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UCUA escapes fines for iodine burning

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throwing them out with the garbage. Normally, said Nohoy, it is put in a radioactive storage facility, where it can break down into other substances safely. When it is deemed safe, it is burned in Merck's own incinerator. According to Neil Sheehan of the NRC, the combined radioactivity of the two vials — 0.88 millicuries or 880 microcuries — would not be enough to affect the health of a human being.

According to Sheehan, it would take a dose of 10,000 to 200,000 microcuries of iodine-125 before it started to affect a person's health and the function of the thyroid gland. Sheehan added that, once the iodine was burned, it would be diluted after leaving the incinerator's smokestack. It would therefore not give a "significant" dose of radiation to residents off the site.

Carson contacted at a time that 880 microcuries was a small amount.

City plants trees in downtown area

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including those from plants, in the search for new drugs. This was done by merck, spinners and Laxol, a breast and ovarian cancer drug, were found.

"I go down to Central America three or four times a year and it's always heartbreaking to see the forest cut down — destroyed, basically — for an economic benefit that lasts for one year and then is totally gone," he said.

A number of fish, seventh and eighth grades from the Intermediate School who attended the ceremony in the cemetery, also received their own tree seedlings.

"You may not realize this, but the tree that you got today, when you plant it, will grow. It will grow right along with them," said Kennedy.

Kennedy had done some planning of his own in his youth, when he helped to plant 100 trees in the downtown area.

"When you have a bad storm, you lose one, it really gets you," he said. "It's really personal."

That is the reason for the nursery, said Bob Gregory of the Volunteer Focus Group. He and the landscaping firm at Merck's campus have planted trees in numerous parks and around Rahway's public buildings since 1994, often with the help of Rahway's citizens.

Store construction remains unofficial

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having at Walgreens in Rahway, Brenner said. "They, any business meeting in Rahway is great. If we can get larger corporations, like Walgreens, to come to Rahway, that's great."

Brenner has children who go to Roosevelt School, which is right across the street from the site, but added that he did not have any concerns for their safety.

"From a safety standpoint, I don't see a problem with this," he said. "It's just a Walgreen's."

Hinckley had no real objections either. "I think it's good to have a store in there. I just think they are going to have their deliveries made some other way," he said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Rahway Progress to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to Rahway Progress, Attention: Chris Sarwal, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Concerned Citizens of Union County will meet at the JFK Community Center, 796 East Hazelwood Ave. in Rahway. For time call Bob Carson at 381-7259 or Kerri Blanchard at 396-3722.

Tomorrow
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May 8
• The Rahway Environmental Commission will meet in the second floor conference room of City Hall at 7 p.m.

May 13
• The Monthly Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Intermediate School cafeteria at 730 p.m.

May 18
• A Spring Bazaar will be held at the PNC Bank Arts Center. The cost is \$5 per person and the bus will leave the Rahway City Hall parking lot at 12:15 p.m. and will be returning approximately 5 p.m. For more information call 827-2016.

May 23
• There will be a Spring flea market and craft show sponsored by Rahway Boy Scout Troop 47 and vendors are needed. The show will be held at Roosevelt School on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the rain date is May 18. For more information call Dave at 381-8692 or Julia at 388-7268.

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RAHWAY PROGRESS - CLARK EAGLE

Permit denial may affect county

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer
Could the denial of a permit to a Newark sludge processing plant affect Union County?
That is what the Union County Concerned Citizens are saying. They, along with a number of other environmental groups from around the state, met at the Rahway Yacht Club in Rahway to discuss this, among other things, last week.

The Concerned Citizens are opposed to the UCUA incinerator in Linden — one a medical waste treatment facility by EarthCare Systems, the other a toxic waste incinerator by GAFISP. They said that their cause could be helped by the recent denial of a permit to a sludge processing plant in Newark.

According to Dennis Hart of the state Department of Environmental Protection, the permit, an operating permit, was denied to Wheelabrator Bio-Grow on Feb. 25.

The denial, according to Bob Carson of the Concerned Citizens, was based on "environmental justice and racism." According to Hart, this means that waste processing facilities like the Wheelabrator plant are usually built in areas where there are high percentages of minorities and people earning low incomes, although there are "no good specifics on environmental justice."

But Hart is not sure that environmental justice had much to do with the denial of the permit, although he did not rule it out.

Authority expands oil program

Union County Utilities Authority Chairman John G. Kulish announced that the UCUA has implemented a new Used Motor Oil Filter Collection Program in several municipalities throughout Union County.

This program was a natural extension of the existing UCUA Used Motor Oil Collection Program in which thirteen municipalities currently participate.

"Residents in the following municipalities can now drop off their used motor oil filters in addition to their used motor oil: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillsdale, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Kulish said.

The Authority has contracted with Clean Venture/Cycle Chem of Elizabeth to collect used motor oil as well as used oil filters. Residents can drop off their used filters at municipal designated sites where they are stored in steel drums.

The full drums are collected and sent to a processor who drains the remaining oil and recycles the filters and recycles both the oil and the metal.

Joseph A. Spatola, UCUA executive director said, "In addition to motor oil being a mandated recyclable in Union County, it is equally important to recycle used oil filters to keep our environment clean. One quart of used motor oil spilled in the drain can contaminate our precious source of drinking water."

Contact your Municipal Recycling Coordinator for the designated municipal location and hours for disposal of used motor oil and filters.

MAMMOS FOR MOMS
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In recognition of Mother's Day, the Mammography Center at Union Hospital is hosting a special month-long program in May. The Mammography Center, which provides mammography exams throughout the year, is offering community members the opportunity to make an appointment for an annual exam. During this special breast health awareness program, women are encouraged to visit the newly opened facility for a high quality mammogram. The Mammography Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are requested and can be made by calling (908) 851-7125.

Special parking and free refreshments will be available. Participants will also receive a variety of information on breast self-examination and breast health, as well as many more special gifts. Participants do not have to be a Mom to take advantage of this special event, anyone in need of an exam is welcome.

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• Storage of films in Union Hospital's Film Library
• Quality assurance testing performed on all equipment according to ACR guidelines

Most insurances are accepted at this Center. Those without insurance are encouraged to call and discuss other payment alternatives. A physician's prescription is required for an exam. Prescriptions can be faxed to the Center. The Mammography Center is conveniently located at Union Hospital, 1000 Gallatin Hill Road in Union. For more information, please call (908) 851-7125.

Anyone who does not currently have a primary care physician can call CenterFind, Union Hospital's physician referral service at (908) 686-8777 for help in finding a physician. The Family Health Center in Elizabeth, a Saint Barnabas Health Care System affiliate, can also provide those without a physician assistance in obtaining medical care; call (201) 289-4411 to make an appointment.

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Resident files law suit for December refinery accident

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer
A Linden resident is suing the Tosco oil refinery for damages that his home sustained in a December accident.

Vincent Cricchio is suing Tosco for \$10,000 because of the damage his sidewalk, property and the roof of his house sustained during an accident at the refinery that left parts of Linden, Clark, Rahway and Woodbridge.

The accident, which occurred on Dec. 11, resulted from a malfunction in a device known as a catalytic cracking unit. This device converts crude oil into usable compounds like gasoline and heating oil.

