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Today
• There will be a free childhood lead screening for children two to six years of age from 4 to 6 p.m. at Kiddie College of Rahway, 270 East Milton Ave. The event is sponsored by Gwen Spruiell, director of Kiddie College of Rahway and David Brown, 4th Ward councilman and member of the Rahway Lead-Screening Group.
• The Concerned Citizens of Union County will meet at the JFK Community Center, 796 East Hazelwood Ave. in Rahway. For time call Bob Carosi at 381-7259 or Kent Blanchard at 396-3722.
• The Concerned Citizens are currently involved in examining such issues as the hazards of a toxic waste incinerator. The group uses the model of participatory democracy in their organization and state there is no single person who makes all the decisions, the group decides action.

The Concerned Citizens invite all to join their meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month.
• The Rahway Senior Center, located at 1306 Esterbrook Ave., will host the Union County Department of Human Services — Division on Aging and Division of Social Services Senior Citizens — Outreach program. The free program will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Discussions will cover topics such as: Pharmaceutical Assistance, Gas and Electric Bills, Grocery Supplies, Seniors Health Insurance, Home Energy, Supplemental Security Income, and Food and Medical Cost Assistance. For information call 927-3016.

Saturday
• The Rahway Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will sponsor "Fun Night" at the Cleveland Social Club, 486 East Milton Ave. in Rahway. The event will be from 7 to 11 p.m. and will include cards, games and refreshments. For information call (908) 381-3584.
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Officials claim waste posed no health harm

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"If they ever get into the incinerator, there could be a real problem," he said.

He added that other toxic substances, such as contaminated oil poured over regular garbage, could be snuck into the incinerator's waste stream. This would be a cheap alternative to disposing of it in an approved, and safer, manner.

"We found out a long time ago that anyone who wanted to sneak hazardous waste into the incinerator would be able to do so," he said. Spotsylvania denied this, saying that the "spraying floor" of the facility has full-time inspectors who do nothing but inspect the incoming garbage during working hours for such toxic substances before they are fed into the incinerator.

Carson said that "point of maximum concern" would be in an area where the wind on April 11 was variable but generally blowing from the west, northwest and southwest. If the winds over Union County were the same, that would put the smoke from the incinerator over Woodbridge, a small residential and commercial section of Rahway and the industrial and retail section of Linden near Route 1&9.

Sheehan said that NRC is continuing to monitor the situation. "No fines have been levied against either Merck or the UCUA, but this is because an investigation is continuing to monitor the situation."

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Officials debate new exit

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer
It could be considered unusual for a town's mayor to advocate building something in another town.

But that is exactly what Clark Mayor Robert Ellertson is doing. He and the council recently passed a resolution asking the county Board of Chosen Freeholders to support the building of a new entrance ramp off of the New Jersey Parkway — not in Clark, but onto Inman Avenue in the Colonia section of Woodbridge.

To hear Ellertson explain it, it seems that a Parkway exit in another town, miles from Clark, could have a beneficial effect on Clark.

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Keep watch over FAA

The Federal Aviation Administration will be making changes to the Solberg Mitigation Plan, which was designed to reduce the noise of low-flying planes for about 18,000 residents in Union County. The plan, which was put into law Dec. 31, requires planes departing from Runway 12 at Newark Airport to proceed about 9.5 miles south, then turn west toward the Solberg Navigational Aid in Hunterdon County.

The proposed changes, narrowing the corridors in which planes fly, proves that noise reduction is a priority of the FAA.

Area residents have publicly complained to local government officials asking that something be done about the noise, which they claim is becoming increasingly disturbing. While these citizens certainly have the right to voice their displeasure, they must realize the complex nature of altering flight patterns.

The FAA is making an attempt to reduce noise by narrowing the corridor of flight from six miles wide to three miles wide as of May 1. This will bring the paths of the planes closer to the paths modeled for the Solberg plan.

Flight paths will not be changed. It is just the area or range the planes travel in which will be lessened. Perhaps this may not fulfill the desires of residents whose genuine concerns include rattling windows and disturbed sleep. But changing the flight paths would require a lengthy environmental process — it cannot be done overnight.

These changes to the Solberg Mitigation plan will, by no means, completely eradicate air traffic noise in the communities of Rahway and Clark. Rather, it is one of many steps the FAA needs to take in dealing with this issue. Although the process of changing the flight paths is lengthy, the FAA's recent attempts to reduce noise should encourage citizens who voice their concerns to be continually aware and outspoken.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 886-8899, and enter Selection 6000. Use our Intersource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Our health hangs in the balance

Two vials of low-energy radioactive material used in Merck & Co. Inc. research were recently thrown away with regular trash, and buried at the garbage incinerator in Rahway. The vials contained the low-energy radioactive Iodine-125 used for research tests at the Merck facility on the border of Linden and Rahway. The incinerator, owned by the Union County Utilities Authority and operated by Ogden Martin Systems, has been a concern of local environmentalists since its construction in 1997.

Although officials claimed the vials' destruction posed no health threat, they could not rule out future mistakes. This is not entirely reassuring because another mistake, maybe of larger proportion, could have health damaging repercussions. Fortunately at this time, these mistakes are detectable.

How can a mistake like this be made? One reason is there are more than 1,000 tons of garbage brought into the incinerator each day. Because that is more than a fair amount of trash, these items can get buried within packaging and tossed out with regular trash. This particular waste, the Iodine-125, is normally buried by Merck's own incinerator.

Although this is a Merck problem, the UCUA and Ogden Martin should look into dealing with this radioactive waste disposal mishap.

The current investigation of this incident may shed light on flaws within the incinerator's trash burning process. Moreover, guidelines and regulations for the employees of Merck and the incinerator may need to be revamped.

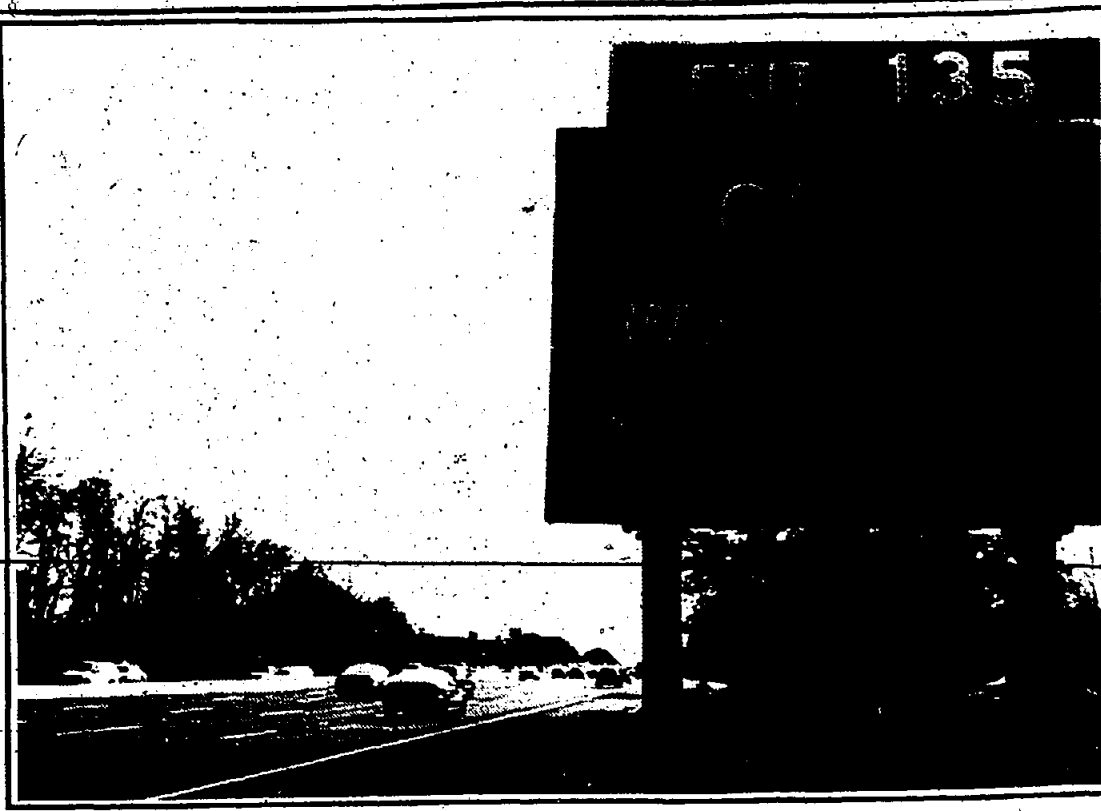
Whatever the case may be, there exists a potentially harmful problem concerning what waste is being burned and handled through the incinerator's stack. There should be a joint effort between Merck, the UCUA and Ogden Martin to immediately weigh all solutions. An entire community's health may hang in the balance.

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COMMUNITY FORUM



ANOTHER EXIT? — There has been an increasing amount of discussions concerning the possible construction of a new Parkway exit near the Clark/Rahway border on Inman Avenue. See ViewPoint.

Another duty: being the source of advice

My duties as a weekly newspaper columnist include my role as "Mr. Freeform," a coffee-stoked, suburban bohemian with a receding hairline, qualified to offer advice to people having trouble finding their way through the maze of American culture. Here are a few recent cries for help, followed by my deeply sincere responses.

Dear Mr. Freeform: Every month I buy albums by whatever bands or artists are featured on the covers of all the trendy music magazines, only to realize that this music is out-of-fashion within weeks. I feel terribly unchill all the time, and I think my friends laugh at me behind my back. Is there an alternative to alternative music? Signed, "Becoming Reclusive in Roselle Park"

Dear Reclusive Parker: I suppose you mean Bad Religion, Beastie Boys, Belly, Björk, and very soon, Beck. Trent Reznor's also finished now that Time magazine has decided he's so influential. I sympathize with your attempts to keep up with pop culture. The ultimate Hip Standard for

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

suburban youth has remained unchanged for over 60 years. It's whatever 16 year old African American kids from Newark were listening to and wearing as of 9 p.m. the previous evening. But the larger problem is that, at best, you can only be hip for about one month during your life span. After the age of 23 it's hopeless to even try. But if you collect enough CDs by musical losers, one-hit wonders, and also-rans, you'll be considered an expert in rare, ancient music by the time you turn 40, sort of like a French jazz scholar, and can snarl it up around record conventions at Ramada Inn.

