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City Highlights

Last market day
The 1997 season of the Saturday Marketplace in downtown Rahway will close on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Saturday Marketplace is located in Parking Lot F, adjacent to the train station, at the corner of Irving and Broad streets.

Sports card show
Rahway P.A.L. Sports Card/Memorabilia Show will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rahway Senior Center, 1306 Easternbrook Ave. Admission is \$1. Vendors should call (732) 827-2094.

NCNW seeks members
The National Council of Negro Women Inc. Rahway Section will host a membership tea on Oct. 25 at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, 253 Central Ave., Rahway, at 4 p.m. NCNW is inviting all members and prospective members that are interested in working on the following programs of National Council of Negro Women Rahway Section: Christmas Party for seniors, Teenage Awareness Program, Teenage Pageant and Adopt A Senior. Refreshment will be served admission free. Any questions, call 381-3584 or 382-3309 for Mary McLeod and Paula Braxton Co-Chairpersons. Joanne Blount Rahway Section President.

Tickets on sale
Rahway Hospital Foundation announces the availability of tickets to the 1997 Holiday Concert, performed by The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea under the direction of its renowned conductor, Reverend, Alphonsus Stephens. The fund raising event will be held at Union County Arts Center, Rahway, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. The holiday concert has become an annual tradition in which the community joins together to enjoy classic holiday music for the benefit of its local hospital. The Dec. 10 concert is fully underwritten by The Rahway Savings Institution. All proceeds from this event will go to Rahway Hospital Foundation in its support of the activities and services of Rahway Hospital. Tickets are priced at \$25, \$20 and \$15. Tickets for the concert are on sale in Rahway Hospital Foundation's Development Office (732) 499-6135, and can also be purchased at Union County Arts Center Box Office, 1601 Irving St., (732) 499-8226.

DPW asks for help
The Rahway Department of Public Works needs cooperation. The department asks that all Rahway residents refrain from making "leaves" or "clippings" on the street until November for the following reasons:
• Costs more for disposal;
• Obstructs catch basins and sewer lines;
• It is also against the law. Yard waste is collected on your first regular garbage day on the week only. All leaves/grass clippings etc. must be placed in sturdy reusable containers or paper bags that weigh less than sixty pounds. Branches must be tied and bundled in four foot lengths and also weigh less than 60 pounds.

With the proposed lease
With the proposed lease with Ogdin Martin on the table, some Rahway residents have been wondering whether their quality of life will deteriorate based on some factors within the lease agreement.
The proposed lease agreement calls for a minimum of 250,000 tons of waste to be burned in the Rahway incinerator. These numbers cause some concern for residents because of the possible increase in the amount of traffic on the city's roads.
Councilman Frank Janusz said, "Logically, if they expand the facility,

then the number of trucks on the city's streets will increase. Expansion means that there will be more wear and tear on the streets. There will be more pot holes and crumbling bridges. What I want to know is who's going to pay for it? The citizens of Rahway? Isn't this agreement supposed to benefit us?
"Right now, we have five trucks a day going to the incinerator. With the expansion, I calculate 10 trucks a day, six days a week. That's 60 trucks a week on Rahway streets."
Mayor James Kennedy said, "The number of trucks will not increase. It's five right now and that's what we



Courtesy of U.S. Department of Defense

Government may ignore lasting effects of Vietnam-era chemicals

Third in a series
The most effective method of killing the "crops" harvested by the Vietnamese.
In August 1961, the first spray mission to disperse Dioxin was conducted. The herbicide was sprayed over a four-kilometer stretch of land, 13 about 80 kilometers north of Saigon near the village of Chen Thanh. This air was personally selected by Diem. Throughout the remainder of 1961, herbicides, i.e. Agent Orange, Purple, Pink, Blue, etc., were shipped in extremely large quantities to Saigon for dispersal. Agent Orange was sprayed in Vietnam over a 10-year period. In 1965 and 1966, the dispersal of the herbicides was expanded to a larger geographic area. The spraying reached its peak from 1967 to 1969, ending in 1971. The estimated amount of herbicide sprayed is 19.4 million gallons, with Agent Orange comprising 60 percent and the other 40 percent consisting of the other herbicides.
It is important to note that Agent Orange was never diluted in any way. Whatever sprayings took place consisted of the purest form of the agent.
The herbicide was used in one of two ways. The herbicide was dispersed from aircraft or by being dropped off military trucks through an operation called Operation Ranch Hand. Both operations were instituted as a result of commands issued by then Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara.
McNamara played a key role in instituting the defoliation project. He also played a central role in keeping the defoliation project going even when some experts from the RAND Corporation expressed reservations about the spraying of defoliants.
The RAND Corp. issued two reports with conclusions about the spraying of defoliants.
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Non-profit center gives help to new mothers

The center is planning to open a home for unwed mothers that will provide housing for mothers and children for up to two years after birth.
Area residents have a place they can go when they are in crisis. It is the Rose Garden Home and it's a place women can go when they are pregnant. It is situated between the Bueco Grocery and Cindy's Luncheonette on Irving Street in Rahway. But it's not an abortion clinic or a family planning center — quite the opposite. It's a place to help women have their babies and to help set them up after birth.
"The most often heard complaint is, 'I didn't know what was available to me' or 'I wouldn't have had the abortion if I didn't know what was available to me,'" said Lynn Cahill, president of the Rose Garden Home. "The center has been in business since May. In that time, 65 people, including three men, have used the services at the Rose Garden Home. They range in age from 15 to 42 years of age."
The Rose Garden Home is run by practicing Catholics, people who are affiliated with the church. But it is not affiliated with any church or the Archdiocese of Newark, said Cahill, and there are no attempts to convert anyone. It is a non-profit organization that runs strictly on donations and it takes in anyone of any race, gender or faith.
Not all of the people who walk in

need help with a pregnancy. One of the men they served walked in looking for a job. They referred him to a woman who could help him better. The center has gotten women from all levels — mostly from the middle-class, said Cahill, but still from all levels.
"Let's put it this way," said Cahill. "People think that this is everyone else's problem and it isn't. The center offers services such as free pregnancy testing and support groups and tries to find housing for pregnant women. It even provides free transportation to and from medical appointments. There is also information and counseling on parenting skills and adoption and post-abortion counseling.
"Basically, what we're trying to do is hook them up with prenatal and medical care as closely as possible," she said. The center does not pay for medical care — pregnant women are eligible for Medicaid in New Jersey, said Cahill — but it does do a lot of work with Rahway Hospital.
The group also has a number of discussion groups for people with Attention Deficit Disorder and Project Lesica for friends and families of handicapped children who are expecting handicapped children. Teen-agers can get information on self-esteem and peer pressure for teens.
There is also some talk about sex here. The center promotes chastity,

Police link man with crime spree

By Liane Ingalls Staff Writer
Rahway police apprehended a man they believe has been behind a two-day crime spree in Rahway.
Police arrested Anthony McCormick, a resident of Patricia Avenue in Colonia, and charged him with robbery, burglary, theft, kidnapping, terroristic threats, and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. He is alleged to be responsible for the robbery at a Branchell Road residence, a Madison Avenue residence, kidnapping and entering the March & Co. property, and possibly the robbery of an Exxon gas station located on Routes 1&2.
On Oct. 4, a resident of Branchell Road in Rahway reported that he had been mowing his front lawn around 2:30 p.m. When he turned the lawn mower off, he heard his wife screaming from the inside of the house. As he entered the house, he noticed the suspect was holding a knife, which he obtained from the kitchen, to his 7-year-old son's throat. The suspect threatened to hurt the child if they didn't give him money. The victim and his wife gave the suspect jewelry, including a gold chain and \$45 in cash. The suspect then ordered the family to lie down on the living room floor.
After the suspect left the property, the family fled the house and immediately went to the Rahway Police headquarters to report the crime. After the police were notified, the area was searched but no suspect was apprehended at the time. There were no physical injuries to any of the victims including an infant child that was present in the house at the time of the incident.
The following Tuesday, around 3 a.m., the suspect reportedly forced open a ground floor window at a Madison Avenue residence. The victim reported that sometime between 3 and 3:30 a.m., the suspect grabbed her arm and woke her. The suspect reportedly asked the victim for money and her good jewelry. He apparently said that he would not hurt her if she didn't look at the face. The victim, an elderly woman, gave the suspect \$115 in cash and some earrings. The suspect then searched the house and took a bottle of vodka. He fled out of the rear door. He was in the house about 20 minutes.
The victim was so upset that she didn't call the police until about 9 a.m. the following morning. The victim was physically unharmed. The suspect was

City budget awaits its final approval

By Sean Dally Staff Writer
The budget process has begun in City Hall.
Mayor James Kennedy presented the municipal budget for fiscal year 1997-98 at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The \$26,560,610 budget was approved 8-1 by the council.
The council still needs to meet with the department heads in the city government and make adjustments before the budget receives final approval. These meetings still need to be scheduled.
The budget is "actually very good news," said Kennedy.
Right now, before adjustments, the budget is \$315,766 higher than last year's budget of \$26,244,844, an increase of 1.2 percent.
But the amount to be collected by taxes is \$399,377 less this year, down from \$133,747,073 to \$132,747,696. This is a reduction of 3 percent.
Taxpayers will still pay 2.2 cents more per \$100 assessed value of their homes. This is because the city has lost \$112,049,483 of its last year's budget. The current year's budget, worth \$133,000, will pay \$197-98 at Tuesday's City Council meeting. The \$26,560,610 budget was approved 8-1 by the council.
According to Treasurer Frank Ragert, total taxes are down in this year's budget because of several large savings in the budget.
These include the newly created Division of Solid Waste and Recycling, which he said would save the city \$600,000 over three years, and a new health benefit plan for the city government's employees, which should save the city \$500,000 over two years.
"So our financial house is in good order," said Kennedy.
Councilman Frank Janusz was the

Incinerator expansion may increase truck traffic

According to Kennedy, in most lease agreements, the lease doesn't pay taxes on the property.
He added, "The city will also share profits with Ogdin Martin for any electricity of steam energy that is created through the incinerator. That would save an additional \$85,000 out of the annual budget. But, the most important factor is that this lease is still under negotiation and nothing is final at this time."
"As per the lease agreement, Rahway will have received an additional \$17 million by the end of the lease, Kennedy said.
Ogdin Martin's gift. If we were to tax this building at the going rate on the \$175,000,000 that they're leasing it for, we'd get over \$4.4 million in tax revenue. That's the rate of tax on every other business in Rahway, why not Ogdin Martin?"

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Police charge man with several crimes

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described as wearing a red sweatshirt and red sneakers.
Later that morning, around 5:15 a.m., two attendees who worked at the Exxon gas station on Routes 1&9 reported they were robbed at gunpoint. The suspect entered the gas station on foot and produced a black revolver from a yellow bag that he was carrying. He placed the gun to the back of one of the attendant's heads. He then told the attendant to give him the money from his pockets. The suspect then reached into the cash register and removed all of the money, approximately \$2,000 in cash in total. The suspect then fled on foot on East Grand Avenue. Police Officer Frank Weitz observed an individual on Bond Street near Merck & Co. When the suspect noticed the police vehicle, he fled on foot and then jumped the fence entering Merck's property. The officer also climbed the fence, but then lost sight of the suspect.
A two-hour search of the property was conducted using Merck's security, the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, and Linden and Rahway police units. About 15 officers were involved in the search.
Around 7:15 a.m., a Merck employee confronted the suspect in a building located just off Montgomery Street. The employee called the police, who apprehended the suspect after a short foot chase. At the time of his arrest, he was wearing a red sweatshirt and red sneakers and a white hat. He was found to be in possession of an eating spoon from the Madison Avenue residence. A search of his residence in Woodbridge revealed a stolen watch from the Bramhall residence, police said. He is being held at the Union County Jail and bail is set at \$210,000. He has not been charged with the robbery at the Exxon station. That incident is still under investigation.

