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Little time, but many problems

As the state Supreme Court's Dec. 31 deadline for finding a way to provide a "thorough and efficient" education nears, Gov. Christine Whitman and the Legislature have yet to explain their designs clearly.

Attending the 95th annual convention of the PTA in Atlantic City on Dec. 4, Whitman delivered a

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

speech that was long on rhetoric but short on the sort of substance needed to allay everyone's fears.

For the legislative nuts and bolts, we must refer to state Senate bill S-40 and Assembly bill A-20. Both are complicated by amendments that appease countless constituencies and lobbyists.

Needless to say, both lengthen the reach of bureaucracies, meaning children will continue to perform miserably, falling behind their counterparts around the country. On the SAT, New Jersey ranks 34th in math and 40th in verbal skills in the country. As far as I can tell, Trenton is just weeks away from making it worse.

Here are two specifics:

- The state is committed to preserving bilingual education. This does not mean that English-speaking junior high school students will be exposed to French. It means non-English speaking students will be instructed in their native tongues, rather than be taught English.

Former county Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts once told me that more than 45 languages are spoken in New Jersey's schools. Those of us who think that's a problem seem to be in the minority, so the problem will be exacerbated.

- The state is committed to the current system of classifying students as in need of special education, regardless of whether they need special education.

There are nearly 200,000 students in special education classes. Most of them, I'm sure, suffer from the sort of mental, developmental and physical disabilities that merit special circumstances. The rest, I'm just as sure, are in special classes so the teachers' unions can have more dues-paying members hired by school districts that otherwise wouldn't need them.

I dwell on these two issues because they're indicative of what is most wrong with our education system. Both are wildly expensive and have been forced on school districts by a state bureaucracy that will gain even more control over curricula when Whitman signs the paperwork.

In her speech, Whitman said she would veto any bill that would "dumb down" any school district. I wish we could count on that.

Auditors see little to cut from UCUA budget

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

What can the UCUA do to reduce its garbage fees? If you believe one financial firm, the answer is: not much.

That is the gist of a presentation made by the Freehold-based accounting firm of Hutchins, Laezza, Farrell & Allison at the Dec. 5 meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The freeholders, according to Gene Farrell, had retained the firm to review the UCUA's debt service and its service agreement with Ogden-Martin, which runs the incinerator in Rahway.

The aim was to see if the county's contract with Ogden-Martin could be changed to reduce the per-ton garbage fee, the "tipping fee," the UCUA charges municipalities in the county.

According to Freeholder Chairman Ed Force, Farrell's firm investigated a "refinancing" of the bonds, similar to the refinancing on a home's mortgage. The thought was that some money would come out of this that could be applied to reducing the tipping fee. But, according to Farrell, the

very way the debt service is structured would defeat this.

He added that payments could not be substituted with letters of credit since this would cost the UCUA more than \$2 million in interest.

The tipping fee is important if the UCUA wishes to remain competitive. The incinerator is assured business because it is the only waste disposal facility that Union County's towns may send their garbage. This could change in two years, thanks to a federal court ruling earlier this year.

"So, ultimately, what they're trying to do is make the tipping fees more competitive," said Farrell.

The tipping fees at the UCUA are \$83.05 per ton of garbage. Executive Director Jeffrey Callahan has said that there is little chance of this decreasing, because of the way the incinerator's debt service is structured. This fee is above the Northeast region's average of \$64.70 per ton and above the national average as of August of \$39.65 per ton.

This involves the county government because \$35 million of the UCUA's \$282 million in bonds are

guaranteed by the county. If the UCUA loses business, it may be unable to keep up with the payments of its bonds and have to default on them. This, in turn, could lead to a rise in county-purpose taxes.

Farrell's firm explored if this ruling would be enough to change the service agreement with Ogden-Martin.

Under the terms of the agreement, the terms may be changed under "termination and events of default." According to Farrell, the contract is "ambiguous" enough possibly to include Irenas' waste flow ruling.

But whether the language is for events such as this, for changes in environmental law or for other events

is unclear, said Farrell, unclear enough that Ogden-Martin could enter into litigation if Union County tried to change the agreement.

Force, on the other hand, felt that Ogden-Martin would become more willing to renegotiate the contract as the deadline on Irenas' ruling approached.

Farrell added that his firm looked into privatization of the incinerator, but that he did not have enough information to make any judgments about it and that it needs to be looked into further. Force said after the meeting that the UCUA is not "formally" looking into privatizing the incinerator. The report by Hutchins, Laezza,

Farrell & Allison is only one of a number of attempts being made to reduce tipping fees at the incinerator.

According to Callahan, the UCUA is looking into different methods of pollution control and treatment and new ways of using the heat generated by the incinerator to bring in new sources of income. The UCUA creates steam with its incinerator to produce electricity that it sells.

Callahan has admitted that such attempts may result only in costs and the tipping fee being shaved slightly.

The freeholders are also waiting on a state audit of the management structure at the UCUA to see if any waste could be cut at the personnel level.

Prosecutors begin notifying crime victims of case-status

Crime victims throughout Union County began receiving automatic telephone notification about their cases this month under a new program coordinated by the Prosecutor's Office.

"This will use the latest technology to implement a countywide system to let victimized people know when a violent offender is released from the Union County Jail," said Acting Prosecutor Edward Neafsey. "A lot of people from corrections and different departments in county government came together to make this project happen."

Neafsey said County Manager Ann Baran and her staff were instrumental in getting the program, known as Victim Information and Notification Everyday, off the ground after it was proposed by Elaine O'Neal of the Victim Witness Unit.

He said Investigations Supervisor Richard Rodbart and Lt. Lawrence Wazlo, developed a protocol for all 21 police departments and the Sheriff's Office to allow victims to receive immediate contact using personal identification numbers.

Rodbart said the VINE system is being used in Passaic County for adult violent crime cases, while Union's network will include victims of adult and juvenile offenders.

"The first year of the entire notification system is being funded by the trust fund accumulated when criminals are ordered by the court to forfeit monies accumulated by illegal activities," Rodbart added.

Since early fall, staff at the jail have been programming the prisoner data into the VINE system and entering special numbers the computer uses to make the connection when an offender is released pending trial or sentencing.

In addition, Rodbart said, the names of those admitted to the jail without the victim release paperwork will be referred to the Released Offender Unit, supervised by Assistant Prosecutor Maureen O'Brien.

Acting First Assistant Prosecutor Michael Lapolla said part of the design work for the system was completed by Kathy Villaggio, systems analyst for the Department of Administrative Services.

On Dec. 3, officials conducted a demonstration at the courthouse complex, to show how victims receive periodic, automatic notice of jail release information.

"What's more, victim witness staff then sends a follow-up letter indicating exactly why the inmate is no longer in custody," Rodbart said, adding there may be many reasons including posting of bail, completion of sentence, death or courtroom verdict.

The VINE system also will allow crime victims to dial directly into the computer, calling (800) 467-4978 to obtain the inmate's most recent custody status.

Neafsey said this continuous 24-hour system also is available to victims who do not provide authorities with the information required to receive automatic contact following the crime.



Santa and the Exxon Tiger have teamed up again this year with the Marine Corps Reserve to collect toys for disadvantaged children. Motorists may drop off unwrapped toys at dozens of Exxon retail locations in the county, which then will be forwarded to the Marines for distribution to non-profit groups.

Gas retailers join holiday toy drive

For the seventh time, Exxon has teamed up with the Marine Corps Reserve to collect donations for the Toys for Tots program.

Throughout Union County, Exxon retailers are accepting unwrapped toys from motorists. The toys will be delivered to the Marines, who then will forward them to various non-profit groups for distribution to needy children.

Participating Exxon gas stations in Union County include:

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Governments, non-profits offer education and jobs

15 of 65 welfare recipients join the county's labor force

Learning and work is a new concept for Union County's welfare system — and it is working.

Sixty-five participants of the Family Development Program have become involved in an innovative Alternate Work Experience Program, calling for them to work two days a week and attend classes in Union County College's Career Institute three days a week.

As a result, 15 of them have permanent jobs, a number of them have been interviewed for jobs, and the others are still looking for employment.

The Union County effort is a partnership of the Union County Family Development Program, the Union County Private Industry Council, and the college.

The students were enrolled in hospital clerk, word processing, and data entry programs in UCC's Career Institute. The classes were launched in April and ended Sept. 30.

All of the students bring to their job interviews some work experience and some job-related training taken at UCC.

Twenty Union County agencies provided jobs for them, including the County of Union, the Township of Cranford, the Borough of Roselle, the City of Plainfield, and the City of Summit.

In the health area, job sites were provided by Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth; Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield; Overlook Hospital in Summit; the Plainfield Health Center, and Hope Hospice in Millburn in Essex County.

Other agencies providing job sites were: New Jersey Geriatric Center in Elizabeth; the Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross in Elizabeth; Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Elizabeth and Plainfield; Head Start in Elizabeth; Elizabeth YMCA; Union County College in Cranford and Elizabeth; Rahway Day Care Center; Plainfield Utilities Authority, and various local senior citizens centers.

"Frankly, we were skeptical that this program could work when we started, but we soon found there are many governmental units and many other non-profit agencies who wish to work cooperatively with us," said Bernard Cusano, director of the Career Institute. "More importantly, we found that a combination of work and learning seemed to motivate many of our students to work harder and learn more."

A number of the agencies offered these students employment and many more said they would hire the students if they had job openings or enough funds to create additional positions, he added.

The Alternate Work Experience Program is part of New Jersey's new Work First Program designed to move many more welfare recipients into the workforce. Union County's AWEP Program, as it is called, is one of the first in the state.

A second group of 60 Family Development Program participants has begun the same combined process of working part-time, and learning part-time.

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Using alcohol, mothers abuse their babies

Making A Difference

By Barbara Repetti

For many years, pregnant women have been warned not to drink alcohol. Research has shown that even small levels of alcohol consumed during pregnancy may affect the fetus in damaging ways. Alcohol easily crosses through the membrane separating maternal and fetal blood systems. In this way, alcohol is transported directly to the fetus and to all its developing tissues and organs.

There are two kinds of damage that can occur to the fetus from alcohol consumption by the mother. The most severe is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Defects can include growth deficiencies, malformation of the face and head, central nervous system dysfunction, malformation of major organ systems and mental retardation.

Research from a Seattle study shows that by age 18, children with FAS function at a second-grade level in math, a third-grade level in spelling and a fourth-grade level in reading. Fetal Alcohol Effects include less severe birth defects such as behavioral problems, low birth weight and some physical malformation.

According to Dr. Robert Bensek, professor of pediatrics and chair of Maternal and Child Health for the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota, children with FAE

may show no birth defects, but the impact on the brain may result in mental retardation, impulsivity, hyperactivity, impaired judgment, sleeping problems and restlessness.