Dear Mr. Freeform: I just met this guy who says he wants to interface with me, and I'll go to his apartment. He'll show me his goodies. He hopes I'll accept and won't default like his last girlfriend did when he tried to go surfing with her. Can I trust this guy? Signed, "Rom from Rahway"

Dear Rom: Mr. Freeform enjoys the way you're stuck in the middle of the highway across the Information Highway on the Bridge to the 21st Century. However, I appreciate romance even more, particularly the language of romance as expressed by great poets and lovers. If you feel a desire to interface with this guy, you might be able to download a rather and linguistic relationship. But neither of you with break into a sweat. I doubt if he's worthy of checking you out, if he even knows where it is. Wait for a guy who likes flowers enough to compliment you to one. Be careful of viruses. Dear Mr. Freeform: I heard that the Kona coffee at Starbucks wasn't really Kona. If I order it now will it be getting the "Star" message? Signed, "Kinetic from Kenilworth"

Dear Kinetic: Mr. Freeform is not a snob about his coffee. In fact, at this very moment I am enjoying a cup of Palmak decaf. Gourmet coffee drinkers compare varieties and blends the way rich hippies used to discuss cannabis. If you buy A&P whole Colombian beans and grind them yourself, you'll have good enough coffee at home. But going to a coffeehouse just for the coffee is like going to a baseball game just for the baseball game. You're missing something. Are you digging me? I've also noticed that take out espresso on Thompson Street in New York City tastes better than carpaccio in a Westfield cafe. If you want to be sure that your coffee is authentically Hawaiian, have it served by a local Hawaiian. I'll be there.

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EDUCATION



Joey Geis, a student at Roosevelt School in Rahway, measures the tower he and his father, Joe, built using two sheets of paper and ten paper clips. The project was part of the school's Family Math program.

Hartnett presents new technologies

Board of Education member Joseph Hartnett is no longer a member of the board. But that does not mean that he isn't keeping busy. Hartnett, who did not run for re-election in last week's school elections, was in Atlantic City for "TransAction '97" on April 17-18. TransAction '97 was the 21st annual New Jersey Transportation Conference. The conference had over 700 people from government agencies, transportation companies and consulting firms and had as keynote speakers Governor Christie Whitman and New Jersey Transportation Coordinator John Haley.

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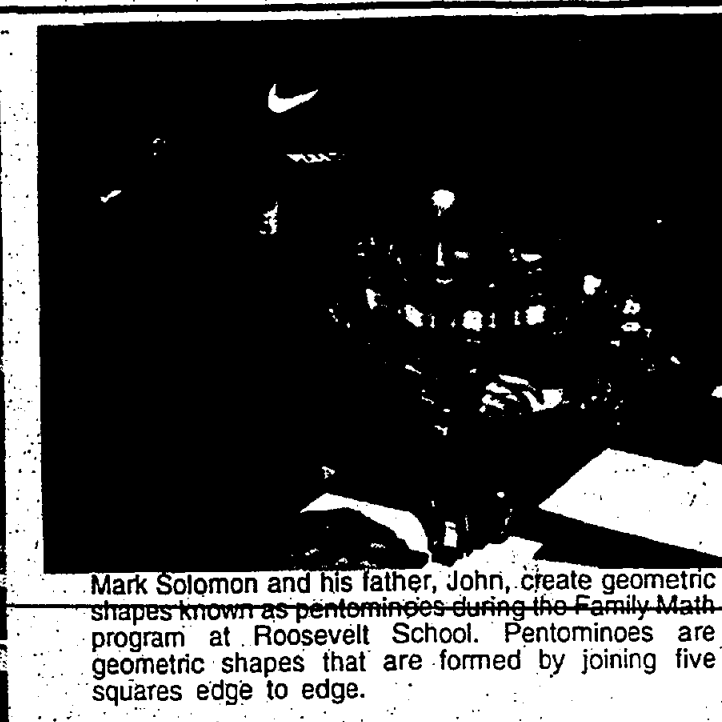
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Mark Solomon and his father, John, create geometric shapes known as pentominoes during the Family Math program at Roosevelt School. Pentominoes are geometric shapes that are formed by joining five squares edge to edge.

Math program gets families together

Eleven fourth grade students, along with their parents, recently completed a four-session Family Math program at Roosevelt School in Rahway. Family Math is a program for parents and children to learn math activities together by connecting math to real-life situations. The families gained understanding through hands-on and group activities.

Laurie Huxford and Barbara Roth, teachers at the school, served as facilitators for the program. The following students, along with their parents, participated in the sessions: Sean Flynn,

Joey Geis, Tara Gustafson, Melissa Hassen, Philip Kropoth, Kristen Leukewicz, Angela Porrasca, Becky Rothstein, Alex Segal, Mark Solomon and Cathy Zupkus.

Each of the four sessions had a theme: number, probability and statistics; measurement; logic/problem solving; and geometry. The final session included a "What's My Line?" format to guess the career of a mystery guest who works in a multi-related field. Certificates were awarded when the program was complete.

The Student of the Month for the month of April at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark is senior Ashley Heller. Heller is vice president of the senior class, secretary of the Spanish National Honor Society, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, a member of Peer Leadership and is a Peer Mediator.

She has earned three varsity letters in soccer and two varsity letters in softball.

She was recently named an Edward J. Blustein Distinguished Scholar and was nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Outside of school, Heller serves as an algebra tutor. It's active in her church and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

After graduation, she plans to attend college and major in biology.

Soars-recognized in scholarship offer
Katherine Soars, a student from Clark, has been offered a scholarship to Saint Peter's College in Jersey City. Soars is currently a senior at Mother Seton Regional High School.

Saint Peter's College is celebrating its 125th anniversary as Saint College of New Jersey. Founded in 1872, the college presently enrolls more than 3,600 students in undergraduate and graduate courses at its main campus in Jersey City and branch campus in Englewood Cliffs.

Cohen listed with elite
Todd Cohen, a 1994 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, was recently announced to having been placed on the Rutgers College Dean's List for the fall 1996 semester grades. Cohen is a junior at Rutgers College in New Brunswick and is a Communications/Political Science major.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
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Shooting may have involved 9mm

Railway
Police are investigating an early morning shooting on April 11 on Lawrence Street. No one was hurt in the shooting, but police recovered three bullets, believed to be 9mm rounds, from the front of a home in the 1700 block of the street.

According to Lt. Bob DiStasio, the shooting occurred at about 3:45 a.m. but was not reported until 8:45 a.m. The owner of the house reportedly heard shots but did not investigate. He discovered the bullet holes in his house when he was leaving for work.

Det. John Kaczor reported recovering three bullets — two to the right of the front door and one beneath a picture window.

According to DiStasio, there were no witnesses and there have been no suspects.

Anyone with information on this case can call Kaczor at 827-2117.

A resident was arrested last week for stealing money and a handgun from a Broad Street apartment.

Arrested was Laura Hottel, 36, a Maple Avenue resident, who was charged with burglary, theft and possession of a weapon in the incident.

According to police, the theft occurred between 3 p.m. last Monday and 1:30 a.m. on April 15.

The resident of an apartment in the 1100 block of Broad Street reported to police that someone had entered his home and stole \$1,200 in cash, a 22-caliber revolver and a coin collection worth \$300. The suspect allegedly gained entry through an unlocked rear door.

Patrolman Joseph Simonetti arrested Hottel at her residence last Wednesday. The gun, which was

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A Message from Ronald J. Del Mauro



PRESIDENT AND
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SAINT BARNABAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Although the new millennium is still three years away, 1997 truly marks the beginning of a new era and a new millennium in health care. For the Saint Barnabas Health Care System and its affiliates, being successful and surviving well into the next century means creating a new health care delivery system based on financial viability, a commitment to patient satisfaction, and a determination to order our resources well. All must be willing to accept change.

Unfortunately, this change will not be painless. Some people will lose their jobs. Hospitals in New Jersey may close. But in five years, there will be a better, stronger, health care environment providing the highest quality of care possible to all patients.

Until then, however, the Saint Barnabas Health Care System will do all it can to gain back the public trust that seems to have eroded in this era of managed care. We are extremely troubled by surveys indicating that the public believes the hospital industry will not survive in the long run. Providing quality patient care has always been our first priority. Still, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are a business. And, like all businesses, if we do not have enough money to run our day-to-day operations, we cannot fulfill our mission of handling the finest health care system in the country.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System is ready to take its place as the leader in New Jersey's changing health care industry. And, we understand that to do this we cannot hang onto the past.

That is why our physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals, as well as our management team, are all ready to move forward by placing patients' satisfaction first and creating new standards that will lead to successful outcomes in the 21st century. As we move forward, we are committed to job preservation and our reputation.

The focus on excellent care and service is exemplified by Union Hospital's recent Joint Commission Accreditation with Commendation. The outstanding results achieved by the staff, physicians, nurses, volunteers, and management team at Union Hospital reflect the Saint Barnabas Health Care System's commitment to providing the highest quality health care and services to our patients. ■

Early Recognition Information For Those At Risk Of A Heart Attack

It can happen at any time—just as you are winding up for that long drive off the first tee or while taking a brisk walk through the neighborhood. It could strike when you are mowing the lawn or while dancing with your spouse. It may even happen when you are resting and it can be taken from you while you sleep. If single test alone seems confusing, chest pain or it could be a sense of shortness of breath, or vague heaviness in the chest, similar to indigestion. How could you know this was going to happen? Well, there are signs. The following information is provided by John Berkowitz, M.D., Chairman and Medical Director of the Emergency Services of Union Hospital, all for early recognition of heart attack signs and early treatment.

It is always wise to seek a medical opinion if you have any of the following symptoms, especially if they are new or different from what you have experienced before.

• Chest pain or discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and then comes back.

• Pain or discomfort in the upper arm, shoulder, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

• Shortness of breath, with or without chest pain or discomfort.

• Sudden dizziness, lightheadedness, or fainting.

• Cold sweats, nausea, or vomiting.

• Unusual fatigue or weakness.

• Unusual anxiety or a sense of impending doom.

Most feel vague indigestion or sweating. Many people ignore these early symptoms of a heart attack or pass them off as a minor problem. This is when a bad situation becomes worse because any delay in seeking medical attention at this point can be fatal," said Dr. Berkowitz.

A heart attack is caused by atherosclerosis, a condition in which fatty deposits build up on the walls of the arteries, which can block or narrow the arteries.

When a heart attack occurs, the heart muscle is damaged. The longer the heart is without blood flow, the more damage it will suffer.

It is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible if you experience any of the symptoms listed above.

Early treatment can significantly reduce the damage to the heart muscle and improve the chances of survival.

Remember, if you experience any of the symptoms listed above, do not wait. Seek medical attention immediately.

For more information on heart attack symptoms and treatment, contact your doctor or the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association is a national organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of heart disease.

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Radiologists Use Latest Technology To Detect Heart Problems

The state-of-the-art non-invasive imaging technique in nuclear medicine is now available at Union Hospital. SPECT Imaging provides physicians with a comprehensive look at the results of a nuclear stress test, which examines a patient's heart.

"The test indicates the presence of coronary artery disease and the effectiveness of current treatments, damage caused by heart attacks, and the viability of heart tissue," said Richard J. Claps, M.D., Medical Director of Union Hospital's Radiology Department.

