

COUNTY NEWS**Chamber to present...
Violence in workplace'**

The April meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce Industrial Safety Council will address "Violence in the Workplace," presented by Attorney Steven R. Weinstein.

The Industrial Safety Council breakfast meeting will be Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Holiday Inn Select, 39 Valley Road, Garfield State Parkway ext 135, Clark.

Did you know that homicide is the leading cause of occupational death for women? In 1992, homicide was the leading cause of death in the workplace. While most of these deaths were the result of robberies, almost 13 percent happened as a result of work related disputes involving co-workers: customers and clients and domestic disputes which often follows an employee to the workplace.

Not only does workplace violence raise safety and health concerns, but also employers face possible fines, penalties and lawsuits resulting from threats, harassment and physical injuries suffered by workers and third parties alike!

Weinstein, in attorney with the law firm of Dungan, Marcus, Brody & Weinstein, L.L.C., will present a legal

perspective on dealing with workplace violence. This is one meeting you cannot afford to miss.

Reservations are required to allow for adequate seating. For more information, call (908) 352-0900.

There is a \$25 fee for chamber members, \$30 for non-members which covers the cost of the meeting and a full buffet breakfast!

**Free tax help offered
for low-income, elderly**

Catholic Community Services and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County are providing free volunteer income tax assistance county wide through April 15. Assistance in filing federal and state income tax returns is available to all ages with low-to-moderate income, the elderly or handicapped residing in Union County.

Individuals seeking assistance should bring with them pertinent tax documents such as copy of last year's return, W-2 forms, bank interest statements and the tax package received in the mail.

For those filing for the Homestead Rebate, you will need to know your lot and block number and amount of property tax paid in 1998, and for renters, the name and address of the landlord and amount of the rent paid in 1998.

Tax payers are encouraged to contact one of the following sites:

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**Board of Elections to
show off new machines**

The Union County Board of Elections will be demonstrating new voting machines throughout the county prior to the April 29 Board of Education election at the following polling organizations:

Todays, Case Apartments, 337 W. Milton St., Rahway, 10:30 a.m.; Kennedy Tower, 224 W. Grand Ave., Rahway, noon; Schaffhauser Tower, 165 E. Grand Ave., Rahway, 1:15 p.m.; Cranford Republican organization, 8 p.m.

Fridays, W.C. The People, 535 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth, 8:10 p.m.

Tuesday, Plainfield Towers, noon; April 17, Portuguese American Citizens Club in the Portuguese Social Club, Rudolphi 449, Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to noon.

The schedule is subject to change. For more information call the Union County Board of Elections at (908) 567-4121.

**Union County PTA
Celebrates Founders Day**

The Union County Council of PTAs held its 84th annual Founders' Day Dinner March 4, in honor of the 100th anniversary of PTA in Springfield.

Honorees Nancy Paley and Paul Troy introduced the special guests in attendance for the evening's celebration: Suzanne Farlin, President of the New Jersey PTA; Judy Hyde, New Jersey PTA Region 1 Director; Lynn

Morris, president Mercer County PTA; Reilly Liebowitz, president Middlesex County PTA; Frances Lobman, Union County superintendent of schools and past Union County Council PTA president.

President Joan Simon, on behalf of the Union County Council of PTAs, honored Judy Arnold, of Union, by presenting her with life membership in the National PTA.

Chairwoman Nina Cabrera presented the "Union County PTA Caring Award" to Connecticut Farms School of Union Cultural Arts Chairman Carolyn Migliozzi, acknowledged students in Union County who participated in the 1998 NJ PTA Refusal Theme with a Ribbon and a Certificate of Participation from the Union County PTA.

President Nina Cabrera, on behalf of

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**Oakie goes
to Dann**

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On the subject of wins and losses, the annual Oakie for the person in county or local government most able to walk both sides of the political fence this year has gone to County Public Works Director Frank Dann, a true gynny in the field.

Despite a last-minute surge for Assistant County Counsel Jerry O'Dwyer, another longtime favorite Jerry, couldn't overtake the nimble Dann.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Conceo is an attorney.