The malfunction "reportedly" resulted in the catalyst, alumina silicate, and a substance similar to heavy heating oil, being sprayed from the device's stack. This only came down on Linden and was reported from as far away as Woodbridge.

"I'm doing this for the principle," said Cricchio. "It's not for money; it's because these people think they can pollute the environment and do what they want." He added that he hoped for his suit to "open people's eyes."

Cricchio had originally sued for \$30,000 or three separate suits of \$10,000. Lawyers for Tosco reportedly tried to have this cut down to one suit on Friday because all three were almost identical. Cricchio was able to consolidate all three suits but in the process

When he got his information is hazy. According to Cricchio, he received it from the New Jersey Department of Health, the Linden Department of Health, the Linden Department of Health, the Linden Department of Health and the Linden Department of Health could not be reached for comment.

"What are the going to say?" he said. "They have their own interests to protect and their interest is to have this forgotten."

Cricchio also contended that the Department of Environmental Protection was pressing charges against Tosco. Don Paterson, a spokesperson for the DEP, did not rule out such an investigation but added, "Nothing immediate comes to mind. I'll have to check our records."

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Don't fall by the wayside

A bike path, which is being funded by a federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Act grant of \$75,000 for alternative transportation to mass transit, is currently being constructed in Rahway. When finished, it will be paved and will stretch from Rahway River Park to the downtown area, the site of the New Jersey Transit Station. This bike path will run along River Road from the park, crossing Whittier Street and Grand Avenue to Elizabeth Avenue, where it will feed into the downtown area.

Is this bike path being built only for the benefit of employees at the Merck & Co. facility located on the Linden-Rahway border? Although Mayor James Kennedy denies it, at least one city resident has accused the administration of creating the path so Merck & Co. executives could use it for their daily jogging exercise. Interestingly, this is one of many comments given by residents on the matter. Regardless of whether or not this accusation is true, installing this path has caused contradictory responses.

The mayor's claims make the prospect of installing the bike path seem inviting. Kennedy has been outspoken in projecting the path's development as one which will "enhance the city and provide improved views of the river." But if the path cuts through a number of people's back and side yards as it winds its way to the downtown area, there should be concern. Also, it is evident, at least from some residents' perspectives, that the people who will use the path will be unwanted in the neighborhood. Some say those who will patronize the path will be "up to no good" and law enforcement officers would be needed to patrol the area to ensure crime will not increase.

Citizens who do not support the path should speak out and raise any questionable issues to the city government. If the bike path is going to cause serious problems in the surrounding neighborhood, the construction should be aborted, at least until those issues are resolved. Without public debate, those who disapprove of the path will be unheard and democracy will fall by the path's wayside.

Follow what the state suggests

The Clark council's resolution asking the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to support the building of a exit/entrance ramp for the Garden State Parkway onto Inman Avenue in the Colonia section of Woodbridge has met opposition. The city of Rahway is one of the municipalities to stand in the way of any such construction.

It was done in a quiet fashion as the Rahway City Council passed the resolution along with the consent agenda, a list of legislative items deemed to be routine. But the resolution, passed at the City Council's last regular meeting, opposes what Clark Mayor Robert Ellenport has fought to implement for more than four years.

This particular resolution was pushed through without any comments from Rahway residents during the meeting's two "hearing of the public" portions. In fact, these included both the hearing of public comments on items on the agenda and the hearing of residents on the exit/entrance project. That there was no mention of why the city opposed the exit/entrance construction. After all, this has been a major issue for Clark because traffic is worsening and the township's congestion, especially at Parkway exit 135, is downright dangerous.

Even though the population in Woodbridge, Colonia, North Plainfield and Edison has exploded in recent years, there are still no exits from the Parkway between the Clark-Westfield exit at Exit 135 and the Woodbridge MetroPark exit at Exit 131, a stretch of 6 miles.

Why would Rahway stand in the way of a situation which would alleviate traffic near and around its border? Perhaps city residents enjoy bottlenecking on Westfield Avenue and the circle at exit 135 enroute to their homes. Or perhaps residents aren't even aware of the council's decision.

The Rahway City Council should reconsider its opposition to the exit/entrance construction and instead view its benefits. The state Department of Transportation study, which in conclusion suggested the construction, is proof that the local governments of Linden, Rahway and Woodbridge should support the exit/entrance construction.

"I take great strength from... knowing in my experience that the truth does emerge. It takes forever sometimes, but it does emerge. Any relaxation by the press will be extremely costly to democracy."

—Ben Bradlee, former Washington Post editor

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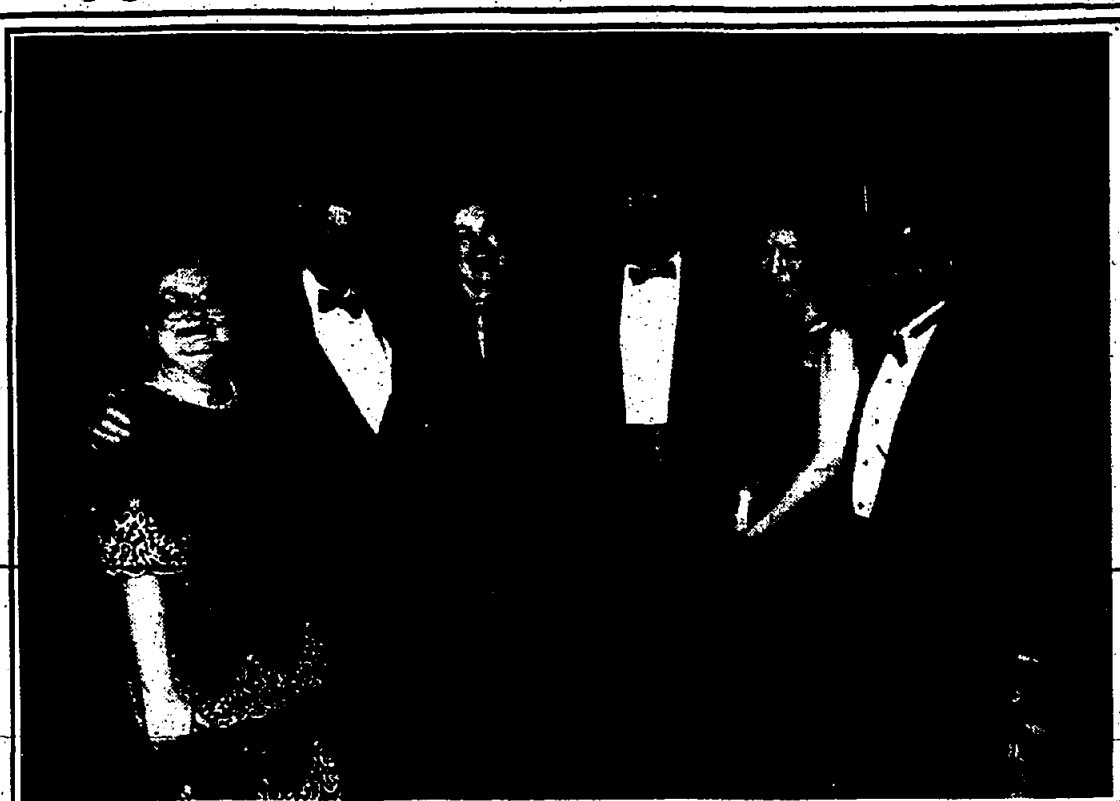
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BENEFIT FOR THE COMMUNITY
Members of the medical community gather for the eighth annual Rosa Ball Gala at the Hilton in Short Hills on Saturday to benefit the programs established by the Rahway Hospital Foundation. From left are Christine Kline, president of Rahway Hospital Auxiliary; Dr. and Mrs. John Sprowls, foundation trustees; Dr. John Kline, second vice chairman of the foundation; Michele Tang, chairman of the Rahway Hospital Foundation and her husband Dr. Michael Chen, vice chairman of the hospital's medical/dental staff.