"SPECT Imaging allows us to study the physiology of the heart, making it the most accurate and detailed method of cardiac evaluation in nuclear medicine."

The Department of Nuclear Medicine at Union Hospital uses a hybrid technique for this procedure, where two radioactive pharmaceuticals are circulated in the patient's blood stream. The combination of both radioactive pharmaceuticals yields the maximum amount of information available from the test by taking advantage of the unique properties of each isotope.

Physicians have a three-dimensional view of the heart, allowing them to delve deeper into questionable areas to dissect the image into "slices," that focus on a specific part similar to a CT Scan.

The first part of the nuclear stress test is conducted while the patient is resting. The nuclear technologist injects the patient with the first radioactive pharmaceutical. Approximately 15-20 minutes after the injection, the patient is imaged by a Gamma camera that rotates around the patient for approximately 30 minutes, taking 32 pictures of the heart. The radioactive material injected breaks down and emits particles which are detected by the Gamma camera and are converted into a computerized image of the heart.

The second part of the exam is the treadmill stress test. An intravenous line is placed on the patient's arm and electrocardiographic leads are placed on his or her chest. The patient is asked to walk on a target heart rate. Before the end of the exam, the patient is injected with the second radioactive pharmaceutical. In approximately 30-45 minutes a second set of images is taken. According to Dr. Claps, there is no pain nor discomfort during nuclear or pharmacological stress tests. ■

UNION HOSPITAL NEW TREATMENT FOR PROSTATE CANCER AT UNION

A new treatment for the early stages of prostate cancer is now being performed at Union Hospital. The procedure, known as radioactive seed implantation, or brachytherapy, is an alternate to external beam radiation, which often damages normal tissue including the bladder, rectum and sometimes the intestines.

Radioactive seed implantation involves ultrasound-guided placement of 50 to 100 radioactive seeds or pellets into the prostate gland. For several months after the implantation, the seeds release enough radiation to destroy the cancer, which are as small as pieces of rice, treat the targeted area and become inert after the radiation has been released.

"Minimal side effects, shorter recovery period, and better results are the benefits to radioactive seed implantation," explained Stewart Berkowitz, M.D., Radiation Oncologist at Union Hospital. "Patients visit the hospital only once and usually require only spinal anesthesia. A man, after early stages of prostate cancer, should consult his urologist to determine if he is a candidate for radioactive seed implantation," suggests Dr. Berkowitz, who has treated more than 250 men in the past three years using this new procedure.

At approximately half the cost of external beam radiation, radioactive seed implants are associated with fewer

complications such as impotence and incontinence. Patients usually return to their normal activities in one to three days.

For more information about radioactive seed implantation, please call Dr. Berkowitz's office at 908-925-6200. Brochures are available upon request, or a referral to one of Union Hospital's physicians, please call Carol Sanders, Physician Referral Service at 908-688-8777.

Brachytherapy is also performed at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. Information can be obtained by calling the Saint Barnabas Department of Radiation Oncology at 908-545-5652. ■



UNION HOSPITAL TODAY A Message from Kathryn Coyne Executive Director

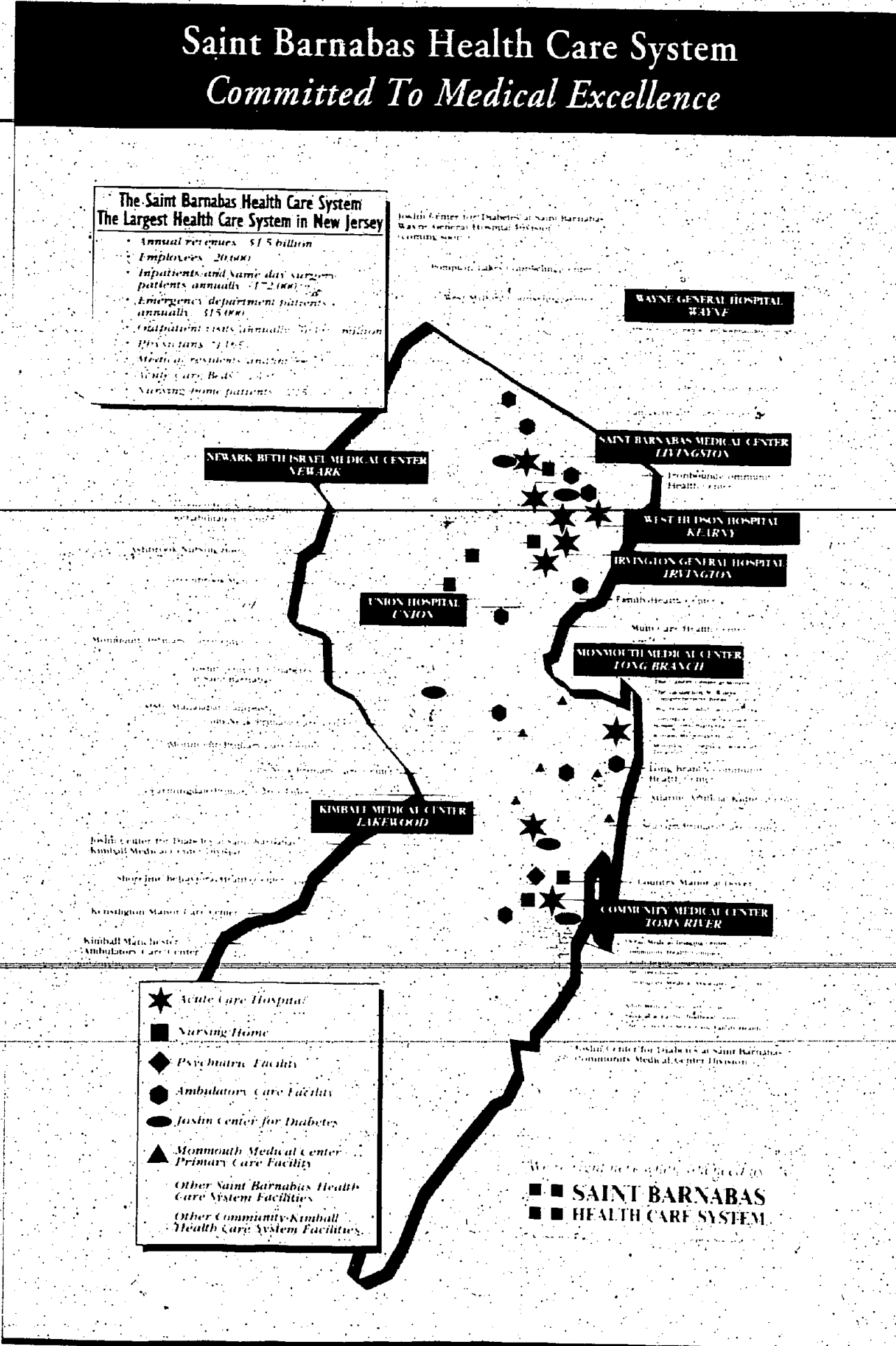
As I sit down to write this, I can hardly believe it has been a year since my first column appeared in the *Community Link*. So many positive changes have taken place over the past twelve months, and Union Hospital continues to experience a variety of exciting changes. Every employee, physician, and volunteer has made a commitment to themselves and to the hospital to create a facility in which quality care and the highest levels of patient satisfaction are our primary focus. Through their outstanding efforts, our hospital has achieved great things: our reputation has improved and our facility has become one of the most recommended by physicians and former patients.

January, the hospital received Accreditation with Commendation from the JCAHO, an achievement which reflects everyone's commitment to excellence.

Our positive changes do not end with our improved services, programs, and quality care, but continue to be visible in the changing appearance of the hospital. Many of the physical changes which we have experienced can be seen throughout the hospital. One example is the beautiful new lobby and gift shop located in the corner of the hospital. Through the generosity and devotion of the hospital's Guild Association, the lobby was completely renovated. The lobby is a bright and welcoming pathway to our hospital. Our new Emergency Department is fully operational and continues to receive rave reviews from visitors. The department is completely state-of-the-art, from the full computerized patient tracking system to the enhanced services which have cut waiting time dramatically, making our patient satisfaction levels rise sharply.

Other changes include a new state-of-the-art C.T. Scan which is more convenient to patients. A new Non-Invasive Vascular Laboratory is now open and the Radiology Department renovations are complete. The hospital has also made simple but meaningful changes by adding new signage; many areas are being painted; much more is to come.

All of the changes have been made possible through the commitment of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System and its staff, patients, employees and community members, all of whom have set standards that Union Hospital will continue to provide the highest quality health care available. We will continue to face many challenges in 1997. Regardless of length of stay will be kept to a minimum. We will all be focused on the same goal: to provide the highest quality health care available. We must be able to provide a high quality, low cost hospital to survive in this competitive market. Treating each and every patient as we would our own family will make patient satisfaction an easily accomplished goal. ■





CAROL DINSMORE:
The Driving Force Behind The JCAHO Accreditation With Commendation

The recent inspection by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) was a period of hard work, countless hours and outstanding team effort by the entire staff at Union Hospital. Everyone—employees, nurses, physicians and volunteers—joined together to work toward the common goal of obtaining the best possible rating from the JCAHO. There was one person in particular whose efforts and ongoing dedication led to Union Hospital's JCAHO success: Carol Dinsmore, Vice President of Administration. Ms. Dinsmore was the one individual who communicated daily with department heads and hospital staff, conducted ongoing mock surveys and provided the most current information, all while motivating everyone to reach for the best they could achieve.

Early in the fall of 1996, Ms. Dinsmore was selected by Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer Kate Conne to direct the JCAHO Readiness team. "With this appointment, came the responsibility for every inspection detail, ranging from compliance with the hundreds of JCAHO regulations to daily standards of the hospital's various departments," she said.

Aside from maintaining her usual daily responsibilities, Ms. Dinsmore also spent countless hours, including most evenings and weekends, preparing for the survey. "The preparation process was totally enveloping," explained Ms. Dinsmore. "Preparing for the survey included every entity of the organization, both inpatient and outpatient."

According to Ted Kantarek, Operations Manager at Union Hospital, Ms. Dinsmore's dedication and persistence were unparalleled. "Her professionalism and commitment not only assisted Kate Conne and the executive management team with the administrative preparation, but also fully prepared the hospital's support, nursing and medical staff to discuss the hospital's policies with the Joint Commission surveyors."

Ms. Dinsmore is responsible for the quality program at Union Hospital. She works toward achieving what she refers to as the "Gold Standard"—a level which she believes every department is capable of reaching through striving for excellence.

For Union Hospital, to this every department must support and strive toward the goal of excellence in order to provide the best possible care and service to patients and visitors," said Ms. Dinsmore.

do is look at the results to know that each department worked their hardest and performed their best. By staying current on the rules and regulations created for health facilities, it creates a day-to-day comfort level which carried over to the survey."

