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Lack of dialogue

Fernando cut me a break and we never even spoke. I left a note on my car last weekend asking him to do his lease car inspection, even though I wasn't there. Maybe he was just a nice guy, or it's part of this new feeling of looking out for the other guy, but when I returned, on my visor was the completed inspection. All of this was done with no direct contact.

The lack of dialogue seems to have also permeated the political process. Only tepidly are candidates actually engaging the voters in this final month of the campaign season. Sept. 11, 2001, a recession and the announcement by Attorney General John Ashcroft of even more potential acts of terrorism makes candidates very unsure as to what role is proper. Most campaigns are still in varied states of suspension.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Richard Bagger, a legislator running for State Senate, walked politely at a street fair in Cranford. The glossy piece of literature containing, of course, an American flag, is entitled integrity. It speaks about HMOs, education and open space. The candidates for governor have started running ads, but even they are limited primarily to events surrounding Sept. 11. But this is still a start.

Some local campaigns appear even more unwilling to resume. While we can all do without the generalities of campaign brochures and TV ads, the loss of the personal contact and dialogue is quite another story. The lack of dialogue should not be a tool for an incumbent to protect his seat or avoid criticism, or somebody ahead in the polls from just running out the election clock.

In 1864, Lincoln, in the midst of the Civil War, still faced a challenge from General McClelland. In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt campaigned hard for re-election.

Based on the numbers of campaign fund-raisers in the mail, it is clear the candidates are gearing up for a last-minute blitz. It will still be important to engage the candidates in dialogue. There are some pretty big issues facing us in our state, county and municipality. We need discussion on the host of new security issues, the role of our state in rebuilding damaged Port Authority facilities, mass transit and even the old standbys of taxes, education and auto insurance.

On Monday, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called on the National Football League to hold the February Super Bowl at Giants Stadium. Two points jump to mind. Last year at my Super Bowl party, my guests were forced to help me shovel the driveway to get home. It snows in New Jersey in February. Secondly, why is a New York senator so worried about an event in my state?

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Arson cases decline

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The number of reported arson cases in Union County took a nosedive in 2000, according to the State Police's Uniform Crime Report released last month.

"We're happy about the decrease," Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said, "but people shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security." Crime is generally down in terms of violent offenses, he said, adding that the decrease in arson could reflect the overall trend of the last several years.

Elizabeth and Plainfield generally lead the county each year in the number of reported arson cases. Last year, both cities saw arson cases drop by almost half.

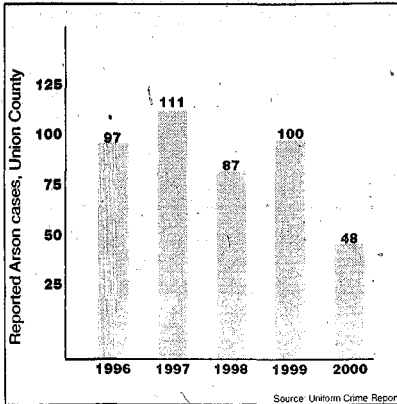
"During the past five years, Elizabeth and Plainfield have accounted for about half of the total arson cases in the county. Plainfield usually runs second to Elizabeth, which contributes about a third of the crimes reported in Union County, when it comes to overall incidents of crime reported. The two cities are the only municipalities in Union County classified as urban centers by the State Police's Uniform Crime Report.

"One of the reasons we're seeing such a marked decrease in arson incidents can be attributed to less abandoned properties around the city," Elizabeth Fire Director Michael Donlin. "I think because the city is making such a comeback, there aren't so many people sleeping in buildings, alleyways. People are taking more pride in their property and surrounding areas."

Plainfield Fire Chief John Rickc agreed that the drop in arson could be tied to the overall decline in crime, adding that his 106-man department probably has responded to the same number of fire but fewer are a result of arson. More aggressive prosecution of arson cases also could be a factor, leading people "to believe that they can't get away with it," he said.

The Prosecutor's Office has an Arson Task Force, comprised of 30 detectives and fire officials throughout the county, which reviews cases when a fire appears to have been deliberately set.

Through analysis of the cause and origin of a fire, O'Leary said the task force moves forward with an investigation if there is evidence of arson. Several factors are involved in determining whether arson is suspected, he said, including traces of accelerant, if a witness spotted a person near the scene at the time of



the fire, and if a car has been declared in an insurance loss.

O'Leary said the Prosecutor's Office also has had "considerable success" with juveniles through its Firesetters program. Perpetrators of relatively minor fires who are under the age of 18 are ranked by level, from simply curiosity or vandalism to more serious incidents. Administered through Family Court, the program counsels and educates the less serious offenders.

O'Leary said children are referred to the Firesetters program after their first charge or through the Fire Department or school officials who reported them involved in vandalism related to fire.

Staff Writer Michelle Range contributed to this report.

Board mulls appointment

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The State Board of Education was expected to take action on the appointment of a new Union County superintendent at its meeting yesterday morning after this newspaper went to press.

Glen Tillou, the business administrator for the county superintendent's office, was appointed in August as acting Union County superintendent by state Commissioner of Education Vito Gagliardi Jr. Tillou had expressed interest in securing the position permanently.

Although the appointment of a superintendent was on the State Board of Education's agenda yesterday, Department of Education spokesman Richard Vespucci said the move is not a foregone conclusion to be approved, adding that the 13-member board could table the appointment. Tillou was among a number of candidates to be considered for the position.

Frances Lobman retired this past summer after five years as county superintendent. She replaced Leonard Fitis who succeeded Gagliardi as county superintendent.



PET THE GOAT, RIDE THE PONY — Getting a close-up look at a goat during Trailside Nature and Science Center's 20th annual Harvest Festival in Mountainside are, left, Daniel, 3, and Ashley, 2, with parents Susan and David Gigon of Westfield. Two-year-old twins Daniella and David Medina of Summit, right, ride Brownie the pony.

Photos by Barbara Kokkalis

Authorities wary of bias crimes in wake of attack

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Nationally, there has been an increase in the number of reported incidents of bias crimes against people of Middle Eastern descent since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. On a local level, there have not been an unusual number of bias crimes reported, however, that does not mean it cannot happen. "There is a tremendous amount of hate and anger still seething," Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan said. "We cannot allow that to spill over and harm other human beings."

Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy said his department has been "ever vigilant to ensure that the rights of people are upheld." Westfield has not experienced an increase in reported bias crimes against residents of Arab or Indian descent. He said the town did an excellent job of healing immediately, offering several interfaith services after the Sept. 11 disaster. "I would like to believe that helped."

Elaine O'Neal, coordinator of the Union County Victim/Witness Advocacy, said her office assists victims with injuries, whether financial, psychological or physical. Reporting of incidents, she said, is vital because it makes the community aware of crimes. "Assurance that the case is given the highest level of attention is most important."

O'Neal, Tracy and Manahan were among members of a panel presented Monday night by the Union County Human Relations Commission and the Union County Prosecutor's Office, in cooperation with the state Division of Criminal Justice/Office of Bias Crime & Community Relations. More than 50 people attended the public forum. "Beyond the World Trade Center: An Evening of Under-

standing Healing & Hope" at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

It is important that everyone understands the role of the police department, Tracy said. Officers themselves must understand that they are more than just crime fighters and the public must have a broader understanding of police. "Police officers help people and heal people."

It is an unfortunate fact, Manahan said, but teen-agers are most known to commit an inordinate amount of bias crimes or be involved in connection with bias incidents. "We cannot allow them to be enticed or send a message that how it is okay to hate, perhaps because their lives have been touched by the loss of a family member."

Tolerance is a word used very often. "I hear it a lot. I dislike it," Tracy said. Tolerance should be replaced with words like respect or love. "To tolerate someone is a condescending notion. I think the minimum of someone is to respect them."

In Union County, the number of bias crimes reported, like crime in general, has dropped over the last five years, from 77 in 1996 to 23 in 2000.

Not only have people of Arab or Muslim descent been targeted nationally in bias crimes, there also is the question of whether they have been targeted by law enforcement authorities.

Everyone in law enforcement has wrestled with the idea of profiling over the past several years, Manahan said. Ethnicity can be one factor in detaining suspects, however, when it becomes the only factor in detaining suspects, he said it can present a problem.

"It's a very confusing time for the public but also for police departments," Manahan said.

K-9 Unit loses WTC rescue dog

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A Union County Sheriff's dog was shot and killed by police after the pursuit of a stolen car ended in Plainfield last week.

A Union County police officer started the chase in Plainfield of an Acura that was reported stolen from Bridgewater. The driver was captured after he jumped out of the vehicle at the end of a dead end street. When a 12-year-old female passenger escaped from the car, she was chased by Sheriff's Sgt. John Gillespie and his canine partner, Git. The dog chased down the girl and then began to bite a Plainfield officer who tried to get between the dog and the juvenile. The officer and his partner then opened fire on the dog, not knowing it was a police canine.

Eight-year-old Git had been with the Sheriff's K-9 Unit

for about four years, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said. "This is an unfortunate tragedy," he said, adding everyone involved in the incident did what they were trained to do: quickly make decisions in pressure situations.

Git was among the K-9 squads going through the rubble at the World Trade Center on a rotating system since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. The K-9 Unit, which the Sheriff's Office implemented 17 years ago, sends at least four teams, made up of two officers and a dog to Ground Zero. The unit currently has six officers and 14 dogs, he said.

K-9 dogs are usually imported from Belgium, Germany or Czechoslovakia because the imported breeds generally have fewer health problems with their hips, the sheriff said.

Originally, the dogs were donated, the sheriff said, but now cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000. He said forfeiture money has funded the purchase of new dogs.

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Trailside offers fall classes to explore nature

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, is offering three workshop series for children ages 2 through 5 through December. Young children will learn about nature using their senses and enhance their knowledge of colors, numbers and the alphabet in colorful hikes through the woodlands and fields of the Watching Reservation, Union County's largest park.

"These classes are a wonderful opportunity to teach children an appreciation for nature," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The programs at Trailside were very popular and class sizes are limited. Pre-registration is required for all programs."

One series of programs, entitled "Baby Makes Three," introduces nature to children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years with a younger sibling and an adult. Classes take place on alternate Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Children and their parents will use their senses to touch, smell, hearing, sight and taste as they walk the trails in search of colorful leaves, fruits and fungi in the forest and discover why wild turkeys are living in the Watching Reservation.

Rain dates for "Baby Makes Three" will be on the following Tuesdays and the fee for each family is \$8. Strollers are not recommended for this class.

A second workshop, "Two of Us," is an interactive series for children ages 3 and 4 with an adult. Classes are Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to encourage nature discovery through hikes and outdoor activities.

Trailside's preschooler naturalist will introduce birds at the feeder, gray squirrels and wild turkeys living in the Watching Reservation. One class will be devoted to pumpkins and children will create their own jack-o'-lanterns. In November, children will make their own games out of natural materials inspired by young Native Americans and pioneers. When the weather begins to turn

cold, children will discover how animals protect themselves in winter weather. The fee is \$8 per class.

The third series is called "Small Fry Days," which is a drop-off program for children ages 4 and 5 that aims to increase a young person's awareness and appreciation of the natural world through hikes and outdoor exploration. Classes are Wednesdays from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 9:45 to 11 a.m.

Children will embark on a scavenger hunt in search of natural objects that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Young people will have the opportunity to collect black walnuts, hickory nuts and more of nature's treats. Later they'll sort them by color, shape and size. In December there will be a short walk to collect objects from nature and then the children will use their artistic talents to make a holiday craft. The fee is \$8 per class.

