentioned his favorite line in a song, "My Funny Valentine," "You make me smile with my heart." La Rosa went on to sing "Can't Remember Where or When" in a voice powerful enough to sustain any young singer.

"I don't know how to tell you this," he told his audience. "But the show's over!"

Westfield Glee Club presents 76th Spring Concert

The Westfield Glee Club will perform its 76th Spring Concert on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, and also on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield.

One of the songs in the section of "From Broadway" songs, "Seventy Six Trombones," a rousing song from the "Music Man," featuring the number 76 — the number of years that the Glee Club has been singing, and also the 76th

anniversary of Roosevelt School.

In the "Novelty Potpourri" section, the old college song "Vive La Company" with updated text by Donald Moore will be sung and feature the trumpet playing of Eric Dill, and drums played by Ken Phillips, and piano accompaniment by Linda Eriksen.

Tickets for both concerts are available from Glee members and also at the door for a donation of \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for adults.

Make May Baskets at Miller-Cory House

Making May Baskets will be featured by Patricia D'Angelo of Westfield at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. For centuries, many rituals were performed welcoming spring: one was decorating with flowers. Children visiting the museum will have the opportunity to construct their own May Baskets.

Sherry Lange of Cranford and Arlene Kendall of Plainfield will prepare seasonal foods over the open hearth in the Frazee Building, using authentic cooking techniques and recipes. Taste treats prepared by the cooks will be available for the visitors to enjoy.

Tours of the history-rich farmhouse will be conducted by costumed docents who will welcome questions about early New Jersey farm life. The last tour will begin at 4 p.m. The museum's gift shop offers a variety of educational materials, reproductions and handicrafts, including cookbooks and recipes. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students.

For information about the museum and its calendar of events, call the office at (908) 232-1776 weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The museum will be closed on Mother's Day, May 13.

On May 19, the museum will sponsor its annual "Aunt Carrier's Attic Sale" from 9 to noon. All are welcome to come and browse.

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'The Flame Keeper' offers important message

There is a very important play called "The Flame Keeper," being staged at the Forum Theater in Metuchen, just around the corner from Rahway and Linden. Important because the world should be witness to what happens to German inhabitants, who survived the horrors of World War II, how they did it and what they felt in the aftermath.

"The Flame Keeper," a powerfully moving two-character, one-act play with high dimensions, set in Berlin, Germany, in 1946, offering a tremendous amount of message to tolerance of the rages of an unforgettable war, was written by Amos Kamil, who loosely based his story on his grandfather's life. It comes directly from an off-Broadway theater, the 47th Street Theater, where it ran for four months during the 2000-01 season.

Originally, "The Flame Keeper" was produced at Luna Stage in Montclair, with its original cast intact, Paul Whelihan of Glen Ridge, who plays Ernst Gruber, a cigar-store owner, and Lenny Mandel of West Orange, who is seen as Dr. Julius Reiter, a bearded Jew, who also is a university profes-

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sor, who returned from America to work out his forthcoming pension.

What begins as an early day in the life of a cigar-store owner and an inquisitive Jewish professor, builds into conversations about what each did during the war, and both men try to justify their self-denial of what they really are.

The two men, so entirely different from each other, spar mentally and emotionally, as the very proper German, Gruber, explains his existence in the war — to survive as a German soldier, look the other way at the atrocities, and become proprietor of a cigar store, once owned by a Jew. Why, he is asked by Reiter, did he choose to purchase a shop right across from the railroad station, where the Jews were herded onto the same trains that took them to their horrible death? Gruber,

once more, tries to justify himself by saying that when the owner returns, he will return the shop to him.

And why, asks Gruber, did Reiter take his family to America and then to Israel in 1941 and remain safe and secure, until he could return to his homeland to claim his pension? Reiter, who once more plans to leave Germany to go to Palestine to open a flower shop, cannot justify his actions. The interaction between the two is so emotionally stirring that one cannot sit quietly in one's seat without squirming.

What is so tremendously intriguing about Kamil's play is how the playwright subtly opens emotional wounds that will never heal. At the beginning of the play, it is Reiter, a bearded Jew, who is the aggressor, who offers his philosophies and his accusations. But gradually, subtly, the tables are turned, and it is Gruber, who tears into the professor. Both show strengths and weaknesses as human beings and in the end, in heart-rending dialogue, both come to terms with the rest of their lives.

Peter J. Loewy, the Forum's producing artistic director, has allowed these two fine actors to uncover their

wonderful talents in a play that is emotionally draining and enlightening at the same time. The setting of the inside of a darkened cigar shop is appropriate. There is a ladder that Gruber keeps climbing to find the right cigar for Reiter, and eventually, the cheapest, which he is forced to light for him, as well as a table and two chairs, where both sit for derisive conversations.

Mandel is excellent as Dr. Julius Reiter, bearded, Jewish-looking, with a resonant accented voice that can be gentle at times, and fiery and demanding at other times. He is a fine actor, who becomes the character he is playing. Whelihan also is an exceptional actor, who manages to hide his emotions, until he can no longer tolerate his companion's intrusions into his past.

They complement each other, and both have turned this play into an exceedingly important piece of work, a message to all of humanity.

"The Flame Keeper" should draw crowds of people into the Forum Theater and should particularly attract Jewish organizations and enflame their members' emotions. It has an important message to impart to one and all.

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- Union High School Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th reunion June 15 at the Kenilworth Inn. For information, call Kay Coats Macrae at (908) 232-0283 or Phyllis Daniel Lang at (908) 688-2394.

- Westfield High School Class of 1991 will conduct its 10th reunion June 16. For information call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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Wild mushrooms have a mysterious lifestyle.

They aren't plants, yet they live in the ground, have roots, need water and grow from seedlike spores. They don't really need the sun, and often mysteriously appear.

These odd habits have contributed to the belief throughout history that the fleshy fungi are imbued with mythical properties.

Egyptian royalty believed that mushrooms conveyed immortality; commoners were banned from eating them.

