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faster

The van parked on South Avenu-before the intersection at Locus and South avenues in Rosell slowed down traffic on Monda morning. The goal for commuter was to patiently merge to the left and then quickly back to the right to avoid the left-hand turn into Roselle Park

Ronald Weening also knows Ronald Weening also knows something about patience. From his post at Union County's Division of Policy and Planning he spen-headed last week a presentation on the evolving study "to develop a plan to reduce traffic congestion and provide alternate travel choices on Route 28 and South Avenue."

Left Out

By Frank Capece

I like Weening. He avoids publicity like a left-hand turn on North Avenue. Unlike too many municipal planners and engineers, but may a vidently complete the course in my way or the highway, Weening is soft spoken and listens and responds respectfully to questions. Talkso like to remind the populace that last century the country elected two engineers — Carrier elected two engineers — and Hoover — as president.

But last week was the time for the planners. Using a sharp threat that unless "intelligent transportation systems" are developed, we face Rout 22 conditions on North and South avenues, the planners at the meeting in Cranford sure got my attention, Sadiy, the paid staff outnumbered the people who were supposed to give input.

The outside consultants hired to assist the country effectively set the task as moving traffic "better not faster." The expected development of Brownfields sites on the road-way between Plainfield and Elizabeth and institution lopefully of But last week was the time for

zabeth and institution hopefully of light rail transit makes this area

light roil transit makes this area ripe for growth.

The key points included the need for intelligent transportation, addressing the terrible conditions on the Gordon Street Bridge between Roselle and Roselle Park and the institution or Jimey service were positive. I was none too pleased with the depressing new that the limitation on funds mean that a read quantity of jimey service was not to be expected.

It seems to me that the best way to stop congestion is to leave the

to stop congestion is to leave the car home at the beginning. Jitney service to the municiple train sta-tions and bus locations is a natural But the planners expect; to make their recommendations to the North Jersey Transportation Plan-ning advisory group in the coming months.

months.

I hope the planners reach out to hoople like Barbara Bilger. A community leader in Cranford, she has lived on North Avenue since 1969. She has watched the growth of conumerce and the resulting traffic congestion on the street in front of her house.

er house. But Bilger also has concern over the new proposals for the Cranford Crossing project on South Avenue in her town. Her concern is that the proposed park ing deck for the 60 new apartment envision spaces will open up dur-ing the day. Bilger is not so opti-mistic. She believes that apart-ments will be attractions to coming the day. Biger is not so opti-mistle. She believes that apart-ments will be attractions to com-muters for New York and Newark As such, they will walk to the trair and leave their cars as dead space Heck, they don't even need a jitney

Heck, they don't even need a jituey bus.

But the planners are planning, When they talk about congestion they see "warning signs" and they are right. The need for better llow, ability to have a passing lane and a turn lane and better operation of traffic signals are important. Last week the State Senate passed a bill which will give 'Union' County \$14,814,000 for bridge' repair. Things are moving forward.

At the end of, the evening.

At the end of the evening, Weening was standing and patient ly listening and responding to a
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Better not Freeholders to make first open space purchase

More than 60 acres to be bought in Summit from water company

More than 6U acres to

By. Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders will
become the obner of the largest remaining
undeveloped piece of land in Union County by
year's end. The county amounced last week
that it will acquire a 65-acre parcel on Chenside
Avenue in Summit, the first land acquisition
using the Open Space, Recreation and Historic
Preservation Trust Fund. The wooded land currently is owned by New Jersey-American
Water Co. and adjacent to the Watching Reservation and the Sheriff's Complex.

The sale price of \$9\$ million will be funded
primarily through the trust fund, with \$1.5 million coming from the Garden State Preservation

lion coming from the Garden State Preservation Trust. The remaining \$7.5 million will be raised through the open space trust fund, which likely will occur after the closing. County Manager Michael Lapolla said. The trust fund generates approximately \$5 million annually through a dedicated tax of two cents per \$100 of assessed

Operty value.

The land is assessed at more than \$5.3 mil-The land is assessed at more than \$5.3 million and pays approximately \$114,000 annually in tax revenue. Being zoned for one-family, residential units, the property could accommodate 37 residential lots, Lapolla said, making it desirable for developers.

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"As the state's largest water purveyor, New Jersey-American recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our environment," said Bob Gallo, president of the water

said Bob Gallo, president of the water-company,
Lapolla said the water company will retain
an easer-jett that will allow it to operate and
maintain its existing facilities on the property,
namely a few pumping stations. He added that
Fountain Baptist Church, a continguous landowner on Gienside Avenue, might purchase
approximately five acres of the property, if for
any reason that does not occur, the coultiv will any reason that does not occur, the county will

retain those five acres.

The parties are currently negotiating a definition of sale that will be subject to the
approval of the company's Board of Directors
and the freeholder board.

The land has been owned by the water com The fand has been owned by the water com-pany since 1915, said company spokessorman Maureen Duffy. She said New Jersey-American originally bought the property in case there was a need for it. After re-evaluating property it owns, the company decided the par-cel was not needed, Duffy said. While he praised the freeholders for purcha

While he praised the freeholders for purchasing the water utility land, Bob Musika of the Berkeley Helights Environmental Commission urged the board to act quickly on other land, including two parcels in Berkeley Helights and Scotch Plains that are planned for development. Musika said the environmental commission had concerns last year about the trust fund that money would be directed too much toward building maintenance and new construction than the acquisition of open space.

The Donato property in Scotch Plains its stated for 100 housing units after developer K. Hovnanian recently won a courb battle to build there and has received approval from the Scotch Plains Planning Board. Musika said purchase of the Donato property would prevent "inappropriate development where the streets already flood."

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The Baldwin property in Berkeley Heights is a three-acre tract where a developer plans to build 22 housing units. "There's a lot of opportunity but we haven't seen aggressive action."

Muska said. "These properties have to be taken now."

Lapolla said the county looked into the Donato property five years ago, but the deve-

loper's asking price for the seven-acre parcel was upward of \$1 million an acre. "That's an extraordinary amount for a passive parcel just to stop development."

"The real issue is not the trace form."

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ing and debelopment issues in the communi-ties." Lapolla said.

He added that the county cannot approach the owner of any land that is designated by a municipality for affordable housing.

Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, who serves the the Open Space Advisory Committee, said-yill county could easily spend \$100 million/so the acquisition of land however, thee' are 21 forms in the county to consider when asing trast fund dollars. Virtually all of the land the county has identified for acquisition is in the westen por-tion of the County, near the Walchung Reservation.

Negotiations for the New Jersey-American land purchase took six months, Ruotolo said,

land purchase took six, months, Ruotolo said, and the county is erying to accomplish as much as it can with the trust fund. Freeholders praised county officials for moving as quickly as it did to make the land purchase, as other counties took several years to do anything after a trust fund in Enion County last November by a wide margin.

Old jail will close entirely this week

By Mark Hrywna

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Regional Editor

By the end of this week, the entire old jail is expected to close for good, County Manager Michael Lapolla said.

The county's closing of the old jail drew protests earlier this year from the union representing corrections officers, who were to be laid off.

The plan to close the old jail was conceived after the state pulled many of its prisoners out of the county's jails, virtually eliminating \$8 million of annual tevenue in the county budget derived from state reimbursements.