For a full workshop listing and more information on fall programs at Trailside Nature & Science Center, call 908-789-3670.

Dialogue still important

(Continued from Page B1)
In analyzing how we have changed in the past few weeks, analyst Ralph White describes a "televigil, where we take it for granted that TV will maintain a live 24-hour-a-day watch as we work through calamity." We all

know we have changed since the World Trade Center tragedy. What we become is also important, and dialogue with leaders and would-be leaders is pretty important.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Courtyard carnival



Tyrone Thomsson, a resident at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, pets a furry friend during the hospital's fifth annual courtyard carnival. Everyone had fun playing games and winning prizes, and eating popcorn and Italian ice.

COUNTY NEWS



Bruce Dickerson

Dickerson elected president of 200 Club

The Two Hundred Club of Union County has elected Bruce Dickerson of Mountaintop to a two-year term as president of the 400-member club in Union County.

Dickerson, a graduate of Lafayette College, and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, owns and operates Benninger & Tansey Insurance Brokers in Scotch Plains.

Dickerson is a past president of Mountaintop Rotary also is a member of the Board of the Occupational Center for Union County, a historian and former head of the Order of Patriots and Founders of America.

Dickerson resides in Mountaintop with his wife Gloria. The Two Hundred Club of Union County aids survivors of police and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Vendor sale today

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a vendor sale of compact

discs and cassette tapes today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

CDs and cassettes for sale include pop, vocal and instrumental, Big Bands, blues, jazz, blues, country, gospel, classical, reggae, international, soundtracks, comedy and radio shows.

All the vendor sales are open to the public free and a part of every sale goes back to the Volunteer Guild, to purchase items for the residents and patients, such as television, VCRs, and prizes for the bingo games. The guild also sponsors a summer picnic and a holiday party/gift distribution in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

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

For information, call the Runnells Specialized Hospital Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

To schedule a tour of the facility or to file an application, call the Runnells Specialized Hospital Admissions Office at 908-771-5901.

There are no residency requirements for admission. Runnells accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

Absentee ballots can now be dropped off

For the first time, Union County voters will be able to drop off completed absentee ballots for the Nov. 6 General Election at the County Clerk's Office in Elizabeth. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced. This new option is designed to make voting more convenient and to increase voter turnout. Voters have long had the option of

receiving absentee ballots mailed to their homes by the county clerk. However, ballots requested a week or less before the election have to be picked up in person. With this new option, approved by the Union County Board of Elections, voters will be able to pick up their ballots, fill out their votes in privacy and drop them in a secure, locked box, all at the same office.

Completed ballots will be kept in a secure lockbox under the control of the Union County Board of Elections. They will be picked up by the Board of Elections for counting. At no time will anyone in the County Clerk's Office have access to the completed ballots.

Tuesday is the last day to register to vote for the November General Election. Oct. 30 is the last day for registered voters to apply by mail for an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained by calling the Elections Division of the County Clerk's Office at 908-527-4996.

Chamber job fair, expo

This year the Union County Chamber is hosting a job fair at its popular Business-to-Business Expo. The public is invited to attend.

The Expo & Job Fair will be at L'Affaire restaurant, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountaintop on Oct. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Numerous companies have signed up for the job fair, including NJ Transit, Atlantic Health Services, Overlook and Morristown Hospitals; Wyndam Newark Airport Hotel, scheduled to open in January; Council for Airport Opportunities and Doherty Enterprises; Applebee's Restaurant.

The list also includes banks and employment agencies.

All the school districts in Union County have been invited to attend. Information has also been sent to local colleges and business schools.

The job fair is designed to showcase the different types of employment opportunities available in the area. Anyone looking for employment is encouraged to attend.

The Union County Chamber Business-to-Business Expo is one of the major events to take place in the county each year. This year is the fifth year that the chamber is sponsoring the expo. About 1,000 people attend the expo each year to visit the various vendors and learn about new products being made available for businesses.

For more information about the Expo or the Job Fair, call the chamber office at 908-352-0900.

Scouts are selling

The Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be pounding the pavement throughout Union, Morris, Sussex, Somerset, and sections of Middlesex counties as they kick off their annual sale of Trails-End Gaiumet Popcorn. The sale continues through Oct. 13.

Dennis Kohl, scout executive for the Patriot's Path Council, indicated the scout's popcorn sale helps to provide supplemental income to finance activities for the 500 local units that provide a quality program for 22,000 youth throughout the council. In addition, popcorn sales generate much need income toward scouting activities sponsored by the council.

"Escalating program costs, the need for camp equipment and maintenance, continued growth in youth participation and volunteer support, and our outreach emphasis that brings scouting to underserved neighborhoods, have prompted the Executive Board of the council to seek additional sources of support," said Kohl.

Executive board member, and council popcorn chairman, Birger Brinck-Lund, emphasized the primary income for scouting activities comes from Trails-End Popcorn sales, annual Friends of Scouting Campaigns and community support at local events. Last year the Patriot's Path Council sold 70,000 containers of Trails-End Popcorn and raised more than half a million dollars for local unit and council activities. The council has set a goal of \$600,000 for this year.

"We value the support that scouting activities have received from the community and wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who positively impacts the lives of our youth through their participation," Kohl said. "When a scout comes to your door, welcome him."

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Surrogate extends hours

Union County Surrogate James LaCorte has extended his evening office hours in Summit in response to the large number of Union County residents from that part of the county who perished in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. LaCorte is available — by appointment — every Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. to meet with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court. The office hours are at

Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave. Evening appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Proper documentation, including death certificates, must be provided to the Surrogate's Court by fax or mail prior to the appointment.

"Given the large number of victims from Union County in this tragedy, I feel it is important to make the Surrogate's Court more accessible for families who cannot make it to my regular office hours in Elizabeth," LaCorte said. "The people who are victims of this tragedy should be assisted in every way possible."

The surrogate also holds monthly evening hours, beginning at 5:30 p.m. by appointment, at three other locations:

- Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., the first Monday of the month.
- Railway Recreation Center, 275 Milton Ave., the second Tuesday.
- Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., the third Wednesday.

Volunteers wanted

The Office of Volunteer Services at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights, is in need of volunteers to assist in the Volunteer Guild's coffee shop.

Volunteers are needed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Call Lynne Monson, Runnells' director of Volunteer Services, at 908-771-5858, for more information.

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MVP delivers a 'rapturous,' rockin' show

It was nearly 11 p.m. and still people were clamoring for more.

In no particular order, the players of "American Rapture 2001 — A Rock and Soul Revue" gave the audience a rollicking good time doing renditions of some popular and not-so-popular rock hits of the '50s, '60s, and '70s.

Presented by Mystic Vision Players of Linden, the concert held the entire audience in rapture Saturday night at 8 p.m. at the Linden High School, 121 St. Georges Ave., Linden.

You could see it in each of their faces as they belted out the tunes. Not only were they convincing, but they looked like they were having tons of fun doing it.

They managed to make even some of the songs that weren't so great, pretty great.

Taking baby boomers back to a more innocent time, the show began with standard fare from the '50s, transforming some of the more tired material into refreshing tunes made new again.

The sassy, boisterous girl-group staple "My Boyfriend's Back" was given a facelift and some new life with Kirsten Almeida, whose fleshy vocals and controlled demeanor gave the tune a more polished performance.

"Hold Me, Thrill Me," gave boomers fresh tears of nostalgia while holding in the 20-something and younger crowd under its sway. The youthful exuberant vocals of crooner Patrick Sturega made the crowd go wild.

Concert Scene

By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

Some of the more memorable tunes were given a smooth polish and shine, each of the performers somehow making them sound both timeless and distinctly retro.

Songs like "This Magic Moment," "Under the Boardwalk" and "Boy from New York City" were re-worked with a stary-eyed mood and appropriate costumes that evoked an era. The black suit jackets and white T-shirts, beach boy Hawaiian shirts, and plaid shirts perfectly captured the '50s style.

Certainly not the best of '60s songs, "Where Did Our Love Go?" was nonetheless given some dynamic diva power by Jeanette Marrero, flanked by two Supremes — Gina Ferrazzano and Wanda Toro — dressed in sparkling evening gowns.

"Papa Was a Rolling Stone" got a funky makeover with Kly Gazer lending a cool charisma and a deep, soulful voice, perfectly balanced with some powerful saxophone and backup singers.

Looking like two lost, but reunited lovers, Kevin Brady Jr. and Wanda Toro came out for a lovely rendition of "Ain't No Mountain High

Enough." Toro's full, powerful voice brought a nice contrast to Brady's more relaxed and restrained singing.

The age of flower power came to a climax, appropriately enough, with an incredibly amazing performance of "Me and Bobby McGee," easily the centerpiece of the show.

The electrifying Sarah Dantap came out like a blonde fan of Joplin, looking, sounding, even acting exactly like the original. Dressed barefoot in bell bottom jeans, she copied her mannerisms to a tee.

Without even closing your eyes, her voice sent shivers of ice down your spine. It was like seeing a living legend brought to breathing life. She spun through the song, alternating between a howl and a whisper with such uncanny conviction, managing to hold the "image" throughout the entire song.

It was followed by the less spectacular but nonetheless thrilling rendition of "Piece of My Heart." Wanda Toro gave it her all with a powerful, soulful voice that aches with emotion.

The '70s female singer-songwriter tradition was represented with Carly Simon's "You're So Vain" and Carole King's "It's Too Late."

Among performers of the early '70s Carly Simon classic while Nuvo DeSouza played the ladies' man role with equal swagger.

"It's Too Late" swirled with a hypnotic mix of electric guitars and Jeanette Marrero did King proud with her smooth vocals of aching beauty.

"Takin' It to the Streets," "Listen to the Music," "Seven Bridges Road," and "Joy to the World" were among the songs that closed out the '70s, and the show itself.

Appropriately enough, in the wake of the terrorist tragedy that shook America Sept. 11, the show also included an authentic rendition of "America the Beautiful" with the stage backlit by an array of stars. But the real stars were the performers themselves, all of whom managed to transform songs that were great into incredible songs. Tunes that weren't so great to begin with were given new dimensions and made enjoyable.

Through it all, the musicians in the backup band, the backbone to any performance, gave a solid, intricate, and most of all, rocking performance of amazing talent.

Not enough could be said about the exuberance and excitement these singers generated. By giving their all, they gave the audience an unforgettable night and showed an unflagging and uncontrollable spirit.

Unfortunately, the show is over, but should return to the same location next fall.

Sunday night, last year's version of "American Rapture" won the Perry Award for Best Original Musical.

If this year's performance is any indication of what's to come, the players of "American Rapture" should look forward to long and impressive careers.



Barbara Cook

Cook gives dazzling concert at Paper Mill

Concert Scene

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

Fifty years ago, the genuinely gorgeous voice of Barbara Cook

astounded the theater world, the Broadway musicals and the New York recital halls. And she received all kinds of plaudits for her performances, including a Tony, a Grammy and a Drama Desk Award. Apparently, that wasn't enough for the legendary star; she began a second career

— as a concert and cabaret artist — and won standing ovations wherever she appeared.

Last year, she glamorized the Paper Mill stage in concert, and she was back on the evening of Sept. 25 in the Millburn theater to sensitize the music of Stephen Sondheim. Irving Berlin, Marvin Hamlisch, Johnny Mercer, Harold Arlen and others too numerous to mention in her "Barbara Cook in Concert," she and her marvelous piano accompanist of 27 years, Wally Harper, and her fine bass player played to a completely filled house.