For many, there really is no choice at all

I kept trying to write about Ellen DeGeneres until I had to realize how bored I was by the whole thing. DeGeneres was always a mildly amusing stand-up comic. I saw her sitcom once or twice by accident, found it less amusing than real life, and decided I would catch it if it was ever rerun at 11 p.m. on channel 5. If Ellen wants to come out because her show isn't very popular and she doesn't want to fake having a male love interest, I support her decision to let her TV character be a mirror of her true self.

Among the cast of the "coming out" episode, Laura Dem is beautiful, but she's rumored to be heterosexual in real life. Ellen would be stupid to turn down a chance to make out with her, even on TV.

I'd long had a hunch I'd ever since she sang the words "constant craving" 500 times in the same song. If it was a Bruce Springsteen fan, I'd suppose I'd enjoy Melissa Etheridge's uncanny imitations of him. Demi Moore? Sure if she brings along Bruce Willis in drag.

The whole "controversy" is cooked up for the edification of an American

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

middle class that can't seem to get used to the fact that those two women quietly walking their dog down a suburban street might be lesbians, and maybe they don't care if you know it or not.

Does she or doesn't she? Does he or doesn't he? These questions fuel nearly every TV drama, sitcom, and soft news program. We are a nation of window peepers living in an absurdly voyeuristic culture. When we get tired of hearing about Jack's baby, we're packers for the one about the 200 pound woman who married the 80 pound man.

Conservatives hold their hands over their eyes, but peek through their fingers to see what everyone else is looking at. Liberals smugly shrug their shoulders, talk about "lifestyles," and design a new slogan in which the last word must always be "pride."

Doesn't anyone see the political ordinariness of what Ellen DeGeneres is doing? Many gays and lesbians seem to see it, and Ellen's "coming out" episode provides a good excuse to get the two fringe items from the fringe and invite a few friends over for a TV party. Those parties will be no more or less interesting than any other party with a TV as the guest-of-honor.

Sometimes it's very discouraging to live in the United States in 1997. As a nation, we don't extend to our citizens the basic rights to food, shelter, and health care. With all of our wealth and power, we pretend we do not have the resources to overcome poverty and racism. We wear clothing made by slaves while greedy corporations hand out pink slips by the thousands and hedge politicians to shut up about it. Let's forget about those problems and watch TV. Let's see what Ellen is saying tonight.

By not extending federal legal protections to lesbians and gays, by not acknowledging the value and validity of domestic partnerships, and by holding on to strange generalizations and assumptions regarding the "lifestyle" of gays and lesbians, we impose hand-

icaps on them and on our society that should not exist at all, and need not exist.

Gays and lesbians are still persecuted in the courts of the United States, treated as pariahs and persecuted by our military services, and physically assaulted in our streets. It would happen to you. If you were gay or lesbian, you have two choices: Either you hide and make the best of what you can get when you wear a mask, or you stand up and demand that we citizens the basic rights to food, shelter, and health care. With all of our wealth and power, we pretend we do not have the resources to overcome poverty and racism. We wear clothing made by slaves while greedy corporations hand out pink slips by the thousands and hedge politicians to shut up about it. Let's forget about those problems and watch TV. Let's see what Ellen is saying tonight.

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EDUCATION

Smokowski prepares for more dance roles

Sixteen-year-old Clark resident Kristen Smokowski will be performing the role of prelude soloist in addition to dancing a pas de deux with the male lead in the classical ballet "Les Sylphides" presented by New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble.

Additionally, Kristen will dance in "Peter and the Wolf," a narrated contemporary dance piece that will also be presented with "Les Sylphides" at East Brunswick High School, Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, on May 10 at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets for these performances are \$10 adult and \$5 for students and seniors and can be obtained by calling 908-254-3233.

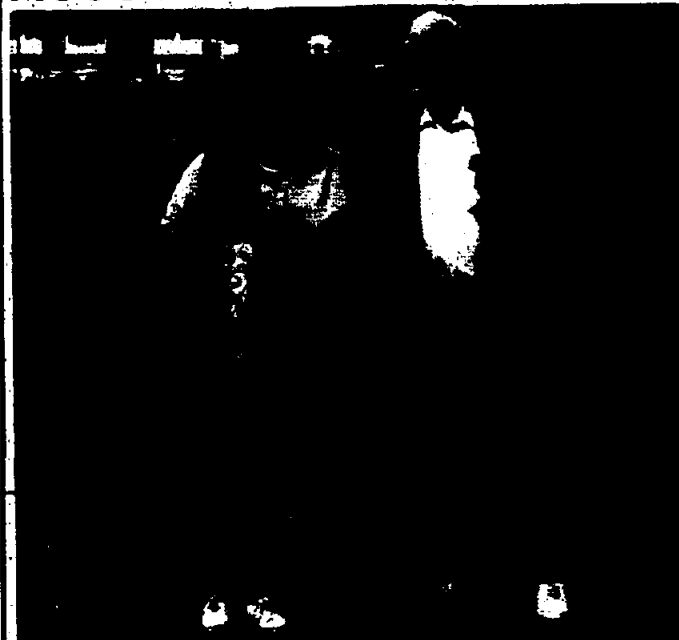
Kristen has studied ballet with the Ensemble for the past nine years and has been seen as a soloist in last December's performance of "The Nutcracker." The New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble, a non-profit organization, is comprised of dancers ages 8 to young adults. The company has been in existence for 33 years and continues to pursue the standards of

excellence that make the Ensemble a unique, exciting and entertaining young dance company. These dancers from all over northern and central New Jersey attend ballet classes a minimum of twice weekly at their home dance studio and then attend Sunday classes at the Ensemble, located at the Wandliss-Harridge School in Plainfield.

They receive professional training in classical ballet techniques under the direction of Artistic Director Nancy Urano, who was formerly principal dancer with Ballet Hispanico of New York City. The Ensemble also offers master classes by various guest teachers in classical and modern dance techniques.

This summer The Ensemble will be holding an intensive summer dance program at Drew University. For more information on New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble and the summer study program, call (908) 390-3350.

Rescue animal



Clyde, a bloodhound, visits Grover Cleveland School for a presentation on rescuing people in emergency situations. As part of the demonstration, 3rd grade student Katie Walsh was found hiding to display the searching abilities of the animal.

School offers music competition

The Stryjnik Music School announces its Second Piano Competition for young pianists. The competition is to be at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark on June 14 and 15 and the presentation of winners will take place at the prestigious Camp Hall in Mahanah on June 22. Cash prizes will total \$2,000.00.