As part of the plan to close the jail, the county also laid off almost 100 corrections officers, which sparked protests from the Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 108, the union representing more than 300 corrections officers. More than 70 corrections officers found employment with the state or in other counties while Union County rehired more than a dozen officers who were laid off, the county manager said.

Lapolla said the new state budget, passed last week, had \$55 million removed from it that once was used to reimburse counties for housing state pfisomers. "The state will no longer be doing that," said Lapolla, who made the announcement during last week's freeholder meeting at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. "We found out this week the money will no longer be deter."

Center in Mountainside. "We found out this week the money will no longer be there." In hird floor of the old jail remained open during the transition period of the closing, while prisoners were transferred to either the new jail across the street or to Delancy Hall, a drug treatment facility in Newark. Under the trend of the closing with prisoners of the street of the transition contract in February with Education and Health Centers in Roseland, which runs Delaney Hall, to service as many as 400 prisoners from the county's jail. The contract included an option for two additional years, 2002 and 2003, for \$12 million.

As of last week, Lapolla said there were fewer than 40 prisoners still being housed in the old jail. The average daily population at the new jail*ris now approximately 800 top \$80 prisoners, with another 200 at Delancy Hall.

Last year, the average daily population was approximately 1,300 to 1,400 prisoners, the county manager said.

Hitting the big 100



Carmela Fortunato, a resident of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, center, with her daughter, Josephine Cortese of Berkeley Heights, and her son, Julius of Linden, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 30. A party was held by her family in the facility's multipurpose room. She was born in Italy in 1901, and came to the U.S. In 1919, settling in Pennsylvania before moving Ito Elizabeth in 1926, where she lived until coming to Runnells in 1997. Carmela was a homemaker, raising two sons and one daughter, and she loved gardening. She has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Honoring D-Day vets



The Board of Chosen Freeholders and the French government honored local veterans with a citation and special medal for their participation in the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. At the presentation ceremony last month are, from left, standing, Richard Manners, past state commander of DAV, a former POW and member of American Legion Post 328, in Clark, and other post members. Bill Miskovich, Fred Roll and Bob Higber, and seated, Francis Collins and Charlie Grunder.

Auto Theft Task Force receives grant for laptop computers

Schering-Plough Corporation has awarded a \$17,000 grant to the Union County Prosecutor's Office that will allow the Bessex County/Union County Auto Theft Task Force to purchase two laptop computers to increase the unit's mobile data terminal system.

The system is connected to a cellular network that enables police officers to instantaneously lithe with the National Crime Information Center — an enhanced computerized information system developed by state-police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation — to query shout license plates and other driver information from their patrol vehicles.

The task hyrce formerly used a "20-year-old, outdated" analogue-based system transmitted through a ratio frequency, said Dave Regal, chief of detectives for the Prosecutor's Office in Elizabeth.

There was a substantial increase in stolen cars in the late 1980s and early 1990s in Bsex and Union Counties, with Newart basines his blakes transparence.

Newark having the highest number of stolen cars in New Jersey. Prosecutors and police chiefs from both counties decided to form the multi-jurisdictional offort to patrol prime areas for stolen and recovered cars in both counties. The task force also was established to apprehend violators

Preliminary plans for nature center presented

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor Mary Sudiak moved to Cranford 16

Mary sudiak moved to Crantord 16 years ago after living in Pittsburgh most of her life. She expected to take her children to museums and other attractions in New York City when she moved to the Carden State. Then she found Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

Her son knows that The Big Dipper Her son knows that The Big Dipper is not a constellation, but an asterism, while her daughter has learned to recycle vitually everything possible. Sudiak :credits the programs and instructors lat Trailside for teaching her children such things. "I don't know where I found out about Trailside," but thank God for Trailside."

Sudiak thanked the freeholder board for "noticing the needs have outgrown the facilities at Trailside."

The Board of Chosen Freeholders has embarked on a plan to cosntruct a as entoured in a plan to estimate a \$2.5-million, 17,000-square-foot addition to the 7,700-square-foot nature center, adding classrooms, exhibit, space and storage areas. Architects last week presented to the freeholders preliminary designs for the addition. The current facility also will be restored and connected to the new addition, which is not included in the \$2.5 million cost of the addition

Freeholders Mary Ruotolo and Angel Estrada each suggested the architects look closely at the potential for alternative energy sources for the

new facility.
Ralph Rosenberg of DMR

Architects of Maywood said construction — from groundbreaking to rib-bon cutting — should take 15 months and could begin within three to four months. "But there are a lot of hurdles

months. But there are a lot of hurules before that."
County Manager Michael Lapolla said the addition will focus on class-room activities and exhibit space. Once the ceiunty has final drawings for the addition, they will be presented to the Mountainside Planning Board and architects also will return before the freeholder board with periodic undates when plans are more iodic updates when plans are more

specific.

If necessary, two other buildings on
the Trailside property, the planetartum and museum, will be used for
classes or exhibits, as well as the
multipurpose room at the Watchung
Stables when it is available, Lapolla

Opened in 1974, Trailside offers a variety of programs for children and adults and last year had 60,000 people register for its programs.

Funding for the construction at Trailstde will come from the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, a fact that has riled Republicans and some residents.

some residents. Roselle resident Mary Beth Kelly questioned freeholders as to why the referendum on last year's ballot did not refer to any master plan or to additions at Trailside. She believes residents were "buffaloed" by the freeholders in passing the trust fund.

COUNTY NEWS

Master Gardeners class creates new garden

A new deer-registant ornamental garden has been created in Lenape Park by the Master Gardener students of the Class of 2000-01, a course provided by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. The newly-planted garden is located in the central divider at the end of East Broad Street in Westfield.

Thirty-five adults have been attend-

in Westreld.

Thirty-five adults have been attending the weekly classes since September, learning every facet of gardening, from basic botany to vegetable diseases. Rugers Cooperative Extension faculty and staff teach their expertise to the class over a nine-month period of time.

One of the volunteer training course requirements is that, as a learn, students design, install and maintain a landscape planting for the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation. The Division of Parks and Recreation The Division of Parks purchased the plant material for the Lenape Park project and county park employées cultivated the plot. Master Gardeners and the new garden in mid-April

planted the new garden in mid-April and will continue to maintain it. Because deer often roam through the park and the yards of nearby houses, foraging for food, all the students' designs contained only peren-nials and shribs that deer are not sup-

posed to like.
"No plant is completely decr-proof," said Madeline Flahive DiNarproof, said Madeline Planner Diyardon, country agricultural agent. "During hard winters, deer have been known to cat almost any vegetation. We can only rely on the plants that they tend to dislike under ordinary

Among the 70-odd shrubs and

perennials planted in the new, hourglass-shaped Lenape garden are holly, bayberry and ornamental

holly, bayberry and ornamental-grasses.
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is currently recruiting volunteers for the Master Gardener, Training program scheduled to begin Sept. 25.
For more information, call the Agriculture Department at (908) 654-9854.

All programs are open to the public without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disabili-ty, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

Golf Classic raises \$27K for United Way

S27K TOF United Way
United Way of Union Gounty's second annual Goff Classic raised \$27,000 to support the Dell Raudelunas Fund for Chiliden and United Way's Community Fund. An anonymous donor made a matching donattion to bring the total raised to \$54,000.