Outside of filling out a bit through the years — and who hasn't — Cook retained her beauty, her talents and a real sense of humor. The feisty performer explained that Stephen Sondheim celebrated his 70th birthday recently and she planned to sing at least five of the songs he composed. Cook also mentioned that he had a list of 50 songs from shows he wishes he had written. Cook proceeded to sing many of those songs — and the audience loved every song and responded with deafening applause.

She brought the house down with such numbers as "In Buddy's Eyes" from "Follies," and from "Annie Get Your Gun," "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun." Cook thrilled the audience with "Hard-Hearted Hannah," "Waitin' for the Robert E. Lee," and when she started to sing "Loving You," Cook stopped abruptly. One could hear a pin drop as she apologized. "We all have moments like that. We'll skip this one," she explained. "No. We'll try again." She

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paused. "I can understand how a person can forget the words to a song, but I don't have any excuse for this. This is a very human moment."

Her assistant then provided the music on a piece of paper, and Cook finished the song like the real trouper she is. And she received a resounding ovation. She rewarded the audience with a superbly soulful musical presentation of "Send in the Clowns." One can still hear her rendition of one closes one's eyes.

When she stopped again — briefly — in singing "The Trolley Song" — the audience seemed to assure her that no explanation was necessary. But Cook did explain, quite seriously, that she was still going through an emotional upheaval because of the tragic events of Sept. 11. "My brain is playing tricks on me. Two weeks ago, I was in London, and when I heard about what had happened at home, I felt it was awful not to be here. I went to the Embassy. So many people had so many wonderful sentiments, but I have to tell you it was mighty good to get back. But I was afraid to sing tonight. After a while, I realized that we have to keep doing what we do."

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Annual art and craft fair returns to Cranford

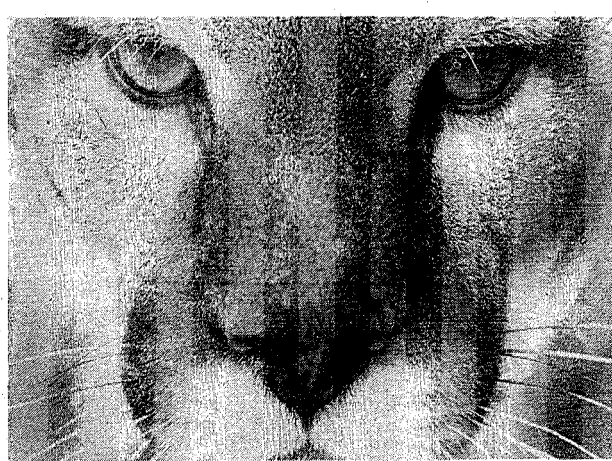
The 15th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park show will take place Oct. 13 and 14 in Cranford across from Union County College.

The show will feature approximately 110 professional artists, photographers and craftspeople from throughout the northeast and beyond, displaying and selling their hand-crafted work. This free to the public show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, and will feature family entertainment all afternoon.

The show is co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and Janet and Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions Inc.

North Brunswick artists Anna and Costas Continios are just two of the many talented jewelers who will be exhibiting at the show this year. "Colorful and fascinating semi-precious stones speak to us and influence the jewelry designs we create in sterling silver," Anna Continios explained. "Many are one-of-a-kind pieces which we hope will delight the eye and enhance the wearer." Costas Continios added.

Unique doll clothes will also be exhibited at the show by designer Sarah Aldrich of New Fairfield, Conn. Creating fine doll clothing for the most popular 18-inch dolls, Aldrich designs for various periods of American history. Represented in her work are clothes from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, the 1920s, the Victorian period and contemporary times. Aldrich has antique and contemporary offerings such as the ghis, dashikis, Halloween costumes, kimo-



A moving animal portrait by Rich Killion of Warminster, Pa., will be among the many works of art at the 15th annual Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park. Killion is one of more than 130 fine artists, craftspeople, photographers and sculptors whose work will be available.

no and wedding gowns ensembles. The Fall Fine Art and Crafts at Nomahegan Park Show will feature fine art, photography, weaving, clothing, pottery, wood, fiber, stained glass, and much more. The show will be accented with entertainment from the Carnaby Street Band and a variety of ethnic foods.

Across from Union County College, Nomahegan Park is a lovely setting for the free event. The park, located on Springfield Avenue in Cranford, parking is free across the street at the college. The hours of the free event are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. For information, call 908-874-5247 or go online to

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Summit artist's work has roots in primitive art

Beginning last Friday, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St. in Summit, will be hosting an art exhibition in its Members' Gallery titled "Andropomorphic."

This exhibition of clay art by Maguerite Brennan will continue through Oct. 25. There will be a reception for the artist Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. This reception will be held at the center and is free and open to the public.

Brennan states that she is "drawn to both the subject matter and design of the primitives." Influenced by the primitive arts of Mexico, Egypt and Eskimo culture, the animal forms she works with — monkeys, pigs, dogs, rabbits, bats, insects — "are in themselves strong and straightforward in their intent."

The artist's passion for clay and

sculpting started when she was a young girl studying at local art centers and with professional artists in their studios. She graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art in 1979 with a B.F.A. in ceramics. During the summer of 1976, while studying at the Instituto de Alameda in San Miguel, Mexico, she came in contact with the animal clay sculptors from Colima, which "spoke to her, validating her own desires to create animal forms."

This strong and primitive simplicity continues to inspire her work today.

Brennan resides and maintains a studio in Summit. She has been a faculty member at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts for the past eight years, exhibits extensively throughout the United States and is represented in many private collections.

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group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by award-winning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NJCVA is the largest visual art center in the state. It is specifically devoted to contemporary art. Outreach programs include Artists With Disabilities, curated exhibitions, the International Juried Show, Members Show and Sale, as well as members' exhibitions, docent tours, lectures, art trips, demonstrations, 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 Arts.

Paper Mill offers classes, discussions

Paper Mill Playhouse will offer various classes and seminars during the fall season. Prices and schedules are varied. For information, interested parties should call Mickey at 973-379-3636, ext. 2626 and should ask about conveniently scheduled acting classes for seniors.

• **Breakfast at Paper Mill** — An informal gathering every Monday morning for coffee and conversation about theater. "Breakfast at Paper Mill" meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Paper Mill Gallery, and began Sept. 10. Sessions will include discussions on theater history and personalities, backstage looks at the productions at Paper Mill, and interactive theater games. There are 25 sessions scheduled between now and May.

• **Acting I** — Using theater games, self-exploration and improvisation, this class introduces the basic elements of the actor's craft. Each session begins with a gentle physical warm-up and then progresses to explore diverse avenues of self-expression and communication. Participants also explore character development through the introduction of basic monologue work.

• **Acting II** — This class offers in-depth text analysis and character development and moves on to scene study with actors' working on scripts and monologues from the vast repertoire of world drama. Character development and text analysis are stressed along with a discussion of various acting styles and techniques that help bring words on a page to life on the stage.

• **Paper Mill Chamber Chorus** — Adults who enjoy choral singing will be invited in a performance of the rich

choral tradition of musical theater ranging from opera to contemporary compositions. In addition, the chorus is frequently asked to perform in fundraising and symposium events at Paper Mill.

The following classes will be offered beginning in January:

• **The Broadway Dance Workshop** — Designed for dancers who have dance training and experience to their credit, this advanced-level class will explore the style and unique creativity of a different Broadway choreographer each week. Students will learn actual Broadway dance routines while also broadening their range of expression and technique.

• **The Musical Theatre Experience: When Singing is Not Enough!** — Not for the novice singer, this class is designed for the more advanced student who is already comfortable with their voice. By working on material in class, in a master-class format, students will explore means of broadening the impact of a vocal performance and will learn how to "read" a lyric, how to land a phrase and how to determine the subtext, motivation, and musical construction of theater songs.

• **A Saturday With Shakespeare** — Designed to introduce everyone to the Bard, students will meet Shakespeare's characters and explore their psychological and behavioral life based on careful examination of Shakespeare's words.

For information, call 973-379-3636, ext. 2626. Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn.



The cast of 'The Fantasticks' rehearses a scene on the stage of Cranford Dramatic Club. Appearing in the show, which opens Oct. 12, are, from left, Tom Pedas, Rita DeChillo, Eddie Egan and Bob Pells.

CDC prepares for opening of 'Fantasticks'

"The Fantasticks" is the longest-running show of any kind in the United States and the longest-running musical in the world. This classic Off-Broadway musical is back to Cranford Dramatic Club after its debut at CDC back in 1975.

The cast includes Roger Hayden of Westfield as El Gallo, Jen Mintzer of Brooklyn as Luisa, Eddie Egan of Cranford as Matt, Tom Pedas of Linden as Bellomy, Bob Pells of Cranford as Hucklebee, George Straley of Carteret as Henry, Frank Lettera of Scotch Plains as Mortimer, and Rita DeChillo of Cranford as The Mute.

This romantic tale of young lovers, which was suggested by a play written by Edmund Rosand, "Les Romanesques" has a book and lyrics from the pen of Tom Jones, and music — including favorites "Soon It's Gonna Rain" and "Try to Remember" — by Harvey Schmidt. The original Off-Broadway production opened in 1960 and is still running at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in Greenwich Village. Well-known stars have played in different productions through the years in more than 11,103 U.S. productions in more than 2,000 cities. These include Jerry Orbach, Ricardo Montalban, P. Murray Abraham, David Canary, Elliot Gould, Liza Minelli, Glenn Close, Richard Chamberlain, John Carandine and Ed Ames. "The Fantasticks" has also been staged in more than 700 productions in

67 nations from Australia to Zimbabwe.

Veteran director Midge Wittel of Westfield directs this timeless folk tale using the original uncut script, with her supporting crew of assistant director Donna Schlenker of Cranford, producers Liz Howard of Cranford and Arlene Wachtel of Mountaintop, and her close-knit team from her production of "Snow White Goes West" of musical director Mary Beth McFall of Roselle and choreographer Mary Webb of Cranford. Also on the staff are CDC president Peggy Seymour of Cranford as stage manager, set designer March Chandler of Cranford, Charlie Roester of Westfield and Jerry Sorrentino of Scotch Plains on set construction, scenic artist Art Kasiv of Cranford, Mary McGee of Cranford on set decoration and makeup, props mistress Marilyn Court of Menchen, costumers Karen Charnis of Roselle and Leanne Backer of Bloomfield, sound designer Ed Wittel of Westfield, lighting designer Marilee Morgan of Rahway, and John Duryee of Cranford on the tech crew.

Performance will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 12 to 27. All tickets are \$15.

The theater is located at 78 Wmans Ave. in Cranford off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For reservations and information, call 908-276-7611.

Jazz series continues at Rahway Arts Guild

The Arts Guild of Rahway continues the "Jazz Pic" concert series with the David Brahms Latin Jazz Quartet Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. All seats are \$10, payable at the door. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended.

This program is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding has been supplied by Tosco-Bayway Refinery of Linden.

After a 2 1/2-year hiatus, pianist Brahms returns to the Arts Guild of Rahway with a new Latin jazz quartet

Brahms has a history of performing with many of the greats in jazz and Latin music. During the 1980s, he traveled extensively with the Houston Person-Ella Jones Group. He has also performed and recorded with singers such as Irene Kied, Ernestine Anderson, Arthur Prysock, Mark Murphy and Della Griffin. His experience also includes gigs and recordings with Lou Donaldson, Al Grey, David "Fathead" Newman, Nicky Marrero and others.