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High Five tickets, available exclusively to teenagers, can be purchased in New Jersey at 33 Tuckerman outlets in 10 counties throughout the state, as well as 100 participating Tuckerman outlets within New York's five boroughs. Tickets must be bought by teens in person, with either a junior or senior-high school ID, a transportation pass or proof of age from 13 to 18. While weekend tickets are \$3 each, Monday through Thursday events are on for \$5, and an eight-ticket plan may bring a friend or family member of any age. High Five daily museum admissions are also \$5.

High Five's current catalog lists over 400 arts events teens can attend through January. The catalog is available free of charge at participating Tuckerman outlets as well as participating public libraries and select Barnes & Noble bookstores in New York City. It is also available in the lobby of High Five executive offices at One East 53rd St., Mondell, through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The catalog can also be viewed online at www.highfive.org. By phone, 1-800-411-5555. For 1-800-445-8587, callers can add their

names to the mailing list for future High Five catalogs and information on special High Five events.

Among High Five's top offerings this season are the American Ballet Theater and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at City Center; the New York Philharmonic and Jay-Z at Lincoln Center; the inaugural season of Canada's Stratford Festival at City Center and Long Island's Young Vic production of "Grumpy Tales" at The New Victory Theater. Also in Manhattan are performances at Carnegie Hall, The Apollo Theatre and the 92nd Street Y.

In Brooklyn, teens can enjoy the First Annual Brooklyn Film Festival in Queens, the Queens Theatre in the Park, in the Bronx, the Bronx Opera Company and in Staten Island; the Staten Island Symphony. Also featured this season is a festival of works of Beethoven, Grecia at INTAR, Hispanic American Arts Center and a performance of the Pan Asian Repertory/Theatre.

For an injury, High Five offers two for \$5 admissions to some of the hottest musical shows in town: the Jackson Pollack retrospective at MOMA, and Mark Rucker at the Whitney and Walter Evans at the International Center of Photography, while at the Jewish Museum's Fifth Avenue teen can see new art from Israel, and at The Guggenheim Museum's contemporary architecture and design from Braga.

Tickets can be e-mailed to highfive@juno.com or signed up for an email newsletter, chat with other High Five users and find out the latest information on High Five events.

Symphony boasts talented musicians from 18 to 89

By Neal Smith
Staff Writer

The South Orange Symphony Orchestra has dozens of talented members ranging from age 18 to age 89. Two of the members, the youngest and the oldest, Steven Nauyoks of Leonia, who plays the viola, and Joseph Rabinowitz of South Orange, who plays the violin, recently visited the office to discuss their greatest love — music.

Rabinowitz, one of the youngest-looking senior citizens approaching 90 years of age, enthusiastically embarked on a history of music that was a part of his life from the age of 16 to 17.

"I was at Wichita Falls, Texas,

High School, when I first heard a violin play a composition. And I said, 'This is what I'm going to be. A musician.' I knew it right away. And I've never quit it ever — lifetime of music."

Rabinowitz explained that "I got a

violin and played four hours a day."

When he was 19, the school sent him to Juilliard School of Music in New York. And he accepted it.

"I stayed for five years. I met all the great violinists and pianists. I enjoyed five of the best years of my life, and that was what I loved. What I would do for the rest of my life. At that time, I also joined the NYMA Symphony in Newark."

Things were pretty bad — then

there was the Depression," he recalled. "It was very hard to get work."

Seven years later, he opened up a store in Paterson, with the help of some people, his wife, Rose, and his son, the shopkeeper who died in 1969. It was robbed during the night, and I finally decided to get out."

Rabinowitz had reluctantly left

the violin to tell me about my family.

Rose acted with the Yiddish Theater. She played in Newark and was very popular. Now, I have four



Steven Nauyoks, 18, of Union, and Joseph Rabinowitz, 89, of South Orange.

Photo by Milton Miller

generations of musicians: my children, my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren. In fact, I just bought a violin for my great-grandson, who is 17 1/2. It's a brand new 10. Half the size of regular violin. And I'm going to teach him to play."

"I played in many chamber music orchestras," said the senior citizen. "My wife has been in music. I went from one chamber music to the other, including the Union Symphony, the Flemington Symphony. I also play the piano, the cello, the viola, the bass. You name it. And the South Orange Symphony Orchestra, of which I have been a member 12 years."

Nauyoks, who is the recipient of a small scholarship, takes private lessons. He is a student at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. The son of Robert and Ingred Nauyoks, Steven attended Union schools "up to the

eighth grade."