FAS and FAE form the largest class of birth defects which are 100 percent preventable.

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, full-blown FAS occurs in an estimated one out of every 750 live births. Less severe FAE occurs in approximately 10 to 12 live births out of 1,000, or 36,000 babies per year.

NCADD estimates that one in six women aged 18-34 — the peak child-bearing years — may drink enough to damage the fetus. For the past five years, the Union County Special Child Health Services has identified two infants within the first two months of life, each year with flul blown FAS.

Some special populations are at greater risk for FAS. Among African-

Americans, the risk for FAS is approximately seven times that of whites. The incidence is even greater for American Indians; FAS is found in nearly 1 of every 100 newborns. However, prevalence varies considerably among American Indian communities.

The best advice is not to drink during pregnancy. There is no safe amount of alcohol and no safe time to drink during pregnancy. The adverse effects of alcohol may vary with the stage of pregnancy and the amount of alcohol consumed each occasion. A common myth is that having just one drink or drinking "just" beer or wine coolers is OK. There is no difference in the type of alcoholic beverage and effects during pregnancy. Early exposure presents the greatest risk for serious physical defects, and later exposure increases the chances of neurological and growth deficiencies or miscarriage.

Recent evidence has shown that the number of women who consume alcohol during pregnancy is declining. However, there are still high-risk populations — pregnant smokers, unmarried women, women under the age of 25, and women with the least amount of education — that continue to consume alcohol while pregnant.

Targeted education and prevention efforts are needed to reach these populations. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism believes that the best strategy for preventing alcohol related birth defects is the development of better screening techniques to identify women at high-risk for alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

Reaching these women before they take that first drink while pregnant can mean saving the health and lives of many children.

Warning labels on beer and wine bottles aren't enough to prevent FAS. Alcohol prevention campaigns need to reach not only mothers but fathers, friends, families, and the community to educate and ultimately prevent FAS before it's too late.

For more information about FAS and FAE, call the ARC of Union County at (908) 754-7052.

Barbara Repetti is the prevention coordinator of the ARC of Union County. "Making a Difference" is a monthly column submitted by the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

COUNTY NEWS

'Star Party' planned

Amateur Astronomers, will conduct a Star Party tomorrow night at the Sperry Observatory at Union County College's Cranford campus.

Amateur Astronomers, a non-profit organization that promotes educational and research programs in amateur astronomical study, is based at the observatory.

During the Star Party, members of the public may join Amateur Astronomers in viewing a wide variety of celestial objects using the two high-powered telescopes and telescope constructed by organization members.

Those interested in further information may call either 709-7520 or 276-STAR.

'Update' will air

This month's "Union County Update" cable television show, airing through Dec. 26, will feature the county's transportation and infrastructure development and their relationship to economic development.

Freeholder Frank Lehr, chairman of the Planning Committee for the Northern New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and Freeholder Carol Cohen, liaison to the Union

County Planning Board, will be co-hosts.

Their guest will be Mauro Checchio, director of the county's Office of Policy and Planning and chairman of the Union County Alliance.

One of Union County's priorities has been to create a positive business climate and to focus on the development and redevelopment potential within the county, part of the "Gateway America" region that represents the equivalent of a gross national product larger than most nations.

"Union County Update" will air on TV-36, Summit, at noon today, Tuesday, and Dec. 19, 24 and 26.

Comcast Cablevision, Plainfield, Channel 20 at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday and Dec. 25.

TKR, Elizabeth, Channel 12 at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Dec. 23.

Santa is coming

On Saturday, Santa will visit Century 21 at 138 Westfield Ave. in Clark between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

At this annual event, Century 21 will host a picture taking session with Santa. Santa also will be taking Christmas orders and giving candy to each child. Refreshments will be served.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

But seriously, folks

Local comedy group tries to take itself seriously

By Chris Suswal
Managing Editor

Don't try to make sense of it all — just have fun with it.

This is the approach of the Gemini Group who put on a free production of "Not Seriously, Folks," a 10-sketch comedy workshop that also featured standup comedy on Saturday night at Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside.

The Gemini Group was founded by Westfield residents Scott Coffey and Allison Jacob, and by Mountainside native John Rupp as a vehicle to give area residents an active forum through which to test and develop their talents.

The group's Saturday performance examined everything from scandal to stupidity. It wonderfully depicted American society in all of its media bombardment and personalities. The scintillating portrayals of both the absurd and the routine made the audience delightfully ponder, "What is real?"

"We want to be a forum for those who have always wanted to write, direct, act, and produce but never did it — and for talented actors, directors and writers who want to experiment or stretch their wings between other 'gigs,'" Rupp said.

The group showed incredible diversity while exhibiting a knack for being both whimsical and deliberate. Characters delved into the realms of the FBI, the Clintons, game shows, religion, Elvis, and even incorporated something called the Ancient Inka Time Blinka.

People arrived ready, as the group's advertisements had requested, to expose themselves to the experimental comedic approach of the group. There were aspects of traditional

comedy, but rather than relying solely on slapstick methods, the group ventured into making the audience see the absurdity of everyday life.

Within the dimension of this group's performance were contradictions of integrity and deception, confidence and paranoia, distortion and clarity, remembrance and forgetting, embarrassment and glory. These performances were done under brilliant direction and harnessed beaming talent.

The crowded seating sections of the audience were kept entertained by Donn Curall, who acted as master of ceremonies. The show began with an interesting audience perspective with "Thoreau," as Sid and Helen Frank began their act posing as relatives of the play's performers. They made their way through the audience by noisily struggling to get a seat by the front of the stage. Their comments quickly warmed the audience into an enjoyable rhythm that would last throughout the show.

Head Cheese, a quartet of actors, performed "The X-I Files" complete with a hilarious impersonation of Richard Simmons done by Jacquie McCarthy, Hope Kondrk, Robert Kondrk, and Michael Ream, also Head Cheese members, had the crowd roaring with an examination of America's will to be thin rather than fat.

The alternating performances surprised the audience by constantly changing the pace of the sketches' subject matter. "Dull Knives," directed by Renee Minter, began as a calm scenario of a door-to-door salesman, played by Patrick Fahey, approaching a housewife, played by Linda Condrillo. But the sketch devel-

oped into a ludicrous characterization as Fahey revealed his identity to be "Jelly Doughnut Man." He tried to gain strength from a doughnut in order to combat his pronounced arch-nemesis "Cream Doughnut Man." Finally, John Rupp, playing the role of an insane asylum employee, had to haul the lunatic from the premises, stating, "Okay Jelly Doughnut Man, it's time to go back to the home."

The crowd became the audience at a politician's press conference as the Head Cheese cast was joined by Tim McGovern for a skit written by Scott Healy. During "The Senator," actors were scattered throughout the audience to ask questions. These inquiries were supposed to be directed toward a politician who had the unique platform of answering with complete honesty. The media corp portrayal had the politician revealing information concerning curious geography, medical information, and personal advice. Eventually, the questions had the Senator admitting to tax evasion and sex scandals. When asked, "What kind of chance do you think you have now that you've answered these questions?" the Senator replied, "Not a chance in hell."

The performance switched gears yet again with "Who's Da?," written and directed by Rupp and performed by Elaine Dooan, Maureen Goense, McGovern, and Rupp. The play ran with the idea of having a spiritual advisor curing Hillary Clinton of amnesia. Throughout the act, the psychic advisor would say things like, "Who am I, X-Ray woman?" making reference to her senses as being merely ordinary. The FBI arrived shortly after a maraca-looking object dubbed as the Ancient Inka Time Blinka fully



'Head Cheese,' a comedy troupe from Rahway, appeared in 'Not Seriously, Folks,' a 10-sketch comedy revue performed at Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside on Dec. 7. From left, Robert Kondrk and Michael Ream; back row, Hope Kondrk and Jacquie McCarthy.

restored the first lady's memory. Allison Jacob wrote and directed "To Tell the Truth" which starred Alan Gerschenson, Hope Kondrk, Robert Kondrk, McCarthy, Ream, McGovern, and Rupp. This parody of a game show had an array of characters, as judges were supposed to reveal who was the "real" Santa Claus. The three contests included a paranoid geek, a macho bachelor, and a traditional Santa. The judges voted against the traditional Santa, citing his politically incorrect term, elves, for the height disadvantaged. They also disbelieved Santa's "reindeer" explanation as a mode of world-wide transportation.

Fahey returned to the stage with a standup comedy routine and kept the action going with a steady flow of humorous banter. His impressions spanned the likes of Sammy Davis Jr.,

Elvis Presley, Ricardo Montalbon, Sam Donaldson, Jesse Jackson, and other prominent personalities.

Condrillo and Scott Coffey directed "How to be a Good Wife" starring Condrillo, Rupp, and Goense. This play took excerpts from a 1950's home economics textbook and paralleled the book's words with a married couple's living-room interaction as the wife's tasks constantly revolved around pleasing her husband. The concept of making the home a place of peace and order where the husband could relax was wittily mirrored by the actors.

"The Bank Robbers," written by Ken Mandell and directed by Robert Peiser, probed the psyche of both a thief and an ordinary bank employee. Alan Gerschenson and Dan Jacavino injected mirth into the robbery setting with a jocose dialogue.

Diane Matthews joined McGovern in "The Hymers" written by Mike Morse. This sketch concluded the playfulness of the evening with a scenario of a married couple who kept forgetting what was happening. The circular conversation was laughable because it showed the basic things involved in an ordinary day, yet it twisted them into a bizarre routine.

It is amazing to find out how much talent exists locally and when it comes to the performance genre of comedy, the Gemini Group makes audience attendance more than worthwhile. Television, image, politics, salespeople, family, marriage and relationships were all touched upon and these images weave an intricate threading of emotions and thoughts. The Gemini Group's production proved that laughing is the best cure for the imbecility of the modern world.

Pictures tell the story of the city of Elizabeth

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

A complete and concise history of the city of Elizabeth was published last month by the Arcadia Publishing Co. in Dover, N.H., in its series of pictorial history books called "The Images of America." The beautifully bound book is truly a "labor of love" written and prepared by New Jersey historian Jean-Rae Turner of Newark, formerly of Elizabeth, and photographer Richard T. Koles of Belleville.

There are some very rare photographs of historical Elizabeth and the 127-page book has a wealth of information, including a map of New Jersey in which Elizabeth is outlined: The public is informed that the location of the city "caused it to be under attack throughout the Revolutionary War and to be a center for prisoner exchange. It is at the easternmost spot in Union County."