For the last several years, Brahms has been concentrating on Latin jazz. The pianist performs a repertoire reminiscent of Cal Tjader, Mongo Santamaria and Tito Puente.

Other members of the group also have impressive credentials. Bassist Victor Venegas has performed with Cal Tjader, Willie Bobo, Mongo Santamaria and Eddie Palmieri. He continues to play regularly with Dave Amram and Candido. Al Acosta, sax and flute, has performed with Xavier Cugat, Charlie Palmieri, Tito Puente and Ray Santos. Acosta has also contributed compositions to the quartet's book.

The Arts Guild of Rahway, a non-profit center for the arts, is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Seminary Avenue. For information, reservations and directions, call 732-381-7511.

Touring exhibit continues at NJCVA

Now through Oct. 28 the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts at 68 Elm St., Summit, will present "Unmarked Lives," a touring exhibition of tapestries, textiles and paperworks by artist Joanne Soroka.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Patricia Malareche, editor of Surface magazine, will give a talk — "The Contemporary Quilt: A Pattern Evolution" — at 3 p.m. Oct. 21. This event is also free and open to the public, and again, sign language interpreting is available with two weeks' prior notice.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Soroka currently lives and works in Edinburgh, Scotland. "Unmarked Lives" began touring in Canada and was received with great interest and critical acclaim.

In his review for the Montreal Gazette, critic Henry Lohmann wrote: "Woven into Joanne Soroka's tapestries and collages are her complex family roots ... For instance, 'The Thatched Roof' indeed recalls a traditional roof of the type that might have sheltered some of Soroka's forebears in Lithuania ... One of the fascinating aspects of this show is Soroka's daring when it comes to scale, which ranges from almost microscopic to near monumental."

Soroka is the recipient of many prestigious awards, including designation as a "Selected Maker" on the British Crafts Council Index as well as a British Council Grant in 2000. She has had numerous solo and group exhibitions in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, the Ukraine, Lithuania, Finland and Japan.

This arts program is made possible in part by a HEART Grant — History, Education, Arts, Reaching Thousands — from the Union County Board of

Chosen Freeholders, under Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

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Tickets are available for 'Full Monty' trip

The YM-YWHA of Union County Theater Group, under the direction of Susan Silberman and Jani Kovacs-Jonas, has 25 more mezzanine seats available for a Sunday afternoon matinee of the Tony-winning production, "The Full Monty." The trip is Oct. 28.

The cost includes round-trip transportation to and from Manhattan, from the "Y," for the 3 p.m. show. It is \$90 for "Y" members and \$95 for non-members. The luxury bus leaves at noon, allowing time for a leisurely lunch or shopping. This musical comedy is only one of the many shows that the "Y" will see this program year. In June, more than 60 people enjoyed "The Producers." Other shows coming up include "42nd Street," "The Music Man," and "Fiddler on the Roof." "Guys and Dolls" has been sold out. These extra 25 seats will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. Call Silberman or Kovacs-Jonas at 908-289-8112 to reserve; the "Y" accepts Visa and Mastercard.

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County prepares for heritage festival

Take a step back into Union County's past as 22 historic sites open their doors during "Four Centuries in a Weekend."

The annual free heritage festival will take place Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 21 from noon to 5 p.m. "This is a fantastic opportunity to see how this area played a role in our nation's history," said Alexander Mirabel-la, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Prominent 18th-century American leaders, including George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, were visitors to some of these sites."

Pick any or all of the five separate historic theme expeditions as a way to enjoy the sites of the heritage festival. Sightseers can select their favorite time period of the past and visit examples of it at their own pace.

"The festival sites are grouped into five historic themes that describe major changes in what is now Union County from colonial times until the early 1920s," said Freeholder Mary P. Raotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Participants in the history tour can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all 22 locations."

Choices include: the grand homes of the Early Aristocracy; the settings for the dangerous Revolutionary Front-line years; modest examples of hard Farm Life; the successful undertakings of Commerce and Industry; and the grandeur and comfort of the Victorian Resorts and Suburbs.

The stories of the theme clusters give visitors insights into four centuries of Union County history. Because buildings changed to meet new needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster.

Free booklets are available for this self-guided journey.

They contain brief descriptions of the sites as well as illustrated maps with all the stops marked.

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is an award-winning history festival made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Large Union County maps that are posted at each site and driving directions to the various locations are provided courtesy of the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Showcased during "Four Centuries in a Weekend" are the Littell-Lord Farmstead and The Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park in Berkeley Heights; Dr. William Robinson Plantation in Clark; Crane-Phillips House in Cranford; Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside; Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside; The Salt Box Museum in New Providence; Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Merchants and Drovers Tavern in Rahway; Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains; The Cannon Ball House in Springfield; The Carter House, The Reeves-Reed Arboretum and Twin Maples in Summit; The Caldwell Parsonage and Liberty Hall in Union, and The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

For a free copy of the heritage festival booklet, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202; or call 908-558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. NJ Relay users call 800-852-7899. E-mail may be sent to soeen@unioncounty.nj.org.

'Art in Westfield' is set for Saturday

The Westfield Art Association extends an invitation to area artists to participate in its "Art in Westfield" Sidewalk Art Show and Sale of original art Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Westfield. The rain date is Oct. 13. The artists will showcase paintings, drawings, graphics, sculpture and photography, presenting styles from abstraction to realism.

The judge for the show will be Lawrence Cappiello, the executive director of the Arts Guild of Rahway. Awards will total \$1,500, including a Purchase Award for a scene of Westfield.

For a prospectus or further information about the art show, call 908-232-7058 or 908-687-2945 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/waa.

The art show is co-sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Museum Guide

The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historical sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevant information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant at Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

• Little-Lord Farmhouse, Museum and Farmstead, 31 Horseshoe Road, Berkeley Heights. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month from April through December or by appointment. Call (908) 464-0961.

• Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum, 593 Madison Hill Road, Clark. Open 1 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month from April through December. Call (732) 381-3081.

• Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Ave. North, Cranford. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call (908) 276-0082.

• Belcher-Ogden Mansion, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call (908) 351-2500.

• Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (908) 648-4540.

• Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call (908) 352-9270.

• Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, opposite the Mountainside Library,

Mountainside. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the third Sunday of the month from March to May and September to October, closed June to August and November to February.

• Trillside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Open 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Call (908) 789-3670.

• The Saltbox Museum, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of the month.

• Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays September to June. Call (908) 755-5831.

• Merchants and Drovers Tavern, 1632 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays by appointment. Call (732) 381-0441 or visit www.merchantsanddrovers.org.

• Abraham Clark House, 101 W. Ninth Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle. By appointment only. Call (908) 486-1783.

• Roselle Park Museum, 9 W. Grant Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle Park. Open Mondays from 10 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (908) 245-1776.

• Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month. Call (908) 233-9165.

• The Cannonball House, 126

Morris Ave., Springfield. By appointment only. Call (973) 379-2634.

• Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Open 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Call (973) 376-4930.

• Benjamin Carter House, 90 Butler Parkway, Summit. Open 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays; 1:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month; and by appointment. Call (908) 277-1747.

• Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. Grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk; office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call (908) 273-8787.

• Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of the month or by appointment. Closed December and January. Call (908) 687-8129.


• Liberty Hall Museum, 1033 Morris Ave., Union. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays. Call (908) 527-0400.

• Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays from September through June — closed during the summer — and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays in January and February, or by appointment. Call (908) 232-1776.

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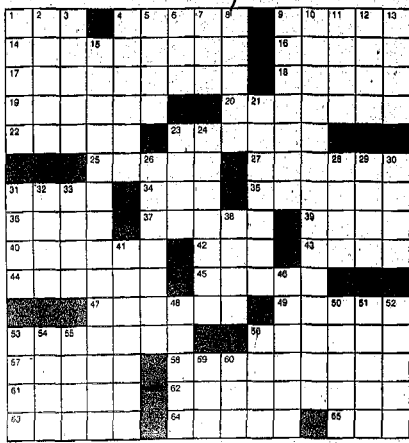
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- 5 ENR
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- 7 Keyboardist Brian
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- 11 Justin's song
- 12 Multitude

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
October 6th, 2001
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Hanlan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-5pm
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

FRIDAY
October 5th, 2001
EVENT: FLEA MARKET
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm
PRICE: New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, etc. For information call 973-374-9377.
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

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RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY
October 6th, 2001
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 739 Seminary Avenue, Rahway
TIME: 9:00am-1:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission. Items sold individually, or by the bag at \$5 (small), \$10 (medium), \$20 (large).
ORGANIZATION: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

FRIDAY
October 5th, 2001
EVENT: Free Clinical Presentation
TOPIC: Helping Children Cope with Crisis; recognizing and responding to signs of trauma in children at all ages.
PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 769 Northfield Avenue, #112, West Orange.
TIME: 7:30pm-9:00pm
PRICE: Free. CE credit available for mental health professionals and teachers.
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey.

CRAFT

SATURDAY
October 13th, 2001
EVENT: Craft Fair/Flea Market
PLACE: Linden Presbyterian Church, 1808 Orchard Terrace, Linden.
TIME: 9am-5pm
PRICE: We have something for everyone, come and browse for handmade crafts, new and used merchandise, and little treasures. Bake goods and light lunch will also be available. Vendor tables \$20. For information call 908-468-4181.
ORGANIZATION: Presbyterian Women of LFC

OTHER

SATURDAY
October 20th, 2001
EVENT: Tricky Tricky
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington
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Classmates sought for local reunions

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, Class of 1989, will hold its 10-Year-Plus Reunion Nov. 23 at the Westwood in Garwood.

All classmates interested in more information and attending this reunion should contact Bob Wachter at bob.wachter@the-garden.com or Sue Higgins at pacher@jps.net. Graduates can also contact the Union Catholic High School Alumni Office at 908-889-1001.

ext. 302 or send e-mail to bliehrich@unioncatholic.org. A search has begun for graduates of the Class of 1982 from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains to help form a committee to plan for the 30th reunion to take place in the fall of 2002. Send e-mail information to wachter@jps.net or Higgins at the Union Catholic High School Alumni Office, bliehrich@unioncatholic.org, call (908) 889-1600, ext. 302.

MOROSCOPE

Oct. 8-14

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Partners present some mutual opportunities for entertainment. Be careful not to let social activities interfere with professional duties.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There will be several manipulated obstacles. Stay in your way. Set your priorities and stay focused in order to achieve a specific goal.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Expect the unexpected in romantic or social affairs. A sudden infatuation is the result of Cupid's arrow going straight through your heart.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Avoid an emotional blowout. Deal with your feelings and be open to requests made by loved ones for changes on the home front.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take steps to increase your intellectual savvy or

knowledge base. Sign up for a quick course or seminar that will put you ahead of the game.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial ups and downs are likely this week. Come up with a money-management plan to help stabilize your income and expenditures.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Invention is the word that best describes your mood during this forecast period. Live on the solution level and attack problems with a vengeance.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): It's time for you to kick back and admire your handiwork. Enrich your environment or personal space with objects of your own creativity.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Express yourself with extra passion and really get your point across to friends and loved ones. Speak through your emotions!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Individuality is your key word this week. Push the envelope and dare to be different or unafraid to stand out in the crowd.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Being impulsive could cause you to miss out on a wonderful opportunity. It pays to think before you jump into a shaky situation.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money grows quickly in a joint investment program. Set some funds aside in order to take advantage of this promising and timely offer.
If your birthday is this week, communication is highlighted as your thoughts and ideas are of a genius caliber during the coming year. Be sure to document every fleeting concept because, like a flash, it all disappears very quickly.

