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State is addicted taxes

After this newspaper had gone to press, Gov. Christine Whitman was to have signed the Legislature's school funding reform bills into law. Even if the state Supreme Court rejects the plan, saying it won't meet the "thorough and efficient education" mandate, repercussions will be felt around the country, as other states shyly look for ways to transfer part of the responsibility for school financing away from property owners.

The new law approaches school funding from a different perspective. As you probably know by now, Trenton's intent is not to add more money to a faltering system,

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg

but to correct what's not working and spend money accordingly.

Only time will tell if it will be a success, but the effects of the funding scheme soon will be seen.

In its school funding bill, the Legislature finally has acknowledged school districts' dependence on local property taxes. As a sort of test, Trenton will respond by delivering \$10 million in state aid to 51 middle class districts characterized by tax rates well above the state average.

Part of that \$10 million in state aid is intended for Union County, The school districts of Roselle, Roselle Park and Winfield each will receive \$300,000.

In most states, the state government pays at least half of the costs of education. In New Jersey, the state pays a little more than one-

third. The result. I'm sure I don't have to tell you, is the need for communities with low property values to tax themselves at high rates.

We should give our legislators credit for recognizing the problem. When I first began reporting about the issue, the emphasis was on equalizing the totals spent to educate children in every district.

It isn't possible to provide an equal level of education quality across the more than 600 school districts in the state. Whenever I spoke to assemblymen and county superintendents, I asked about the Summit and Newark school districts.

Summit, which receives no aid from the state, is planning to supply each of its students and teachers with laptop computers by 2001 Estimated cost: \$5 million. Newark, which was managed so horribly that the state had to seize control. had employees stealing computers from the trucks that delivered them to the schools.

My question to those state officials was: What benefit does the Summit ninth-grader see when he's denied a laptop computer because his counterpart in Newark didn't receive one?

The question never was answered, because of course that Summit ninth-grader would not benefit at all from being denied the computer his parents - the local taxpayers — agreed to finance.

The problem either is the court's interpretation of the state Constitution, which says students in New Jersey must be provided a "thorough and efficient education," or that phrasing itself. Since the Legislature won't amend the Constitution to delete that phrase, it has to meet the court order. That's where we are today.

Among the education fundingrelated bills that were excluded from the new reform laws are those that would freeze school property taxes at current levels, would prevent the use of any local tax for education, would amend the Constitution to limit the use of local taxes and one for a non-binding

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County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi presents a \$2,600 check to Edward Hartnett, superintendent of the Union County Educational Services Commission. The money was raised at the recent Joanne Rajop-pi Annual Golf Outing and will be used for the ECS's Community Advantage Program. The program enables disabled youths to learn job skills while volunteering in their communities.

Many establishments in Union County have done more than comply with the

That's why the Union County government and a veteran's group will recognize these efforts for a second consecutive year through the Access/Union

Nominations for sites that have been made most barrier-free or that have made significant efforts to improve accessibility will be accepted until Jan. 31, 1997. A presentation will be made in May at a special meeting of the Board of

County are doing more than just abiding by the law and are showing common sense, business sense and compassion," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Henry Kurz, liaison to the Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled. "These good citizens deserve our recognition and thanks."

Department of Human Services' Office for the Disabled and the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association.

Established in 1990, the ADA requires certain establishments to make their facilities, goods and services more accessible to people with disabilities. Failure to comply can result in administrative action, lawsuits and fines.

Last year's winner was Lucca's Espresso & Coffee in Wesfield. To obtain Access/Union County nomination forms, or for more information about the program, call the Union County Office for the Disabled at (908)

Outgoing GOP freeholders hire new deputy engineer

Staff Writer

After a delay of two years, the county again has a deputy director of operational services in the engineering department.

The new deputy director is George Connor of Flemington, with about 31 years of combined engineering experience, including 20 years as assistant county engineer in Middlesex County.

But the freeholders did not have any questions about Connor when they voted him in Dec. 19. Freeholder Linda Stender and others were concerned more with the timing of Connor's hiring.

Connor will replace Frank Pietrik who has been on sick leave for about two years, according to Stender, because of a beart attack

"I don't know why we have to run into this at the last meeting of the year," she said. Thursday's meeting was the last before January's reorganization, when the Democrats will take the majority.

Freeholder Walter McNeil agreed with Stender. "Here we are, the last day, the last meeting of the year.

I've never heard of this before," he said. Both McNeil and Stender said that, instead of hiring a

new deputy director after two years, the freeholders should have been analyzing whether the position was needed. "If he hasn't been in for two years, maybe we can do

without him," said McNeil. "Maybe we can do with a But, according to Chairman Edwin Force, the county

has looked at getting rid of the position, always with less-

other county departments. As a result, he said, parts of the county have "suffered."

Freeholder Frank Lehr added that the department's director, Armand Fiorletti, has had to shift from his "administrative" duties to more engineering-related tasks.

Force added that if the position was not filled, the board would have to wait two or three months — possibly into March - before filling the position.

But McNeil said, "A new regime is coming in. We should give them a chance." He added that he would "work to evaluate" the position at the freeholders next meeting in January no matter the outcome of the vote.

Connor's home, Flemington, was also a matter of

Freeholder Carol Cohen argued that whoever the board hired should be a resident of Union County.

But Lehr said that Connor would "actively search" for a home in Union County after being hired.

Connor's hiring was among a number of other hirings and new positions that were voted on.

Stender was asked why she would question Connor's hiring while supporting another, who was hired as assistant director of the Union County Jail.

But Stender said the assistant director's position was not a sudden hiring like Connor's, which she said she'd learned of "that night."

The jail assistant director's hiring had been discussed by the board and she had known the position was going to be filled since June.

Access-friendly sites eligible for '96 award

Americans with Disabilities Act, they've taken additional, voluntary steps to accommodate people with disabilities and make them feel welcome.

County Award Program.

Chosen Freeholders. "We are very proud that retailers, restaurants, theaters and others in Union

The advisory board and the freeholders are sponsoring the award with the



Leaders from public safety organizations, education, government and private industry recently met at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains to discuss public safety issues. This 15th roundtable discussion was sponsored by the Union County Alliance as part of its effort to create and implement the county's Long Range Strategic Plan. From left: Freeholder Henry Kurz, Acting First Assistant Prosecutor Michael Lapolla, Freeholders Linda Di Giovanni and Frank Lehr, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force and Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde.