Agent Orange may cause higher levels of dioxin

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crop destruction program instituted by McNamara in 1967. Chemists determined that the crop destruction program did not destroy the Vietnam crops, but it did harm residents in the vicinity of the crop destruction targets. The chemists finally concluded that the crop destruction project would ultimately be counterproductive.
At that time, McNamara wasn't convinced of the potential hazards, human or otherwise, derived from exposure to herbicides. He was also unaware of the need for concern and pushed ahead for the continuation of the defoliation project.
In 1993, McNamara publicly admitted the error of these actions. He said, "We were wrong, terribly wrong" and went to point out the error of even being involved in the Vietnam Conflict.

8-1 vote provides budget introduction

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only councilman to vote against the budget. According to Janusz, the city administration will receive raises this year that are two and three times larger than those for the city government's "blue collar workers."

Janusz said city government workers will receive a 3 percent increase while police officers will receive a raise of about 4 percent.
But, he added, Kennedy's salary will be increased about 12 percent and Ruggiero's over 26 percent. Business Administration Peter Palisano will have his salary range increased to about \$95,000; his salary can be increased to this maximum amount at any time, Janusz said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- Nov. 10**
• The 1997 Rahway Health Fair will be held Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rahway City Hall. Free lead screening will be offered for Children Under Age 6. Free flu shots will be offered for residents age 55 and older plus other screening will be available at no charge. Call 827-2085 to register for S.M.A.C. Blood Test. There is a \$21 fee for this test. The Rahway Health Fair is opened to Clark residents also. Bring a Medicare card.
- Monday**
• The regular meeting of the Rahway Board of Education scheduled for Oct. 21 has been changed to Oct. 20, due to the attendance of board members at the Union County School Boards Association conference. The time will remain at 7:30 p.m. in the classrooms of the Intermediate School.
- Wednesday**
• The Board of Trustees of the Rahway Center Management Corporation 71A Rahway Center Partnership will meet at 7 p.m. in the El Bodego Restaurant, 109 W. Main St., Rahway on Oct. 22. For further information, call (908) 396-3545.
- Coming events**
Oct. 24
• There will be a spaghetti dinner at the American Legion Post 5 in Rahway to support Project Graduation. All tickets purchased before Oct. 24 are \$5. The cost for tickets at the door is \$8. Call Ginny at 574-1037 or Linda at 499-9499 for tickets.
- Nov. 1**
• The Rahway Kiwanis Club is holding a Harvest Moon Ball on Nov. 1 at the Grand Occasions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark from 7 to 11 p.m. There will be a 17-piece band playing live from the '40s. Cost is \$22 per person. For more information call (908) 388-3172.

Band buckles down for funds

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer
Is the Rahway High School marching band strapped for cash?
Well, as President Robert Copeland tells it, with a laugh, "We sell anything that doesn't move to raise money."
Running a marching band is a surprisingly expensive enterprise, and the 68-member marching band is no exception. Just renting trucks to carry equipment can cost \$85 a week and the uniforms and equipment for the "fronks" — formerly called the color guard — can run \$200 per person. Even a marching band tradition of buying hot chocolate and donuts for both marching bands during home games costs money.
That's why the money that Thomas Granth, chairman of the Board of Rahway Savings Institution, gives annually to the Marching Band is so appreciated.
Granth could not be reached for comment.
Granth has given about \$2,000 a year to the band for at least six years, making him the band's biggest donor. His donations for the 1996-97 school year allowed the band to buy new front-line outfits, flags and hoops. This included \$891 for equipment and \$522 for outfits for the first and new costume pieces for the female drum major.
"The man is a very good topic for the Rahway band," said Copeland. Copeland said that this year's band will be putting on an "ambitious" show. That's an understatement.

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Union County Freeholders and local residents gather to observe results of a two-day Urban Stream Restoration Workshop. From left are Betty Ann Kelly, environmental specialist with Union County's Division of Parks and Recreation; Steve Barnes, conservation director, NYNJ Daykeeper; Francher Henry Kurz; Karen Carrough, Rahway River Association member; Jim Lynch, Rahway Forester; Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan; and Cathy Papimik, chairperson of the Rahway Environmental Commission.

Restoration project aids river

Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholders Edwin H. Force and Henry W. Kurz visited the Robleson's Branch of the Rahway River in New York Area. Twenty-four volunteers from Union County and as far away as the Bronx first took classroom instruction in urban stream development before undertaking the restoration work, which should help to reduce stream erosion and flooding. Restoration would increase the natural beauty and value of rivers and streams.
It was one of several initiatives sponsored by Union County government to preserve its waterways, such as the upcoming cleanup of the Rahway River Watershed in Rahway River Park, to be held on Saturday. During the restoration, three areas of erosion on the streambank were stabilized by inserting plant cuttings, brush matting and fascines, which are bundles of sticks and live plant material bound together. The buffer zone — which creates a filter to improve the water quality of rivers and streams — also has a natural problem caused by the overpopulation of Canadian Geese.
"The workshop was a great success," said Sullivan, who, along with Force, is liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The participants took an active part and, despite the rain, worked hard to help preserve our valuable waterways."
During classroom instruction at the Rahway River Citizens Center, volunteers learned about stream restoration efforts in the U.S. and its bio-engineering methods as alternatives to conventional stream and river engineering practices.
Hands-on work was done in two areas: part of the North Branch of the Rahway River behind Rahway City Hall and a site on Robinson's Branch of the Rahway River at Maple and Madison Avenues in Rahway. "Participants learned how to collect materials from shrubs and trees without damaging them, and use them to rejuvenate areas of the river," noted Kurz, liaison to the Environmental Health and Advisory Board. "They obtained a good grasp of basic concepts, including bank stabilization, watershed, stream survey, and soil bio-engineering techniques. The knowledge gained from the work was invaluable."
Sponsors were Union County government, the NYNJ Daykeeper, the City of Rahway, the Coalition to Restore Urban Waters and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Volunteer students came from the county's Division of Parks and Recreation, Native Plant Society of NJ, Rahway Environmental Commission, Rahway River Association, Rahway Esthetics Committee, Cranford Environmental Commission, Clark Environmental Commission, Sierra Club and the Union County Environmental Health Advisory Board.
Volunteers are being sought for the Rahway River Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Litter and debris will be removed from roadsides, waterways and wooded areas in Rahway River Park, Rahway. T-shirts, gloves and refreshments will be provided. Call (908) 654-9950 to register.

Police arrest trio of youths after assault near library

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer
Three suspects have been arrested for an assault on a Rahway teenager last Wednesday.
A resident of Pleasant Street, a 17-year-old Rahway boy and another unidentified suspect were charged with aggravated assault, possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose in connection with the attack.
According to police, La Jena Rodger and Detective John Moran were traveling in an unmarked car on Central Avenue at the time of the assault. They were the first ones to respond to the incident.
As they approached St. Georges Avenue at about 2:45 p.m., they entered a vehicle and drove off, hitting Rodger.
The suspects were apprehended in Linden by Linden police. Backup police from the Rahway Police Department arrived at the library to break up the crowd; no officers were injured.
According to Rahway police, the three suspects exited a vehicle and attacked the victim with baseball bats. The victim was not injured. No weapons were recovered.
The juvenile suspect was sent to the Union County Juvenile Detention Center while Briscoe was released on \$4,000 bail. The third suspect refused to identify himself and was sent to the Union County Jail until he could be identified.

Celebrating homes and gardens



Members of the Rahway Center Home and Garden Club gathered last week. The club, which meets every Thursday at the Senior Center of Estersbrook Avenue in Rahway, recently traveled to the Township of Clark, where they were given a guided tour of the circa 1650 farmhouse known as Robeson's Plantation by Clark Historical Society member Cornie Brewer. For information about Rahway senior activities, call the center at 827-2016.

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Now hiring!

Complaining about it has become a cliché, but we'll continue to do so whenever the Democrats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders waste your money—if we can keep up with them.

This time they're rejecting a proposed hiring freeze. We can't say we're surprised. These people have been spending your money all year by creating \$90,000 a year jobs and filling the positions with the party faithful.

In denying the hiring freeze, which they are scheduled to do Oct. 23, the majority-holding Democrats will say there is no need for the county to adopt such a policy. True, hiring freezes usually follow recessions and today's economic activity hardly can be called a slump, but that doesn't mean this county's government can't exercise restraint.

When the Board of Chosen Freeholders votes 6-3 against the proposed hiring freeze next week, it will tell the department heads that it's tax-and-spend business as usual.

As if they didn't already know.

While their effort was quixotic, we congratulate Freeholders Ed Force, Frank Lehr and Henry Kutz for proposing the hiring freeze. The self-serving cynics on the other side of the aisle say the plan is pre-election grandstanding. We, however, know good government when we see it. It involves public servants working to reduce the burden to taxpayers by making government lean and efficient.

Comment & query

The Democrats' boundless generosity with your money prompts a comment and a question: Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender says a hiring freeze is "totally unnecessary." What has happened to her sky-is-falling cynicism regarding the Union County Utilities Authority?

She and her party campaigned to victory a year ago by scaring the voters into believing the county was liable for \$283 million in UCUA debt.

Although the proposed lease of the UCUA incinerator is good news, it is not a done deal yet, making the "problem" of last year still a current one. With so much potential debt looming, wouldn't it be necessary to enact a hiring freeze, even a temporary one until that lease is signed?

Help wanted, but not needed

And speaking of making government responsive and responsible, we also have nothing nice to say about the Democrats' intention to "total" the county's police force to bring business to Union County.

On the surface it might sound like a smart investment of the \$110,000 the Democrats will spend next week. Beneath that surface lurks reality.

Union County has more than its share of think tanks, development agencies and improvement departments; some of them are necessary, others are not.

Let's see. We have the Union County Office of Policy and Planning, Union County Economic Development Corp., the Union County Alliance, the Union County Improvement Authority, the Workforce Investment Board, the Elizabeth Development Corp.—where one freeholder is employed—and the Plainfield Development Corp.

Also, there is County, at Kean University, which is headed by former County Manager Ann Barni. Kean also is home to the Small Business Development Center. At Union County College, we have the Industry Business Institute.

Furthermore, we have the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the Port Authority, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and a number of local special improvement districts and offices of policy and planning.

And let us not forget the Union County Chamber of Commerce and all of the local chambers of commerce.

In addition, there are those \$90,000 a year jobs the Democrats created this year supposedly to accomplish what these two firms will try.

On a philosophical note, we say government has no role in "helping" business. It is not government that fuels economic growth and creates jobs. If you want to know who does all of that, just look in the mirror. It is you, the individual, who invests in other individuals to drive the economy.

You see, people don't invest in government bureaucracies; they invest in each other. Government can confiscate money to a point, but it does so only with the security of knowing that you will get out of bed tomorrow and create more money.

If local, county, state and federal governments truly are interested in the strength of the private sector, then generous cuts in property and income taxes would be the logical place to start. Of course that could lead to reductions in the sizes of these governments, and that is not likely.