As a service to the community of South Orange, the orchestra does not charge admission. And it is received from patrons and advertisers and funding is received in part from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts through funds administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

"About 300 to 500 people attend our concerts," said Nauyoks. "We give four concerts a year now." Nauyoks, "I hope to continue playing," said Nauyoks. "I hope to be able to play as long as I can." I think the orchestra has a real nice group of musicians. They play very nice music." And he smiled. "Since admission is free, you just can't beat it."

Festival visits Kean University

By Jacqueline McCarthy
Associate Editor

The Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival is now in its 10th year of touring at centers and colleges across the country showcasing the works of independent filmmakers from around the globe. The festival, honoring the inventor of the motion picture, recently visited Kean University in Union to present the best in innovative, experimental cinema!

This year's submissions to the festival, an international competition, total 759 entries in nine categories of Jury's Choice, first prize, Jury's Citation, sound prize, Director's Choice, third prize, and Director's Citation, narrative, narrative shorts, feature, selections from the three categories are currently on tour.

The event was hosted by Festival Director John Columbus, who cited the purpose of Black Maria as "to celebrate new original, sometimes provocative, challenging, not just entertaining films that explore and expand on the art form."

"Does all film have to be straightforward and storytelling?" Columbus asked, preparing the audience to answer questions for themselves in viewing 13 festival selections.

"Turkish Traffic," a three-minute art

film by Columbia University professor Jeff Scher, is best described as a meditative collection of images alternating levels of artwork with abstract music and visual images to match. A Director's Choice, festival jurors described this film as "lovely, visually unexpected and richly textured experimental animation."

"One Self: Fish Girl," a 16-minute 35mm color Jury's Citation, presented by Emily Hubley of New Jersey, is an autobiographical, collage-style depiction of youth, realizing the duality of a teenage girl's quest, using such concepts as good versus evil, sexual friends, family, aging. Hubley's animated drawings are accompanied by soft New Age style music with voice-over.

"Headless," which Columbus called "a beautiful film," was another kaleidoscopic feature, 3.5 minutes on 35mm hand-drawn in deep, vibrant colors by filmmaker Scott Clark of Brush, Columbia. Viewers follow the perspective of an eagle traveling from a central Native American village. The film, a Director's Choice, is supplemented by stock footage of Native American dances and indigenous pop-style music.

"True" by Bernard Roddy is

a 3-minute black-and-white, 16mm philosophical documentary exploring the nature of truth and falsehood. Coached by a senior demonization Computer character, a man journeys according to Columbus' unique simple shapes (such as birds, flowers, circles) and uses manipulated to trackability. A Director's Choice, "First in First Dreams," directed by Emily Hubley, is a 16-minute 35mm black-and-white film by Luke Jaeger, "dream of consciousness" according to Columbus, "as surreal." The film employs layers of dream-state imagery, motion and digital rendering, and delirious Jagger description.

Described by festival jurors as "savagely cynical, psychoanalytic, counseling session with a famous multiple personality," "Multiple Barrie" is a 16-minute 35mm black-and-white depiction of the filmmaker, Jim Gibbons of New York City, as a psychologist trying to integrate the broken, tight-wound plastic blonde, only to become psychotic himself. Barrie's wild-eyed expression leaves you holding your sides with laughter. Filmed in Pekin, Illinois, filmmaker Leighton Pearce brings sound to the screen in "Glass." It's

all about sound and image, and how they go together," Columbus said. "He builds a very rich, dense fabric of sound effects. This is a very serious artwork." The seven-minute 16mm color film shows a backyard scene, distorted through a window, slowly disclosing the source of the sounds of saws, airplanes, and water flowing. The film is described by festival jurors as "a study in the laws of optics — an exploration of refraction, diffraction, dispersion, reflection and absorption," and received a "Jury's Choice" acknowledgement.

"Anz" submitted by Leo Lanier of California created the digitally animated "Millennium Bug," a hyper, silly, funny, 1.5 minute, computer-VCR, featuring such phenomena as "work," a genetically altered meat product. A Jury's Citation recipient.

