

Friends and Expansion plans to be unveiled acquaintances Use of open space money for Trailside questioned

Sitting with an ex-freeholder and his wife a while ago, I spoke about the difference between friends and acquaintances. My point was that despite the hyperactive life of the public official, the well of relationships consists of a bevy of pleasant acquaintances, hopefully a manageable number of adversaries and a precious small group you truly consider friends.

Last week, Rose Heins, a friend, and Alan Augustine, a pleasant acquaintance, both passed away. In his eulogy for his friend, Rose Heinz, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga quoted from a passage that the deeds we do for ourselves follow us to our grave, but the things we do for others live on. It was an apt tribute for Rose Heins.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Heins, from Linden, had served as clerk to the Board of Freeholders and recently in the county Administration Department. Her warm wit, quick smile, sometimes hid the competency and loyalty of this woman. County Counsel Carol Cohen said, "When you needed a friend, one person you could count on was Rose Heins."

In the case of Augustine, Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco issued a fitting tribute ordering the lowering of state flags to half-staff. He said, "New Jersey has lost an outstanding leader, whose compassion, dedication and expertise were respected beyond the boundaries of Union County."

Compassion and competency seemed to be a common thread in the people we mourn so deeply when we lose them. Joseph Bodek recalled, "A number of years ago, when I ran unsuccessfully in a By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders is expected to present designs for the expansion of Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside its next regular meeting, which will be at the center on June 28 at 7 p.m.

The board plans to triple the size of the nature center, built some 25 years ago, with a \$2.5-million addition. The 7,000-square-foot facility will be expanded by approximately 13,000 square feet. Freeholders hired an architectural firm last month, DMR Architects of Maywood, to consolidate the functions of the three buildings at the site: the visitors center, museum and planetarium.

The addition would contain exhibit space, classrooms, administrative offices, educators' offices, storage, staff library, audio/visual prep room, lunch room and handicappedaccessible restrooms.

Last year, 54,000 people registered for special events and workshops at Trailside. Use of the nature center has "grown exponentially" the last five years, County Manager Michael Lapolla said. "It's really become an educational center."



The freeholders will unveil design plans for the expansion of Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, where they will convene their regular meeting June 28.

Forum welcomes public about Route 28 study

Union County residents, commuters, public officials and business owners from across the county who live or work aong Route 28. South Avenue, West Grand Street, First Avenue, or North Avenue are invited to attend a public meeting to hear about a transportation study and express their own ideas and concerns about this busy cross-county corridor. The public outreach meeting, sponsored by the Union County Division of Policy & Planning, will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave. The meeting is an opportunity to learn about a transportation improvement study, undertaken by the County of Union, which deals with the roads and land straddling the Raritan Valley rail line from Plainfield to Elizabeth. The corridor runs through nine municipalities in the county and it includes the property. 1,000 feet north and south of the NJ Transit tracks. The roads in the corridor are under state, county or municipal jurisdiction. "If you live or work in the corridor or travel by car, bike or train and are concerned about traffic congestion or vehicle and pedestrian safety - this meeting concerns you," said Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, liaison to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board.

The planetarium is currently in operation only two days a week — Wednesdays and Sundays — due to the difficulty of staffing it.

Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said the proposal is consistent with the increase in children's programs over the past four years. "Virtually every children's program at Trailside is fully booked with a waiting list. This expansion will not only help meet our current needs but also allow us to expand our programs and develop programs for adults."

But Republicans say the all-Democratic freeholder board has duped the public again. Voters approved an Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund last fall to dedicate \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value for 20 years for recreational purposes. A home assessed at \$100 would pay approximately \$15 annually. The fund is expected to generate almost \$5 million each year. Cranford resident Wally Shackell,

who unsuccessfully ran for freeholder the last two years and is now a Republican "watchdog" paid to attend freeholder meetings, said money set aside in the trust fund should be used to acquire and preserve open space, not to "build buildings and cut down trees."

"From the beginning, they were going to use these funds not for the purpose the taxpayers intended," Shackell said of the freeholders. Freeholder Linda Stender, who

chairs the board's Open Space Advisory Committee, said the primary goal

Kristof McCoy and Garrett Blakeslee get an closeup look at a striped turtle held by park naturalist Lauren Lozowski, right. The county plans to build an addition to the center that nearly will triple the current size.

of the trust fund is to preserve and f acquire open space. She said the trust life fund is being used as it was presented s in the ballot question as well as informational literature distributed by the county.

"Is it within the letter of the law? Yes. Did they fool the public? Absolutely," Shackell said of the freeholder board.

The Republicans, Stender said, were critical of the freeholders when they did not present a ballot question in 1999, instead waiting for the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan to be completed. Now the GOP criticizes the board when the question was put on the ballot, she said.

"Our job is to prioritize what's in the master plan."

The master plan, released in 1999, makes numerous recommendations

for improvements of nearly \$50 million throughout the county park system.

"What they really don't like," Stender said of the Republicans, "is that the voters have not seen fit to choose them to oversee the process."

The freeholders in January appointed 12 members to the Union County Open Space Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the board about how to spend trust fund dollars. "This is another decision the advisory committee was not even aware of," Shackell said. "The freeholders already knew where they were going to spend the money."

"We have nothing against the museum; it's become a great service to Union County."



school board election, it was pretty clear that Rose took the loss worse than I did. But that was the loyalty that marked this woman."

Cranford Committeeman Phil Morin told me about another example of kindness of Augustine. "One evening while going through my mail, I saw a letter from Assemblyman Augustine. I naturally assumed it was another campaign solicitation. Upon opening the envelope, imagine my surprise to find a two-page handwritten letter from Assemblyman Augustine congratulating me on my recent wedding." Morin has kept the letter.

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari pointed to Heins' role in assisting him in the reorganization of the county administrative code. He said, "Her competency and skills will be missed, as much as her kindness and good will." Jean Marro from Roselle Park, herself a former clerk to the Board of Freeholders, recalled the lunches with Heins. "We would sit and she would always bring forth that warm laugh."

In my mind's eye, the view of Augustine includes the very rainy St. Patrick's Day parade in Union Township a couple of years ago, Already fighting the ravages of the disease that would claim him, a resolute Augustine marched the parade distance on Morris Avenue, Another common thread in the people we mourn is their diversity. Augustine had been successful in the competitive world of auto sales. With little fanfare, he assumed a position on the powerful Assembly Appropriations Committee.

For Heins, in addition to the sitecessful career, she was a fixture at the door of Democratic political events. She was trusted and as one Democrat added, "Her records were always precise. She did the job well."

People who cared for Augustine will gather Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Westfield Presbyterian Church to celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

I lost a dear friend last week, so did many others.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney. "Whether you know Route 28 as Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park and Elizabeth or North Avenue in Westfield or Cranford, we want to hear from you. If you travel South Avenue in Plainfield and Fanwood or First Avenue in Roselle, then you know the importance of this corridor."

The study involves road and intersections in Plainfield, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Garwood, Cranford, Roselle, Roselle Park and Elizabeth.

The technical study has been conducted by Louis Berger Associates with a federal grant awarded through the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to the County of Union. The study looks at existing transportation problems and examines measures to maintain the flow of traffic in the future given the capacity limitations of the corridor.

Formal presentations will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The agenda includes the goals of the transportation study, its progress to date and the preliminary recommendations on how to improve the most heavily-congested intersection in the corridor.

Beginning at 3 p.m. and remaining in place until 8 p.m., there will be displays and information available about the study.



MAGNET SCHOOL GRA-DUATION - Clockwise, from left; Union County Magnet School Principal Geoffrey Zoeller, left, presents Madhav Sukumaran with the Class of 2001 valedictorian award at commencement June 14. Salutatorian Daniel Francesco Vissani, addresses the graduating class and Marie Michelle Bonifacio receives her diploma from Superintendent of Schools Thomas Bistocchi. More than 50 students graduated the magnet school for math. science and technology. It was the first graduating class of the school, which was established in 1997.

Authorities begin acquiring software to track data

Armed with the latest technology and a new computer program, prosecutors and police chiefs in Union County have been preparing for the July 1 implementation of New Jersey's first policy to require tracking of age, race, sex and reasons for all motor vehicle stops and investigative detentions.

Prosecutor Thomas Manahan said he is pleased that legislators from the national and state level have thrown their support behind the policy, which was highlighted last week at a Washington, D.C. press conference led by U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine. Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien, the president of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, traveled with Manahan to the nation's capital where legislation was introduced that will punish states where any type of profiling is conducted.

"You can imagine how proud we were to take part in this," said O'Brien. "The chiefs have worked hard with Prosecutor Manahan and his staff to make our policy a workable plan that we can use to improve



Thomas Manahan

law enforcement." Manahan said last week his office staff began to deliver computer software programs for each department to use in tracking data as required by the policy, the first of its kind in the state.

"Using law enforcement trust funds from this office, we purchased a software program that was already being used by Union Township Police Chief Thomas Kraemer," Manahan said. "We took that and customized it to allow each local law enforcement agency to gather statistics for their use and planning purposes and for review by the county prosecutor.

On June 13, upon the direction of Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde, every officer in that department began intensive training to become familiar with the software computer information system as well as the terms and requirements of the 10-page policy signed by the sheriff, and every chief and police director in the county., According to Hillside Police Chief John Bryson, who chaired the committee of chiefs that developed the action plan, the information that will be tracked and monitored on a quarterly basis will be of great value in allowing the chief to review staffing, resource and training needs besides complying with the policy. "This will be a living, breathing document that we can use to continuously improve our performance," he said.

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— Hillside Police Chief John Bryson

Manahan said he also has committed funding to send O'Brien, Bryson, Kraemer and Prosecutor's Chief of Detectives David Regal to a nationwide training conference that will focus on improving racial and ethnic justice in all facets of the criminal justice system.

He said the four will travel to Sedona, Ariz., to attend the three-day national conference, "And Justice For All — Creating Racial and Ethnic Justice In America" to join experts that will share effective ways of dealing with police-community relations, law enforcement accountability, profiling and disparity problems and victimization issues.

In addition, Manahan said he has assigned Assistant Prosecutor Kenneth Siegel to continue his work with the chiefs committee. Siegel, a 32-year-veteran of the office who has been tracking and monitoring all complaints of profiling for the last two years, is working on the computerized program with the chiefs and public safety directors.

Clerk's golf outing raises \$6K in funds

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi recently donated more than \$6,000 to The Salvation Army of Blizabeth and Community FoodBank of New Jersey. The donations represent a portion of the proceeds raised at the Joanne Rajoppi ninth annual golf outing last month.

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Scouts to honor Hispanic-Americans

The Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, will honor its 2001 BSA Outstanding Hispanic-American honorces at a fund-raising dinner on Friday at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Elizabeth.

The honorees are Frank Dominguez, president and chief executive officer of Imperial Construction Group Inc., Rafael J. Fraguela, city commissioner for Union City, and Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas.

The annual BSA Outstanding Hispanic-American award is presented to those individuals who exemplify, in their daily lives, the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the Scot Oath and Law.

"The three recipients were chosen from their outstanding community services as evidenced by the interest and leadership they have given to many worhtwhile organizations, as well as the respect and esteem in which they are held by their colleagues," said Jorge A. Castro II, president of the Hispanic American Association for Political Awareness, and chairman of the event.

Through the dinner, the patriots' Path Council hopes to

relate the message all youth should have the opportunity to join scouting. The event serves as a means of necessary support to continue the outreach of scouting programs within the council's Hispanic communities. Funds raised by the dinner will go to benefit the council's planning for youth within Hispanic communities including the Hispanic Outreach program and camperships.

"One project to be funded by money raised at this event is the printing of scouting materials in Spanish, so that we may better communicate the benefits and accessibility of scouting to all of our families," said Dennis Kohl, scout executive for the Patriots' Path Council, BSA.

The Patriots' Path Council, BSA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preparing youth for a lifetime of good citizenship, strong character and services by committing to the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The Patriots' Path Council is a local chapter, which serves the chartered organization packs, troops, posts and volunteers in the counties of Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union and parts of Middlesex county.