The purpose of the competition is to provide the right environment for the growth of young pianists, to set goals for their musical education process and therefore to provide motivation for them and their parents, and to reward their hard work by creating an excellent opportunity for public exposure and cash prizes for the best.

Encouraged by the tremendous success of the last competition which took place last June, Jerry Stryjnik, a professional concert pianist and the president of the Stryjnik Music School, decided the school should have the competition every year.

There were about forty participants in the first competition last year. They ranged from four to sixteen years old. All interested in taking part in the competition should contact Joanna Stryjnik at (718) 271-7745, or the Polish Cultural Foundation at (908) 382-7197. Applications are available now.

STUDENT UPDATE

Program broadens horizons

Magren Zacharyczek of Clark traveled throughout Spain this winter as one of a select group of scholars from the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University.

Gallatin Scholars are chosen based on their academic record and a faculty interview. The program brings together undergraduates who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and maturity. Scholars come from across the United States with a variety of academic interests ranging from dance to pre-law, from visual arts to classical studies. At Gallatin, such diverse areas are often combined.

The Gallatin Scholars began their tour of Spain in the capital city of Madrid, where they visited the Prado and the Reina Sofia, two of the most impressive museums in the world. Among the priceless works in the Prado are Goya's "Saturn Devouring his Children" and Hieronymus Bosch's "Garden of Earthly Delights." The Reina Sofia museum is home of many modern artists like Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso. The scholars went to visit several historical and cultural sites, including the Alhambra in Granada and the Giralda in Seville.

During the academic year, the scholars attended New York City cultural events such as the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, the Metropolitan Opera production of "La Boheme," and Broadway's new hit musical "Rent."

When not partaking of New York City's sumptuous artistic and cultural offerings, Gallatin Scholars contribute to the city's well-being by volunteering for public service activities in university and community organizations.

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100 years celebration



The students and staff at Grover Cleveland School honor the Parents and Teachers Association for their 100 years of service. From left are Larry Reed, principal, Linda Ott, PTA president, and Mercedes Huertas, PTA first vice president.

Insurance, illegal immigrants add to woes

Auto insurance is a disgrace and threatens to bring the government down if not corrected before the election on Nov. 2. The cost of auto insurance in New Jersey is the highest in the nation and there is no hope in sight unless we get the present system and create a policy that is fair to all people of New Jersey.

If we combine the purchase of liability insurance with vehicle registration, we can ensure that all vehicles will be insured, which today is not the case. I would say that almost 500,000 cars are not insured for liability insurance because of cost, ignorance, fear and defiance of the government. If we tie insurance with registration and make it mandatory for getting a license, we are on the way to an insurance program that is affordable and fair.

The state must get into the insurance business because the present system today is not profitable and does not satisfy the driver who pays insurance is the one who pays for minimum coverage — leaving too many drivers uninsured or underinsured. The problem is in the big cities like Newark, Paterson and Jersey City where crime is rampant and no one is willing to bite the bullet and require a minimum of liability insurance to be able to drive in the state. Everyone should pay the state \$300 for liability insurance, to register his vehicle to get plates.

The problem is that plates will be

Frankly Speaking

By Howard Freund

as never before since any car that is driven without plates will be picked up and impounded until properly insured. No fault insurance doesn't work and the requirement for insurance should not be dropped, if you want to drive in New Jersey. The penalties for fraud and illegal driving should be made more stringent. This is going to affect drivers in the big cities, where there is a greater amount of poverty than in the suburbs and the rural areas of New Jersey. The state will disperse auto insurance with vehicle registration.

Immigrants to the United States are the lifeblood of the nation and have built and rebuilt the land with their energy, stamina and dreams in this land, where the streets are paved with gold. Each year, 300,000 foreigners slip into the country without vital papers or enter with forged documents.

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Church selected for spirituality project

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At a time when many church members are voicing a hunger for deeper and more authentic spiritual experience, these institutions hope to discern how they and similar religious bodies can more effectively support the work in spiritual formation of those members' congregations.

Eight Presbyterian congregations are participating in this pilot endeavor. Each will send a team of several participants, including a pastor and at least one member of the congregation's session, to a series of workshops beginning this month and concluding in January 1999.

The workshops, held at Stony Point Center, in Stony Point, NY, are

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designed and led by a three-person team composed of Irvin Moxley, a Presbyterian pastor and spiritual director from Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Wendy Wright, a Roman Catholic Laywoman, professor and author from Omaha, Nebraska; and Dick Jankin, a Presbyterian minister who until recently served as dean of the Institute for Christian Formation in Stony Point, NY.

The project will focus on such disciplines of the Christian life as prayer, discernment and Sabbath keeping. Individual workshops will be designed not only to further the participants' growth in faith and discipleship, but also to encourage them to model and share their learnings so as to foster the spiritual maturity of their congregations.

Joyce Tucker, dean of Continuing

Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, notes what a privilege it is to work with teams of congregational leaders over an extended period of time.

"That's the way to help congregations make a difference in the lives of their members and communities," she said.

For her part, Anne Noss, associate director of the Christian Faith and Life Program Area, notes that the project will help participants learn more about living the life of the Spirit in the context of life in the wider church and world.

"This project is totally in keeping with our reformed understanding of the integration of spirituality and service. We are very grateful to Lilly Endowment for making this effort possible," she said.

Other congregations participating

in the project are Fifth Avenue Church in New York City; South Salem in South Salem, NY; West Delhi, NY; First Church in English town; First Church in Ramsey; True Light Korean in Ridgefield; and Christ's First Church in Hempstead, NY.

Robert Reber, dean of Auburn Theological Seminary, affirms that the Project on Congregational Spirituality is of utmost urgency and importance, both for participating congregations and for the future work of sponsoring institutions.

"For me the life of the spirit, the spiritual journey, is a radical commitment to being open to God and to the experiences of ultimate reality in human life and in church life. This commitment is what the project is all about," he said.