Dedicated to "those who enjoy history and remember the past," "Elizabeth" begins with an introduction by Thomas G. Dunn, former mayor of Elizabeth, "who served 28 years in that capacity, longer than any other mayor in New Jersey and the nation in a city of more than 100,000 people. He explained that he was born in Elizabethport 75 years ago and described its history as he experienced it. 'We, who grew up here, found it one of the happiest places...Pictorial 'Elizabeth' shows us what has been.'"

And the very first picture in the book is one of the Morrell Street School in 1885; schools superintendent, J. Augustus Dix, and the students who attended the school. There are 10 chapters, and each, replete with marvelous photographs, start with "Elizabethtown: the Beginning," with pictures of Lady Elizabeth Carteret, for whom

the city was named, and her cousin, Sir George Carteret. It tells the history of its first governor, its first ministers, its first churches, its mansions, starting with Boxwood Hall, and its soon-to-be-burn down Historical Foundation Building — Liberty Hall, built in 1772 by William Livingston, a New York lawyer; Livingston, himself and the Old Academy on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church. It also has pictures of Alexander Hamilton, who lived at Liberty Hall when he attended the old Academy, and Aaron Burr Jr., who also studied there.

Chapter Two, "The City of Elizabeth," has rare photographs of the streets of Elizabeth, its buildings and court houses, parades, the old Elizabeth Daily Journal Building, companies, and the Vail-Deane school and students.

Chapter Three, "Gateway to New Jersey" shows the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Military Square on North Broad Street, Union Counties Bank, the military men and Jonathan Townley, who opened a boys' school in 1861. There also are photographs of the first businesses, the railroads, 1889 Union Station, the Port Authority of New York formed in 1921 — a three-bridge erection between Staten Island and New Jersey. It is now known as the Goethals Bridge, named for Major General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal.

Chapter Four concentrates on "The Golden Age," the Gay Nineties, bicycle clubs and the competition of the schools, churches and clubs. It shows Batin High School in 1908, orchestras, singing groups and veterans of the Civil War.

Chapter Five, "Service," shows Elizabeth's first hospital, the Elizabeth General Hospital, organized in 1879, the Alexian Brothers Hos-

pital, established by brothers from Germany who organized it in 1892. Included are the Young Women's Association, formed in 1920 and the Young Men's Association formed in 1897; a recreation center, the Elks Clubhouse and the Singer Manufacturing Co.

Chapter Six, "To Protect and Serve" provides photographs of the Police Department founded in 1858 and its members taken in 1970, motorcycles, and the Blizzard of '88.

Chapter Seven, "Manufacturing Hub," unveils the first submarine for the United States built in Elizabethport in 1903, various ships in the harbors, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Bayway Avenue in 1907, Exxon refinery and the library.

Chapter Eight, "In God We Trust," begins with the Central Baptist Church in 1877, and a continuation of churches, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, and Temple B'nai Israel organized in 1857 and other Orthodox synagogues.

Chapter Nine, "World War Era," shows various famous soldiers who hailed from Elizabeth, and school anniversaries, including Pingry sports.

Chapter 10, "The Elizabethans: Our People," has pictures of the Loeser and Moore families on the beach all the way to a 1987 photo of Edward "Buzzy" Fox, a member of the Sixth Marine Division, who dedicated a memorial to the American and Japanese soldiers who died in Okinawa.

Turner and Koles, who worked together on the Elizabeth Daily Journal, have provided a unique history of Elizabeth, one of which they can be proud. Their collaboration is wondrous to peruse, and a book that belongs on every shelf in the state. It's a fine piece of work.

Local journalists collaborate to recreate history of Elizabeth

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Two historians — one a writer and one a photographer — are equally excited about a book they collaborated on, the recently published "Elizabeth," a pictorial history book in "The Images of America" series of the Arcadia Publishing Co. in Dover, N.H.

The historians are Jean-Rae Turner of Newark, former Elizabeth resident, and Richard T. Koles of Belleville, former Union resident. Both are old friends and had worked together for many years when Turner was a reporter and Koles a staff photographer for The Elizabeth Daily Journal, later called The Daily Journal.

"It was great to be working with Dick on this exciting book," Turner admitted.

It all came about when "an historian friend of mine told the publisher Arcadia about me," explained Turner, "and they contacted me in January of this year. I agreed to do the book after I talked to Dick and asked him if he wanted to help. You know, we both worked for the Journal, he for 17 years and I for 34 years. And before that, he shot pictures in Elizabeth for the Star Ledger."

The publisher sent us a contract, and we started working on the book immediately. The deadline was May.

"Actually," she said, "we had done a book together in 1982 called 'Elizabeth' and Union County: A Pictorial History.' The head of the social studies department of the Elizabeth schools asked for help. He isn't a writer or a photographer. So, we did that book together. As a result, we knew what we were getting into when we did this book because of prior experience."

Turner and Koles began their hunt for photographs in libraries, museums, the New Jersey Historical Society and from friends. "In May, I sent the manuscript up to Dover. I had spent three weeks just typing away the captions. Dick spent hours in the dark room, and he found some great repositories of photographers."

"Mayor Thomas G. Dunn, who had been mayor of Elizabeth for the longest period of time, had a marvelous collection, which he shared with us. Another person who helped was Constance Cole Maytrek. She had

on the people who had been sheriffs in Union County. We borrowed his pictures," she said. "I wrote the captions, and Dick did the layout. All the people were a big help."

"Among them were Robert M. Kirkland of Union, whose grandfather had been a sheriff. Then I went to the Union County Police Department, where the chief helped me out. William and Ruth Frolich — they are amateur photographers — were absolutely wonderful. I got some help from the Nancy Altenberg Piano House in Elizabeth, and Buzzy —



Jean-Rae Turner



Richard T. Koles

Edward L. Fox of Union — provided some interesting ones. Hockey — Robert Hochreiner — who worked with me on the Journal had quite a few photos. Gene Mirabella, police chief of Elizabeth, also had photos."

Turner continued to search for material. "I went to individual families. I had at one time helped the chief, Lester D. Sargent, of the Sheriff's Office a long time ago. He had a book

the cover shot when the constitution was 150-years-old. Her father and brother were both in the photograph. One man, Peter Campbell, had a snapshot album that belonged to one of his aunts."

Turner continued, "I went to the Benedictine Mother House and Margaret P. Carr, who was a former kindergarten teacher in Elizabeth, had a (See Local, Page B4)

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Local authors say book was a 'labor of love'

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great collection. And I went to Douglas Harris, who was the press representative at Elizabeth General Medical Center, and he had some photos of the hospital. Dr. Matthew C. McCue, a dentist in Elizabeth, had some cute photos when he was 2-years-old. Dr. Elbert Pogue of Elizabeth provided some photographs and everybody else in the book helped in some way.

The book can be found in Barnes & Noble in Hoboken, and is selling for \$16.99. Turner smiled. "It was a labor of love. An ego trip. Just to get your name on the book," she sighed.

Turner, who had served as bureau chief in the Westfield and New Brunswick offices of the *Journal*, wrote a historical column for *The Citizen* in Hillside for 10 years. The Hillside Rotary Club published her "Along the Upper Road," a 500-page pictorial history of Hillside. In addition, Turner wrote a book for Donning Publishing Co. on Passaic County.

"They never printed it. Now I have to find a printer to do it," she said. "I did a tremendous amount of work on it." Turner has won many prizes and

awards. She represented the New Jersey Press Women as their candidate for outstanding press woman at a national convention. And she has served as a public speaker on historic subjects.

"There are people out there who collect books on New Jersey, including myself. And they're the ones who will buy the book. One last tidbit," she mused. "Did you know that Elizabeth was the first English speaking community in New Jersey and the largest municipality at the time of the Revolution?"

Koles, who recently retired as the supervisor of New Jersey Newspapers, Newark, is past president of the New Jersey Press photographers and is current vice president of the Union County Historical Society.

"We had to secure quite a few photographs from several sources," Koles explained. "When we received photos from families, we would make negatives. Then we decided which were appropriate. And we laid out the book and there it was."

Koles chuckled. "But of course, as Jean-Rae said, we had a head start. We had put out a book about Eli-

zabeth about 10 years ago. It was done with Charles Aquilina, Jean-Rae and myself. We researched quite a bit of actual history. And we had to get new material. I had lived in Newark for most of my life, in Union for 18 years and moved to Belleville about 15 years ago.

"It was exciting because we were involved in history for so long. And it is much more interesting today — much more interesting."

Right now, Koles said he is "on a project of documentaries of all the churches in Union County. We have old pictures of churches built in 1700 and 1800 and are still being used."

How does Koles feel about his collaborator?

"Jean-Rae is very thorough in what she does. She really digs down. My job is just images. I try to restore old photographs so they can be used in the books we do together."

Baxter had worked as a photographer for this newspaper many years ago.

"I can't wait until Jean-Rae and I work together again. You can't find a more competent team," he boasted. "now, can you?"

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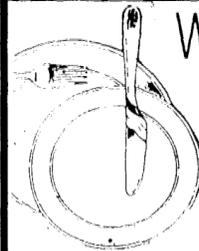
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famous Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. New Jersey has produced great poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Union-area grassroots poets."

The deadline for entering is Dec. 25. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference.

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DINING REVIEW

December 12, 1996

Alfonso's Seafood & Steak House

None have even come close.



Those who enter Alfonso's Seafood & Steak House on Hillside Avenue, above, may be tempted to stay a while.

By Donna Segal
Staff Writer

For a person who is quite picky about the food I choose to eat, I must admit that Spanish food is one of my favorites. It is rare, however, that I find a restaurant that I really like. Although I have tried quite a few Spanish restaurants, none of them have even come close to Alfonso's Seafood & Steak House.

I must admit that upon looking at the restaurant's exterior, I was not sure if I was going to enjoy my evening, however, the moment I set foot in the place, I could see I would.

Located on 310 Hillside Ave., Hillside, Alfonso's is a place you would have to hear about to discover. It is located on a not-so-busy street with not that much action. It's exterior by no means begs you to enter. However, it's interior may keep a person from leaving.

It's small, though elegant and intimate dining room, can make any group of people feel comfortable. For party lovers, Alfonso's recently opened a banquet room open to use for a party or small gathering.

The bar is modest in size, though very pleasant. The dimly lit environment combined with a glass of the house wine, make it the perfect stop for a couple.

Alfonso's has a wide variety of foods ranging from appetizers such as Spanish Sausage, Fried Calamari and Shrimp Cocktail, to entrees such as Lobster Tails or Whole Lobster, Paella Valenciana with Seafood, Chicken, and Sausage, Broiled Veal Chops, Filet Mignon, Shish Ka Bob Lamb and Beef with Shrimp, and my personal favorite, Veal Marsala.

And for dessert lovers, I strongly recommend the Hazelnut Cappuchino Cake, although a wide variety

of desserts will be brought to your table on the dessert "truck."