UCUA picks director, hires Essex environmentalist

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

The UCUA hired two new officers at its Dec. 18 meeting, and some county residents are angry over how and when the hirings were handled.

The UCUA has promoted Deputy Executive Director Jeffrey Spatola of Scotch Plains to the position of executive director. He will move into the top position on Thursday.

Spatola will replace Jeffrey Callahan, who will resign his position to head the Boulder, Colo. Recycling and Composting Authority.

To fill Spatola's position, the UCUA has hired Harry Pappas of Springfield, who is the environmental compliance enforcement director of the Essex County Utilities Authority. Some residents have said that the were announced were irregular, if not

According to UCUA Clerk Joseph Bodek, the meeting last Wednesday was scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. and did not start until 9:15 p.m.

Vincent Lehotsky, a member of the Union County Concerned Citizens and a regular attendee of UCUA meetings, added that he had left the meeting at 9 p.m. When he returned at 10 p.m., the UCUA board was in executive session, which public bodies can call when discussing matters such as personnel.

It was here, according to UCUA Chairman William Ruocco, that the board discussed hiring Spatola and Pappas. The vote to hire them came at

meeting at which the appointments "11:30 p.m.; Lehotsky said the public who attended the meeting had gone home by that time.

"Obviously, discussions ran longer than expected," said Ruocco, adding that the board had announced it was going into executive session. "If no

one was there, what can I say?" There is a resolution, sponsored about two years ago by Katherine Fulcomer of Rahway, to be used for late meetings such as this.

According to Bodek, the board has the option, but is not required, to hold to-the next day business that takes place after a certain time.

"I just felt that they were breaking their own rules," Lehotsky said.

Spatola, who has worked with the Environmental Protection Agency, earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineer-

focuses on

ing from the University of Maryland. He will receive a \$92,000 annual salary at his new position; this is up \$7,000 from his current salary. Callahan, who was with the UCUA since

1992, received \$98,000. Pappas joined the ECUA as a purchasing agent in 1995, where he then became responsible for the enforcement of environmental rules. Before that, he was chief executive officer of Federal Equipment Co., in Newark, then was owner of the Harry Pappas Company, a provider of food service

He also has been director of purchasing for Union County, but was fired by County Manager Ann Baran.

equipment.

According to published reports, Callahan will be held on as a consultant until Jan. 31 and will be paid \$8,000 in consulting fees.

Ruocco has said that "the authority is extremely fortunate to have filled these positions with men of such exceptional skills and experience. Naturally, we will miss Jeff Callahan, who has done such an outstanding job under what were often very difficult circumstances, but I am confident that the high level of our performance, which was certified by the recent audit conducted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, isn't going to miss a beat."

But Lehotsky said that he was 'upset" that Pappas was being hired to fill Spatola's position and that Spatola, who has only been at the UCUA for a year, should not be paid as much as Callahan.

Legal Services Corp.

The county Legal Services Corporation, a non-profit which provides free legal assistance to low income county residents, has released its annual report showing housing and entitlements dominate its agenda.

Legal assistance at UCLSC is provided by nine attorneys working with paralegals who work in "units."

At UCLSC there are Housing and Entitlement, Seniors and Health, Family, and a Consumer and Unemployment units.

Housing and Entitlement

The largest unit at UCLSC is composed of a lead attorney, two staff attorneys and two paralegals. This unit represents almost 65 percent of the cases closed in 1996. The area

receiving the most attention is homelessness.

To prevent homelessness, the unit fights evictions and foreclosures. More than one-third of this unit's work involves these matters, and the unit has been successful in keeping people in their residences. Most cases are settled, or negotiated, and a small number are resolved in court. Because of pre-screening to ensure every case has merit and a valid defense, the unit has amassed a success rate of cases

resolved by court decision. For homeless people, UCLSC attempts to secure public financial assistance or other financial assistance to secure shelter.

lems securing welfare, Social Security, food stamps, or SSI. Last year these matters accounted for more than half of the unit's cases. Most of the matters are resolved by negotiation between UCLSC and the program, without an administrative hearing. Family **

The Family Unit consists of a two staff attorneys and one bilingual paralegal. Its priority is to assist victims of domestic violence by working with the Prosecutor's Office.

UCLSC family attorneys are recognized throughout the county and by other legal services offices as specialists in the area of family law and conducts continuing legal education clas-It also assists those who have prob-, ses for other legal services case-

handlers in the area. In 1996, almost 25 percent of UCLSC closed cases were family matters. Of these, between 20-30 percent involved legal matters concerning domestic violence.

housing and welfare

Seniors and Health

This unit focuses on health-related legal problems and legal problems of the elderly. The senior attorney in this unit is recognized across the country as an expert in Medicaid and Medicare law. In the area of the elderly, she has worked with seniors facing the substantial problems around nursing home placement and problems related

to the need for skilled nursing care. UCLSC was the first legal services program in New Jersey and among the

first in the nation, to be funded to provide legal assistance to those with AIDS. Consumer and Unemployment

This unit focuses on meeting con-

sumer needs of low income people. Chief among the cases were bankruptcy petitions, enforcement of contracts and representing persons who believe they were the victims of fraud, such as alleged truth-in-lending violations or home repair or other commercial "scams."

UCLSC is supported by grants from federal, state, and local govern-

Residents of Union County seeking help may call (908) 354-4340 Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

My advice for surfing the Internet: Get lost

Internet column for Worrall Community Newspapers.

It's been a long time coming. On Jan. 1, we will debut our Web page, so I came up with the idea for this

It won't be too involved, just my highly subjective thoughts, on the Internet and various aspects of it.

The Internet is a big, wild, woolly place and you can get lost very fast. I've been lost — maybe for the past year - obsessively making notes and leaving my little bread crumbs, all to keep my grizzled shout above the information tide.

Still, in the process of being washed hither and you on the Information Superhighway, I've found some pretty interesting and unusual stuff. That's what you'll find here, the stuff that I left my little pawprints all over. Stuff like this:

· Morphogenesis Productions, at http://ourworld.compuserve.com/ho mepages/WAPeabody, is the homepage of very cool computer artist, fantasy author and iguana aficionado Wendy Peabody, someone with whom I very occasionally have exchanged e-mail.

The site is simple: reproductions of her art and some links to other artists

Cyber Ráccoon's Logbooks

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

and friends. It's the person behind the site that really makes it stand out, someone creative and with a different take on the world.