More than 110 onfers his the link-

\$\$4,000.

More than 110 golfers hit the links and hundreds attended the dinner reception on June 11 at Shackamaxon Colf & Country Club in Scotch Plants. L'Oreal USA was the title sponsor for the second annual Golf Classic, Clarker sponsors included. Classic, Other sponsors included Schering-Plough Corp., Maersk Sea-

land. Summit Bank and Torcon Inc. "We are delighted that our second annual Golf Classic brought together so many local people and organizations to support our earing communisaid Larry Lockhart, Golf Classic chairman and United Way board member. "Their generous support will boost programs that have a lasting and dramatic impact, not only on the peo-ple who directly benefit, but on our community as a whole."

The Dell Raudelunas Fund for Children supports programs that

community as a whole."

The Dell Raudelunas Fund, for Children supports programs that prepare children throughout the Union County for a lifetime of learning and achievement. United Way of Union County's Comminity Fund supports local programs and services that work to: provide basic needs services that work to: provide basic needs services that work to: provide basic needs services; increase economic self-sufficiency; promote lifelong health, wellness and undependencem and build strong and supportive families.

United Way of Union County has been investing in a caring community since 1969. Its community wide fundraising campaign is focused on supporting a network of programs at 83. local health and luman service agencies. These programs lend assistance to children art-its, families in crisis, people with disabilities, the elderly, and hungry and homeless. One out of every three Union County residents received assistance from programs supported by United Way during the past year.

For more information or to support

past year.

For more information or to support United Way of Union County, call (908) 353-7171.

NCJW installs officers

The National Council of Jewish Women, Union County Section, installed the following officers for 2001-02: president, Gloria Brown; vice presidents, administration, Sandra Panzer, community services, Shari Bioomberg, education, Suellen Bloomberg, education, Suellen Kasoff, fund-raising, Hortense Green and Ruth Harris, program, Gloria Lit-win; treasurer, Golde Weiner; assis-tant treasurer, Sheri Freedman; secretaries, corresponding, Ada Gross,

financial, Gloria Segel, recording, Hana Keselman and Verna Lember, social, Marlene Freeman.— The National Council of Jewish Women established in 1893 is Ameri-

volunteer organization. The Union County Section of NCIW was established in 1917.

For more information about NCIW, call (908) 352-1207.

Senior Outreach Program Union County's Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program for the month of July. Union County representatives will be available to offer information and

provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for a multitude of programs, including gas and electror programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, Supplementary Security-Income, counseling on health insurance for Medicare enrollees, and the SHARE Food Program. A bilingual staff person will be

The dates, times and locations for

The dates, unapplications are:

• Tuesday: Élizabeth — Oqkwood
Plaza, 380 Irvington, Ave., 10 a.m. until noon. (5)

• Wednesday: Elizabeth — Eli-

Wednesday: Elizabeth — Elizabethport Presbyterian Center, 184
First St., 10 a.m. to noon.
 July 17: Elizabeth — Elizabeth
Center Apartments, 809 Pearl St., 10
a.m. to noon.

July 18: Plainfield — Plainfield enior Center, 305 E. Front St., 10

• July 24: Linden — Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., 10 a.m. 10 noon.

Senior buses ready to be shipped to towns

In some municipalities they will become the backbone of a new senior transportation service. In others, they will supplement existing transportation services. Passenger vans funded through the Union County freeholder board's Seniors in Molton initiative, will be delivered shortly to several municipalities. "This is a good day for Union County's senior citizens," said Precholder Vice Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr., who is the freeholder liaison to the county's Advisory Council on Aging and Senior Citizens and Disabled Transportation committees. "Transportation is always an isue of concern for senior citizens, particularly here, in one of the state's most-densely-populated counties." Seniors in Motion was one of three Year of the Senior Citizens' initiatives implemented in 2000 by then-Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sultivan. Union County invited all municipalities to apply and worked with the gnaurfacturer to acquire the vans.

In all, 14 municipalities applied for the Seniors in Motion vans.— white, 15-passenger Dodge Rams. The county will provide the vehicles to municipalities at no charge. Monicipalities will be responsible for their own transportation programs; developing routes, hiring and paying drivers and acquiring insurance.

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Participating in the initiative are Cranford, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Plainfield, Rahway, Rostelle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Summit, Union and Westfield.

"Through this initiative, Union County purchased vehicles in bulk for muntcipalities, while allowing towns to determine the best way to utilize their vehicles." said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "It shows how county government works best when it works with municipal officials."

Besides Seniors in Motion, Union County government developed three initiatives: Senior Focus, which provided each municipality with funds to improve their senior citizen centers, and Senior Scholars, which provided free courses for all seniors at Union County College, In total, Union County gave its 21 municipalities more than \$2.5 million for senior center construction and improvements. More than 200 seniors took Senior Scholars courses. The initiative was so popular that it was continued this year.

Things moving forward

(Continued from Page B1) citizen's concern about transit. Balancing the needs of commuters, merchants and the residents who will be directly and maybe adversely affected requires both technical and people skills. Come to think about it, I don't think. Weening is an engineer.

A resident of Cranford, Frank





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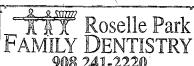
the 24-hour telephone crisis hotline. urgently needs volunteers to staff its phone lines.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Union artist Neal Korn stands besided 'Sweet Sixteen,' his wor in Show at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts' annual

Union County artists are honored

The New Jersey Center for Visual Aris kicked-off its annual Mombers' Show and Sale June 10. Nearly 300 guests attended the event.

Bligible members are displaying 158 original works of art in a variety of categories including painting, drawing, collage, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, photography, and jewelry. In addition, this year's award-winning artists will be afforted the opportunity of featuring their work at Overlook Hospital.

NIVCA provides artists in the show with additional opportunities every year. Last year as well as this year, a limited number of artists had the option of exhibiting large-

Dominique Nahas, New York-based independent cura-tor, editor of dART International and a frequent contributor to Art in America juried the show. Award-winners included:

- · Best in Show; "Sweet Sixteen" by Neal Korn, Union.
- Merit Awards: "Devin" by Debra Carr, Short Hills:
 "Yellow House in Spring" by Elizabeth Demarce, South
 Orange; and "Marquee View" by Sheilia Lenga, Union.
- Emeriti Award: "Horizons Interrupted" by Lonny Irgens Badalamenti, Lincoln Park.
- Promise Award: "On the Roof" by Marianne Tarmy.
- Marian Anderson Memorial Award for Portrai-ture: "A Figure with Gold" by Katherine Philip, Glen
- Kathle Kempf Dorman Memorial Award for Scult-pure; "At the Edge" by Amy Charmatz, Springfield.

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Curtis Hillyer Memorial Award for Watercolor: Snowing in Central Park" by Norbert Blanco, Westfield.

photography, and jewelry.

- Juergen Thieck Memorial Award for Photogra-"Untitled" by Carmine Scarpa, Chatham.
- phy: "Unitted" by Carmine Searpa, Chatham.

 Honorable Mentions: "Wedding Night" by Bette
 Blank, Madison; "Crimson Waves" by Elisa Kussler
 Caporale, Summit, "Nature's Quarry" by Virginia Huntel
 Bennardsville, "JRG" by Arline Melchior, Kenilworth:
 "Life's Bounty" by Martha Rolland, New Vernon; "Nightmate and Fantasess" by Will White, Chatham.