This delightful dinner and pleasant service costs less than I ever expected. Dinner entrees range in price from \$10 to \$20. Appetizers may be ordered for a price ranging from \$4 to \$7.

A vegetable soup or a house salad also is included with every dinner and it is homemade.

The table's decor is elegant, with a flower placed on each table. It is very clean and a good choice for any dinner guest.

Owner Juleo Resende greets guests at the door and makes his way about each and every table to

make sure everyone is enjoying themselves.

The new Alfonso's has been around for 15 years but according to Resende, it was established many years ago and is well known by residents that have lived in Hillside for a long time.

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Stay flexible, plans may change but situations will work out. Small setbacks now could lead to bigger and better things. Watch out for your interests. A friend may not be as big an ally as you thought and could be holding an old grudge.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21

Take it easy and trust your instincts. Take an honest look at your strengths and weaknesses before starting a long term project. An unexpected source offers reassurance and advice. Be receptive but don't get caught up in elaborate schemes.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21

Stay on the sidelines and watch. Now is a time for caution, not daring. Adding your opinion to a volatile situation could bring matters to a head. Cool off and stay focused on

task at hand. Trying to split your forces in too many directions will cause problems.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

Family relationships need some attention. Don't overlook others' problems and concerns—they could turn out to be very important. Take a break with friends soon. It will refresh you and provide an alternative outlook that could pay benefits.

LEO
July 23-August 23

Use your imagination to see all the possibilities. Support and solutions will come from the most unlikely places. Be alert to changes professionally and personally. New groupings and alliances are forming, and you don't want to be caught off guard.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22

Think big thoughts, dream big dreams. Be original and creative.

People you were unsure of will now enthusiastically support you and your ideas. With all the success surrounding you, staying humble will pay off.

LIBRA
September 23-October 23

Take steps to safeguard health and property, but don't go overboard. Try to go with the flow of events—you'll be happier and get more accomplished. Forgive past slights and keep things in perspective—not all problems are major problems.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22

You have passed through a trying time and come out ahead. Bypassing obstacles will work better now than taking them head on. Don't be bullied

by an old friend; stand up for what you know is right, and people will flock to your side.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21

Keep forging ahead toward a long range goal. You'll see progress and what you thought was beyond reach comes into view. Brief break now gives you strength to keep moving forward. A series of small advances moves you closer to your objective.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20

The pressure is on but you can handle it. Enlist support from a friend or relative. Enthusiasm about a project or plan will get you even more backing. Make a list of what has to be done, don't rely on memory alone. Catch up on your reading.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18

Finish one project before starting another. Take comfort in routine activities. Everyday tasks help you wind down and see clearer picture of situations, people. Now is the time to take a well deserved rest. Take time for yourself and put your feet up.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Make sure others are pulling their share of the load. Don't take all the pressures and problems on yourself. Have your facts in order before confronting an opponent. Wait out a storm of activity. Be patient and remember time is on your side.

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The 'Starlite' is bright at 'A Medieval Carolfest'

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

With all the demands and concerns the holidays bring, it is sometimes difficult to remember what it feels like to have the true spirit of the season. This Sunday, the Starlite Choral presented a program which would have turned the head of Ebenezer Scrooge himself. "A Medieval Carolfest" was an exquisitely arranged and performed concert of celebratory tunes penned before the advent of shopping malls and street-corner Santas. In the midst of our crowded, commercialized lives, this group of singers gathered simply to make a truly joyful noise.

Directed by Dr. Tony Godlefski, the Starlite Choral, consisting of approximately 15 beautiful voices, gathered with the audience in Christ Methodist Church in Piscataway. All present were invited to imagine themselves in an ancient forest on the site of an ancient cathedral, and this was not difficult. The Chorale were dressed in lovely medieval garb, and using brief spoken interludes to set the scenes between songs, as was done by bards of old, the audience was lulled into an ancient world to celebrate Yule.

The program began with "On This Day Earth Shall Ring," an ancient Latin hymn, and the audience heartily joined in on "Joy to the World." The choral works performed were varied and unusual, including "Alleluia Round" by 18th Century American William Billings, "Long Time Ago," an English folk tune, and "The Sleigh," a Russian folk carol. The ensemble voices were outstanding on all tunes, building and blending to perfection. "Silent Night" was performed so softly and sweetly that I forgot where I was for a moment.

The songs performed ranged from softly sung spirituals to peppy folk tunes. Godlefski often turned around to direct the audience in singing

familiar carols. The children in attendance got involved in pantomiming to "Still, Still, Still," a German folk carol, and watched hand puppets sing another German tune called "The Friendly Beasts."

The adults in the audience were also involved in the festivities. Many were gently pulled from their seats for "Lord of the Dance," an American Shaker tune. Audience members were instrumental in helping the Chorale perform "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Highlights of the show include many delightful and beautiful solo performances. Barbara Ewick was absolutely perfect on "O Holy Night," hitting a positively ethereal high note, and wonderful on "Mary had a Baby." Geri Baruch's rendition of "I Wonder as I Wander," in which she accompanied herself on the guitar, was mystical and profound. The Chorale performed a moving version of "Hanukkah Festival Song," and "Ding Dong Merrily On High," an a capella version of the English carol, was a celebratory joining of voices.

The concert was often funny and always entertaining. Having made merry in the truest sense of the term, Godlefski and the Starlite Choral received a well-deserved standing ovation.

The Starlite Choral is a singing ensemble that wants to "Light up the world, one song at a time." They sing for churches, hospitals, senior citizen organizations, to name a few. The Chorale will spend New Year's Eve entertaining at Somerville's First Night Festivities. The group performs a concert of American popular classics and show tunes in the spring, and a Christmas show every year.

"A Medieval Carolfest" will be repeated Friday and Sunday at Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark. To receive further information, call (908) 885-1120 or (201) 667-9575.

Local dancer gets lead in 'Nutcracker'

Clark resident Kristen Smokowski, a junior at Arthur L. Johnson High School and member of New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble, will be dancing in the lead roles of "Arabian" and "Marzipan" in six upcoming performances of "The Nutcracker."

The New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble is presenting its 27 season of "The Nutcracker." The Ballet Company is comprised of dedicated young dancers ages 9 to 21. These dancers from all over northern and central New Jersey attend ballet classes a minimum of twice weekly at their home dance studio, and then attend Sunday classes at the Ensemble, located in Plainfield, New Jersey. They receive professional training in classical ballet techniques under the direction of Artistic Director Nancy Turano. Turano joined the Ensemble after leaving her position as Principal Dancer with Ballet Hispanico of New York for nine years.

Dancers may audition for "The Nutcracker" and spend most of their fall weekends in rehearsals for the performance. In addition to the Ensemble members, a number of guest artists from various professional companies will be featured in the production.

The next performance will be held Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dreifuss Theatre, 285 Madison Ave., Madison. Ticket prices are adults, \$20, senior citizens and children, \$17 and groups, \$15. For information, call (908) 613-8071.

Israeli Festival repeats a wonderful performance

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

From lively Klezmer music to Broadway tunes, jazz, rock 'n' roll, classical and operatic numbers and of course, well-known Yiddish and Hebrew songs, Burnet Middle School happily resounded Sunday afternoon during the Israeli Festival of Union's 12th annual Hanukkah concert.

A huge appreciative, responsive audience filled the auditorium, laughed at chairman Max Feldman's comments, introductions and jests, participated in Cantor Larry Tiger's conducting of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah," the Hebrew national anthem, and applauded Amy Schwartz Lipper's introductions. Among the prestigious guests were Union Mayor Jerome Petti and Mayor-elect Greg Muller, who has attended every performance since the festival began 12 years ago. They accommodated each other and offered good wishes for the future success of the festival.

Rabbi Meyer Korbman of Temple Israel of Union, religious advisor, gave the invocation, and there was a moment of silence in memory of the late Cantor Hillel Sadowitz of Temple Israel.

The entertainers, Paul Pincus and Hal Jeffrin, were top rate. In the first half of the program, Pincus, a Julliard graduate, performed Middle Eastern Klezmer music and did wonders with his clarinet. He enthralled the audience with old time Yiddish favorites and Hebrew music, and at one point, he even introduced a violin piece which was played by his magic musical instrument that gave the audience goosebumps.

Jeffrin, whose deep, resonant voice and physical attraction, attracted the audience in a repertoire of Yiddish, Hebrew and American music, was returning to Union after a performance two years ago when the audience would not let him leave the stage.

In between performing a variety of numbers, Jeffrin explained to the audience that as the son of an entertainer and night club owner, he began performing with dance bands and in local productions in his hometown of Syracuse, N.Y. After his graduation from Syracuse University, Jeffrin toured in Broadway shows, was featured in a jazz opera and appeared in Carnegie Hall. And because of his



Hal Jeffrin



Robert Pinsky

love for Jewish music, he enrolled in the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, became a cantor and did a nationally televised documentary for ABC. He now serves as cantor of the New City Jewish Center, a large congregation in New York.

Jeffrin's rendition of "Jerusalem" and "Hanukkah" were exceptionally entertaining. He thrilled the audience with such a wide combination of musical presentations, including this reviewer's favorite, "I Love You Much Too Much," in both Yiddish and English, that, just as two years ago, the audience once more stood up and applauded so vigorously that he

was unable to leave the stage. And so, he continued for an insatiable audience.

And when he, too, appeared exhausted, Jeffrin offered one last number which resounded off the walls of the high school. It was the marvelous sounding "Rumania."

It looks like Union Township would like to see Jeffrin return to the festival one more time. At least, that's the impression yesterday afternoon. And the audience would be satisfied to have him once again share the entertainment bill with the wonderful Paul Pincus.

Next year?

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
Superior Court of New Jersey
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Docket No. F-1088-96
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Emmanuel B. Doe and Mrs. Doe, wife of Emmanuel B. Doe, their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Metford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. is plaintiff and Emmanuel B. Doe and Mrs. Doe, wife of Emmanuel B. Doe, their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 12, 1996, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, C.N.J. 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, unless and until the action is deemed contested and the papers

have been sent by the Clerk to the county of venue, which the answer shall be filed with the deputy clerk of the Superior Court in the county of venue, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

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Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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ART ACTIONS

BENEFIT ART AUCTION sponsored by The YWCA of Eastern Union County will be held tomorrow at the Elizabethtown Gas Company, Liberty Hall Center, 1055 Morris Ave. in Union. There will be a Champagne Preview at 6 p.m. and the auction is from 7 to 9 p.m.

Admission is free. Visa, Mastercard and American Express accepted for auction purchases.

ART SHOWS

MUSEUM DISPLAY, artwork by Chinese artist Sun Jiaming will be featured in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through today.