"Morphogenesis," or "The Beginning of Change," by the way, is the title of one of her works, a piece of sidewalk art done in 1993 and which "became symbolic of a time in my life when I decided to become a freelance computer artist."

You could do worse than to check out this site. There is a problem, though. The Compuserve server barely works and I have hardly been able to load all of her page without it

If that doesn't work, try e-mailing her at WAPeabody_ol.com and asking for "Origins of the Dragonyte," an electronic fantasy novel complete with music. You won't be sorry.

http://www.mackerel.com/bubble.ht ml, is what it sounds like. It's a sheet of bubble wrap. You pop the bubbles.

No, really, that's it. It's stupid and pointless and I love it. And apparently, a lot of people agree with me; the counter on the page recorded 118,758 hits as of Dec. 1. Yes, the republic is

You can even make a high score. They're totally serious about this. The page says, "Can you pop a million bubbles in a single game?" No one has, of course; they've only popped about 100,000 or so. It's scary.

To play, you need Macromedia's Shockwave plug-in for your browser. A useful gadget, you can download it free at http://www. shockwave.com/ download.

• The Amazing B Monster, at http://www.bmonster.com, is "The Offbeat Film Authority" dedicated to bad cinema. I love this site: slick, info-rich and well designed. It's one of the best-looking sites I've ever seen and inline-graphics heavy, but I've had few problems loading it in the

The site designer, Marty Baumann, is a treasure trove of trivia and information on B movies. Baumann really goes behind the scenes and follows: eyed directors and burned out actors. almost all of them totally serious in their endeavors. Still, while the quality of the site and text is high, the vari-

ous pieces leave you wanting more. B movies? Try something like "Swamp Women," which has "Branded women, notorious women, scarlet women!" The heavy hyperbolics from these movies' posters are reproduced on every page and are one of the best reasons for coming here.

"Offbeat"? Well, in the current edition, the third, you can check out plant-monster films such as 'Trom Hell It Came," "Disembodied" and "Day of the Triffids" or cult-hero Arch Hall Jr., who played both ends of the field - a teen crooner in "Wild Guitar," and a psycho in "The Sadist."

Too weird for you? Try a spotlight on "The Beach Girls and the Monster" or the second part of an interview with movie and television icon Herb Strock

• Lamprey Systems Web Page of the Danned, at http://users. aol. com/ lamprevsys/index. html, is twisted and sick. I love this site.

This is the homepage of Robert Carr and his software "company," Lamprey "Software that Sucks!" Systems. This site is patently, skillfully

and enthusiastically offensive and a great place to hang out if you have a sense of humor and thick skin.

You'd better be older than 18, too. It can get very raunchy. Still, I can't overemphasize how much fun this site is when approached with an open

Carr is a Macintosh programmer of almost unbelievable output, with all or most of his programs downloadable from this site. Most of his programs are games and almost all deal with deviancy, violence and other fun

Shoot down the souls of Christians going to heaven in "Rupture the Rapture!" Or try "Operation: Rescue," a game guaranteed to "put the fun back in abortion!" Since I have evil stinky Windows 3.11, I couldn't download them. Still, the program descriptions themselves are a hoot.

Carr also published an independent magazine, "Smurfs in Hell," back in the 1980s. Some of the articles are reproduced here, real head-ringers "Drunks Against Mothers" and "Fishing with William Westmoreland," a fishing trip complete with artiflery and air strikes.

Not that I see why, but you can email your Uncle Sean at "raptrtrustfligmais.com".

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(Continued from Page B1) referendum on revamping the fund-

Considering the age of the current system for funding schools, these ideas are revolutionary. It is doubtful that they will move forward because of entrenched special interests that purport to exist "for the children." But, as an alcoholic begins his recovery by admitting his problem, the state too seems to be starting anew by admitting its addiction to local school property

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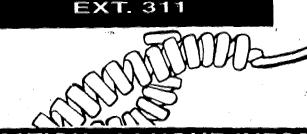
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Paper Mill Playhouse presents an entrancing version of 'Nutcracker'

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

A near perfect production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" is being staged at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. It is being presented by the New Jersey Ballet Company in its 26th year at the Paper Mill, and it is beautiful beyond compare.

There are more than 100 performers headed by international stars of ballet, and the exceptionally talented principles are rotating specific roles in 23 performances through Sunday, and in the production last Saturday matinee, the audience was thrilled with the dancing, the scenery, the performers and especially the familiar, often haunting music, with Gary M. Schneider conducting the Paper Mill Orchestra.

The theater, on this Saturday afternoon, was half-filled with adults and half-filled with youngsters of all ages. including a babe in arms and another in a bassinette. Astonishingly, the children sat transfixed and were especially well-behaved — there wasn't a rowdy child in the entire building.

In the opening scene, the stage was transformed into a beautiful living room in which an enormous, sparkling Christmas tree stood in its magnificance — as if it represented every Christmas tree in every Christian home. The incredible Michael Anania, scenic designer, is to be credited with this and other spectacular scenes

The story, based on E.T.A. Hoff-

man's "The Nuteracker and the Mouse King," is unfolded at a Christmas Eve party at the home of the Mayor, his wife, and their children, Clara and Fritz. Soon, an imposing Herr Drosselmeyer arrives with his handsome nephew, bearing toys and dolls for the children - and for Clara, a colorful Nuteracker soldier doll. which Fritz jealously stomps on, and the nephew helps Clara to bind the toy's jaw and tucks the Nuteracker into her doll's bed.

After Clara has fallen asleep on the sofa, a magic spell permeates from the room, while giant-sized mice, led by the Mouse King, and life-sized toy soldiers appear, led by the Nuteracker, who after a battle and with the help of Clara, kill the Mouse King. The Nuteracker and Clara glide away in a silver swan boat.

They arrive to the Kingdom of Sweets and to the Sugar Plum Fairy and her court, and entertain the couple with dances from lands such as Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea, Spanish Chocolate, reed flutes, Russian dances and Mother Ginger and her Clown Children. The Dewdrop and the Flowers do a waltz and the Sugar Plum and Cavalier dance a grand pas de deux. After the entire court participates in a final waltz, Clara returns home in her swan boat.

In Saturday's matinee, the elegant principal dancers included Jennifer Wnek as Clara, Rhoda Murray as Sugar Plum, You Qing Guo as the Cavalier, Lori Christman as Dew

Drop, Melissa Shuttlesworth as the Snow Queen, Maxim Knysh as the Snow King, the electrifying Elic Lazar in dual roles of Roseman and the Spanish Dancer, and Alexandre Anchoutine as the Moiseyev Dancer. Also seen were Paul Hilliard McRae, one of the stars at the New Jersey Ballet, and Nancy Hartman, the ballet's public relations representative, as the grandmother.