The Chinese thought certain mushrooms gave the diner enhanced power and could heal many afflictions.

In America, it was widely believed that people would become bewitched if they stepped into the middle of a patch of fairy-ring mushrooms.

The rare French truffle is reputed to have aphrodisiac properties. French mushroom hunters comb the woods with the trained truffle-sniffing pigs and dogs. The white truffle occasionally fetches up to \$1,500 per pound!

For the cook, the wild mushroom can add a magical touch to any recipe.

Part of the satisfaction may be in eating something that you've worked so hard to find. Or, maybe it's the risk of eating a wild food. Morels, puffballs, hen of the woods, sulfur shelf, boletes and oyster mushrooms are just a few of the wild fungi that can be found during the spring and summer.

Although morels typically grow in the spring, other varieties pop up throughout the summer. The best time to find them is after a good rain.

Wooded areas are the best places to find mushrooms. Most are attracted to areas with lots of dead wood. The exception is the puffball, which is

usually found in grassy fields and grassy edges of wooded areas. Although many mushroom hunters search private land for bounty, a lot of mushrooms can be found in state-owned parks as well.

Nationally, the demand for wild mushrooms has created a seasonal industry for commercial wild mushroom pickers. Every spring, thousands of pickers scour the woods and sell their finds on the Internet and to gourmet food stores. Some private landowners even intentionally burn acres of forest and grasslands to stimulate the growth of edible wild mushrooms.

So, what happens when you are lucky enough to find 4 pounds of morels?

Invite a few friends over and have a wild mushroom feast fit for Egyptian royalty. But before you start cooking, here are a few tips on gathering and preparing mushrooms:

- Know your mushrooms. Before you even head out into the woods, make sure you are well versed on the identification of edible and inedible wild mushrooms. It's best to go with an experienced mushroom hunter and learn not only where to look, but also the characteristics of inedible look-alikes.

- Bring a bag. Nationally known naturalist and mushroom expert Larry Lonik advises using mesh bags when gathering wild mushrooms. This allows spores to escape and seed future generations.

- Remove only the mushroom portion above the ground. That way, the mycelium, or root portion, can regenerate into a new mushroom the following year.

- Wash or soak mushrooms thoroughly in water to remove dirt and bugs. People aren't the only ones that appreciate a good mushroom. Hard-

core mushroom addicts sometimes call the crunchy insects "seasoning" or "extra protein," but most people like their mushrooms clean.

- Drain mushrooms after soaking or washing. Use a salad spinner to remove excess water.

There's a saying that you'll never meet an old mushroom hunter. So much for immortality. Fortunately, most of the common edible wild mushrooms are easy to identify and the ones that are tougher to identify should be left to the experts. Investigating some money in several mushroom identification guides is definitely recommended.

For those who enjoy mushrooms but aren't interested in tramping through the woods, there is quite a selection of domesticated, or cultivated, mushrooms that can easily be substituted for the wild ones. Suitable substitutes for morels include portobello, white soup, porcini and crimini.

Pepper-encrusted grilled filet mignon with mushroom sauce

4 filet mignon rounds (4 to 6 ounces each)

8 strips bacon

2 tablespoons peppercorns, coarsely crushed

Salt, to taste

Mushroom sauce:

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

1 pound mushrooms, chopped

1/4 cup red wine

1/2 cup cream

Yields 4 servings.

Wrap filet mignon rounds with bacon and secure with toothpicks. Roll bacon-wrapped rounds in crushed peppercorns until coated. Lightly salt rounds and refrigerate for 1 hour to lightly marinate meat.

Prepare charcoal or electric grill and lightly oil grill surface. Place

rounds on grill. Cook 1 side until desired doneness. Flip meat and repeat for other side.

To make sauce, melt butter in saucepan. Add mushrooms and saute until tender. Add wine and simmer for 1 or 2 minutes. Reduce heat and slowly add cream while stirring sauce.

To serve steaks, remove toothpicks from filet rounds and serve with sauce.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 672 calories, 519 g. protean, 9 g. carbohydrate, 47 g. fat, 223 mg. cholesterol, 2 g. dietary fiber, 562 mg. sodium.

Spinach, goat cheese and mushrooms in phyllo pastry

Filling:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter

1 pound fresh spinach leaves

3/4 pound mushrooms

3 eggs, beaten

3/4 pound goat cheese or feta cheese, crumbled

1 teaspoon tarragon, chopped

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

Pastry:

12 sheets phyllo dough

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted

Yields 6 pastries.

To make filling, melt 1 stick butter in large pan. Add spinach leaves and mushrooms. Cook until spinach is wilted. Add eggs and cook until eggs are firm and cooked. Allow filling to cool.

Mix in cheese and tarragon. Add salt and pepper to taste. Divide filling into 6 portions.

Cut 12 sheets of phyllo in half lengthwise to make 24 long sheets. Stack sheets evenly.

Take 4 stacked sheets of dough and add 1 portion of filling to lower corner. Fold over corner to make a small

filling-filled triangle. Brush dough with melted butter and fold over again (forming another triangle). Continue folding sheets and brushing dough each time you fold until triangular pastry is formed.

Repeat process with remainder of filling and phyllo. Place pastries on cookie sheet or pizza stone. Bake in 350-F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Nutritional analysis per pastry: 680 calories, 23 g. protein, 26 g. carbohydrate, 56 g. fat, 238 mg. cholesterol, 3 g. dietary fiber, 899 mg. sodium.

Mushroom and goat cheese ravioli

Filling:

1 pound mushrooms, chopped

3/4 pound goat cheese or feta cheese, crumbled

1/4 cut grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

1 egg, beaten

12 chives, finely chopped

1 package wonton wrappers (14 to 16 ounces) or 1 pound pasta dough, thinly rolled

Sauce:

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

2 tablespoons sun-dried tomatoes, slivered

1/4 cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup cream

Garnish:

Extra virgin olive oil

Chives, finely chopped

Yields 4 servings, 3 ravioli each.

