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It's time to put up & shut up

It's that time of year again. In two weeks, individuals seeking public office in New Jersey will have to submit their nominating petitions, declaring their candidacies for their respective parties' nominations.

The season is marked not by the discussion of the specifics of public policy — that could be boring — but by the shameless pursuit of campaign donations.

I always thought the unlucky recipients of mailed solicitations were chosen from voter-registration lists, leaving Republican committees hitting up only registered Republicans, for example.

Because this newspaper publishing company recently received an urgent letter from Chuck Haytaian, I don't think that's the case anymore. Why on earth would the state GOP committee expect a newspaper company to make campaign contributions? Newspapers are non-partisan, fair and objective arbiters of public affairs that take sides only when it's time to protect the public welfare.

Don't believe me? Just ask the *Village Voice*. I'm sure someone there would back me up.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

To make the matter even more inappropriate is the name of the prospective donor: Worrall Communicatio. The name of our company is Worrall Community Newspapers, so I can see how the state GOP's treasurer got confused.

Pretending to be Mr. Worrall Communicatio, a 50-ish gentleman of Italian descent, I responded to state GOP Chairman Haytaian.

Fortunately the correspondence requires little writing; one needs only to check a few boxes. Most importantly is the contribution amount box. "We cannot afford to wait while the liberal Democrats prepare," the letter warns before asking for \$25, \$50, \$100 or "other."

Oddly, the letter doesn't warn of the preponderance of liberal Republicans.

I put the editor's trademark "X" through the "other" box, adding a zero with a slash in the space next to it. With that done, I was able to skip the legal dumbo jumbo regarding credit card information, employment, phone number and e-mail address. Then it was on to the fun stuff.

To feign urgency in their solicitations, political parties, special interest groups and candidates include a questionnaire to give the intended donor the feeling of influencing public policy via political platforms.

Chairman Haytaian posed 10 questions to Mr. Communicatio, all of which were worded to mean absolutely nothing.

No. 3 in particular provokes a blank stare. It asks if "both income taxes and government spending" should be "cut back even further by the Republican leadership in 1997?" Cut spending even further? Isn't New Jersey the state with the governor who wants to spend \$16 billion during the next fiscal year so we can have an Office for the Prevention of Mental Retardation and an auto insurance underwriting association?

Question No. 5 asks about the "war on crime." The GOP has lost interest in Second Amendment rights, but it still wants to know if Mr. Communicatio wants to "increase the use of the death penalty."

Derived from the Latin "increcere," the English definition of "increase" is to enlarge or augment. While New Jersey has had capital punishment on the books since 1982, none of our cop killers, child killers or other inhuman inmates have been treated to it. Therefore

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State Senate President Donald DiFrancesco and Assemblymen Rich Bagger and Alan Augustine, Republicans who represent the 22nd Legislative District, recently announced the start of their campaign for re-election. The district includes Clark and Mountainside.

District 22 lawmen start '97 campaign

The team that has represented the 22nd District in the Legislature since 1992 will seek re-election in November.

Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, Assemblyman Richard Bagger and Assemblyman Alan Augustine, all Republicans, kicked off their election bid in Mountainside late last month.

They were joined in their announcement by local public officials and Republican party officials from Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

"We have worked as a cohesive legislative team on behalf of the people who elected us to office. In both the Senate and the General Assembly, we have diligently protected the interests of District 22 taxpayers, particularly on such landmark public policies as the reform of the state's education financing mechanism and the sweeping overhaul of the state's welfare system," said DiFrancesco. "We look forward to working together in the future as an effective, strong voice in Trenton."

DiFrancesco is the senior member of the team, and is a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains. He has served in the Legislature since 1976, when he was elected to the Assembly. He was elected to the Senate in 1979. DiFrancesco was chosen by his colleagues to serve as the presiding officer of the Senate in 1992 and is serving an unprecedented third-term as its president.

"I am honored I have been able to serve the people of District 22 for more than two decades," said DiFrancesco. "I recognize it is a great privilege to serve in the Legislature and I have worked hard to champion issues of great importance to a local constituency that includes taxpayers, public officials and businesses. The laws I have sponsored over the past two years truly reflect my continued commitment to respond to the needs of area residents."

Among the recent laws DiFrancesco has been responsible for enacting include the "1996 Property Tax Deduction Act," which enables taxpayers to deduct property taxes on their state income tax, the "State Mandate/State Pay" constitution amendment, a pro-taxpayer measure that eliminates the practice of unfunded state mandates on local municipalities, counties and school boards, and the "1996 Dredging and Economic Development Bond Act" which will save more than 180,000 jobs and \$20 billion in economic activity generated by regional ports.

A lifetime resident and former mayor of Westfield, Bagger is the Assembly Majority Conference Leader.

"I know how important a quality public school education is to the many high-achieving schools in District 22, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to work with these districts on a community-by-community basis during the development and implementation of the recently enacted Education Reform Act.

Working with parents and educators, alike, we are able to craft a new funding mechanism that does not level down the educational standards District 22 residents have come to expect," said Bagger, who serves as a member of the Joint Committee on the Public Schools.

First elected to the Assembly in 1991, Bagger is also a member of the Assembly Insurance Committee and vice president of the Assembly Policy & Regulatory Oversight Committee. The assemblyman has sponsored more than 50 bills that have become laws, including the "Environmental Opportunity Zone Act," which provides incentives to clean-up contaminated sites in urban areas.

Bagger is working on legislation that would provide for the creation of tax-free savings accounts to cover health care expenses and legislation that would revamp the energy tax structure and reduce energy costs for both commercial and residential consumers.

"Serving constituents, helping to protect the public interest, making government more accountable and delivering services as efficiently as possible, Assemblyman Alan Augustine said are a few of the responsibilities central to his role as a public servant.

Augustine, a resident of Scotch Plains and a former township council member and mayor, has served in the General Assembly since 1992. The assemblyman is the vice chairman of both the Assembly State Government Committee and the Assembly Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. He also is a member of the Appropriations Committee.

"My involvement in three different Assembly committees has enabled me to play a direct role in forwarding a legislative agenda that has brought about smaller government, lower taxes, no-nonsense criminal justice and a more balanced approach to environmental protection. These are the issues that the people of District 22 care about and will continue to care about as we prepare for the millenium ahead," Augustine said.

Since 1996 Augustine has been responsible for the enactment of a number of new laws, including a measure that applies the state's "Lemon Law" to the purchasers of wheelchairs, a law that repeals or revises a number of costly, onerous state mandates; and a recently enacted initiative that cracks down on "deadbeat parents" who fail to pay child support orders by providing for the suspension or revocation of certain licenses and registrations.

The District 22 legislative delegation represents Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence, North Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Winfield.

With its 2,000th recovery, task force marks results

Thirty-three year old Keith Buckham of Irvington had no idea he was making history last month, when he was arrested in a stolen, damaged 1991 Nissan Maxima.

The car was the 2,000th car recovered by the Essex-Union Auto Theft Task Force.

Since its start-up in 1991, the police officers, prosecutor's detectives and State Troopers from the task force have corralled nearly \$19 million worth of stolen autos and arrested 1,940 persons.

"Car thefts have been decreasing some 20 percent each year since 1994," said Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey. "The numbers of car thefts, from an area which used to be considered the stolen car capital of the eastern United States, have truly made dramatic drops."

The arrest of Buckham, who is charged with aggravated assault on police officers as well as possession of a stolen auto, occurred when South Orange Patrolman Robert Raddi was in an unmarked task force vehicle and spotted the stolen car on South 18th Street in Newark.

Lt. Anthony Mullarkey, commander of the task force, said the defendant tried to ram his way out of a blocked-in position and aimed the stolen car directly at two other task force members.

"However, he was unsuccessful and was arrested without harm coming to the officers, the defendant or the general public," according to Neafsey, who said "all ATTF officers are specially trained to handle what has the potential to be a deadly situation in a safe manner."

The car, which had been stolen in Springfield the day before, was recovered and towed away with damage to the front bumper where the driver had floored the accelerator and attempted to ram the officers' cars blocking him in.

The task force, which was given a huge boost from a federal grant three years ago, has been supported by the police chiefs and the prosecutors from both counties.

"It's really paid dividends," said Mullarkey, adding that more than 200 officers have worked at "the force" and returned after assignments with valuable street experience about car thieves and stolen car cases. The many troopers, detectives and patrolmen are being gathered for a special reunion in the spring.