The work on display in the Palmer Museum is mostly of an abstract nature. Sun brings us into a special atmosphere of "his" mountains, into the landscapes of his spiritual world.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEMBER SHOW, sponsored by the Millburn and Short Hills Arts Center, will take place at the Renee Fossaner Art Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse through Sunday, coinciding with the run of "Gigi."

Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public, one hour prior to performances through intermission and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Thursday at 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. For more information, call (201) 379-3636, Ext. 2272.

DRAMATIC REALISM, an exhibition of paintings by Allen Higbee of Roselle Park, will be the next show at the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Library in Friberger Park on Morris Ave. The show will continue through Jan. 2.

Higbee favors seascapes and landscape and is also a sculptor. He has been an active participant in Union's Festival on the Green for several years.

The gallery is open during library hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MINIATURES, an annual multi-media show of small scale art by 22 noteworthy artists will be presented by Plainfield's Swain Galleries through Jan. 3.

Artists represent 15 New Jersey communities, Mystic, CT and New York City, and their collective works encompass oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, graphic drawing, gouache, calligraphy and sculpture.

The show opens with a reception from 5 - 7 p.m. on Saturday and continues Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 to 4 p.m. and through Dec. 24, Sun., 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Swain Galleries, 103 Watchung Ave. in the historic Crescent district of Plainfield. For further inquiries, call (201) 756-1707.

TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT The Union County Arts Center will host the Union County Teen Arts Touring Exhibit through January 3. The exhibit will be on display at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving Street in Rahway.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works shown at the 1996 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation.

For information about the Union County Teen Arts Program, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 24-52 Rahway Ave., Elizabeth, (908) 558-2550. TDD users call (800) 852-7899.

SCULPTURE FROM NJ, PART TWO is on display at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in the Palmer Gallery through Jan. 5. Works by eight established and emerging New Jersey artists will be featured.

Incorporating a variety of found and fabricated elements, each sculpture conveys its own message. New Jersey artists featured include Nancy Cohen of Jersey City, Willie Cole of Newark, Richard Dobra of Westfield, Betty McGeehan of Chatham, Carol Rosen of Califon, Janet Taylor Pickett of Montclair, Tyler Smith of Hoboken and Elaine Lorenz of Cliffside Park.

Docented tours are available by appointment; receptions, discussions and exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, noon - 4 p.m., Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. and weekends from 2 - 4 p.m. The Center is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit.

SANS COLOR, an exhibition of charcoal works by S. Allyn Schaeffer will be on display in the Members' Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through Jan. 8.

Permanent collections of his works include Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford; Monmouth Park

Stepping Out

Racetrack, Oceanport; NJ Sports and Expo Authority, East Rutherford and New Jersey Transit. Next month, his works will be featured at Swain Galleries of Plainfield as part of a holiday group exhibition.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 12 - 4 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 2 - 4 p.m., and Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9 p.m. For more information, call (908) 273-9121.

PAINT AND SCULPTURE by oil painter Hiroto Eguchi and glass sculptor Brooke Gardner will be exhibited at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Saturday through Jan. 22. There will be a reception on Saturday in the museum from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hiroto Eguchi's paintings use hot color combinations in work that is figurative in a somewhat primitive visionary manner. His paintings possess a whimsical individual sensibility that stands outside of western or eastern art tradition. Brooke Gardner's flame-worked glass sculpture is made of borosilicate glass formed with a gas and oxygen torch.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

HOSPITAL EXHIBIT Realistic jungle animals, nature in the abstract and transcendentalism are the subjects of the art exhibit on display at Children's Specialized Hospital during December and January. The exhibit will feature the works of Kat Block of Livingston, Gail Smiler Steinberg of Edison and Stephen D'Amato of Cranford.

The hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road., Mountainside. The exhibit is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Visitors may use the hospital's ambulance entrance. The artist's works are for sale, and portion of the proceeds will benefit the hospital. For further information, contact Janet Weston, director of volunteer services, at (908) 233-3720, ext. 379.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is pleased to present an exhibit of paintings by Oleg Falkov from Jan. 10 through Feb. 6. The opening reception takes place Jan 10 from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Falkov was born in Chernigov, Ukraine. He is a graduate of the Architectural Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Falkov's painting are in private collections in the U.S., Germany, Korea, France, Japan, and Turkey, as well as in Russia and Kazakhstan.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, contact Aleksandra Nowak at (908) 382-7197.

AUDITIONS

SLY FOX Today at 7 p.m., Philathalians of Fanwood. Audition location is the Carriage House, 129 Watson Road, Fanwood. For more information, call (908) 322-8686.

CABARET Sunday at 3 p.m., Linden Summer Playhouse. Audition location is the Reformed Church, Wood Avenue, Linden. For more information, call Andy King at (908) 518-1995.

VOICE PARTS auditions for the Celebration Singers will be held on Jan. 21 at Cranford Methodist Church, corner of Lincoln and Walnut Avenues, from 8 to 9 p.m.

All voice parts are welcome, although the group is primarily looking to fill several bass and soprano openings.

For information, call (908) 241-8200.

CONCERTS

CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR of Kean College will present their annual Winter Concert at the Woodbridge Center Mall today from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Musical selections from the Concert Band, conducted by Bob Yurochko of Kean's Music Department, will feature both original band compositions and orchestral transcriptions for band. The music represents the Baroque period with Vivaldi and includes modern composers such as Sousa and Holst.

For further information, contact the Music Department at (908) 527-2107/2108.

A TASTE OF KLEZMER, a performance by the widely-acclaimed West End Klezmer Band on Saturday will launch the 1996-97 Combined Cultural Series sponsored by four area synagogues.

Open to the public, the concert will begin at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road in Clark. The Adult Education Committee is one of the four series hosts; the others are the Adult Education Com-

mittees of Congregation Anshe Chesed in Linden, Temple Beth El in Cranford, and Temple Mekor Chayim in Linden.

For tickets and further information, call the synagogues: Congregation Anshe Chesed, (908) 486-8616; Temple Beth-El, (908) 276-9231; Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, (908) 381-8403, or Temple Mekor Chayim, (908) 925-2283.

THE CONCORD SINGERS, led by conductor Michael Sanfilippo, will present their winter concert, "Magnificat," on Saturday. The concert features the women's chorus and the premiere of the winner of the 20th anniversary Choral Composition Competition. All interested women can call Debbie Boyman, membership director, at (908) 771-0978.

JUNIOR STRINGS of the New Jersey Youth Symphony will appear in concert on Sunday at the Edison Intermediate School in Westfield at 3 p.m. Admission is by door donation.

The program features works by Vivaldi, Handel, Vaughan Williams, Bach and holiday music. The Handel "Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 1" is a program highlight using three orchestra members as a solo trio.

For information, call (908) 771-5544.

MESSIAH REUNION CONCERT, sponsored by The Mountainside Music Association will be presented at the Community Presbyterian Church on Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. The concert will be performed under the direction of Brenda Kay-Kucin, who has guided the pro-

duction of the Reunion Concert since 1983. This year will mark the 24th year of performance in Mountainside of the Handel work.

The concert, which is always performed with a professional orchestra, is presented free of charge to the public. However, a free will offering is taken during the performance. A fund raising campaign throughout the business and residential community is underway to offset the cost of the production. Advertising space is being offered in the concert program.

For additional information regarding the concert, contact Brenda Kay-Kucin at (908) 233-2561.

HOLIDAY MUSIC ANNUAL COMMUNITY MESSIAH-SING, sponsored by the Choral Society of NJ, Inc., will take place on Friday at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church on Elm St., Westfield. The public is invited to join in singing the beloved choruses of Handel's "Messiah," the most popular oratorio ever written. Highlighted in the performance will be seven outstanding soloists. Mezzo-soprano Marilyn Spesak and soprano Susan Facar will perform solos, and three Chorus members will also perform: Westfield resident and soprano Elsa Gail Hahn; soprano Victoria Blake from Somerset, and soprano Suzanne Beeny-Jones, from Hackensack.

Contribution, at the door, is \$8.00. For further information, call Helen Armstrong at (908) 322-7240.

THE STARLITE CHORALE, a singing ensemble of men's and women's voices, will present its Christmas presentations Friday and Sunday at Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark. This season's show will feature the sacred and secular music of Christmas performed with a medieval flair. Reminiscent of the New York Revels, the Starlite Chorale will present a program of hearty and festive music also involving audience participation. For more information, call (908) 885-1120 or (201) 667-9575.

WINTER CONCERT by the Westfield Glee Club will be held at Roosevelt

Intermediate School in Westfield on Saturday at 8 p.m. A town-wide chorus of thirty young singers will join in two sections of the concert with the Glee Club and with the men in two closing numbers.

Seasonal selections to be sung include "Now is the Caroling Season," "Cowboy Christmas" and "Rejoice and Sing the Good News."

The school is located at 301 Clark St., Westfield. For information, call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

CALVARY CHORALE will present a festive concert on Sunday at 4 p.m. Scheduled works include "Gloria," Antonio Vivaldi and "Magnificat in D," Johann Sebastian Bach. Calvary's own soloists and Chorale will perform with full orchestra.

The concert will be presented at Calvary Episcopal Church, corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in Summit. The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call (908) 277-1547.

CRESCENT CONCERTS rises to the spirit of the season by presenting their annual, free "Yuletide By Candlelight Concert" on Sunday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield.

The choir will be singing unaccompanied, with featured solos by Tom Coleman, Harriet Jerquist and Jennifer Kaniuka as well as a men's trio of Rob Stone, Donald Kalbach and a women's featuring Dorothy Magliocco, Jennifer Kaniuka and Harriet Jerquist. The finale includes an exciting contem-

porary "Gloria," "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and finally the inspirational "Silent Night," sung in German and English.

For further information, call (908) 756-2468.

ST. LUKES EPISCOPAL CHURCH will present its Christmas Concert Sunday at 4 p.m. in the church proper. The Concert program will include music by Bach, Handel and Menotti, as well as Christmas spirituals, carols and songs by contemporary composers. Pieces include "Rejoice Greatly!" from Handel's "Messiah," "Ave Maria" by Bach-Gounod, and "Panis Angelicus" by Franck.

Suggested donation is \$8 per adult, \$4 per youth under 18 years of age, and \$15 for a family's participation.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB will present a concert featuring The Holy Trinity Interparochial School Chorus Sunday at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The Children's Chorus will sing "Prepare to Receive Him" by J.S. Bach, "Christ Was Born On Christmas Day," a 16th century German carol, and other holiday selections. There will also be an organ solo selection.

For information, call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

MID-DAY MUSICALES series for Advent will present its last concert Wednesday at First Congregational Church in Westfield. Organist Barbara Thomson will perform. The concert is followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon in the church social hall.