Combine filling ingredients in bowl. Mix thoroughly and refrigerate. Place 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons filling on each 4-inch square wonton wrapper or square of pasta dough. Wet dough edges and cover with matching piece.

With 3 1/2 inch round can or cookie cutter, press on filled square to make a round. Wet edges, press to seal. Continue until there are 12 ravioli.

To make sauce, melt butter in saucepan. Add tomatoes and cheese.

Heat until cheese is incorporated into butter sauce. Reduce heat and slowly add cream while stirring.

In separate saucepan, cook ravioli in light salted boiling water for 3 or 4 minutes.

Place cooked ravioli in serving dish; spoon sauce over pasta.

To garnish, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with chopped chives.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 928 calories, 30 g. protein, 24 g. carbohydrate, 81 g. fat, 230 mg. cholesterol, 2 g. dietary fiber, 1,104 mg. sodium.

Thai-style lemongrass and mushroom soup

4 cups chicken broth

6 quarter-size slices galangal (Thai ginger) or Chinese ginger

12 lemon balm leaves or lime leaves

1 stalk lemongrass, cut into 1 1/2 to 2-inch pieces

2 (14-ounce) cans unsweetened coconut milk

1 pound raw, skinless chicken breast, cut into bite-size pieces

Juice of 1 lemon

3 tablespoons brown sugar

3 tablespoons fish sauce

1 tablespoon chili paste

1/4 teaspoon chili powder

1 pound mushrooms, coarsely chopped

Cilantro, for garnish

Yields 4 servings, 12 ounces each.

In pot, put chicken broth, ginger, lemon balm leaves and lemongrass. Heat to a boil. Add coconut milk and chicken and return to boil. Add lemon juice, brown sugar, fish sauce, chili paste and chili powder.

Lower heat and stir until sugar is blended. Add mushrooms and simmer until tender. Garnish with finely chopped cilantro. Serve hot.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 663 calories, 45 g. protein, 23 g. carbohydrate, 43 g. fat, 95 mg. cholesterol, 2 g. dietary fiber, 1,350 mg. sodium.

'White' produce may be the oddballs, but they're taking spring by storm

By Maria C. Hunt
Copley News Service

In a world full of vividly colored fruits and vegetables, they are the oddballs.

Blush-pink peaches with alabaster white flesh, so soft and dripping with nectar; pale vanilla-colored sweet corn; tender asparagus with a pallor created by a lack of sun; ghostly white tomatoes, translucent skin revealing the veiny flesh inside.

Actually, none of them is pure white, except perhaps the little globe eggplant, but all are pale enough to bear the adjective "white." And plant geneticists and farmers say there's usually little difference between, say, a white eggplant and a purple one. But for some reason, perhaps because of their visual appeal, these wintry-looking fruits and vegetables are considered to be something special.

Amiko Gubbins, chef-owner at Parallel 33 in San Diego, eagerly awaited the start of peach season so she could put a peach turnover with fresh white peaches and peach sorbet on her menu.

"Just the flavor of them, it's a little more delicate, it's so delicious," she said. "That's the thing about the white vegetables — any of them are more delicate in flavor. That's why I like it."

Others like the fact that white presents a blank canvas on which to create.

Chef Henry Friedank of Chive in San Diego, said he uses baby white carrots more for effect, because they taste pretty much the same as the orange ones.

"They're nice because, if you want to, you can cook them in port wine and they take on a red color and they're still white on the inside," he said. "We did make them red on Valentine's, and we put them in terrines. People just don't expect white carrots."

Bob Harrington of Specialty Produce said he's seen a real explosion of interest in unusual-looking fruits and vegetables in the 23 years that he and his brothers, Richard and Roger, have been in the specialty produce business.

"In the 1980s, chefs wanted to find unusual things to present as a way of merchandising the menu," Harrington said. "Now, they want to make sure there's value in that ingredient. They really have to have a reason to buy it now."

Harrington's company carries several varieties of white produce on its website (<http://www.specialtyproduce.com>), including white carrots, eggplant, Alpine strawberries and currants.

Alpine strawberries, known as fraises de bois, are small and seedy, but are prized for their unmistakable fragrance. A white variety, called pineapple crush, which has a sweet,

tart flavor similar to pineapple, is grown each spring at the Chino Farm.

While all the white fruits and vegetables present interesting visual contrasts, when it comes to flavor, Harrington said asparagus, corn and peaches have the most devotees.

Sign of spring

The arrival of white asparagus after the winter that was once welcomed as a hallmark of spring. In towns throughout Europe, the first spears of white asparagus are still greeted eagerly.

Martin Woeste, chef of Mille Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and a native of southern Germany, said restaurants would create entire menus out of white asparagus. There would be different soups, salads of asparagus in vinaigrette with Black Forest ham, warm asparagus with Hollandaise sauce and tiny new potatoes, or pairings with seafood or steak.

At Mille Fleurs, Woeste has created an appetizer featuring white asparagus in a dandelion vinaigrette with Parma prosciutto.

Actually, white asparagus isn't a separate variety, but rather regular asparagus that is shielded from sunlight as it grows to prevent photosynthesis. This is accomplished either in special dark greenhouses or by mounding dirt around the spears, said Todd Stromstad, who grows baby white asparagus in Washington state.

"It cannot hit the sunlight; that's

why it stays white," said Stromstad of Washington Ag in Pasco. Even after harvesting, the spears will start to green at the edges if they're exposed to light.

Using greenhouses allows the company to sell white asparagus 10 months of the year; it also is available outside of its regular season from Latin America.

"It's going well for us. We're probably serving exclusively five-star and elite restaurants around the country," Stromstad said. "It's actually got a real unique flavor very similar to fresh garden sweet peas."

Chef Bernard Guillas of the Marine Room in La Jolla, Calif., said white asparagus is expensive but well worth it. He said its flavor works well with free-range veal.