"We know for a fact that the team is doing a phenomenal job because the numbers tell the story," said Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde, the new president of the county chiefs association.

Car thefts by juvenile cases in both counties have been holding teenager car thieves accountable and ordering them detained or even sent to Jamesburg when they are repeat offenders.

"This sends a strong message of deterrence back to the streets," Acting Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said. "The county's juvenile officers association is thrilled with the results."

With almost \$19 million worth of cars recovered, the net effect on ordinary consumer is in the area of reduced car insurance rates, officials said.

UCUA to collect used oil filters

Union County Utilities Authority Chairman John Kulish announced the UCUA has implemented a used motor oil filter collection program in several municipalities.

Residents in the following municipalities can drop off their used motor oil filters in addition to their used motor oil: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Hillside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park and Scotch Plains.

The authority has contracted with Clean Venture/Cycle Chem of Elizabeth to collect used motor oil as well as used filters. Residents can drop off their used filters at municipal designated sites where they are stored in steel drums. The full drums are collected and sent to a processor who drains the remaining oil and crushes the filters recycles both the oil and the metal.

According to Joseph A. Spatola, UCUA executive director, "in addition to motor oil filters to keep them out of the waste stream where they can have potential adverse environmental impact. One quart of used motor oil spilled in drain can contaminate our precious source of drinking water."

In addition, residents can bring their used motor oil and used motor oil filters to Household Special Waste Days sponsored by the UCUA. The first event for the spring will be held in Cranford Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Swimming Pool, which is located on Memorial Drive.

Pre-registration is required for this event. To register or for more information, call the UCUA at (908) 382-9400.



County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, as co-chairperson for the Horns, presented two checks for \$1,000 each to two Elizabeth civic organizations. The 'Horns' is a philanthropic organization in Union County. The money went to the Eddie Gray Camp Fund for disadvantaged children and St. Claire's Home for Children. From left: Froehlich, Sister Jacinta Fernandes, Sheriff's Officer Mary Beth Gray and Melissa Soules.

Philanthropic 'Horns' donate thousands to children's causes

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, as co-chairperson for the Horns, presented two checks for \$1,000 each to two Elizabeth civic organizations. The Horns is a philanthropic organization based in Union County.

Retired Union County Clerk Walter Halpin, who is the other co-chairman, was one of the founding members of this group. The Horns has members who come from the business community, political life, the judiciary, education and law enforcement. Its members gather two times a year in an effort to generate money that can be donated to worthy causes.

The Horns met at the Westwood in Garwood, where Froehlich was installed as chairperson. The money generated from the meeting was donated this week to the Eddie Gray Camp Fund for disadvantaged children and St. Claire's Home for Children.

Sister Jacinta Fernandes accepted the check for the Eddie Gray Fund. This fund was established in the name of the late Elizabeth Police Detective Eddie Gray. Gray was the P.A.L. director for many years who dedicated his life to helping Elizabeth youth.

The Eddie Gray Fund accepts applications from agencies that work with disadvantaged youth and redistributes money to sponsor children in summer camps. Sister Jacinta has been helping disadvantaged people in the Elizabeth area for the past 30 years.

She is also the director of St. Joseph's Social Service Center on Division Street in Elizabeth. The center runs a food pantry, soup kitchen, medical clinic and works with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Melissa Soules accepted the check for St. Claire's Home for Children. St. Claire's is located in Elizabeth and recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. It is an umbrella organization of the AIDS Resource Foundation, which offers outreach services to AIDS victims and their families.

St. Claire's is a transitional home catering to the needs of HIV positive and medically fragile children who range in age from birth to 12 years old. The home is able to house five children at one time. Children stay with St. Claire's until they can be returned to the family or a foster family has been selected.

Soules thanked Froehlich and the horns for their donation and quoted the philosophy of her organization. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Sister Jacinta at (908) 352-2989 or Melissa Soules at (201) 483-4250.

Good luck to us all this year

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there's nothing to augment. Next question please.

No. 7 asks if local officials and parents should take back more control of their children's education. With whom should these parents wrestle? With the newly reinvigorated state Department of Education? Good luck, you moms and dads.

In fact, good luck to all of us. We will need it for as long as the two dominant political parties stand so close together that supporting one benefits the other. If you believe Haytaian's implication that supporting the Republicans means protecting individual freedoms and reducing the size and strength of government, guess again.

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Past NJEA members

The Union County Retired Education Association will hold its Spring Luncheon meeting Monday at the Westwood Restaurant, at 438 North Ave. in Garwood.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. Speakers will be James Holcombe, president of the New Jersey Retired Educators Association, and Michael Johnson, vice president of the New Jersey Education Association.

Following lunch, to be served at 12:30 p.m., there will be entertainment by the Four Friends in Harmony barbershop quartet.

The meeting is open to all retired NJEA members who live or worked in Union County.

Call (908) 241-0598 or (908) 241-0442 for more information.

Classes offered

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County's Healthy Indoor Air for America's Homes continues.

"Take a Deep Breath" will have training on Monday and April 14 with graduation on May 6 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. or from 9 to 11:30 a.m. today April 10 and 17 with graduation on May 1.

All classes will be held at 300 North Ave., East, in Westfield.

Classes are free but those interested must register. Volunteers that receive training will be asked to give 15 hours of time to their community. If interested, call (908) 654-9854 between 8:30 and noon or 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

County-wide cookies

It's Girl Scout cookie time again. Through Sunday, Girl Scouts from the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council will be taking orders for their annual cookie sale. Girls will be hosting displays, booth sales, and taking order door-to-door in Clark, Elizabeth, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield and Union.

This year's cookie line-up includes three new varieties: Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies, Five World Cinnamons, and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creams. The famed other cookie selections include: Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, and Caramel deLites.

Remember that your \$3 per box order not only buys a cookie competitive with national brands, but it has a

lifelong impact in changing a girl's life. The Girl Scout cookie sale dates back to the early 1920s.

For more information, call Catherine Davis of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at (908) 232-3236.

Mothers meeting

Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge is a national support group for all women who have decided to temporarily leave the workforce to stay at home with their young children.

Discussion groups are held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Library, Walnut Avenue in Cranford. Prospective members are encouraged to meet the group at this informal meeting.

Formal meetings with outside guest speakers are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m., at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. in Westfield.

For any additional information on FEMALE, call (908) 381-7912.

Scouts honor Fishman

State Health Commissioner Len Fishman was selected by the Watching Area Council, Boy Scouts of

America, to receive the "Distinguished Community Health Service Award."

The award is presented to persons, who best exemplify the tenets of the Scout Oath and Law in keeping with duty to God, country, others and self. He is the first person to receive the award.

His devotion, duty and service on behalf of the people of New Jersey, is very much in keeping with leadership. This attribute is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, that is the ability "to lose yourself in service to and through others." Because of his qualities, Fishman is the first non-physician to be appointed commissioner of health in New Jersey.

A reception and award presentation was held in his honor at the Martinsville Inn recently.

Keynoting the presentations was Donald T. DiFrancesco, president, New Jersey Senate.

Battleship efforts

Not only can citizens become involved in bringing the USS New Jersey home by purchasing a "battleship license plate," but also by participating in the voluntary tax check-off

on the 1996 state income tax forms. This year's tax form include a special check off for the Battleship New Jersey. Funds collected through the check-off will be directly applied to bringing the ship back to our state and opening it as a museum.

The ship is rich in history. It has served through four major conflicts, World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean Conflict and the Beirut crisis. The USS New Jersey also has the distinction of being the most decorated warship in U.S. Naval history boasting 16 battle stars and 13 ribbons.

The USS New Jersey is now stationed in Bremerton, Wash. where she is being maintained by the Navy. An application for her acquisition has been submitted to the secretary of the Navy by the USS Battleship Commission which is a state-sponsored commission.

Questions about the project and information about making donations outside of the check off can be mailed to Ellen Amato, director of the Battleship Foundation, at 1715 Highway 35, Suite 103, Middletown, NJ 07748, or call (908) 671-6488.

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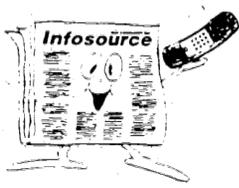
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mystic Vision Players get ready to rumble with 'West Side Story'

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It was like a family council meeting rather than a meeting of the principals of the Mystic Vision Players' "West Side Story," when four dedicated show people visited this office on Friday afternoon. The attractive four, who have known each other for years and years, included Jil Durbin of Linden, director; Tom Pedas of Roselle, a Cranford school teacher, music director; Barbara Jude-Greco of Linden, choreographer, who also plays Graziella, and Kevin Brady Jr. of Linden, who plays Riff.