Feminist filmmaker Joann Nidry of Massachusetts, whose grainy black-and-white 1930s film stock focuses commentary on the dangers of date rape that was recognized by Black Maria last year returns this year with "How to Be a Good Wife," four minutes, 16mm black-and-white. Described by festival jurors as "a singing commentary on sexism in mid-century America," the effect is softened by Nidry's use of stark

peaked giggles from viewers. Filmmaker Martin Arnold, described by Columbus as "embodied in the short film world," presents vintage Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland as you've never seen them before — unless you've played an Andy Hardy movie (See Black, Page B8).

A still from "One Self: Fish Girl" by Emily Hubley, one of the short film tour with the Black Maria Film Festival.

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Scotch Plains High School Class of 1960 reunion is scheduled for April 19. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Men stationed in Helemano, HI, as part of USNS AAF-5th ASA ES, or Det. 5, 2nd Sig Svc Bn are planning a reunion for April 22-25 in Nashville, TN. For information, contact (315) 682-9460.

Bath High School in Elizabeth, Class of 1939 is planning a reunion for April 30-May 1. Contact Joan Gleeman Abell of 3 Westminster Drive, Leyingston, NJ 07039 or (201) 992-8456.

Crewmen of USS Bryce Canyon will meet in early May in Charleston, SC. For information, contact Sam Marsh at (770) 461-2111.

Kean University, Alumni Office is planning reunions for Classes 1949, 1954-1959, 1964, 1969 and 1974-1979. 1964, 1969 and 1974 reunion will take place May 1-4. For information, call (908) 527-2526.

U.S.S. Smalley DD-565 Association reunion is scheduled for May 12-16 in Hampton, VA. For information, contact George Bauerfield at (914) 736-6377.

Union County College Classes 1933-1959 reunion is scheduled for May 15 at the Cranford campus. Pre-registration by April 23 is required. Sign-up is 2 p.m. Preservations and a buffet dinner are planned. For info, contact Ann Posick at (908) 709-7505.

Former crewmen of USS Arcadia will meet May 20-23 in Norfolk, VA. Contact Ernest Wisnianski at (733) 682-7409.

Former crewmen of USS Cadmus will meet May 20-23 in Norfolk, VA. Contact Robert Blaschmann at (716) 635-5443.

Crewmen from USN Ensigns will meet in May in Virginia Beach, VA. For information, contact Tom Kelly at (757) 599-4351.

Former crewmen of USS Roanoke will meet in May in St. Louis, MO. Contact Neil Long at (707) 644-9339.

Former crewmen of USS Willard Keith, years 1950 and after, will meet in May in Newport, RI. Contact Charles Knickerbocker at (401) 872-1755.

Union High School Class of 1949 reunion is scheduled for June 18 and 19 at West Morris Inn Hotel. For information, call (908) 587-9019.

Westfield High School Class of 1979 reunion is scheduled for July 17. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Cranford High School Class of 1964 reunion is scheduled for July 11. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1979 reunion is scheduled for July 11. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 1984 reunion is scheduled for Aug. 13. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Linden High School Classes 1950, 1959 will have a picnic/picnic on Aug. 28 at Memorial Park on S. Wood Avenue in Linden from 4 p.m. to dusk. For information, call Gail Hudak at (908) 862-4272.

Union High School Class of 1954 reunion is scheduled for Oct. 10. Contact UHS Class of 1954 Reunion, 250 Globe Ave., Union (7073).

Westfield High School Class of 1974 reunion is scheduled for Oct. 10. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth, Class of 1949 is planning a reunion for October in Atlantic City. For information, write to TJC Class of 1949 reunion, 826 Garden St., Elizabeth 07202.

David Brearley Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for November. Contact David Brearley High School, c/o Class of 1969, 401 Monroe Ave., Kenton Woods 07031.

Sunnyside High School Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 19. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

James Caldwell High School Class of 1979 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 26. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Scotch Plains High School Class of 1974 is scheduled for Nov. 26. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Union High School Class of 1969 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 26. Contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

Jane Caldwell High School Class of 1978 reunion is planned for Nov. 27. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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Scotch Plains High School Class of 1949 reunion is scheduled for 1999. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Geoghegan Burke at (732) 388-2363; AF Thaxer at (201) 744-7896 or George Schmidbauer at (908) 332-0210.

Battin High School Class of June 1934 is looking for classmates for a 65th reunion. Contact Dorothy M. Etel at (601) 361-8621.