Before the spears can be used, the fibrous outer layer must be carefully removed. Then Guillas prepares the asparagus simply by steaming it or making a soup.

"If you do more than that, you lose

everything," he said. "The taste is so subtle and delicate; that's why I really like it a lot."

Corn colors

Many people associate creamy white kernels of corn with sweetness, but farmers and plant breeders will tell you that yellow corn can be just as sweet.

Elmer Johnson, a retired plant geneticist, said there's no actual differences between white and yellow corn. Both colors are within the normal range of genetic variation.

"The white and yellow is nothing more than one relatively simple characteristic and has nothing to do with sweetness or starch characteristics," said Johnson, who lives near San Francisco. "It's just like eye color in humans. It's totally independent of the other characteristics."

Johnson, who worked with the Rockefeller Foundation developing genetic matter of corn, is full of corn trivia. For example, when Kellogg started pumping out Corn Flakes in

Battle Creek, Mich., the cereal was made with white corn. The company later switched to yellow because it was more readily available.

The reason some people think white corn is sweeter has to do with the way new genes to produce extra sweet corn were introduced. Before the 1980s, most people were used to the taste of typical sweet corn, which got its sweetness from a gene called Sugary 1, Johnson said.

The next important gene in sweetness was Shrunken 2, which produced corn with an even sweeter taste than Sugary 1. This second gene was first introduced in white corn varieties, leading people to believe that the color was associated with the taste.

Still, some chefs prefer to cook with white corn.

"When white corn is at its peak, it's an incredible thing," said Trey Foshee of George's at the Cove in La Jolla. "I'm sure a lot of people say white corn, yellow corn, what's the difference?"

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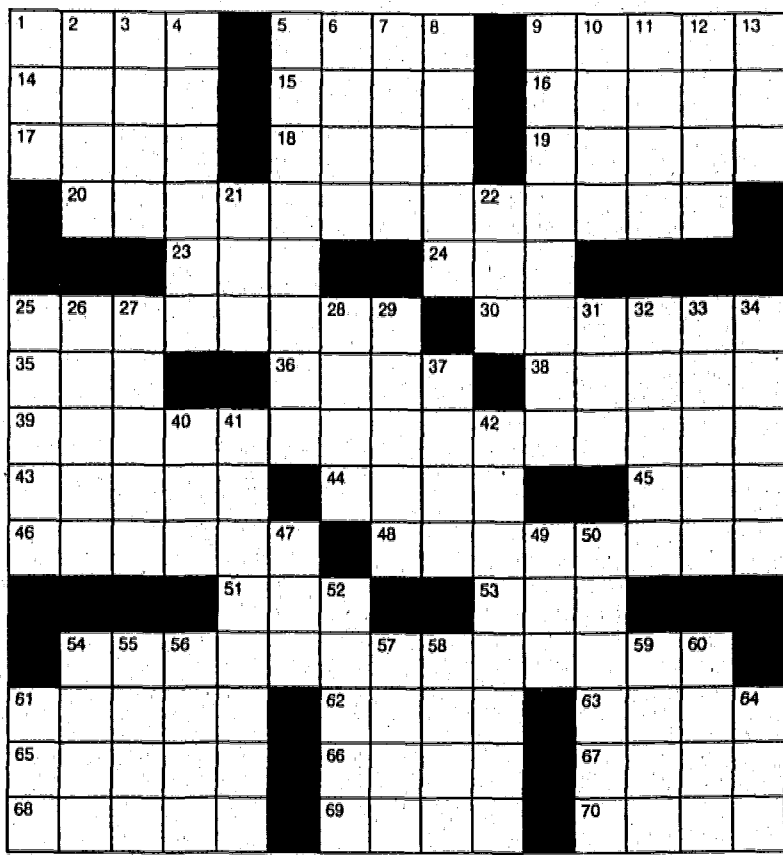
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SUNDAY
May 6th, 2001
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ORGANIZATION: The Nicole Fund

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Ask a counselor to guide you in making a difficult

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'Sound of Music' opens in Cranford

The 2000-01 season continues at The Cranford Dramatic Club with the Rodgers & Hammerstein masterpiece, "The Sound of Music."

Performances will begin Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and continue May 11-12 and 18-19. There will be a special Sunday matinee on Mother's Day, May 13, at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$18.

Mary and Ken Webb of Cranford are co-directors, Arlene Wachstein of Mountainside is assistant director, Tom Pedas of Linden is musical director, Liz Howard of Cranford is producer, Kitty and Ken Leonowicz of Cranford are co-stage managers, with committee chairs; Marc Chandler of Cranford for set design, Terry Schultz of Cranford for set construction, Kitty and Ken Leonowicz for set painting, Terry Blackburn of Roselle for set decoration, Judi Chandler of Cranford for props, Mary McGhee of Cranford for makeup, Carolee Ashwell-Pross of Metuchen for costumes, Ed Wittel of Westfield for sound, Vern Keller of Morris Plains for lighting design, and Peggy Seymour and Kevin Kessler, both of Cranford, for lighting.

The cast includes Hope Weinstein of Springfield as Maria Rainer, Scott Smith of Fanwood as Captain von Trapp, Ann Weeks of Westfield as Mother Abbess, Madge Wittel of Westfield as Sister Berthe, Karne Chamis of Roselle as Sister Margareta, Sandy Howard of Cranford as Sister Sophia, Eddie Egan of Cranford and David Briceno of Linden share the role of Rolf, Pam Skillman of Cranford as Elsa Schraeder, James Finnegan of Linden as Franz, the butler, Anjanette Valiante of Elizabeth as



Preparing to perform at the festival, before their escape from the Nazis over the Austrian Alps are, from left, Corinne Chandler of Cranford as Marta, Paul Sadowski of Rahway as Kurt, Hope Weinstein of Springfield as Maria, Aleta Nadolny of Cranford as Gretle, Scott A. Smith of Fanwood as Captain Von Trapp, Tara Deieso of Westfield as Louisa, and Nicole Caprio of Cranford as Liesl.