 The show runs until Aug. 11.

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Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local arrists.
NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by award-winning facility.
There are two interior galleness and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NJCVA is the largest visual art comer in the state. It is specifically devoed to contemporary art. Programs include Artists With Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities. The non-profit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is 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

'Empty Plate' is a full-course meal

With its current production of "An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf" by Michael Hollinger, The Theater Project has served up a sump-tuous feast of laughter and pathos.

usous teast of tauginer, and petros.

This company, in residence at
Union County College, has estab-lished a reputation for rour-star heater-going, and has not let its audi-ence down with its current offering; the company's first show staged by a

guest director.

From the moment the audience enters the Roy Smith Theater at UCC, the play's magic is at work, complete with a greating from a maint of '-like, actor, who welcomes all to the Cafe du Grand Boeuf — literally translated, Big Boef Cafe — and shows parties of two, three and more to their results. sonts.

Set in 1901 in a Parisian care that caters to a clientele of one, the play treats us to a buffet of hilarity as the staff falls all over itself — literally and figuratively — to make atomsicur feel at home, despite his staffet desire to starve himself to death

to starve himself to death?

As Monsieur, who prefers on this occasion to be called by the morepersonal. Ziece, dictates his memors to a neophyte bushoy, head waiter
Claude and his staff seek to tempt
Victor's will to live with empty plates
and succulent descriptions of the food
that could occupy them.

In the pivotal vole of Victor, Ken Schactman shows enviable focus and energy, as well as impeccable confic-timing. His silences are often as funny as his lines. While the show does not rest solely on his shoulders, he meets the demands of the hon's share with aplomb, smoothly and humorously shifting through this man's levels of

Project vet Gary Glor is a riot as Claude. His attempts to keep every-thing at the cafe moving smoothly are as desperate as Victor's decision is resolute, making for many laughs.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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On the **Boards**

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

The breadth of Olor's talent is reason

As Mimi, the waitress and Claude's wife of seven years, Blair A. Brown brings a zest and joie de vivre to the role. Oscar Castillo is hysterical as Gaston, the best psycho chel since "The Little Mermaid." Nicholas Buo-"The Little Mermaid." Nicholas Buo-nagurio is excellent as busboy Antoine, delivering an on-the-money stutter throughout, a yory difficult impediment to accurately replicate without distracting from the action. Daaimah Talley's brief seene as Miss Berger is tender and touching, thanks to the warmth and resonance with which this talented actress imbues her

character.

Director Gabriel Shanks has flaw-lessly maintained The Theater Pro-ject's well-deserved reputation for excellence. This critic has seen sever-al shows at the Project, all outstand-

ing, and "Grand Boeul" now takes its place alongside them. The comic pac-ing of this show is deliriously frantic, and the often overlapped, rapid, fire dialogue is always intelligible, even if it did lead in a couple of line stumbles and word inversions opening

The technical aspects of the show are on a par with the acting and direc-tion. The inventive Julia Hahn has designed a functional and effective art dosigned a functional and effective art deco set, which is beautifully and evocatively it by slift Nagle. The costume design by Talley, who won the 1997 Wortall Newspapers T.E.A.M. Award for costumes, was right off the pages of a 1961 fashion magazine, particularly the women's drosses and suits. Like a sumptionis meal, all the ingredients in "Cafe du Grand Boout" have biended beautifully and complement each other deliciously. A dish this tasty is rare indeed and should not be missed — "Empty Plate" is a full-course meal of quality entertainment.

"An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeut" runs through July 15 at Union County College in Cran-ford, For information, see the "Thelisting in the Stepping Ou calendar on Page 86.

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A summer showcase of 37 multi-edia works by 17

A summer showcase of 37 multi-media works by 17 young artists from the 2001 duCret School of Art Student Show will be on view Saturday' through July 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Subjects range from landscapes, still lifes, portraft to interpretations of time and beauty in media that include oils, pastels, watercolors, stained glass, colored pencil, pen and incl, charcoal, silverpoint, collage, mixed media, acrylics and sculpture.

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mixed media, acrylics and scuipture. "Always inventive and never stale, the work of young artists is a pleasure for its unpredictability," stated projector Ann Swain. "I look forward to this show every year and I think it's important for people to see it." The duCret School of Art, head-quartered in a Stanford White man-

The occur in a Stanford White man-sion in Plainfield, is the oldoes private art school in the state. The duCret exhibit opens at Swain's with a recep-tion Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. and the continues Tesedays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays to 4 p.m. at the Swain Galleries.











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July 9 to July 15

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing is impossible once you've made up your mind. Use contacts or connections through a club or group to advance your position.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Discip line is your key word for this forecast period. Make a conscious effort to be more organized and practical, especially in finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): In an attempt to land a new job, a conserva-tive approach works best. Put on your best suit or pumps and make a good impression

CANCER (June 22. July 22): Pay attention to your intuition. Through dreams or meditation you will find the inspiration to excel in a creative or artistic venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Celebrate your success as long-and-hard, much-sought-after goals are achieved. Kick back and enjoy your many rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ambitions are accented during this forecast period. For the next few weeks, you should be focused and dedicated to a specific project.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Finan cial accounts connected to other peo-ple's money will demand your atten-tion at this time. Study credit and loan reports very carefully

SAGITTARIÚS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communications between you and a loved one are timely and pleasant. Use this cycle to convey your true feelings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19); Proficiency is its greatest reward. Plan and manage your finances with calculated accuracy and avoid making a costly mistake.

AGUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An opportunity of a lifetime is available for the taking. If you hesitate in doubt or fear, the boat will likely set sail without you. All aboard!

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Also born this week: Tom Hanks, Arlo Guthrie, E.B. White, Bill Cosby, Harrison Ford, Ingmar Bergman and Rembrandt Van Rijn.

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REUNIONS

 Summit High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion July 21. For information, call Reun-ions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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• Linden High School Classes of

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• 1950 to 1959 will conduct a '50s

reunion picnic Aug. 25 from 1 p.m. to

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If anyone can provide a current address or phone number on any of the above or would like more infor-

aductes of phote infinite of an apy the above or would like more information, call John J. Mozart at (732) 477-1577 or send e-mail to bijzan@netzero.net.

- Classmates are being sought from the Class of 1961 from Jorathan Dayton and Governor Livingston regions high schools for their 40th reunion Oct. 13 at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside, For information, call Beverly Rotistock (Grush) at (908) 424-5433 or (800) 424-5430, Millie Beurer (Scorese) at (918) 276-8283, or Donna Sayka (Prince) at (973) 425-0633. 425-0633. Abraham Clark High School.

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Roselle, Class of 1951 will conduct its 50th rounion Oct. 26 at Costa's in Roselle Park. For information, call Mary McLeod at (732) 381-3584 or send e-mail to acht 951 @ydhop.com.

• Union High School Class of 1971 will conduct its 30th rounion Oct. 27. Por information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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

Nuodai@oal.com Westfield High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 10. For information, call Reun-

ions Utilimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000. • Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Thanksgiving Weekend. Classmates are currently being sought. For information, call Nancy Frischuman at (908) 580-0878 or send

Frischman at (908) 580-0878 or send-email to murrayco@idt.net.