The choreographers included Joseph Carow for Act I, Scenes 1 and 2 and George Tomal for Act I, Scene 3 and Act II. The marvelous lighting was provided by Tom Sturge. In Act I, Scene 2, there was some exciting choreography during "The Magic Spell" scene. In Act I, Scene 3, "In the Forest," the elegance of the Snow Queen and Snow King, the Solo Snowflakes and the Snowflakes, was evident. Angels, Courtiers, the Spanish Dance/ Chocolate, the Arabian Dance/Coffee. the Chinese Dance/Tea, the Mirlitons/ Dance of the Reed Flutes, Russian Dance, Trepak, Mother Ginger, Solo Clowns and Clowns filled the stage with some of the most breathtaking dances and dancers.

A truly outstanding presentation of the "Waltz of the Flowers," including Dew Drop, Solo Flowers and Flowers, held the audience's rapt attention. And with "Grand Pas De Deux," featuring Sugar Plum and Cavalier, and the entire company in a shattering finale, the receptive audience, in its wild applause, was actually offering a

Scene from the New Jersey Ballet Company's 'Nutcracker' is staged at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn through Dec. 29.

real tribute to Carolyn Clark, the artistic/executive director of the New Jersey Ballet Company and Angelo Del Rossi, the executive producer of

the Paper Mill Playhouse.

One of the most spectacular productions of the "Nutcracker" can be seen right here in Millburn. And its

audiences, reluctant to see the final curtain go down, are already looking forward to next season's production. It can't come soon enough.

Artist's works don't 'mask' his enthusiasm

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

International artist Ivo David of and beneficial to our goals." Union was recently contacted by the Friends of Akim, USA, to create and paint a mask to be publicly exhibited and auctioned off Dec. 8 at Sotheby's

David, a fiery Italian painter, came by the other afternoon and excitedly showed a picture of the porcelain mask and the showbook which contained hundreds of masks created by leading personalities of the world of entertainment, various branches of the arts and politics and by well known people of royalty and the international England, including mine. Among

"I am so thrilled with this thing," he to be among these great personalities and to contribute to the association and to help the retarded children of the world." David exclaimed that he "was personally invited by Harry Boll, president of Masks '96 and by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board."

Last February, Boll had sent a letter to David inviting him to participate in the Second Annual AKIM USA Exhibition and Auction to benefit retarded children. "In the enclosed kit," wrote Boll, "is a porcelain mask for you to design. We ask that you complete and sign it within the next month...and when finished...we will arrange to ship it back at our expense. The assembled international media coverage will follow. In December 1996, the masks will be auctioned at Sotheby's in New York City, and proceeds will benefit AKIM USA and the Association for the Help of Retarded

Children. "Your stature and influence as a David, who is 52-years-old, has

participating personalities, will insure that this event will be both memorable

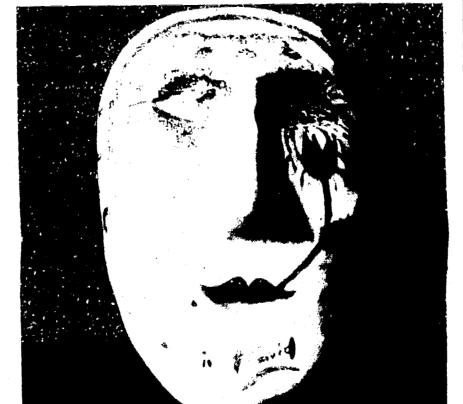
"This is what I did with the white clay mask," David said, displaying a photograph of the mask. "I believe I was called because I am a well-known in New York City as a fundraising international artist. I am the founding benefit for mentally retarded children. father of the New Art Movement called 'The Fusionism 1956.' I wrote the philosophy doctrine which is registered together with my writings in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C."

David explained that "there were 12 masks available in London on Nov. 28 at the Royal Festival Hall in those who submitted masks were Prince Charles, Isaac Stern, Julie Harexclaimed. "It's a great honor for me ris, Kirk Douglas, Sharon Gless, Oliver Stone, Janet Jackson, David Bowie, Bette Midler, many, many more.

It all began in December 1993, when AKIM, the National Association for Habilitation of the Mentally Handicapped "organized a creative workshop for 20 mentally handicapped people. The objective was to create a clay mask. The result, after four hours of work, was a fascinating array of masks. A committee of Friends of AKIM chose an abstract mask with minimalist features.

"The mask was duplicated in white clay and sent to 200 famous personalities in the fields of politics, finance, culture and the arts. In an accompanying letter, these people were asked to paint and decorate the masks, giving free reign to their imaginations. The masks were then returned to AKIM to be auctioned for the benefit of the AKIM Arts Center for the Mentally Handicapped. Beneath our masks," said AKIM's letter, "we are all the same."

public figure, added to that of other taught art and has received numerous



Artist Ivo David of Union created 'Primavera,' a mixed media mask made for public auction exhibited at the Sotheby Galleries in New York City recently. International artists were asked to paint and decorate the masks by the Friends of Akim, USA, for the benefit of mentally retarded children.

awards. He also is a state licensed real estate broker and developer and owner of the Union Center Realty Corporation of Union for more than 20 years. He has been an artistic consultant for industrial and commercial companies, and architectural designer and teacher in private schools of art and design. His writings, poems, art and literary critiques have been published in major cultural magazines, catalogues and encyclopedias of living artists. And his works are in many national and international collections.

Several years ago, David mentioned that "art is my life." He reiterated last week that "I cannot live without art. Even when I make mistakes, it consoles me. I eat painting. I eat drawing. I breathe art every day. This is my life."