Frau Schmidt, Nicole Caprio of Cranford as Liesl, Ed Wittel as Admiral von Schreiber, John Duryee of Cranford as Max Detweiler, Tim Watson of Clark as Herr Zeller, Paul Morrongiello of Annadale as Baron Eiberfeld, Jarrod Schlenker of Cranford as Friedrich, Tara Deieso of Westfield as Louisa, Paul Sadowski of Colonia as Kurt, Maddie Skillman of Cranford as Gretl, with Kevin Balla of Cranford as Ensemble.

The Nun's Chorus includes Lee Ann Backer and Christa Carlucci of Bloomfield, Nora Weber and Christine Perrotta of Fanwood, Jeanne Woerner of Piscataway, and Molly Frieri, Erica Grysko, Joy Merkel, Donna Schlenker, and Stacey McDermot, all of Cranford, and Alissa Corri-

ore of Elizabeth, who also doubles as Mother Abbess in one performance.

The original Broadway production opened at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in New York City on Nov. 16, 1959, continuing for 1,442 performances. The London Production at the Palace Theatre started on May 18, 1961 for over 1,230 performances. The 1968 Robert Wise film version co-starred Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. Classic tunes include "Do-Re-Mi," "Eldeweiss," "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain," and "Sixteen Going on Seventeen."

Also, visit the display of Cranford artist Alexander Mambach, featuring original works of oil painting. Included are still lifes and portraits located upstairs in the gallery.

The theatre is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway.

For reservations and more information call (908) 276-7611.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Musical Club recital marks Music Week

In celebration of Music Week, the Musical Club of Westfield announces an evening recital to be on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Virginia Toenes, chairwoman, has announced a varied program featuring a chorus and vocal and instrumental soloists.

The Musical Club Chorus, composed of club members and guest artists, is directed by Elsa Gail Hahn and accompanied by Mary Beth McFall on the piano. Sopranos are Louise Andrews, Virginia Toenes, Kay Macrae, Rachel Hyland, Barbara Verschilling, Barbara Kraus, Joanne Roth and Maryann Dolling. Altos include Margaret Ruff, Joyce Owen, D J Sellers, Neelie Baruccio, Diane McCloskey and Beverly Thompson Shea. Tenors are F. Allen Artz, III, Gabriel E. Baruccio and George P. Stralkus, and basses include Jim Ruff, David Armitage and Joe MacDermat.

The chorus will perform three groups of songs. Group I includes "All Ye Who Love Music" by Baldassare Donato, "Come Ye Sons of Art" by Henry Purcell with Nathan Eklund and Eric Bloom on the trumpet and Diane McCloskey, soloist and "I Will Sing With The Spirit" by John Rutter.

Group II features "Die Nachtigal" by Mendelssohn, "In Stiller Nacht" by Brahms arr. Weck and "Gute Nacht" by Brahms ed. Herman. Spirituals comprise the third group and include "Follow the Drinking Gourd" arr. Bray, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" arr. Koehaneck, Joe MacDermat soloist and "Jericho" arr. Floria.

Vocalists will include Diane McCloskey performing "How Do I Love Thee" by Norman Dello Joio, poem by E.B. Browning, Barbara Kraus singing "The floods of Spring" by Serge Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Baruccio performing "Non il scodar di me" by Ernesto the Curtis, George Stralkus performing "Se tu m'ami, se sospiri" by Giovanni B. Pergolisi and Virginia Toenes, Louise Andrews and Darrel Sellers, trio singing "The Water is Wide."

Beverly Thompson Shea on the harp will perform "Song in the Night" by Carlos Salvedo.

Refreshments will be served by the refreshment committee chaired by Edna Borchers of Westfield.

For more information about the recital call (908) 241-6210. Anyone interested in becoming an active or associate member of the Musical Club may call the membership chairperson at (908) 232-2173.

Manhattan Transfer at arts center

With 10 Grammy Awards and 27 years on top of their field, The Manhattan Transfer, one of the 20th century's greatest crossover groups, is bringing its special blend of hot and cool running jazz to the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, for one performance on May 12.

Tickets are \$40, \$34 and \$28. For information call (732) 499-8226. Since their inception, The Manhat-

tan Transfer, comprised of Allan Paul, Cheryl Bentyne, Janis Siegel and Tim Hauser, has refused to limit the vocal quartet to one type of music.

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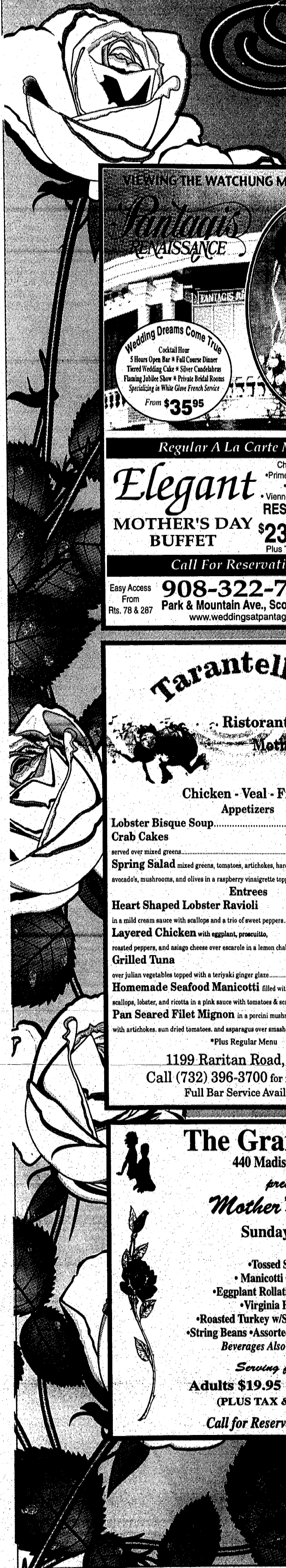
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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

THE FREEHOLDERS GALLERY and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor an exhibit of the work of six artists from the Linden Art Association. The Freeholders Gallery is on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth. For information call (908) 558-2550.