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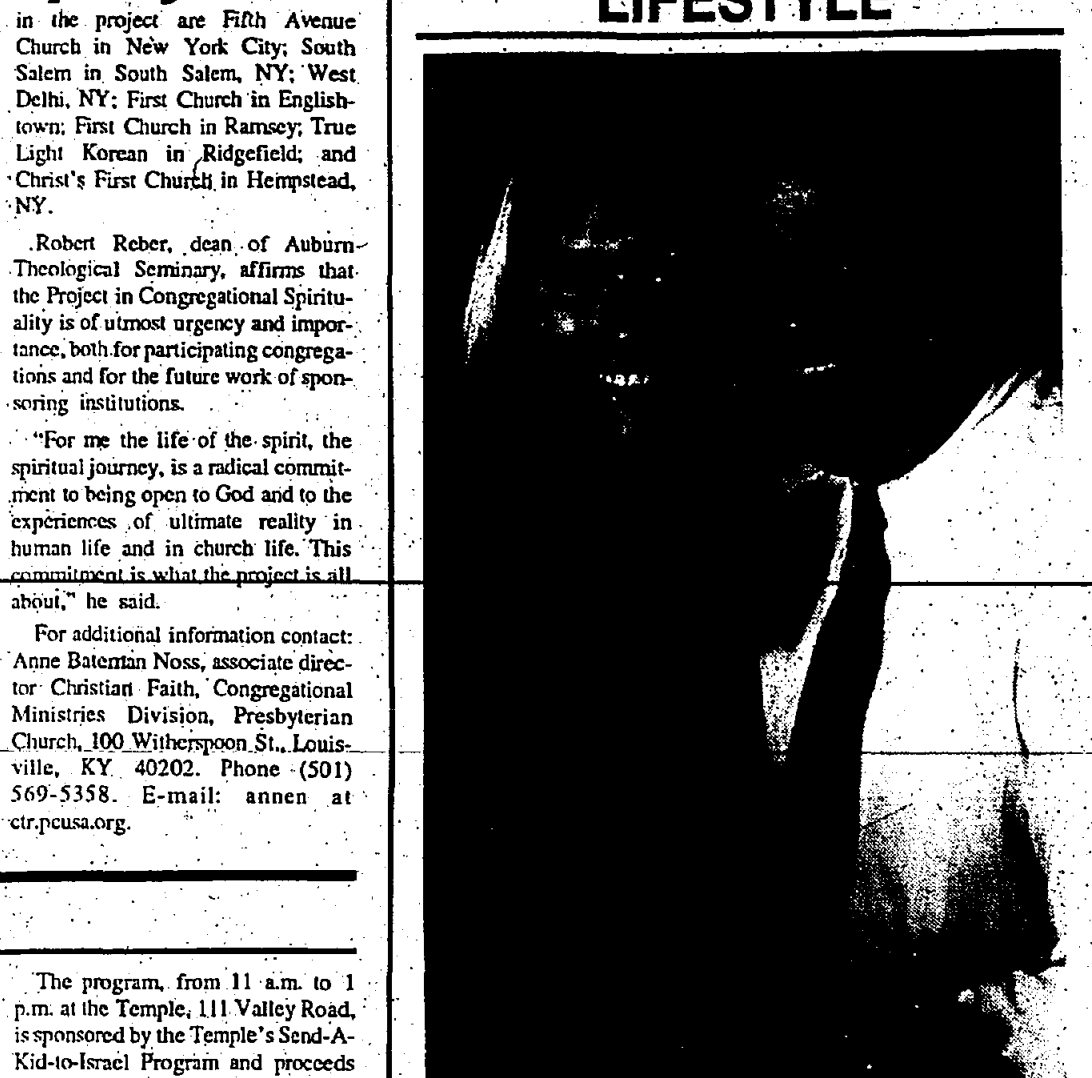
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LIFESTYLE



Janet Nelson and David Hannah

Nelson to wed Hannah

Mr. and Mrs. Dale K. Nelson of Clark announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Marie Nelson to David Alan Hannah, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle K. Hannah of Scotch Plains.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University and is employed by County Inns Magazine of South Orange as a production assistant. The future groom is a graduate of Scotch Plains/Manwood High School and Brookdale Community College and is employed by Penning of Jersey City as an electronic output associate. An October 1997 wedding is planned, and for further information.

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COUNTY NEWS

Here's a good plan to ignore

With the primary elections a month away, there still is time to try to influence this year's crop of incumbents and challengers seeking state office. With that said, here's a six-point legislative plan that I'm sure will bring victory to whomever embraces it.

• **The Majority Rule Amendment** would change the state Constitution to allow for initiative and referendum votes, giving the voters true power over their government.

• **The Suburban Preservation Amendment** would be a change in the state Constitution that would

put an end to Mt. Laurel and Mt. Laurel II.

• **These two decisions, decreed by the state Supreme Court, have put Trenton in a state of war against the middle class by forcing suburban communities to surrender land to developers who make their money building low- and moderate-income housing.** The existing character of any given community matters little to say nothing of the age-old concept of being able to enjoy a life in a middle class suburban after working for years to get there.

• **The governor and Legislature have tried to assuage the middle class by tax cuts and rebates, but what good is tax relief if your quality of life is diminished?** As the state tries to hand out engineering, urban planning, and other professions, schools and infrastructure become urbanized — as land developers, lawyers and court-appointed planners get rich.

• **The Anti-Discrimination Act** simply would say "New Jersey, in providing employment, contract, housing, loan and education opportunities, shall not use race, sex, religion or creed in its decisions making."

• **The Self-defense Act** would extend the right to carry concealed firearms in New Jersey residents' homes.

• **Last week, the governor signed a law that gives that right to retired police officers.** Why anyone else is left out is a mystery.

• **Right to carry laws have been enacted by more than a dozen states in recent years, including large and populous states like Texas and Florida.** Resulting in huge decreases in violent crime that decreases outpace the falling crime rate of the nation as a whole.

• **The Auto Insurance Responsibility Act** would leave the task of securing a minimum \$100,000 liability policy to the courts.

• **Not don't be afraid.** Most of you already are in the rest of you can't afford to think it's too expensive when the rates fall when the state's millions are depleted from the equities and the market drops accordingly.

• **The Free Enterprise Act** would lower corporate income tax rates in the state to attract creating businesses and foster new business. New business based here, more jobs will be created, creating more taxpayers.

• **In addition, provisions should be made to target companies in New York to bring them here.** Since New York levies income taxes on New Jersey residents who work in New York, our state should lure corporations across the Hudson.

• **Although parts of the six-point plan already are in the works in the Legislature, I know we can't rely on our governor and most of our legislators.** Because they gain power by keeping groups of us against each other, they do not have the best interests of all of us in mind.

Four Centuries in a Weekend

'PassPorts' needed for house tours



Leslie Lee Feins, center, accepts a preservation commendation for the Monahan-Feins House in Union from Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. With them are Charles Feins, Mae Feins and Freeholder Donald Goncalves.

Visitors will earn a Time Traveler Certificate from the county when they obtain a "PassPort" to tour the county's historic house museums until June 15.

The Four Centuries in a Weekend... A Journey Through Union County's History event will highlight these museums during National Historic Preservation Week.

Seventeen sites throughout Union County will open their doors for extended hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 17 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18. Call the individual museums for other open hours.

The PassPort Program, sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, and the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, encourages residents to explore the historic house museums located throughout Union County.

The boundaries of present day Union County are the same boundaries that encompassed original Old Elizabethtown. Founded in 1664, Elizabethtown has the distinction of being New Jersey's first permanent English settlement and the first seat of colonial government. Today's 21 municipalities are the original neighborhoods of this early New Jersey settlement.

The sites range from a 1680 city mansion in Elizabethtown to a 1740 farm house in Westfield, to Victorian homes of grandeur in Berkeley Heights, Plainfield and Scotch Plains and a 1910 neighborhood store in Hillside. Students in grades K-5 must visit three museums, grades 7-12 four.

To receive a PassPort, a student's descriptive booklet or the Four Centuries activities kit, contact the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, at (908) 558-2550.

Each school project is awarded \$1,500 for which participating students are responsible, whether it involves maintaining accounts, records or purchasing.

Participating schools and their entrepreneurial projects are: Abraham Clark Regional High School, Clark, jewelry making; Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, school store; Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, T-shirt sales; Elizabeth High School, Abbot House, gift baskets, and Edison House, catering.