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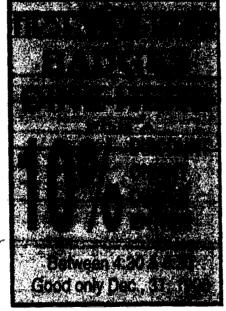
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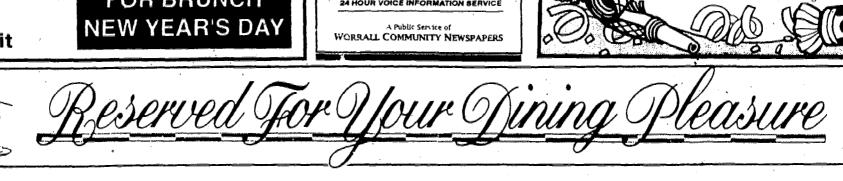




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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Music of Chance' is a good risk for an engrossing video rental

Lindsay Law is an executive at Public Television and, every so often, shepherds a theatrical film into production. Obviously his tastes don't run through, mainstream Hollywood and he chooses his projects carefully, relying on a strong script and solid By Jim Riffel characters. A recent film he executive produced is "Music of Chance." high-tech weaponry to keep the quick look to Spader but he just . United States Armed Forces in business for the next ten wars. Not that and starts to deal. these special effects are bad; it's just

driving his recently purchased BMW through the country roads of Upstate New York. He's spent the last ten years working as a fireman, thought there was more to life, and decided to roam the highways of America behind the wheel of a comfortable ride. His voyage is interrupted when he sees a beaten man staggering through a field and collapsing at the side of the road.

The unfortunate soul, played by James Spader, is a little shaken but in no serious physical danger. Patankin helps him into the car and Spader, suddenly coming to life, angrily explains how he was pummeled by some sore sports after he won a small fortune in a poker game. A' professional gambler, he's 'now upset because he was going to use the money in a game he's set up for the weekend against two multimillionaires he's easily beaten before.

"What if someone was going to back you," Patankin asks, "What kind of deal would you be offering?"

The two come to a 50/50 agreement and a few days later arrive at the lavish estate for the contest with gold in their eyes. The wealthy, eccentric owners, played by Joel Grey and Charles Durning, who made their millions by winning the lottery, love to gamble but, according to Spader, aren't very good.

The Video Detective

"I think you're going to be sur-Absent from the picture are exploding prised," Durning tells Spader, "We skyscrapers, alien attacks and enough took some lessons." Patankin shoots a smiles. "Good for you," he tells them

Spader racks up a \$20,000 purse in nice to have a break once in a while. a couple of hours, but then the game What "Music of Chance" does have is takes a wicked turn. Patankin can't a strangely gripping script and two hand Spader the bills fast enough, and Oscar-caliber performances from its when the smoke clears the two guests leads, James Spader and Mandy have lost all their cash and Patankin's BMW. They're also over \$25,000 in The story begins with Patankin debt. Spader asks for an I.O.U. to sign, but Grey and Durning refuse. When Spader gets up to leave, Duming warns against this, making it clear that the local sheriff is in his back pocket and walking out could have fatal results. It soon becomes apparent that an electric fence surrounds the entire property and Spader and Patankin have gotten themselves in debtor's prison. The next hour of this picture deals with the two making good on their loss and includes scenes from a European castle, an Atlantic City prostitute, a miniature village and a brutal test of patience.

James Spader facts: Spader was born in Boston on Feb. 7, 1960. He dropped out of high school and moved to New York to study acting, supporting himself by driving a truck, loading railroad cars and working as a stable boy. He made his debut in "Endless Love," 1981, and won the Best Actor award at the Cannes Film Festival in 1989 for his role in "Sex, Lies and Videotape." Other films include "Wall Street," 1987, and "White Palace," 1990.

Video Detective Trivia: What is Michael Keaton's real name?

Answer: Michael Douglas.

A resident of Mountainside, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Gulde to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

Cultural foundation hosts Ukrainian artist exhibit

ish Cultural Foundation in Clark, NJ, plunged into symbolic space; he is is pleased to present an exhibit of paintings by Oleg Falkov from Jan. 10 - Feb. 6. The opening reception will take place on Jan. 10 from 8-11 p.m. Admission is always free; refreshments will be served.

Oleg Falkov was born in Chemigov, Ukraine in 1960. He is a graduate of the Architectural Institute in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Falkov worked as an architect and graphic artist for the Zhalyn Publishing House. Oleg says about his paintings: "Inorganic forms in my pictures germinate into organical animals and birds transmitted into tree and stones. My world is inhabited by strange, mournful, amusing, and

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Complimenting a strong book by Tom Jones is a well-integrated, diverse score which captures the essential sentimental tone of the play. Featuring the deeply romantic "My Cup Runneth Over," "I Do! I Do!" presents the audience with a group of songs that are always captivating and rewarding. As Mary Martin stated, "This is the way it really is in marriage - the way people are - it's so universal they'll understand it... anywhere."

Playing the role of Agnes is Michal Goldberg, a graduate of The Boston Conservatory of Music. She has acted and directed in theaters throughout the East Coast, having had major roles in "South Pacific," "Brigadoon," "Oliver," "Mame," "Carousel," "Company" and "The Sound of Music".

Nancy Modell, accompanist, is a graduate of Ithaca College School of Music. She has accompanied vocalists and instrumentalists and has performed in chamber music ensembles on the East Coast and in

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ART SHOWS

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

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

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. For information, call (908) 686-0420.

CHRISTMAS MINIATURES, an annual multi-media show of small scale art by 22 noteworthy artists is being 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, 703 Watchung Ave. In the historic Crescent district of Plainfield. For further inquiries, call (201) 756-1707.

TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT IS ON display at the Union County Arts Center through Jan. 3 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.

The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. 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. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

RED RIBBON FELLOWSHIP of Elizabeth is currently sponsoring an art

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exhibit at the Elizabeth Public Library featuring the work of artists who are living with or have been affected by AIDS. The artwork of RRF member Rafael Rodriguez and other artists will be on display on the library's first floor.

The exhibit is scheduled to run through Jan. 6. For information, call (908) 354-6060.

SANS COLOR, an exhibition of charcoal works by S. Allyn Schaeffer is 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 Racetrack, Oceanport; NJ Sports and Expo Authority, East Rutherford and New Jersey Transit. Next month, his works will be featured at Swain Gatleries 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 Hirotomo Eguchi and glass sculptor Brooke Gardiner will be exhibited at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through Jan.

transcendentalism are the subjects of the art exhibit on display at Children's Specialized Hospital this month 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 will 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 Kazachstan.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public ings from 7 - 9 p.m. and weekends from 2 - 4 p.m. The Center is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

ANNUAL INVITATIONAL SHOW is on display through Feb. 9 at the Renee Foosaner Art Gallery, coinciding with the Paper Mill's presentation of New Jersey Ballet, "The Nutcracker," and the production of Ray Cooney's British farce, "Out of Order."