Jacqui McCarthy, Editor

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Documentary explores question of Love's innocence or guilt

Did Courtney Love have anything to do with the death of Kurt Cobain? Was Kurt Cobain's death a suicide as reported in the media or was it murder? These are the questions that are explored in depth by documentary filmmaker Brownfield in the film "Courtney & Cobain," for those who don't know, was the lead singer of grunge rock band "Nirvana," the Seattle-based group that skyrocketed to fame in the early '90s. The band's magical ride ended tragically when Cobain was found dead from an alleged self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Cobain was found dead on April 5, 1994. His wife, Courtney Love, was away at the time and Cobain's body was discovered by his friend, Tim Corey, a private detective who had been hired a week earlier by Love to watch Cobain while she was away. The first suggestion of a conspiracy theory was born there as the police arrived on the scene. There were no fingerprints on the shotgun that fired the bullet. The private detective, on record in Brownfield's film as saying he is completely convinced that Cobain was murdered. One reason he gives beyond the missing fingerprints is that Cobain had an incredibly high amount of heroin in his body at the time of his death. So high, claims the private eye, that he would have been impossible for him to sit up, hold the shotgun, put it in his mouth and pull the trigger.

The detecting eye says further, Love has spent his life saving your couch, even cleaning up a Web site dedicated to all the evidence and information he has found. Brownfield himself never takes a stand on either side of the murder/conspiracy argument, but he does give the individuals he interviews speak for themselves. One of the strangest of these is

The Video Detective

By Jim Petter

Love's father, who claims his daughter is a psychotic barbie who is capable of anything. He's written two books of Cobain's has an extremely strained relationship with Love, and does nothing to dispel the idea that she killed Cobain.

Another bizarre figure is El Duke, the director of the singing lead singer of a local rock band who claims Love offered him \$50,000.00 less than what Cobain El Duke was investigated by Brownfield, made this claim, and with a few more Brownfield interviews, just as added another fire.

One point that everyone in the film seems to agree on is that Cobain and Love were going to get divorced and the death happened in the middle of this event. A nanny who worked at their home but because she said she feared arguments were going to her and Love, is always screaming about the rock. These are only the tip of the iceberg of the many amazing revelations and interviews in this picture. Brownfield has directed a number of great documentaries, including "Heidi Heats" and "Arline Weiss' Woman Serial Killer."

A resident of Chatham, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Vilsins of All Time."

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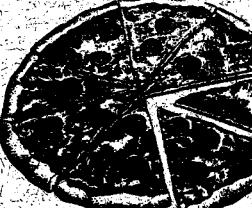
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Last fall, the Elizabeth Arts Council, with the support of Mayor Jim Wadsworth and the city of Elizabeth, inaugurated the Elizabeth ARTS LINE. The phone number of the ARTS LINE is (908) 824-1235. Callers receive up-to-date information on cultural events in and around the city of Elizabeth.

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WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-8971 or (908) 232-7058.

MUSEUMS

BUT WE ARE HERE will be presented Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Person House in Cranford.

The house is located at 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information call 245-8529.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE, Muskingum in Westfield will feature candle dipping on Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2-\$5 for students. The museum is located at 614 Main St., Westfield. For further information, call (908) 232-1776.

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POETRY

CARRIAGE HOUSE Poetry Reading Series in Fanwood will feature Poets Poet and B.J. Ward today at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$2-\$5 for students. The museum is located at 614 Main St., Westfield. For further information, call (908) 232-1776.

WORD POWER El Poder de la Palabra will take place today at 7 p.m. at Newark Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Tickets are \$5. NJPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information call (908) 649-NOJPAC.

PLAINFIELD LIBRARY hosts poetry readings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:45 p.m.

The library is located on 8th Street at Park Avenue in Plainfield. For information call (908) 752-1111.

TELEVISION

ENCORE cable channel will air "An America and the Country Today" at 9:35 p.m. Tomorrow, "Coalition Concert" at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, "Forever Young" at 9 p.m.

GREAT COMPOSERS will be aired Wednesday at 9 p.m. on Thirteen WNET.

THEATER

CRAZY FOR YOU will be presented Wednesday through May 20 at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information call 370-4343.

TRIPS

WESTFIELD YMCA is planning a trip to Felt USA Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Del. on April 18.

Fees are \$6. The Y is located at 220 Clark St., Westfield. For information call 1-800-232-2200.