Thomson has concertized extensively in the U.S. and Europe, and has been critically acclaimed for her technique, musicianship and ability to communicate.

The church is handicapped-accessible, and large print programs are available. For further information, contact Thomson at (908) 233-2494.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA will present their holiday concert on Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Cranford High School Auditorium. NJIO prides itself of being considered "New Jersey's Most Eclectic Orchestra."

For further information, contact Loraine Marks at (908) 561-3802.

WURLITZER ORGAN holiday concert featuring Ralph Ringstad, Jr. will be presented at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the show are \$8. For further information, contact UCAC at (908) 499-8226.

FIRST NIGHT SUMMIT badges are on sale for the annual New Year's Eve celebration of the arts. The \$10 badge entitles the wearer to admission to any of 115 performances at 24 sites in and around downtown Summit.

Artists include jugglers, magicians, puppeteers, storytellers and dancers to entertain audiences of all ages. Musical offerings range from country and western to Broadway favorites; from a Caribbean steel band to the Summit Symphony. Performances will start at 7 p.m. as end with a midnight fireworks display on the Village Green to usher in the new year.

Badges are available at every Kings Supermarket and at many retail stores in Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights. Anyone interested in contributing or volunteering is invited to call the First Night office at (908) 522-0892.

KIDS

THE UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will present a series of plays for children. These 75-minute musicals, all performed on Sundays at 2 p.m., are produced in conjunction with the American Family Theater of Philadelphia. Aimed at children of all ages and their families, this year's season includes classic fairy tales, a special holiday show, and a new musical ver-

demonstrations in colonial-era crafting and cooking are held Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults; 50 cents for children. The house is located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. For more information, call 232-1776.

EDISON'S LABORATORY, the scientist's "Invention Factory" is open to the public 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$2; seniors and children are admitted free. The museum is located on Main Street at Lakeside Avenue in West Orange. For more information, call (201) 736-5050.

BALLANTINE HOUSE, in Newark Museum, the House & Home exhibition examines the Victorian origins of today's concept of "home" through the restored rooms and new thematic galleries of this National Historic Landmark that showcase the museum's Decorative Arts Collection. Visitors are guided through a fictionalized day in the life of the Ballantine's via a storybook of illustrated text panels and an interactive computer game, which allows players to choose items for their own fantasy house.

OPERA

STONY HILL PLAYERS are presenting the timeless fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel," in its sumptuous operatic setting by Engelbert Humperdinck at the Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit. The opera is directed by Nathalie Yafet, with musical direction by Steven Yafet and produced by Jay Gaffney.

Show dates are Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$6 for age 12 and under. Non-perishable food donations are requested to benefit the Summit Homeless Intervention Program. For reservations, call (908) 464-7716.

PLAYS

GIGI is being performed at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive, Millburn, New Jersey, as the second presentation of the 1996-97 season. Starring Gavin Macleod, Liliane Montevecchi, Anne Rogers, Richard White and Glory Crampton as 'Gigi', the production runs through Sunday. Based on the Academy Award-winning motion picture, from the novel by Colette, "Gigi" tells the romantic story of one young girl learning about life and love in turn-of-the-century Paris. The show features a classic score which spawned the treasured songs, "Thank Heaven for Little Girls," "The Night They Invented Champagne" and "I Remember It Well."

Paper Mill Playhouse is completely accessible to individuals with disabilities. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$31 to \$46, and \$10 student tickets may be available fifteen minutes prior to curtain. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. For tickets and information, call (201) 376-4343. For groups of 20 or more, call (201) 379-3636, ext. 2438.

DREAMGIRL by Elmer Rice is being presented by the Elizabeth Playhouse on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 22. "Dreamgirl," not to be confused with the musical, is about young Georgina Allerton and her daily trials and tribulations.

Tickets are \$8 and \$6 for seniors and students. To make reservations, call (908) 355-0077.

FRANKS WITH RELISH, plays by Sid Frank, will be presented at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The six one-act plays were all written by Springfield resident Sid Frank. The performers will include Murray and Rhoda Staub, Randy Marshall, Becky Kurth, Margaret Gerst and Sid Frank.

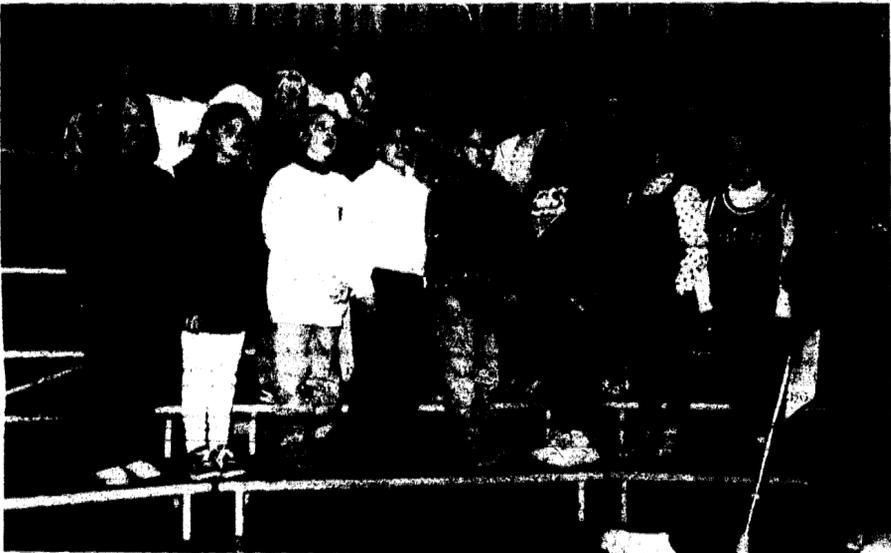
This is a free performance and is open to all. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For further information, call (908) 376-4930.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE will be presented by The Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera Co. of Long Island, N.Y., in the Yiddish-English musical comedy, "Di Yam Gazonin," a Yiddish adaptation of the Gilbert and Sullivan Light Opera. Sponsored by the Elizabeth and Hillside chapters of Hadassah, the musical will be staged Sunday in Wilkes Theater at Kean College of New Jersey, Union.

The Yiddish words are not literal translations, but adaptations which rely on Gilbert and Sullivan's music, and preserve the originals while overlaying a Jewish sensibility on the satires of the elite 19th century British society. The dialogue is in English and the lyrics of the songs are in Yiddish.

A section will be reserved for benefactors for \$50; sponsors, \$36, and patrons, \$25. General seating minimum price will be a donation of \$15. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Kean College Box Office at (908) 527-2088, from a local Hadassah chapter, or from Anita Fox (908) 354-6311, Ruth Robert, (908) 351-1279, Martha Kalish, (908) 355-3316 or Florence Isaacman, (908) 353-2357.

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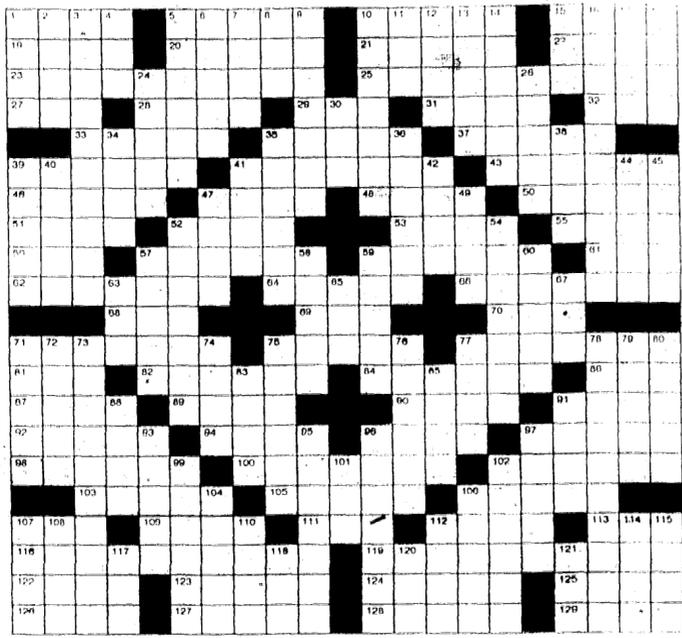


The Westfield Glee Club will present their 72nd season of Winter Concerts on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield, and also on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield.

So Long

ACROSS

- 1 Story
- 5 Make adherent
- 10 Scour
- 15 Skidded
- 19 Borodin prince
- 20 — a Grecian
- 21 Um
- 22 Hebrides island
- 23 1776 battle site
- 25 Certain cattle
- 27 Omelet need
- 28 Department
- 29 Swiss canton
- 31 Sports group
- 32 Turn to the right
- 33 Writing need
- 35 Sip
- 37 S' tall fish
- 39 Joms
- 41 Surgical sawing
- 43 Melodious
- 46 Bay window
- 47 Fill up
- 48 Topers
- 50 Actress Berger
- 51 Millponds
- 52 Sob
- 53 Idle
- 55 Siam measure
- 56 Indian
- 57 Dog breed
- 59 Uproar
- 61 Hive instrument
- 62 Some horses
- 64 Splits
- 66 Continue
- 68 Kind of wind?
- 69 Drowse
- 70 Parson bird
- 71 Told
- 75 Large conduit
- 77 Siouan Indians
- 81 Labor org.
- 82 Arcenas
- 84 Tranquil
- 86 Money of account
- 87 Canvas home
- 89 Check
- 90 Old King
- 91 Obstacle



- 92 Bile
- 94 Discharge
- 96 Quote
- 97 Point of view
- 98 Martens' cousins
- 100 Raise
- 102 Ascends
- 103 Heavy seas
- 105 Gladden
- 106 Expert
- 107 Wing
- 109 Mimic
- 111 Greek letter
- 112 Slattern
- 113 Brat

- 116 Edible tuber
- 119 Not just a note
- 122 Killer whale
- 123 English novelist
- 124 A mob scene
- 125 Teen's bane
- 126 Old English letters
- 127 Winter woe
- 128 Carols
- 129 Pronoun

DOWN

- 1 Ceramic piece
- 2 Excited
- 3 Type size
- 4 Work unit
- 5 Nosegays
- 6 US educator
- 7 — Penn
- 8 Heavy weight
- 9 Tolerated
- 10 Salt marshes
- 11 — Magnon
- 12 Make a scene
- 13 Yens
- 14 Nassau's land

- 15 Noble title
- 16 Gossip, in Dixie
- 17 Arrow prison
- 18 FL county
- 24 Drive
- 26 Hebrew measures
- 30 Rend
- 34 Matures
- 35 Dry goods dealer
- 36 Small hills
- 38 Charge against property
- 39 Part of m.o.