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. Paper Mill is barrier-free and completely accessible to people with disabilities.

AUDITIONS

CRANFORD REPERTORY THEAT-RE will be holding auditions for "Oliver" at the Cranford Methodist Church, corner of Lincoln and Walnut avenues, Cranford, Auditions for children ages 8 - 13 are scheduled for Jan, 4 at 4 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 3:30 p.m. Adults may audition on Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. or Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

All auditioners must come prepared

3 p.m. at New Providence High School. For further information, call (908)

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present their third concert of their "Season of Grandeur and Romance," Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. "Begin The New Year With Bernstein, Borodin and the Brilliance of Ravel" will feature Borodin's "Nocturne." Bernstein/Coughlin's "Arias and Barcarolles" and Ravel's "String Quartet" arranged for orchestra. The evening will feature mezzo soprano Gloria

The concert will be held at Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. For further information, call (908) 232-9400.

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR will appear in concert at the Wilkins Theater at Kean College in Union Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14 for general public, \$10 for alumni and senior citizens. For further information, call (908) 527-2337.

SHUBERT BI-CENTENNIAL CON-CERT will be presented Jan, 31 at the Wilkins Theater at Kean College Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. The concert will be performed by members of the Music Department: Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Music Department scholarship fund.

Admission is \$10. For further information, call (908) 527-2337.

FILMS

THE LOST PICTURE SHOW movie theater, located at 2395 Springfield Ave. in Union, next to the Union Marketplace, screens art films daily. Senior citizen discounts are available Sunday through Thursday, and Tuesday is Bargain Night, when every seat is \$4. For showtimes, call (908) 964-4497. MY FAIR LADY, newly restored version, will be shown at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Jan, 16 as part of their Classic Film Series.

for further information, call (908)

HOLIDAY **EVENTS**

THE NUTCRACKER is being presented by the New Jersey Ballet at the Paper Mill Playhouse. The show features a cast of over 100 performers headed by five international stars of ballet.

Showtimes are today at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. For further information, call (908) 376-4343.

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)

FIRST NIGHT WESTFIELD Is a nightlong festival filled with artistic and musical performances, parades and grand finales at midnight. This alcohol-free festival was created to bring neighboring communities together to celebrate the new year and enjoy a wide variety of performing arts, including both professional and local talent.

For specific information regarding the event, contact the First Night office at (908) 233-2700.

KIDS

THE UNION COUNTY ARTS CEN-TER 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 version of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Remaining shows are: "Anne Frank: A Voice Heard," Feb.

• "The Wizard of Oz," March 23.

· "Pinocchio," April 27.

All tickets may be ordered with Visa or Mastercard by calling the box office at (908) 499-8226, or in person at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

Museums

MILLER CORY HOUSE, a restored 18th century farmhouse, where 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.

L HEATRE

THE SISTERS ROSENZWEIG, the award-winning Wendy Wasserstein comedy is scheduled for a Jan. 11 opening by Westfield Community

The place is London, and three middle-aged Jewish American sisters have come together to celebrate the 54th birthday of eldest sister Sara. Divorced and a single mother, Sara no longer sees the need for romance. By a comedic turn of events, she meets Mervyn, a faux furrier, and begins to sense there are still possibilities.

Show dates are Jan. 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in the WCP theater located at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield. Tickets are now available at the box office and at Rorden Realty in downtown Westfield. For individual tickets at \$12 or group sales, call (908) 232-1221.

HEAVEN CAN WAIT will be presented at the Elizabeth Playhouse Jan. 17 through Feb. 16. An apprentice angel ends the life of the wrong man and all of heaven gets hysterical trying to get him into the world of the living.



'Dramatic Realism,' an exhibition of paintings by Allen Higbee of Roselle Park, is the next show at the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Library in Friberger Park on Morris Ave.

Hirotomo Eguchi's paintings use hot Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with sheet music and be dressed comcolor combinations in work that is fig- and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m urative in a somewhat primitive visionary manner. His paintings possess a whimsical individual sensibility that stands outside of western or eastern art tradition. Brooke Gardiner's flameworked glass sculpture is made of borosilicate glass formed with a gas and oxygen torch.

The Donald 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 additional information, contact Aleksandra Nowak at (908) 382-7197.

THREADS-FIBER WORKS OF THE 90s including flat tapestries, computer generated and basketry works will open Jan. 12 at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. The opening reception from 2-5 p.m. will feature the artist/ speaker at 3 p.m. Three additional art lectures will be presented on Sundays at 3 p.m. during the exhibit. The exhibit will run through March 2.

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 even-

fortably for dance auditions, in case of inclement weather, call (908) 276-5053 or (908) 276-7848.

VOICE PARTS adult 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

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CABARET NIGHT, presented by the Linden Summer Playhouse, is an evening where past, present and future LSP members exhibit their talents. Short skits are performed in dance, song, drama, etc.

The show will be held the evening of Jan. 25 at the Reformed Church, Wood Avenue, Linden, exact time to be determined. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. For information, call Debbie at (908) 272-3582.

> **P**OETRY CONTESTS

LOVE POEMS are sought for a free poetry contest, open to everyone in the Union area. A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered. There are over \$3,000 in prizes, and the deadline for entering is Dec. 31. Winners will be announced on or before April 1, and a winner's list sent to all entrants.

"Poems must be written on love, or have a love theme," said Daisy Rudge, contest director of the famed New York Poetry Alliance. Beginners are welcome.

To enter, send one poem only, 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 134 W 32nd St., Suite 264, New York, NY 10001.

NORTH AMERICAN POETRY CON-TEST is being sponsored by The National Library of Poetry. The contest is free and open to the public. The Library has announced that over \$48,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject, any style, to: The National

Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 19810, Owings Mill, MD 21117-6282. Poems should be no longer than 20 lines in length, and the poet's name and address should appear at the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1996.

FREE POETRY CONTEST offering \$1,000 grand prize is open to Union area residents. There are over \$3,000 in prizes, and the deadline for entering

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. To enter, send one poem only, 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 North Wilcox Ave., Suite 126, Hollywood, Calif. 90028.

SPARROWGRASS POETRY FOR-UM is offering a grand prize of \$1,000 in its new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone, Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes Jan. 31, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1997 edition of "Treasured Poems of America," a hardcover anthology to be published in August 1997, Prize winners will be announced March 31, and all prizes awarded promptly.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. NT, 609 Main St., P.O. Box 193, Sisterville, WV

> **P**OETRY KEADINGS

POETS WEDNESDAY at the Barron

Arts Center in Woodbridge will feature David Keller on Jan. 8.