To maintain the quality care and level of performance which carried this distinction, Union Hospital will be participating in a system-wide program which will continuously monitor the hospital's services and ensure that JCAHO standards are being met on a daily basis. "We must monitor ourselves and work as a team to monitor one another in order to stay on top of the regulations created to ensure quality care," said Ms. Dinsmore. "My goal is to have the entire hospital staff always ready for any type of survey, through ongoing preparation work and quality improvement programs."

Mrs. Conne expressed her gratitude for Ms. Dinsmore's excellent effort at a meeting held to announce the JCAHO survey results. "I wish to thank the entire staff and in particular Carol and Dinsmore for spearheading our team. I did not imagine this working with the staff, adults, staff and volunteers to ensure everyone was fully prepared for this effort," said Mrs. Conne. "Her preparation work was a great asset."

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*Yes, We Care' Soup Kitchen—
Bringing Help To Those Who Need It Most*

Union Hospital Neurosurgeon, Sanford Fineman, MD, was recently interviewed by *News 12 New Jersey* Cynthia Scott for a story which featured the 'Yes, We Care' Soup Kitchen, an outreach program created by Dr. Fineman. The mobile soup kitchen provides support for hundreds of needy individuals in Union County through giving food and clothing every Tuesday at a location in Elizabeth.

Dr. Fineman initially financed the project using his own funds to purchase the van and supplies. Today, Dr. Fineman and a group of volunteers rely on donations from various organizations to keep this vital program running. For information, call 908-688-8800.



**State-Of-The-Art CT Scan Technology
Comes To Hospital's Radiology Department**

Union Hospital's Radiology Department has recently received a new state-of-the-art CT scanner, which will provide patients with faster, more accurate diagnoses. The new scanner, a GE Lightspeed Vx, is the latest in CT technology and will allow for more detailed imaging of the body. This new technology will be particularly helpful in diagnosing conditions such as tumors, aneurysms, and other internal issues. The scanner is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

**FURRY FRIENDS ARE
WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS**



There's always a warm, friendly smile waiting for you when you enter the doors of Union Hospital. And now, there's a new addition to the family—our furry friends. We've created a special area for our four-legged patients, complete with comfortable beds, toys, and treats. Our staff is trained to handle all types of animals, from small dogs to large dogs, and we're happy to welcome you and your pet to our family.

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*Same Day Surgery Experiences
Continued Success With New Features*

Union Hospital's Same Day Surgery Department makes surgery more convenient for patients and their physicians. By spending just one day in the hospital, patients can undergo multiple specialty surgeries, endoscopic technology, cardio-pulmonary and pain management and still receive the continuity of care that comes with a regular hospital stay.

Same Day Surgery is available for people of all ages. At Union Hospital, a new admission process was implemented to provide security and comfort and help eliminate confusion for patients during what can be a very stressful time. Patients first visit and meet with nurses and physicians. Next, patients go to the changing room and are then brought to the operating room.

"Our goal is improved care and quality of service," said Natalie Slaughter, RN, Director of Perioperative Services at Union

Hospital. "We have taken a consumer service approach to health care. Our exceptional staff of seven registered nurses and one certified nurse's aide ensure that each patient's visit is both efficient and personally directed."

According to Press-Ganey surveys, which are designed and tracked by an outside research company to determine levels of patient satisfaction in hospitals, the majority of patients who have had surgery in Union Hospital's Same Day Surgery Department believe that overall Department operations exceed standards. In order to maintain high levels of patient satisfaction, the Department gathers additional information from patients by sending detailed department-specific surveys regarding their experience. With this information, members of the Department meet regularly to discuss patient satisfaction and patient feedback. Also, nurses call each patient within 24 hours following surgery to ensure any questions or concerns are addressed.

In 1995, Same Day Surgery admissions averaged 250 patients per month. The Department saw an increase of 50 percent the following year, with the average monthly admissions at 426 patients in 1996. Mrs. Slaughter attributes the Unit's increased admissions to more frequent use of the facility by hospital physicians, new surgeons joining Union Hospital's Medical Staff and additional pain management cases.

"We have had a positive response from our physicians since last August when the enhancements in our Department began. Physicians enjoy working with the Department's highly-skilled staff, with surgeries running according to schedule," said Mrs. Slaughter. The Operating Room features advanced equipment and has upgraded many pieces of the past year, including a new tracking table, a C-Arm, which provides the medical staff with x-rays intraoperatively during a procedure and new electrosurgery equipment.

Union Hospital Thrives

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Cotton, a cockatiel perches on the hand of Cornell Hall resident Anna Marie Smith (right), while her daughter, Mariamne Smith, pets German shepherd Unken. Both animals live at Cornell Hall.

Greenbrook Manor's pet therapy program attracted media attention from two television stations last year. News programs featured the residents, pet visitors and their pet owners from Therapist, Inc., a non-profit organization promoting the bond between people and animals.

"It's wonderful to see the smiles that greet these animals," said Mr. Pilek. "The residents eagerly look forward to visiting with them."

All pets are veterinarian checked, fully inoculated and behaviorally screened before visiting the nursing home.



SAINT BARNABAS CANCER CENTER AT UNION EXPANDS SERVICES

The Cancer Center of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, which treats more newly diagnosed cancer patients than any other health care facility in New Jersey, has expanded the oncology services offered at its Union facility at 1050 Calloping Hill Road.

As growth continues to be supported by Director of Oncology Services Julian E. Pliner, M.D., F.A.C.P., the recent addition of an oncology nurse practitioner offers patients increased support during all phases of their treatment.

Dr. Pliner, a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology, received her training at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and was previously Acting Director of the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Medical School. Lucinda Baldino, R.N.,



"One of my primary goals at the Cancer Center is to decrease fragmentation of care," Dr. Pliner said. "Ms. Baldino will serve as a liaison for our patients throughout their illness, providing the necessary follow-up."

In addition to providing patients with the latest cancer chemotherapy treatments administered in a comfortable outpatient clinic, the Cancer Center has added a new on-site laboratory to give patients the opportunity to obtain their blood count results within minutes. An expanded Community Resource Library is available to help patients and their families become better educated about cancer.

Under the direction of Angela McCabe, M.S.W., Oncology Counselor, the Center has expanded its psychosocial support programs, including a group for family members, a support group for patients undergoing treatment, and the availability of an art therapist to help patients and their families cope.

Ms. Baldino works closely with patients to help manage symptoms, such as nausea, fatigue, and chemotherapy side effects. She also provides information and support to patients and their families.

"During treatment, for cancer patients, we experience a lot of stress,"

times confounding emotions," Dr. Pliner said. "Because there are so many different ways to cope with these feelings, we offer a variety of services including individual counseling and specialized support groups."

Patients treated in the Union Cancer Center also may participate in other support programs held at the Saint Barnabas Cancer Center in Livingston, such as a Primary Breast Cancer Support Group, Postoperative Cancer Support Group, and The Children's Circle, a program for children of cancer patients.

As part of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, the Union Cancer Center utilizes a team approach, combining the experience of professionals in pathology, radiology, radiation oncology, and surgery from Union Hospital and Saint Barnabas Medical Center. This approach also enables patients to have access to a variety of support programs including case management,

cancer genetic counseling, and spiritual care. Patients are also able to receive final treatment at the Union Cancer Center, ensuring continuity of care and minimizing travel.

For more information, call (908) 851-7000, ext. 2222.

Union Hospital Offers Physician Referral Program

If you're looking for a physician close to home, call CardiacLink, Union Hospital's Physician Referral Program.

CardiacLink is the community service offered by the hospital to help individuals locate specific physicians who are located in this area. The CardiacLink service maintains an extensive up-to-date physician database listing all medical specialties including neurology, internal medicine, cardiology, orthopedics, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, as well as family practice. CardiacLink's general surgery, orthopedics, and neurology departments are also listed.

In addition, CardiacLink also provides information on local health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities.

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DONATIONS ARE PICTURE PERFECT



Fourth grade students from Franklin School in Union County recently donated pictures to Union Hospital's Emergency Department. The pictures, which the students drew, are hanging in the waiting area and the pediatric town of the Emergency Department to cheer up sick children during their visits. Representing Union Hospital are, from far left, David Coleman, Director of Patient and Physician Satisfaction; Ted Kanarek, Operations Manager; Marianne Chinsky, Franklin School Art Teacher; and Franklin Hickey, Clinical Manager of the Emergency Department. The children representing their classmates from Franklin School and displaying their pictures are, from the left, Daniel Montano, Morlake Odunusi, Carlos Alvarez, and Erica D'Aleia, all from Union.

Union Hospital Team Catches Another Division Championship

Last year, Union Hospital's Softball Team had a 12 and 2 season, taking home two trophies, one for regular season and another for the tournament. This is Union Hospital's fourth title in the past 6 years. "Last year was an incredible season," announced Coach Leroy Boone Jr., Union Hospital Security Supervisor. "More than 40 fans were there to support the team at our final game, and we did not disappoint them with our 14-6 victory."

Competing hospitals included Overlook, Elizabeth General, St. Elizabeth and Children's Specialized Hospital. Good luck to the team as they prepare for the upcoming season.



Pictured here are team members (top left-right) Chris Sedia, Volunteer, catcher; Juan Crespo, Radiology, shortstop; Marcello Rotino, Telemetry, left center field; Marcos Miranda, Pharmacy, 3rd base; Leroy Boone, Security, right center; Edwin Tejada, Security, 1st base; Fred Steinbaum, D.O., Medical Staff, pitcher (bottom left-right) John Stail, Radiology, pitcher; Pat Kiernan, Security, left field; Dominick Ervelli, D.O., Resident, 2nd base; Kevin Strichio, D.O., Resident, right field; Diego Otero, Laboratory, catcher; and Socrates, Team Mascot. Team members not pictured are Greg Miller, Dietary, 3rd base; Tom Stail, Radiology, right field; Jose Diaz-Cervo, Radiology, 2nd base.

From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

Many people think journalists lack personality. The better behind the myth is that if we are always to remain objective and not become part of the story we are covering, we should not reveal our personality and possibly create an impression that we are leaning to one side or the other on an issue.

It's either that explanation, or journalists are just boring people. I don't often get to reveal my personality in the workplace, so when I had an opportunity to do so two weeks ago when I was setting up a blind date, I went the whole nine yards and left the woman unsure of whether or not she should go out with me.

Her telephone number was given to me by my brother, a doctor at a nearby hospital, and it belonged to a nurse in his unit. Instead of the usual answering message, I dug into my bag of impressions and left a message in the accent of an ethnic background which I will not reveal.