COUNTY NEWS

Hotlinc luncheon June 28

Lynne Crystal of the Lynne Crystal Company will be the guest speaker at the June 28 Hotlinc Chamber meeting at noon, B.G. Fields, Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Crystal has trained, coached, and developed thousands of executives. She has designed, conducted and trained trainers for an unlimited number of management development programs and saved countless careers. Her clients range from the professional to the executive suites of Fortune 500 companies. She is affiliated with the National Speakers Association, the Board Member Institute of New Jersey, the American Society for Training & Development and has been an adjunct professor at the New School Graduate School of Management.

The Hotlinc Chamber is a partnership between the Union County and Westfield chambers of commerce. It was established to provide a variety of resources for home-based businesses to help them achieve success.

Home-based business owners are invited to attend the Hotlinc Chamber luncheon meetings. The fee for the meeting is \$15 and includes a full lunch. Advance reservations are required.

Anyone interested in joining Hotlinc or in making reservations for the luncheon meeting can call Susan Jacobson of the Union County Chamber at (908) 352-0900.

Amateur radio Field Day will be this weekend

Hundreds of Amateur Radio operators will work around the clock this weekend to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air, and contact thousands of other operators in the U.S. and Canada as part of participation in the American Radio Relay League's Field Day. According to Dave Sawyer, president of the Tri-County Radio Association Inc., Field Day is the annual "shakedown run" for the ARRL's National Field Organization. "It's a chance to fine-tune emergency communication skills. We use generators and battery power, and we set up antennas in the field. The idea is to put together a self-sufficient, working station quickly and begin making contacts." The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes and other major disasters. Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services regularly participate. The league estimates that more than 35,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

Tri-County Field Day operations will be in the Loop Area in Watchung Reservation just off W.R. Tracy Drive. Activities begin at 2 p.m. Saturday and will end Sunday at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information call Jim Montilor, Field Day chairman, at (908) 232-8707.

Literacy workshops

The Literacy Volunteers of America-Union County affiliate will sponsor summer workshop programs for the training of tutors. The first English as a Second Language workshop will be at Hillside Presbyterian Church, 1141 Salem Ave. Registration will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. Classes will be Saturday at 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The next English as a Second Language workshop will be at the Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St. Registration will be Monday at 6 p.m. Classes will be Monday and July 2, 9,

16, 23 and 30 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. The Only Basic Literacy workshop this summer will be at the Elmora Library, 740 W. Grand Ave., Elizabeth. Registration will be July 23 at 9 a.m. Classes will be July 23 and 30, and Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9 a.m. to noo.

The last English as a Second Language workshop will be at the Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St. Registration will be Aug. 18 at 9 a.m. Classes will be Aug. 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 30 from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of the workshops call (908) 518-0600. services from NALS, the national affiliate.

For more information call Reservations Chairwoman Mary Lou Einhorn at (908) 241-0611 or (908) 527-4200. For information on membership call UCLSA Vice President Helena Goworek at (908) 289-7356 or (908) 527-4506.

Clerk's office will be open on Saturday

The Union County Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to serve voters who are seeking absentee balllots due to lastminute changes in plans or inability to vote at the polls at the primary on Tuesday.

Every registered voter will have an opportunity to cast their ballot for governor, the Legislature, county and local candidates.

Mail-in applications, legally cannot be accepted if they are postmarked after June 19. Walk-in applications are accepted up to 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

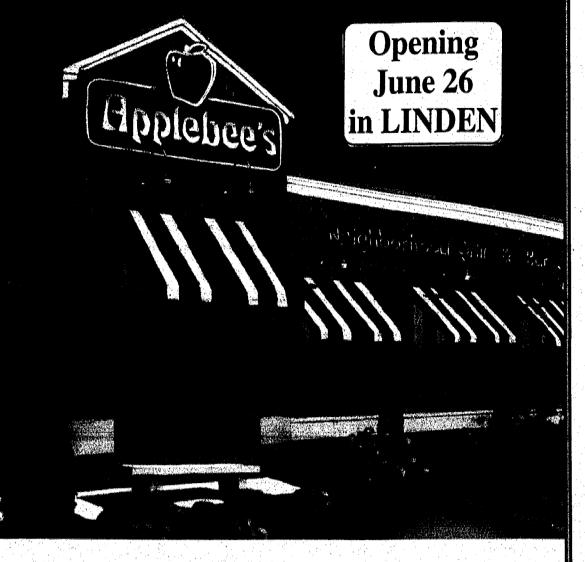
Voter who need absentee ballots must apply as soon as possible to the County Clerk's Office in Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Saturday opening for absentee ballots is a service County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi introduced six years ago to assist voters.

NAMI affiliate meets

The National Alliance for The Mentally III, Union County affiliate, meets every fourth Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark. NAMI will meet Tuesday for a social event.

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White Elephant Sale

The Union County Legal Secretaries Association, the association for legal profesionals, will sponsor its annual White Elephant event on Tuesday at the Casual Times Restaurant, 1085 Central Ave., Clark. Following a socal gathering at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., there will be a general meeting and then the White Elephant event. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your unused treasures and help support the association. All are welcome to attend.

All legal professionals, secretaries and other support staff employed anywhere in the legal field — private practice, corporate practice, federal, county, state or municipal government, police departments, retc. — are welcome to attend the association's events. Prospective members and guests are also welcome; you do not have to be a member.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and For information call Joann at (732) 381-7719 or Polly at (908) 245-4937.

Blood drives scheduled

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

 Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
 Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, North and Forest avenues, Cranford.

• June 30, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue, Plainfield; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shiloh Baptist Church, 515/517 West 4th St., Plainfield.

For more information call (800) BLOOD-NJ.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday, noon.

Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

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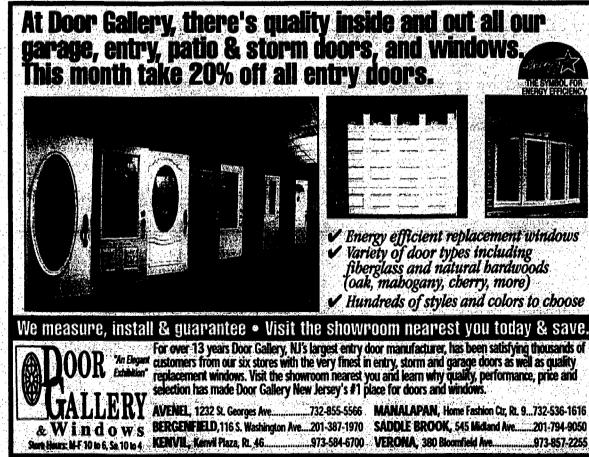
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Shakespeare Festival's 'Comedy of Errors' is not to be missed

Comedy, it's said, is all in the timing — even more important in farce, with its snappy pace and physicality. And the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's inaugural production of the 2001 scason, "The Comedy of Errors," one of Shakespeare's most uproarious comedies, is living proof of the adage.

Performed on and M.C. Escherinspired set, this exuberant show, full of mistaken identities, colorful characters and slapstick antics, will have audiences reeling with laughter. Brian Crowe makes his main stage directorial debut with what he describes as "pure entertainment."

Chaos ensues when long-lost twins, separated in infancy by a storm at sea, unknowingly end up in the same city and cross paths with each other's friends and lovers. Inspired by a comedy by the Roman playwright Plautus, Shakespeare complicated the plot even further, adding identical twin servants. One-liners, zingers and physical comedy abound, alongside some provocative, but subtle notions about reputation, relationships and self-identity. Too, the play brims with eccentric characters drawn from the lively world of commedia dell-arte, including a status-clinging goldsmith,

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On the Boards

By Ruth Ross Corresponent

a medieval doctor who attempts to exorcise one of the twins, a haughty courtesan and the mysterious and intimidating Abbess.

Anthony Hagopian and Clark Carmichael play the high-born set of twins, characters distinguishable only by the names of the cities in which they were raised. Hagopian's expressive face ably conveys the wonder and dismay felt by Antipholus of Syracuse, a stranger in Ephesus, who suddenly finds himself with a wife, a creditor and a mistress, all of whom want something from him. As Antipholus of Ephesus, Carmichael is righteous indignation personified at being locked out of his house, dunned for a gold chain he ordered, but did not receive and pronounced stark mad.

A servant named Dromio — the second set of identical twins accompanies each Antipholus. As the more dour Dromio of Syracuse, Kevin

Henderson is beside himself to find he's married to a spherical kitchen wench named Nell. Tony Finn's goofy Dromio of Ephesus is equally dismayed to stand accused of stealing the money his master supposedly has entrusted into his care. Both Henderson and Finn are masters of acrobatic antics; the sheer phsyciality of their pratfalls was so spectacular that several times on opening night the audience spontaneously broke into applause in their honor!

On the distaff side, Veronica Watt is very funny as Adriaria, the wife of Antipholus of Ephesus, perplexed by the seemingly odd behavior of her husband, and Amanada Ronconi provides able support as her equally bewildered sister Luciana. Sue Bradey as the courtesan brings down the house as a French whore, complete with exaggerated accent and body language.

The set, designed by Charles Townsend Wittreich, looks like it came off an Escher canvas, complete with fish morphing into birds, steps going to nowhere and turreted buildings poking into the skyline. The colorful costumes for this aristocratic and decadent world, designed by Amanda Whidden, are reminiscent of the Victorian era, another period when reputation was important and appearances were all.

Because "The Comedy of Errors" is one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, much of the dialogue is rhymed couplets, which the cast delivers in an



The cast of 'The Cornedy of Errors' makes merry amid mayhem at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. From left are Laura Standley, David Foubert, Clark Carmichael, Deric McNish, Veronica Watt and Amanda Ronconi.

entirely natural style, making it accessible to theatergoers of all ages. In fact, the audience really connected with the performance on opening night, as "oh-ohs" were audiblke from time to time whenever one of the twins, gentleman or servant, almost happened upon the other! A defuly plotted play, "The Comedy of Errors" takes audiences on a madcap adventure that makes "The Parent Trap" seem idyllic! Bring the kids 10 and older, bring the grandparents, bring your friends. This stylish and joyous production is not to be missed.

"The Comedy of Errors" will be performed Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., today at 7:30 p.m. and June 30 and July 1 at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets, call the box office at (973) 408 • 5600 or visit www.njshakespeare.org.

Classes, workshops for kids and adults are offered all summer

The New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, will be offering extensive classes and workshops for adults, teens and children this summer season. Summer classes will continue through July 21.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

Organizations submitting releases to the entertainment section

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A sampling of the variety of workshops which are offered include: Nationally-recognized photographer Howard Nathenson will be conducting a Still Life Photography workshop, Saturday and June 23. The workshop will focus on creating still life compositions, a traditional genre for painters.

Basha Mon, who recently received a New Jersey State Commission sculpture grant, will be teaching Marks & Bush Strokes — Surface and Texture, July 14 and 21.

Church Miley will instruct a workshop entitled "Pochoir-Art of the Stencil" June 30. The workshop will include basic and intermediate techniques of sten-

ciling. Pochoir is used to create those fabulous Chinese and French wallpapers as well as Japanese fabrics.

Classes for adults will feature: Landscapes in Watercolor, with instructor Elizabeth Horowitz. The six-week course will cover all the basis including painting techniques, composition, color and light. For those who would like to try their hand at ceramics, Pottery Potentials with instructor Bill Kaplan affords an excellent opportunity. Explore handbuilding, coiling, texture and throwing.

Elisa Kessler Caporale wall instruct students in Beginning/Intermediate Basketry. Four basic basketry beginnings will be taught from cut materials. Kits are not necessary. Corporale's works are widely shown and collected.

NJCVA also offers a wide range of children and teen classes. Partners in Art, for example, is for children 3 to 5 years of age. This is a chance for children to

create in collaboration with parents or other adults.

For complete schedule including descriptions, times and fees, call the center for information and/or a catalog, (908) 273-9121.

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NJCVA is the largest visual art center in the state. It is specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists with Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities.