Linden High School, bagel concession and promotional printing; Union High School, hand-made greeting cards; Westlake School, part of the Union County Educational Services Commission, business cards and stationery.

Robert Morris School, 18 Elizabeth, holiday crafts; Lady Malmgren, an art teacher at Robert Morris School, 18 Elizabeth, supervises the Entrepreneurial Program for fifth-graders, the only one of the participating projects that is conducted at the elementary level.

The program has been so successful among the youngsters that frequently the students will come to school early, applying their free time toward work at their individual roles within the business. While the school's entire fifth-grade class of 55 students participate, a core group of 20 Art Club members meets for an hour weekly to create and produce the products.

Jack Ford, who is supervising a project at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, agreed. His high school students are conducting their small business and learning from previous mistakes, while gaining experience in how to market a product.

"At first, the students selected various bracelets and necklaces utilizing a 'loom.' For said, 'By doing it this way, you put in too much time for what they sold. The items for sale and therefore were losing money.'"

"Now, the young people are producing lower-priced items that are easier to assemble, thus enabling them to assume a greater profit. The students learned a lesson of how hard it is to make a profit in your own business, and all the time they must put in to selecting items and getting a profit return," he added.

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On April 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cohen found out that the power of commitment has no boundaries.

The trees were already revealing their spring buds on March 31, 1997 when it happened. The biggest storm of the year, a nor'easter, dumped nearly three feet of snow on the little town of Forestburgh, New York. Thousands were left without power, including Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cohen. With the massive outage draining their resources, Rockland Electric Company asked their closest neighbors for help. On Thursday, April 3rd, a brigade of PSE&G trucks arrived on the scene and 25 orange-suited crewmembers quickly worked most of the night to restore power to the Cohens and their neighbors. At PSE&G we spend a lot of time talking about our commitment. But, as millions of people like the Cohens will attest, we also spend a lot of time proving it.

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To all those who have suffered through such an experience I do not have to describe it and to those who have never experienced it, words alone can never describe it. On Thursday April 3rd without bugles and cavalry charges the PSE&G trucks and crew in large numbers arrived to accept the challenge of restoring power to a large area devastated by the storm. Accepting a responsibility that was not theirs; brought in from another state to help fellow Americans. They were friendly, smiling and cooperating with each other and in a minimum amount of time completed what to a layman appeared to be an impossible and endless task.

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On behalf of my neighbors and friends who may not take the time to thank you I wish to express their appreciation and best wishes.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Veteran actor makes another appearance at Paper Mill

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Eddie Bracken, veteran stage and movie actor and natural comedian, has no conception of age when it comes to the stage. He holds "the record of legitimate stage appearances to over 14,000," and he continues to build up his resources and record eight times a week at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn as he cavorts as Jimmy Smith in "No, No, Nanette."

The Glen Ridge resident grinned over dinner last Thursday at the E. M. Kirby House Restaurant next door to the Paper Mill after a matinee performance and made a famous funny face that nearly knocked this reporter off her chair. "So, I am busy," he said. "And I enjoy every minute of it. We have a wonderful company, including Kaye Ballard, Helen Gallagher and Lee Roy Reams. Each one is so talented, and when we're dancing, we never get into anybody's way, from the choreography of 'Tea For Two' and all the way through 'I don't miss a night. It's wonderful."

"Did you know," Bracken asked, "that the 'Tea For Two' number was really the first soft shoe dance?" Bracken, who is so naturally funny, explained that "I'm funny without trying to be an actor playing the part, and it's so wonderful." He was induced into the Radio City Hall of Fame "remembering the many voices and parts I played during his heyday."

"You see," he said seriously, "I enjoy life, and I believe in giving, not receiving. And I think the reason I'm always so happy is because of the whole Bracken family — my wife, Connie, who could be a comedienne and is a good actress; she has the sweetness of Billie Burke and Gracie Allen — my daughter, Susan; Judy, my oldest, a housewife; David is in graphics, Michael is in the insurance business, and Carolyn toured with Connie in 'Harvey' and with me in a couple of plays. I also have nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild. My wife and my daughter appeared with me at Hofstra University in 'These Golden Years,' last year, and it was a smash. We are now preparing for Broadway."

After the run of "No, No, Nanette," he indicated that all three Brackens will repeat "Never Too Late" at Hofstra University starting Aug. 9. "We love each other dearly," he said. "The family is number one part of my life. Everything else is secondary. They worked me to death at Hofstra last year. But I did help them, and they want us back this year."

"Susan also is an artist," her father said. "In fact, some of her work has been exhibited in the gallery here at the Paper Mill." He looked up proudly. "I dabble in art myself. Oils, you know."

Bracken, who is an honorary member of the Board of Directors at the Paper Mill Playhouse, explained that "Angelo Del Rossi calls me when he can't make an appointment at different functions. And I guess because I've been in a number of Paper Mill shows, the part of Jimmy Smith in this one has always been there. They asked me to direct, too. Why not?"

"The lines at the beginning of the play can be difficult to memorize. We had to rehearse and rehearse for three weeks. It's very difficult to do. In my scenes with the three girls, I had to



Debra Wiseman and Eddie Bracken enact a scene from "No, No, Nanette," a musical comedy starring Kaye Ballard, Lee Roy Reams and Helen Gallagher. It will play through May 25 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

split three girls in my mind, to memorize each one separately. Once I had no problem remembering; it's second nature. It's very uplifting. If I do forget my lines, I have such a funny face and funny voice, mulling and all, that no one in the audience is aware of an occasional slip. Sometimes I rewrite my own stuff, and most of the exit lines that are funny."

"What about the cast?" Bracken mused. "We have a cast so unbelievable — we love each other

and respect each other. And we love our Nanette, Debra Wiseman. So much joy comes out of her. Also, we were lucky that we got Helen Gallagher to play Sue Smith. She played her on Broadway, and who cares if our audience likes her or not," he joked. "We're having fun."

Comedy comes so naturally to Bracken. Still, he explained that "in comedy you have to make people believe you first. Then you have to play with it. I have been in all facets of show business," he said. "It's what I do. I get the laughs, and I enjoy

every minute of it. And in the years I appeared at the Paper Mill in such shows as 'Showboat' and 'The Wizard of Oz,' and a few that I don't remember, I continued to learn."

He admitted that he began learning when he was on the stage at the age of 3. "I sang and danced in Astoria, Long Island, in New York, all over the place, saloons, alleys," Bracken laughed. "I danced with Nancy Kelly, and I used to baby sit for her brother, Jack Kelly from 'Maverick.' We went to dancing school, and when I left to go to Hollywood, a kid replaced me. I was 16, and the kid was Tony Bennett. You know him as Tony Bennett. I did about 26 movies, most of

them for Paramount, including 'The Fleet's In' and 'Miracle of Morgan's Creek.' Both with the great comedian, Betty Hutton. 'Summer Stock' with Judy Garland, who used to break up every time she heard my voice. I made a number of movies in my later years such as 'Home Alone II,' 'National Lampoon's Vacation' and 'The American Clock.' I've done television, my latest, as a guest on 'Remember WENN.'

"I write a lot now. When I was a boy, I had a newspaper column called 'Cuckoo' with Bracken."

Does he plan to retire in the near future?