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 djimont05@aol.com.

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Linden High, School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reuntion Nov. 23 at The Wesswood in Garwood. Alumni are asked to send mailing addresses to Linden High 1981 Committee, P.O. Box 4425, Metuchen, 08840, or via e-mail to Linden-High 1981@aol.com.

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 Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 24 in The Sher-23th reunion Nov. 24 in The Sner-wood Room at Forest Lodge in War-ren. Classmates and addresses are needed. For information, call New England Reunions at (877) 600-6694 or (860) 693-8179.

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The play also foatures Chatham's Kathleen Simon and Arielle Hixson, Madison's Colin Lee, Verona's Matt Wojad and Short Hills' Ali Rappaport. 'Free To Be... You And Me' will be performed at The Summit Playhouse, 10 New England Ave., Summit.

Performances are scheduled for July 20, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and July 21, 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets fog all seals are \$8. For tickets, call (908) 273-2192. Additional informa-tion about the production and the Summi Playhouse Association can be

found on the web site at www.summitplayhouse.org.

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Kaleidoscope Theater for Youth is presenting "Free To Be ... You And Me" from the book conceived by Marlo Thomas and Friends. The production is directed by Dave Maulbeck with musical direction by Paul Tukey

with musical direction by Paul Tukey and choreography by James Gomez.

Thomas conceived a children's book that, instead of telling boys and girls who they should be, would open them to possibilities of what they could be. She gathered many of her supremely talented friends from various worlds of the arts and the remandable result is highly regarded as a modern classic of children's -literature. Life enhaging thomas are imature. Life enhaging thomas are imatured. modern classic of children's-itera-ture. Life enhaping themes are ima-ginatively blended with music and burnot to expand children's personal borizons, enabling them to invent their own futures without limitations, while dispelling some old constraints and worn out conventions. There is something for the free spirit in every adult and for the wise soul in every adult and for the wise soul in every

This production of "Free To Be ... You And Me" features the talents of Summit's Ann Porter, Joan-

CDC to hold auditions for 'Fantasticks'

The Cranford Dramatic Club will hold open auditions for its fall musical production of "The Fantasticks" July 13 at 7:30 p.m. and July 15 at 1 p.m. Production dates for the musical will be Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. The be Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 20 and 2.7 me as show will be directed by Madge Wittel. The musical director will be Mary Beth McFall and the choreographer will be Mary Webb. Auditioners should be prepared to sing a song either from the show or of their own choice.

choice.

The following is a list of characters: The Narrator/El Gallo — male, "dashing, handsome," tenor/havitone with an E-flat top note; The Girl/Luisa — "look 19 years old," high soprano with an A-flat top note; The Foy/Matt — "look 19 years old," bartione/tenor with a high F top note; The Boy's Father/Huckboe — bartione/tenor, The Girl's Father/Bellomy — bartione/tenor, The Girl's Father/Bellomy — bartione/tenor, The Actor/Henry — "a sort of has-been look," dramatic character volce; The Man Who Dies/ Mortimer — second banana to Henry, Mortimer — second banana to Henry, character voice; The Mute — male or character voice; The Mute — male or female, mays be agile, myee well, have goad-memory and concentration or detail — function is, to be function-at and assist all sectors, no speaking or singing involved. Scripts for reading are available at the home of Madge Wittel, 1742. Boulevard, Westfield. Call (908) 233-1034 before stopping.



County honored for 'Four Centuries' event

"Four Centuries in a Weckend ... A Journey Through Union. County's History," a program of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, received the distinguished Heritage Award at the recent 2001 Governor's Conference on Tourism.

Fifteen other heritage programs—including the Atantic City Historical Museum, the Historic Morris Visitors Center in Morristown, and the House Tour Program in Trenton—competed for the prestigious award.

"I want to congratulate the 22 sites at participate in Four Centuries in a "I want to congratulate the 22 sites that participate in Four Centuries in a Weekend," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella. "The recognition this annual event by the Office of Travel and Tourism and the New Jersey Travel Industry Association reaffirms the importance of historic preservation as a vital part of the economy." "Four Centuries in a Weekend, promotes tourism in the country by combining culture and history with deutational tours," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The Board of Chosen Freeholders would file to congratulate the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for its fine work in administering this wonderful in administering this wonderful project.

County Manager Michael J. Lapolla noted the signs throughout the county directing visitors to the sites. "I commend the Bureau of Traffic and Maintenance for its excellent work crafting the signs that help make the 22 sites easier to navigate for sight-seers, I Lapolla said.

As New Jersey's second-largest industry after pharmaceuticals, tourism employs, an estimated 855,000

people and has \$30 billion in annual expenditures, according to the state Office of Travel and Tourism. Four Conturies in a Weckend will

take place this year Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 21 from noon

a.m. to 5 p.m. and 0ct. 21 from non-four Centuries in a Weekend shot four Centuries in Centuries in a include: the Littell-Lord Farmstead and the Deserted Village of Feitville-Glenside Park, both in Burkeley Heights; the Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark the Crane-Phillips House. in Cafecture Phillips House in Cranford; the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall, both in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemet both in Elizabely, Evergreen Cemet-ery and the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum, both in Hillside; the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainstée; the Salt Box Museum in New Providence; the Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Merchants and Drovers Tavern in Rahway; the Abra-ham Clark House in Roselle; the

Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains; the Cannon Ball House in Springfield; the Carnor House, the Reeves-Reed Arborstum and Twin Maples, all in Summit; the Caldwell Parsonage and Libery Hall; both in Union Township; and the Miller-Cory House in Westfield.

Four Centuries in a Weckend is funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a cultural agency in the Department of State, and the New Jersey Council for the Humaniues, Humanities Festival Weck.

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For a copy of the Heritage Festival booklet, contact the Division of Culbooklet, contact the Division of Cul-tural and Heritage Affairs, 63,9 earl St., Elizabeth, 07202. Telebupon inquiries may be directed to (908) 558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. New Jersey Relay users call 711. E-mail may be sent to scoen@unioncountynj.org.

Preservation award nominations being sought

Is there a building in your town that has been lovingly restored? Has your downtown been revitalized through the continuing use or reuse of traditional buildings? Has a local individual or program contributed to the understanding or promotion of Union County history through historic preservation programs? In order to recognize successful efforts in historic preservation, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is accepting nominations for the 14th annual Historic Preservation Commendations program.

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"The Historic Preservation Commendations illustrate how Union County's historic buildings foster a sense of place and connection with the past," said Prepholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "In addition, our historic buildings help keep our downtowns alive and stimulate economic benefits. These awards recognize the valuable contributions of individuals, organizations and local governments throughout Union County."

Nominations for the awards must be submitted by Monday, July 2. Application forms are available from the Union County Division of Cultural and Herri-

age Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth; 07202. For information, call (908) 558-2550 or dial 711 for New Jersey Relay Service.

"Commendations are awarded in six categories which include Building Pre-servation and Restoration, Continuing Use, Adaptive Use and Structure, Object or Site Preservation, Leadership, and Preservation Education," said County Manager Michael Lapolla. "Since the inception of the program, awards have been given to more than 100 preservation projects, groups, and individuals in 17 Union County municipalities."