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Westfield Symphony preps for season

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra opens its Variations on a Fantasy Season 2001-02 with a gala concert titled "Victories."

The concert will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$15 to \$45.

David Wroe, music director and conductor, selected a program of music guaranteed to please both the casual music lover and the most sophisticated symphony attendee. Richard Rodgers' tone poem "Victory at Sea" begins the concert. Maestro Wroe selected this work to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Richard Rodgers' birth. The concert ends with Nicolay Rimsky-Korsakov's sensational and sumptuous fantasia "Scheherazade." Internationally known pianist Leon Fleisher joins Maestro Wroe and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra in Maurice Ravel's shimmering

"Flauto Concerto for Left Hand."

Tickets can be purchased directly from the WSO by calling 908-232-9400; from the Union County Arts Center box office at 732-499-0441; or at one of the following WSO ticket outlets: Martin Jewelers, 12 North Ave., West Cranford; Beautiful Things, 1878 E. Second St., Scotch Plains; Lancaster Ltd., 76 Elm St., The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield; and Bayberry, 860 Mountain Ave., Mountainside.

The following restaurants offer a 10-percent discount on pre-concert dinners with seatings from 5 to 5:30 p.m.: Chez Catherine in Westfield, 908-654-4011; Elm Street Cafe in Westfield, 908-232-3939; Kotobaki in Westfield, 908-233-6547; and Nordside Trattoria in Westfield, 908-232-7320. Patrons must show their tickets to qualify for the discount. Reservations are highly recommended.

Summit Chorale announces season line-up

Kick-off benefit is set for Oct. 20

Under the continuing leadership of music director and conductor Garyth Nair, the Summit Chorale has announced plans for 2001-02 — the group's 93rd season.

The chorale's traditional holiday concerts will have a 20th-century English focus this year, featuring Vaughan Williams' "Mass in G Minor," as well as works by Britten, Howells, the Welsh composer William Mathias, and a choral arrangement by Nair of the Vaughan Williams "Fantasia on 'Greensleeves.'" Continuing to serve a wide area of northern New Jersey, the chorale performs Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in New Providence. Summit Chorale's free Messiah Community Sing takes place

Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

On March 16, joined by the Chamber Symphony of New Jersey, the chorale will present a melodious program titled "How Suite It Is," with choral and orchestra suites from Mendelssohn's Elijah and Bizet's "Carmen." Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield will be the venue at 8 p.m.

The chorale brings "The Choral Tradition of Poland" to the United Methodist Church in Madison May 18 at 8 p.m. The group will present an overview of the rich choral tradition of the Poles beginning with music from the Middle Ages and ending with the featured work, the monumental "Miserere" of the acclaimed 20th-century composer, Henry Gorecki.

A performance and silent auction to benefit the chorale, "A Night at the Opera with Gilbert and Sullivan," will kick off the season Oct. 20, at Fellowship Hall of Morrow Memorial Methodist Church in Maplewood. Doors will open for the auction at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 8 p.m.

Funding for Summit Chorale is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding is being provided by the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation. Summit Chorale is Chorus in Residence at Drew University in Madison. For a season brochure or more information, call 973-762-8486, or visit the chorale's Web site at www.summitchorale.org.

Band to bring Latin sounds to Rahway

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway will present Inti-Illimani, the Chieftans of South America, the award-winning musical group featuring the sounds of Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina for an exclusive New Jersey engagement Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.

For several decades, Inti-Illimani was in exile in Italy during the Pinochet regime. They are a symbol of free expression, liberty and democracy for Chile. Inti-Illimani's music has intoxicated audiences around the globe for three decades. Their music comes from Latin American roots and they play on more than 30 wind, string and percussion instruments. Their instruments come from European, American Indian, African and Mestizo cultures.

Inti-Illimani have appeared on Amnesty International

stages with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Mercedes Sosa, Sting and Wynton Marsalis, and at benefit concerts for the Victor Jara Foundation with Paco Pena, John Williams, Emma Thompson, Karen Matheson, Maria Parrotti, Salsa Celtica and the Rambert Dance Company. Jara was killed in Chile's National Stadium after the Allende coup in 1973.

In 1999, Inti-Illimani won Group of the Year and Composer of the Year, for Horacio Salinas, awarded by the Entertainment Journalists Association of Chile.

Inti-Illimani will appear on the Union County Arts Center stage Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50, \$19.50 and \$15.50. For more information, call Ticket Central, Union County Arts Center's box office, at 732-499-8226.

CDC announces auditions for kids' show

This year's children's theater presentation of the Cranford Dramatic Club will be "Sleeping Beauty." Audition dates are Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.

Cy-director Hope Weinstein of Springfield says, "Those wanting to audition should be prepared to sing a song of their choice, read from the script, and learn a dance routine. We are looking for character-actors who sing well." These include a male, late teens to mid-20s, who duces and improvises well; three females who dance well; age seven; one male, age seven; one male, ages 40s to 60s; one female, ages 30s to 50s; one female who looks like; and one male or female to play the comedic villain.

The complete description of characters is as follows:

- The Blue Fairy — male, baritone, late teens to mid-20s. He is half mortal and half faun and is mute until the final scene of the play when he turns into a handsome prince. Must move and pantomime well.
- Phoebe — female, soprano, dancer, age open. She is the leader of the Good Fairies.
- Sybil — female, soprano, dancer, age open. She is a Good Fairy; ethereal and a bit giddy.
- Minerva — female, character-comedy, alto or soprano, dancer, age open. She is the most down-to-earth Good Fairy, and the most comedic.
- The Royal Herald — male, character, baritone, age open. He is the court announcer; elegant, with grand bows and a commanding voice.
- The King — male, baritone, 40s to 60s. He is regal, but with warmth and kindness; played in Shakespearean style.
- The Queen — female, soprano, 30s to 50s. She is played in the same style as the King.
- Princess Melisande — female, ingenue, lyric soprano, should look 16 years old. She becomes the Sleeping Beauty. Youthful, with courtly grace and charm. Must move well.
- Trollarina — male or female, character-comedy, baritone or alto, must move well. She is the bad fairy, but the audience must enjoy her villainous antics. She should be played very broadly with dynamic transitions of good and evil.

Supporting Weinstein in this production of "Sleeping Beauty" are: director F.J. DeRobertis of Westwood, with musical director Shayne Austin Miller of Plainfield and choreographer Jean Eisenberg of Cranford.

Performance of "Sleeping Beauty" will be Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 4 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 1:30 and 4 p.m. The theater is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For information, call 908-276-7611.

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The Cook's Nook

Author brings the cuisine of the south seas to the dining room table

By Pat Stein
Copley News Service

In a multifaceted life and career that has taken her around the world, Jennifer Brennan has hob-nobbed with maharajahs, survived a train wreck, eluded terrorists and sipped tea with celebrities.

But wherever Brennan has traveled, her interest in world cuisines has remained a constant. She has written and illustrated five cookbooks, including her latest, "Tradewinds & Coconuts" (Periplus, \$34.95), a collection of recipes and reminiscences from the Pacific Islands.

The book is a finalist for the International Association of Culinary Professionals' annual award for literary food writing. Brennan won the award in 1991 for "Curries & Bugles: A Memoir and Cookbook of the British Raj." Brennan, who lives in Normal Heights, Calif., confesses that, like Robert Louis Stevenson, Paul Gauguin and a host of other artists and writers, she succumbed to the seductive charm of the South Pacific. The spell was cast during a 10-year research period when she island-hopped throughout Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia, immersing herself in local culture.

"I shopped in local markets, ate the local food, met local chefs, gathered recipes and books and spent time with the islanders," said the British-born author. She said she found living in the region known as Oceania to be "addictive."

The inspiration for "Tradewinds & Coconuts" was a three-year sojourn on Guam, where Brennan's husband, Art, an airline pilot, was based.

"I marveled at the fresh, new combinations of flavors of the regional foods of Micronesia," Brennan said. "I loved the multicultural feasts and fiestas, the unusual seafood, exotic vegetables and fruits and unfamiliar meats."

She also could see that the food customs that fascinated her were in danger of vanishing under the pressure of modernization.

"I wanted to capture and preserve the culinary traditions of the Pacific Islands before they disappeared under a deluge of fast food franchises," she

said. Pacific Island cuisine is no stranger to outside influences. Explorers, merchants, planters and workers from foreign lands introduced their own elements to the cuisine, creating what Brennan called "exquisite fusions of ingredients and a cross-pollination of cooking techniques and influences." While convenience foods have had some impact on Pacific Island cuisine, Brennan said many local chefs and home cooks are striving to maintain the traditions that she aimed to capture in "Tradewinds & Coconuts."

From Tahiti to the Solomon Islands, freshly caught fish, home-grown vegetables, fruit, nuts and coconuts are the cornerstones of Pacific Island cuisine.

"Growing and harvesting food is integral to the Oceanian daily rhythm of life," she said. "Islanders are constantly planting vegetables, pickling fruit and nuts, hunting game and raising animals, and the fishing boats are always at work."

Everyday island meals are centered around a starch such as yams, sweet potatoes, breadfruit, taro or plantains, often cooked in coconut milk and sometimes served with condiments "to relieve the blandness of the starches," Brennan said.

"A leafy green or other vegetable, and seafood are frequently included for balance. Occasionally they'll add chicken or other meat. Pigs are reserved for feasts, as are desserts."

Brennan observed food preparation techniques ranging from cooking over a wood fire in a corrugated tin hut to cooking in an outdoor earth pit. "Tradewinds & Coconuts" she has adapted these techniques for American cooks. She also replaced some of the exotic ingredients with more readily available items. For example, spinach can be substituted for taro tops. But, she said, "I was surprised at how many of the island ingredients I was able to find in local markets — especially Asian markets."

Wrapping foods in banana, taro or breadfruit leaves and then steaming or baking is an island technique that Brennan believes translates nicely to American kitchens.

"Leaf-wrapping lends itself to barbecuing, baking in the oven or steaming on top of the stove," she said.

"Foods absorb flavors from the leaf wrappers, and since the leaf bundles are slow-cooked, the flavors of the wrapped vegetables and fish or fowl meld beautifully."

"It was the first Thai cookbook published outside of Thailand," said Brennan, who gathered information for that book while residing in Bangkok and writing a food column for the Bangkok World newspaper.

Exotic locales Thailand is one of many countries where Brennan has resided. A true citizen of the world, she was born in England but grew up in India. She has also lived in Hong Kong, Egypt, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Vietnam and Pakistan.

"My family were British colonialists," Brennan said. "My ancestors sailed the seas aboard the clipper ships of the British East India Company."

Her father was the engineer in charge of building the first Burma Road during World War II. Her mother's family was part of the British Raj in India.

Brennan's own life has been anything but humdrum. She has been chased by German U-boats, rubbed elbows with Indian royalty, and even hung out with the Beatles for several days while organizing their concert visit to Hong Kong in 1964. When Brennan was 6, her family was taking a train trip in India when tribal insurgents derailed the train, leaving the family stranded for hours amid the wreckage. She left India to return to England in 1944 and clearly remembers German raids on London during World War II. After years spent in a proper English boarding school, she went to Cyprus to join her father in 1950, but had to be evacuated to the Suez Canal Zone when the rising tide of terrorism made Cyprus unsafe for British nationals. Recently, she took a stab at restaurant ownership with the now-defunct Curries & Bugles in Old Town. She also conducts "cooking classes."