I had it on thick, but after a few moments, started to laugh and had to stop talking. I told her I got her number from my half-brother — hence the different ethnic background — and that she had no choice but to go out with me. After the laughter, I spoke in my normal tone of voice, and once I hung up the telephone, her ex-husband that she probably wouldn't call me.

Later that night, Kathy left me a message telling me she was about to move out of town, that I had taken three years off her life, and that she did not realize what she was getting herself into.

When we finally talked, which was nearly an hour and very unusual for me on the telephone, we set up a day and time to meet for dinner. Of course I was on time and sat in the lounge area of the restaurant because the lobby was filled with people waiting for tables.

By the time Kathy arrived, and I guessed it was she, the lobby had emptied except for one lone man who looked like he was waiting for someone. Through a mirror in the lounge, I watched Kathy sit next to him and watch the man glance at his watch and shake his legs in what appeared to be nervous anxiety, and I waited to see if she would talk to him.

Finally, she did, and she asked him what his name was. When he said Angelo, she said she thanked God and came into the lounge, where she met me. Until this column, Kathy had no idea that I set her up that night. But that was the way the night progressed — acting excited, for example, when she said she had cable television as if it were a new advancement in technology.

We laughed the entire night, more than I had laughed in a long time, and by the end of the night, she said she couldn't wait to call her mother to tell her she hit the jackpot.

I chalked it up to personality. Something I don't often get to reveal in the workplace. Too bad for journalists.

Sharing and caring



Freeholder Walter McNeil, right, presents a resolution to Sharing Network Executive Director Marc Smith and Community Outreach Director Felicia McNeil, proclaiming April 20-26 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week in the county. Also known as the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, the group is a non-profit procurement organization that matches donors with transplant recipients that is based in Springfield. The McNeils are husband and wife.

Economic Development Corp. gives training funds to firms

The Union County Economic Development Corp. is leading an effort to help 28 companies become more competitive globally, in addition to helping them satisfy customer demands, improve efficiency and quality.

Last fall, the UCEDC formed its first consortium to provide ISO 9000 training and implementation for 28 manufacturers. Typically, the 18-month program costs each company from \$30,000 to \$100,000 or more.

Now, with a commitment of \$400,000 from the state Department of Labor, the UCEDC is underwriting 100 percent of the cost to each of the 28 UCEDC ISO 9000 Consortium members, which together employ more than 1,100 people.

A formal presentation of the grant by the Department of Labor occurred on March 14 at Liberty Hall Center in Union. Melvin Gelade, commissioner of the Department of Labor, presented a \$400,000 check to Maureen Titen, president of the UCEDC.

"By forming the consortium and receiving the generous grant from the N.J. Department of Labor, UCEDC is helping businesses dramatically reduce the cost of ISO 9000 implementation," Titen said. "This quality control standardization process is very time-intensive and often cost-prohibitive for small companies and nurseries." Titen continued, "The UCEDC is committed to making a positive impact in the economy of the county by helping companies maintain and improve job stability and productivity, in addition to keeping competitive in the international marketplace."

She concluded, "The net positive result for the county's economy is that the increased efficiency and competitiveness will allow companies to expand their sales and employee base, drawing upon the skilled labor force of Union County."

Ernie Hoeker, president of H&H Swiss Screw Machine Products in Hillside, who joined the consortium, said "having embarked on the journey of Continuous Improvement through Total Quality Management seven years ago, we are delighted to learn that Union County Economic Development Corp. is both capable and willing to help us achieve the credibility that ISO 9000 registration bestows."

"Absent the expertise and administrative resources necessary to organize and coordinate the process, we've been dissuaded from seeking registration for the past two years. We look forward to participating in the consortium and gaining the knowledge, skill and experience we need to succeed, enable us to manage the cost of the registration process and provide a network of peers to support our efforts."

The 28 companies were selected on a first come, first served basis, based upon communications sent to Union County manufacturers. The consortium officially begins the

Hate crime forum is set for May 6

For the third consecutive year, the Union County Committee Against Hate will hold a forum on bias offenses. This year's program will be led by Police Chief Reuben Greenberg, an African-American Jew, who has headed the Charleston, S.C., police department since 1982.

This forum, scheduled for May 6, at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, will focus on bigotry and bias crime and will unveil a law enforcement response to hate-based offenses.

The program, titled "Standing Together Against Hate III," will be presented at Congregation Beth Israel, at 1920 Cliffwood St., off Marine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

"Recent incidents of anti-Semitic graffiti and spray painted swastikas in the county are alarmingly on the increase," said Terri L. Warmbrand, chairperson of the forum. "They serve to remind us of the urgency with which our entire community must begin to address the actions of certain young people who, knowing little about the consequences of bigotry and persecution, commit blatant hate crimes."

She said adults have to stop condoning their actions as "childish pranks" and rationalizing such behavior as part of adolescence.

Greenberg, the author of a book called "Let's Take Back Our Streets" and a frequent television program guest who has appeared on CNN and "60 Minutes," will discuss law enforcement's response to hate crimes and bias incidents. He is a member of the South Carolina Commission on Racial Relations and the South Carolina Sentencing Commission.

The free program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include a portion of special candle lighting.

First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla, who chairs the county's Human Relations Commission, praised the program and noted that his agreements that unify how school officials and law enforcement officers respond to "horrible acts of hatred, bias and intolerance" have become models for the rest of New Jersey.

"The two watchwords for eliminating hate-based crime have to be education and enforcement," said Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neasey. "Society's best line of defense in this regard is enforcement."

Harry Wilde, president of the Union County Police Chiefs Association, said law enforcement must act quickly through punishment and deterrence to serve official notice that government at every level will not tolerate such activity and he anticipates a large turnout for the forum.

The event is in memory of the late Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo who prosecuted the first bias-driven offense ever tried before a jury in Union County.

Dear Friends,

We hope you have enjoyed receiving the Union Hospital Community Link. If you would like additional information on community programs and health services offered by Union Hospital, please check the appropriate box and mail this coupon to Union Hospital, Public Relations Department, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union, NJ 07083, Attn: Community Link.

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Union Hospital Junior Volunteer Wins Award



Maria Mowatt (left), President of the Junior Women's Club of Convent Farm in Union, presents Union Hospital Volunteer Service Director Julianus Trumbull (right) with a plaque. Trumbull looks on. Miss Patel has contributed over 450 hours of volunteer service to Union Hospital since July 1, 1995, which is more than any other Junior volunteer from Union Township.

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Information station "One Stop Shop" at Union Customer Information Center



At the county Customer Service Information Center in Westfield, the freeholders sponsored an open house to showcase the programs and resources available to county residents. Here, Runnells Specialized Hospital nurse Rose Druffner checks Freeholder Donald Goncalves' blood pressure, as Information Center Office Manager Florence Wright looks on. The center is located at 300 North Ave. East and is open Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Composer's musical technology spans generations

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

In the computerized world we live in, it is still amazing what can be accomplished sitting in front of a keyboard and monitor — such as producing a popular jazz music CD and winning a Billboard charts award for original songwriting. Joe Kurasz has accomplished these feats and more from behind a computer in his second studio in Rahway, and has plans to make even more inroads into the smooth jazz music genre with his combination of live sound and computerized production.

A native of Linden, Kurasz comes by his talent naturally, as his musical family would often use holiday gatherings as an excuse for improvisation jam sessions.

"I've been studying since age 3. Everybody in the family played. To me, it was great, because I didn't feel like I had to learn, because when the family would get together to have a good time, everybody would play. And so I grew up seeing that it was just a fun thing."

Kurasz studied classical music until age 10, when a cousin introduced him into the world of jazz, and fostered Kurasz's love relationship with his favorite instrument, the Hammond B3 piano.

"My cousin came over and showed me a Jimmy Smith album, and he is a great jazz organist, who played the B3. I listened to it, and I was just learning music, the standard way to read, but I knew there was other things to it. When I listened to the Jimmy Smith album I just went nuts. I was listening to a song called 'Tequila,' and he took that song and started to do all kinds of things to it. He was improvising. Then I picked up some

Maynard Ferguson albums and John Coltrane, and you could see there was a whole different way of music, a whole new way to create and have your own identity by improvising."

Kurasz's musical studies went in a different direction at this point. Although continuing to study the basics, the concept of incorporating his own creative spin on his style was never far from his mind.

Kurasz moved to Rahway 14 years ago. His current recording studio on St. Georges Avenue was originally an advertising agency, where the producer/composer created jingles and music for broadcast ads. The rest of the live audience drew him, however, out of the studio and into the challenge of performing. Kurasz and wife Patricia traveled and performed for almost 10 years.

"We performed in bands, and then just my wife and myself, we traveled as a two-piece. I played keyboards and sang and my wife Patricia is an excellent choreographer, singer, dancer, a good front person on stage. But on the road I was able to do a lot of writing. I kept you focused. I would play at night and write in the day. I got me all these songs that I'm doing now."

And inevitably, Kurasz, who described himself as "a local guy," brought his writings back home and reestablished his ad agency as a recording studio. In between occasional local appearances, he focused on putting a creative spin on the production side, utilizing the latest in musical recording software. "The past five years of steady studio work has made Kurasz a Billboard award for songwriting in 1994, a successful electronically-produced CD, and a more recent attempt to combine live



Joe Kurasz will perform with the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra on Sunday at 3 p.m.

music with computerized tracking. Both recordings have been very well received in the recording industry. "I did a lot of work producing, and a lot of people said, 'Gee, your music sounds pretty good.' Billboard runs a songwriting competition, so I decided to test the waters. They have a top 2000 Honorable Mention, and I figured if I could get into the top 2000 in the country, then my songs might be pretty good."

Obviously Billboard considered Kurasz's composition to be more than "pretty good," as "Just A Simple Song," featured on his most recent release, was voted Number One in the jazz division.

Kurasz reported that nearly 8 months went by between submitting

the entry and being notified of the contest results. The composer used that time to produce his first CD, "Simply On The Move," an experiment in electronically-oriented jazz. "I did everything on the electronic equipment, to show how you can sit and write on the computer and do a lot of your own production."

The technology that allows Kurasz to work his musical wonders is manufactured by MIDI technology, which stands for Musical Instrument Digital Interface. Kurasz reported that the cables connecting instruments to the computer allow the system to act as both a synthesizer and a recorder.

"The MIDI doesn't record the sounds, it records the information, just like a player piano would. It records how hard I'm hitting the keys, how light, what the actual note is, and then you can play it back in the computer. The computer will play back the information and play the actual instrument."

"What this does is it allows you to do a lot of pre-production work. It's a lot of work producing, and if you're going to the studio and you just have an idea of what you think you're going to accomplish, sometimes it doesn't work out that way. Then you end up compromising and the final product might be not what you really envisioned. When you do go to the studio, you can say to everybody, 'This is exactly how I want it to go,' and even though the musicians might change it a little bit, it's not changing too much from the whole."