The four explained that this September will mark the 40th anniversary of the original Broadway opening of "West Side Story" at the Winter Garden, and before someone decides to revive it on Broadway, the Mystic Vision Players, in conjunction with the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee, had better bring it local audiences as soon as possible. And so, with about 30 people in the cast, the Mystic Vision Players will present the modern day "Romeo and Juliet" story at Linden High School's Theater/Auditorium, April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 3 p.m.

It seemed as if all four of the visitors have known each other forever. Both girls had been introduced to "West Side Story" by Pedas, when he directed them in a Linden Summer Playhouse production 12 years ago. Eventually, the two girls went on to produce it at Roselle Catholic High School two years ago, and won awards of excellence from the Rider University Festival in acting, choreography, dance and set design.

"Jil and I did it for Roselle Catholic High School two years ago," said Greco, "at which time, John Marinjko of Roselle played Lt. Shrank then, and now, and Andy King of Elizabeth will repeat his role as Tony. Jil, whom I've known since we were little children, and who is more like a sister to me than a friend, and I have been working

together in this capacity since 1992."

Greco, who works with community theater and school groups throughout New Jersey, and who, last year, was nominated for Outstanding Choreography by the New Jersey ACT Awards Inc. for her work in MVP's "Jesus Christ Superstar," also received the Medallion of Leadership in the Arts from Governor Christine Whitman for promoting culture in the state of New Jersey. She is a health and physical education teacher at Franklin School in Somerset and she also does "choreography and coaching. I coach track at Roselle Catholic High School. I teach fulltime and do summer work with the theater. I danced professionally with the New Jersey Ballet and the Joffrey Ballet in New York. I do a little bit of everything. There's no free time, but it's fun."

She explained that "I'd been away performing with a professional theater in Tennessee for a year, but now that I'm back," she grinned, "we figured, why not do the best play and do it on a professional level — and bring something to the community — and that they won't have far to go to find top entertainment."

Yes," agreed Durbin, "we had done it on a high school level and we wanted to take it one step further." Durbin has performed in many theater productions and has directed for high schools and community theaters throughout Union County. "Actually, Tom was helping out this season."

Pedas, a master music teacher, who has directed for schools, community theaters and award-winning choirs including the Celebration Singers, and who is the original founder of the Linden Summer Playhouse, mused, "It's like taking a trip down Memory Lane. I taught Kevin, here, for 11 years, and Barbie, and all those people who are members of the Linden Summer Playhouse. I had them as students and I saw them all grow up."

"Actually," he said, "the Mystic Vision Players was established for



An emotional musical scene is being rehearsed from the Leonard Bernstein musical of 40 years, 'West Side Story,' by stars of the Mystic Vision Players, Irene Caguanguin of Roselle as Maria, and Andy King of Elizabeth, a Scotch Plains policeman, and Tony. The classical show will be staged April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 3 p.m. at Linden High School. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (908) 925-1389.

those participants in the Linden Summer Playhouse who outgrew their stay. The players have to be 21 years of age or less. So, in 1992, they started the Mystic Vision Playhouse."

Pedas reminisced, "I started the Linden Summer Playhouse back in 1979. I had taught grade school, and I taught Kevin from the first grade on. Then I approached the Linden Recreation Department because I wanted to

start a summer theater production. And that's how the playhouse started — all the people started when they were 10- or 12-years-old and stayed with it until they were 21. And that's what led to the Mystic Vision Players."

"When they talked about the Mystic Vision Playhouse, I never thought they would be able to it."

Durbin added, "It is a fun thing to do, and it's just love of the theater that

keeps us committed to perform."

Greco said, "We rehearse at the Linden Presbyterian Church. We do benefit performances each year and give back to them what they have given to us. Also, my mother, Rita Greco, who teaches at Roselle Catholic High School and is head of the business department, is our production coordinator. The mayor gives us additional rehearsal space at the Linden Recreation Center. We've been rehearsing since Jan. 23. And we're ready to go — at the newly renovated Cultural Center in the auditorium of Linden High School."

Durbin had been employed by the Star Ledger, and in Roselle Catholic High School is resident director of the Performing Arts Club. She explained that "this is crunch time. The technical aspects are about to be put together. That's the hardest time for the staff but also the most exciting time. You get to see the whole thing put together. And we have a phenomenal cast. We're very fortunate."

Brady, an exceptionally handsome young man is a "firefighter in Linden. I've been doing that a little over a year," he said. "And I have been doing theater for about 14 or 15 years. Tom was my music teacher and it was he who encouraged me to audition when I was a kid. I got hooked," he grinned, "and I've been doing it ever since. This is my first experience with these two girls. This is my first show with Tom since we did 'Camelot' at the Playhouse in the Park in Edison."

Pedas admitted that "every once in a while I get the urge to perform, then I want to direct. I've directed more than 30 shows and I've performed in about a dozen shows."

Greco mentioned that she and Durbin "are on the board of directors. We wear many hats. And when we're dark, we're already planning the next production. Jil and I also started the Linden Summer Playhouse's Children's workshop in 1991. She directs

and I choreograph. Actually, it's a little summer camp for the children."

Durbin said that "We try to do out-of-the-ordinary shows for Mystic. We've done 'Hair,' 'Jesus Christ Superstar,' 'Vanities.' We've done non-musicals too. We did an AIDS benefit; we did 'A Chorus Line.' We like to know what our audiences want to see. The public can tell us by writing to Mystic Vision Players, 117 East Curtis St., Linden, 07036, to make suggestions or even to become a member and to receive our newsletter."

"We're not just a Linden-based theater. Our cast members come from West New York, Jersey City, Flemington, Edison, Union and Hackensack. The members range from 13 years of age to 50."

Among the local cast members are Irene Caguanguin as Maria, Mohamed Jalloh as Bernardo, Hawa Jalloh as Margarita and Sonia Tiant as Teresita, all of Roselle; Andy King as Tony, Amanda Rodriguez as Josephine and Megan Lahiff as Velma and also the dance captain, all of Elizabeth; Laura Walsh as Pauline, and the soloist, Regina Belscheidt as Mary and John Marinko as Lt. Shrank, all of Union; Dan Rivard of Linden as Big Deal; Franco Libunao of Rahway as Pepe.

Greco said, "This may be our last chance to do 'West Side Story,' because now that it's celebrating its 40th anniversary of its opening, there is talk that there may be a Broadway revival. It is one of the greatest shows ever written. It has so much to offer. It was conceived, directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. It also was an Oscar-winning movie."

Pedas said, "as co-director with Jil and Barbie, this is incredible what Jil does, and Barbie's the best in the state. 'West Side Story' was an offer I couldn't resist."

"Yes," said the other three. "He's the reason we're here."

Gemini Group is a dream come true

It takes a little of courage and a lot of nerve to take steps to make your wildest dream come true. Scott Coffey, co-founder of Gemini Group, has his share of both in abundance. With sister Alison Jacob, Coffey began Gemini Group four years ago on a wing and a prayer, and on Saturday the group will continue their second year of original one-act plays at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside.

A resident of Westfield, Coffey described himself as a typical writer, with piles of screenplays and a half-finished novel littering his home.

"I wrote a play in 7th grade once," he said half-seriously. "Then I didn't do anything else till about four years ago."

Overwhelmed at first by the inevitable rejections to his early written work, Coffey and his sister spent a lot of time talking about projects they would do if they had the time and means.

"We'd write scripts together that we knew we would never do anything with. Mostly we were critics; we would sit there and analyze shows to

the point where we knew we could write them better."

According to Coffey, during one of these sessions the two decided to try and form a performing arts group.

"We put ads in the paper. I didn't know if anyone was going to respond."

When people did, Coffey and Jacob were almost too scared to follow through. "We were both sitting here and it was almost 7 o'clock, and we were thinking, 'Let's lock the door, turn off the lights and drive out of here,' because it was very odd when all of a sudden there's people coming over and we didn't have any experience. We worked on plays in high school, why are we starting a theater?"

"The first time, we had seven people who came into my living room and sat here, drank coffee and talked about stuff. Some actors showed up, some writers."

One of the seven visitors to Coffey's meeting was John Rupp, who has become an instrumental member of Gemini Group.

"He's great. He gets everything organized. John found the church and

they let us use it as long as we weren't charging."