The nonprofit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in wheelchair accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

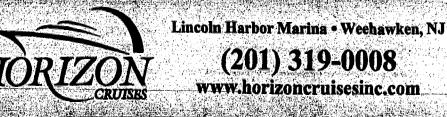
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'Measure for Measure' at NY Shakespeare Fest is timely and handsome brothel owner, Mistress Overdone,

The New York Shakespeare Festival often features celebrities in its summer offerings in Central Park. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

Unfortunately, Billy Crudup --- the free-loving rock star in "Almost Famous" - as the hypocritical Angelo in "Measure for Measure" has neither. the stage presence nor comfort with Shakespearean dialogue to carry the play. Fortunately, the rest of the ensemble is really terrific and makes this handsome production worthy of a visit

Ponder this: Claudio has been sentenced to death for sexual indiscretion by the puritanical Angelo, left in charge of Duke Vincentio, who has resigned for a while. When Angelo reveals himself as lustful and lecherous — hitting on Claudio's sister Isabella, a nun, as a condition for sparing her brother's life --- the returning Duke exacts a punishment "measure for measure," meaning Angelo must marry his jilted fiancee Mariana and be executed for the same crime as Claudio. Jenna and Barbara Bush — not to mention Bill Clinton - would sympathize with Claudio, punished for doing what everyone else has been doing! Others will find Angelo's punishment echoes Timothy McVeigh's recent execution, not to mention the capital punishment debate currently raging!

Billy Crudup may be a terrific film actor, but he's out of his league here. First off, he looks too young to be left in charge of a dukedom, and his looks

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By Ruth Ross Correspondent

belie the severe puritanism of his character. Worse, Crudup fails to proiect Angelo's vileness and lechery. which throws off the center of the conflict, and he seemed unsure of his lines. John Pankow, as Claudio's dissolute friend Lucio, runs circles around everyone, a busybody operator, he plays one side against the other and slithers out almost unscathed with his quick tongue and snappy patter.

Angelo more than meets his match, however, in Sanaa Lathan as the pious virgin Isabella; she really shines as she pleads for Claudio's life. Joe Morton is noble and authoritative as Duke Vincentio, a thankless role; his harebrained scheme to let someone else enforce the laws he's let go don't make his a sympathetic character. His deputy, Escalus, is given the royal treatement by the sober and measured performance of Herb Foster, who's more duke-like than the real duke!

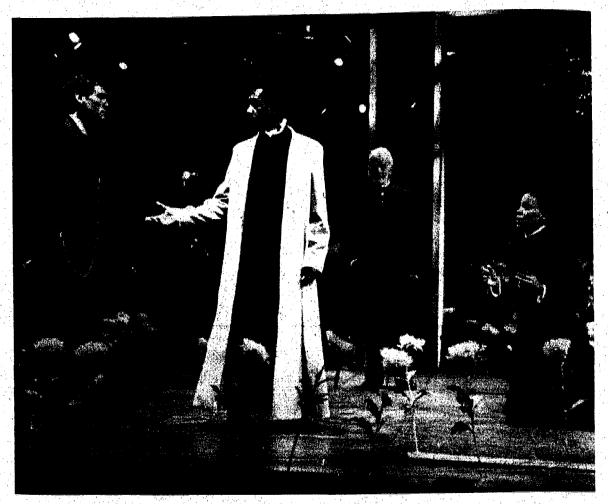
If these goings-on don't sound very funny, it's because "Measure for Measure" lacks the fantasy world of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" or the romantic folderol of "Much Ado About Nothing," but the play features similar comic characters. Daniel Pino is hilarious as Pompey, servant to the

played by Cindy Lauper look-alike Julia Gibson. To get out of sticky situations, Pino talks nonstop, much of it nonsense. He's a good match for Pankow's lunacy. But the prize goes to the Don Knotts-like constable, Elbow, played by Tom Aulino. His deadpan delivery of Elbow's mangling of the English language is sidesplitting!

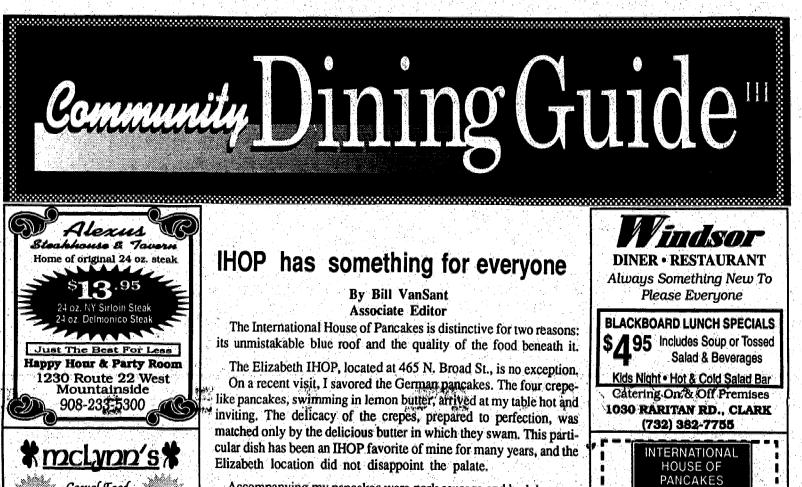
Mara Blumenfeld's costumes, a melange of styles and periods, underscores the timelessness of the play. Daniel Ostling's all-purpose set with walkways and courtyards represent the various venues, and T.J. Gerckens' fabulous lighting design is most dramatic at the end when even the park trees behind the stage are lit.

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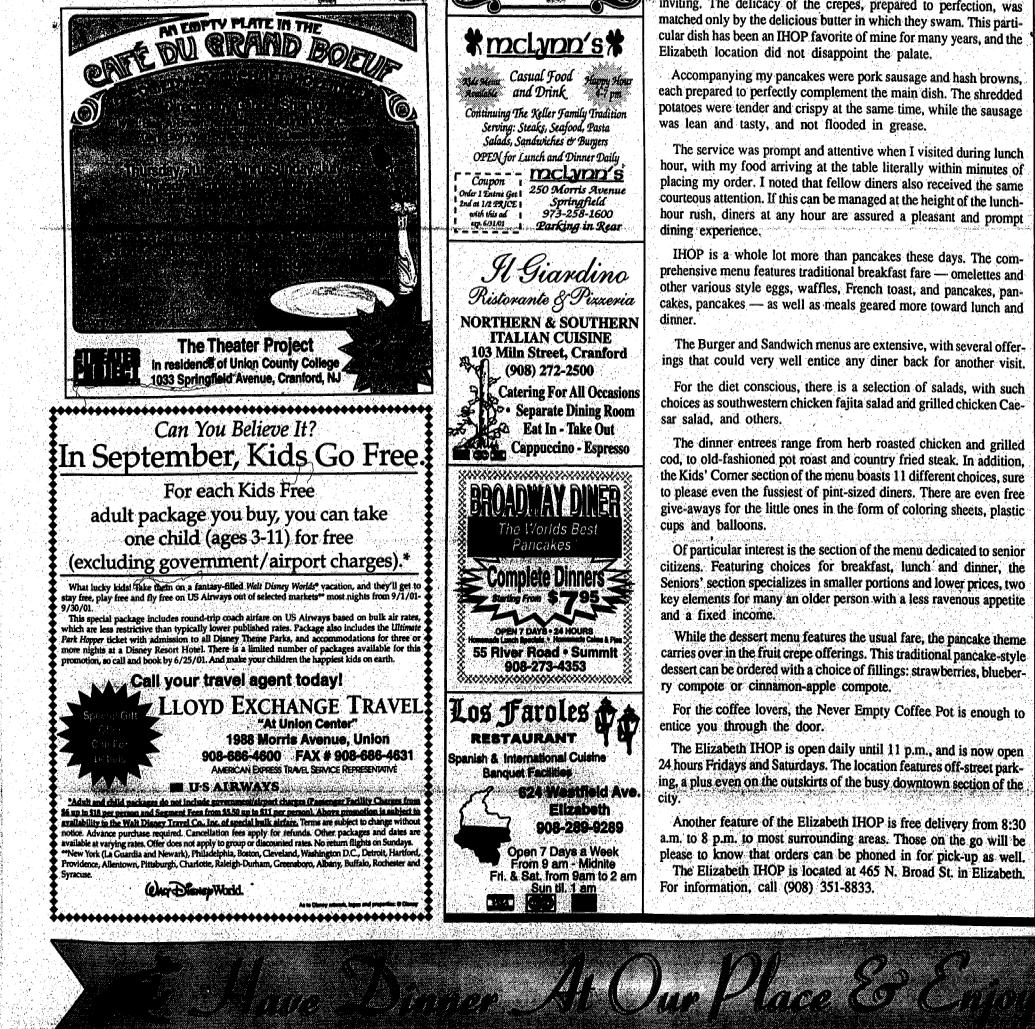
Tickets for "Measure for Measure," which runs through June 28 at the Delacorte Theater, can be picked up on performance days for that evening at the 81st Street and Central Park West box office or at The Public Theater, 425 Lafayette St., near Astor Place, in Manhattan. Performances are daily at 8 p.m., except for this Monday. For additional information about Shakespeare in Central Park, call (212) 539-8750 or visit the web site at www.publictheater.org.



Billy Crudup, left, and Joe Morton take center stage in 'Measure for Measure' at the New York Shakespear Festival as Sanaa Lathan, right, listens attentively.



Accompanying my pancakes were pork sausage and hash browns, each prepared to perfectly complement the main dish. The shredded potatoes were tender and crispy at the same time, while the sausage



was lean and tasty, and not flooded in grease.

The service was prompt and attentive when I visited during lunch hour, with my food arriving at the table literally within minutes of placing my order. I noted that fellow diners also received the same courteous attention. If this can be managed at the height of the lunchhour rush, diners at any hour are assured a pleasant and prompt dining experience.

IHOP is a whole lot more than pancakes these days. The comprehensive menu features traditional breakfast fare - omelettes and other various style eggs, waffles, French toast, and pancakes, pancakes, pancakes - as well as meals geared more toward lunch and dinner.

The Burger and Sandwich menus are extensive, with several offerings that could very well entice any diner back for another visit.

For the diet conscious, there is a selection of salads, with such choices as southwestern chicken fajita salad and grilled chicken Caesar salad, and others.

The dinner entrees range from herb roasted chicken and grilled cod, to old-fashioned pot roast and country fried steak. In addition, the Kids' Corner section of the menu boasts 11 different choices, sure to please even the fussiest of pint-sized diners. There are even free give-aways for the little ones in the form of coloring sheets, plastic cups and balloons.

Of particular interest is the section of the menu dedicated to senior citizens. Featuring choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the Seniors' section specializes in smaller portions and lower prices, two key elements for many an older person with a less ravenous appetite and a fixed income.

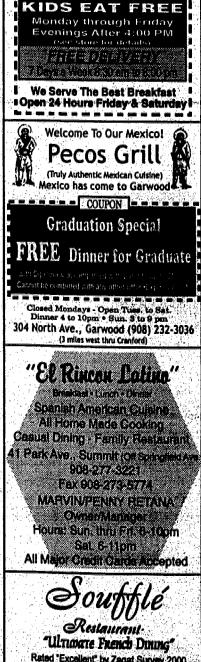
While the dessert menu features the usual fare, the pancake theme carries over in the fruit crepe offerings. This traditional pancake-style dessert can be ordered with a choice of fillings: strawberries, blueberry compote or cinnamon-apple compote.

For the coffee lovers, the Never Empty Coffee Pot is enough to entice you through the door.

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Photographer becomes author with the aid of the computer age

bicycle, Linden's Owen Kanzler, who grew up one block from the Elizabeth city line, was fascinated by the architecture of many of the old buildings in Elizabeth, one of New Jersey's oldest cities.

A few years ago in 1998, Kanzler, a professional photographer for more than 30 years, was awarded a Union County HEART Grant for his selfproposed project to photographically document some of Elizabeth's vanishing antique architectural details. He completed that project in 1999 and had three exhibitions of his photographs that year.

Kanzler's black-and-white photographs document some of the beautiful, antique architectural details of a

Even as a boy riding around on his bygone era of design and craftsmanship, that can still be found on — but have been slowly vanishing from -many of the older buildings in the City of Elizabeth. Over the years, such details have disappeared as they have been covered up by aluminum or vinyl siding, or have been obliterated by some other remodeling job - or sometimes the complete demolition of a building.