- 40 A Muse
- 41 Pedal digits
- 42 Portico
- 44 Slater's tool
- 45 Yeared: dial
- 47 Mince
- 49 Coarse hominy
- 52 Pocket items
- 54 Luck
- 57 Wallops
- 58 Ringworm
- 59 Yields
- 60 Way
- 63 Inlet
- 65 Promise
- 67 French Car
- 71 Gram and Rio
- 72 Gurgenev heroine
- 73 NJ resort
- 74 Fruit
- 75 Metaphor
- 76 Read aloud
- 77 Far: comb. form
- 78 Seen on embroidery
- 79 Papal veil
- 80 Wise men
- 83 Attica township
- 85 Repletion
- 88 Tissue
- 91 Impertinent one
- 93 Fix a tire
- 95 Bony fish
- 96 Language of Valencia
- 97 Mountain crest
- 99 Native police
- 101 Large cistern
- 102 Mature ones
- 104 Pertaining to bristles
- 106 Fixed star in Perseus
- 107 Medicinal plant
- 108 Old landowner
- 110 Appraise
- 112 Ship's plank: dial
- 114 Wall word
- 115 Victim
- 117 Fuel
- 118 Precedes total
- 120 Spanish gold
- 121 Make lace

(See Answers on Page B12)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



Applications are available

Applications are now available for the 1997 Very Special Arts New Jersey Arts Achievement Awards. These include the Student Arts Excellence Awards, presented to classified students, mainstreamed, inclusion, self-contained classes or activities, 14-21 years old, who show outstanding achievement in and commitment to one or more of the art forms; and the Education in the Arts Awards presented to outstanding educators and

administrators for establishing high quality arts programs for classified students. The award also recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education for classified students. The competition is a feeder program for the distinguished New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education. The VSA/NJ Arts Achievement Awards '97 will be presented in a ceremony in the spring. VSA/NJ is a

statewide organization which is part of an international network dedicated to providing arts programs to people with disabilities. The Governor's Awards in Arts Education are presented in a ceremony in June at the N.J. State Museum in Trenton. For further information or application materials, contact Very Special Arts New Jersey, 841 Georges Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902; (908) 745-3885, 745-5935, or 745-3913.

What's Going On?

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EVENT: Holiday Pastry Sale
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TIME: Saturday, December 21, 10am-1pm; Sunday, December 22, noon-2pm
PRICE: Assorted Greek pastry and sweet breads. For advance orders, call Bessie Blizotes 736-4290
ORGANIZATION: Dorkas Society, Sts. Constantine & Helen Church.

BREAKFAST

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14, 1996
EVENT: Breakfast with Santa!
PLACE: Hillside High School, Hillside, NJ
TIME: 9am-11am.
PRICE: Donation: Adults, \$4.00; Children (under 12), \$2.50. Pictures with Santa, \$2.50. Menu includes: Pancakes, Snoopy or Mickey Mouse Waffles, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Sausage.
ORGANIZATION: Boy Scout Troop #97.

What's Going On is a paid directory of events for non-profit organizations. It is pre-paid and costs just \$20.00 (for 2 weeks) for Essex County or Union County and just \$30.00 for both. Your notice must be in our Maplewood office (463 Valley Street) by 4:30 P.M. on Monday for publication the following Thursday. Advertisement may also be placed at 170 Scotland Road, 266 Liberty St., Bloomfield or 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For more information call 763-9411.

Stepping Out

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TRIPS

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART- bus trip are sponsored by New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. The bus stops at the Museum and continues down 5th Avenue to 57th Street for other museums, galleries and shops to enjoy on your own. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from A&P Mall Parking Lot in New Providence on Central Avenue in Summit, and returns from the Metropolitan Museum only at 3:15 p.m. The next trip is scheduled for Jan. 9. Tickets are \$15 for NJCVA members, \$17 for non-members. Tickets can also be purchased in series for future trips. For information and reservations, call (908) 273-9121.

demonstrate "Nutcracker Morning."

Debra Sayles is a principal ballerina with the New Jersey Ballet. She is noted for her versatility and varied repertoire which includes lead roles in ballets such as "Sleeping Beauty," "Coraire Pas de Deux" and "Tantelila." She will appear as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Paper Mill Playhouse presentation of "The Nutcracker" this month.

The dance portion of the workshop is open to those 10 years and older with ballet experience. To register, contact the YWCA at (908) 273-4242. The YWCA is located at 79 Maple St. in Summit.

WORKSHOPS

FREE BALLET WORKSHOPS being offered on Saturday at the Summit YWCA. From 10 a.m. to noon in the YWCA auditorium, Debra Sayles will perform, answer questions and

FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL is being presented by the Life Long Learning Center, a continuing education program for adults over the age of 60. The four week class meets at the fully accessible JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey beginning Jan. 10.

Course fee is \$7 for JCC/NCJW members and \$10 for non-members. For registration information, call Merle Lomerantz at (201) 736-3200. JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey is located at 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange.

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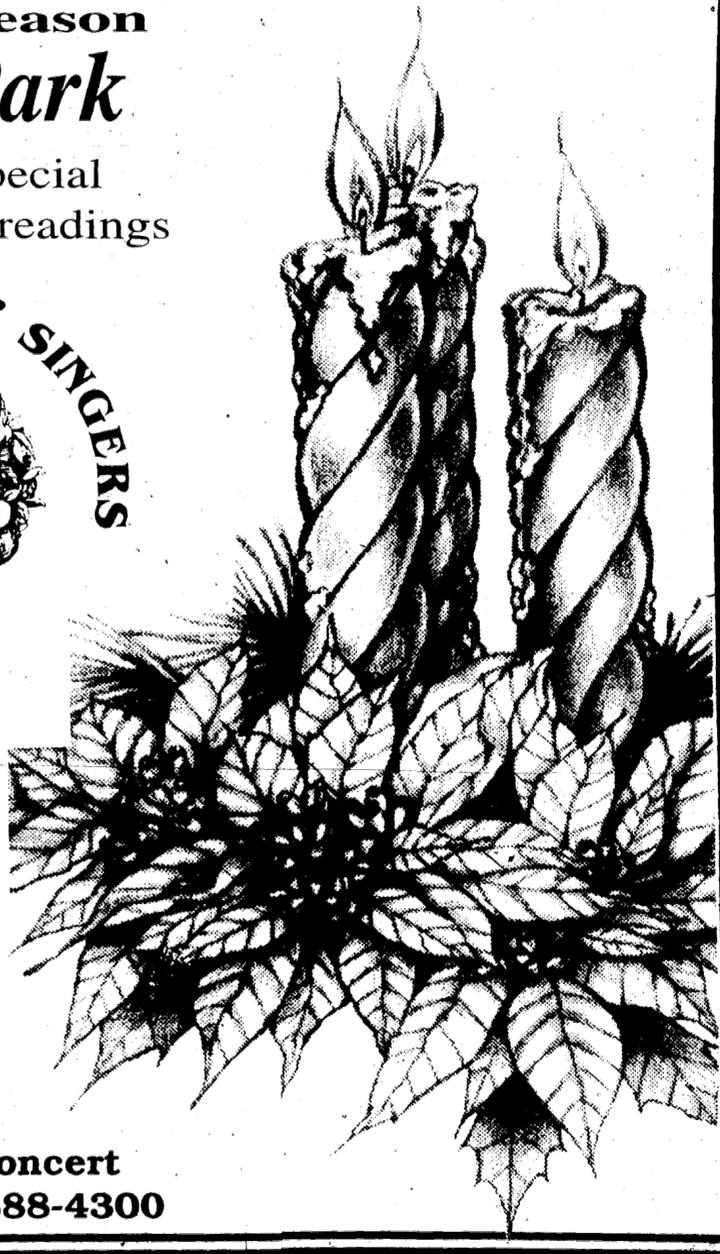
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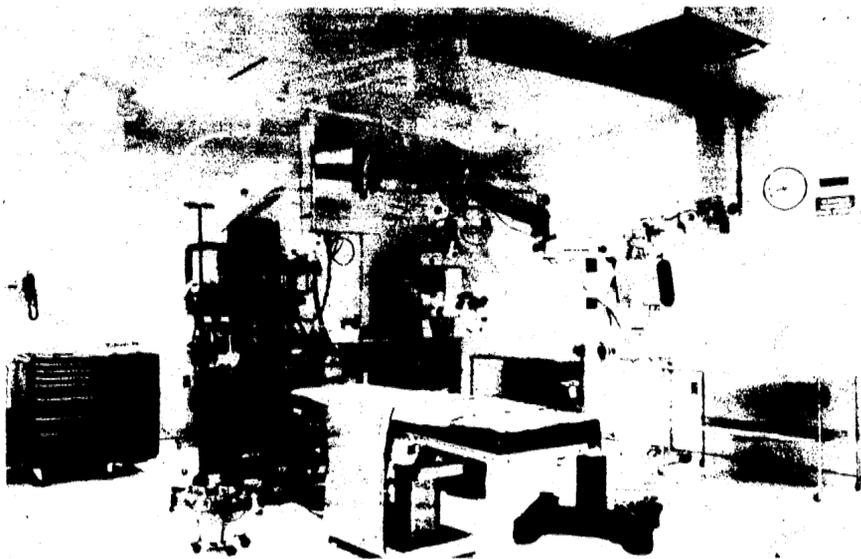
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HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE



On September 28, Overlook Hospital celebrated 90 years of service to the community. With the growing use of laser and laparoscopic procedures, almost 65 percent of Overlook's surgical procedures are performed on a same-day basis. Renovations have begun for the John E. Reeves Same Day Surgery Center, a self-contained, state-of-the-art service designed to meet the growing number of same day cases.

Same-day surgery center to open in the spring

Planning is progressing for the construction for the Overlook Hospital's John E. Reeves Ambulatory Surgery Center, which was approved by the New Jersey Department of Health in July. The Ambulatory Surgery Center, which is the beneficiary of funds raised at the hospital's 90th Anniversary Gala, will be a state-of-the-art center occupying 17,334 square feet in the hospital's Center for Community Health. The center is tentatively scheduled to open in the spring of 1997.

The new same-day surgery center, dedicated in memory of John E. Reeves in appreciation of his many lasting contributions to Overlook Hospital, will be a self-contained unit offering reception, registration, pre-surgical testing, private pre-operative waiting rooms, five same-day surgery operating rooms, one minor procedure room, a standard primary recovery room, and step-down stations. Additionally, there will be limited business services and administrative areas as well as staff and support areas such as locker rooms, restrooms, central processing, sterile storage, and anesthesia.