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.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit paintings by American artists of the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information call (908) 273-8665.

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.

CIVIL WAR ARTIST JULIAN SCOTT will have his work on exhibit at the Drake House Museum in Plainfield through Sunday.

Special exhibit hours are weekdays, 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 6 p.m. The Drake House is located at 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 755-5831.

THROUGH OUR EYES: "2001 Graduate Exhibit" will be on display at the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn Eames Building at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union, through Wednesday.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. For information call (908) 527-2347.

YOM HASHOAH: "Remembering the Holocaust" will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., through May 18.

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. For information call (732) 381-7511.

IDENTITIES: CONTEMPORARY PORTRAITURE will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, through May 20.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. For information call (908) 273-9121.

WESTFIELD STEEPLES, a new watercolor print by Jane H. Annis of Mountaintide will be introduced at an open house art show and sale Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at 857 Hillside Ave., Mountaintide. For more information call (908) 232-3381.

ARTWORKS by members of the board of the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Public Library will be on exhibit Saturday through May 23. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Union Public Library is located in Fibberger Park on Morris Avenue in Union. For information call the library at (908) 851-5450 or Kean at (908) 527-2273.

THE ROMANCE OF PAINTING, the works of Salomon Kadoche, will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries of Plainfield Saturday through May 30. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information call (908) 756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will exhibit the work of photographer Marsha Fruchter and the oil paintings of John Reilly throughout the month of May.

CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountaintide.

NEW FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS, by Dan Gheno and Jerry Weiss, will be on exhibit at The Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth Campbell Mackey Library Building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, from May 12 to June 21. An opening reception will take place May 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays 1 to 4 p.m. For information call (908) 709-7155.

ANIMAL ART KINGDOM, sponsored by the Westfield Art Association, will feature artists' demonstrations and many media on May 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Westfield Community Room, 425 E. Broad St. Admission is free. For information call (908) 667-2945.

AUDITIONS

GARDEN STATE BALLET will conduct auditions for children between 7 and 12 years old on Saturday and May 12. For applications and information call (973) 623-1033.

BOOKS

THE TOWN BOOK STORE, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, will host a special author appearance Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ellen Schwartz will promote her children's book, "Jesse's Star," an "early reader" or first chapter book for kids 7 to 10. For more information call (908) 233-3535.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its Great Books Discussion Series in the coming months. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room.

May 17: "The City of God," St. Augustine

June 21: "Symposium," Plato

July 19: "Of Experience," Montaigne

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN, a book discussion group at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The group meets the first Wednesday of

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

A WOMEN'S GUIDE TO A TROUBLE-FREE MENOPAUSE, a book by Dr. Nan Lu and Ellen Schlapowsky, will be discussed and signed at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, tonight at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Lu and Schlapowsky will present a revolutionary new method to treat the symptoms of menopause, based on the ancient tenets of traditional Chinese medicine.

SMALL TALK, by Theresa Stiles, will read from and signed at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, on May 7 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Stiles, a Westfield resident, composed her book out of a collection of essays, based on her columns in *The Independent Press* newspapers and several new essays.

JANE AUSTEN MYSTERY SERIES Reading Group will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark May 10 at 7:30 p.m. The group will meet the second Thursday of each month to discuss books by Stephanie Barron, skipping the month of December. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information call (732) 574-1818.

LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE, a book by Laura Berman Fortgang will be discussed and signed at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. In her newest book "Living Your Best Life," Fortgang offers a simple plan by which people can exchange the life they have for the life they want to have. Fortgang will lead a discussion and answer questions.

NEW JERSEY GARDENER'S GUIDE, by Pegi Ballister-Howells will be discussed and signed at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The book is the first of its kind for New Jersey because it provides readers with information on what plants will thrive in New Jersey backyards. Attendees will receive a free gift with the purchase of the book, while supplies last.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark May 18 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 & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information call (732) 574-1818.

CLASSES

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

• May 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Classes meet at the Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace. For information call (908) 486-1408.

CONCERTS

NEW ARTISTS/CLASSIC SOUNDS — a concert series sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber Music Society, the Ernesto Lecuona Foundation and the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs — will continue through May 12. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students; series tickets are \$30 and \$25, respectively.

May 12: 8 p.m., Wilkins Theater, Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

For information call (908) 527-4100.

KEAN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC hosts the final day of the American Choral Directors' Association's New Jersey High School Choral Festival from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on the stage in Wilkins Theater, Room 143, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is free. For more information call Mark Terenzi at (908) 527-2107.

SAMMY KAYE TRIBUTE ORCHESTRA will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway today at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St. in Westfield, will present the Parish Choir in concert Sunday at 7 p.m. Admission is a donation at the door. For information call (908) 232-8506, Ext. 17.

SUMMIT SYMPHONY will appear in concert May 19 at 8 p.m. at Summit High School, Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. Admission is free.

MOSTLY MUSIC Chamber Music Series will present a concert featuring violinists Ani Kavafian and Robert McDuffie, violist Robert Rinehart, cellist Carter Brey, and oboist Sherry Saylor May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$18 for senior citizens, and \$13 for students. For information, call (973) 762-0108.

MANHATTAN TRANSFER will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway May 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28 to \$40. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226.

MUSICAL CLUB OF WESTFIELD will present an evening recital Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, in celebration of Music Week. Virginia Toenes, chairwoman, has announced a varied program featuring a chorus and vocal and instrumental soloists. For more information about the recital call (908) 241-6210. Anyone interested in becoming an active or associate member of the Musical Club may call the membership chairperson at (908) 232-2173.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB will perform its 76th Spring Concert on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, and also on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. Tickets for both concerts are available from Glee members and also at the door for a donation of \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for adults. For more information call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

SONGFEST 2001 presented by The Sangerchor Newark, men's chorus, Schwabisher Sangerbund, mixed chorus, with Manfred Knoop, director, will take place May 20 at 4 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$20 at the door. For information call (732) 382-4900.