According to Coffey, the group's original purpose was to be a venue for original one-act plays, but evolved into something more.

"Basically, it really started as a no-pressure place for someone who had never acted before. I think if you meet and talk to people, there's always someone who says, 'Oh, I used to act or I used to write, or I wanted to write a play, but I never did it,' so we really wanted to make it that you could come in and do it and not have that rejection. Even these local places, they're tough! We want to have a place where people can start."

Coffey has no trouble identifying with artists and writers who have trouble getting their creative careers in gear, as he describes himself as needing a great deal of motivation to take the first step into playwrighting.

"When you're in your twenties, you're thinking, 'I'm going to do this, this, this and this.' You go and do

your job, you talk about it, you do a little bit here and there, and then you hit thirty, and think 'Well, when am I going to actually start doing this?' I think thirty is when I started the group. I was thinking, 'OK, let's start this ball rolling.' I knew I had to start."

And how did they come up with the name of the group?

"Well, we're not in New York, and we knew everyone was going to have kids or a job, so this is the other side, the little two-hour-a-week other side, to go out and do something completely different from the Gemini life that they lead. Plus the two masks," added Coffey, referring to the well known tragedy and comedy masks that exemplify theater.

Gemini Group has staged two original one-acts on per year since inception, the first of which was one of Scott's own, with which he began the process of actually becoming a writer instead of just talking about it.

"The first play was a comedy-



Gemini Group co-founders Scott Coffey and Alison Jacob hard at work on 'Grasping At Straws,' which opens Saturday at 8 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside.

drama, which I sent to a contest, and they put it on. When I went to the first rehearsal I was shocked, and said, 'Oh God, this is so awful.' I thought I could do it better, and I did, and it still wasn't very good. I wanted to do it again just to see if I could do it better."

Although Coffey's writing leans toward the dramatic in his screenplay attempts, his plays have been primarily

ly comedic, a genre which he admits is not the easiest at which to be successful.

"Everything I learned, I learned from T.V.," Coffey quipped. "Well, one thing that I learned is that it's a lot harder than you think it is. Just being funny is very difficult. It's amazing how much little things go into it. I don't know how they do sitcoms and

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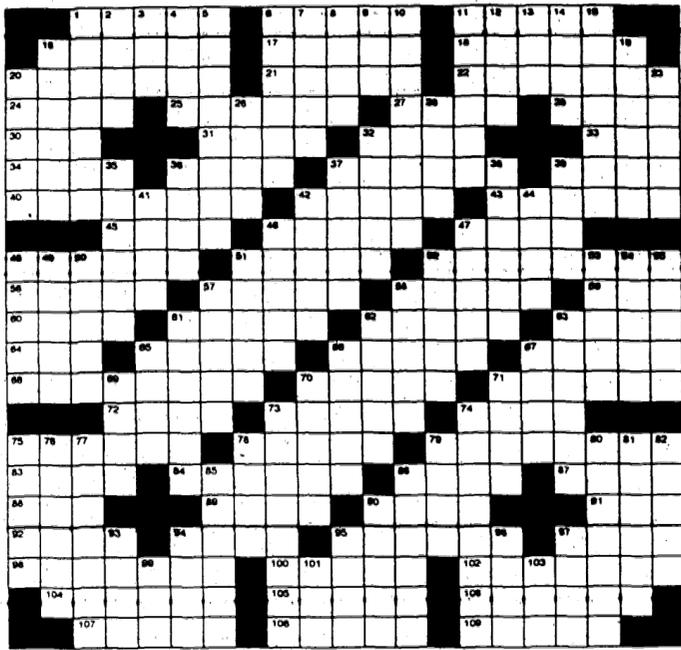
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY
APRIL 4, 1997
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 10AM to 1PM. Big Clearance Sale!
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

SUNDAY
APRIL 6, 1997
EVENT: Indoor and Outdoor Flea Market.
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue (off Joralemon by Franklin Avenue), Belleville, NJ.
TIME: 9am-5pm
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SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 1997
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Raritan Road, Roselle, NJ.
TIME: 9am-4pm
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School.

RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY
APRIL 6, 1997
EVENT: Annual Bargain Rummage Sale
PLACE: "Y", 501 Green Lane, Union, NJ
TIME: 9:30am-2pm.
PRICE: Free Admission. Merchandise for sale for the whole family! For information and directions call 908-289-8112.
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SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 1997
EVENT: Huge Rummage Sale
PLACE: Community Congregational Church, (Corner of Hartshorn Drive and Parsonage Hill Road), Short Hills, NJ.
TIME: 9am to 3pm
ORGANIZATION: Community Congregational Church

ANTIQUES

FRIDAY, SATURDAY
APRIL 11, 12, 1997
EVENT: Antiques Show and Sale
PLACE: Montclair Women's Club, 82 Union Street, Montclair, NJ
TIME: 11am-9pm. Friday; 11am-5pm. Saturday
PRICE: Admission \$3.00. Appraiser \$2.50 per item. 1pm to closing.
ORGANIZATION: Montclair Women's Club.

AUCTION

SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 1997
EVENT: Raffle, Silent and Live Bids Annual Auction.
PLACE: Prospect Presbyterian Church, 646 Prospect Street, Maplewood, NJ
TIME: Preview at 7pm; Auction begins at 8pm.
PRICE: \$5.00 includes sheet of raffle tickets and refreshments.
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SATURDAY
APRIL 12, 1997
EVENT: Fun Auction
PLACE: Saint Theresa's Church Hall, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ
TIME: 6:30pm
PRICE: \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at door. Includes coffee, Danish, sheet of tickets.
ORGANIZATION: Saint Theresa's Home School. For tickets call 908-276-5339

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FRIDAY
APRIL 11, 1997
EVENT: Argyle Fish 'N' Chips Dinner.
PLACE: Ridgeview Community Church, 174 South Valley Road (corner Meeker Street), West Orange, NJ
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HOROSCOPE

For the week of April 6 to 12

Aries
 March 21-April 20

Start small even if your plans are big. Plan for the future and lay the groundwork for what is to come. Friends and relatives can offer advice and guidance, but you have to realize that the final decision is yours.

Taurus
 April 21-May 21

Watch your wallet — a bargain could turn out to be costly in the long run. Watch prices and study anything before signing it. Dangers can lurk in the fine print. Do more listening than talking; don't commit yourself, your time or your money.

Gemini
 May 22-June 21

Now is the time to be close-mouthed. You'll learn workplace and personal secrets but keep them to yourself. That strategy will pay off. Keep a close watch on present situations to prevent small problems from getting bigger.

Cancer
 June 22-July 22

Take care of urgent business and don't allow yourself to worry too much about things that really aren't that important. Once business is out of

the way, get together with friends and family to relax.

Leo
 July 23-Aug. 23

You can take on bigger and better projects and tasks if you make a choice now to see things through. You'll overcome discouragement and move toward your goal. You'll have the chance to use something you recently learned.

Virgo
 Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Practice patience and try to stay in the background if possible. Play things safe and don't make any rash decisions or statements. Act like a sponge and soak up information — you'll be able to use it later.

Libra
 Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You are a top attraction — people want to be with you and seek you out for advice and support. While serving as a counselor, you'll also be able to learn from others. Try to keep work and home separate to keep things moving smoothly both places.

Scorpio
 Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You have to roll with the punches. Situations will be unstable, and you'll have to do some fancy footwork to keep up. Don't get overwhelmed and

give up; you should come through fine. Things will be predictable and routine again soon, and you'll have a chance to look back and laugh.

Sagittarius
 Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Your intuition and abilities are on target. Keep focused on issues at hand and be careful not to reach too far too fast. Group situation turns to your advantage, and you'll get a chance to showcase your ideas. Romance could be on your agenda so be sure to take some personal time to keep things in perspective.

Capricorn
 Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Stay out of a stressful situation and use your skill as a mediator to calm things down. Be helpful but don't let others walk all over you. Watch your

step around money and financial matters. Stick with health and diet plans.

Aquarius
 Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Now is the time to offer your opinions; they'll be taken seriously. You get support and encouragement from an unexpected source. Play your cards close to the vest, and don't tell all you know. Some who seem to be athes will show their true colors, and your position will be stronger.

Pisces
 Feb. 19-March 20

Take time to study situations and people before committing time or money. Put old hurts and disappointments in the past and realize that things change over time. An older person or a youngster could give your spirits a needed boost if you're receptive. Be willing to laugh at yourself.