VARIETY "a cabaret performance featuring Melissa Lodderstedt and John Schewka" will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Grandview Drama Club.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 26) Check financial records carefully for mistakes. A misplaced decimal point could easily benefit from the court of what appears to be a lucky guess.

GEMINI (May 21-June 26) Be yourself for a period of high-energy energy. Moderate one's desire to clean your mind and stay focused. While second-guesses it's better to say too little rather than too much.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) A breakthrough time for you in your career or professional endeavors. Work on a creative project that has been on the back burner for far too long. Turn up the heat!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A friend has some problems of work out at home, so calling your name. Be wary against you personally. Distance shores are calling your name. Book your trip for adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What seems like an impossible financial situation on Monday miraculously works by Thursday. Hang in there for the payoff and don't lose sight of your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Relationships are highlighted. Give trust and honesty a try. Expect delays when traveling. Be prepared to take along extra gear and a good book.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) Powers

of the game show your co-worker how it's played. This is a great time to commit and start a new exercise routine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make an extra effort to place the piece in a relationship; it helps to become responsive to your partners' needs.

Newspaper a distant friend or relative is timely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Dishes issued by your best conundrum won't do you much longer.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 16) Differ-

ence on any topic in your club is the color of success. Learn, a helping hand to those who fall and in the end.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 26) Your energies are centered around change. Bear with hilarity, an assessment of progress now. Give some time in private nights, which could result in more income.

• Your birthday is this week, new stars and pioneering activities are charted for you during the coming year. This would be a great time to lay down roots in a new community or neighborhood. Your relationships with siblings or early childhood friends are harmonious and supportive.

• Also born this week: David C. Suddeth, Jeffery Archer, James Woods,

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Black Maria showcases independent filmmakers

(Continued from Page B3) forward, backward and sideways. Arnold, 34, believes "twists the meaning of B-grade movies," according to Colvin. "Arnold twists the meaning of film in a relationship; it helps to become responsive to your partners' needs. Newspaper a distant friend or relative is timely.

The *Asymmetries* (Egypt), film black and white, by Kaitlin Reitstap of Austria, features a dead body from Austria signing a story of a man who buys a book about his child and travels to travel to travel to travel with him. The traveler encounters much poverty upon arrival, eventually discovering the riches and antiquities they seek. Thought-provoking and mysterious, migration makes an effective point about non-language barriers.

Way Extravagant (U.S.) is a free infinite comic book by Alex Rivero of New York. A satirical comment on racism featuring Mexican farm laborers.

Last, but not least, is "Sparks" by Werner Boegstetter and Ed Holt of Jersey City. "A delightful comedy of errors," according to Columbus, this nine-minute color film screens like a Comedy Central commercial, and just as funny. The scene is an urban re-enactment on a brutally hot summer afternoon. From the perspective of the fire escape, we are shown what the tenants most desire — a butcher's wife awaiting grilled sausages; a man drooling over a sunbather; a woman wearing her pants. Their lives become entwined through a series of mishaps, which include a visit from their neighborhood firemen. A "Draeger's Choice."

The Black Maria Film Festival is an Academy Award® Nomination-qualifying competition. The festival received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1997, and

has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts. The festival is free, and appreciated by viewers nationwide.

"Audiences value our

brilliant, cutting-edge work together in otherwise very varied presentations that are accessible, engaging and provocative," according to Columbus.

The 19th Black Maria panel of jurors consisted of Sally Berger, Museum of Modern Art Film Department, Kathy High, Princeton University, Visual Arts/Film Program, Marcia Masonne, associate director of the Film Society of Lincoln Center, New York Film Festival and Selections Committee member; and New Directors Award/Dream Project, Marcielis Santiesteban, Film Department, Film Society of Lincoln Center, New York Film Festival and Selections Committee member; and New Directors Award/Bill Morrison, who has won international accolades for his recent work "The Film of Her," and arts and culture advocate Clement Alexander Price, professor of history at Rutgers University and long-standing member of the Newark Museum's Black Film Festival Committee.

The festival is named after Edison's renowned film studio, the world's first. A life-size replica can be seen at Edison National Historic Site in West Orange. The studio was called "The Black Maria" due to its resemblance in police "paddy wagons" in use during the early 1900s.