Here are some of Brennan's favorite dishes from "Tradewinds & Coconuts": The Kalua Pork recipe adapts the traditional Hawaiian pit-roasted pig for the home oven. Some of the dishes include smoke seasoning

to suggest the flavors imparted by cooking over smoky fires.

Kalua Pork in Your Oven

- 4 to 5 pounds boneless pork butt, fat scored into diamonds
 - 1 teaspoon sea salt
 - 2 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 teaspoon smoke seasoning liquid
 - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 garlic cloves, smashed, peeled and minced
 - 1 teaspoon peeled, grated fresh gingerroot
 - 1 teaspoon canola oil
 - 6 large collard leaves, washed, drained and softened, stems removed (see note)
 - 1 bunch spinach leaves, washed, drained and softened, stems removed (see note)
- Yields 6 servings.

Place pork butt in gallon-size zipper-top plastic bag. Add salt, soy sauce, smoke seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, garlic and ginger. Scrape and massage marinade into pork. Set aside to marinate for at least 1 hour at room temperature.

Preheat your oven to 325 F. Place large (about 8 inches longer than the pork) rectangle of heavy-duty aluminum foil on your counter or cutting board. Spread canola oil on surface of foil with your hands. Cover oiled surface with collard leaves, leaving a 2- to 3-inch margin on all sides. Layer spinach leaves over collard leaves, overlapping as necessary to stay within borders.

Remove pork from marinade and place it near the edge, but within the leaf bed. Bend edges of foil on all sides to form a tray. Pour remaining marinade over pork. Now, carefully and tightly fold leaves over pork. Fold up and crimp-seal foil to form a compact packet. Place packet in roasting pan and bake for 3 hours.

Remove pork from oven and carefully unseal packet. The meat should be fork-tender, almost falling apart. Use a pair of spatulas to gently transfer leaf-wrapped pork to serving dish. Serve hot or warm.

Note: To soften collard leaves, microwave them on high for 15 seconds. To soften spinach leaves, microwave on high for 5 seconds.

Poina Cruz Tiger Shrimp and Papaya in Peanut, Garlic and Coconut Sauce

- 12 tiger shrimp (sometimes called tiger prawns, about 5 to 8 count per pound)
 - 1 tablespoon peanut butter
 - 1½ tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
 - 5 cloves garlic, smashed, peeled and minced (divided use)
 - 1 teaspoon curry powder
 - 3 tablespoons peanut oil
 - 1-inch piece fresh gingerroot, peeled and minced
 - 3 green onions, both white and green parts, sliced into ¼-inch-long sections
 - 2 cups firm, ripe papaya, peeled, seeded and cut into ½-inch cubes
 - ¼ cup coconut cream (see note)
 - 2 teaspoons cilantro leaves, chopped
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Peel and devein shrimp, reserving shells and tails. Refrigerate shrimp. Place shells and tails in medium saucepan. Cover with water, place over high heat and bring to a boil. Continue to boil until liquid is reduced by one-third. Remove from heat, strain through sieve and reserve stock. Discard solids. Place peanut butter and about ¼ cup of reserved shrimp stock in blender. Blend on high for about 30 seconds, or until mixture is smooth and creamy. Add soy sauce, 1 teaspoon of minced garlic and curry powder. Blend again to smooth, thick sauce, adding more of reserved stock if necessary to achieve proper consistency.

Heat peanut oil in medium saucepan or wok over medium-high heat. Add remaining garlic, ginger and green onions, and stir and fry for about 1 minute. With rubber spatula, scrape contents of blender into saucepan. Stir and let mixture come to a simmer. Add papaya and continue to cook for about 2 minutes. Add reserved shrimp, stir and cook until shrimp just begin to change color. Pour in an additional ½ cup of reserved shrimp stock. Stir and continue on heat until sauce just begins to bubble. Add coconut cream and allow ingredients to heat through without boiling. Transfer to serving bowl.

Sprinkle top with cilantro. Serve with rice.

Note: Coconut cream is available in Asian markets and in the Asian foods sections of some supermarkets.

Poisson Cru (Tahitian Marinated Fish Salad)

- 2 pounds fresh tuna, cut into 1-inch cubes (see note)
- 1½ cups freshly squeezed lime juice, from 8 to 10 large limes
- 4 green onions, both white and green parts, coarsely chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 small carrots, grated
- 1 small English cucumber, thinly sliced into discs
- 1½ teaspoons sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon white pepper
- ¼ cup minced parsley, packed, plus a few sprigs for garnish
- 1 cup coconut cream (see note)
- Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Place fish in large zipper-top plastic bag and pour in lime juice. Seal and rotate bag several times to distribute lime juice. The fish chunks should firm slightly and become white or opaque as citric acid denatures surface enzymes. Drain fish in sieve or colander and pat pieces dry with paper towel. Place fish chunks in large nonreactive mixing bowl. Add green onions, diced tomatoes, grated carrots and cucumber slices. Season with sea salt and white pepper. Stir in minced parsley. Pour coconut cream over mixture and toss gently to coat all ingredients. Transfer to large chilled glass bowl or giant clam shell. Decorate salad with remaining sprigs of parsley. Serve at once, or keep in cool place until you are ready to present it. Do not refrigerate salad before serving because coconut cream will solidify.


Note: Fish such as mahi-mahi, bonito or halibut may be substituted for the tuna. The length of time the fish will take to "cook" in the marinade will vary depending on the type of fish: halibut the shortest, mahi-mahi the longest. Press on the bag to determine the degree of firmness of the fish. Coconut cream is available in Asian markets and in the Asian foods sections of some supermarkets.

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Beaux Art Trio to kick off concert series at Kean University

The Beaux Arts Trio will inaugurate the 2001-02 season of the Kean University International Classical Concert Series Friday at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave., Union.

The trio consists of pianist Menahem Pressler, Young Uk Kim on violin, and cellist Antonin Meneses. Their performances have consistently received rave reviews. "The Beaux Arts Trio is in a class by itself," one critic wrote. Another praised the musicians for their "impeccable taste and musicianship. Their performance is an inspiring experience." The trio has played more than 8,000 engagements worldwide and is largely responsible for chamber music's phenomenal rise in popularity during the last 40 years.

The Vienna-based string trio will perform Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater. Trio members Daisy Jopling and Aleksey Igudesman, violin, and Tristan

Schulze, cello, comprise a cosmopolitan group originating from London, England, Saint Petersburg, Russia, and Dresden, Germany, respectively. They debuted at the Porgy and Bess jazz club in Vienna in 1995. According to critics, the trio has been branching out from its classical roots, transforming chamber music by performing with the energy of rock musicians and at the same time developing an unusually intimate connection to the audience. They received international acclaim for their score to the Dream Works animated feature, "The Road to El Dorado," released in the U.S. in March 2000.

The third performance in the International Classical Concert Series will be by Kurt Ollmann Feb. 13, 2002, at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater. A Wisconsin native, Ollmann is applauded for his "lyric baritone voice of unusual beauty and cultivation." Since he gained attention as Riff on the 1985

recording of "West Side Story" conducted by Leonard Bernstein, Ollmann has earned a reputation as one of America's most versatile and respected singers. His career has included performances with major opera companies and orchestras in New York, London, Paris, Rome, Brussels, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. He has also been an active recitalist in Europe and across the U.S. Ollmann's repertoire ranges from Haydn and Schumann to Gershwin and Weill.

Pianist Cecile Licad will conclude the series with a performance April 12, 2002, at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater. A native of the Philippines, Licad debuted with the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Philippines. Her large repertoire as an orchestral soloist ranges from acclaimed interpretations of classical works of Mozart and Beethoven to the romantic and moderns, including Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Schumann and Rachmaninoff.

Debussy, Ravel, Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Bartok. One of the youngest musicians to receive the prestigious Leventritt Gold Medal in 1981, Licad won immediate international recognition and has appeared regularly with famous American and European orchestras. As a recording artist, Licad has released a CD of three works by Ravel: "Le tombeau de Couperin," "Gaspard de la Nuit" and "Sonatine" on the Music Masters label.

The Kean University International Classical Concert Series was started by music professors Herbert Golub in 1973 and has featured such stars as Stewart Goodyear, The Romanos, Daniel Lee and Emma Johnson.

Ticket prices for each of the four performances in the 950-seat Wilkins Theater are \$20 for orchestra seats, \$15 for mezzanine, and \$7 for students. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the box office at 908-527-2337.

Seminar is rescheduled

In light of recent catastrophic events, Stewart A. Ritter, senior vice president of Investments for Prudential Financial in Westfield, has rescheduled his free investment seminar titled "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them" for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at The Westwood in Garwood.

"Women are too often neglected when it comes to financial education," says Ritter. "One of the most important tools for any investor is knowledge, and that is why I am providing this seminar specifically for women."

According to Ritter, women investors face several unique concerns when investing and should therefore consider taking a unique approach to financial planning.

Women typically live longer than men, and are more likely to take time off during the working years. According to the National Center for Women and Retirement Research, 90 percent of all women will be independently and solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives. While gaining financial indepen-

dence is a major goal of women investors, recent trends show that women today have more money to invest and are a greater force in the workplace than ever before. The National Association of Women Business Owners reports that women are starting new companies at twice the rate of men. In fact, there are nearly 8 million women-owned businesses in the United States today, employing more people than the 500 largest industrial firms in America combined.

"The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them" seminar will address some of the issues of most concern for women investors today. Ritter will also focus on strategies for women who would like to gain more control over their individual financial situation.

Ritter has a 19-year history in the financial services industry. Groups from women's clubs and organizations are encouraged to attend. In addition to individual investors. For more information, or to request tickets to the seminar, call Rose DeSimone at 908-789-7827.

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ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at the Tracy Dunn's Gallery, 548 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.

THE WHOLE AND THE MANY PARTS — assemblages, collage and mixed-media construction by Marcel Truppa and Leonard Marlo — will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

BENVENUTI IN TOSCANA: "Photographs of My Father's Homeland," works by Judy Benvenuti, will be on exhibit at the Kent Plaza Gallery, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit, through Friday. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For information, call 908-273-0900.

ARTIST MIROSLAW RYDZAK will have his work on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery, at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, through Oct. 12. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION members J. Mack Albertson, Millicent Brody, Julie Castillo, Kathleen O'Connell and Jomo Kenyatta will have their work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through Oct. 17. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NUCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ALLEN BEINGS SERIES, the works of Stephen McKenzie, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth Mackay Library at Union County College, Cranford, through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-279-7155.

ANTHROPOMORPHIC, clay art by Marjorie Brennan, will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Oct. 25. A reception with the artist will take place Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NUCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

FIGURATIVE BRONZE SCULPTURE by Charles Hahn will be on exhibit at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Oct. 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 at 703 Washington Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-786-1707.

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March 2001 Junied Union County Art Exhibit will be on display at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Oct. 17 to Nov. 9. An opening reception will take place Oct. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION member Stella Lange will have her work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, Oct. 13 through Nov. 15.

AUDITIONS

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB'S CHILDREN'S THEATER will conduct auditions for "Sleeping Beauty" Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the CDO theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Being sought are three men, late teens to 63s, and five women, teens to 50s; one role, for an elf or barfalon, will be cast gender-blind. Performances are Dec. 9 and 9. For information, call 908-276-7811.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season. Rehearsals are held Monday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room. For information, call Dale Juntila at 908-232-0973.