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When the group takes a vacation to an exotic island, Muriel fills in the blanks on a check her mother gives her that is supposed to cover start-up costs for a new job. She cashed the check and, though not invited on holiday with her ex-friends, goes anyway, hoping to "accidentally" bump into them and rekindle their friendship. The plan doesn't work, but Muriel does meet Rhonda, a free-spirited girl who went to the same high school. Rhonda, unlike Muriel's former friends, has a good heart and doesn't care what kind of clothes Muriel wears or what type of music she listens to. Actually, Rhonda likes ABBA, also, and in an unforgettable scene the two girls lip-synch to "Dancing Queen" and win the resort talent show.

When Muriel returns to her hometown, she realizes the small town is too small for her and her enraged father, who at this point has discovered that Muriel has drained his bank account. She flees to Sydney to move in with her new friend Rhonda, changes her name to Muriel and starts her new, wild life. Muriel still has marriage on her mind and visits bridal shops, telling the salespeople she's engaged and tricking them into taking Polaroids of her for the pseudo-wedding album that she keeps under

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

her bed. As she gazes at the snapshots, she dreams of the day the pictures will come to life. Though the movie at this point sounds like a John Hughes "Sixteen Candles" type of picture, it's not. Director/Writer P.J. Hogan never makes the film predictable of heavy-handed.

As the film moves on, Rhonda's down-to-earth attitude and love of life begins to change Muriel's outlook. It's still not enough, though, to change Muriel's desire and belief that marriage can save her life. She answers an ad in a newspaper which she thinks will give her the opportunity to "show them all." A handsome Olympic hopeful is looking for citizenship and Muriel is more than happy to marry him. When the future groom meets Muriel, he begs his coach to keep looking, but his coach thinks Muriel will be perfect, and so does Muriel. She feels she has finally made it. She has the dream wedding she has always wanted, she makes magazine covers since she has married somewhat of a celebrity, and even those popular girls from her hometown beg to be friends with her. Life seems good — for a short while.

While Muriel is busy realizing her goal of marriage, her good friend Rhonda is faced with a tragedy. Rhonda sees the wedding for what it is — an arranged mess, but it takes Muriel a little longer to realize that simply changing a vowel in your name won't turn you into who you want to be. The music for this film was composed by Peter Best, known for being one of the original Beatles, replaced by Ringo Starr.

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

Listen carefully to what is being said in 'Bedtime Story'

If you've ever taken part in a conversation where what you think you heard is not what another person thought they said, you'd be able to relate to "Bedtime Story" by Sean O'Casey, the latest Lunchtime Theater production from The Elizabeth Playhouse. And even if you can't relate to the mayhem which inevitably follows incorrect assumptions, it is still fun watching some colorful characters pick their way through a verbal minefield.

The setting is John Jo Mulligan's second floor apartment in Ireland, where this fine, upstanding clerk is anxiously trying to figure out how he ever let the lovely and flirtatious Angela Nightengale into his house, while feverishly praying for a way to get her out without anyone seeing her. Angela is less than cooperative, expertly preying on John's guilt and shame in order to get what she wants out of him.

Into the mix are thrown Dan Halibut, good friend to Mulligan, who is surprised to find his friend sitting up with a bottle of wine and a book at 4 a.m., and Miss Mossie, who runs the very respectable lodging house, and who knows no good can ever come from a single man drinking late at night in an apartment which is suddenly in an uncharacteristic state of disrepair.

Rick Brown was terrific as the nervous Mulligan, caught between the frivolity of his tete-a-tete, and

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

concern for both his reputation and immortal soul. His delivery of his reverent and yet comical prayers for help and forgiveness in a hearty Irish brogue were hysterical. Liz Mahon played the provocative Angela with flair. Michael Riddick, a Playhouse regular, was wonderfully humorous as the confused Dan, and Mary Wilton's Miss Mossie was equally jocular, with a great accent to boot. Other Playhouse members making an appearance in Mulligan's well-trafficked apartment were Joe Mulholland and Jason Ames. Director Alan Benson, also a well known face at The Playhouse, has presented a concise version of this fast-paced, whimsical comedy of errors.

The only drawback to this production is the fact that it will not be repeated, as was the Lunchtime Theater debut a few months ago. However, don't be afraid to draw the conclusion that the next Lunchtime Theater performance also will be something special. The evidence to support this assumption is much more than circumstantial.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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Grant winners' works on display in Watchung

Grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation are given to individual artists only if they display considerable merit. Two 1997 Dodge grantees have combined their work in a month-long exhibit in suburban Watchung. Both are Bergen County residents.

"Works on Paper," an exhibition of the work of artists Alice Harrison and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be displayed at the Watchung Arts Center from Tuesday through April 30. The Center, on the Watchung Circle, is just a mile from either Interstate 78, exit 40, or Route 22, Plainfield overpass. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, with no admission charge.

A reception for the artists is scheduled for April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. This affords the public a chance to meet the artists and discuss their work, all without cost or obligation to purchase anything. Refreshments are served.

The two artists are in considerable demand for shows, an indication of the critical acclaim for their work. Alice Harrison had a dozen shows last year, plus traveling shows that reached another dozen sites, as far afield as Athens, Greece.

"My work has been described as imaginative, playful and filled with energy and hope," she explains. "I work in layered technique and meaning, with a multitude of media and materials. The Paramus artist's images are inspired by nature. Employing both color and movement, she creates "a conversation with the viewer" through her paintings and prints.

Judy Lyons Schneider has received awards for quite a few pieces in recent years, including a First Prize in the New Jersey Small Works competition. Her work has been shown intensively throughout northern New Jersey and nearby New York and Connecticut, and was a winner in the 1995 Black & White show at the Watchung Arts Center. This month's exhibit will include a variety of printmaking techniques, such as monoprints, dry point, collagraphs, photo etching and intaglio, as well as mixed media pieces.

The Teaneck artist can also be classed as a collagist. "Even when printing, I tend to collage the images by layering them in much the same way I collage paper," she reveals. "Spirit, movement and texture, inspired by our natural world and its inhabitants, have always been at the core of my work."

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DINING REVIEW

April 3, 1997

Primo's

A 'primo' blend of continental cuisines

By Douglas William Metz
Staff Correspondent

If you're looking for a fine dining experience that's not too much of a draw on the wallet, Primo's is the place to be. Low lighting and romantic Italian music compliment the arabesque decor but it is the food that keeps you coming back.

The concept of Primo's, according to the menu, was created by three first generation American cousins whose origins are from Spain. Having brought their original Spanish recipes to their new home, the Montes Family has combined the best of both worlds. Primo's serves a wide variety of dishes featuring a blend of Mediterranean, Spanish and American cuisines.

A fine opener is the shrimp cocktail, or Cocktail de Camarones, with generous servings of rock shrimp served with a not too spicy dipping sauce.

There isn't a carnivore around who wouldn't appreciate the Bistec de Solomillo, a very tender cut of broiled Filet Mignon.

If you're looking to steer away from red meat, the Arroz con Pollo,

chicken parts cooked with Saffron Rice, is a delicious Mediterranean version of New Orleans jambalaya, though not nearly as hot.

Primo's offers a wide variety of chicken, beef, veal and seafood entrees. Live lobsters are priced according to size, and the 100 gallon lobster tank also provides amusement to children as you enjoy a cocktail from the bar. Most appetizers are priced under \$7 and entrees between \$12 and \$20.

While there is no children's menu per say, Primo's is amicable to families with children who are not adventurous enough for the adult menu; coming up with chicken fingers and french fries at a moment's notice.

Primo's also features a lunch express buffet and a full lunch menu served Monday through Friday between noon and three. The lunch selection features an assortment of appetizers, soups, and entrees to supplement the dinner menu, which is available at all times.

The service was outstanding. If you have the opportunity request a



Photo By Milton Mills

Primo's, located at 2258 Morris Ave. in Union, features the finest in continental cuisine. For reservations and information, contact the restaurant at (908) 686-1200.

table by the window, as they are the best seats in the house.

Primo's is located at 2258 Morris Ave. in Union. Reservations are accepted and take-out orders can be faxed for convenient pick up. For further information, con-

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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SALE sponsored by the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will be held Saturday and Sunday at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield.

Top New Jersey and New York galleries and a limited number of individual artists have been invited to set up their own "mini galleries" and display their best works. The show has been designed so that both the avid collector and the casual viewer can stroll through the exhibit, stop by each gallery and see what is happening in the art world. Each gallery will have their own experts on hand to answer questions and provide further information about the artists and individual pieces.