The Black Maria Film Festival will visit NJ Center for Visual Arts until Sunday, April 29. Admission is free. For a national tour schedule, visit the Black Maria Film Festival's Web site:

<http://clerkerv1.njcu.edu/FAEBMFF/index.htm> or call the festival's office at (201) 200-2034.

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The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historic sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevant information to Worrall Community Newspapers at 1291 Staywell Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

• Little Lord Fauntleroy, Museum & Farmstead, 11 Horseshoe Road, Bericke Heights, Open 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month from April through December, or by appointment. Call (908) 465-9606.

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• Crane-Philips House Museum, 124 Union Ave., N. Cranford, Open 2-4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call (908) 274-0082.

• Fletcher-Dugon Mansion, 1310 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, By appointment only. Call (908) 551-2300.

• Bowwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (201) 684-4540.

• Woodruff Eaton Store Museum, 111 Constant St., Hillsdale, Open 3-5 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call (908) 352-9270.

• Deacon Andrew Hettich House, Constitution Plaza, 1185 Route 22, Mountainside, By appointment only. Call (908) 232-8666.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, Call (908) 789-3670.

• The Sabathai Museum, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence, Open 1-3 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month and 10 a.m. to noon on each Tuesday of the month. Call (908) 254-0163.

• Drake House Museum, 610 W. Front St., Plantfield, Open 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Call (908) 755-5831.

• Merchants and Drivers Tavern, 162 S. Georges Ave., Rahway, By appointment only. Call (201) 381-1834.

• Abraham Clark House, 101 West Grant Ave. an Christopher Street in Roselle Park, is open Mondays from 2-9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (908) 245-1876.

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• Caldwell-Puryear House, 109 Caldwell Ave., Union. Open 2-4 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month or by appointment. Closed December and January. Call (908) 687-4129.

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

HEALTHY LIVING

Union health care center receives accreditation

Endo Surg Center/Center for Digestive Diseases, located at 1201 Sloane Ave., Union, has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Formed in 1981, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Endo Surg Center/Center for Digestive Disease was accredited after a joint Commission surveyor conducted an on-site review in September 1998 and found that the Endo Surg Center/Center for Digestive Disease had demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for ambulatory care organizations.

In becoming accredited, the Endo Surg Center/Center for Digestive Disease was evaluated against a set of national standards by a Joint Commission surveyor experienced in the delivery of ambulatory health care services," said Linda Murphy-Kroll, vice-president, Mission and Outreach Division of Accreditation Operations, Joint Commission. "Achieving accreditation demonstrates the Endo Surg Center/Center for Digestive Disease's commitment to provide high-quality care to its patients."

We seek accreditation for re-accreditation because we want it to be the best," said Sharol DeMatteo, administrator. "We view obtaining Joint Commission accreditation as another step toward excellence." Dr. Samu-

pan Muthusamy said. Dr. Pradeep Mahal, both board-certified gastroenterologists, sought this accreditation to assure the infrastructure was based on standards of quality.

"Our staff is very supportive of the process. I think it gives them a feeling of prestige to work in an accredited organization," said DeMatteo. "They also appreciate the educational aspect of the survey, and the opportunity to interact with the Joint Commission surveyor. Dr. Muthusamy's practice was simultaneously surveyed and shares the distinction of Joint Commission Accreditation."

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HEALTHY LIVING

Pediatric rehab facility becomes affiliate of university hospital

Children's Specialized Hospital, the state's only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric rehabilitation, has become an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. Other affiliate members include Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

CSH will also join the Robert Wood Johnson Health Network, an organization of seven acute care hospitals, four federally-qualified health centers, the UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and providers of retirement healthcare and housing.

Integral to the affiliation is a joint operating agreement between CSH and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, which will enable the coordination and expansion of services to New Jersey children with disabilities.

"This is a wonderful new chapter in the 108-year history of Children's Specialized Hospital," said John W. Fox, who served as chairman of the CSH Board of Trustees during affiliation discussions. "The Boards of Trustees and Senior Management of Children's Specialized welcome these new affiliations and the opportunities they present to expand our scope of services to a wider population of children with special needs."

Noting that Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is the core teaching

hospital of UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, CSH President Richard B. Ahlfeld said: "We have selected partners with whom we share a common vision of clinical and academic excellence in pediatrics. As an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, Children's Specialized ensures continuation of its leadership position in pediatric rehabilitation."