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COMMUNITY



ARTISTS' CONCENTRATION — Robert Perrine and Robert Perrine of Rahway paint their pumpkins at the 1993 Halloween event in Clark. The designing was done as part of a pumpkin giveaway event.

Passive observance of crime also bears guilt

Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant
Staff Writer

Last Friday morning, I came across a rather small item in a daily newspaper concerning an incident which had occurred behind the library in my hometown of Rahway. Three people—two "adults" and one teen—had attacked a teenage boy with baseball bats at 2:45 in the afternoon while a crowd of 75 people watched.

Since arrests were made, someone obviously contacted the police, but what about those 75? It stated in the coverage that the police needed to calm these people, whom one can safely assume were also youngsters and—one can also assume—were viewed the beating as entertainment rather than a moral and legal crime.

Horrible at the thought that such a thing had occurred in the quiet playground behind our library where my children play—and especially that 75 separate individuals elected to cheer on the spectacle rather than seek help—my mother lamented, "What's happening to people?"

To which I responded, "Nothing new."

You see, just the night before, my wife and I had rented a videotape of "The Crucible," the 1996 film version of Arthur Miller's 1953 play about the Salem witch trials of 1692.

In this movie, we witnessed mob hysteria fueled by blood-lust as a handful of rather demented teenagers

guilt vicariously and vengefully against their fellow villagers of witchcraft, leading to the executions of 19 innocent people. As the film delves into the hearings, leaving enough graphic details to the imagination to make it all the more terrifying, we saw the crowds cheering on the deaths of their neighbors, all in the name of God.

Having book-ended my night's sleep with the video the previous evening and the news article the next morning, I could not help but draw a correlation between the two events, both driven by the frenzy of a mob.

After the movie, Wendy and I had discussed the horror of this earlier raising page in our nation's early history, and the fact that Miller only used the Salem hysteria to tell a more timely story. Using as a parable the mobile mentality, which was beneath the 17th-century history of justice, the playwright was shining his own spotlight on the McCarthy witch hunts, which at the time of the original

Broadway production were laying waste to the lives and livelihoods of countless people in the Hollywood film industry.

Miller, who was among those who found themselves called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was hoping to expose the present-day version of Salem for what it was: paranoia, hysteria and a disgusting inability to back down when wrong. In the name of patriotism, Senator McCarthy was permitted to drag innocent people into hearings and give them no choice but to confess their "Communist" and name their fellows, or be benched from pursuing their livelihoods in Hollywood.

So here we have three separate instances, in societies and times far removed from one another, and they all seem to have one thing in common—If enough people choose not to find the courage to denounce wrongdoing and take for what it is, the wrong and hateful will prevail. And, however passive, doing nothing is a choice.

So, you see, last week's beating, though frightening and malicious, was not a new and heretofore unheard-of element of human nature. The villagers of Salem were there in Rahway pointing and cheering as we the people, congressmen who destroyed people's lives and careers earlier this century.

What's happening to people is the same stultic quo which has sadly prevailed throughout recorded history. One need only to look at Nazi Germany or the Spanish Inquisition for two of history's most infamous chapters in ignorance, paranoia, mob rule, passive guilt, and complicity.

But how do you stand up for what you know in your heart to be right when the very act could make you the next one "on trial," be your accusers Puritans, congressmen or bat-bearing thugs? That was the dilemma faced by the hero of "The Crucible," and ultimately he paid with his life, by answering to his conscience. However, he paid the price with his nobility intact and the knowledge that despite the cost, one must do what is right.

Though not charged with any offenses, those 75 behind the library last week are no less guilty of the beating than those wielding the baseball bats.

In fact, perhaps they hold even more guilt, for in standing by they gave their permission for the attack to happen. Their motives "were not revenge, anger, jealousy or greed, but they still allowed this brutal act to take place."

And you know, I think that's even worse.

State needs department to care for children

Dateline: Trenton

By Richard Bagger

In a letter to John Adams, Thomas Jefferson wrote that "a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."

We in New Jersey are more cautious about changing things than Jefferson was, but we have been willing to make major and, in fact, revolutionary changes when circumstances warrant. This year for example, we are marking the 50th anniversary of our state constitution, rewritten, said Gov. Alfred Driscoll, because "New Jersey people, their lives and work have undergone the effects of a civil war, of two world wars, and of industrial and social revolutions since our present constitution was adopted in 1844."

The "horse and buggy" constitution of 1844 was not adequate for a jet-age New Jersey and so we wisely agreed to change as circumstances dictated we must.

In 1947, most Americans believed that change meant unalloyed progress and that progress was our unique birthright. By many measures, we have made great progress.

We are, undoubtedly, more affluent today than we were in 1947. But if we are materially better off today, there is a portion of our population which is not only not better off but, in fact, worse off. The New Jersey of 50 years ago has given way to an age which can be both lush and dangerous for too many of our children.

More than 1 million American children were the victims of child abuse in 1993. The number of children who have been placed in foster homes has soared by nearly 50 percent in the past decade. More than 17 million children live in families which receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children and one out of every

three children born today is born into the welfare system. In fact, 60 percent of all women who receive AFDC do so as a result of a teenage pregnancy.

More than a million teens get pregnant this year, the highest teen pregnancy rate of any developed country in the world.

While the high rate of teenage pregnancy means trouble for many young people, the disappointing surge in drug use among our children is even more troubling.

Nearly half of high school seniors say they have tried drugs by graduation day. Among 10th graders, LSD use is up 62 percent, and marijuana use has doubled among junior high school students.

New Jersey has struggled with all of these problems. Programs stretching from the departments of Correction, Education, Health, Human Services, Law and Public Safety and Community Affairs all in some way try to help children navigate lives with too many shoals and too few safe harbors.

The reality, though, is for all we have done, we are losing ground. We must do two things: We must do what we already do, but do it better, and we must consider the Jeffersonian admonition to consider revolutionary change with the times and circumstances.

Now is such a time. The system we have gives responsibility for protecting our children to too many people in too many places. It costs too much and does not serve children well enough.

The time has come to reorganize, simplify and streamline how we protect our children. We need to unify our efforts under one roof: instead of fighting, programs and competing agencies, we need one house for our children's programs. We need, simply, to create a Department of Children's Services.

New Jersey has not been afraid to change to protect our children. New Jersey has a long history of caring for its young. A century ago, the state created the State Board of Children's Guardians to look out for orphaned and foster children. A generation ago, the state created the Department of Human Services. A year ago, Gov. Whitman created a Juvenile Justice Commission.

New Jersey has also been flexible enough to restructure its state government as circumstances warranted. As New Jersey industrialized, it created a Department of Labor in 1916. As our commitment to conserving our natural resources deepened, New Jersey created the Department of Environmental Protection in 1970. As the proportion of senior citizens in New Jersey grew, Gov. Whitman moved the Division of Aging from the Department of Health and Senior Services. And we have merged or eliminated departments when they were no longer necessary. In fact, New Jersey has three fewer departments today than it did four years ago.

The time has come again to make a significant change. New Jersey 50

years ago, had few single-parent households, a steadily lower incidence of illegitimate births and far fewer welfare recipients; a negligible drug problem and a markedly less violent youth culture.

This is not a paucity. Creating a Department of Children's Services will not, with stroke of a governor's pen, end welfare or eliminate teenage pregnancy. What it will do is focus all of our resources, which are intended for our children, on our children. It will give them an advocate and a guardian of their interests. No matter how well intentioned any agency can be, multiple agencies mean multiple turf, inherent inefficiencies and extra cost. We must make the programs we have more efficient, better and more compassionate.

Children are problems inconvenient—I have three, I know—and their problems do not fit neatly into boxes created by legislatures and bureaucrats. For all their incoherence, though, they represent all of our fondest dreams and deepest hopes. They are our future.

Jefferson thought a lot about government's role. He once told supporters that "the care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." The purpose of government has not changed much in nearly 200 years. It is time for us to be thoughtful. It is time for us to improve and coordinate children's services in the State of New Jersey.

Richard Bagger, a former mayor of Westfield, represents the 22nd Legislative District in the General Assembly.

VIEWPOINT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

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A new commander



Joseph Chiscorn, Jr., announced as the new commander of the Rahway Police Department. He will replace William J. Duff, Jr., who is retiring after 22 years of service. Chiscorn is a 1977 graduate of the New Jersey State Police Academy and has been a police officer for 15 years. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. Chiscorn is a member of the New Jersey State Police Association and the Rahway Police Association.

Bus passengers get smoke scare

The passengers on a New Jersey Transit bus got a "smoke scare" on Oct. 6.

The bus brakes overheated at 12:35 p.m. The brakes did not catch fire, but the passengers did not know which the bus was on.

A new bus was sent for the passengers from Newark. There were no reported injuries.

When asked if bus fires overhead like this very often, a fire official said there were no reported injuries.

Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the Nov. 4 elections.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write "news" about the "hot" issues during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will also stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and investigative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made. News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor. We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper regarding elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will follow for the Nov. 4 elections: Letters to the editor, Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of Oct. 23. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Letters containing more than 75 words will be edited for length. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication. Candidate's Currents, Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 23.

Our endorsement: Endorsement editorials will appear Oct. 30. Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear Oct. 30.

Electing night coverage: Election results will be available on our Information service, in most instances by 10 p.m. See the issue of Oct. 30 for the telephone number and extension to dial for your town.

Election results: Look for complete election result coverage Nov. 4.

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Police continue probe of cab driver stabbing

Police continue to probe the stabbing of a cab driver in Newark.

On Sept. 20, police arrested a man identified as Karl Kalkreuth, 34, of Newark, who was charged with the stabbing of a cab driver in Newark.

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Special friends



Third grade students from St. Mary's School of Rayway host a Grandparents/Special Friends afternoon in which the pupils participate in story time, games and puzzles with their grandparents and friends. From left are Mrs. Hapinski, Christopher Chow and Mrs. Shields.

ALJ Booster Club seeks to increase membership

Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark is conducting its Booster Club membership drive. Each family's membership is \$10. The Booster Club is a service organization whose purpose is to enhance the total athletic program at the high school. The club hosts fall, winter and spring awards nights and provides trophies for each team.

A Senior Awards Dinner was held in June and two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Senior Patrick Qualia and Nicole Gable. Marijana Banic and Jason Haster were awarded outstanding athletic trophies. Booster Club general meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the IMC, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Becoming involved with the Booster Club offers our athletes support on and off the field. Dues can be mailed to ALJ Booster Club care of Arthur L. Johnson High School.



Sister Regina Martin, principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, announced commended students. From left are Rosario Perez, Kearny, Sister Regina Martin, Principal Tia Manning, Plainfield, Lisa Pires, Perth Amboy.

Students gain national merit

Sister Regina Martin, principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, has announced that three seniors have been named commended students in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Program. Letters of commendation were presented to Tia Manning of Plainfield, Rosario Perez of Kearny and Lisa Pires of Perth Amboy. Each of these students is enrolled in Advanced Placement and Honors Program courses at Mother Seton Regional High School.

Commended students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1 million students who entered the 1998 Merit Program by taking 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

EDUCATION

Reunion concert planned

The Union County Regional High School District may have been divided into separate schools this year, but the Alumni Chorus from the years 1945-1970 continues as one.

Mikred Midkiff, the choral director at Dayton High School in Springfield, and Johnson High School in Clark, will reassemble the alumni members of her choruses and present the Alumni Choral Reunion Concert on Saturday.