The annual historic preservation awards are sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Procholders, the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the Department of Economic Development, and the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. Each year nominations are solicited from the public. Although the nominated projects mays be in Union County, it is not necessary to reside in the county to propose a candidate.

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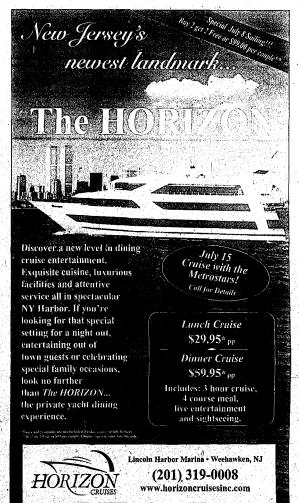
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OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPEC-TIVE on Life in Union County, a travel-ing, exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, feafures the work of 10 adults with developmental disabili-ties. The exhibit will tour the county. For information call (908) 354-3040,

bit paintings by American arti-mid-1800s to the mid-1900s Gallery hours are Mondays

vs to Satur 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)

273-8905.
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

BRIDGEWAY CREATIVE ARTS UNIT will have works on exhibit in the Union County Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the County Administration

sixth floor of the County Administration Building in Elizabeth through Monday. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The County Administra-tion Building is located at Elizabeth-town 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 Katte Reinhardt throughout the month of July. The hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

THE DUCKET ART STUDENT SHOW

Plainfield Saturday through July 31. An opening reception will take place Plannield Saturday through July 31. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located 703 Watchung Ave. Plainfield. For information, call (1992) 356-1369.

(908) 756-1707

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VIS-UAL ARTS will exhibit works created by participants in the Artists With Disa-bilities Program through Aug. 2 in the by participants in the Artists With Disa-bilities Program through Aug. 2 in the Members' Gallery. Gallery hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Sum-mit. For more information, call (908) 273-9121.

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.

AUDITIONS
CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will
conduct auditions for its fill musical.
The Fantastick's by Tom Jones and
Harvey Schmidt, July 13 at 7.30 p.m.
and July 15 at 1 p.m. Show dates are
Cct. 12 to 27. Being sought are seven
men and one wigman. For information,
call (908) 276-7611.

BOOKS

AUTHOR MARIA LAURINO will appear at Barnes and Noble in Spring-field July 26 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "Were You Always Italian." Barnes and Noble is tocated at 240

Stepping Out

Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 66 Mountain Ave., Spring-field, will sponsor its Great Books Dis-cussion Series in the coming months. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the

rary meeting room,
July 19: "Of Experience," Montaigne
For information call (973) 376-4930. BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfledt, In July, the group will meet Wednesday. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Spring-field. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

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.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rairtan 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.

For information, call (7,32)

For information, call (7,32) 574-1818. AFRICAN MERICAN INTERESTS means the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m., beginning in August, at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240

Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call (973) 376-8544.

CLASSES

THE NEW JERSEY VISUAL CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, 58 EIm St., Summit, will be offering extensive classes and workshops for adults, teens and children this summer season, considerations of the control o

ses and workshops for adults, teens and children this summer season, continuing through July 21.

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

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER will be visiting the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, this summer. The first week runs Mönday to July 14 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Rad-Riding-Hood" and the second week runs. July 16 to 21 and includes rehearsals and performances of "Treasure Island." Cost is \$125 mances of \$125. For 1 499-8226

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 todders, the Westfield Fencing Club and the Drawing Workshop. Classes take place at 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.
For information, call (908) 789-9996.

DU CRET SCHOOL OF ART will offer its Children and Teen Summer Work-shops July 16 to 20 and 23 to 27. Clas-ses are available for 6- to 10-year-olds and 11- to 15-year olds. The duCret ses are available for 6: 10 10 year-olds and 11- to 15-year olds. The duCret School is located at 1030 Central Ave., Ptainfield. For information, call (908) 757-7171.

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UNION MUSIC SCHOOL is accepting UNION MUSIC SCHOOL Is accepting registration for the summer 2001 session — now through July 27, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily. To receive be bucchure of course offerings send name and mailing address via e-mail to unionnusiscetool@hotmail.com, via tax to (908) 687-7332, or call (908) 851-6470.

851-6470.
MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 8 years old. For information on class offerings or to recommend

CONCERTS IN THE PARK, sponsored by the Linden Department of Recreation, will begin Tuesday and run through Aug. 14 at various parks throughout the city.

Tuesday, George N. Milkosky Memorial Park: Gene Mendalski and the G Men, polka music July 18, James lozzi Memoriał Park:

July 18, James lozzi Memoria? Park: entimentals, contemporary music July 24, Witson Park: The Platters July 31, Witson Park: Jobonanno dd the Godsons of Soul Aug. 7, Witson Park: Saturday Night ever, rain site at McManus

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All concerts begin at 7:15 and, unless otherwise noted, the rain site is the Linden High School Gynmasium.

BARNES AND, NOBLE, 240 Route 22

Marc Scalefold High roces West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the summer. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cale section.

ite section. July 14: Andrew Kessler July 21: Christopher Hoyle July 27: West of Eden

For information, including a concert schedule, call (973) 376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical per-formances throughout the summer. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe

rmation, including a call (732) 574-1818

CRATIVE MEMORIES CONSULTANT Mickey Howard will conduct a rice workshop on photolographs to leta story. The workshop will take place Tuesday at 7:30 pm. at the Scotch Plans Library, 1927 Barlle Ave. For information, call (300) 883-5954.

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

DISCUSSION

DANTE'S 'DIVINE COMEDY DANTE'S 'DIVINE COMEDY' will be the topic of a two-para lecture by Louis Markos, sponsored by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfled, Part 1, The Music of the Spheres, will be Saturday at 2 p.m.; Part II, Hell by the Numbers, will be Sunday at 2 p.m. The lectures will take place at Mountainside Borough Hall, Route 22 East and New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call (908) will be

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POETRY
POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble in Springfield July 27 at 8 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

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

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TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION IRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyte-rian 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)

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SINGLES
INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 am. for discussion and continental treaklast at the First Bapist Church, 170 Elm St., Westifield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 689-4751.

THEATER

THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present "An Empty Plate in the Cale du Grand Boeut" through July is in the Roy W. Smith Smith Theater on the Cranford campus. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sunday and July 15. Tickets are \$14 Fridays to Sundays, \$7 Thursdays; student tickets are \$7 at all performances. UCC is located at 103 springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (309) 599-5189.

mation, call (908) 659-5198.

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SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE'S Kaleido-scope Youth Theater will present "Free

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THE BACK PORC THE BACK PORCH in Rahwa present Open Mike Night every day at 9 p.m. and karaoke every

day night.

The Back Porph is located at 1505
Main St. in Rähway. For Information,
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CHOSROADS, 78 Norm Ave., Car-wood presents a series of jazz, blugs and comedy concerts. Every Sunday is Comedy Night at 7,30 p.m. Every Tuesday is the Jazz Jam. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehous

Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists during July. 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.

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vesent Avs., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday, rights are 'Acoustic Tuesday,' with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for tolk sin-gers, poets and comedians, followed nignts and open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for row aggres, poots and committens, followed by a featured folk performer. Open-mike participants alon 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 Sandey concerts.