> The exhibitions at the Elizabeth Library, the Freeholders Gallery and The Arts Guild of Rahway were well attended and gave hundreds of people the opportunity to view Kanzler's photographs. But after the exhibitions ended, he realized it might be worthwhile to devise a way, more permanent than temporary exhibitions, of

sharing his historic documentary photography project on an ongoing basis with the public.

Last year, Kanzler applied for and received a second Union County HEART Grant; this time to turn his project, "Antique Architectural Details of Elizabeth, New Jersey," into a digitally self-published book.

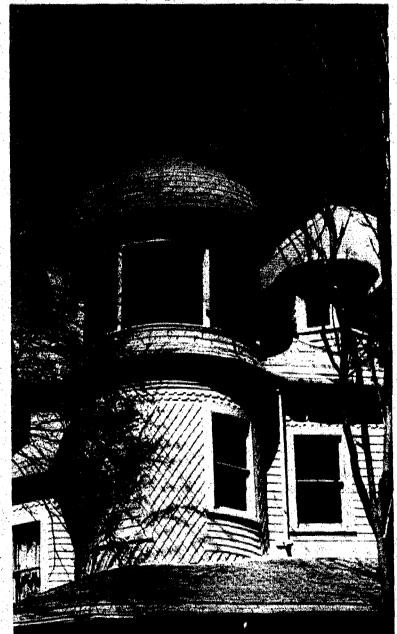
He points out that "over the last few years, advances in computer technology, especially in scanners and ink-jet printers capable of photo-realistic results, have opened up the doors to previously unimagined possibilities in the realm of desktop self-publishing. It has now become possible --- especially for someone with pre-exisiting photographic, graphic arts and writing

skills --- to create a high quality publication incorporating both photos and text, at home, with almost no outsourcing of the tasks involved - right up to creation of the finished product."

Kanzler is hard at work completing his digitally self-published, photographic book project now. He does not expect to produce a large edition, but he feels that this desktop publishing and printing method "lends itself to the production of worthy, limited edition volumes that might never find their way to publication otherwise. Local history themes are especially appropriate for this approach." He further points out that once the book exists in digital format, it is possible to do additional small "press runs" any time the need for additional copies arises.

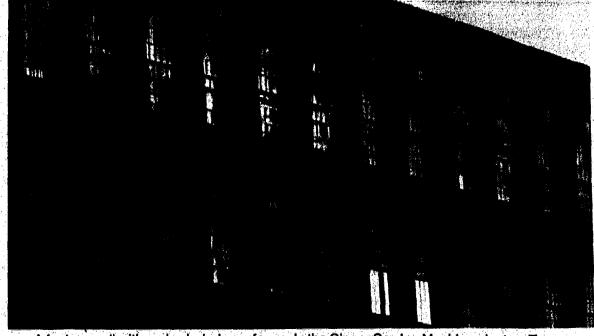
Several copies of the book will be donated to the Elizabeth Library, enabling more than one to be available in each branch as well as the Bookmobile. Additional copies will be made available to the public at a price yet to be determined. Kanzler expects to complete the project in July. His first priority will then be to get the book into the library, after which he will announce details of its public availability and price.

The HEART grant program, an acronym which stands for History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands, was established by the freeholder board to serve as a catalyst in strengthening the county's community of non-profit organiztions, artists and scholars enhancing their capacity to provide projects relating to history, the arts and the humanities. The program is administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Susan P. Coen, director. For inforamtion, call (908) 558-2550.



This detail view of a house on West Jersey Street with a third-story turret porch is among the works by Owen Kanzler to be included in the photographer's selfpublished book featuring the architecture of Elizabeth.





A factory wall with arched windows, formerly the Singer Sewing Machine plant on Trumbull Street, is also feature in Kanzler's forthcoming book.



County picked by nation to be part of arts study

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, in the Department of Economic Development, has been selected by the Washington, D.C.-based arts service organization, Americans for the Arts, to participate in a national study which will assess the economic impact of nonprofit arts and history organizations.

The study, "Arts and Economic Prosperity," will be conducted over the next 18 months in Union County and 75 other areas throughout the country.

"This unique study will demonstrate that the expenditures made by nonprofit cultural organizations have a measurable and direct impact on our communities," said Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "We congratulate the division on being one of the only three organizations in New Jersey selected to participate in this national study."

"The study will also assess the 'value-added' component of the arts economy," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Induced expenditures made while attending a cultural event, such as parking fees, payment to a babysitter and a restaurant meal, create a positive impact on the economy."

Demographic data and arts audience travel patterns will be measured through the distribution and collection of audience surveys at a diverse sampling of arts events held throughout the county over the next six months. Anyone interested in completing a survey may contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for a list of events where surveys will be available to audience members.

Since economic impact is based on the amount of money spent in the community, cultural organizations are also being surveyed. If you are a member of a cultural or historical organization and have not received an Organization Expenditure Survey, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Once all the data has been analyzed, a detailed report, expected in Spring 2002, will describe the economic impact of the community's nonprofit cultural organizations and their audiences. These results will provide a potent advocacy tool that supports the case for increased private and public sector arts funding as well as detailed financial data about the county's local arts and history community.

For additional information about "Arts and Economic Prosperity," contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs — 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202 — by calling (908) 558-2550. NJ Relay Users dial 711. Email may be sent to Scoen@unioncountynj.org. • Summit High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion July 21. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Linden High School Classes of 1950 to 1959 will conduct a '50s reunion picnic Aug. 25 from 1 p.m. to dusk at Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Linden. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs. For information, call Gail Hudak at (908) 862-4272. Finney.

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· Abraham Clark High School,

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• Union High School Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 6. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1951 will have its 50th reunion at the Somerset Holiday Inn, Somerset, Oct. 6.

The Reunion Committee needs help in locating the following missing classmates:

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From Clark: R. Ehresmann, L. Miller, C. Snavely, and M. Stringham. From Mountainside: D. Davighi, M. Gonnella, and G. Salvatoriello-Conn.

From Springfield: L. Berner, P.

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> • Roselle Catholic High School Class of 1991 will conduct its 10th reunion Nov. 3 from 8:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, or to provide details on classmates, send e-mail to Michelle Matthes at Nuodai@oal.com.

Union High School Class of 1981
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School Class of 1976 will conduct its
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• Hillside High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 23. For information, call Lori Jackson-Williams at (800) 342-2848, Ext. 461 or Dawn Mayo-Hutcheson at (732) 398-0975, or e-mail at djimon05@aol.com.

• Roselle Park Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 25. For information, e-mail your name and address to Bob Milici at RP1stward@aol.com or Joanne (Kennedy) Smith at hrjojo@hotmail.com. For other information, call Milici daytimes at (908) 241-5255. • Saint Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1951 is in the process of forming plans for a 50th reunion in 2001. For information, call Jim Powers at (908) 272-8049.

• St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at (732) 549-6600 or (732) 946-7075.

• Summit High School Class of 1982 will conduct its 20th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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These human counterfeit churches began in apostasy from truth, predicted by Christ and His Apostes. There are NO denomination churches in the Bible; these human churches are counterfeit and foreign to the scriptures, without Divine authority, their teachings and practices contradict God and His Divine word. For example, there are NO clergy or laity in the Lord's Church. In fact, Jesus condemns the wearing of religious titles (Matt. 23;1-9), since all true Christians are Brethren and not one is exalted above the other.

Please note: Paul was never called Reverend Paul. Peter was never called Archbishop or Cardinal Peter. James was never called Pope James. John was never referred to as Pastor John. People lack the knowledge of God's Word (the Bible) when they speak in a denomination language. They are deceived by false religious leaders who are wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt. 15:13-14; 2 Cor. 11:13-15).

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The award-winning Theater Project in Cranford will present Michael Hollinger's robust comedy of food and love, "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf."

Directed by Gabriel Shanks, "An Empty Plate ... " runs three weekends, June 28 to July 15. Performances are Thursdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m., with two matinees July 8 and 15 at 3 p.m. General admission tickets are \$7 on Thursdays, and \$14 on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Student tickets are \$7 for all performances. The Theater Project is in residence at the Roy E. Smith Theater on the campus of Union County College at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Theater Project Box Office at (908) 659-5189.

A glorious feast for the senses, everything is cooked to perfection in Michael Hollinger's witty comedy "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf." Victor, a wealthy newspaperman, has spared no expense when it comes to the Cafe du Grand Boeuf. his personal Parisian restaurant that caters to his every whim. Problem is, Victor's broken heart has made him give up his appetite ... permanently. As the frantic chef, waiters, and staff of the Grand Boeuf try to dazzle him with delicacies, this sparkingly witty play examines the timeless connections between loneliness, love, passion ... and the power of a creme brulee.

Michael Hollinger has written more than two dozen plays. From 1989 to 1997, Hollinger was literary manager/ dramaturg for the Philadelphia Festival Theater of New Plays and The Wilma Theater. "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf" premiered in 1994 at Phildelphia's Arden Theater Company and received a Barrymore Award nomination for Best New Play. This past season, it premiered Off-Broadway at Primary Stages in a production starring George Wendt of TV's "Cheers." At the 1996 Barrymore Awards, Hollinger won the F. Otto Haas Award for Emerging Theater Artist. Currently the scriptwriter of three short films for PBS, Hollinger has received three playwright fellowships from Pennslyvania Council on the Arts. He teaches playwrighting for Villanova University, The University of Pennslyvania, and LaSalle University.

Although director Gabriel Shanks This lived in the Garden State for more than three years, he is "thrilled and delighted" to be making his Jersey directorial debut with The Theater Project. In New York City, Shanks is the co-director of the award-winning experimental theater company, Funk-

opolis. The original works he has created for that company have received numerous accolades, including the 1998 Theater Project Honor for Outstanding Vision in the Theater and invitations to perform at the 1999 Big Art in Small Places Festival, at Katalin Laban's famous RS9 Szinhas in Budapest, Hungary, as the final performance of the 2000 Judson House Project, and as one of the companies commissioned to create a new work for next year's Don Quixote Festival at the renowned SoHo performance space HERE.

Shanks has directed more than 30 regional and world premieres in New York, Washington, Atlanta, Baltimore, Tampa, and across the country, including Patricia Smith's "Heaven Suite," winning of the 1995 Washington Theater Festival Best Production Award; Brad Fraser's "Poor Superman," being named Outstanding Production of the Year and Outstanding Director by the Baltimore Alternative and Baltimore City Paper; Theresa Rebeck's "Spike Heels," Victor Bumbalo's "Adam and the Experts," and Charles Busch's "Theodora, She-Bitch of Byzantium." In New Jersey, he has had stints as the Director of Marketing for New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse and The Community Theater of Morristown.

The cast of "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf" includes many performers from New Jersey's best theater companies, including Ken Schactman, who has worked at 12 Miles West Theater Company; Oscar Castillo, of the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival; Nicholas Buonagurio, from the George Street Playhosue; and Blair A. Brown from TheaterFest and Plays-in-the-Park. The cast also features Off-Broadway veterans and Theater Project regulars Gary Glor,

who was seen in "A Most Secret War" at the Harold Clurman Theater and "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" at George Street Playhouse, and Daaimah Talley, who appeared in "Tiger Lilies" at the Samuel French Theater, and "Raccoon in Every Pot" at the 46th Stret Studio.

The opening night gala for "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf" will happen immediately following the performance, right on the Paris-inspired set by designer Julia Hahn. Desserts, including the portentous creme brulee that figures so prominently in the play's storyline, will be served in a fete for the actors, cast, crew, and supporters.

The Theater Project, in its seventh season of producing new works and contemporary classics, is an awardwinning affiliate member of the New Jersey Theater Alliance. Known for its provocative "actor's view of theater" seating, the company, under the artistic directorship of Mark Spina, has produced works by Nicky Silver, Christopher Durang, A.R. Gurney, Jane Anderson, John Guare, David Mamet, and premieres by Jersey writers Bill Mesce, Rose Caruso, and others. In September, The Theater Project will finish its 2001 season with Paula Vogel's Pulitzer Prizewinning drama "How I Learned To Drive."

For more information, call (908) 659-5189. Funding has been made possible in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs; a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; the Union County College Foundation; and the generosity of Joseph Cecala.