In past years, more than 100 singers gathered at the Clark high school, rehearsed for the day, and presented the concert at night. Members from as far away as Florida, Indiana and Maine have returned home to participate in this nostalgic event.

Midkiff, the 62-year-old director, will be assisted by alumni Kenneth Boos, a college professor in Dade County, Florida, and Richard Martin, the accompanist.

The concert, which is free to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Arthur L. Johnson High School. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Chorus members who were taught by Midkiff and wish to participate are encouraged to call (908) 815-0685 for further details.

KidCare legislation

Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, R-Union, will co-sponsor legislation to create New Jersey KidCare, a new state program for children of the working poor.

The program will make \$136 million available to provide health insurance coverage for 102,000 children in New Jersey.

"We must do all we can to make sure our children grow up healthy and safe, and children of the working poor

Foundation celebrates

The Rayway Foundation for Excellence in Education celebrates its Fifth Anniversary during the 1997-98 school year. The mission of the Foundation established in 1992 with a grant from Merck & Co., is to encourage and support projects that enrich the educational process by providing a supplemental source of funding to teachers and students in the Rayway Public Schools.

Since its inception in 1992 the Foundation has awarded \$3,500 grants totaling \$27,600 which has involved more than 3,000 public school students. Grants have covered topics that range from ecological/environmental projects to book binding projects of family stories and fables and fairy tales. Projects integrate all aspects of curriculum from language arts to math and science.

The Foundation is an organization made up of local residents, educators, community leaders and business people committed to enriching the education of Rayway's school children.

Anyone interested in volunteering making a donation or seeking more information about the Rayway Foundation for Excellence in Education is encouraged to contact Don Sobolewski, Rayway High School, 1012 Madison Ave., Rayway, 07065, (732) 396-1188.

Poetry contest offered

Poems are being accepted for a free poetry contest organized by Rita Corrado of Clark. All poems must be typed and 21 lines or less. They may be written in any style and on any subject. The contest is open to all the local residents of Clark and any of the neighboring towns.

Each contestant may enter no more than one poem. The poems should be sent to Rita Corrado, 1074 Barton Rd., Clark, 07066. Entries must include name, address and phone number at the top of the poem. The winner will receive a \$114 copy of their poem matted, framed and hand-crafted by Rita herself in her hand-crafted filigree. The deadline for entering the contest is Nov. 15.



Nicholas Marcantonio, a commended student in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Program, is offered congratulations by Arthur L. Johnson High School Principal David L. Carl.

Marcantonio becomes a commended student

The principal, David L. Carl, of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, recently announced that Nicholas Marcantonio has been named Commended Student in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than a million students who entered the 1998 Merit Program by taking the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The Merit Program is extremely competitive," said an NMSP spokesman, "and the young men and women named Commended Students can be proud of their designation. NMSP honors scholastically talented students in an effort to encourage public interest in their achievements and to broaden their educational horizons. The program is a source of pride for the schools for the important role they play in their development. We hope these young people will continue to pursue their education and develop their abilities to the fullest. They represent a very valuable national resource."

What's the difference between that and turning on the heat in your house during the summer when it's 90 degrees outside? The answer is that there is no difference between the two. Both are stupid acts that lessen the taxpayers' and homeowners' spending power, respectively. Simply put, it's called throwing your money away.

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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Casavan
Editor in Chief

Let's start a petition drive in Union County to amend our county to Essex County with the condition that Essex County Executive Tim Triffinger take control of spending in Union County government. It has become more, and more evident today that leadership is lacking in Union County government and our elected officials at the county level have one thing in mind — spend, spend and keep spending, needlessly and all at the expense of the taxpayer.

But the leadership of Union County government — the Board of Freeholders and the county manager — will be quick to respond that the appointments they have made during their first year of control over Union County government in a few years are not costing taxpayers anything because some of them are good. That's true, but one time, were eliminated, and are just being brought back into existence.

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Officer Donald White, center, accepts the Union County Sheriff's Office's Officer of the Year award from Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. At left is Freeholder Walter McNeil, presenting a resolution from the freeholders commending White. Donald White is everything you ask for in an officer, McNeil said. "He exemplifies hard work, dedication, compassion and commitment to public service."

Sheriff's Office promotes five; 'officer of the year' is named

The county Sheriff's Office held promotion ceremonies for five officers recently, when Sheriff Ralph Froehlich swore in the officers before an audience of family, friends and co-workers.

Vincent De Troia, a 19-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and a Clark resident, was promoted to captain. He is assigned to the Administrative Division where his duties include budget management, scheduling, personnel administration and training.

Earl Guzman-Malcolm was promoted to lieutenant. She resides in Roselle with her husband, who also is a sheriff's officer. Her new assignment is supervision of S.A.P.s.

This program, which gives non-violent offenders an opportunity to work off their debt to society in lieu of incarceration, has saved the taxpayers \$3 million since its inception three years ago.

Three officers were promoted to sergeant. John Heller of Scotch Plains, George Valladares of Rayway and Marianne Hopko of Mountaintop all started their careers with the Sheriff's Office in 1990.

Valladares will be assigned to the sheriff's identification unit. Hopko will supervise officers assigned to criminal courts in the courthouse tower. Heller, who is married to Sheriff's Officer Ellen Heller, will supervise officers assigned to courts in the Annex Building.

In addition to the promotions, the Sheriff's Office also named Officer of the Year.

Officer Donald White earned the honor this time, being elected by his co-workers in the department, and the first thing he did was call his 80-year-old mother in North Carolina.

"I knew she'd be proud and would want to know," White said. "She's responsible for my success."

A sheriff's officer since 1984, White lives in South Plainfield with his wife Eileen. He was elected based on his dedication to duty, compassion, drive and unselfish assistance to friends, the public and co-workers, according to the department.

"Donald White is everything you ask for in an officer," said Freeholder Walter McNeil. "He exemplifies hard work, dedication, compassion and commitment to public service."

More than 20 officers were nominated for the award, with White, Detective Frank Bartone and Officer Robert Wepler being the top three nominees. In a runoff election, White won. All three will receive meritorious service awards during a ceremony next month.

"Donald's qualities are not unique in my department, but he really embodies the friendliness and helpfulness that are typical of my officers," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

"This is a dangerous job," White said. "It's not easy. You must always stay focused, use tact with prisoners and can never get complacent."

Another county responds to waste 'slippage'

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Union County is not the only county with a utilities authority in financial difficulty.

Pasaic County, for one, also is saddled with a utilities authority — a garbage collection point mandated by state law. This facility has a debt of \$76 million.

But the Pasaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders has found a way to pay off this debt — charge users to get their garbage anywhere but the UCUA.

By law, all municipalities in a county have to send their garbage to their county's utilities authority. But these laws have been struck down by federal courts and are facing an uncertain appeal in the U.S. Supreme Court.

This could lead to towns sending their trash to cheaper garbage disposal facilities. If the utilities authorities like the UCUA and Pasaic County's PCUA — lose enough business, they will be unable to keep up on their debt payments and will default on their loans. In the case of the UCUA, some of these bonds were guaranteed by the county freeholders and will have to be paid off with county taxes.

According to Pasaic County Freeholder John O'Brien, his county will impose a \$48 fee per ton of garbage on any Pasaic County town that does not send its trash to the PCUA. This fee is expected to be lowered over the next four to six weeks.

Pasaic County has a problem with towns and businesses sending trash to facilities other than the PCUA. This is called "slippage" and is a problem at the UCUA as well, according to UCUA Board Chairman John Kufish.

But O'Brien said that the fee is not intended as a punishment or fine. Rather, it is being imposed to help reduce the financial load on taxpayers.

Such a fee is evidently not in Union County's future.

When asked if it could happen here, Freeholder Walter McNeil said no. "Quite frankly, we met with the mayors and they seem to be on board," he added, referring to a plan to lease the UCUA incinerator to the firm that built it — on the condition that all Union County towns send their trash there.

Prosecutor targets county drug-trade

The reassignment of attorneys and the addition of detectives and municipal officers to bolster the work of the county Narcotics Strike Force was announced by Prosecutor Thomas Manahan.

In a restructuring of office staff and resources, Manahan said he was renewing the promise he made on the day he took office July 2 to make narcotics enforcement the number one priority.

Besides a revamping of key office personnel to reflect the upgraded emphasis on drug enforcement, Manahan said he has begun forging "cooperative partnerships" with federal agencies such as the U.S. Customs Office in Newark, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration to work with the Narcotics Strike Force.

When it was created in 1971, the Union County Narcotics Strike Force was the first of its kind in the state. It was the first to combine municipal police officers and county detectives to fight drug sales and importation on a regional basis.

As part of the changes, at least three detectives will be added to the 17 detectives assigned and at least four additional police officers will be assigned by their chiefs to work six or nine months on the strike force.

Cyanford Police Chief Harry Wilde, president of the County Chiefs Association, has indicated the group "totally supports the changes" and will work to help supply the added personnel.

Under the strike force concept, detectives and police officers, assigned for six or 12 months at a time, work side by side in helping municipalities clean up open air drug markets where customers can walk up or drive up to make narcotics purchases. They also track and stop major suppliers.

"As part of an office reorganization reflecting the new emphasis, Manahan said he has named Deputy Chief of Investigations David Regal to be the head of his 65-member detective bureau.

"Dave Regal was one of the first officers assigned to the original strike force and he is more than capable and qualified to lead this stepped up anti-drug effort," Manahan said.

Regal, who lives in Scotch Plains with his wife Patricia and son David Jr., has commanded nearly every unit in the office since joining the office in October of 1970. He served two tours of duty as a Marine in Vietnam and graduated from Kean College and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Regal, sworn in this month in ceremonies before Superior Court Judge Edward Foley, replaced David Hancock, an assistant prosecutor and former head of the major crime unit, who was promoted to investigations supervisor and will be the top legal advisor for all investigative units.

Hancock, who resides in Short Hills with his wife Carol and their son David, joined the office in 1974 as an investigator and went to New York at Regal's supervisor of the Homicide Unit, he supervised hundreds of murder investigations and tried dozens of homicide cases, including six capital death penalty cases.

He received a value award in 1976 for helping to stop an armed robbery in Cranford and a bankers group security award for prosecuting a check fraud ring in 1981.

Former Investigations Supervisor Richard Rodbar has been promoted to deputy assistant prosecutor and has supervision over both the legal and investigative staff personnel.

A member of the legal staff since 1973, Rodbar has served as both the trial and investigations supervisor and is considered a statewide expert on parole issues. He has participated in a number of major investigations including the successful murder prosecution of a former Roselle police officer charged with the poisoning death of his wife.

Manahan said the expanded strike force will be headed by Assistant Prosecutor James Hart and Anne Fawcley under the command of Lt. James Durlin, three veteran employees with most of their years in the office devoted to drug enforcement.

The prosecutor, in his fourth month as chief law enforcement officer in the county, said he has come to believe that no single effort will improve life in the county better than steering young people away from narcotics and violence.

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County college school-to-work plan is finished

Union County College's Industry Business Institute has completed a planning process for the Union County Workforce Investment Board to address the establishment of a statewide school-to-work program.

This final phase of the IBI's planning work, "Marketing School-to-Work to Business and Education in Union County," was adopted by the WIB at its regular meeting last month.