Another way the computer-generated music assists in music production is through automatically transcribing music played into written form, saving the time usually spent composing by hand.

Kurasz is a strong believer in the utility of synthesized sound. "You look at rap today, you look at punk, R&B, they're using a lot of electronic sounds in the makeup of their sound. This generation is used to

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Members exhibition held in Westfield

One hundred artists and gallery visitors attended the opening reception April 6 for Westfield Art Association's 73rd Annual "Members' Watercolor, Graphics, and Photography Exhibition." The exhibition is held in the Westfield Community Room at 425 East Broad St. President Barbara Schwin and Exhibit Chairperson Linda Kolar presented awards for fifteen works selected by Judge Sally Spofford.

"Palette Place," a large watercolor by Diana Wilcox Patton of Bridgewater, won the Norman Webb Memorial Award as Best in Show.

Four Awards of Excellence were presented to Reginald Miniman of Springfield for her brights for her watercolor, "Knob Appeal"; Frances Maurer of Dunellen for her watercolor, "Still Life with Purple"; and Burton Longenech of Westfield for his watercolor, "Quelque Belle Journée."

Four Awards of Merit went to Audrey Wresnig of Basking Ridge for her watercolor, "The Hissing Sheaf"; David Karkwood of Westfield for his color photograph, "Dew Drop Inn"; Rose Marie Gatto of Cranford for her watercolor, "The Building," and Sheila Lengua of Union for her black-and-white photograph, "Reflections on a Harley."

Six artists were selected for Honorable Mention, including: Hella Batta of Union for her watercolor, "Bear Deck"; Sally Hitts of Westfield for her color photograph, "Tranquil Bench"; Ralph Garofalo of Warren for his watercolor, "The Clammer"; and Lynn Nicotelli of North Brunswick for her abstract watercolor, "Indian Summer."

Half of the 72 artworks in the exhibit are done in water-based media, and almost a fourth are photographs. The rest represent a variety of printmaking and drawing strong contrasts. Styles range from carefully-rendered realism to complete abstraction. Remaining gallery hours are tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Gallery 37 exhibit to feature a 'new' art form

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Throughout the centuries, the human form has been considered to be a thing of beauty, worthy of the attention of famous painters. Modern photography has begun to put a new spin on this old tradition with the introduction of full body photography, an aesthetic interpretation of the human body. Union actor/model Angelo DiCaprio is one of the first "subjects" to take advantage of this artistic style, and is marketing his physique to a new clientele of art lovers who take full body photography — and DiCaprio's body — quite seriously.

DiCaprio was introduced in the Nov. 21, 1996 issue of Worrall Community Newspapers. Known in his hometown of Union as A.J. Campo, DiCaprio was a member of the male revue, "Centerfolds." He was enthusiastic about the fact that revealing the male physique in a tasteful and professional manner was a viable form of entertainment, not to be relegated to the category of indecent exposure. DiCaprio is even more serious about the kind of exposure he is getting these days. Having engaged in "body sculpting," as he calls his nutrition and workout method, since his college days, DiCaprio is now ready to pre-

sent himself to the world — as an art form.

"I was always doing the modeling thing, and there came a time when I just said I need to focus more on that, rather than the male dancing end. After three years in that, it's time to move on," DiCaprio said.

Interested in the concept of full body photography, DiCaprio contacted John Falocco, a fine art and fashion photographer with 20 years of experience capturing the beauty of the male physique on film. DiCaprio had previously shied away from an offer from Playgirl magazine to appear in a centerfold layout because the image did not project the tasteful image the magazine had defined for himself.

DiCaprio gained confidence in Falocco's approach and experience, and not only signed with the photographer for body prints, but also posed for one full frontal nude shot.

"John has photographed famous models from all over the world. He just has a way of capturing the body between shadowing and different angles, different poses that he has you do, that is very artistic. You know I turned down Playgirl, we talked about that last time, and I would never do anything nude or semi-nude unless it was very classy and done very tastefully," DiCaprio said.

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Taurus

April 21-May 21

Things aren't as they seem and your sixth sense is sending you signals. Pay attention. Reexamining a special occasion will make a friend or family member very happy. Long-distance communication could be just the news you are waiting for. Stick to diet plans.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

Pay attention to details and fine print; others may not share your honest approach. Watch your back — someone you see as an ally has his or her own agenda. A friend or family member may expect something for

nothing. Trust your intuition and don't give in.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Your good ideas bubble over; be sure to get things on paper so you'll remember everything. A short trip or excursion could help you keep things in perspective and brighten your outlook. Hold off on major purchases, but treat yourself to a small indulgence; you've earned it.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 23

Listen carefully and read between the lines. Others aren't telling every thing they know. Personal and professional obligations may disrupt your usual routine, but change can be beneficial. Work demands pile up, but you'll be able to handle things and will come out on top.

Virgo

Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You and a partner or friend work well together and accomplish a lot, but you shouldn't get overconfident. Don't be put off by financial concerns or a pressing bill. An older person offers guidance, and support comes from an unexpected source. You'll get

some new ideas to better use what is available.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Trust your head over your heart right now. Pass up the chance for a behind-the-scenes encounter; it's not worth the personal and professional price. Helping a friend could pay off in the long run, but be careful not to promise too much. Be receptive to new ideas and alternative methods.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Your confidence hits a peak and obstacles just seem to melt away. You're feeling better about things and it shows. A friend or relative may offer a unique way of looking at a problem. Don't neglect paperwork, and make sure forms are filled out completely for best results.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Past experiences could shed light on current problems. Ask the right questions, and you'll get the answers you need to make the correct decision. Walk softly and do more listening than talking. Now is the time to wait things out. Your sensitive side is showing.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

What seem like obstacles can become stepping stones if you stay focused on your goal. Someone is watching out for you, though you may not be aware of it. Get professional advice before making a move that could turn out costly. Take time out for yourself and you'll get an unexpected benefit.

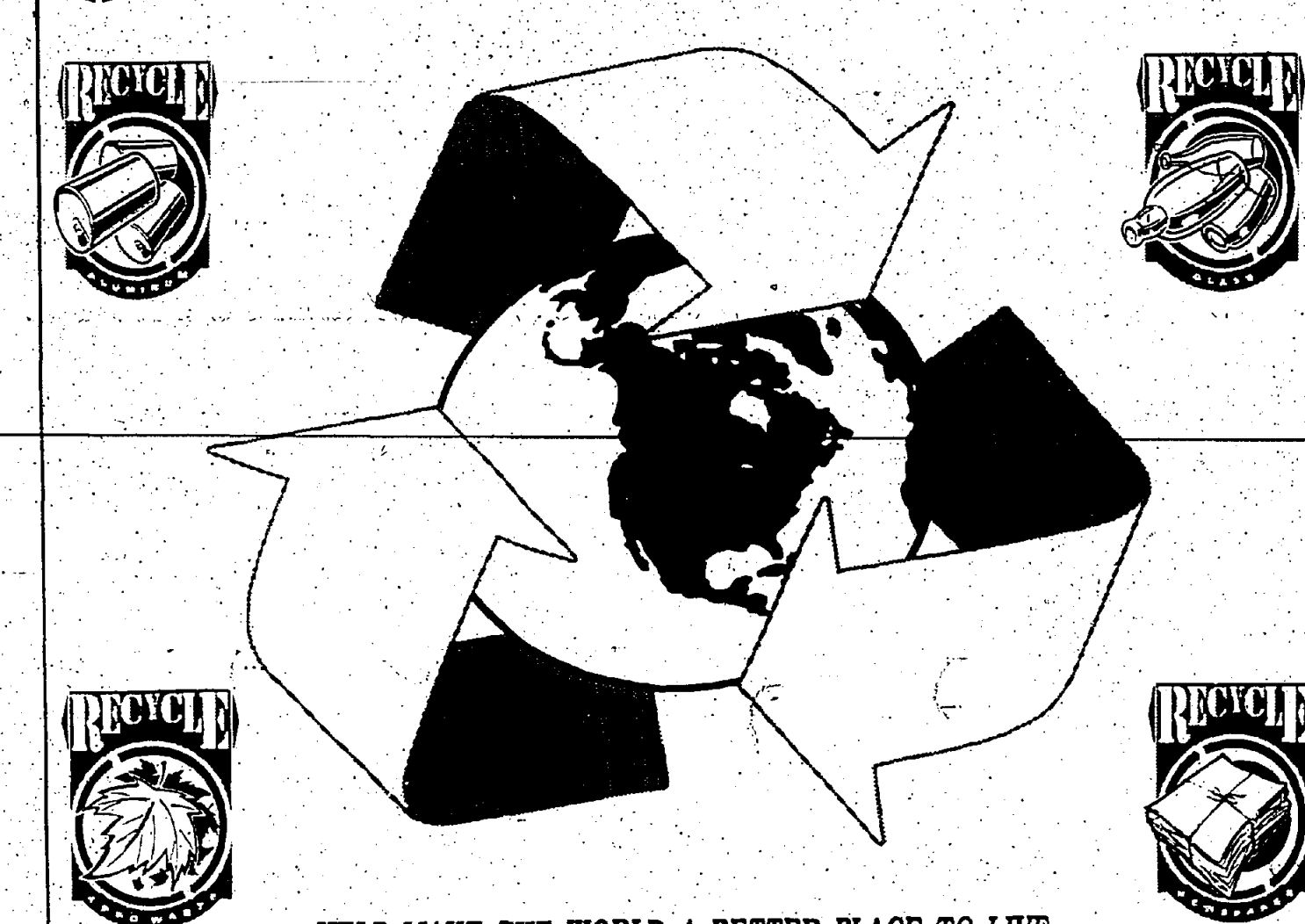
Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A small, thoughtful gesture on your part means a lot to a friend or relative. Planning pays off — even though you may have to wait to see the results. Don't rush things; patience can be a big asset right about now. Someone you consider neutral is actually on your side.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Good deeds come back for you; those you helped in the past return the favors when you need them. Perseverance pays, to forge ahead with projects and tasks that need to get done. Make special plans now for best results. Creativity and enthusiasm are spotlighted, particularly in a group setting.

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Arts Council member to be honored at award ceremony

Individuals, corporations and foundations that have made a substantial contribution of goods, services or funding in support of New Jersey's professional theaters will be applauded on Monday at the New Jersey Theatre Group's 30th Annual Applause Awards. Held at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, the event begins at 6 p.m. and features entertainment from five of the state's professional theaters: American Stage Co., ArtsPower, Forum Theater Group, Paper Mill Playhouse and Puckat Players.

"The Applause Awards is a way for the state's professional, not-for-profit theaters to publicly thank those individuals, corporations and foundations that have made significant contributions — whether it be the donation of time, goods, services or funding — which have directly impacted the theaters," said Laura Aden, executive director of the Theatre Group, the statewide alliance of New Jersey's Professional Theaters. "Those honored at the Applause Awards stand the important role theater plays in improving the quality of life within our state and go out of their way to support these important cultural organizations."