A preview champagne reception will kick off the show for patrons on Saturday. The show will be open to the public Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens; students are free. For information, call (908) 233-6531.

BARRON ARTS CENTER will present an exhibit by students of Woodbridge Township Elementary schools through Tuesday.

Gallery hours are Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

MAJOR WORKS art show has opened at Kean College's James Howe Gallery. Pieces representing all forms of art were chosen by art instructors from the college. All pieces were created by students.

The show runs through April 11. Admission is free. The Gallery, located in the Vaughn-Eames building, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, contact Nina Cabrera at (908) 820-0519.

LOCAL LANDSCAPES AND OILS by Louis Winarsky will be exhibited at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library through April 16.

On display are oil paintings of local landscapes in Springfield and Short Hills, portrait drawings from life and experiments in art from family photographs.

The Donald Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW will be on display in the Palmer Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through April 20.

Joined by leading national art critic and historian Donald B. Kuspit, the works represent artists in the United States and abroad and includes all media. Artists represent 42 states and 10 countries. Works range from watercolors to black-and-white photography, with a strong selection of conceptual and narrative sculpture.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. Reception and exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday from noon - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. and Thursday from 7:30 - 9 p.m. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

WHISPER, 30 years of black-and-white and color photography by Peter Colby Ortnor will be on display through April 21 at The Jacob Trapp Gallery in Summit.

The Gallery is located at Community House, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call (908) 273-3245.

A SPECTRUM OF ART WORKS, paintings by Grace Sharpe, will be presented at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in the Union Library through April 24.

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

CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL AGAIN, a solo exhibit by artist Rebecca Ross, will be presented at the Watchung Arts Center through April 29. She will feature about 30 religious works done over the past seven years.

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

A reception will be held April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. Gallery hours are weekdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 753-0190.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will present an exhibition featuring the fine art photography of James Humphries, the watercolors of Flo Rosenberg and works in various media by Jean Buckley throughout April.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Visitors are requested to use the hospital's ambulance entrance. All artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale benefits the hospital. Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

WORKS ON PAPER, an exhibition of the work of artists Alice Harrison and Judy Lyons Schneider, will be displayed at the Watchung Arts Center through April 30. A reception for the artists is scheduled for April 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

The Watchung Arts Center is located on the Watchung Circle. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. For further information, call (908) 753-0190.

HAVANA REVISITED, a collection of oil on canvas works by Enrique Flores Galbis, is on display in the Members' Gallery at New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

Recently returned from a trip to Old Havana, the artist produced these realistic works based on Cuba in its current state of desolation. Providing a view forbidden to most Americans, the paintings capture "the streets, the light and the countryside of Old Havana."

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per. associate professor of Fine Arts, Kean College, at (908) 527-2307.

THE ACTING STUDIO in Cranford is holding registration for the Spring Term which begins April 14. On Monday and Tuesday, David Christopher will hold open, in person registration at the Studio, located at 189 North Ave. E. in Cranford.

Only evening classes are being offered, between the hours of 6-8 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. Only adults and older teens are currently being accepted, both beginning and advanced students. Offerings include Basic Acting, Acting Technique 1, TV Acting 1 for commercials, TV Acting 2 for scenes, Musical Performance and Speech and Diction. Advanced Acting Technique classes will be scheduled for advanced students. Private lessons also are available.

For more information and a free brochure, call David Christopher at (908) 276-0276.

CONCERTS

BARNES & NOBLE CAFE at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield will present Jeremy Wallace, blues guitarist, tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m.

Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

MINSTREL COFFEEHOUSE will present The Berrymans, the funniest writers in folk, tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

The Minstrel Coffeehouse is a coffeehouse/concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music

and arts organization. The Project is directed by Jocelyne Saab. Distraught over the destruction of Beirut, Yasmine and Leila embark on a journey in search of its past. Their possession of two rare, unreleased films leads them to Monsieur Farouk, a reclusive film connoisseur. Through the magic of cinema, the three go back in time on a mythical and history-laden tour of Beirut. "Once Upon A Time: Beirut" offers an enchanting look at one of the Middle East's most complex cities. In Arabic, subtitled.

ing is reserved. For information, contact the Box Office at (908) 527-2337.

FILMS

NEW JERSEY FILM FESTIVAL has scheduled the following shows for the week:

Tomorrow and Saturday — "A Tickle in the Heart," 1996, directed by Stefan Schweiter. This enchanting documentary charts one of music's most unlikely comebacks: the Epstein Brothers. Throughout the 40s, 50s and 60s, Max, Julie and Willie Epstein were the kings of Klezmer music, playing weddings and bar-mitzvahs in the New York Metropolitan area. Now retired in Florida, the Epsteins embark on an European tour and suddenly find themselves surrounded by throngs of young and largely non-Jewish fans inspired by the joyous sounds of their music. In English, Hebrew and Yiddish, subtitled.

Sunday — Double Feature "Bab El-Oued City," 1995, directed by Merzak Allouache. In Bab El-Oued, a working-class district of Algiers, a young worker holds the graveyard shift in the district bakery. One morning, unable to stand the noise from the rooftop loudspeaker broadcasting the propaganda of a local fundamentalist group, he rips the speaker out and throws it away, an act that jeopardizes everyone in the city. "Bab El-Oued City" is the most lurid depiction of the rise of Islamic Fundamentalism and has attracted tremendous critical and popular acclaim. In Arabic, subtitled.

"Once Upon A Time: Beirut," 1995, directed by Jocelyne Saab. Distraught over the destruction of Beirut, Yasmine and Leila embark on a journey in search of its past. Their possession of two rare, unreleased films leads them to Monsieur Farouk, a reclusive film connoisseur. Through the magic of cinema, the three go back in time on a mythical and history-laden tour of Beirut. "Once Upon A Time: Beirut" offers an enchanting look at one of the Middle East's most complex cities. In Arabic, subtitled.



Thirteen/WNET television's "American Masters" series presents "Man Ray: Prophet of the Avant-Garde" on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

hours are Monday - Friday from noon - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. For further information, call (908) 273-9121.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation is pleased to present a photographic exhibit by two Polish artists, Slawoj Dufiel and Marek Szynryk, tomorrow through April 30. An opening reception will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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

ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBITION, sponsored by the Westfield Art Association, opens Sunday with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad St., Westfield. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

For information, call Exhibit Chairperson Linda Kolar at (908) 233-2393 or WAA President Barbara Schwinn at (908) 232-7058.

AUDITIONS

GUEST NIGHT, sponsored by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barber-shop Chorus, will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Hall in Westfield. Men of all ages who like to sing are invited to attend.

The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, contact Charles at (908) 494-3580 or (908) 925-2629.

CLASSES

PORTFOLIO REVIEW DAY, for county and community colleges, will be hosted by Kean College of New Jersey's Fine Arts Department on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the College's Vaughn-Eames Building.

Members of Kean's Art faculty will evaluate and assess art portfolios of students presently majoring in art and planning to attend Kean. Faculty from Studio Art, Art Education, Art History, Visual Communications and Interior Design will discuss their programs. Tours of the Fine Arts facilities also will be conducted throughout the day.

For information, contact Stuart Top-

per. associate professor of Fine Arts, Kean College, at (908) 527-2307.

BARNES & NOBLE CAFE at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield will host Scott Hallock, contemporary folk rock guitarist, on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

UNION MUNICIPAL BAND will present its annual spring concert Monday at 7:45 p.m. in the Burnet Middle School Auditorium, Caldwell Avenue, Union.

The concert will feature selections from the Broadway shows "My Fair Lady," "A Chorus Line" and "Wildcat." Admission to the concert is free. For information, call (908) 277-3433.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Elizabeth is presenting a series of spring concerts featuring talented New Jersey artists on Sundays.

First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth is located at 42 Broad St., next to the Union County Court House. Admission is \$5 per concert or \$12 for all three. A tea and reception with the artist will follow the concert. Call the church at (908) 353-1518 from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for more information. All proceeds will be used to help the Needy and Homeless of Elizabeth.

LASER CONCERTS are being presented by the New Jersey State Museum Planetarium on Fridays and Saturdays through May 11. Programs include "Laser Beatles," "Laserpalooza," "Laser Smashing Pumpkins," "Pink Floyd - The Wall," "Laser Show Tunes" and "Laser Motown."

Times and prices vary. The Museum is located at 205 W. State St., Trenton. For information, call (609) 292-6333.