According to UCC President Thomas Brown, the WIB selected the college-based institute as its contractor to carry out the planning process because of its track record in assisting employer training-needs in the county.

"I am pleased that the college could play a role in this very important project," he said. "The work of the IBI represents only one of the many quality services which Union County College can offer to the business and industrial community."

The institute submitted its phase-one analysis of existing and emerging labor markets in the county to the WIB. In the second phase, IBI facilitated focus groups to determine how business and industry feel about School-to-Work issues.

On the basis of these interactions with employers from the health services, business services, chemicals products, transportation, and metals and machine operations sectors, the latest report was completed recommending strategies to inform and educate business people, labor representatives, educators, parents, students, and members of related institutions and agencies on the benefits to school-to-work programs, and encourage them to become involved.

Under contract to the IBI, the "marketing" plan was developed by Arnold Richter, of Innovative Workforce Solutions of Trenton. It is a plan for how the Union County WIB can bring STW to its potential.

The report found that because the concept of school-to-work is new, the work-based education reform requiring the involvement of both business and education, "the environment is not yet wholly receptive on either side." In his report, Richter said Union County has STW initiatives executed by a countywide steering committee, UCC, and the participation of the county's school districts.

For STW to progress, the report recommends the establishment of a system with the "infrastructure, community support and momentum to connect the dots." It supports lifelong learning, emphasizes continuing education beyond high school, and is intended for all students, not just the "flow-college bound."

To familiarize them with the resources that will be made available to the initiative, Union County College will host an open house for the business and educators Nov. 6. Featured will be a teleconference providing insight on how the Rochester school district in New York developed a program that has developed a program of the services and facilities available at the college. For more information on the college's program, contact Elaine Lamongia, director, Industry Business Institute, at (908) 709-7114.

COUNTY NEWS

Walk for cancer research

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is scheduled for Sunday at Liberty State Park. The five-mile non-competitive walk will begin at 11 a.m., following registration at 9:30. More than 5,000 participants are expected at this annual event, and donations also are welcome. For more information, call (800) 492-2453.

PTA fall meeting

Tonight, the Union County Council of PTAs will hold its annual Fall County meeting and dinner at L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountaintop. Cost for the dinner is \$30 per person, with two dinner selections available. Any member wishing to attend, should contact their local PTA president, as soon as possible for additional information and to make reservations. Deadline is tomorrow.

Taste of the Towns

Union County's finest chefs will offer samples of their specialties during the fifth annual Taste of the Towns benefit sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elizabeth and the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Taste of the Towns will be held Monday, 5 to 9 p.m., at the Panagio Renaissance Restaurant in Scotch Plains, and will benefit charities and scholarship programs in the Elizabeth area.

Many of the area's finest restaurants, bakeries and beverage merchants will participate. Among those represented will be Allied Beverage Group, Inc.; Union; Bella Palermo Pasty Shop; Elizabeth; Cive Restaurant Italiano; Kenilworth; DiCicco's Restaurant & Italian Deli; Linden; House of Scagrum; Clark; Hunt Club Grill; Summit; LaSalle, Roselle; Madri Restaurant; Elizabeth; Mellow's Restaurant; Elizabeth; Mitchell's Restaurant; Elizabeth; Nuno's Pavilion; Linden; Outback Steakhouse; Springfield; Puro Bakery; Roselle; Ragini; Mountaintop; Union County Vo-Tech School; Scotch Plains; and Varda Chocolatier, Elizabeth.

Tickets are priced at \$35 for the first ticket, then \$30 for additional tickets from the same buyer. Checks may be made payable and returned to:

Rotary Club of Elizabeth

771, Elizabeth, NJ 07201-0971. For additional information, call (908) 555-9022. Tickets may also be purchased at the YMCA, 135 Madison Ave., Elizabeth, weekdays.

Literacy days

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Library Literacy Days in many of the local libraries. This is to introduce how Literacy Volunteers can help adults learn to read or speak English. Prospective tutors and students are invited on Saturday to the Linden Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and at the Union Library on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who would like to be assessed as a student should call the LVA-UC office at (908) 925-7755 to set up an appointment.

Recycling day contest

In the tradition of Earth Day, the Union County Utilities Authority will join in America Recycles Day, a national environmental partnership effort to increase consumer purchases of recycled products.

The theme of the contest is Keep Recycling Working: Buy Recycled. Students are asked to make a holiday ornament or display from recycled materials. Judging will be based on the most creative entry. The contest will end Nov. 3. The authority has planned a fun-filled day for Nov. 15 at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop, N.J. The day will feature a UCUA mascot will award prizes of U.S. Savings Bonds to the winners. Sign an America Recycles Day Pledge Card to buy recycled products and you are eligible to win an American Green Dream House as the national prize. The house will be built with recycled-content products and energy-efficient products. Sponsors will provide materials, money for land and the in-kind donations.

Deserted village tour

Did you know that Union County's largest park, the Watchung Reservation, is home to a village that dates to the pre-Civil War era? The area encompassing the Deserted Village of Feltsville was first settled in the early 1700s, built into a thriving mill town

in 1845, and converted into a summer resort in the late 1800s.

During October, there will be two opportunities to tour the Deserted Village with Dan Bernier, chief of the Bureau of Park Operations, who is coordinating the county's program to restore the village's 10 buildings and 300 acres.

On Oct. 26, at 2 p.m., the county will present a tour of the village as part of Trailside Nature and Science Center's regular Sunday Family Program schedule. On Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m., a candlelight tour will be held for a Halloween atmosphere with the history lesson.

Pre-registration is required for the candlelight tour only. There is a \$2 per adult program fee for either program; children are admitted free, but must be over the age of six to participate. Both programs will be held rain or shine. Meet at the top of Cataract

Hollow Road, off Glenside Avenue, on the Berkeley Heights side of the park.

For the candlelight tour, bring a flashlight. For either tour, be sure to wear shoes suitable for walking on dirt paths. For information, or to register, call (908) 789-3670.

Skating rink opens

Warinanco Ice Skating Center is open for the 1997-98 season. Skating sessions will be: Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon p.m.; and 12:30-2:30 p.m. for hockey; Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; 6-8 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 1-3 p.m.; 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 3 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m. Admission to the general sessions

is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children age 17 and under, and \$4.25 for senior citizens age 62 and over with proper identification.

Discount cards for county residents who plan to skate on a regular basis are on sale.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is located off Thompson Avenue in Warinanco Park, Roselle.

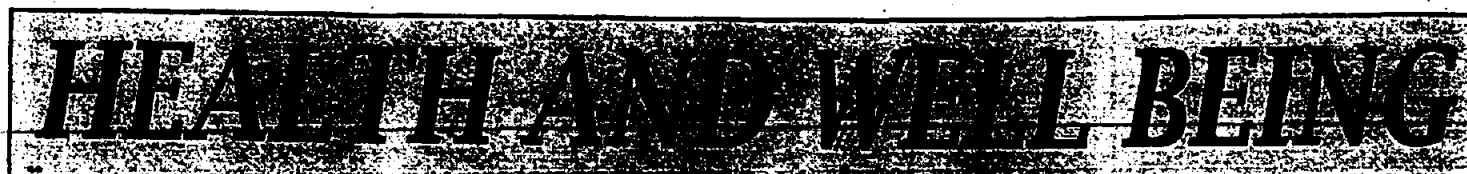
Consumer symposium

The county Division of Consumer Affairs will hold a free symposium Oct. 23 in Westfield. Held to introduce National Consumer Week, Oct. 25-31, as part of the state Division of Consumer Affairs' Consumers Month, the event will be in the auditorium of the County Complex at 300 North Ave. The symposium, featuring experts from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, will focus on utilities and investments and provide information on mortgage. It will start with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m., and conclude with refreshments at 12:30 p.m.

Riverside clean-up

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of the watersheds in Union County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county manager have announced plans for a community clean-up of litter along the Rahway River.

The Rahway River Watershed Clean-up will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet in front of the Ulrich Memorial Pool in Rahway River Park, located off Valley Road, Clark. The meeting site can also be accessed through the park entrance at 300 North Ave. Pre-registration is encouraged.



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Sit-ups, push-ups, side twists, and neck rotations can be helpful. But don't go overboard. Perform with moderation and gradually build up your stamina. It's also a good idea to have regular checkups to find out if your spine and nervous system are in good condition. If there are any defects, they can usually be corrected with proper treatment.

In the service of better health, Dr. Donald Antonelli, D.C., is a member of the American Chiropractic Association, the National Chiropractic Business Association, and the International Chiropractic Association. He is also a member of the American Chiropractic Association's National Board of Directors.

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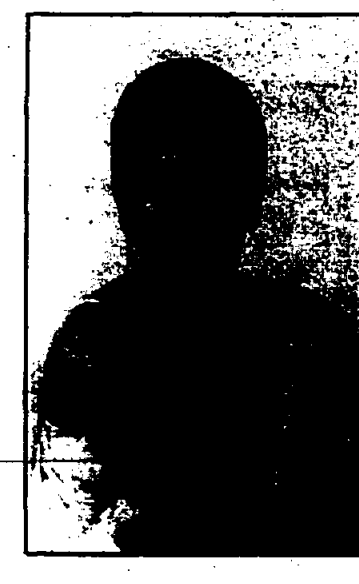
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PAC projects spotlight education

NJPAC has announced its Arts Education programs and performances for the inaugural season. Established in 1992, NJPAC Arts Education programs were designed to isolate specific areas of concentration and create programs highlighting those areas. The programs are expected to reach approximately 100,000 children in the next year, to attract students and families to the Center and to maintain NJPAC's presence in the schools.

The **Passages to Culture** SchoolTime Performance Series is a daytime series for student groups featuring more than 110 performances by 37 different artists and companies. The FamilyTime Performance Series features many of the same performing artists and companies, with performances on evenings and weekends to encourage adults and children to attend the theater together.



Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company is a Principal Affiliate of NJPAC's Arts Education program.

Both series include curriculum resource materials, meet-the-artist sessions, backstage tours, and other parent workshops. Programs are offered between October and June, with most performances given in NJPAC's Victoria Theater. NJPAC Arts Education programs also include ongoing training programs, in-school residencies and professional development workshops with NJPAC Principal Affiliates. Principal Affiliates will be involved in a range of activities including development of community projects, master classes, lectures, teacher training and commissioning of new works. Affiliate designations include the World Tap Foundation for the Performing Arts, WBGO-Jazz 88, George Street Playhouse, Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, Nicholas Rodriguez, Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company and Deborah Mitchell.

NJPAC Arts Education is a "Harmony Among All Peoples." In keeping with this theme, NJPAC and George Street Playhouse will begin the season with the original production, "Harmony."

Arts Education will also provide a professional venue for performances by children, with Festival of Young Artists showcasing some of the region's finest young performers. The Festival will feature New Brunswick Youth Ensemble, American Boychoir and Newark Boys Chorus, and All-State Chorus and Orchestra.

The Holiday Festival is designed to introduce children to the magic of international holiday celebrations. A special NJPAC educators information and ticketing center may be reached by calling (201) 642-2002. A full-color catalog of all SchoolTime performances may be obtained by calling the same number. Season tickets for the FamilyTime series are available by calling (888) GO-NJPAC. Subscriptions may also be ordered by mail: NJPAC Ticket Services, 36 Park Place, Newark, NJ 07102; or by fax at (201) 642-5229.