Aside from the 15 theaters presenting individual Applause Awards, the evening also includes the presentation of the New Jersey Theatre Group Star Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to New Jersey's entire professional theater community. The 1997 Star Award will be presented to Sharon Hargrave.

"For eight years, Sharon was a dedicated member of the New Jersey State Arts Council serving as chairperson for two terms," said Aden. "During her time on the council, Sharon was, and continues to be, an eloquent, passionate and dedicated advocate for the arts. On any given evening, Sharon can be seen attending a symphony, ballet or theater event. It is because of her uncompromising support of New Jersey's professional theater community that we present her with this year's Star Award."

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ART SHOWS

A SPECTRUM OF ART WORKS, paintings by Grace Shapke, will be presented at the Les Mamelot Art Gallery in the Union Library through today. The Union Library is located on Morris Avenue near Friburger Park, Union. For information, call (908) 686-0420 or (908) 686-4536.

CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL

ACACIA, a solo exhibit by artist Robert A. Ross, will be presented at the Watchung Arts Center through Tuesday. He will feature about 30 religious works done over the past seven years.

The works are done in a unique oil pastel scratch board technique, not often used, where the artist scrapes into a base coat of fluorescent and iridescent color. The subjects concentrate on popular Christian themes, such as crucifixion and resurrection, with emphasis on figures and vivid colors.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Ridge. Gallery hours are weekdays and Saturdays from 11 to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

will present an exhibition featuring the fine art photography of James Humphries, the watercolor of Flor Rosenberg and works in various media by Jean Buckley throughout April. The exhibit is open to the public free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visitors are requested to use the hospital's ambulance entrance. All artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale benefits the hospital. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Montclair.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation is pleased to present a photographic exhibit by two Polish artists, Slawo Dufiel and Marek Szynk, through April 30.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public Monday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday - Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information, contact Aleksandra Nowak at (908) 382-7197.

WORKS ON PAPER, an exhibition of the work of artist Anne Harrison and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be displayed at the Watchung Arts Center through April 30.

Harrison employs both color and movement in order to create a conversation with the viewer through paintings and prints.

Schneider's exhibit includes a variety of printmaking techniques as well as mixed media pieces.

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SEASONAL IMAGES, a solo exhibit by Louis Lanzetta, will be on display at Swan Galleries in Plainfield through May 2. Subject matter includes the Jersey shore.

The show continues weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swan Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

NEW JERSEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY exhibition of works will be on display at the Rineer Foundation Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse through May 25. The exhibit features a representative cross section of the many diverse approaches to the medium of watercolor.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from one hour before performances through intermission and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. All art is available for purchase. For more information, call (201) 379-3636, ext. 2272.

BARON ARTS CENTER will present an exhibit by Woodbridge Township High School through tomorrow.

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STATIONS, a Spring photo show, will open at Gallery 37 in Summit on Saturday and run through Sunday. The show will feature mixed media and black-and-white and color photography. A reception for the artists will be held on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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THE LETTERMEN

return to Union County Arts Center on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Lettermen were famous for their renditions of famous 50s tunes "The Way You Look Tonight," "When I Fall in Love," "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," "Hurt So Bad" and "Shangri-La." The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets are \$35, \$24 and \$19. For tickets and information, call (908) 499-8226.

AUDITIONS

STONY HILL PLAYERS is looking for two men for "A Wedding," a one-act play as part of "99 Crickets" production to be performed weekends from May 9 - 24. Characters are a telegraph clerk, age to be determined, and a salesman, or call Director Phil Dolan at (908) 753-2993.

IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE, an original anti-drug, anti-violence musical stage show by Kids for Kids will hold auditions for youths and adults on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The concert will take place at the Unitarian Church in Summit, located at 4 Walden Ave. For information, call (908) 273-3545.

CALVARY CHORALE will present "And Curlew and Friends" on Sunday at 4 p.m. Curlew's soprano solo will assemble a group of singers for opera, leader, Broadway and more. A free will offering will be accepted.

The concert will take place at Calvary Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Woodland and "Barnes" avenues in Summit. For information, call (908) 277-1547.

CARNIVAL OF MUSIC will be presented by New Jersey State Museum Planetarium on Friday and Saturday through May 11. Programs include "Laser Beats," "Laserpolo," "Laser Smashing Pumpkins," "Pink Floyd - The Wall," "Laser Show," and "Laser Motown."

The program is a series of musical performances, including a puppet show, narrated by Andy the Clown, and the world premiere of "Across the Generations," a song written specially for the orchestra by composer Joe Kurase of Rahway.

A pre-performance instrument petting zoo will be held at 2:30 p.m. for children of all ages.

The concert will be held at Cranford High School, located on West End Avenue in Cranford. For information, call (908) 561-3802.

TEMPLE SHOLOM will present Margaret Swachukoff's "Tune and Rhythm" on Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Temple Sholom is located at 515 West 7th St., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-4447.

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INDIAN DANCE WORKSHOP with Pránsati Prasad Dances will be held at the YMCA in Summit tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The Y is located at the corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street in Summit. For information, call (201) 467-8278.

DANCE IN THE PARK, a presentation by The Westfield Dance Company, will be held at the Westfield Dance Company, located at 205 W. State St., Trenton. For information, call (609) 232-6333.

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NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY audition brochures for the 1997-98 music season are now available. The Symphony is composed of four orchestras: a flute choir and training groups of musically talented students between the ages of 8 and 18. Private study on an orchestra instrument is a requirement for program participants.

Auditions will take place at the United Methodist Church in Summit from June 2 to 13 through private appointments. Beginning, class lessons are being offered. For information or an audition brochure, call (908) 771-5544.

SPARTAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, a newly formed theater group, will be presenting a Shakespeare production and a classical Greek production this summer at the Amphitheater at the V.A. Hospital in Lyons. Needed are directors, actors, choreographers and all technical personnel. All positions are volunteer.

For further information, contact Nick Tormetta at (201) 762-4221.

SANGERCHOIR men's chorus rehearses Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4900.

CONCERTS

BARNES AND NOBLE bookstore in Springfield will present "Blues, Bops and Bunny Hops," a concert by Guitar Bob Messina, on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Donald Lokuta, left, reviews artwork by students at Kean College's Department of Technology, along with Marc Appenzato of Rahway, center, and Nicole Maree of Plainfield, right.

Kean professor arranges student photography exhibit

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

Donald Lokuta, a young artist and photographer, who has a full professorship at Kean College of New Jersey, Union, has arranged for his students in the Department of Technology to exhibit their photographs at the Les Maitani Art Gallery in the Union Library, Friberger Park, from Saturday through June 12.

Lokuta had a similar exhibition for his students at the gallery years ago, which had been so successful that Shirley Gray at the gallery suggested a repeat performance. "I spoke to Shirley and to Joanne Chubakowski," Lokuta said, "and they were committed to the gallery." He said during a visit to this office last week, "Shirley actually arranged the show and she and the other committee people were responsible for putting on the show. We'll have our reception on opening day, April 26, from 3 to 5 p.m."

And Lokuta, who has a PhD from the Ohio State University, a master's degree from Montclair State College, and a bachelor of arts degree from Newark State College, now Kean, recipient of eight grants for his photography, writer and co-writer of three books on photography and many articles, knows what it's like having an exhibition. He has had numerous one-man, group, private and public exhibitions throughout the country.

"The gallery offered me space for a month for people I've had in my classes within the last year or so," Lokuta explained proudly. "Most of the students come from Union County." Among them are Joseph Schwartz, Kevin DeCassia and Shirley Gray, all of whom have exhibited their work in Lokuta's gallery.

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Composer incorporates 'The Elements of Style'

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that kind of sound. People over the past several years are playing video games and are used to that wild electronic sound, and it's being incorporated into music as a new sound, a new instrument. I'm sure the masters — Bach, Beethoven, — if they had a computer, they would be right in the middle of it seeing what it does, how it can help, and they wouldn't shy away from it."

While singing the praises of music technology, Kuraz is quick to point out that live elements are still an integral part of jazz.

"It's not a cure-all," said the composer. "Everything's high-tech today, but you don't want to swing too far to one side, and that's what happened with the technology. When this first came out, everybody jumped on it and tried to work with it, and everything went too electronic. And so you're trying to find the best of both worlds."

And the best of both worlds, according to Kuraz, is the smooth jazz sound, a hybrid of electronic and traditional jazz. His second release, "The Elements of Style," is Kuraz's attempt to incorporate all the elements of modern jazz music with a classic sound.

"I wanted to add the elements, such as the Hammond B3, the icon for the jazz organ sound, and the grand piano, that were lacking in my first CD," Kuraz said. "I'm constantly trying to improve myself."

His abilities can earn extra income. Advertising the computer while at a party by calling 1-800-564-8911.

Art award winners announced

The Westfield Art Association announces the award winners from their 22nd Annual Oil, Pastel and Sculpture Member Exhibition.

• Kathryn and Daniel Bush Award. Kathleen Thompson.

• Catherine Barnett and Fred Sizer Award. Thomas Bradley.

• Awards of Excellence were presented to: Helene Brant, Marilyn Ostroff Nelson, Hella Ballin, S. Allyn Schaeffer.

• Awards of Merit were received by: Terri Marsala, Gladys Reimers, Edmund Spino and Violet Brennan.

• Honorable Mentions were given to: Ralphetta Johnston, Burton Longenecker, Richard Groynovitch, Steve Tomasky, Alice Regan, Fran Azara, Gloria Wallace and Robert Lee.

The show was judged by artist and educator Edith Anderson Feiner.

Members show on display at Paper Mill

The Renee Fossamer Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse again welcomes the New Jersey Watercolor Society and its exhibition of works by elected members. On display through May 25, this showcase provides a venue through which the Society can fulfill its objectives: secure a membership of professional watercolorists, provide an exhibition of works of exceptional quality and further the public knowledge and appreciation of this medium.

Founded by a group of 12 artists during a meeting at the Montclair Art Museum in 1938, NJWCS is one of the oldest in the country celebrating watercolor. It has grown to include more than 125 full members, from throughout the state.

The juried exhibition on view in Paper Mill's gallery offers a representative cross section of the many diverse approaches to the medium of watercolor. The works on display reflect a wide variety of interests and ideas, as different as the artists who create them.

The Renee Fossamer Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse is open Wednesday through Sunday, from one hour before performances through the intermission and on Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. All art in the exhibit is available for purchase. Parking and admission is free, and visitors do not need a ticket to a Paper Mill performance to gain entry to the gallery. For more information, call (201) 379-8536 ext. 2272.