The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, For information, call (908) 634-0413.

TRIPS

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART bus trips 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

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.

Workshops

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

The course, which will integrate film and discussion, will include "Farinelli," subtitled, on Jan. 10: "Like Water For Chocolate," subtitled, on Jan. 17; "Europa Europa," subtitled, on Jan. 24;

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.

Israeli arts organizations help to celebrate Arts Center opening

Three Israeli performing arts organizations will participate in a celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary of statehood during the inaugural season of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in 1998.

NJPAC President and CEO Lawrence P. Goldman, traveling with Governor Christine Todd Whitman on a trade mission in Israel, made the announcment while attending a concert with the official party at the home of the Mayor of Ra'anana.

celebration programs will be in the spirit of a Memorandum of Intent signed during the visit by the Governor and Eitan Ben Tsur, director general of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Memorandum encourages cultural exchange between Israel and New Jersey.

The: NJPAC Inaugural Season programming, which begins in October 1997, will include one of the world's leading symphony orchestras, the Israel Philharmonica, conducted by Zubin Mehta; Israel's principal contemporary dance company, the Batsheva Dance Company, under the artistic direction of Ohad Naharin, in a rare U.S. appearance; and the american debut of the Ra'anana Symphonette, a popular Israeli orchestra

conducted by Yuval Zaliouk and comprised primarily of recent Russian emigres to Israel. Dates for these engagements will be unveiled early next year

Commenting on the announcement in Israel prior to a performance of the Ra'anana Symphonette at the home of Ra'anana Mayor Zeev Bilski, Governor Whitman said, "We are very enthusiastic about this special new cultural relationship between the people of Israel and the citizens of New He emphasized that the anniversary Jersey as demonstrated by a 50th Anniversary Celebration on the stages of our new performing arts center. What better way to honor the founding of the great nation of Israel than to help share its cultural contributions with the people of New Jersey and the United States."

Goldman added, "Our New Jersey Performing Arts Center stands ready to take its place as a forum for the

world's greatest artists and companies for the enjoyment of the people of our state. It is indeed fortuitous that the launch of our inaugural season will include this high-level link to Israel on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.'

"We look forward to the stages of - NJPAC, both the 2750-seat Prudential Hall and the 500-seat Victoria Theater, providing an ongoing forum for: Israeli artists and companies," Gold-Now under construction on the

Performing Arts Center is scheduled to open in October 1997. It is the first major performing arts center to be constructed in the northeastern United States in more than 30 years.

Further information about the New Jersey Performing Arts Center may be obtained by calling toll-free (888) Go-

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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Poetry alliance is in the mood for love poems

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Board members are welcomed by Westfield Symphony

Six new Board members recently joined the ranks of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. They were officially welcomed at an orientation for all new members of the orchestra's governing board. All six individuals are residents of Union County and have been involved with the professional orchestra in a variety of capacities.

Mercedes Saval Cooper, a resident of Murray Hill, joins the board after extensive volunteer work in Texas and California. A graduate of the University of San Francisco whose hobbies include golf, food and food history, Mercedes formerly resided in Europe for five-and-a-half years. Having served as a board member and/or volunteer for fund-raising events with the Greater Houston

Women's Foundation, the Women's Club of Houston, End Hunger Network, and the Volunteer Center of Alameda County, Mercedes has quickly become an integral member of the WSO Gala Committee. She and her husband Charles have an appreciation of classical music.

Westfield resident Helene Gersten has also joined the WSO-Board and is serving on the Orchestra's Search Committee, which is reviewing and recruiting candidates for the Symphony's Music Director Position. Helene graduated Brooklyn College with a B.A. and M.A. in Education. 'She has taught English and art at the middle school level and served as PTA president for the Washington School in 1981. A ten-year member of the Board of Trustees of Temple Ema-

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nuel, Helene has chaired search committees for the temple and the Westfield Middle School. Helene and her husband Marvin have lived in Westfield for twenty-four years and have been WSO patrons since 1988.

Salvatore Caruana, chief executive officer of Foster Asset Management in New York City, was also among those installed as members of the Symphony Board, A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of S.U.N.Y. Binghamton, Sal became Merrill Lynch's youngest account exective and later became Lehman Brothers' youngest senior vice-president in the Securities Division. In 1991, he left Lehman Brothers to establish his own investment advisory firm, Foster Asset Management, Inc. Sal has served as a director of the Binghamton University

Foundation since 1990 and has been an active fund raiser for the Salvation Army and two mayoral campaigns for Rudolph Giuliani. In Westfield, he is a trustee of the College Men's Club. Sal and his wife Darleen moved to Westfield in 1994, and are members of the WSO's Maestro Circle. Sal is participating in the work of the WSO Development Committee.

Mickey Foster has also joined the WSO Board as a member of the Search Committee. A resident of Mountainside, Mickey is vice president for Investor Relations at Millenniumm Chemicals and a graduate of Texas A & M University and University of Southern California. He is the immediate past chair of the Board of the National Investor Relations Institute and past president of the Los Angeles Lion Club. Mickey and his wife moved to Mountainside from Los Angeles four years ago and are Symphony patrons. Mickey's hobbies include tennis, skiing, and traveling. The founder of a twenty-plus piece jazz band at Texas A & M, he also plays the trumpet.

George Lowis, who recently retired from AT&T and First Fidelity Bank, has joined the Westfield Symphony as Treasurer. A thirty-two year resident of Westfield, George also serves as assistant treasurer for Westfield MainStreet and as treasurer and trustee of the International Churchill Society. A graduate of Weslyan University and currently engaged in continuing educational programs at Rutgers Graduate School and Princeton University, George is also a member of

the board of Westfield Y. He and his wife, Barbara, have been concertgoers for several years and enjoy tennis, stamp collecting and history.