NJPAC Arts Education is made possible, in part, by the The Victoria Foundation, The Prudential Foundation, Allen and Joan Bildner, and the NJPAC Arts Education Endowment Fund. Additional support has been provided by AT&T, American Express Company, Bell Atlantic, City National Bank, Coalition of 100 Black Women, First Union Bank, Fleet Bank N.A., Friends of Senator Wyoma Lipman, National Urban Affairs Council, PSE&G and The Star-Ledger.



Architect's rendition of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

NJPAC represents ten years of building toward a goal

After a decade of planning and preparing, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark will open its doors to a world of culture on Saturday.

The history of New Jersey's newest cultural center began in Dec. 1986 with an initiative put forth by former Governor Thomas H. Kean. Under his guidance, Newark Mayor Sharpe established the PAC Task Force. The goal — to assess the physical needs of the state's performing arts organizations.

In July 1987, the consultant firm of C.W. Shaver & Company Inc. presented the following results to the Task Force: No existing facilities were adequate to accommodate symphony orchestras, opera and dance companies, and national or international touring companies. The consultants recommended constructing a facility in a key, condensed area. The chosen site should be nurtured as a cultural district, to encourage development of surrounding businesses that would add to the cultural package.

Downtown Newark was determined to be the most beneficial location for the project. Research showed that more than half of the state's population, approximately 4.5 million people, live within a 25-mile radius of the area. Newark is easily accessible from several major highways, such as the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike, and Routes 78 and 280. NJPAC's chosen location at One Center Street is near Newark's Pennsylvania Station, with subway and bus stops a few blocks away.

This location would also facilitate the plan to turn the surrounding area into a cultural district. The Newark Museum, Newark Public Library, Rutgers University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Seton Hall Law Center and Essex County College are all located within one mile of the site. Within this mile radius are potential locations for other cultural facilities to be constructed.

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Corporations help state realize dream

All they needed was \$180 million and a dream, and as of Oct. 18, the Performing Arts Center Task Force will have hit the jackpot: the gala opening night of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

But you can't win if you don't play, and the Committee to Advance the New Jersey Center for the Performing Arts has been in the game for almost a decade. With the incorporation of key corporate players, the NJPAC fund-raising team has relentlessly pushed toward the goal, and established that they are indeed playing for keeps.

The ball was set in motion by the first major player, The American Foundation, with a \$5 million gift in June 1989. Raymond G. Chambers, president of Amelior and chairman of the Committee, promised that funds contributed by the state for the estimate \$33 million cost of site acquisition would be matched by private contributions. Confident that

NJPAC fund-raising was in earnest, the state Economic Development Authority purchased the 12-acre site of the Center for \$20 million that same month. In September of that year, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approved \$12.2 million for planning, design and site preparation.

In May 1990, Prudential Insurance Company got into the game with \$3 million, and later supplemented the gift with an additional \$3.5 million. This first major corporate donation resulted in the naming of the multi-purpose Prudential Hall. In January 1992, the Victoria Foundation caught the ball with a \$2.5 million gift and a name for the new concert hall, Victoria Theater.

Chambers' promise became a reality. Private contributions came from many sources — \$3 million Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation, \$1 million, Bell-Atlantic; \$1 million, Merck and Co. Inc.; \$1 million, MetLife Insurance Company; \$1 million, Warner-Lambert Company; \$1 million, Princeton Kane Holdings. By the end of 1992, public and private funding for Phase One of the project had surpassed \$100 million, and by the end of 1994, gifts of \$120,000 from the Black United Fund of New Jersey, the largest donation in history, and \$1 million from the CTF Group Inc. had pushed private donations over the \$33 million goal.

The public sector commitment continued with Governor Christine Todd Whitman's agreement in March 1995 to loan NJPAC \$44 million to offset construction delays, and the federal Economic Development Administration's initial \$2 million grant to begin construction of Theater Square. June 1995 brought a \$1.5 million grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and NJPAC's first fundraising gala in October 1996 netted \$13 million.

In December 1996, only nine months from the goal, NJPAC Phase One contributions totaled \$176 million. Recently, NJPAC Attorney's Campaign, comprised of New Jersey law firms, exceeded a \$1 million fund-raising goal in September 1997, and NJPAC's second annual fund-raising gala scheduled for opening night is expected to exceed the \$180 million mark.

NJPAC President Lawrence P. Goldman summed the organization's gratitude to all contributors in one statement: "The Arts Center is meant to serve everyone. It has been built by everyone."

Black tie, gala opening scheduled for Saturday

After four years of planning, Opening Night, the gala opening of the new New Jersey Performing Arts Center will take place on Saturday.

Opening Night festivities will include the second Annual Benefit Gala, hosted by The Women's Board of NJPAC. The evening's line-up of renowned performers will give the audience a preview of what is in store during the Performing Arts Center's inaugural year.

The Performing Arts Center was created to provide a viable showcase for the best in music, dance and theater. Scheduled performances will feature the genres of classical music, jazz, Broadway, ballad, modern and contemporary dance. The Opening Night program was announced on July 15 on the stage of the 514-seat Prudential Hall, by NJPAC President and CEO Lawrence P. Goldman.

"We have been anticipating this moment for almost a decade," Goldman said. "Opening Night will be a moment for almost a decade. Opening Night in Prudential Hall." Goldman said at the July 15 ceremony. "It seems like just yesterday that we were promoting the feasibility of constructing a performing arts center in Newark to an audience of skeptics, and here we are announcing the Opening Night artistic program to an audience of true believers and ardent supporters," Goldman said.

Opening Night will feature soprano Kathleen Battle, Newark native Savion Glover, the master of tap; multiple Tony Award-winning actress Chita Rivera, and an exciting performance by Gaudi Fernandez and Sergio Cortazzo from Tango x 2, the critically acclaimed Argentine revue. NJPAC will also give audiences a "sampler" of the arts companies which are now principal affiliates of the Performing Arts Center. These groups include New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, both of whom will take up residency at NJPAC with the Opening Night performance, American Ballet Theater, and the Lincoln Center Orchestra, conducted by Wynton Marsalis. Also scheduled is a gospel choir arranged by Dr. Emily Cissy Houston.

According to NJPAC, Vice President of Programming Stephanie S. Hughley has said, "The

performances planned for Opening Night demonstrate the flexibility of Prudential Hall and the eclectic variety of the Center's programming."

Thanks to the efforts of the NJPAC Women's Board Inaugural Gala Committee led by Patricia E. Ryan and Veronica Goldberg, co-chairpersons, and Gala Chairman Raymond V. Gilman, this event is expected to surpass the Phase One \$180 million fund-raising goal.

Opening Night sponsors are The American Foundation, A.T. Kearney, Merck and Prudential. The concert will be taped by WNET/Channel 13 in association with New Jersey Network for national release in February as part of the PBS "Great Performances" series.

NJPAC will present the following performances through the end of 1997:

October

- Izabel Perlmutter, Sunday, 3 p.m.
- NISO, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Cesaria Evora and Madredeus, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 24, 8 p.m.; Oct. 26, 3 p.m.
- November
- George Street Playhouse, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Midori, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
- Western Opera
- "Carmen," Nov. 2, 2 p.m.
- Salvatore and Gibbs, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.
- NISO, Nov. 7, 8 p.m.; Nov. 9, 3 p.m.
- Gulbenkian Orchestra, Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
- Tango x 2, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Bolskoi and Kirov Ballets, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
- Newark Boys Chorus, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
- Boyschoir, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.; Nov. 16, 2 p.m.
- African American Women Dance Pioneers, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.
- George Winston, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
- NISO, Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m.; Nov. 21, 8 p.m.; Nov. 22, 8 p.m.; Nov. 23, 3 p.m.
- All-State Orchestra and Chorus, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.
- Unabashed — The Zulu Macabre, Nov. 29, 8 p.m.
- Rondalla Central Concert, Nov. 30, 3 p.m.
- Mahalia Jackson Tribute, Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
- December
- Nutcracker on Ice, Dec. 2 and 3, 7 p.m.
- NISO, Dec. 5, 8 p.m.; Dec. 7, 3 p.m.
- Baruto Yeu, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Handel's "Messiah," NJ Philharmonic, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.; Mandy Patinkin, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.; David Copperfield, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., 9 p.m.; Dec. 11, 6 p.m.; Salvation Army Christmas Gala, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; Masterwork Chorus, Dec. 11, 8 p.m.; Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 12, 8 p.m.; NISO, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 14, 3 p.m.; NYC Gay Men's Chorus, Dec. 13, 8 p.m.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Inaugural Season will get off to a rousing start with the Opening Night Gala on Oct. 18, and continue with a whirlwind of the world's finest symphony orchestras, opera and ballet companies, jazz artists, pop musicians and Broadway musicals. More than 200 performances have already been planned for the first season in NJPAC's two theaters, the 750-seat Prudential Hall and the 514-seat Victoria Theater.

NJPAC has geared this season's programming toward the following themes: "The World Festival" — an annual, multi-disciplinary series focusing on the global evolution of one particular culture and its interaction with other traditions; "The Lost Jazz Shines" — A performance series that brings to life the history of the city's institutions that have nurtured jazz; "African American Women Dance Pioneers" — A tribute to those African-American women who for more than 20 years have trained generations of dancers in their schools.

Gould and Stearns, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.; Pierre Altmann, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.; Harlem Nutcracker, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.; Dec. 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 21, 3 p.m.; American Ballet Theater, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 26, 8 p.m.; Dec. 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 28, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mt. Olive Baptist Church Benefit Concert, Dec

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Springfield artist receives rain forest commission

By Jacquie McCarthy

Amesbury, Mass.

This time last year, Springfield

resident and artist Rosalie Hettenbach

exhibited the results of her first com-

mission, "A Better World For All,"

for the National Committee for Hab-

itat. The quality and scope of this ar-

tistic endeavor left no doubt that Het-

tenbach would be soon be back in the

public eye. True to form, her work has

been noticed by The International

Center for Educational Advancement,

who have commissioned Hettenbach

to create "The Rain Forest Series."

The ICEA is a ten-year-old nonpro-

fit organization which addresses

humanitarian concerns. Dr. Pierre

Smid, director, chancellor of ICEA,

describes the organization as a

"New Jersey-based think tank" for

international analytical research

featuring seven Nobel laureate advisors.

It was Dr. Smid who observed Het-

tenbach's work and requested her

newest commission.

According to Daniel J. G. Peabody-

Smid, friend and mentor to the artist,

and co-founder of ICEA, Dr. Smid

had become aware of Hettenbach's

potential even before the NCH

commission.

"The ICEA was aware of Rosalie's

work," said Peabody-Smid. "It's

quite a prestigious organization and

quite a distinguished organization, in

the magnitude of the projects that it

does."

Peabody-Smid explained that Dr.

Smid also functions as an advisor

to the NCH, which is spearheaded by

Kenneth Miller, who acts as a coun-

selor to ICEA. Upon viewing "A Better

World For All," Dr. Smid formally

requested Hettenbach to create paint-

ings commemorating the impact

of the rain forest on the planet.

"So I started researching the rain

forest," said Hettenbach, "because

before the rain forest situation was

mentioned to me, I just had a vague

notion of what was going on."

"Then I started doing intensive

research and I was shocked to find

out about the plight of the rain forest

and the indigenous people," Hetten-

bach elaborated. "I was really hor-

rified. "So I started digging deeper

and deeper. I had to do extensive

research just to comprehend everything

in order to create a painting, since I

couldn't go visit it."