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- Beginning Stained Glass Workshop: Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m., today through Nov. 29, \$75 for members or \$85 for non-members.
- Intermediate Stained Glass: Thursdays, today through Nov. 29, 8:30 to 10 a.m., \$85 for members or \$95 for non-members.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511. Payment in full is due before classes begin.

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN in Westfield offers various music classes to children between the ages of 10 months and 13 years old. For information on class offerings or to reserve a space at either open house, call 908-235-4881.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will offer classes and workshops for adults, teens and children through Nov. 30. Classes and workshops include "Color Harmony in Watercolor," "Watercolor — Clay-cane," "Capturing Light in Watercolor," "The Art of the Pop-Up," "Collage," "People," "Photographing," "People,"

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BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Rantian Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the autumn. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, including a concert schedule, call 732-574-1818.

CRAFTS

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S Parents Guild will sponsor its annual Craft Fair and Holiday Gift Market Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. UCHS is located at 1800 Marine Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-859-9475.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE CRAFT PUB



"**DAYS END**," a 27-inch bronze sculpture by Charles Hahn, is among the works on exhibit in "Figurative Bronze Sculpture" Saturday through Oct. 31 at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield. For information, see the "Art Shows" listing on this page.

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 focus 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 725 Westfield Ave. For information, call 908-233-3200.

CONCERTS

THE BEAUX ARTS TRIO will be presented in concert Friday at 8 p.m. at 800-834-9437.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway, Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$45. For information, call WSO at 908-233-9400 or UCAAC at 732-499-0441.

AMERICA will appear in concert at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn, Tuesday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$50. For information, call 973-378-4343.

PIANIST MARTHA MARCHENA will appear in concert in Wilkes Theater at Keen University, Union, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Keen University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is free. For information, call 908-527-2107.

INTHALLMANI, the Chieftains of South America, will be presented in concert Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. by the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$18.50, \$19.50 and \$22.50. For information, call 732-499-8226.

NEW ARTISTS/CLASSICAL SOUNDS concert series will continue through Nov. 4. All concerts take place at Keen University in Union, begin at 2 p.m., and are free to Keen students and staff members with I.D.

Oct. 23: Ilmar Gavilan and Adonia Gonzalez-Matos, classical, free admission.
Nov. 4: Peggy Schreier, Francisco Jose Roldan, Brenda Feliciano and Any Lovine; classical; \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students. Keen University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2107.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the autumn.

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 111 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-8060.

JAZZ

JAZZ ETC., the jazz concert series sponsored by the Arts Guild of Rahway, will kick off its autumn 2001 season with the David Brahm Latin Jazz Quartet Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10; seating is limited, so reservations are recommended. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511.

KIDS

CHILDREN'S WRITING GROUP, for children in grade three and up, will be sponsored Monday at 7 p.m. by Barnes and Noble in Clark, 1180 Rantian Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

TRAILBLAZE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER in Mountainside will sponsor fall after-school workshops in the coming weeks and months.

After-School Explorations: Nature exploration and science experiments for 1st- and 2nd-graders; Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per class.
Trailblaze Explorers: An exploration of plants, animals and their habitats for 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders; Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.; \$8 per class.

For information, call 908-789-3670.
BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For information, call 973-376-8544.
UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT 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.

MUSEUMS

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union offers several events throughout the summer.

Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.: "Tea Served" on the glass porch, \$20 per person.
Thursdays, 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m.: "A Child's View of History" tours and activities for children 7 to 12 years old.

Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. Tours are offered Wednesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 4 p.m. Tour admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children; children younger than 6 are admitted free.

For information, call 908-527-0400.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantian Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Rantian 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 8 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

Oct. 21: "Peter and the Wolf" and "Sleeping Beauty," 2 p.m.; all tickets, \$7.
Keen University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2337.

DANCE

NEW JERSEY BALLET will present two shows Oct. 20 and 21 in Wilkes Theater at Keen University, Union.
Oct. 20: Blues and Jazz Ballets, 8 p.m.; \$18 for general admission, \$18 for senior citizens, \$12 for students.
Oct. 21: "Peter and the Wolf" and "Sleeping Beauty," 2 p.m.; all tickets, \$7.

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DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional, life coach Jani Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantian Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FILM

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will be sponsored at the Loews Mountaineer, Route 22, Mondays, through Dec. 10, session one is Sept. 24 through Oct. 28; session two is Nov. 5 through Dec. 10. Subscriptions are \$121 for six weeks, \$223 for 12 weeks. For information, call 800-831-9418.

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

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THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "The Late Christopher Bean" by Sidney Hillman through Oct. 12. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$38 for general admission, \$6 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-485-0077.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present "The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt Oct. 12 through Oct. 14. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the CDO theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Tickets are \$16. For information, call 908-276-7811.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams Oct. 13 through Nov. 3. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$12. The WCF theater is located at 1000 North Ave., West, Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday, 9 p.m. and Karaoke every Thursday night!

The Back Porch is located at 1605 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as local-themed nights.

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FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. 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 5 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dining 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 Halko 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 Shuyavanet 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 Saturdays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.
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Oct. 30: Todd Landau.
Nov. 4: Dave Hensel.
Nov. 6: James O'Brian.
Nov. 11: The Boogalizers.
Nov. 13: Shamra.
Nov. 18: Electric Breakwater.
Nov. 20: Paul Enbaker.
Nov. 25: The Joe Talno Trio.
Nov. 27: Kent.
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.

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The ERA Brokers of New Jersey have pledged their support to raise funds for the Realtors' Housing Relief Fund, which was established on Sept. 12 by the National Association of Realtors to assist victims' families who were devastated by the terrorist attacks in New York City, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, with their housing costs.

Paul Giannantonio, president of ERA Brokers of New Jersey, and his board of directors, are urging all ERA offices in Northern and Central New Jersey to contribute to and join in raising funds for the Realtors' Housing Relief Fund. The fund was established to help pay the mortgage and rental costs for victims' families, including fire, law enforcement and other emergency personnel.

According to Giannantonio, "Without some assistance, families without mortgage insurance and those that cannot meet their rental costs, could lose their homes. In deciding where to concentrate our fund-raising efforts, the board felt that helping the families of victims keep their homes is how we can best serve the needs of our local communities. As real estate professionals, this is what we do every day, and we feel no one should lose their home as a result of this terrorist attack."

"The need for disaster relief assistance is great, and the Realtors' Housing Relief Fund is one way that we can contribute directly to and help the families of victims of this terrible tragedy," added Giannantonio.

NAR announced that it is making an initial contribution of \$1 million to open the fund and that 100 percent of individual and family contributions will be used to directly assist families in need. Administrative costs will be absorbed by NAR and state associations of Realtors.

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Aztek weighs in with all-wheel-drive option

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

The Pontiac Aztek might just have had its 15 minutes of fame — and it could emerge as a survivor.

I recently spent a week in a yellow all-wheel-drive Aztek GT and it was an experience quite unlike the one I had about a year ago when this so-called Sport Recreation Vehicle was just going on sale.

It took thick skin to drive the awkward-looking Aztek before its debut on this season's "Survivor: The Australian Outback." People made rude comments and saluted it with the finger-down-the-throat gesture.

This time around, it was almost a hero's welcome. People walked up to it and said things like, "Fight!" or "Hey, it's Colby's car!" and "Cool, an Aztek!"

Colby Donaldson, 26, a custom auto designer from Dallas, was the runner-up in this season's "Survivor" show, but in Episode 13 he won a night in an Aztek with the tent and air-bed option.

The praise for the Aztek was totally unexpected. The car doesn't look any different now than when it debuted, but the sight of it has become more familiar and, perhaps, more acceptable.

Aztek's styling helps disguise its origins in the standard Montana minivan, which is 11 1/2 inches wider, 5 inches longer and weighs 15 pounds more than a front-wheel-drive Aztek. Adding Versatrak all-wheel drive is a good idea, but price at \$2,300 extra.

Versatrak is an on-demand four-wheel-drive system that powers the front wheels until they lose grip and power is piped to the rear tires. It's mostly for improved traction in inclement conditions, not climbing mountains. In fact, Pontiac recommends not taking Aztek off the highway.

All-wheel drive helps trim the two-wheel-drive Aztek's noticeable understeer, meaning that in sharp turns or enthusiastic cornering the front tires tend to slide. That's not too scary when the driver is expecting it, but the rear factor increases dramatically when understeer is combined with panic braking.

All-wheel drive seemed to better balance the tall shape and allowed the

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front tires to get a better grip through sharp turns.

The added weight of Versatrak also may have given Aztek more poise in evasive maneuvers. With the weight low in the body, sudden moves at highway speeds could be made without frightening consequences. The front-wheel-drive model feels more top-heavy and squiggly in evasive actions.

Weight gain can be an issue for Aztek. With Versatrak, the top-line GT model weighs 4,043 pounds, or 265 pounds more than the already full-bodied two-wheel-drive model. Pontiac boasts of Aztek's 185 horsepower, but it takes at least that to carry passengers and all their stuff.

Consequently, the five-passenger Aztek isn't as sporty to drive as a Pontiac will be acceptable for most users. The standard and only driveline is a 3.4-liter V-6 and 4-speed automatic transmission. Fuel mileage of the all-wheel-drive GT is 18 mpg around town and 25 on the highway or 1 mpg less than the two-wheel-drive version.

Pricing for a two-wheel-drive Aztek starts at just less than \$22,000 for an entry-level model and goes up to \$24,000 for the up-level GT with all the power conveniences.

The GT with Versatrak starts at \$27,315, including a \$550 destination charge. The test truck came with one beely option package for \$2,265 that boosted the sticker to \$29,580.

That's a lot of money for an Aztek, at least for the young, outdoorsy buyer Pontiac hopes to reach.

The 15C option pack included leather seating surfaces, a dual push-back cassette and CD with equalizer, power driver's seat, head-up display — for speed, radio, etc. beamed onto the lower edge of the windshield — and the sliding rear cargo tray.

The cargo tray seems like a nifty

idea — a bin with flip-up doors that can be rolled in and out of the cargo area. The bin has mesh separators for grocery bags or other stuff, but loading groceries into the bin took extra effort to slip the bags into the compartments.

Note to dog owners: the flat-top bin is a skating rink for your pet unless covered with some kind of carpeted mat. Also, the cargo area could turn into an easy-bake oven when exposed to sunlight through the expansive glass in the sloped tailgate.

Built in the base price of the GT are many standard features, including 4-wheel disc brakes, tinted glass, roof rack, split folding back seat, air conditioning with dual zone controls, power mirrors/windows/locks, 6-speaker AM-FM-CD, remote locking, utility packs in the front door slots and a removable front console cooler.

Safety features include dual front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes, automatic headlights and battery run-down protection.

Despite its car-by-committee design, Aztek embodies many good ideas and innovations, but it took a corporate investment in "Survivor" to throw it a lifeline.

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Mazda's new offering is a well-built little four-door

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

If you have to drive cheaply, at least let it be fun.

Mazda's 2001 Protege ES sedan is a lesson in turning a dutiful class of commuter and family sedan into a roomy, well-built little four-door that is entertaining and economical.

Protege is largely unrecognized for its dependability and quality. Honda and Toyota overshadow this market of entry-level sedan, but for styling and features, Protege is more of a stand-out than either the Civic or Corolla.

Also, the Protege has more head room and shoulder room than a Civic and a noticeably larger trunk that is wide and low for easy grocery loading.