Model markets himself as an art form

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fully. The way John does his photographs is very tasteful."

The newest approach to the promotion of full body photography is the display of these prints in art galleries. Gallery 37 in Summit will host an exhibition of several photographic artists from Saturday through May 3, and Falocco's shots of DiCaprio will be included.

"We're going to put a more fine art twist on it," said DiCaprio. "There's not that many models that specifically gear themselves toward fine art, where you get together with a film crew and a location and a good photographer and you take some really hot shots, and they're actually sold and framed as numbered pieces in galleries."

Falocco is pleased at the opportunity to work with DiCaprio. "I think he has a great potential physique, so I knew I would get some great shot. And he's easy to work with, he has a great personality. I think a lot of that comes through."

Falocco has more than his share of experiences with models, as he's been doing body shots for 18 years. His photographs, which reflect a strong classical style, have appeared in many fashion and exercise magazines, such as "Glamour," "Men's Exercise" and "The Zoli Guide for the Total Man."

"I think I'm able to do a good job at what I do and I enjoy this type of work," said the photographer. "I've been doing this for 18 years, and I've learned a lot about the human body and how to make it look like a work of art."

DiCaprio's work, many people are getting to know DiCaprio. So who is this man whose physique caught the eye of his famous photographer?

A former Wall Street executive, DiCaprio took to the modeling and fitness circuit after the most recent stock market crash put him out of a job. His body became his calling card, and a strict regimen of diet and exercise eventually resulted in the product DiCaprio is now promoting.

But DiCaprio is most excited about the Gallery 37 exhibit. A reception, where guests may meet the artists and the model, will be held Sunday at 7 p.m.

"So far, there's a tremendous response to the photographs," said DiCaprio.

"I could get up in front of a thousand people and perform, and not even break a sweat, but put me in front of a camera and I get nervous because you're looking at an inanimate object. You're not getting any feedback from it. When I was on stage and I did something and people screamed and booed and yelled, you knew you did it right, you knew you did it. You don't know until after those pictures are printed if you hit it, so it's a whole new thing."

Art enthusiasts will get an opportunity to see DiCaprio and Falocco's efforts have "hit it" when they stop in to Gallery 37 from Saturday through May 3. Also participating in the exhibition and available at Saturday's reception will be photographers Lynne Augeri, Robert Greco, Vess Pitts, Judy Schlusser, Thom Vogel, Joseph Zolfo, Tim McNary and Karl Billard. Gallery 37 is located at 37 Union Place in Summit. For information, call (908) 277-3332.

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Home decor is made in the shade

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Accessories is in, and Shades 'N Things in Union might have just the thing to update your home decor. With a large showroom filled with unique decorative items, more accessories can help customers accessorize their homes.

According to Barbara Kotlow of Shades 'N Things, the showroom contains everything from prints, mirrors, and candleholders to flower arrangements, and silk trees and plants — and, of course, shades.

To help customize each customer's look, the store provides complete in-window treatments. Many accessories in styles ranging from country to contemporary to traditional are available in the showroom.

Shades 'N Things has been located at 2064 Morris Ave. in Union since 1977. For information, call the store at (908) 686-5661.

Paying attention to detail helps personalize decor

In the past, the trend in home decorating was uniformity and formality. Today, when decorating the home, people are encouraged to use a mixture of styles and periods and to express their own personal style.

"American Country Details," Clarkson Potter, by Mary Emmertling, provides home decorators with hundreds of country decorating ideas, as well as more than 550 photographs of these ideas.

The country decorating encyclopedia and handbook tells the secrets of good design by focusing on important elements. Complete with a directory of sources, this book helps do-it-yourself decorators turn plain objects and areas of the house into pretty ones.

The author suggests using every day, all-purpose items that are affordable and easy to find for decorating the home. Bowls, baskets, jugs and jars often are used to hold and store such items as mail, eggs, fruit and keys. However, these containers offer a decorative alternative to drawers and bins and can enhance the decor of any home.

Assorted bowls, crocks, baskets and buckets placed around the house not only keep things organized, but also enhance the decor of any home.

People should remember to avoid preconceived notions of how the decor should look and experiment with items to arrive at an arrangement that is pleasing, comfortable and spontaneous. Decorating is easier than people think, and successful results will be shared with everyone who visits.

Country charm comes out of woodwork

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Looking to add a little country charm to your home this season? Stop in to see Debbie Dobrajac at Woodwork & Tile, conveniently located on St. George Avenue in Rahway. As described by Debbie herself,

this store has "a little bit of everything" you need to add a country tone to your home.

Woodwork & Tile provides hand-made pine and oak items, such as tables, curio and china cabinets, and buffets, as well as entertainment units and benches.

Woodwork & Tile is located at 978 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. The store is open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment. For information, call (908) 815-1123.

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By R. J. Lehmann
Staff Writer

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Union resident elected to AHA Board

Union resident Michael Bono has been elected to the American Heart Association, Union County Division Board of Directors, representing the American Heart Association, Union County Division, and vice president of patient services for St. Elizabeth Hospital. Bono, who has been personally touched by heart disease, will help provide leadership to the American Heart Association, Union County Division, in the fight against New Jersey's number one killer — heart disease.

Bono is senior vice president of First Community Bank in Union Township, the executive director of the Linden Economic Development Corp. and a former mayor of Union. He has been an American Heart Association volunteer for about two years and will be encouraged to "step over" if they, or the child, so desire.

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Moore entertainment



Joining actor and musician Dudley Moore to plan the April 19 Carnegie Hall/Tavern on the Green benefit for Music For All Seasons are, from left, Katherine Sabatino of Westfield and Bruce Dickinson of Mountainside. New Jersey-based Music For All Seasons brings live musical performances to residents of hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, children's hospitals, prisons and psychiatric centers. This season the organization is presenting over 100 performances in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and California. The April 19 benefit featured Dudley Moore narrating "Peter and the Wolf."

New pediatric unit under construction

St. Elizabeth Hospital nears completion of construction of a six-bed inpatient Pediatric Unit that will open this Spring. The plans to open the pediatric unit were approved through the State of New Jersey's Certificate of Need process. Bed size for the unit is determined based on trends in bed utilization and length of stay for pediatric patients in the hospital's demographic area.

Planned for location on the seventh floor of the North Wing, the unit will have secure doors where visitors to the unit are buzzed onto the floor. The pediatric unit is being designed for a child's point-of-view with a low-walled play area located in full observation from the nurses' station. The low walls, designed so that little ones can easily see into an area, are repeated around the nurse's station. The corridors and rooms will be furnished in light-colored woods and brightly decorated in themes pleasing to children. Room furniture will include cribs and youth beds. In order to lessen the child's anxiety of separation, parents will be allowed 24-hour access to the pediatric unit and will be encouraged to "sleep over" if they, or the child, so desire.

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Geriatric program focuses on accurate diagnoses

"Common emotional and mental disturbances in the elderly are often mistaken either for physical illness or old age," says Edward Kim, M.D., medical director of the new Geriatric Psychiatry Program at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. "Such misdiagnosis," Dr. Kim continues, "may lead to complications of inappropriate medical treatments or increasing disability from treatable psychiatric conditions."

The Geriatric Psychiatry Program, part of the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, covers a full spectrum of services to treat individuals with a variety of conditions such as depression, dementia and age-related neurological conditions such as stroke and Parkinson's disease. Because advancing age leads to greater variability of needs between individuals, the program includes three Clinical Tracks to provide an appropriate level of care to each individual.

• Track 1 patients include "older adults" who live independently and are often still employed. These individuals may develop symptoms of depression, memory loss or other psychological problems. Treatment focuses on decision-making, personal management and coping strategies to help patients regain their autonomy.

• Track 2 patients have moderate cognitive, social or physical impairment which makes them more dependent upon the support of others. Treatment includes careful assessment of their capacity to perform activities of daily living, and the development of compensatory strategies or home health services where needed. Family support, education and counseling is an important part of the therapy.

• Track 3 patients usually require placement in a residential facility, and often suffer from advanced dementia. Treatment often involves a combination of medication, creation of a soothing living environment, and calming therapeutic activities.

Patients are cared for by an interdisciplinary team including geriatricians, registered nurses certified in geriatrics, psychologists and occupational therapists. The team is led by Dr. Kim, who is board certified in psychiatry with added qualifications in geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Kim previously was an assistant professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior in the University of California at San Diego. He is currently a faculty member at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Care for patients requiring hospitalization is provided in a 15-bed section of the hospital's Center for Psychiatry. A geriatric partial hospitalization program located at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston will open in the spring of 1997 to serve the needs of patients requiring less intensive treatment.

This program also provides a transition into the community following discharge from the hospital. In addition, the office-based outpatient care is offered in a collaborative relationship with local primary care physicians to provide consultation and management of chronic medical and psychiatric conditions. In all cases, families and other significant caregivers are considered an important part of the treatment process. The staff works with caregivers to develop a plan that will best serve the patient's medical, psychological and social needs.

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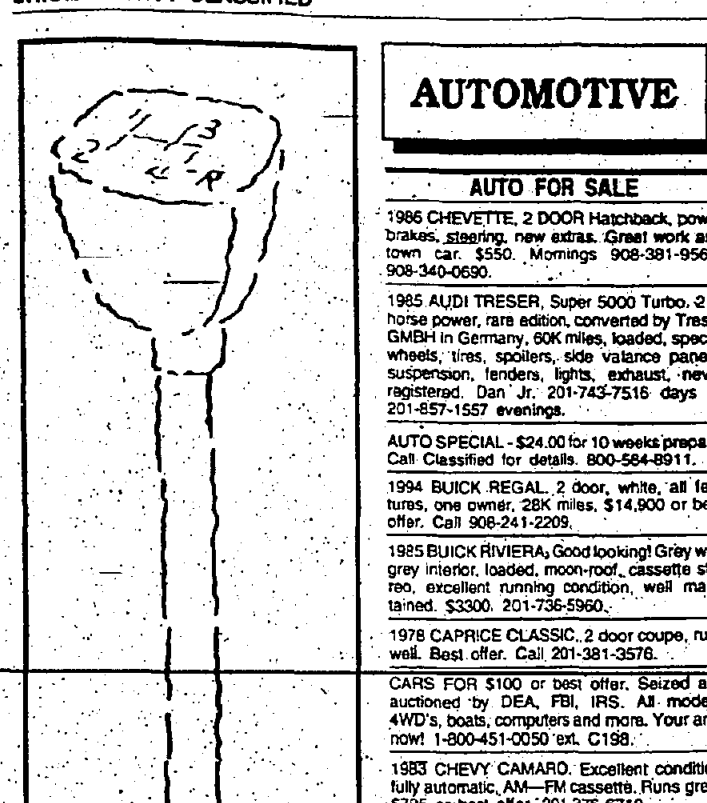
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