Hettenbach's latest creation,

"Kanadu," is the largest of what

became "The Rain Forest Series,"

five paintings depicting rain forest

scapes. Hettenbach said that she

wanted to do one painting showing

the elements of the rain forest, but

the scope of the issue inspired her to

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, call information to Associate Editor, Jacquie McCarthy, at 908-273-9121, or write to her at 1000 Church St., Union, NJ 07083.

ANTIQUE SHOWS

SUMMIT ANTIQUE SHOW will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, located at the corner of Summit and Morris avenues. Forty dealers are offering items including jewelry, sterling silver, glassware, china, prints, country furniture, and American and English period furniture. Carolyn Ramsey, auctioneer and appraiser of Consignments and Auction Galleries of Summit, will again be available to give verbal appraisals free of charge. In addition, this year, Ramsey will be offering a free seminar at 10 a.m., entitled, "Antique Treasures: How to Buy and Sell at Auction."

Another new feature is a Gift Basket Auction, featuring baskets created by the various groups at Bryn Mawr School. These theme baskets will range from camping to sleepover to a teddy bear picnic. Other features include a country garden, kids corner, snack bar and bakeshop. Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

ART SHOWS

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present an exhibit of artwork by Michelle Post through tomorrow.

The exhibit will hang in The Morris Gallery, NJCA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

HAROLD SWEET of Hillsdale will exhibit works of art at Van Gogh's Ear Cafe through Oct. 25.

The cafe is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS Touring Exhibit will be displayed at Eason Chemical Company through Oct. 28. The exhibit consists of 25 pieces of art selected from the 513 works shown at the 1997 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College.

Eason Chemical is located at 1900 Church St., Union. For information, call (908) 559-2550.

LES MALAMUT Art Gallery will present "Perspective of Kat Work" by Kathleen A. Thompson of Cranford through Oct. 30.

The gallery is located in the Union Public Library in Fibiger Park on Morris Avenue. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (908) 688-0557.

TOMASULO GALLERY will feature postimpressionist paintings by Tim Goydos through Oct. 30.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 723-7155.

WATCHING ARTS CENTER just art show, "Things That Go Bump in the Night," will be on display through Oct. 31. A reception will be held on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will present oil and drawings by Ralph Sanders throughout October.

The library is located at 11 South Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-6000.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will display art work by Ralph Gargola, Ivan Koyak and Barbara Zietchick throughout October. A reception for Koyak will be held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Exhibits are displayed in the hospital's East Wing. A portion of sale proceeds benefit the hospital. CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

PATHWAYS will be displaying a photographic tribute during October in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is an exhibit of photographs of breast cancer survivors and loved ones lost to breast cancer and will be displayed at the Summit YMCA during October.

The Y is located at 79 Maple St., Summit. For additional information, call (908) 273-3663.

UNION LIBRARY will present a display of decorative painting through October.

Local artists Joan Sewell and Sue Deller will display colonial art forms for the Brooming Violet Chapter of Decorative Painting.

The library is located on Morris Avenue in Union.

GARDENIA installation by Cindy Tower, is an environmentally conscious exhibit created entirely from recycled materials. The exhibit runs through Nov. 2 in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

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

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will present an exhibit by

WORKING LIFE, TOOLS

an exhibition candidly looking at tools shaping the work of Americans today, will be on display at Arbee Associates in Union today from 5 to 9 p.m.

Arbee Associates is located at 2 Sturtevant Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 651-6170.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will display photographic works by Owen Luck in the Member's Gallery from Saturday through Nov. 18.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

MARK BELTON, Union resident and visual artist, will display his artwork on Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at 1469 Vauxhall Road, Union.

For information, call (908) 354-4705.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will feature a wide and varied collection of American prints dating from the golden age of printmaking, 1900 to 1950.

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Thursday until 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Call (908) 273-8665 for more information.

AUDITIONS

SPARTAN PRODUCTION COMPANY is having auditions for a Christmas show and a variety show.

Audition dates are Sunday from 5-8 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on Valley Road in Lyons, NJ, in the Building 5 auditorium. Showtimes are Dec. 14 for the Christmas show and Feb. 8 for the variety show.

Needed are singers, musicians, actors and comedians. Singers prepare an up tempo song. Comedians prepare a monologue or routine. For more information, call (201) 755-4231.

BALLET

NEW JERSEY BALLET will begin their Saturday night repertory concert series on Saturday at 8 p.m. with an evening of classical ballet.

The concert will take place in Kean College's Wilkes Theatre. Tickets are \$17, seniors \$15, students \$10. The college is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

CLASSES

UNION ART ASSOCIATION is offering visual arts classes on Wednesdays in five-week segments. The schedule is as follows:

Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27.

Classes will be held at Summit Recreation Center on Morris Avenue at Orchard Terrace, Union. For information, call (908) 486-1400.

WATCHING ARTS CENTER will hold "The Internet for Artists seminar" on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The seminar will include an introductory discussion describing how the World Wide Web works, how to use it, and how it can be used by artists.

Tuition is \$10, discounted to \$8 for local residents. The arts center is located on the Watchung Circle. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CONCERTS

GALAXY CONCERT SERIES will begin tomorrow at 8 p.m., featuring



Artwork by Barbara Zietchick is on display during October at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

string quartet, Quartetto Vita. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, students with ID and children. The concert will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 106 Eastman St., Cranford. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

ALUMNI CHORAL REUNION CONCERT will be presented by Union County Regional High School District on Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on Valley Road in Lyons, NJ, in the Building 5 auditorium. Showtimes are Dec. 14 for the Christmas show and Feb. 8 for the variety show.

Needed are singers, musicians, actors and comedians. Singers prepare an up tempo song. Comedians prepare a monologue or routine. For more information, call (201) 755-4231.

LECTURES

WEIRD NJ publisher Mark Sojman and Mark Moran will speak about their travel guide to the state's local legends and best-kept secrets today at Mount-

ain Academy Band at West Point, will be honored. Admission to the concert is free. For further information, call (908) 277-3433.

LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC will present its 10th anniversary subscription series with four chamber music concerts.

All concerts will be held in the auditorium of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, 240 Southern Boulevard. Tickets are \$17 for general admission, \$13 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Discounts are available for early subscription. For information, call (201) 751-1734.

FESTIVALS

ANNUAL RIGHTS Festival will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 201 N. Tolson Camp, 17 Roosevelt Drive, Edison. The festival will feature workshops, exhibitors and vendors.

The center is located at 221 Glen Ridge Ave., Montclair. For information, call (908) 745-4489/3088.

MEETINGS

UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, call (908) 964-1675.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield at 8 p.m. For further information about membership, call (908) 232-8771 or (908) 232-7058.

MISCELLANEOUS

HAYRIDES AND CAMPGROUNDS will be offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center this fall.

Hayrides will be tomorrow and Oct. 24, and Nov. 7 beginning at 6:30 a.m. In case of rain, participants will be rescheduled for one of the remaining rides, as space allows, or on an alternate night.

A \$2 ticket entitles the ticket holder to a hayride through the Watchung Reservation, singing and storytelling with Jim Rohr, and hot chocolate and marshmallows by a roasting campfire.

All tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the hayrides. Participation is limited and early registration is encouraged. Group tickets will be limited to a maximum of 25. Large groups should consider a private hayride rental, offered by the Parks Division through November. Tickets, which cost \$5, may be purchased by calling Cathy Nevins at (908) 499-0279.

For additional information, contact the Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4600.

HORSEBACK RIDING, including lessons, are available at Watchung Stables.

For girl scouts troops, there is a program designed to allow them to ride horses. The program is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 759-3665 for further information. Watchung Stables is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

LINDEN LAKES features Laser Light Bowling to the music of the 70s every Saturday night after 10 p.m.

Gamen cost \$3 per person. Linden Lakes is located at 741 N. Stiles Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 925-3550.

SPORTLAND, Union's indoor family fun center, offers bumper cars and

assorted rides, video games, air hockey tables, redemption games, basketball games, and more. The center also features a Laser Tag Arena available at a cost of \$5 per person.

Sportland is located at 2441A Route 22 West, Union. For information, call (908) 687-0500.

RADIO

WBOO, Jazz 88.3 FM programming will present the following shows this week:

Today — "Arbitrator," a weekly magazine show covering all facets of the arts, will be aired at 6:30 p.m.

Monday — "Portraits in Blue," 7 p.m.

Tuesday — "Jazz From the Archives," 10 p.m.

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Friday — "Jazz From the Archives," 10 p.m.

Saturday — "Jazz Classics," 6 a.m.

"Beale Street Caravan," a one-hour magazine show about the Blues, 1 p.m.

"Jazzazz With Randolph Manalac," 8 p.m.

Sunday — "Jazz From the Archives," 10 p.m.

Monday — "Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center," 7 p.m.

Tuesday — "Jazz Profiles," 7 p.m.

WFMU, 91.1 FM Free Form Radio will feature the music of veteran free form DJ Bob Riton of Rahway on Monday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon. Features include a mix of jazz, funk, punk, funk, soundtrack music and personal anecdotes. Riton's programs consist of classic 60s radio style into the 90s.

TELEVISION

EGGTV, a diverse comedy show based in Scotch Plains, will air their newest show on Comedy Channel 57 on Saturday at 10:05 p.m.

THE ARTS is a half-hour cable television program about the visual and performing arts in New Jersey. Each month the viewer is introduced to the creative people and nonprofit organizations directly involved in upcoming cultural events. An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is aired on Comcast Cablevision Channel 57 in Union, on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 8:05 p.m. It will be carried on CITV on the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 1997.

For more information about "The Arts" and/or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4489/3088.

THEATRE

BIG RIG has opened at Paper Mill Playhouse and runs through Oct. 28. Mark Twain's immortal characters of Huck and Jim and their adventures on the Mississippi River are brought to musical life in the rollicking 1985 Tony Award-winning Best Musical with a vibrant country-western score by Roger Miller.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with Saturdays on Thursday at 2 p.m., and Sunday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. For further information, call (908) 232-8771 or (908) 232-7058.

OPEN SPACE THEATRE COMPANY will present the New Jersey Premiere of the award-winning Tony Kushner play "Angels in America: Part 1 — The Millennium Approaches" at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. tomorrow, and Oct. 24 and 25 with a matinee performance on Oct. 25 beginning at 3 p.m.

A gala champagne reception is planned for Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Quinn Gallery. The show starts at 8 p.m. and is followed by dessert and coffee with the cast. The gala is \$25 per person and reservations are required for this event by Sunday. Tickets for all performances including the gala are \$12 and \$10 for students and senior citizens. For further information and gala reservations call (908) 225-0082.

CALIFORNIA SUITE will be presented by Westfield Community Players on weekends at 8 p.m. from Saturday through Nov. 8. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave., Westfield.

TRIPS

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will sponsor a trip to Baltimore to view "A Grand Design: The Art of the Victoria and Albert Museum" on Oct. 30.

Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. from behind the A&P in New Providence. Breakfast will be served on the bus. Return to New Providence will be approximately 10:30 p.m.