This compact, 5-passenger sedan comes in three flavors with two engines, both of which are certified for ultra-low emissions.

The base DX — \$13,245 — and midline LX — \$13,965 — come with a 103-hp 1.6-liter double overhead cam in-line 4-cylinder; fuel mileage is 29 mpg around town and 34 on the highway.

The top-line ES comes with a 130-hp DOHC 4-cylinder or you can pay an extra \$400 and get the 2.0-liter with the LX model. Fuel mileage is 23/31.

While the DX model is a basic econo box with 14-inch tires, the ES is an icon for the company's "Zoom Zoom" philosophy. There is much attention to quality materials and construction, inside and out. The feel of



Mazda's entry-level sedan puts zoom-zoom on the road.

the test car was stylish and substantial, supported by 16-inch tires and alloy wheels, white-face gauges and fabrics and trim elements that are a pleasing mix of contrasting textures and colors.

As ES with 5-speed manual transmission starts at \$16,015, including the \$480 destination charge and such worthwhile extras as remote keyless locking, air conditioning, 4-wheel disc brakes, 4-speaker AM-FM-CD stereo and a full tank of gas when you leave the dealership.

A premium option package of \$1,580 adds side air bags, anti-lock brakes with electronic brake distribution, power moon roof and carpeted

floor mats. A 4-speed automatic runs \$800.

A comparably equipped Civic EX, without any options, starts at \$17,350, and comes with 15-inch tires and wheel covers, rear drum brakes, but slightly better fuel economy at 32 mpg around town and 37 on the highway.

A big round of applause goes to the engineer who raised the height of the back seats. I wondered why my kids weren't gagging for fresh air when I was slugging them around on the recent week of testing. The slightly higher seating position and tall side glass gives them a good view while the firm suspension helps trim the ten-

gency of the car to make occupants blanch from motion sickness.

Once you've got the kids captive in the back seat, however, there are no cup holders, seat back pockets or other containers for them to stuff the books, toys and other crusty things they travel with.

There's no center armrest, either, but the seat back is a 60/40 split for opening cargo-hauling capacity. While Honda demurred its new Civic for a more mainstream appeal, Mazda is filling the void with a Protege that likes to party.

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2001 Mazda Protege ES

Body style: Compact 5-passenger, front-wheel-drive sedan
Engine size and type: 2.0-liter, DOHC 16-valve in-line 4
Horsepower: 130 at 6,000 rpm
Torque: 135 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: 5-speed manual or optional 4-speed automatic
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph: 8.8
EPA fuel economy estimates: 25 mpg city, 31 highway (25/30, automatic)
Fuel capacity: 13.2 gallons

The competition: Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra, Chevy Cavalier, Ford Focus, Dodge Neon, Hyundai Elantra, Kia Sephia, Daewoo Nubira, Mitsubishi Lancer

Where assembled: Japan
Trunk space: 12.9 cubic feet
Front head/leg/shoulder room: 39.3/42.2/53.9 inches
Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 37.4/35.4/53.4 inches
Length: 175.3 inches
Wheelbase: 102.8 inches
Curb weight: 2,638 pounds (2,690, automatic)

Standard equipment includes height-adjustable driver's seat and cushion tilt, 60/40 split folding rear seat back, air conditioning, 4-speaker AM-FM-CD stereo, halogen headlights, fog lights, remote keyless entry, power windows-lock-mirrors, cruise control with steering-wheel-mounted controls, rear window defogger, air steering wheel, front cup holders and map lights, remote fuel door and trunk lid releases, intermittent wipers

Safety features include front air bags, 5-passenger 3-point belts with pretensioners, ISO-fix child seat anchors, 4-wheel disc brakes
Brakes: 4-wheel discs, 10.2-inch front, rear
Steering: Engine-speed sensitive, variable rack-and-pinion
Suspension: 4-wheel independent front, MacPherson struts with a stabilizer bar, rear, twin-trapezoidal link with coil springs and stabilizer bar
Tires and wheels: 195/50 16-inch and alloy wheels
Base price: \$16,015; price as tested, \$16,894
Options on test car: Carpeted floor mats, \$80; anti-lock brakes with side air bags, \$800

Pluses: Nice styling, spacious interior and trunk and great fun to drive
Minuses: Back seat lacks cup holders, reading lights or seat back pockets

Helpful tips on auto leaks help keep your car from becoming a big drip?

By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent

Fluid leaks, where would we be without them? Actually, most mechanics don't like oil leaks any more than you do. Leaks are frequently hard to find, time-consuming to repair — that means \$ to you — and, if the technician is not careful, the car comes back again still leaking!

As a consumer, the first thing you need to do is identify what kind of fluid is leaking. Usually the fluid's color is an indicator of its source.

Red most often indicates automatic transmission fluid — some cars, especially older ones, also use automatic transmission fluid in the power steering. Green or orange fluid usually is an indication of coolant or antifreeze. Check your radiator/fluid level before you take it into the shop. I'd hate to see you burn up an engine. Brown/black liquid is a sure indicator of engine oil.

If it's a large spill, like your shoes are getting wet while the engine is running, call a tow truck. However, if you just see oil spots on the garage floor, you should be fine driving it into the shop.

One mention of safety is called for. Oil leaks can be dangerous if the oil is leaking onto the exhaust manifold or tailpipe. When the oil hits the hot exhaust pipe, it vaporizes and turns into a very volatile substance. So, if you smell an oil leak — burned oil has a unique odor — have the car checked as soon as possible.

Once you have identified what type of fluid is leaking, note the location of the leak. Is it under the front of the car, near the radiator, or is it toward the rear of the engine on the left side? This is the kind of information your technician needs to know. In some cases, it's wise to lay a clean piece of cardboard or paper under the car while it's parked overnight. In the morning, you can check the color and location of the leak fairly easily. Hint: Check the location before you slide the paper out from under the car.

There are engine-oil leaks that confound even the best technicians. For those cases, we have a secret weapon. After cleaning the suspect area and drying it thoroughly — really important — we add a dye to the engine oil and then have the customer drive the car for a day or two. When the car returns, we go into the

back room where we keep all the old disco-dance paraphernalia and dig out the "black light," or ultraviolet.

Using the black light, when we shine it on the suspected area, the dye in the oil will shine just like your old leisure suit did when you were on the dance floor. We can then follow the oil right to its source — maybe.

The bottom line is this: Try to help your technician locate the leak by determining what color the fluid is and its approximate location. By doing so, you will save — both you and your technician — time. And that equates to money.

You know, since I've already got the black light out — I hate to waste an opportunity. Hey, honey, have you seen my "I Will Survive" record?

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The new T-bird feels as good as it looks

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service
What is a Thunderbird? Good question. It's one Ford has been trying to answer since the Thunderbird was introduced in 1955. Since then, the Thunderbird has been through more incarnations than Shirley MacLaine.

First, it was a small two-seat sports car, then a mid-size five-seat sports car, a full-size four-door "sports car," a bulky family sedan, a coupe—even a NASCAR racer. Now, it's a small two-seat sports car again.

But how much of a Thunderbird is the resurrected Thunderbird, which rose again this summer?

The new T-bird is made from a diverse recipe of Ford bits and pieces. First, cut off the front of a Lincoln LS. Then, cut off the back of a Jaguar S-TYPE. Saw off another seven inches, and, torch the two remainders together.

Byl on three X braces and a cross-body support for chassis stiffness, then attach the corresponding suspension and drive train components. Add a liberal sprinkling of parts from various other Ford models.

Voilà! The resulting castorale is comprised of 60 percent shared content from other vehicles. But even the early 'Birds shared parts from other Fords.

The rounded-off styling of the '02 Thunderbird is very '90s "retro chic." The headlights and taillights look

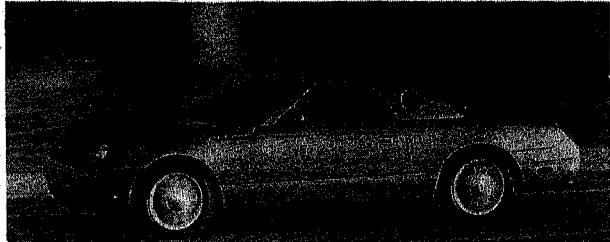
straight out of the New Beetle's parts bin. Hooded headlights and finned taillights helped define '50s T-birds, but stylist J. Mays, the New Beetle's creator before being hired away by Ford, says he "cleaned up" the more retro-looking exterior lighting treatments of the original concepts. Hence the resemblance.

"We originally had four concepts drawn, of what the new Thunderbird should be," says Nancy Gioia, the project's chief engineer. "One was a concept very close to the original 1955 'Bird. Another was about what we see here," she says, pointing to the production model. "The third one was a really neat unique idea based on T-birds of the '60s. And the fourth was some futuristic thing that was pretty far out."

The idea behind the new Thunderbird—and, happily, a lot of new Ford models—is "to make cars that make people smile," Gioia says. The new 'Bird does that.

Aside from its pleasing styling, the new 'Bird is a blast to drive—and a real attention-getter. Whether you're the top down, or the port-hole-equipped convertible hardtop is placed, onlookers unfailingly signal their approval as you pass.

The 'Bird feels about as good as it looks. The V-8 engine is a traditional T-bird feature, and the 3.9-liter, 32-valve DOHC power plant from the Lincoln LS provides an adequate



boost of 252 horsepower, with 261 foot-pounds of torque. Punch it, and expect 7-second 0-to-60 times.

It's rumored that a supercharged model, with a five-speed manual transmission, is a possibility.

The T-bird's ride exudes its Jaguar/Lincoln heritage and cross-breeding. With a 107-inch wheelbase, it has a sporty character, without sacrificing luxury, thanks to its sophisticated unequal-length control-arm front and rear suspension.

Seventeen-inch wheels and tires add a bold touch.

Appearance-wise, the new Thunderbird offers many traditional design cues—the Ferrari-like egg-crate grille, a hood scoop, a removable hardtop with port-hole—but no continental kit.

The 2002 Ford Thunderbird doesn't have a retractable hardtop; it couldn't be folded into the trunk—the other part of the reason is that a retractable hardtop would consume all usable trunk space. A retracting fabric top is standard; the port-hole-equipped removable hardtop is optional.

Cool two-tone paint schemes are achievable, because the hardtop is available in white, regardless of body color. Paint choices are limited to black, blue, white, red, yellow and—for one year only—"Thunderbird Blue."

Sadly, this is not the popular early T-bird turquoise. Turquoise does illuminate gauge needles and Thunderbird images. Retro colors such as aquamarine or coral might appear in later models.

Passengers never forget they are

Thunderbird-borne. Retro touches and splashes of exterior color adorn the campy interior and comfy leather seats.

Ford is to be congratulated for bringing the 'Bird to market with a \$35,495 base price (\$39,795 fully loaded)—a full \$20,000 less than the comparable, but characterless, Lexus SC 430.

But how long will Ford maintain that price point, especially if expected dealer profiteering becomes an issue?

Ford expects an initial production run of 25,000, and maybe that's enough to adequately serve an apparently eager marketplace. But who will buy this Thunderbird? "At least 50 percent will be women," Gioia says.

Gioia already is working on answers to some significant questions concerning future model years. Such as: How far into the future will this Thunderbird, in its current form, meet its sales goals?

Five to seven years is considered normal product life, Ford insiders say. Will this current T-bird revival last that long? "At this point, we don't know," Gioia said.

And if the Thunderbird lives to be redesigned again, what new form would it take?

That's when Ford, again, will have to define, "What is a Thunderbird?"

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