BARNES & NOBLE in Clark will present musical performances throughout the spring. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, including a concert schedule, call (732) 574-1818.

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THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The group meets the first Monday of the month. For information call (908) 755-7653.

DANCE

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will present "An Evening of Premieres" Saturday in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens, and \$12 for students. For information call (973) 597-9600.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at The Connection, 79 Maple St., Summit. Upcoming meetings are Friday, which is a Hungarian Dance Workshop, and May 11 and 25. Fee is \$2. For information call (973) 467-8278.

FESTIVALS

THE CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor its 12th annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The rain date is May 27. The downtown area will celebrate the spring season with more than 200 exhibitors selling merchandise near the train station, North Union Avenue and Eastman Plaza. The festival features fine art, children's activities such as a petting zoo and pony rides, face painting and some retail merchandise. Professional artisans will be selling furniture accents for the home, hand-designed clothing and unique jewelry. "Art on Alden Street" will feature artists, painters and photographers, adjacent to North Union Avenue. For more information call the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance Inc., at (908) 995-2246.

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JAZZ ETC., a concert series sponsored by the Arts Guild of Rahway continues May 11 at 8 p.m. with Vic Juris and Kate Baker. Tickets are \$10. The Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information call (732) 381-7511.

JAZZ GUITARIST STANLEY JORDAN will be at The Crossroads, 78 North Ave., Garwood, on Saturday. Tickets are \$20. For information call (908) 232-5666.

KIDS

NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY will present "Coppelia" in its Sunday Series for Young Audiences on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$7. For information call (973) 597-9600.

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MAKING MAY BASKETS will be featured by Patricia D'Angelo of Westfield at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. For centuries, many rituals were performed welcoming spring; one was decorating with flowers. Children visiting the museum will have the opportunity to construct their own May Baskets. Tours of the historic farmhouse will be conducted by costumed docents who will welcome questions about early new Jersey farm life. The last tour will begin at 4 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. For information call the office at (908) 232-1776 weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

THEATER

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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. There are no Sunday evening performances May 13 or 20.

Special performances and events are the Conversation Series at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine today; audio-described performances today at 2 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., all with sensory seminars 90 minutes prior to curtain; sign-interpreted performances Sunday and May 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Gay and Lesbian Night May 16 at 8 p.m., with post-show reception; and Singles Night, May 17 at 8 p.m., with post-show reception.

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THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney today through May 12 in the Roy W. Smith Theater on UCC's Cranford Campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are \$14 for general admission, \$7 for students; all Thursday tickets are \$7. For information call (908) 659-5189.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Shimmying is caused by problem with rotors

By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent
Copley News Service

Well, the "shimmy" used to be popular in the '60s when I was doing the bar scene, but I can't ever remember dancing with my car. Then again, I don't remember a lot of things about the '60s!

No, I'm talking about a vibration (shimmy) in the steering wheel every time you step on the brake pedal, especially noticeable at freeway speeds. By definition, a shimmy is a rapid back and forth oscillation of a component, such as the steering wheel moving back and forth (left and right) in your hand. A shimmy that is initiated by brake application is generally caused by a rotating brake component. (Duh!) But which one?

Most cars manufactured during the '80s until present have "disc" brakes on the front wheels, some even have four-wheel disc brakes. The disc is actually called a "rotor," which has a device much like a "C" clamp, called a caliper straddling it. This "caliper" is a hydraulically operated device that squeezes two "brake pads" against the rotor when you step on the brake pedal — stopping the car.

The shimmy is caused when the brake pads touch a rotor that is wobbling (in the trade we call it "radial run out"). This condition, radial run-out, can be caused by a number of reasons — overheating, caused by prolonged or excessive high speed braking; an accident, where the car's wheel was jammed into the curb; rotor thickness, a thin rotor can warp easily. The last repair shop could

have caused this when they machined the rotor beyond its minimum thickness specifications.

Manufacturers are trying to save weight everywhere they can in order to increase or maintain their present gas mileage. So it's not unusual to see very thin rotors, brand new, directly from the manufacturer. These rotors are quite vulnerable to warpage. As a matter of fact, one of the more common causes of these rotors warping is the uneven and excessive torque used when tightening the lug nuts.

So the next time your tires and wheels are removed for service, make sure that the technician does not use an impact wrench to complete the tightening of the wheels. There's nothing wrong with them using the air wrench to "snug" the lug nuts up, but they should tighten the nuts in the proper sequence or pattern (usually called a star pattern) using a "torque wrench" or other suitable torque sensitive device. If these steps are not followed you can bend or warp that perfectly good rotor!

Now lets get back to the '60s. How did that saying go — "Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Pop Shimmy Shimmy Po." Man, did we have great lyrics or what? To learn more about brake systems, click on our "Fix It" section and select Automotive 101.

Jon Woods and Gary Nugent are certified master mechanics who host an auto talk show in San Diego and can be reached through their web site at www.signonsandiego.com/marketplace/autocenter.

Infiniti creates distinctive embodiment in Q45

Just over 10 years ago, the original Infiniti Q45 reset the luxury car dial permanently on the side of performance. With its advance, 289-horsepower 32-valve DOHC 4.5-liter V8 engine, it brought to life what was at the time on overused, under-delivered term: "driver's car." The original Q45 became — and remains — the purest definition of Infiniti.

With the introduction of XVL Concept Sedan, Infiniti has created a distinctive embodiment not only of the Q45, but also of where Infiniti is going as it heads into its second full decade of business in North America. The XVL, Infiniti's first-ever concept car, carries the soul of the Q into new territory with advanced driving dynamics, a powerful V6 engine, 4-wheel independent multi-link suspension, powerful styling and exquisite comfort.

The XVL made it in United States debut at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. It is dimensionally similar to many entry-level European luxury division sedans and is designed to provide premium performance at an attainable price.