HBO series is gravely riotous

OK, it's been fairly well established that the era of the Cleavers has come and gone, and has taken with it the notion that you need a picket fence to be a typical American family. This is not news to anyone with a TV.

However, Academy Awardwinning writer Alan Ball, who picked up a 1999 Oscar for "American Beauty," has added another nail to Ward's and June's coffins with a savvy and riotous addition to HBO's canon of original series.

"Six Feet Under" is nothing less than seriocomic genius. Focusing on the dysfunctional members of the Fisher family and their familyoperated funeral home, the new series — now in its third week — is a slice of life reminiscent of CBS-TV's "Picket Fences," albeit without the quirky denizens of a fictitious town. In this case, the quirks are confined to the protagonist family.

With each episode beginning with a darkly comic death by misadventure, we are taken into the home and hearth of the Fishers: recently widowed mother Ruth, sons David and Nate, and daughter Claire. Add to this mix Rico, a somewhat cagey mortician; Brenda, Nate's free-spirited girlfriend; and Nate Sr., who appears to his children as a sort of one-man Greek chorus cum other-worldly heckler.

What Ball did for the nuclear family with "American Beauty," he continues here, offering typical family complications — sibling rivalry, marital infidelity, teen angst, business woes — but with a zing and comic sophistication rareOn the Tube

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

ly found on network television. This reviewer often finds himself laughing out loud, a rarity when sitting in front of the TV.

However, even in this case. home is where the heart is. Taking otherwise ordinary characters and placing them in an out of the ordinary setting, series creator Ball has made these people accessible on many levels. You don't have to be a widow to relate to Ruth's feelings of disconnection; you don't have to be gay to understand David's uncertainty in his relationship with a cop; you don't have to be a problem child to laugh out loud when Claire steals a foot from a dismembered corpse while her brother reassembles and embalms it.

The simple fact that these somewhat off-center characters can elicit laughs — and compassion — from their audience is a testament to Ball's storytelling abilities. The

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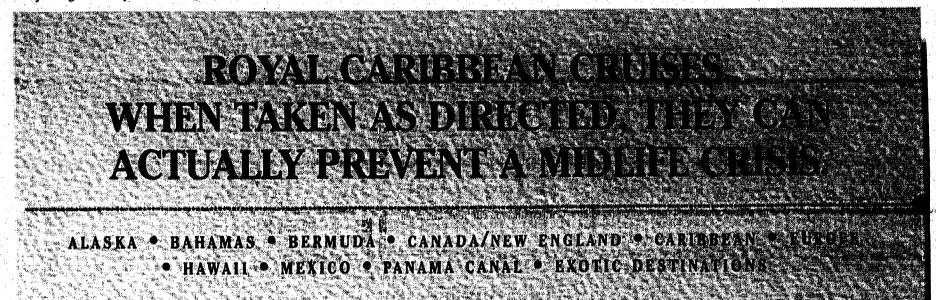
 pacing is crisp, the one-liners are based in the characters' realities, and the richly dark humor is enough to make you laugh, not only at the story on screen, but at yourself.
 Most notably, each episode

Most notably, each episode leaves one with a sense of anticipation for the next installment without resorting to soap-operaesque cliffhangers. The simple fact that you've spent an hour in the company of such finely detailed writing and characters is enough to bring you back.

The performances are distinct and individual. The cast of relative unknowns make their mark with precise and on-the-money interpretations, investing a reality which makes the comic moments that much more rioutous.

"Six Feet Under" is part family drama, part black comedy, and completely quality TV. Not a reality-based drama, not a sitcom, not a soap opera — this show is in a class all by itself.

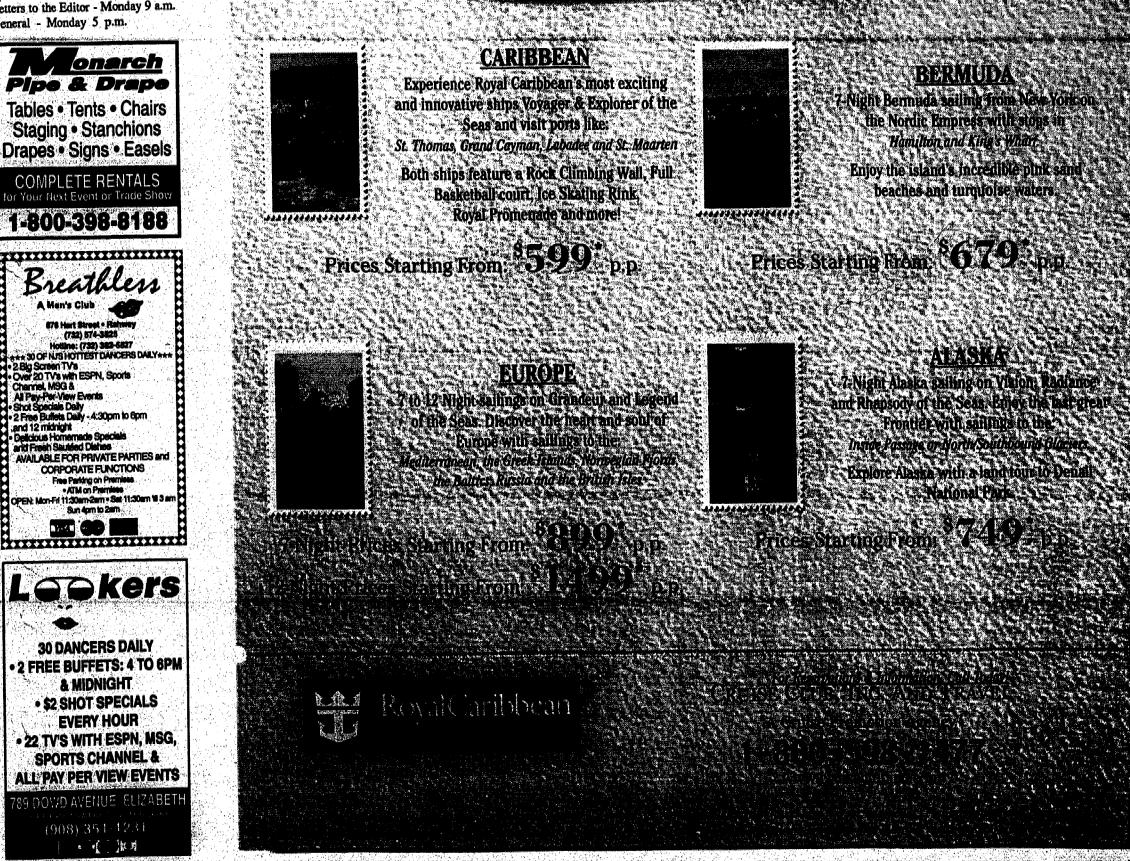
"Six Feet Under" airs at 9:30 p.m. Sundays on HBO, with a repeat at 9 p.m. Wednesdays. A four-hour marathon of the first four episodes begins at 9 p.m. June 30.



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Medicare laws change regarding preventive measures with colonoscopy

Effective July 1, a new Medicare benefit will pay for colon and rectal cancer screening for all people on Medicare.

Cancer of the colon and rectum is the nation's second leading cancer killer. Recent studies have shown that finding and removing pre-cancer growths, called polyps, a colonoscopy can prevent most colorectal cancers from even starting. In addition, when screening tests find cancers in people without any symptoms, these people are more likely to be cured than had testing been delayed until symptoms developed. In spite of this, 60 percent of Americans older than 50 years old have not had any screening for this disease.

The American Cancer Society and the American College of Gastroenterology recommend that colorectal cancer screening start at age 50 in people at average risk for the disease. People with a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps in a close relative, and people with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease of the colon, are at higher risk of developing colorectal cancer and may need to start screening tests at an earlier age and have more frequent follow-up. The Harvard Medical Letter and many cancer experts now recommend universal colonoscopy for everyone older than 50 years old.

Starting July 1 of this year, Medicare will pay for screening colonoscopy every 10 years in all people with Medicare older than 50 years old, even if they have no symptons and no increased risk of colon cancer. Some other insurance companies are offering similar coverage. Current coverage for people with symptoms, or increased risk for colon cancer is not affected by this added benefit.

Colonoscopy procedures are usually done in a specialized outpatient center, such as Garden State Endoscopy and Surgery Center in Kenilworth, or in a hospital's outpatient department. After a sedative is given, the doctor usually a gastroenterologist — inserts a flexible tube with a video camera on the tip into the rectum and then threads it through the entire colon. If a polyp is found, it is removed at that time and sent to the lab for analysis. Early removal of a polyp eliminates the possibility that it will progress into a cancer.

Garden State Endoscopy and Surgery Center is a Medicare- and New Jersey State-licensed facility in Kenilworth featuring state-of-the-art equipment in a patientfriendly environment.

Area doctor offers advice in battling symptoms during allergy season

Warm weather, a time for rejuvenation and growth in nature.

But with the arrival of flowers and trees blooming also comes the arrival of allergy season. With mild temperatures and nature's beauty, many people often take the opportunity to open up home and car windows, garden, mow the lawn or simply sit outside to enjoy nice weather. However, pollen is released when temperatures get warm and with pollen levels reaching record highs, many people have had allergic reactions. According to Frederic Schulaner M.D., allergist from Atlantic Health System's Overlook Hospital, there can be relief for allergies.

"Pollen is probably the first thing many people notice when the weather gets warm because its residue is visible, especially on the ground and on automobiles." said Dr. Schulaner. "Pollen is a group of microspores in a seed plant that looks like a fine dust. It is produced in mass quantities and many pollen grains including ragweed and many grasses induce allegic reactions, commonly known as 'hay fever.'"

According to Dr. Schulaner, certain trees including maple, alder, elm, birch and oak produce pollen in the spring. Grass pollen is also another major cause of spring allergic reactions because with people mowing lawns, grass pollen is released into the air. Ragweed, the third major cause of pollen allergy, is also very prevalent in northern New Jersey, however it does not begin to pollinate until mid-August and continues generally until October.

"Most children or adults who are allergic to specific pollens have symptoms of sneezing, runny nose, itching of the eye, nose or throat or nasal congestion," stated Dr. Schulaner. "At times, these symptoms can become very intense and interfere with normal daily activities. Complications may include ear or sinus infections, frequent asthma attacks or skin allergic reactions including itchiness and hives. At times, pollen can cause extreme fatigue and irritability."

So what can people do to treat their allergies? According to Dr. Schulander, treatment for those who are allergic to pollen begins with trying to reduce exposure to the allergens. Follow these helpful tips:

Pollen

• Keep home windows closed at night while sleeping.

• Use air conditioning when feasible.

• Use an air purifier in the home, especially in the bedroom.

Keep car windows closed.

• While moving lawns, if possible, wear an allergy mask.

• Wash your hair every day to rinse off pollen, and if you've been in the yard, leave shoes at the door and wash your clothes in hot water as soon as possible.

Other types of treatment can include medications and allergy shots. "Fortunately, there are several types of medications available that can prevent and treat allergic reactions. Antihistimines, which interfere with the effect of histamine, are often prescribed and can be taken in an oral pill or nasal spray form," said Dr. Schulaner. "Antihistamines may be purchased over the counter, however caution should be exceeded while taking them because drowsiness can occur."

Many prescription antihistimines and decongestants have less "drowsy" side effects, so it is best to contact your physician or pharmacist. Allergy shots, also known as immunotherapy, can offer long-lasting relief for many people as well. "Patients receive a small injection of the offending allergens usually twice a week at first, then less often with larger doses as time goes by," stated Dr. Schulaner. "These small doses desensitize the body's immune system to each allergen. After at least six months to a year, many patients who receive allergy shots for a long duration of time ---about five years - for allergy symptoms to completely disappear."

According to Dr. Schulaner, ideally, it is best to visit your physician to discuss your symptoms and treatment options. Concluded Dr. Schulaner, "You will not be able to eliminate every allergen from your home, but these steps can make it a more comfortable place even during the peak of allergy season."