"Retire?" Bracken exclaimed. "What's that? I enjoy my work and people so much. There's a book on it, way. I haven't lived it yet, but it's on the way. My book would have so many chapters that are unique — and not really like Hollywood."

"And who knows? There may be another play for me in the near future. Retire? Never heard of the word."

Craft show planned in Summit

Space is available for artists and crafters interested in exhibiting at the Art in Summit Annual Outdoor Show and Sale, to take place "on the green" between Elm and Maple streets on May 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Original art or crafts in any medium, produced by the exhibitor, may be displayed. A \$75 registration fee is required for nonmembers of New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, or \$50 for members. Display space is approximately 10x10. Exhibitors can look forward to the possibility of winning the Chamber of Commerce "Best in Show" Award of \$500, or one of ten \$100 prizes provided by the local businesses. Advance registration is required as exhibition space is limited; spaces are assigned in the order in which they are received. The event is sponsored by NJCVA in conjunction with the Summit Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call NJCVA at (908) 273-9121.

Open to the public, this free annual event is host to over 120 artisans and crafters and growing in attracting families, art lovers, collectors and browsers from all over the state. Original works of art for sale include photographs, drawings, watercolor and oil paintings, pottery and handmade jewelry.

Young musicians help to present 'An Afternoon of Debuts'



Two Unionite musicians, Farrell Guarnaccio, pianist, and Laura Miller, violinist, take time out between rehearsals for a concert. An Afternoon of Debuts to be held in Connecticut Farms School Theater on Sunday at 3 p.m. The Union Symphony Orchestra will be featured.

Open Mike Night is presented every Tuesday evening at Van Gogh's Ear Cafe in Union. Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. For further information, call (908) 510-1844.

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Laura's devotion to music began at an early age. "It just came naturally to me from childhood on. My major concern is music. My practicing varies from day to day — depends on how much time I have." And one can be sure, she indicated, that she will manage to have plenty of that.

Young Farrell was serious-looking and had devoted his entire life to his music. He's just not interested in anything else.

"I do a recital at the Millburn Library every year with my piano teacher, Dr. Lawrence Ferrara, who is professor and chairman of the Department of Music and Performing Arts at New York University," he explained. "I've performed at the Strawberry Festival in Connecticut Farms Church in Union every year since 1994. I feel it's a good town in which to perform."

Farrell, who was born in Elizabeth, has lived in Union "my whole life." He is the son of Mike and Kathy Guarnaccio.

"Actually," he said, "I started playing in February of 1991."

"Since he was a little boy," recalled his father, "he was interested in the piano. I used to play the piano, place Farrell on my lap, and he would bang the keys on the piano. And that's how he got started," he mused. "When he started, I stopped. That someone could be that good that fast," Guarnaccio shook his head. "When Farrell was in the eighth grade and started taking piano lessons, I stopped playing. My wife? She says she plays the radio."

Farrell recalled that "I started in 1991. I had one teacher before this one. Her name is Susanne Casas. My music teacher, Elizabeth Insalaco, at Hamilton School recommended her."

The teenager attends Bayley Ellard School in Madison, for which he received a half-scholarship for the next four years. He has been playing throughout the Metropolitan area. "I performed at New York University to get exposure. I used to play the piano at home at all hours, but my parents told me that I should wait."

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ART SHOWS

STATIONS, a Spring photo show, will run through Saturday at Gallery 37 in Summit. The show will feature mixed media and black-and-white and color photography.

Gallery 37 is located at 37 Union Place, Summit. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call (908) 277-7322.

ABOUT FACE, a unique artists book, will run through May 21 in The Memorial Gallery in New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

NUCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

DONALD B. PALMER Museum of the Springfield Public Library will present the art of Alexandra Strang and Marina Levitskaya through May 22.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (201) 376-4030.

NEW JERSEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY exhibition of works on display at the Finesse Fossan Art Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse through May 25. The joint exhibition offers 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 3 p.m. All art is available for purchase. For information, call (201) 379-3636, ext. 2272.

NEW JERSEY TAPESTRY OF ART exhibition is being presented at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through June 8.

NUCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

THE BEST OF KEAN, an exhibition of photographs by students in the Department of Photography at Kean College of New Jersey, will be on display at Les Maimon Art Gallery in the Union Library. The exhibit will continue through June 12.

Union Library is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 686-0420 or (908) 688-4536.

GARDEN STATE INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY is being presented by the Watchung Arts Center beginning Saturday. Judging will take place on Saturday and a public reception will be held on May 17 at 7 p.m.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Ridge. For information, call (908) 753-1090.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibition of paintings and graphics by James E. Thourbourn III from May 5-31. The opening reception will be on May 9 at 8 p.m.

Color is Thourbourn's theme, optical mixture and color interrelationships. Thourbourn paints with dots and bold dashes of color which make visual allusions to the impressionists. His paintings incorporate a self-composition, modulations and permutations of muted hues. The use of resin brings forth subtle illumination within each work.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off Exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway. The gallery is open to the public Monday to Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call Alexandra K. Nowak, director, at (908) 382-7197.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW sponsored by the Runway Division of Parks and Recreation will be presented on May 12 from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. in the lobby of Parkway City Hall. The many and varied talents of the participants of the Division's Children's Art Class will be showcased.

The public is invited to attend. Parkway City Hall is located at City Hall Plaza, near Main Street and West Union Avenue. For more information, call the Division at 827-2045.

ART COMPETITION

ANNUAL ART COMPETITION is being sponsored by the Watchung Arts Center. Seven one-person shows will be awarded in a competition open to all artists throughout the area. These solo shows will be scheduled over the next year in the Arts Center's Lower Gallery.

Artists must submit up to three clear-colored slides by May 27. A check for \$50 entry fee must be included, plus a resume and a sturdy self-addressed envelope with return postage. Send entry material to Juried Competition, Watchung Arts Center, 18 Stirling Road, Watchung NJ 07060. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CLASSES

SWINGING TEEN DANCES, presented by The Folk Project, will feature Bessie Smith and Orm Star and The Statens of Swing on Saturday. The group will present an evening of contra and square dances.

The dances are held at the Ogden Memorial Center on Main Street, at Route 124, in Chatham. Beginner's workshop starts at 7:30 with the dance following at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Reservations only are required. For information, call (201) 539-8286 or (201) 288-9729.

FANTASY FURNITURE FINISHES — July 26 and 27. Using new techniques and some water-based paint, students can turn an old piece of furniture into a work of art. The workshop is a prerequisite for Fantasy Furniture Finishers. The workshop is held at the Somerset County Center for the Arts, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Somerville, NJ 08876. For information, call (908) 499-8226, or in person at the (908) 499-8226, or in person at the (908) 499-8226, or in person at the (908) 499-8226.

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AUDITIONS

STONY MILL PLAYERS is looking for two men for "A Wedding," a one-act play set in 1930s New Jersey. Auditions will be held on May 9-24. Characters are a telegraph clerk, age to be determined, and a salesman, age 25-30. Audition today at 7:30 p.m., or call Director Phil Dolan at (908) 753-2593.

WYACT, or Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre will hold auditions for Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along" on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. by appointment. Dance auditions also are scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. Bring sheet music in the appropriate key.