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The Clay Garden, a four-week class on Tuesday mornings. Fine art workshops include Figure Painting, and -Orewing, Silver-Point Drawing, Oil. Painting, Intro to Papermaking, Aorlyic Painting, Tschniques of the Old Mastiers for Modern Artists, and Colored Pencil and Watercolor Workshops.

ore information, call (908) For mo

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

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Classes are offered this 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.

A sampling of the variety of workshops which are offered include: Nationally-recognized photographer Howard Nathenson will be coinducting 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 Stafe Commission sculpture grant, will be teaching Marks & Bush Strokes — Surface and Texture, July 14 and 21.

Church Miley will instruct a workshop emitted "Pochoir-Art of the Steenis"

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estate.
"In her first year, Laura has clearly established herself as one of the real established herself as one of the real estate industry's best and brightest sales professionals," sald Reeves. "Laura's caring and generous nature have served her well in not only meet-

have served her well in not only meeting but exceeding the expectations of her cilents, and for this reason I am proud to honor her with 'the pressious Burgdorff Rising Star Award."

A longtime New Jersey resident, Brockway uses her intimate knowledge of the Westfield area when assisting her 'cilents, 'Ehrough a diverse professional background including work in the dental, legal and education fields and a dedication to vivic activity through the Welcome education fields and a dedication to civic activity through the Welcome Wagon Club, her local PTA, and the Westfield YMCA, she offers tre-mendous insight into life in the West-field area, Laura also gained an understanding for the logistical complexi-

standing for the logistical complexi-ties of cross-country relocation through her family's recent relocation after two years in Scottsdale, Arizona.

J The Burgooff ERA Westfield /office is a full-service real estate office offering the area's most com-prehensive marketing programs through the innovative Burgdoff Sig-nature Service program. The office is nature Service program. The office is located at 600 North Avenue West in Westfield. For real estate assistance call Laura Brockway at (908) 518-5288, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the Westfield office (908) 233-0065.

Clynes awarded

Carolann Clynes, the top-producing sales associate for total dollar volume closed in 2000 with the Burgdorff ERA Summit office, was recently awarded inclusion into the Burgdorff ERA President's Council.

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Recognizing only the top 17 sales associates out of Burdgorff's more than 700-member sales force, membership in the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's high est and most distinguished honor. Clyngs ranked 10th in total sales volume commanwide. ne companywide. Announced during the recent Burd-

gorff ERA annual awards luncheon, the recognition by Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves for outstanding rresident Judy Reeves for outstanding sales production for the year 2000 included additional honors. With more than \$13 million in total sales, Clynes was named first in dollar volume for sales production, listing production and total volume production for the Summit office.

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'Carolann's dedication to the high-"Carolam's dedication to the high-est principles of professionalism and integrity have earned her the respect and admiration of real estate profes-sionals across the country," said Reeves. A strong negotiator with 30 years of experience, and well known locally for her ethics and ease of style, Clyrnes "continues to serve the needs of her clients with uncompromising loyalty and responsibility," Among, her many professional

Among her many professional accomplishments, Clynes has quali-fied for the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club consistently during the last

Sales Club consistently during the last 20 years and is among a select group of sales associates named to,its NJAR Distinguished Sales Club. A real estate broker since 1978, she also holds the Certified Réal Estate Brokerage Manager designation and has been a National Residential Appraisers Institute appraiser since

Wagner Joins ERA

Burgdorff ERA recently announced that Lynn Wagner has joined the com-pany as a broker-associate at the com-pany's Westfield office, located at pany's Westfield office, 600 North Avenue West.

Well known in the area for being a Well known in the area for being a premier Realtor, Wagner specializes in residential and compercial transactions. She is the 'former owner-operator of Kuzsma Realty, a 'real estate firm she directed for o'Ar five years. While there, she managed a staff of 15 and increased the company's business, profits and visibility. She has vast experience in the industry and enjoys a reputation for proactive service.

With a longistanding record of suc-

tive service.

With a longistanding record of success, Wagner is eager to take on the challenge of being a broker-associate with Burgdorff ERA. Since receiving her real estate license 25 years agos he has won many top sales and production awards. She was named to the Westers Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club on numerical contents of protesting productions. ous occasions for outstanding pr and is a longstanding member of the



committees throughout her career,

committees turougnout ner career, most recently on the Professional Standards Committee.

Wagner attended Berkeley College and is a graduate of Westfield High School. She literally grew up in restate, learning about the business from her mother, Dora Kuzsma, a broular area Realtor for many vears. popular area Realtor for many years. As a lifetime resident of Union County, Wagner is well informed about local school districts, transportation to local school districts, transportation to Manhattan, neigborhoods, shopping, dining and recreation. She lives in Cranford, where she initiated the town's original recycling program. The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office is a full-service real estate office offering the area's most com-prathensive marketine neuerams

prehensive marketing programs through the innovative Burgdorff Signature Service program. Approxi-mately 70 full-time, professional sales associates work out of the Burgdorff associates work out of the Burgdorff ERA Westfield Office, which is located at 600 North Avenue West. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at (908) 232-0065.

Gendel joins network

Ellen Gendel, an associate with RE/ MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit, has joined the national RE/MAX mit, has joined the national REJMAX Children's Miracle Home Program. Under this program, Gendel will donate a specified amount of money to the Children's Miracle Network per sales transaction.

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ing that their transaction has made a positive change in the lives of children in New Jersey.
"Participating in the Miracle Home Program is just one way to give back to the community that has given so much to me," said Gendel. "By doining from each transaction, I am consistently helping children, and there is no greater feeling that knowing I helped save a life."
Gendel can be reached by calling REMMAX Properties Unlimited in

Gendel can be reached by calling REMAX Properties Unlimited in Summit at 908-522-9444. To search the office listings and view a Grand Tour, visit the REMAX of New Jersey web site at www.remax-nj-com.

DeBiasse among top

Judi Deliasse, a sales associate with RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Sommit, has placed among the useling individual producers in RE/MAX of New Jersey, Ranking among the Top 3 for highest dollar volume for the year to date, DeBiasse's sales performance, places her at the top of more than 1,600 New Jersey RE/

for the year to date, DeBiasse's sales performance, places ber at the top of more than 1,600 New Jersey RE/MAX professionals.

"Judi DeBiasse is a very dedicated individual. She has greatly contributed to the community and we are accorded to the community and we are servered to have been so member of very proud to have her as a member of the RE/MAX family," said Joe Ven-

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Carolann Clynes

tresca, co-owner of RE/MAX of New

DeBiasse.
To contact DeBiasse, call RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Sumnit at 908-522-9444.

Harvey Tekel, branch manager,

annunced that three sales associates at the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors have been honored in May for their accomplishments. Lola Reed led the office in sales and dollar-volume throughout May. Reed is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the silver level. Furthermore, she earned place in Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2000 Ambassador's Club.

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Merryl Snyder, an associate with RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit, has joined the national RE/MAX Children's Miracle Network MIracle Home Program. Under this program, Snyder will donate a specified amount of money to the Children's Miracle Network per sales transaction.