CSH provides a continuum of care for children and adolescents faced with chronic illness, traumatic injury and disabilities. With facilities in five locations, including its flagship hospital in Mountainside, CSH provides a complete range of rehabilitation, developmental, neurological, primary care and long-term care services for children with special needs.

Children's Specialized Hospital is known far and wide as a provider of the highest quality pediatric rehabilitation services," emphasized Harvey A. Hirsch, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System and president and chief operating officer of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. "The children and families of New Jersey will reap the benefits of future collaboration between the experts at CSH and the specialists at our Children's Hospital."

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is a state-designated Specialty Acute Care Children's Hospital. Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is a state-designated Specialty Acute Care Children's Hospital. A new building under construction on

the New Brunswick campus which will provide a pediatric home for the hospital's 760 pediatrics and adults' 450 beds and more than 45 pediatric specialists and subspecialties."

Through this new affiliation, UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will be able to enhance its outstanding academic and clinical programs in child neurology, neuropsychological disabilities and rehabilitation," said Dr. Harold L. Pfeifer, dean of the medical school. "We look forward to working with our new colleagues at Children's Specialized Hospital to better serve our patients."

As part of the affiliation agreement, Children's Specialized staff physicians will join the medical school faculty and its physicians will join the CSH staff.

This affiliation represents a forward-thinking approach to comprehensive care for the children of the state," commented Thomas M. Gorin, chairman of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. "For example, a child brought to the Level I Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital might be cared for initially in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Ultimately, that child might be transferred to Children's Specialized, will continue to be governed by its own board and the CSH Foundation will remain independent in its support of the CSH mission."

While the boards of both Children's Specialized Hospital and its foundation retain our single focus, emphasized James R. Rutherford, who served as chairman of the CSH Foundation Board of Trustees during affiliation discussions, "we congratulate all the fine institutions whose combined strength will help ensure that the state's children with special needs achieve their maximum potential in health and rehabilitation."

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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Kean professor authors book on treatment of the disabled

Kean University Professor Arthur Shapiro has authored a book on changing attitudes toward disabled persons in school settings.

In his book, "Everybody Belongs: Changing Negative Attitudes Toward Classmates with Disabilities," Shapiro, an associate professor of special education, emphasizes the importance of fostering positive attitudes toward disabled students in the classroom. The 55-page book provides practical advice about how schools can promote such positive attitudes and dispel myths and prejudices.

Shapiro has been a special educator in the local, county and state levels for over 15 years and has taught at Kean since 1986. Frequently published, his articles have appeared in *The Urban Review*, *Special Education in the Schools*, *Principal* and *The New York Times*. His work on disability awareness led to his appointment as a consultant to the National Project on Public Awareness of Persons with Disabilities of the American Association of University Affiliated Pro-

grams. He has conducted numerous disability awareness workshops throughout the United States. In addition, Shapiro has appeared on more than 20 television shows in the tri-state area and has been interviewed by more than 30 newspapers and other media, including United Press International.

Shapiro received a Media Arts Award for his television show on disability issues, "Equal Access," which appeared on the CTN network throughout New Jersey. The show will again be offered on CTN in the near future.

Shapiro is a member of The Society for Disability Studies, The Association on Higher Education and Disability and The Council for Exceptional Children. He earned his B.A. at Rider University, his M.A. at the College of New Jersey and an Ed.D. at Rutgers University.

Cornell Hall receives accreditation

Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union has achieved accreditation for its Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. Cornell Hall received its first Commission accreditation after an on-site survey in July, which found Cornell Hall had demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for long-term care.

"Accreditation standards exceed federal and state requirements," said Malone Ken Gracheck, executive director, Long-Term Care Program, Joint Commission. "Further, because this is a voluntary program, accreditation represents Cornell Hall's desire to be recognized for its efforts to provide quality care."

John J. Pitts, Cornell Hall's some 100-plus certified caregivers and non-professional employees alike in working to meet the Joint Commission's benchmarks of quality. "Everyone works hard to achieve this recognition. We view it as another step toward excellence."

By achieving accreditation, Cornell Hall has joined a select group of Joint Commission's strongest long-term care organizations. Cornell Hall, "Only about 2,000 long-term care organizations have received accreditation nationwide."

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