Frederic Schulaner M.D. has been an allergist for more than 30 years. A graduate of Tufts College in Medford,

Mass., and Tufts Medical School in Boston, Dr. Schulaner completed his internship at the University Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., and a pediatric residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesday, Md. Dr. Schulaner also completed an allergy fellowship at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Temple University in Pennsylvania. Dr. Schulaner is board-certified in pediatrics, pediatric allergy, and allergy and immunology. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma Immunology, American Academy of Pediatrics, Association of Certified Allegists and the New Jersey and New York Allergy Societies.

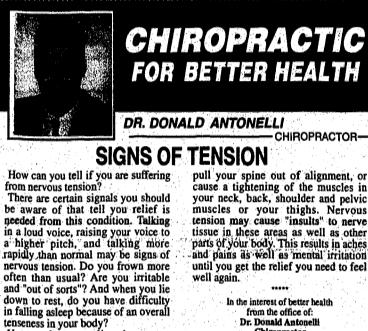
Visit Atlantic Health System's web site at www.atlantichealth.org. for these tips and more information on allergies. If you are in need of an allergist, you may search "Allergist" in the Atlantic Health System Directory on Atlantic's web site, or call Atlantic Physician Referral Service at (800) AHS-9580. You may schedule an appointment with Dr. Schulaner directly by calling (908) 232-1565. Dr. Schulaner is in private practice with Harvey Weisslitz M.D. in Westfield.

Atlantic Health System, one of the largest health care systems in New Jersey, includes Morristown Memorial Hosital, Overlook Hospital in Summit, Mountainside Hospital in Montclair/Glen Ridge, The General Hospital Center at Passaic, and affiliates Newton Memorial Hospital. Atlantic hospitals serve nearly five million people in 11 counties in northern and central New Jersey, have a combined total of 1,662 beds and provide a wide array of health care services. Three of Atlantic's hospitals offer graduate medical education programs with a variety of specialties.

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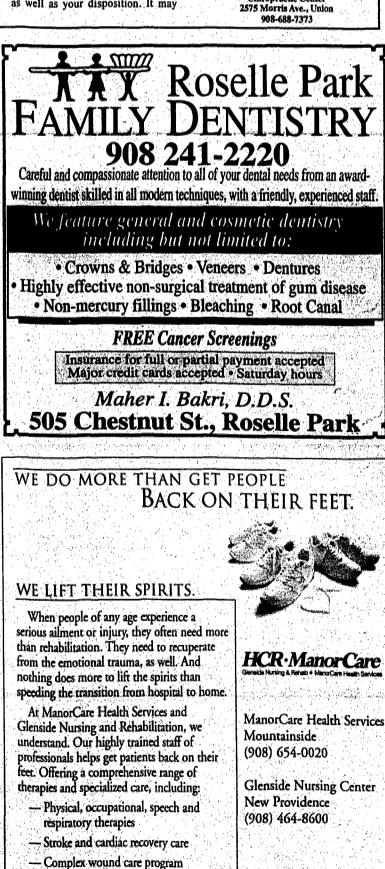
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NJSO brings park concerts to county

The New Jersey Symphony Orchesta, JPMorgan Chase and Pfizer invite residents to pack a cooler and a blanket and bring the entire family to one of the four free outdoor performances of the annual Summer Parks Tour. This year's program, titled "Variations on America," will be performed Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside/Westfield; June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Park in Bloomfield/Montclair: June 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Branch Brook Park in Newark and July 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Mercer County Park in West Windsor. Fireworks will follow the performances on June 29 and 30, and July 1. NJSO Assistant Conductor Mark Laycock will lead the

orchestra in a diverse program of American music includ-. ing works from Copeland, Ives, Ellington, Gould and much more.

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FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY

June 24th, 2001, Rain Date 6/30/01 EVENT: Flea Market, Craft and Collectible Show. Outdoors PLACE: Beautiful Yanticaw Park, Park

Drive, Nutley, between Centre and Chestnut Streets TIME: 9am-5pm

PRICE: Over 100 Quality Merchandise Dealers in a park like setting under the tree lined oval. For information call 201-997-9535

ORGANIZATION: The Nicole Fund SUNDAY

July 1st, 2001 EVENT: Flea Market, Craft and Collectible Show. Outdoors (Indoors if rain) PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville (OFF JOR-ALEMON STREET) TIME: 9am-5pm PRICE: Over 100 Quality Dealers Selling a Variety of Unique Merchandise! For

information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: Journalism

June 25 to July 1

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Express yourself. Let your imagination run wild this week with thoughts of how to pull together a creative project with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The focus is on values and self-worth issues. Good news about a raise or promotion improves your mood. Keep up the good work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): It's your turn to pioneer a new project. Put your best foot forward and step into an entrepreneur or leadership role with confidence and flair.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You're given an opportunity to make a special dream come true. Don't be afraid to throw caution to the wind and run with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Reach out and reconnect with friends or associates who have recently been out of touch. You have some important catching up to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Now that you're on top of your game, it's time for your efforts and hard work to start to pay off. Relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

GARAGE/YARD SALE

SATURDAY June 23rd, 2001

EVENT: Huge Garage Sale PLACE: The Korean Presbyterian Church, 700 Bayway Avenue, Elizabeth TIME 10:00am-4:00pm PRICE: Free Admission, Rain date Saturday, June 30th. Clothes, books, shoes, household items, much more. **ORGANIZATION:** The Korean Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth

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SUNDAY June 24th, 2001 EVENT: Blessing of the Pets PLACE: Hillside Presbyterian Church, Coe and Salem Avenues in Hillside. TIME 11:15am PRICE: No Charge. All pets welcomed. Call 908-354-0434 for more information. **ORGANIZATION: Hillside Presbyterian** Church

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from the hustle and bustle of your daily routine. Start making plans for a dream vacation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Think of creative ways you can put your money to work for you. Consider investing in real estate or a homebased venture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enjoy pleasant communications and a sense of harmony and well-being between you and your mate. Celebrate oneness

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A shake-up in your routine does you a lot of good. Don't be so set in your ways that you can't see the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll find actions speak louder than the spoken word. Set a positive exam-

ple for a child and point him or her in the right direction.

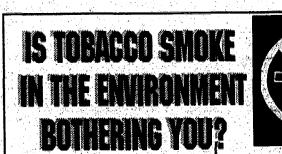
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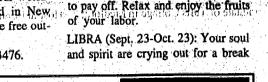
If your birthday is this week, don't pass up a wonderful opportunity to work behind the scenes on a creative endeavor during the coming year. Get your ego out of the way and be willing to join forces with a winning team. Expect sudden changes in the romantic or financial affairs of your life. Don't jump into any long-term relationships or agreements that carry a penalty for early withdrawal.

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OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPEC-TIVE 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 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, 549 South Ave., Westfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information call (908) 232-0412.

NEW FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS, by Dan Gheno and Jerry Weiss, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth Campbell Mackay Library Building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, through today.

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.

IMPRESSIONS NORTH AND SOUTH , an acrylic solo exhibit by New Jersey native Kenneth M. Mitchell will be on display at the Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, through June 30.

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. For information call (908) 756-1707.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, Members' Gallery, 68 Elm St., Summit, will present an exhibition of photographs by Nancy Ori, through June 30. It consists of a series of fine art photographs highlighting the natural beauty of New Jersey, includ-ing many of its public parks.

For more information, call (908) 273-9121.

BRIDGEWAY CREATIVE ARTS UNIT will have works on exhibit in the Union County Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the County Administration Building in Elizabeth through July 9.

Gallery hours are weekdays from 9



cussion Series in the coming months. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room.

Today: "Symposium," Plato July 19: "Of Experience," Montaigne

For information call (973) 376-4930.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group is led by Kevin Muller.

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For information, call (732) 574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month.

For information, call (973) 376-8544.

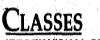
A GENTLEMAN'S GAME, by Tom Coyne, will be featured today from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark.

For information, call (732) 574-1818.

INTRODUCTION TO SUMMER **READING: TRAVELING THROUGH** BOOKS, will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark.

For information, call (732) 574-1818.

AUTHOR TOM COYNE will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark today from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "A Gentleman's Game." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call (732) 574-1818.



THE NEW JERSEY VISUAL CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, 68 Elm St., Summit, will be offering extensive classes and workshops for adults, teens and children this summer season, beginning Monday and continuing through July 21.

For a complete schedule including descriptions, time and fees. call the center for information and/or a catalog at (908) 273-9121.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE will be visiting the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, this summer. The first week runs July 9 to 14 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Red Riding Hood" and the second week runs July 16 to 21 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Treasure Island." Cost 18, \$125. Register before June 15 for additional discounts.

For information, call (732) 499-8226.

NEW JERSEY WORKSHOP FOR THE ARTS is currently accepting registration for its Music Studio. Lessons include instrumental, voice and music theory, with beginner through advanced classes. Additional courses include art classes for children and toddiers, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.

(908) 233-2278 or send e-mail to UNION MUSIC SCHOOL is accepting registration for the summer 2001 ses-1st.baptist.westfield@att.net. sion - June 26 to July 27, 9 a.m. to BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan 12:15 p.m. daily. To receive a brochure Road, Clark, will present musical perof course offerings send name and formances throughout the summer. All mailing address via e-mail to unionmu-

concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe sicschool@hotmail.com, via fax to section. (908) 687-7332, or call (908) For information, including a concert schedule, call (732) 574-1818.

CRAFTS THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central

New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in



STOP KISS by Diana Son stars Margie Catov, left, and Kean theater Prof. E. Teresa Choate. The play, presented by Kean's Pride Theater for the Arts Incubator series, runs Friday through June 30. For information, see the 'Theater' listing on this page.

CONCERTS CONCERTS IN THE PARK, spon-

Scotch Plains. The next meeting is July 2. For information, call (908) 755-7653.

POETRY

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m. For information, call (732)

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KADIO TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION

will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.

For information, call (908) 241-5758.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

TELEVISION

GREAT SCOTT! PRODUCTIONS will present a musical revue titled "Journey Through Broadway" today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. at Temple Israel, 2372 Morris Ave., Union. Tickets are \$20 for adults. \$15 for students and senior citizens, and include refreshments. For information, call (908) 686-0519, Monday to Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

KEAN UNIVERSITY PRIDE THEA-TER of Union will present "Stop Kiss" by Diana Son Fridays and Saturdays June 22 through 30 at 8 p.m. in the Zella Fry Studio Theater in Vaughn-Earnes Hall. Tickets are \$10. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. For information, call (908) 629-7090. **THEATER PROJECT** at Union County College will present "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf" June 28 to July 15 in the Roy W. Smith Smith Theater on the Cranfor campus. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, and 3 p.m. July 8 and 15. Tickets are \$14 Fridays to Sundays, \$7 Thursdays; student tickets are \$7 at all performances. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For Information, call (908) 659-5189.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE, Brook side Drive, Miliburn, will present "Carousel" through July 15. Family weeks will be July 3 to 15; buy one adult ticke at full price and get one half-price for any child younger than 18 years old

For tickets, call (973) 376-4343 or buy online at www.papermill.org.

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

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in

Rahway will feature appearances by

musical artists during June.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse In Rahway will present entertainment at various times throughout June.

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

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

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400. VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: The Joe Taino Trio June 26: Jason Pryslak

For information, call (908) 810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night.

For information, call (732) 815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night.

For Information call (908) 925-3707.

WORKSHOPS

DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART in Plainfield is offering summer workshops for adults and children, June through August, for all levels of artists from beginners to advanced. Selected offerings are:

Portraits in Watercolor, a two-day session today and Friday, taught by portrait artist Paul McCormack.

Fountain Creations, a six-week class on Monday mornings where students will design and create a working tabletop fountain.

The Clay Garden, a four-week class on Tuesday mornings.

Fine art workshops include Figure Painting and Drawing, Silver-Point Drawing, Oil Painting, Intro to Papermaking, Acrylic Painting, Techniques of the Old Masters for Modern Artists, and Colored Pencil and Watercolor Workshops. For more information, call (908) 757-7171.

a.m. to 5 p.m. The County Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will exhibit the work of Summit resident Katle Reinhardt throughout the months of June and July.

The hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW AND SALE, at The New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, will be on display through Aug. 11.

For more information, call (908) 273-9121.