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AUTOMOTIVE

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 gar-age. Chevrolet thinks its 2002 Avalanche could take the place of two

wehicles.
It could — and that's a good argu-ment for the head of household who wants a new truck — but at-about \$35,000 each, I expect most two-car families weild keep a car and dump heir older truck for the Avalanche. Not that the United States needs another big sport-urifly or the road, but Avalanche is like nothing else already on the market.

ready on the market. Chevrolet calls its 2002 Avalanche the missing link between the Silver-ado pickup and the Suburban. It can be a six-passenger transport with a 6%-foot bed that can be flip-folded into a three-passenger pickup with 8to 10-foot bed.

to J0-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 6/4-foot bed instead of a third-row bench seat. And unlike a four-door pickup, the bed is desper and extendable into the capin and a the allegae. able into the cabin and at the tailgate

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

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 low-er half of the gate.
- Leave in the window but fold the wer 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,

bully, 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 done by one fireson, but it is faster with two.

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

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

and was removed to a soft for-read cover, but the optional three-peec hard cover is more versatile. It is wateringht, their resistant by the lock-ing tallgate, can be removed one piece at a time depending on the load to be carried, and it will support 250 pound-s, either cargo or a someone standing on it to reach the roof reak. Clumbing 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 low-er 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

In a vacant hotel parking lot, each In a vacant hotel parking lot, each Avalanche was loaded with a variety of building supplies, sheets of ply-wood, appliances, (eneing, carpet, a pneumatic wood splitter, 5-gallon drums of paint, fence posts, generator

Driving the trucks with a substan-tial load was a good test of the horseload was a good test of the horse-or and suspension.

Driving impressions are embargeed 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 four speed automatic transmission — the only drivetine offered in the half-ton model — handled the load and the model — handled the load and the upfill travel with surprising case, considering the truck's 5,800-pound curb weight. Shifting into third gear for climbing the mountain allowed the 325 frost-pounds of torque to do its job without losing headway.

Fuel mileage is about what you'd.

expect of a truck this size — 13 mgg dity and 17 highway on regular unleaded — but that's only 1 mgg 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.

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.

Unlevel Avalanches

In addition to the standard models, there will be a 2500 Series Avalanche, and a North Face Edition, which prob

and a North Face Edition, which prob-ably won't be available until late summer.

I had concerns that even a 285-bp.

8-wouldn't be quite stout enough to heft this truck's weight.

It was, but for those who have big-ger leads to pull there will be a heavy-duty 2500 Series model built on a three-quarter ton chassis with 8.1-liter N-8 rated at 340 hp and 455 footpounds of torque.

pounds of torque.
Available in two- or four-wheel drive, the 2500 will pull a 12,000-peand trailer and comes with a 37% gallon fuel tank, 6% more than the half-ten Avalanche. Prices start at 332,865 for 2WD and 335,864 for 4WD.
The North Face Edition is a marketing relationship with the well-known camping and mountaincering firm. This truck will be offered in four paint cotors: Susset Corane, Black, Pewter.

colors: Sunset Orange, Black, Pewter. White and a special Sage Green Metallic only available on this

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 pats, white-face gauges, two North Face day packs that clip to the seat backs and two North Face "duffe-

Special hardware includes an orr-road suspension with specially tuned Bilstein, shock absorbers, 17-inch blackwall tires, locking rear differen-tial, skid plates and a high capacity air

ailable 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 shoerror on 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 accessor
which the development of a vehicle," said Jim Kornas, marketing chief

cle," said Jim Kornas, marketing chief for GM's Service Parts Organization. "GM is serious about building this

It will be more convenient for own Kornas said, and the dealerinstalled items got the full company

installed items get the full company warranty.
Some of the extras for Avalanche are a grille guard, soft or hard luggage carriers, custom-fitted muck cover, hol/gold-beverage console, step rails and running boards, bite-schi-canoe carriers and a second-row seat liner to extract some second-row seat liner to extract some second-row seat liner to prevent cargo from damaging the seat back when the midgate is lowered.

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Montero Sport is an off-road star With the exception of an unwieldy By Laura Byrd

Copley News Service Someone should send a note to Mit-subishi that reads: "Build it and they will come. Build many, and they will confused

Because confused is exactly what 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 — 20x11 has added "SX" to what already was a diverse selection. The differences? Nothing a salesman dan explain without entering a state of Zen. So, we'll try to save buyers some head scratching.

There are five trims of the Montesian Sport. Each one is available in either a

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 \$22.747.

of \$22,747.
The pricess option is the one tested for this driver 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 the on this You'll wait the four-whoeldrive hearing this.

he four-wheel-drive because this rehicle's off-highway ability is the

best thing about it.

The Limited looks appealing. With The Limited tooks appealing. With a tall states, high step up and narrow body, its design is as sporty as one of its competitions — the Toyou a Rumer — but still manages to be an inch narrower and an inch shorter. Ground clearance is nine inches—the 4Rumer's is 11—and the wheel-base is two these longer R should add up to greater stability and an exist stepping.

easier step-in.

The Limited's sporty and distinctive design rivals the exterior appeal of the competition. Exterior door

of the competition. Exterior door handles, mirrors, side steps and fender flares are, color-keyed and sophisticated...

But where raising the bur 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-wapped steering wheels, cruise control [urn signal family, dash; buttons and fuel-door release levers, buttons and fuel-door release levers. It's an interesting coincidence that's easily overlooked when it all works and looks so good.

seat ratchet that takes careful exami-nation to understand and practice to operate, the Montero's interior con-

The leather seat is extremely con-fortable, although the "legs-out" posi-tion of the low seat 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 groceroes, ground bags and in-time skates just fine. Getting in and out sn't a problem unless you're a full-size person get-

Getting in and out sn't a problem unless you're a full-size person getting into the back seat. The low roof neans that anyone over 5 feet iall who jumps up too high on the side step might easily and painfully bang his or her head on the door opening as 1 did. This SUV, newly equipped with LATCH system anchors and tethers designed to hold child safety seats more securely ham seat bells, can easily shuttle the family around. I drove the Limited for the first time on a rainy night, and it was easy

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

the ratio 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 Montrol gave me a handling heads-

up.

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 we regotiated easily in other SUVs. e negotiated easily in other SUVs

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

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 "truck"the" ride.

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It was enough to convince me the Limited needed a proper place to show its stuff. The "stuff" being unequal-lerigth double A-arms and

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extra-long torsion bars, providing independent suspension that invites

off-road driving. With that in mind, I headed straight With that in mind, I headed straight for the mountains. And driving straight is a perfectly pleasant experience in the Limited. It cruises along quietly enough, with only a small amount of engine noise, despite thigh (2800) prom at 65 mgb, it comes equipped with adaptive high control, which factors in accelerator position, vehicle speed, brake application and road 'conditions to velect the proper gear.

select the proper gear.

The 7-position transmission sup-posedly 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

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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 his truck. Especially when in fresh snow in the mountains. This is where the Limited finds itself. The low-goared 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 shifted into 4-high while the vehicle is going less than 30 mph. The two-speed transfer case requires a full stop for shifting into 4-low. With proper tires, I couldn't shake the Montero leose 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 Even when stompting 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 gocontrary to my freeway experience,

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"Community involvement, especially when it concerns our children, is the most introduct courribution one can give as a local business owner," said leff Liceard, executive officer of Liceardie, "This program is especially relevant to me, being a father of three small children."

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Freeway handling aside, the Limited wins big points for styling, ergonomics and off-road ability.

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