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

HOROSCOPE

For the week of Oct. 19 to Oct. 25

Aries March 21-April 20

Things may be going your way now, but be prepared for a setback. Don't let it bother you — treat it as an opportunity to regroup and regain momentum. A gift or legacy from someone you admire makes you feel good.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Pay close attention to work or business. You'll have a chance to accomplish much in a short period of time if you seize the opportunity from the start. Be very understanding when someone else admits a mistake. Compliments could be turned someday. A compliment comes from a surprise source.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Be prepared for a hectic, busy time both at work and at home. Keep a close watch on your budget. Friends may be helping to spend your money. Start working on a project you've put off before it's too late. It won't be that bad once you get started.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Once you determine what needs to be done, you'll have no trouble doing it. You'll know just where to go to get the information you need. Someone you consider a friend may actually be working against you. Watch your back. Trust a friend or

loved one to an evening out. You'll find out how true your belief is.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Now is the time to play by the rules and show you're a team player. Get out of line and being flamboyant doesn't get you where you want to be. Get ahead by getting along. Concerns and questions about money are answered and you come out ahead. Sprinkle on a small treat for yourself. You deserve it.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Your enthusiasm spills out and makes others believe anything is possible. You tackle a major task and may feel you're in over your head. Don't panic and you'll come out on top. Take care of yourself as you take care of others. Time away from the rat race could be just what you need.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You'll feel the heavy weight of family responsibility. People are demanding a lot from you. You'll have to do the lion's share of the work, but you will also get the credit. Someone is working behind the scenes on your behalf. You'll have a chance to be a mentor to an admirer.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Share some of your burden with a friend or loved one. Others are willing to help if you let them. You'll be able to repay the favor sometime in the future. Be sure you're putting some-

thing away for the future. You never know when it will come in handy. Don't be discouraged by a temporary setback.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An important project or plan is on the ropes. This may be just what you need to look at things in a new light. Starting out in a new direction may be scary but could ultimately lead you to your destiny. You could be traveling soon. Visiting a familiar place gives you a sense of security.

Places Feb. 19-March 20

Make sure you're getting all that's due you. Stay calm, cool and collected for best results. You'll need to be the peacemaker. A tough decision about money or property is looming so start planning now. You'll be able to take care of others that way you'll be the best. Work on improving finances and health.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You'll have to work fast to get everything done in the short amount of time you have been given. Keep focused and you'll do okay. Don't get bogged down in other people's arguments or problems. Work to keep things running smoothly. Treat your-

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

self to the small luxury you've been wanting for awhile.

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Art park display open through mid-November

A solo exhibition of five colorful pieces by prominent contemporary artist and sculptor Peter Reginato is now on exhibit through mid-November at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts' outdoor sculpture garden.

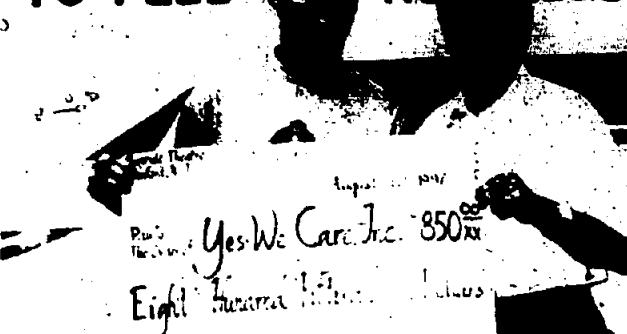
Unshaken of primary color, Reginato has devoted most of his creative life to sculpture. Understanding drawing as a vital part of the process of sculpting, the shapes he uses originate in this simple and spontaneous act of making marks on paper. With indifference to natural scale and logical relationships, Reginato creates pools, petals, leaves and flowers with limbs of doors, domes and windows of architecture. Stylized objects suggest human artifacts such as toys and tools. Always working from the ground up, he uses shapes and the branching lines of steel rods as a structural means of moving the viewer's eye into constant motion and making one aware of structural changes. Colors merge into each other with no particular rhyme or reason.

This is the second installation in NJCVA's new Art Park. The works are made of steel painted with East-Ton and include "Tina Turner, 1994," "Grief, Street, 1993," "Moon Explorer, 1992," "Happy Happy Joy Joy, 1993," and "Titan, 1993."

Affiliated with Addison Galleries, Inc. of NYC, Reginato was born in Dallas in 1945 and studied at San Francisco Art Institute and taught at Hunter College. Public collections of his work include the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Wash., DC; Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC; and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Solo exhibitions include: Addison Galleries, Houston; Salander/O'Reilly Galleries, NYC. Group exhibitions include Addison Galleries, NYC; Deep Space, NYC; Grounds for Sculpture, Mercurville, NJ; Hayward Gallery, London; and Philadelphia Art Alliance, PA. Reviews and articles on the artist and his works have been published in "Architectural Digest," "Art in America," "New York Newsday" and "Artforum."

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For more information call (908) 273-9121. Exhibitions are free and open to the public and the Art Park is open daily.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO FEED THE HOMELESS



Dan Welner, a Cranford resident and Theater Major at Rutgers presents Dr. Sanford Fineman, president of Yes We Care Soup Kitchen, donations amounting to over \$200. These profits from Dan's production of the comedy "Hamlet II—Better Than the Original" held this August at Temple Emanuel-EI, Westfield, will, according to Dr. Fineman, feed the homeless of Elizabeth for at least 6 weeks.

Applications available for awards

Applications are now available for the 1998 Very Special Arts Awards. These include the Student Arts Excellence Awards, presented to classified students — mainstream, inclusion, self-contained classes or activities — 14 to 21-year-olds, who outstanding achievement in and commitment to one or more of the arts forms; and the Education In The Arts Awards presented to outstanding educators and administrators for establishing high-quality arts programs for classified students.

For further information or application materials, contact Karen Singer, Very Special Arts New Jersey, 703 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901; (732) 745-9935, or 745-3913.

Plainfield church hosts 'Angels'

The Open Space Theatre Company, a member of New Audiences of Plainfield, will present the New Jersey Premier of the award-winning Tony Kushner play "Angels in America Part I—The Millennium Approaches" at the Cranford Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Washington Ave., Plainfield. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. on Oct. 17, 24 and 25 with a matinee performance on Oct. 26 beginning at 3 p.m.

A gala champagne reception is planned for Oct. 18 starting at 6:45 p.m. at the Swan Gallery. The show starts at 8 p.m. and is followed by desert and coffee with the cast. The gala is \$200 per person and reservations are required for this event by Oct. 12. Checks can be made payable to Open Space Theatre Company.

"Angels in America" if the first of the Kushner trilogy dealing with America and the state of our country as we approach the millennium. It focuses on politics, sex, religion, Jews, Mormons and African-Americans. The play switches between realism and fantasy, from the tragedy of AIDS to the comedy of life. Anolis Rudinsky directs this premier production with the Open Space Theatre Company. He has done extensive work with the Summit Playhouse Association, most recently directing "Olympic," "Light Up the Sky" and "Marvin's Room" for which he won the Biggest Award for direction.

The cast of "Angels in America" includes Joseph Nierle as Roy Cohn, Don Mehan as Joe, Stephanie Koempel as Harper, Chris Baron as Louis, Wayne Harris as Prior, Sheila Harding as Hannah, George Jose Prieto as Belize, and Diane Glick as the Angel.

The Open Space Theatre was created by Joseph Nierle and Sharon Reynolds, both with extensive theatrical backgrounds because they want to develop a theater with artistic integrity that would serve the creative needs of the theater community and at the same time provide educational and entertainment opportunities for the people of Plainfield and the surrounding communities.

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Classified Advertising Worral Newspapers P.O. Box 158 Maplewood, NJ 07040 Offices where ads can be placed in person: ESSEX COUNTY 463 Valley Street, Maplewood 170 Scotland Road, Orange 266 Liberty Street, Bloomfield UNION COUNTY 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union	Business Directory 4 PM Thursday Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday Ad Copy 12 noon Monday In-column 3 PM Tuesday

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TRANSACTIONS

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Michael P. and Lori A. Adams sold property at 206 N. Park Ave., to St. Vincent's Hospital for \$125,000 on July 9.

Craig D. Vail Jr. and Doris Vail sold property at 642 E. Blanche St., to Felix C. Sanon for \$148,000 on July 10.

John F. and Laure Rosales sold property at 520 Princeton Road to Vincent E. Otrmann for \$149,000 on July 10.

Michelle Caruso sold property at 611 Laurita St., to Augustus M. Alvarez for \$135,000 on July 10.

John and Josefa Felix sold property at 2425 Urbanville Ave., to Jorge A. Cardoso for \$190,000 on July 10.

Mountainside

James R. and Carline L. Dunne sold property at 141 Knightbridge Road to Allan W. Nemeth for \$450,000 on July 2.

Ratway

Edward T. and Nancy A. Smith sold property at 1963 Price St., to Andrew Neigel for \$121,000 on July 1.

Pat Evangelista sold property at 131 Jackson Ave., to Zela V. Headley for \$138,000 on July 2.

William J. and John M. O'Mahoney sold property at 77 E. Grand Ave., to Andrew Liput for \$42,500 on July 2.

Roselle

Mark and Marita A. Spooner sold property at 416 Drake Ave., to Mark Spooner for \$30,000 on July 2.

Roselle Park

Secretary and HUD sold property at 131 W. Roselle Ave., to Grower L. McCrea for \$105,000 on July 15.

Springfield

George S. and Gerri W. Scaglione sold property at 92 Pitt Road to Larry A. Handell for \$260,000 on July 18.

Summit

Bryan and Jane M. Gorksz sold property at 47 Harvey Drive to Bryan Gorksz for \$11,800 on June 25.

Brian and Lucia A. Leonard sold property at 8 Edison Drive to Regina B. Altieri for \$185,000 on June 25.

Christopher E. and Whit Campbell sold property at 30 Fairview Ave., to James A. Maultby for \$380,000 on June 25.

Donald F. and Gretel Stubbs sold property at 68 Woodland Ave., to Christopher E. Campbell for \$335,000 on June 26.

Curtis B. and Betty A. McWilliams sold property at 74 Gold Road to Melvin P. Vigman for \$602,500 on June 26.

Howard E. and Cori L. Thao sold property at 34 Sweetbriar Road to William C. Frauen for \$610,000 on June 27.

Maurice and Emily McCarthy sold property at 7 Iris Road to Michael L. Thomas for \$295,000 on June 27.

Michael and Ileen M. Long sold property at 29 Brainerd Road to Lisa M. Gayer for \$223,500 on June 27.

Robert A. and Gerard Cornetti sold property at 4 Lorraine Road to Michael A. Fineman for \$440,000 on June 27.

Union

Michelle Rosenthal sold property at 746 Colonial Arms Road to Mario P. Hernandez for \$145,000 on June 23.

Andreas and Yvonne Kyriacou sold property at 1015 Schneider Ave., to Elise Pereira for \$135,500 on June 23.

Simone J. and Michele Simone sold property at 168 Kimberly Road to Timothy R. Bowen for \$138,500 on June 24.

Marjorie Dunlop sold property at 118 Indian Run Parkway to Peter Pinsky for \$118,000 on June 24.

Daniel O. and Ann M.W. Damsky sold property at 285 Phillips Terrace to Christine Cimura for \$130,750 on June 24.

Florence E. Schneider sold property at 1341 Lincrest Terrace to Savings Fund Society Wilmington for \$150,000 on June 24.

WMFC 1997-4 Properties Inc. sold property at 1949 William St. to Lutz Dymirsky for \$36,990 on June 24.

George V. and Frances Policastro sold property at 1655 Andrew St., to Lawrence C. Sanone for \$165,000 on June 25.

Andrew Z. Nolan et al sold property at 19 Milford Terrace to Adam J. Murray for \$135,000 on June 25.

Hildegard Koechler sold property at

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