The sixth new member of the WSO Board of Directors is Bernard Peterson of Fanwood. Bernie is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley. He is assistant general counsel for the Prudential Insurance Company of America and was recently appointed moderator of the First Baptist Church of Westfield. His wife, the Reverend Carolyn Cargo, is newly ordained and has been called to serve as the Pastor of the North Hunterdon Baptist Church. Bernie and Carolyn are also involved with the Symphony as



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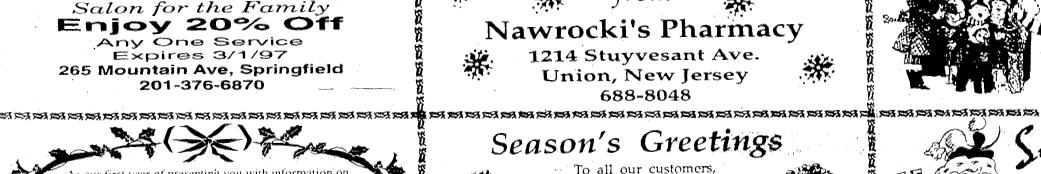
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The VSA/NJ Arts Achievement Awards '97 will be presented in a ceremony in the spring. VSA/NJ is a statewide organization which is part of an international network dedicated to providing arts programs to people with disabilities. The Governor's Awards 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 for TT users. Application deadline is Feb. 6, 1997.

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Theater calendar

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The Theater Sampler Series allows theater-goers to select three plays — one at each of three different theaters — for a package price of \$55, according to Laura Alden, director of the Theatre Group.

For a free copy of the 1996-97 Professional Theater Season Calendar call (201) 593-0189.

First Night celebrations expand to local areas

With New Year's Eve right aroung the corner, the New Jersey Department of Commerce's Division of Travel and Tourism recommeds celebrating with your family and friends at one of the state's many First Night celebrations. These night-long festivals are filled with artistic and musical performances, parades, and finales at midnight. A button purchased from the specific area sponsoring the events is your ticket for most of the evenings' activities.

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Today, First Night celebrations continue to grow throughout the country. There are currently more than 160 United States and Canada 13 in New Jersey alone. The following is a listing of all of the locations participating throughout the Garden State. For specific information or questions regarding the event, please contact the First Night hotline in each town.

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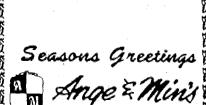
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Take time out for exercise and health this week. You'll have the energy for this and more. Take on more projects. and plans you'll be able to handle them. Be careful not to get too. comfortable, even though things are

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Reeping a watchful eye now could head off future problems. Deal with small obstacles before they get any bigger. Friends may have good ideas but are apprehensive about your reaction. Stay calm, listen and take advice in the spirit it is offered

GEMINI May 22-June 21

This is not a time to remember old harts. Let bygones be bygones and move lorward. Keeping an eye on the past keeps you from clearly seeing your goal. Someone is working behind.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Job pressures may be coming to a head, but issues will be resolved in your favor if you go with the flow and don't force things. Home, family and friends provide refuge from work worries. People will come to your support if you take a low key attitude.

July 23-August 23

Seeing yourself as others see you could-keep you from becoming entangled in an unpleasant situation. Don't let your heart rule your head in work related matters. Trust your instincts when dealing with hierds and family

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Your love life could heat up this week Be aware of what's going on around you -much of what takes place could be behind the scenes. Someone you thought was on your side may be straddling the fence. Accept people and situations as they are for best

LIBRA September 23-October 23

A young person seeks reassurance from you. Concerns over health will be resolved in your layor, but let others help you if needed. A night out on the town or special event could boost your self-esteem. Change what you can and don't worry about the rest.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Conseive your energy, focus your efforts, don't spread yourself too thin after the holiday rush. Finish one project before starting another. You work best now in the background, away from the limelight. Not all who agree with you are on your side

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

Work and family issues are at center stage. Try to give both equal time. work toward a balance. Going to extremes won't leadeto best results Take time to relax in order to be at your best. A quiet evening at home could work wonders for your outlook

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

Holiday stress could intensify family squabbles. Stay above the situation and work as a peacemaker. You'll know the right thing to say and the right time to say it. Work situation cools down and leaves you in a stronger position.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Help others when you can, but stand up for your rights and refuse to be walked on. Don't be afraid to offer printens, vou will be taken seriously A person you considered an enemy may just be insecure. Avoid getting bogged down in small details.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Play the waiting game. You will come out ahead by not rushing into situations. Get all the facts before making a decision. Time is on your side. Friends and family want to show support but may not know how. Be

Panasonic receives philanthropy award

At the State Aquarium at Camden on Nov. 7, The Panasonic Industrial Company received a prestigious Corporate Philanthropist award at the 7th Annual New Jersey Corporate Philanthropy Awards Dinner. The company, which is based in Secaucus, will donate the \$1,500 prize, contributed by the Stephen & Mary Birch Foundation, to three nonprofits. One of these is the Association of Retarded Citizens of Union County in Plainfield, which works in conjunction with the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, exploring the benefits to developmentally and physically challenged people of drawing and painting.

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MB-5427 of Mortgages for Union County,
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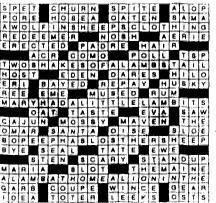
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According to James M. Weichert, president of the company, reaching out to other brokers will be the core of Weichert Realtors' stepped up expansion plans for 1997, as the company moves to aggressively increase its market share.

Weichert said, "The real estate industry is in an era of increased competition and change. In this climate, smaller brokerages recognize the greater opportunities and financial stability that come from joining our miltibillion dollar company. More specifically, what we are finding is that these broker-owners are especially receptive to becoming part of the Weichert sales culture, which is built around salespeople and helping then grow and succeed."

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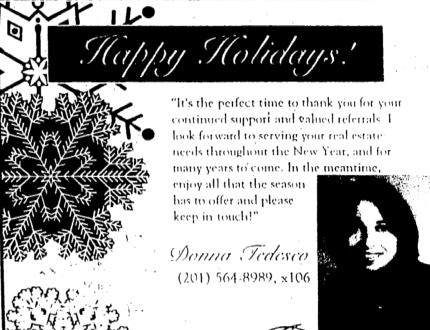
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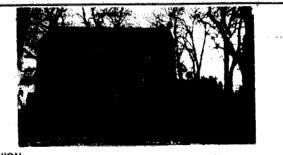
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According to the lastest FBI statistics, 1.5 million cars were stolen in the U.S. in 1993. -- about one every 20 seconds. And with more than 190 million cars cruising the nation's streets and highways, potential thieves have a lot of targets.

"Many motorists erroneously believe that their vehicle is immune from theft because it's not an expensive import," says Dave Chipps, and Ohio auto security expert. "But in reality, some older vehicles are even more sought after for their parts than luxury cars. Thieves who are looking for your specific make and model need only one opportunity to steal it."

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