All auditions will be held at the Westfield Community Center, 402 Boulevard in Westfield. Call (908) 789-3011 for audition availability. For further information, call (908) 233-3000.

WYACT will hold auditions for Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour" on Sunday starting at 10 a.m. by appointment. Please prepare a short monologue. Call (908) 789-3011 for audition availability. For further information, call (908) 233-3000.

THE MUSIC MAN auditions, a benefit production for the Summit Public Library's capital campaign, are open to anyone age 7 and up who lives, works, or worships in Summit. All auditions from the performances, which will be held June 26, 27, 28 and 29 at Summit High School, will go toward the remodeling and expansion of the library.

Auditions for the pit orchestra, conducted by Summit Symphony's Director James Sedewitz, will be held in early May.

In addition to performing roles, there are many opportunities to volunteer on a wide range of crews and committees. For information, call Anna-Poyner at (908) 558-1512.

THE WIZARD OF OZ is being presented by Westfield Summer Workshop's Studio One. The production is open to children between grades six and ten from all New Jersey towns. No auditions are necessary for inclusion in the production. Call Anna-Poyner at (908) 558-1512.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY auditions 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, 20m June 2 to 13 through private lessons, beginning class auditions, a flute choir, and training groups, or an audition brochure. Call (908) 771-5454.

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 Clark. Needed are directors, actors, choreographers, and all technical personnel. All positions are voluntary.

For further information, contact Nick Thomas at (201) 762-4231.

SANGERCHOR, men's chorus releases Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4902.

SCHWABISCHER SANGERBUND, mixed chorus, releases Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4902.

BOOK CLUBS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS at the Springfield Public Library will take place in the library meeting room on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. "Palace Walk" by Nobel Prize Laureate Mahfouz Naguib is the book selected for discussion.

The discussion is free and open to the public. Anyone wishing to read the book may request it at the library reference desk.

The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-4930.

OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB will meet at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Based on the reading club established on the "Oprah" talk show, books recommended by Oprah Winfrey will be discussed.

Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-4544.

CLASSES

FAUX FINISHES — July 12 and 13. This is a weekend workshop which will explore the rediscovered art of faux painting and woodgraining. Used for centuries to recreate the beauty of fine stone and wood, students learn to create a wide variety of finishes in this hands-on workshop. This workshop is also a prerequisite for Fantasy Furniture Finishers.

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NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts begins classes in all types of media, on Tuesday. Six-week courses and short-term workshops are available for adults, teens and children.

Walk-in registration for spring and summer will take place today and tomorrow 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students may register by mail. The spring semester is offered from May 5-June 14. Summer classes are offered from June 15-Aug. 2.

Bring sheet music in the appropriate key. All auditions will be held at the Westfield Community Center, 402 Boulevard in Westfield. Call (908) 789-3011 for audition availability. For further information, call (908) 233-3000.

WYACT will hold auditions for Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour" on Sunday starting at 10 a.m. by appointment. Please prepare a short monologue. Call (908) 789-3011 for audition availability. For further information, call (908) 233-3000.

THE MUSIC MAN auditions, a benefit production for the Summit Public Library's capital campaign, are open to anyone age 7 and up who lives, works, or worships in Summit. All auditions from the performances, which will be held June 26, 27, 28 and 29 at Summit High School, will go toward the remodeling and expansion of the library.

Auditions for the pit orchestra, conducted by Summit Symphony's Director James Sedewitz, will be held in early May.

In addition to performing roles, there are many opportunities to volunteer on a wide range of crews and committees. For information, call Anna-Poyner at (908) 558-1512.

THE WIZARD OF OZ is being presented by Westfield Summer Workshop's Studio One. The production is open to children between grades six and ten from all New Jersey towns. No auditions are necessary for inclusion in the production. Call Anna-Poyner at (908) 558-1512.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY auditions 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, 20m June 2 to 13 through private lessons, beginning class auditions, a flute choir, and training groups, or an audition brochure. Call (908) 771-5454.

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 Clark. Needed are directors, actors, choreographers, and all technical personnel. All positions are voluntary.

For further information, contact Nick Thomas at (201) 762-4231.

SANGERCHOR, men's chorus releases Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. New members are welcome. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4902.

SCHWABISCHER SANGERBUND, mixed chorus, releases Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. For information, call Manfred Schneider at (908) 382-4902.

COMEDY

THE LUCKY GUESS GAME SHOW, featuring Giuseppe Max impersonator Ron McCookley, will be presented by the Runway Foundation for Excellence in Education tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Runway Division of Parks and Recreation.

The show will take place at Runway High School, 1012 Madison Avenue, Runway. Tickets are \$5 per person. For information and tickets, call (908) 382-4902.

DANCE IN THE PARK, a presentation by The Westfield Dance Company, will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Westfield Community Center, 402 Boulevard in Westfield. Call (908) 789-3011 for information.

DR. WILLIAM ROBINSON PLANTATION will host a house tour of the historic plantation on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Westfield Community Center, 402 Boulevard in Westfield. Call (908) 789-3011 for information.

CRANFORD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL will take place on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival features a variety of arts and crafts, live music, and a children's area. For information, call (908) 382-4902.

MILLER-CORRY HOUSE is a restored 18th century farmhouse, where demonstrations in colonial-era crafts and cooking are held Sunday from 2-5 p.m. On Sunday, the museum will conduct the annual May Day celebration and herb sale. Also, the Maypole and other traditional May Day traditions and children's games will be held. For information, call (908) 382-4902.

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Real Estate

Lease transactions completed at Union's Lehigh Avenue site

Jacobson, Goldfarb & Tanzman Co., LLC, the Woodbridge-based commercial real estate firm, recently completed two major industrial lease transactions on Lehigh Avenue in Union. The announcement was made by JGT Principal Dan Frankel.

JGT Vice President Jack Stevens negotiated the lease of a 68,500 square foot manufacturing and warehouse facility on 3 acres at 651 Lehigh Avenue, which Conserv-A-Therm Corp. will occupy.

The proximity of this location to Therm Corp. The 25-foot ceilings, three and seven ton cranes, 4,000 amps of power and drive in loading capabilities of this facility create an ideal situation for Conserv-A-Therm, a manufacturer of HVAC units.

"The size of the units that Conserv-A-Therm fabricates for hospitals, hotels and casinos in the eastern United States requires the use of the overhead cranes available in the building," said Stevens. The substantial concrete, impressive entrance and 3-acre fenced lot fit Conserv-A-Therm's property profile. "Their ability to move from the rear of a multi-unit location into a single tenant, landscaped building with an impressive entrance was also a deciding factor," said Stevens.

JGT is the exclusive leasing agent for this building owned by 651 Associates, LCP. Arche Schwartz Co. represented in the lease. Conserv-A-Therm, in this transaction.

Also in Union County, JGT Vice President Jan Gruid and Jack Stevens arranged for Hanovia Collight to lease a 52,908 square foot building at 825 Lehigh Ave., Union, directly off Route 32. In a clear demonstration of JGT's expertise in securing locations that meet prospective tenants' needs, this manufacturer of ultra-violet

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15 YR FIXED	7.63	0.00	7.66	1 YR ADJ.	3.75	1.50	7.39
1 YR ADJ.	6.75	0.00	7.57	NP	NP	NP	NP
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