"We've found that luxury buyers don't buy by segment, they buy by their desire. The first step in the XVL development process therefore involved bringing together the soul of who we are as a company and those customer who share our passion for

automobiles," said Tom Orbe, vice president and general manager, Infiniti Division. "Luxury today is the ability to have it all. These customers want as many of the flagship attributes as possible at every level and the XVL Sedan has them in abundance.

Performance in all dimensions
Though the XVL Concept Sedan is designed to provide a thrilling driving experience, its creators understood that performance today is measured on many more dimensions than just 0-60 miles per hour acceleration.

"Like the production vehicles in the Infiniti lineup — the Q45, I30, G20, and QX4 — the XVL Concept rewards the driver," said Orbe. "Not just in going fast, but also in how every element of the vehicle works with the driver: the touch of the door handle and the feel of the wheel, the ability to relax when you need a moment to yourself. That, in essence, is the XVL."

The styling of the XVL Concept conveys a powerful impression of the performance potential under the skin, yet the look is also surprisingly elegant rather than "boy racer." The shape combines a solid, substantial lower body with a tall, roomy cabin. The long 111.2-inch wheelbase with short overhangs and large 17-inch wheels and tires creates an aggressive look with exceptional space utilization. The front end features an Infiniti-style

grille with large Xenon headlights. In the rear, the stepped-up deck and smooth rear finisher contribute to both the refined look and a low coefficient of drag of just 0.28.

The XVL Concept Sedan's maximized body proportions also provide strong benefit in terms of optimal utilization of engine compartment, cabin and trunk space. Using a new-generation rear-wheel drive platform engineered specifically for use with a compact V6 engine, the XVL Concept's 3.0-liter engine has been placed midship, helping achieve a near-ideal weight distribution of 52/48 percent front/rear.

Powering the XVL is a NEO DI VQ30DD direct-injection gasoline-fueled V6 featuring NEXT combustion (Nissan Exquisitely Tuned Combustion) to obtain substantial improvements in both fuel economy and power output. The engine also employs other cutting-edge technologies such as continuous variable valve timing, variable intake and an electronically controlled swirl control valve.

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The XVL also uses a new 4-wheel independent multi-link suspension and power-assisted 4-wheel Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS).

"The XVL Concept's advanced driving dynamics reward the driver with a quiet, comfortable and stable ride and handling — attributes that we believe are essential to the appeal of all of our vehicles," said Orbe. "Yet at the same time, every Infiniti is designed to invigorate rather than isolate the driver. It's an active luxury, a partnership between car and driver."

"The XVL Concept Sedan is about a passion for living and for driving, an emotional appeal that comes most powerfully from vehicles that exude performance, style and fun," said Orbe. "In that sense, the XVL Concept Sedan is the perfect Infiniti."

More details regarding the future of the XVL Concept Sedan are expected to be announced in April at the New York Auto Show.

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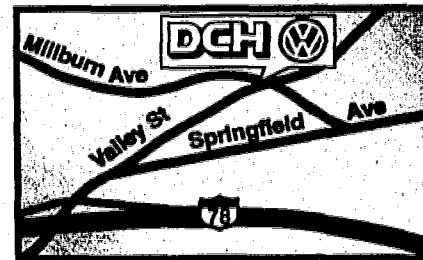
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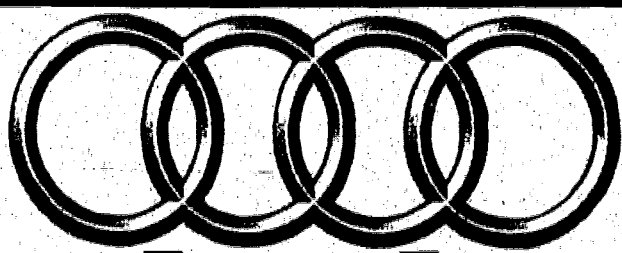
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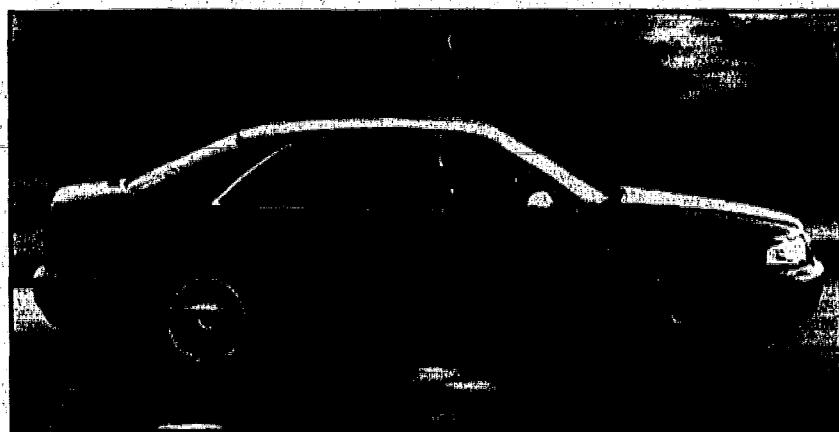
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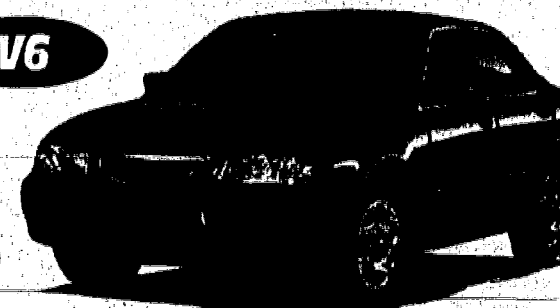


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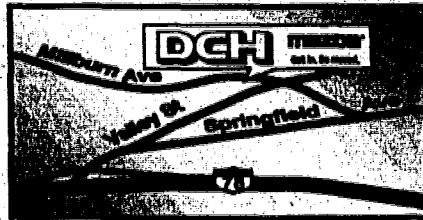
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