BOOKS SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will sponsor its Great Books Dis-合动和动脉的 99月1

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

Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuse on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available. Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave. For information. call (908) 233-3200.

sored by the Linden Department of Recreation, will begin July 10 and run through Aug. 14 at various parks throughout the city.

July 10, George N. Milkosky Memorlal Park: Gene Mendalski and the:G Men, poika music

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Aug. 7, Wilson Park: Saturday Night Fever, rain site at McManus Auditorium

Aug. 14, Wilson Park: Jimmy Sturr and His Orchestra, rain site at McManus Auditorium

All concerts begin at 7:15 and, unless otherwise noted, the rain site is the Linden High School Gynmasium. THE WEST VIRGINIANS will be presented in a free concert Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call

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

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



BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor events for children Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. and Saturdays, Kids Writing Workshop, 10 a.m.

UNION RECREATION DEPART-MENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information call (908) 964-4828.

VARIETY

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

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

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts. Every Sunday is Comedy Night at 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam.

Today: Tabasco Cat

- Friday: Hudson River Rats
- Saturday: Primitive Soul Wednesday: Grateful Dead by Jug-
- gling Suns June 28: Buzz Universe and Life-Sized Humans

June 29: Aliman Brothers Tribute with Skydog

June 30: Mindface For information, call (908) 232-5666.

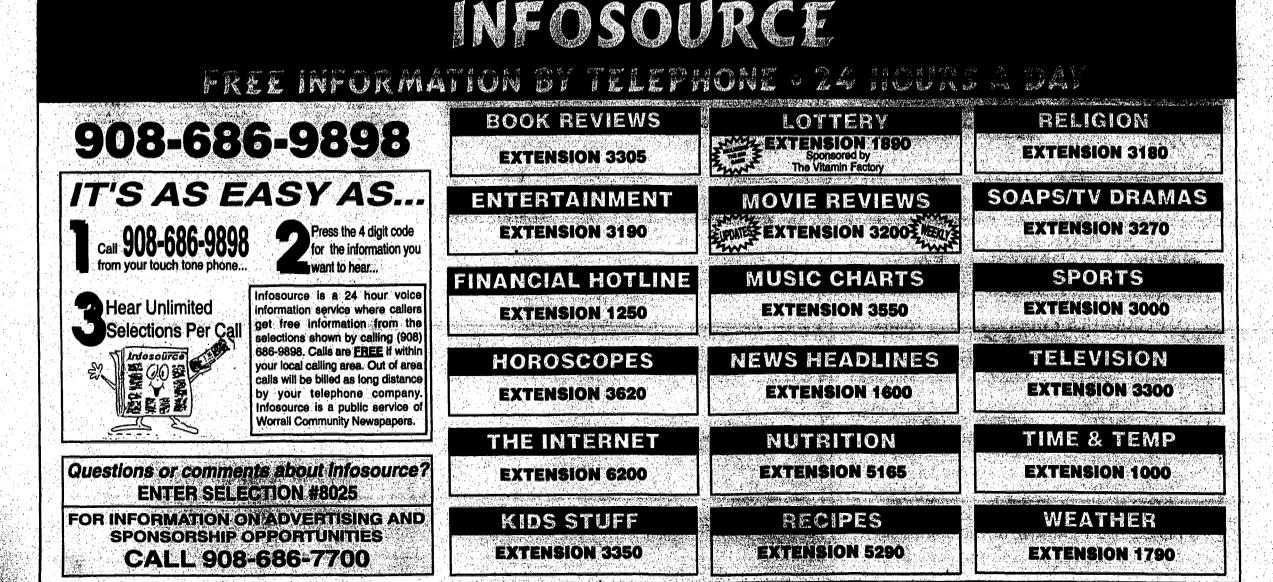
WESTFIELD SUMMER WORKSHOP has announced its summer schedule. The program has close to 100 classes in arts and crafts, communications, dance and movement, drama, kaleldoscope, and music for students in grades 1 to 8.

For more information or a brochure, call (908) 518-1551.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

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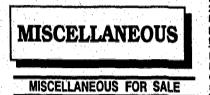
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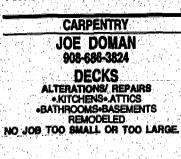
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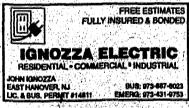
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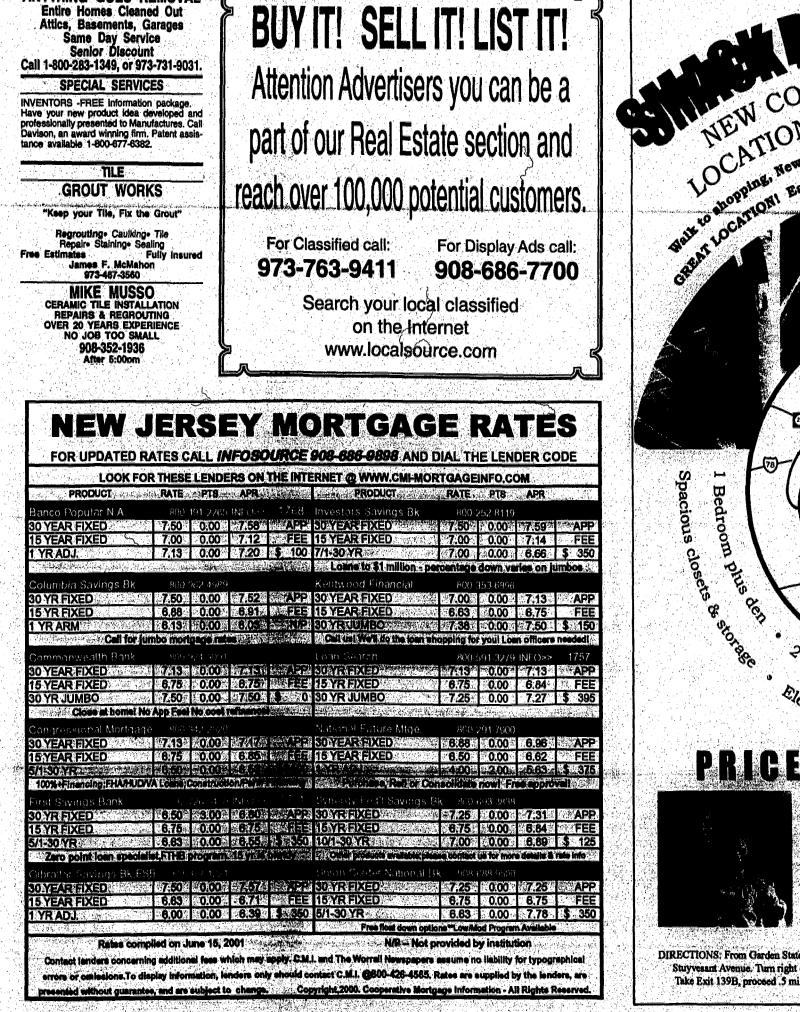
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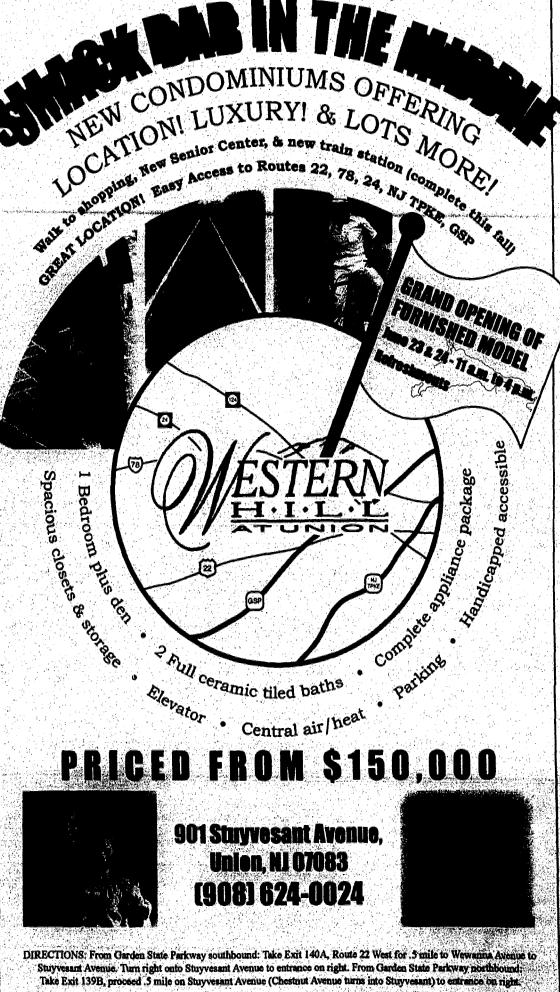
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Mitsubishi Montero Sport is an off-road star with highway ability

By Laura Byrd **Copley News Service**

Someone should send a note to Mitsubjshi that reads: "Build it and they will come. Build many, and they will be confused."

Because confused is exactly what shoppers will be if they decide to look at a Montero Sport. Previously available in four trims - ES, LS, XLS and Limited - 2001 has added "SX" to what already was a diverse selection.

The differences? Nothing a salesman can explain without entering a state of Zen. So, we'll try to save buyers some head scratching.

There are five trims of the Montero Sport. Each one is available in either a 2WD drive or 4WD version. That means 10 choices total. The least expensive has a suggested retail price of \$22,747.

The priciest option is the one tested for this drive: the Montero Sport Limited 4WD four-door, which retails for \$32,777. It is one of only two versions that comes with the larger 3.5 liter V-6

And trust me on this: You'll want the four-wheel-drive because this vehicle's off-highway ability is the best thing about it.

The Limited looks appealing. With a tall stance, high step up and narrow body, its design is as sporty as one of its competitors --- the Toyota 4Runner — but still manages to be an inch narrower and an inch shorter.

the 4Runner's is 11 --- and the wheelbase is two inches longer. It should add up to greater stability and an easier step-in.

The Limited's sporty and distinctive design rivals the exterior appeal of the competition. Exterior door handles, mirrors, side steps and fender flares are color-keyed and sophisticated.

But where raising the bar ends, duplicating begins. The well-laid-out and nicely appointed interior - wood grain accents and sensible dash controls - are conspicuously Toyota.

In fact, both automakers seemingly must share the same supplier for leather-wrapped steering wheels, cruise control, turn signal arms, dash buttons and fuel-door release levers. It's an interesting coincidence that's easily overlooked when it all works and looks so good,

With the exception of an unwieldy seat ratchet that takes careful examination to understand and practice to operate, the Montero's interior controls are user-friendly and intuitive.

The leather seat is extremely comfortable, although the "legs-out" position of the low scat is disconcerting at first. The steering wheel sits higher than

most, even when tilted all the way down, but it does allow for easy viewing of the instrument panel by a shorter driver, who can still see out over the hood comfortably.

The rear cargo area is easy to reach and accommodates groceries, gym bags and in-line skates just fine.

Getting in and out isn't a problem unless you're a full-size person getting into the back seat. The low roof means that anyone over 5 feet tall who jumps up too high on the side step might easily and painfully bang his or her head on the door opening as I did.

This SUV, newly equipped with LATCH system anchors and tethers designed to hold child safety seats more securely than seat belts, can easily shuttle the family around.

I drove the Limited for the first time on a rainy night, and it was easy to buckle in, adjust the mirrors, dial in the radio and adjust the heat controls

without taking my eyes off the road. This truck made a good first impression and inspired confidence.

Unfortunately, its highway performance does not, and at 68 mph, the Montero gave me a handling heads-

The steering felt sloppy and loose as I approached a turn that had no posted speed limit. I decelerated to about 50 mph to make the type of turn I've negotiated easily in other SUVs at 70 mph.

The body roll in the Limited was enough to be alarming, more like the road handled it.

That, despite a new and refined suspension: Rear leaf springs were changed to three-link coil for 2001, and a limited slip differential is standard. It's an improvement on comfort and stability, but the stiff springs and shock absorbers still provide a "trucklike" ride.

It was enough to convince me the Limited needed a proper place to show its stuff. The "stuff" being unequal-length double A-arms and extra-long torsion bars, providing independent suspension that invites off-road driving.