The newer quarters will enable Overlook to handle the expected increase in patient volume, as well as improve the surgical experience for patients and their families. A growing number of Overlook's 15,000 annual surgical procedures are now performed on an outpatient basis. While ten years ago, 20% of the surgical cases were ambulatory; now, because of advances in minimally invasive procedures and increased pressure from payers to control costs, over 65% of Overlook's surgical cases are ambulatory.

Hospital Meal Mates never dine alone

Help to provide Union Hospital patients with personalized care by becoming a Meal Mate. Union Hospital has developed this program, where volunteers spend a small amount of time at least one or two days per week assisting patients who cannot feed themselves. Opportunities are available to build special relationships with people who need your help.

Orientation will be provided prior to volunteering. Nursing staff will be available at all times. For more information, contact Volunteer Services Director Juleanne Trumball at (908) 851-7014.

Union Hospital, located at 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

Charter can help parents keep the holidays happy

Sarah's parents were divorced last summer, only two days before her sixth birthday. For Sarah, it was a confusing time and she still hasn't figured out exactly what happened or why her Daddy doesn't live with her anymore.

Even though her mother has explained that both her parents still love her very much, Sarah secretly believes the divorce was her fault. But she has a plan. She's going to ask Santa to bring her Daddy home again. She's going to promise to be a very good girl for the rest of her life if only her family can be together again.

Counselors now know that divorce can be hardest on children. The parents may go on to other primary relationships, and may even find divorce to be a liberating and positive experience, but for the child it is more often a feeling of pure loss and helplessness. Custody battles or even amicable custody settlements can further exacerbate that feeling as the child is shuttled between two homes. These situations may lead to lifelong difficulty in trusting others or developing successful relationships.

Christmas is often the hardest time of the year for a child of divorce. If the child is old enough to remember happier holidays, the adjustments he or she faces in at Christmas may be espe-

cially painful. It is important for both parents to work together to make new traditions and enjoyable times for their children.

When Sarah's mother heard her ask Santa to bring her Daddy home for Christmas, she didn't say anything right away. Instead, she called Sarah's father and suggested they have a discussion among the three of them about Christmas and what they could expect. The next day, Sarah, her mother and her father sat down in her mother's living room and talked. Both parents listened as Sarah described how sad she had been, how much she wanted her family back, and asked what she could do to make it happen.

Her parents reassured her that even though they were apart, they loved her very much. They explained to her that they no longer loved each other as husband and wife, but they hoped to be friends again. And they compromised about Christmas. Sarah's mother suggested that her father come by the house on Christmas morning to be there when Sarah opened her gifts. Then Sarah could go with him to his parent's house for Christmas dinner. Sarah felt better, and that was enough for her parents who decided that, on Christmas, they could forget their problems with each other for her sake. This is, unfortunately, not the case

in most divorces. The children may be used as pawns by one parent to hurt the other. And the game may go on for years. But there are ways to learn how to help children survive a divorce. It takes communication and sometimes counseling to help parents and children deal with anger and other difficult issues.

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Clark's Ford named president of NJAR

The New Jersey Association of Realtors, a non-profit organization serving the professional needs of more than 36,000 real estate agents in the state, last week installed a new slate of senior officers and district vice presidents for 1997 at its "Realtor Advantage" convention at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino and Resort in Atlantic City. The officers and district vice presidents, who will serve one-year terms beginning Jan.

Michael F. Ford was installed as 1997 NJAR president. He is the broker/owner of the Mike Ford Agency in Clark.

A Realtor since 1972, Ford served as NJAR's president-elect in 1995 and in 1994. He served as a division officer from 1990-1994 and has been a member of the NJAR Board of Directors since 1986. He has served on the

Executive Committee since 1990 and has chaired NJAR's Environmental, Strategic Planning, Realtor Risk Reduction and Presidents committees.

A director of the National Association of Realtors, Ford serves on NAR's Land Use, Property Rights and Environment Committee. He has also served on NAR's Legislative Forum, Environmental, Business Practice and Computer and Commercial Investment Committees.

On the local level, he served as the past president director of the Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors. Ford served as the local board's president in 1987 and 1988, first vice president in 1986, vice president in 1984 and 1985 and treasurer in 1982 and 1983. He was also the local board's Realtor of the Year in 1985 and 1988.

Meyercord earns top award for dollar volume

Anne Meyercord, a top sales associate in Burgdorff Realtors' Summit office, has earned the company Salesperson of the Month Award for having the highest dollar volume — more than \$3 million — of sales and listings sold for the month. This accomplishment has placed her in the No. 1 position for the month from among the firm's more than 625 associates.

Meyercord has consistently been a member of the President's Council, a respected advisory board comprised of the top 15 associates. She has served as the council's chairman and was ranked No. 1 companywide three

times including 1995. Recently, she attended a Burgdorff President's Council meeting at the Ritz Carlton in Palm Beach, Fla., with 12 colleagues.

Among her list of industry achievements include membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club from 1989-95, attaining the Silver Award in 1991-92 and the highest level, the Gold Award, since 1993 with production of more than \$10 million in sales each year.

Meyercord's success is based on her philosophy: "I feel a real obligation to foster integrity in my profession — to know and understand the market, to give careful attention to every client and customer, and to establish professional relationships with trust and respect."



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Burnett joins RE/MAX

Anne Burnett, Broker Associate, has recently joined the new RE/MAX Dynamic Realty in Clark. With more than 16 years of real estate experience, Burnett specializes in the listing and sale of residential property in Union and Middlesex counties.

A graduate of the Realtor Institute, Burnett also has a Certified Residential Specialist designation. In addition, she is a member of the Greater Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

"I was living in California at the inception of RE/MAX and was always intrigued by the organization, long before I became a Realtor," Burnett said. "I eventually joined RE/MAX to increase my business and afford my clients a higher level of service."

A resident of Linden, Burnett can be contacted by calling RE/MAX Dynamic Realty in Clark at (908) 815-1222.



Anne Burnett

way she lifts the burdens of home inspections, follow-throughs on mortgage commitments, and other details off their shoulders. And best of all, she's always upbeat. Her customers really respond well to her enthusiasm.

A Newark resident herself, Bogar made strong personal commitment to empowering people to revive the inner-city. "I place a lot of VA and FHA mortgages for people who never thought they could afford to buy a home," she said. "One time, I listed a three-family house for sale. I found out that one of the tenants was considering moving, so I approached them about buying the house they were living in. They hadn't considered it because they thought they couldn't afford it. Now they're the proud owners of the home, with good income from the other apartments. It's a dream come true for them."

Bogar has joined the Union/Elizabeth office of The Prudential New Jersey Realty because she has seen many of her clients move from Essex to Union County. By locating in Union, she can easily service the urban and suburban communities of both counties. Bogar has already negotiated the sale of several homes.

The Prudential New Jersey Realty is the state's largest member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc., with 1995 sales totalling \$630,000,000. Bogar can be reached at the Union/Elizabeth office, 540 North Ave., Union, (908) 353-4200.

"Brenda is very much a take charge person," said her manager, Rose Schlarat. "People feel good about the

Pappas nets honor

Al Pappas of Century 21 JRS Realty in Clark has been named the top sales associate in listing and selling transactions in Union/Middlesex counties, announced Robert Sperte, president and regional district director of Century 21 of the Northeast Inc.

"I'm very pleased to be receiving the Top Listing and Sales Award," Pappas said. "It has been an especially productive period in my career."

In recognition of the accomplishment, Pappas received a plaque during a special luncheon at the Channel Club Marina in Monmouth Beach.

"We're delighted to have Al Pappas on our team," said George Sanguliano, broker of Century 21 JRS Realty. "He is a very bright, motivated individual with a lot of know-how in the real estate industry."

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Watch for drowsiness when you're on the road

Most people know how drugs and alcohol affect a driver - slowed reaction time, decreased awareness and impaired judgement. But many drivers are unaware that sleepiness can have the same effects, making driving drowsy as dangerous as driving drunk.

It is difficult to attribute accidents to sleepiness because there are no tests or standardized criteria to clearly determine the extent of the problem. Still, Federal Highway Transportation officials estimate that drowsy drivers are involved in anywhere from 60,000 to 240,000 accidents each year. Drowsiness, they say, contributes to about 10,000 auto deaths a year.

"The groups most at risk for drowsy driving are young people, shift workers or those with non-traditional work schedules, commercial drivers, and people with undiagnosed sleep disorders," says John Tiene, executive director of the New Jersey Insurance News Service.

Young people under the age of 25 account for 55 percent of all sleep-related driving accidents, he notes. They are typically sleep-deprived from staying up late and sleeping too little, and they do much of their driving at the time of greatest risk, at night. Shift workers, 20-30 percent of whom reported having a sleep-related driving mishap in the last year, find the morning drive home from work especially risky.

"Commercial drivers are also especially susceptible to sleep-related accidents," adds Tiene. "In addition to the high number of miles they drive each year, much of their driving is done at night, when the body is sleepiest."

What times and situations put drivers at the most risk for sleepy driving? "Between the hours of midnight and six a.m., or in the middle of the 'afternoon lull' are prime times for drowsy driving accidents," says Tiene. Drivers are more likely to fall asleep at the wheel when driving alone or when on a long, monotonous drive. Waking up early to start a journey, or staying up late the night before

a trip to prepare, also puts drivers at a greater risk, he reports.

The New Jersey Insurance News Service offers the following advice to help drivers prevent drowsy driving:

1. Recognize the danger signals for drowsy driving. If your eyes close, or go out of focus by themselves, if you have trouble keeping your head up, cannot stop yawning, have wandering, disconnected thoughts, cannot remember driving the last few miles, drift between lanes, tailgate, miss traffic signs, or have a difficult time maintaining constant speed, take these as warning signs that you could fall asleep at the wheel.

2. Coffee and other stimulants are substitutes for sleep. They may help you feel more alert, but the effects last only a short time and you may still experience "micro-sleeps" (brief naps that last about five seconds).

3. Pull over frequently. Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles. During your break take a nap, stretch, get some exercise. If you pull over for a nap make sure you park in a safe spot and lock your doors.

4. Don't get hypnotized by the road. Drivers frequently get hypnotized by the lines on the road. Make a conscious effort to keep your eyes moving every few seconds from the road to the side and rear mirrors and back to the road again.

5. Keep your body relaxed. A tight grip on the wheel and tense neck and shoulder muscles add to fatigue.

6. Vary the climate control settings in your car. A cool car will keep you more alert. Rolling down the window for fresh air also helps.

7. Play games or find activities that keep you awake. Make sure, however, that they do not interfere with your driving.

8. Listen to the radio, or cassette tapes.

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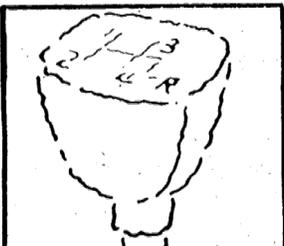
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