DANCE

BALLET HISPANICO will be performed in Kean College of New Jersey's Wilkins Theatre on Monday at 8 p.m. This passionate, provocative, skillful and sophisticated show is the epitome of Latin dance.

Single ticket prices are \$14. All sea-

MEETINGS

OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB will meet at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Based on the reading club established on the "Oprah" talk show, books recommended by Oprah Winfrey will be discussed.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

MUSEUMS

DR. WILLIAM ROBINSON Plantation House and Museum will conduct house tours on Sunday.

The Museum is located at 593 Madison Hill Road, Clark. Hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 381-3081.

OPERA

OPERA AT FLORHAM presents a Cabaret Recital on Saturday at 8 p.m., featuring a solo recital by Jong-Mee Lee, award-winning leading soprano of the Bolshoi Opera, Moscow.

Cabaret-style seating is available in tables of ten. Light refreshments are served, tailgate menus are encouraged. For information, call (201) 443-8620.

PLAYWRIGHTS CONTEST

JERSEY VOICES THEATRE is seeking submissions for their 3rd annual festival of one-act plays to be performed this summer at the Chatham Playhouse in Morris County. Submissions will only be accepted by those who reside and work in New Jersey. Jersey Voices Theatre is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of new plays by the voices of New Jersey.

Send submissions to: Jersey Voices Theatre, P. O. Box 234, Chatham, NJ 07928. Submissions will not be returned unless accompanied by return postage envelope. Deadline is April 30. For submission requirements, call (201) 736-5355.

POETRY CONTESTS

LOVE POETRY is being sought for a contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, totalling over \$2,000.

The deadline for entering is Tuesday. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is an inference of love.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., Suite 70, Linden, NJ 07036.

THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY COMPETITION is being sponsored by New Jersey Poetry Society, Inc. The competition is open to New Jersey students only, grades 6-8 and 9-12. A \$50 savings bond will be awarded for each grade category.

There is no entry fee for the first poem, and a charge of \$2 for each additional. Each poem must be no shorter than 8 lines and no longer than 24 lines, be unpublished and the exclusive work of the poet. The poem may be in any style and any form.

Send poem along with a cover sheet with author's name, address, phone and school attending, along with the title of each poem submitted and the first line of each poem. Send two copies of each poem with no identification other than title and poem, on white paper.

Entries must be received by April 30, 1997. Mark all envelopes "Student Poetry Contest." Make checks payable and mail to: NJPS, Inc. Headquarters, 12 Rydal Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. For information, call (908) 882-4784.

VITORITO STUDENT MEMORIAL Award Competition has been announced by the New Jersey Poetry Society. The competition is open to grades 3-5 only.

Poems can be any form, be based on a narrative subject with a one-page limit and clearly printed or typed. The poem must also be the author's exclusive work. There is no entry fee. First Prize is \$15, Second Prize is \$10 and Third Prize is \$5.

Deadline for entry is May 15. Mark all envelopes "Student Memorial Award." Mail to NJPS, Inc. Headquarters, 12 Rydal Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. For information, call (609) 882-4784.

POETRY READINGS

POETSWEDNESDAY will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. Featured poets are Enid Dame and Emanuel Di Pasquale.

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

SEMINARS

NEW JERSEY POETRY SOCIETY presents its semi-annual seminar April 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will be taken by mail only and must be received by Wednesday.

Session 1 will present "The Globe Theater: From Shakespeare to Wannamaker." Guest speaker will be Moira Bailis, published author and radio program co-host.

Session 2 will present "Shanny Poetry: Writing, Reading and Publishing Work." "Free Writing: Free Verse Versus Prose Poetry" and "Students' Workshop: Grades 9-12 and Teachers."

Session 3 will present "Rhyme Does Not Play (But I Do It Anyway)." An open reading will be held from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Admission is \$20 for non-members, \$18 for NJPS, Inc. members. For registration information, call (609) 882-4784.

TELEVISION

MAN RAY: PROPHET OF THE AVANT-GARDE, a Channel 13/WNET American Masters premiere, will be aired on PBS on Wednesday.

Actress Stockard Channing narrates the one-hour documentary featuring recent discoveries of both artwork and video.

In this program, American Masters, WNET's highly acclaimed biography series, unveils the definitive portrait of the life and work of Man Ray — master of 20th century photography, as well as a painter, a filmmaker, a poet and essayist, a philosopher and a leader of American modernism.

THEATRE

LITTLE FOXES by Lillian Hellman has opened at the Elizabeth Playhouse.

The Hubbards of "Little Foxes" were rapacious, cruel and callous long before the Ewings of "Dallas" appeared on television. Regina Hubbard is a woman capable of sending her brothers to prison, letting her husband die, wrecking her daughter's life and destroying a whole town, for no better reason than a little social climbing. A whole clan of flow-born Caligula's are scrambling for what they view as a place in the sun.

"Little Foxes" will run every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sundays at 2 p.m. for 2 more weeks. General admission is \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 East Jersey St. For reservations, call (908) 355-0077.

GRASPING AT STRAWS, an original one-act play, will be staged by Gemini Group on Saturday and April 12 at 8 p.m.

The setting is an upscale penthouse party, with each guest bringing a proverbial axe in the hope of getting an opportunity to grind it with other guests.

The play will be presented at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054.

RICHARD III will be presented by The African Company in the Philip J. Levin Theater, Douglass College Campus in New Brunswick.

Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$16 for Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call (908) 932-7511.

NO, NO NANETTE will be presented by Paper Mill Playhouse on Wednesday through May 25. The all-star cast includes Kaye Ballard, Eddie Bracken, Helen Gallagher and Lee Roy Reams.

Paper Mill Playhouse is an accessible site, with audio-described performances for the visually impaired on May 8 at 2 p.m., May 10 at 3 p.m. and May 11 at 8 p.m. Sign-interpreted open captioned performances for the hearing impaired are scheduled for May 11 at 8 p.m. and May 16 8 p.m.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with matinees on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call (201) 376-4343.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES will open at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on April 11. The show will run weekends through April 20.

This hit Broadway musical, based on the long-running French play of the same name, explores the comedy and drama of two conflicting sets of in-laws: a conservative politician and his wife, and a nightclub impresario and his drag queen partner of twenty years. This story was popularized in last year's film hit, "The Birdcage."

Showtimes are April 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$19. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226.

WEST SIDE STORY will be presented by Mystic Vision Players on April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 3 p.m. at Linden High School.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (908) 925-1389.

HEALTH/FITNESS & MEDICINE

Spend quality time at a nursing home

While visits from family and friends are always appreciated by an elderly person living in a nursing home, spending time together can also become stressful for those who frequently visit their loved ones. How can a visitor keep peace of mind and continue to have interesting and enjoyable visits?

Cornell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 170-bed long-term care facility in Union, has published "Make The Most of Your Nursing Home Visit," a free brochure with guidelines for visiting a family member or a friend in a nursing home. The publication provides tips on preparing for a visit with an elderly person and offers useful suggestions on spending quality time together. It also provides guidelines for ending your visit and saying good-bye to your loved one, which can be difficult.

To receive a free copy of "Make The Most of Your Nursing Home Visit," call (908) 688-7649.

Cornell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

Volunteer guild schedules next fundraising sale

The Runnells Specialized Hospital Volunteer Guild is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers who raise funds for volunteer activities aimed at making life a little more pleasant for the residents of Runnells. Through monthly vendor sales, held at the hospital at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights, the Guild raises funds to support their efforts.

The Volunteer Guild's mission is to enhance the lives of the residents and patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital. Over the years, the Guild has organized, run and financially supported innumerable weekly, monthly and annual hospitalwide parties, musical performances, gifts, picnics and musical performances. They provide the flowers for religious services, obtain birthday gifts which are wrapped and delivered to residents, and purchase amenities and equipment for the benefit of the residents including TVs, VCRs and prizes for bingo. They also run the annual picnic and holiday party/gift distribution.

The next scheduled sale will take place April 25, "Bagomania," featuring handbags and totes, will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Rehabilitation, fitness center nears completion

Construction on the New Overlook Hospital Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Fitness Center is scheduled for completion this month. The new center will incorporate all elements of Rehabilitation, including Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology as well as an Employee Fitness Center and new Rehab management programs for patients with diabetes, renal disease and osteoporosis. The center will also feature Rehab Plus, a training and fitness program for patients who no longer need acute rehab services but need to improve their levels of fitness under expert supervision.