With that in mind, I headed straight

straight is a perfectly pleasant experience in the Limited. It cruises along quietly enough, with only a small amount of engine noise, despite the high (2800) rpm at 65 mph.

It comes equipped with adaptive shift control, which factors in accelerator position, vehicle speed, brake application and road conditions to select the proper gear.

The 7-position transmission supposedly eliminates the need for overdrive, but clearly the gearing was not working efficiently at highway speed, and the high rpms took their toll on gas mileage.

Even though the Montero claims to get 16 mpg in the city and 20 on the freeway, I averaged 15.3 mpg on three tanks of gas.

Regardless of the performance reality check, it's hard to dislike driving this truck. Especially when in fresh snow in the mountains. This is where the Limited finds itself. The lowgeared transmission - equipped with a winter mode for second-gear starts - comes into its own.

The 4-wheel-drive system can be shifted into 4-high while the vehicle is going less than 30 mph. The two-

for the mountains. And driving speed transfer case requires a full stop for shifting into 4-low.

With proper tires, I couldn't shake the Montero loose on snow or ice.

It easily negotiated 14 inches of fresh powder, solid ice and, later in the day, packed snow and wet ice. The low-speed torque and responsiveness of the 3.5-liter SOHC 24-valve V-6 engine was a good match for the slush and ice.

Even when stomping the 3-channel multimode anti-lock brakes. I couldn't easily put the Limited into a skid, even on ice. Steering through fresh snow, the power-assisted recirculating ball system responded by going exactly where I asked it to go contrary to my freeway experience.

Freeway handling aside, the Limited wins big points for styling, ergonomics and off-road ability. But the Montero has improvements to make before it can rightfully claim the resale value and reliability of some of its competitors.

Until then, this is one truck that belongs off-road to really shine.

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Tiny trailers from past bring back road full of memories

By Laura Byrd **Copley News Service**

Marjorie Forbes is 77 years old, and she's living the dream she and her late husband had when they married in 1943

By the time they could afford the tiny teardrop camper they wanted back in the '50s, however, they had a family. The intimate nature of a 4-by-8-foot trailer just wasn't practical then.

Her husband died in 1991, but four years ago, Marjorie finally bought her first teardrop.

Towed behind a restored 1955 Pontiac with "OLD BITTI" plates, the matching burgundy teardrop with its "ITI BITI" plate attracts a lot of attention whenever the retired bank manager gets behind the wheel.

"I've been on several camping trips," says Forbes, a resident of Oceanside, Calif., and you feel like a movie star when you pull into the campground. Everybody flocks to you. It's wonderful."

Easy to tow, park and navigate, teardrops have an attached dining table that flips out and a "trunk lid" lift that features a stove, sink, water and kitchen storage, and/or an ice box.

Enthusiastic owners add matching "tents" on one side details.

borate personal touches are the norm.

Teardrop campers mark spaces with miniature mailboxes and antique signs. Tiny tables are set with flowers and wine glasses.

The origin of teardrops is vague, but it dates to the early '30s. Reproductions of the originals are available, from inexpensive build-it-yourself kits to custom packages. Restoration of originals, however, can add up.

At somewhere around \$26,000 for restoration of both the Pontiac and her teardrop, Forbes says she really doesn't want to know how much the entire package has cost her.

But, she says, it's worth it, no matter what the cost. "I missed camping," Forbes said. "But I didn't feel safe camping in a tent by myself and I didn't want to drive a motor home.

"The teardrop is so easy to maneuver. I was at a campground once and needed to push it up a hill. Some kids offered to help. We did it easily. Me, and a couple of 10-year-olds!"

The teardrops typically are eight feet long, four feet high and wide and weigh about 600 pounds, and those teardrops from the '30s, '40s and '50s are regaining popularity. A recent eBay inquiry found only one available - a newly built model --- that had more than 800 viewings the

That bunch of youngsters includes Larrie and Lynn Follstad of Yucca Valley, Calif., 40-somethings who camp frequently in a white 1965 Scadabout teardrop, which Larrie Follstad customized to accommodate his 6-foot, 4-inch

"When we began restoring the teardrop five years ago," says Lynn, sitting next to a pink plastic flamingo in their campsite, "Larrie just laid down inside the trailer and we measured 6 feet 4 inches. Then we moved the wall of the

for her bed inside, and she slept the width of the trailer. We pulled it with our red Volkswagen bug, and we loved it."

Follstad is restoring yet another teardrop — a rare 1946 Slumbercoach woody - and concedes it's not easy to achieve solitude when camping in a teardrop.

"There can be a hundred or so half-million-dollar motor homes in the campground, and everyone wants to come see the teardrop," he said, "Somebody's always coming around saying, 'I used to have one years ago, let me tell

you a story.' A lot of older people have fond memories of their experiences in a teardrop."

And some sad memories, too.

"We had a 1938 teardrop that burned in a fire in 1965," said Edna Powers, "and it took years before we found a replacement."

Edna and her husband, Earl, are retired and camp often in the fully restored 1957 trailer named after the song ---"Wine and Roses" — that was popular the year they were married.

Packed with of homemade touches - stenciled roses and grapes in the kitchen, hand-sewn bedding and curtains - "Wine & Roses" sits in a campsite alongside "Route 66" owned by Glen and Arlys Johnson.

The 1956 Sherwood "Route 66" teardrop, towed by a matching 1966 Crown Victoria, actually has traveled the entire historic route.

The custom interior and kitchen on "66" are a colorful expression of the many miles traveled by the Johnsons.

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kitchen forward.

It wasn't the first time the Follstads made a teardrop serve their needs. "We had a bright red one in 1974," Follstad says, "when our daughter was a baby. We built a shelf

Chevy's missing link is rolling toward showroom

By Mark Maynard **Copley News Service**

Of the 100 million households in the United States, about 30 million of them have a pickup or SUV in the garage. Chevrolet thinks its 2002 Avalanche could take the place of two vehicles.

It could - and that's a good argument for the head of household who wants a new truck - but at about \$35.000 each. I expect most two-car families would keep a car and dump their older truck for the Avalanche.

Not that the United States needs another big sport-utility on the road, but Avalanche is like nothing else already on the market.

Chevrolet calls its 2002 Avalanche the missing link between the Silverado pickup and the Suburban. It can be a six-passenger transport with a 6½ -foot bed that can be flip-folded into a three-passenger pickup with 8to 10-foot bed.

The Avalanche has a secure cargo area, 8,700-pound trailering capacity and generous seat space for four or five people.

Built from the Suburban, it has a 61/2 -foot bed instead of a third-row bench seat. And unlike a four-door pickup, the bed is deeper and extendable into the cabin and at the tailgate.

The Avalanche engineers were clever in using the space. Peeling back the roof allowed lockable storage bins — top boxes — to be designed into the bed walls. The watertight and lockable boxes are about the size of a large briefcase and are useful storage places for just about anything, including ice and drinks, which the engineers say passed the desert test.

Lights built into the boxes also light the bed.

The greatest asset to Avalanche is in its midgate. Designed as the convertable rear wall of the cabin, the midgate can be used three ways:

• Pop out the window for air flow; the glass is easily locked into the lower half of the gate.

 Leave in the window but fold the lower half of the gate to open 8 feet of pickup bed.

· Lower the entire midgate to carry an ATV, dirt bike or other piece of bulky, awkward cargo.

Drop the 23-inch-deep tailgate with built-in cup holders - and you've got almost 10 feet of bed. And an optional bed-extender guard will

be offered to corral cargo. The various conversions can be done by one person, but it is faster with two.

Chevrolet says there are 25,000 reconfigurations possible, including two-tier loading to the bed, eight tiedowns and the optional roof rack.

Cutting away the roof line required structural reinforcements, some of which were cleverly disguised in the triangular sail panel that bolsters the rear window. The Suburban floor pan also was reinforced to carry as much as 1,300 pounds.

The bed is protected by a soft tonneau cover, but the optional threepiece hard cover is more versatile. It is watertight, theft-resistant by the locking tailgate, can be removed one piece at a time depending on the load to be carried, and it will support 250 pounds, either cargo or a someone standing on it to reach the roof rack.

Climbing into the bed is simplified by a step built into the bumper and a hand grab in the corner of the top rail. Stepping into the cab also seems lower than a pickup; step rails or running boards are unnecessary, unless as aids to reach the roof rack or for cosmetic styling.

At the recent media preview near Palm Springs, Calif., Chevrolet showed journalists about a dozen of the bed configurations, including an optional tent.

In a vacant hotel parking lot, each Avalanche was loaded with a variety of building supplies, sheets of plywood, appliances, fencing, carpet, a pneumatic wood splitter, 5-gallon drums of paint, fence posts, generator and more.

Driving the trucks with a substantial load was a good test of the horsepower and suspension.

Driving impressions are embargoed until June 1 - probably so you won't delay buying a four-door pickup or a Suburban — but I will mention that the 4WD Avalanche feels better · balanced than a Suburban and doesn't have the bouncy ride of a pickup. And airflow with the midgate wide open in the 45 degree mountain air was remarkably unruffling.

The 285-hp, 5.3-liter V-8 and fourspeed automatic transmission - the only driveline offered in the half-ton model - handled the load and the uphill travel with surprising ease, considering the truck's 5,800-pound curb weight. Shifting into third gear for

climbing the mountain allowed the 325 foot-pounds of torque to do its job without losing headway.

Fuel mileage is about what you'd expect of a truck this size - 13 mpg city and 17 highway on regular unleaded --- but that's only 1 mpg less than a stock Suburban.

Prices start at \$30,965 for a 2WD Avalanche and can go upward of \$35.000 with all the factory options. The 4WD model ranges from \$33,965 to \$38,000.

Built at the Silao Assembly plant in Mexico, Avalanche went on sale in very limited numbers in mid-May, with the first trucks being shipped to California, Texas and Florida, the biggest truck markets in the United States.

Chevy expects to sell 100,000 vehicles in 2001, but expects demand to be higher. If all goes well for the launch - no recalls, no strikes - availability should be better nationwide by July and August.

Uplevel Avalanches

In addition to the standard models, there will be a 2500 Series Avalanche, and a North Face Edition, which probably won't be available until late summer.

I had concerns that even a 285-hp V-8 wouldn't be quite stout enough to heft this truck's weight.

It was, but for those who have bigger loads to pull there will be a heavyduty 2500 Series model built on a three-quarter ton chassis with 8.1-liter V-8 rated at 340 hp and 455 footpounds of torque.

Available in two- or four-wheel drive, the 2500 will pull a 12,000-pound trailer and comes with a 37½ -gallon fuel tank, 6½ more than the half-ton Avalanche. Prices start at \$32,865 for 2WD and \$35,864 for 4WD.

The North Face Edition is a marketing relationship with the well-known camping and mountaineering firm. This truck will be offered in four paint colors: Sunset Orange, Black, Pewter, White and a special Sage Green Metallic only available on this Avalanche.

The interior will be accented with cedar green and black leather seats. special door trim panels, heavy-duty floor mats, white-face gauges, two North Face day packs that clip to the seat backs and two North Face "duffelos," or rubberized, watertight dufile bags.

Special hardware includes an offroad suspension with specially tuned Bilstein shock absorbers, 17-inch blackwall tires, locking rear differential, skid plates and a high capacity air filter.

Available in 4WD only, prices start at \$37.465.

Avalanche add-ons

Even though a fully loaded Avalanche tops out at \$38,000, Chevy has designed a line of dealer-installed options.

With the launch of Avalanche, accessories are being moved out of the parts department and into the showroom so shoppers can customize their truck at the time of the sale.

Consumers spend \$23 billion a year on aftermarket add-ons for their vehicles and General Motors wants a bigger piece of that action.

"We are now developing accessories with the development of a vehicle," said Jim Kornas, marketing chief for GM's Service Parts Organization. "GM is serious about building this business."

It will be more convenient for owners, Kornas said, and the dealerinstalled items get the full company warranty.

Some of the extras for Avalanche are a grille guard, soft or hard luggage carriers, custom-fitted truck cover, hot/cold beverage console, step rails and running boards, bike-ski-canoe carriers and a second-row seat liner to prevent cargo from damaging the seat back when the midgate is lowered.



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