"Overlook is continually redesigning the ways that we provide care to the community, to make our centers more customer focused," said David Freed, vice president and general manager of the hospital. "By rebuilding the physical facility and redesigning the services we provide, Overlook can become even more of a resource to our patients and community."



David Freed, vice president and general manager, breaks ground for the Comprehensive Rehab Center.

Blood donors can Spring up to save lives

The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate.

"Spring into Action" is our theme this season," Judy Daniels, spokesperson for the blood center. "As the weather warms and you begin outdoor activities, take some time to remember there are people who will be unable to appreciate the season without life-saving blood transfusions."

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided those over 65 have donated within the last 2 years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have travelled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) BLOOD NJ (256-6365).

Adding spice to your diet can add years to your life

Anyone who has ever eaten Indian food has tasted the spice curcumin. Commonly known as turmeric, curcumin is not only used widely in Asia for cooking, but also to treat skin inflammation and ailments. Like many other common flavorings, including garlic, onions, parsley and licorice, research studies are beginning to show preliminary evidence that curcumin, too, may have anti-cancer properties.

At the recent annual conference of the American Institute for Cancer Research, investigators summarized some small studies that have begun to experiment with curcumin's effects on skin, breast and colon cancers in laboratory animals and tissue samples.

• **Breast Cancer:** In a study with breast cancer cells, researchers at Pennsylvania State University found that curcumin may inhibit the activity of certain proteins that play a role in cancer development. This study is ongoing and has yet to identify other key factors that may interact in combination with the curcumin to affect cell proliferation.

• **Skin Cancer:** Researchers at Chiang Mai University in Thailand found that mice treated with curcumin before being exposed to carcinogens had significantly lower incidence of skin tumor formation and development than mice who did not receive the treatment. More research needs to be conducted in humans.

• **Tissue Inflammation:** Scientists from the State University of New Jersey found that curcumin suppressed inflammation caused by an enzyme called nitric oxide, which is produced by the body as an immune response to infections and to harmful substances. In this study, curcumin limited nitric oxide's effects to damage cells and possibly leading to cancer development.

Because a growing number of plant foods, including fruits, vegetables, grains and herbs, are being identified as having possible cancer-fighting substances, the American Institute for Cancer Research advises a wide variety of these foods every day. For a free brochure on how to eat for better health and lower cancer risk, send a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. TLP, Washington, DC 20069.

Tummy aches are sometimes cause for concern

Parents frequently suffer anxiety when their infant, toddler, or school age child suffers abdominal pain or discomfort. The immediate question raised is "What is wrong, and what can I do to make things better?" In many instances little or nothing is terribly wrong and the culprit may be simple infantile colic, intestinal spasms, constipation, or school-based anxiety. At other times, however, apparent colic or abdominal pain may reflect abnormalities in gastrointestinal function and may respond to medical intervention.

A number of infants with what initially seems to be simple colic may actually suffer gastroesophageal reflux, also known as "acid reflux" or more simply "reflux." These infants may or may not spit-up or vomit frequently. Their irritability, however, is excessive and often occurs during feeding or burping. Such infants may initially take the nipple eagerly only to reject it soon thereafter by pulling away, arching back, and crying inconsolably. Feeding often seems like a nightmare for both infant and mother.

Fortunately, recognition of acid reflux in infants may lead to appropriate efforts to reduce the condition and its consequences. A variety of options are available which reduce stomach acid formation, such as the addition of cereal to the bottle.

Acid reflux also may be a cause of

abdominal pain in pre-schoolers, school age children and adolescents. Children with acid reflux often complain that their pain is located high in the abdomen, just below the breastbone. Their appetite decreases, as eating seems to induce more discomfort. Actual vomiting is rare, but when questioned, affected children may admit that they sometimes sense a sour or hot taste in their mouth. Older children and adolescents with reflux may complain of heartburn, but do so less often than do adults with acid reflux. Appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment is available for children who may suffer symptoms of acid reflux.

Peptic ulcer disease of the stomach or duodenum, the beginning of the small intestine, is relatively unusual in young children, but nonetheless occurs. It is more likely to occur in adolescents. If parents suffer ulcer disease, their children are at higher risk. Pain occurring in the early morning may suggest ulcer disease and parents should be concerned if vomiting is associated with pain or if loss of appetite occurs. When pain is associated with weight loss, careful medical evaluation is always indicated.

At times, persistent abdominal pain

is associated with weight loss and diarrhea. Such symptoms demand careful medical evaluation. Infants with colic and diarrhea may suffer formula allergy and older infants and toddlers may suffer Celiac disease, a toxic reaction to certain grains in the diet. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis may also result in recurrent abdominal pain, diarrhea and weight loss. Careful diagnostic testing is readily available and appropriate treatment may lead to dramatic improvement of symptoms and a sense of well-being.

Lactose intolerance is relatively common in the United States and can be a problem for both children and adults. Bloating, gas, abdominal discomfort and loose stools occur after ingestion of lactose-containing foods. A trial lactose-restricted diet may be indicated for individuals with such symptoms and should be discussed with your pediatrician should you suspect it in your child.

Parents should rest assured that many bellyaches that their children suffer are innocent. However, help is readily available when needed. For a referral to a Saint Barnabas pediatrician call (888) SBMC-DOC. To schedule a visit with Dr. Nord, call (201) 243-6250.

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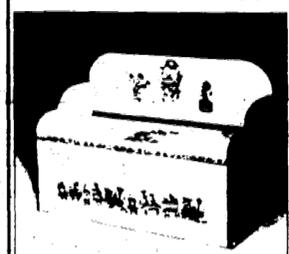
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Clark

Christine McCarthy sold property at 40 Brookside Terrace to Marcelino Sequira for \$223,000 on Dec. 12.
Virginia T. Gannon sold property at 24 Emerson Road to Jeffrey J. Gannon for \$170,000 on Dec. 2.
Ellen M. Newhard sold property at 24 Adams St. to Stephen Frost for \$182,000 on Jan. 15.
Philip T. Jacobson et al sold property at 35 Chestnut St. to Phillip G. Bethavas for \$250,000 on Jan. 17.

Elizabeth

Roberto Manzano sold property at 200 Delaware St. to Mantza Molina for \$90,000 on Dec. 2.
German R. and Gloria P. Rego sold property at 404 Rosehill Place to William Aponie for \$97,000 on Dec. 6.
32 Spruce Street Corp sold property at 137 Stiles St. to Theesa A. Giezy for \$135,000 on Dec. 9.
Michael F. and Marie Dusak sold property at 802 4th Ave., to Marta Cianfano for \$50,000 on Dec. 18.
Thomas H. and Nancy A. Connors sold property at 1041 Alina St. to Ben Brown Jr. for \$115,000 on Dec. 23.
Sahji and Kanta Khattar sold property at 150 Orchard St. to Miguel Chavez for \$109,000 on Dec. 31.
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at 834 Rebecca Place to Jose D. Centurion for \$60,000 on Jan. 6.
Ovidio and Maria C. Restrepo sold property at 203 Murray St. to Jerome Giovinazzo for \$129,000 on Jan. 14.
Willie J. Brooks sold property at 933 Magnolia Ave., to Jose Caria for \$15,000 on Jan. 21.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at 154 Bellevue St., to Irma Peinado for \$95,000 on Jan. 15.

Hillside

Rose L. Simon sold property at 190 North Ave., to Manuel Cavadas for \$105,000 on Dec. 12.
Sheriff and County of Union sold property at 251 Clark St. to Household Finance Corp III for \$36,000 on Dec. 20.
Casimiro and Carminda Sarico sold property at 1489 Leslie St., to Eduardo M. Sarico for \$180,000 on Dec. 23.
Ironbound Bank sold property at 87 North Ave., to Antonio R. Jordao for \$175,000 on Dec. 23.
Jose O. and Margarida V. Carlos sold property at 626 Glenwood Ave., to Margarita Rodriguez for \$135,000 on Dec. 30.
Luis and Ana Bertolo sold property at 1277 Baker St., to Alberto Ferreira for \$155,000 on Dec. 31.
Kingsley Tyndall sold property at 136 Grumman Ave., to Frances Tyndall for \$4,000 on Jan. 6.
Helen Zimmerman sold property at 543 Tillman St., to Donnie Montgomery for \$85,000 on Jan. 7.
Mary Carter sold property at 34 Young Ave., to Charles Carter for \$42,634 on Jan. 10.
Rahman and Muhammad M. Muhammad sold property at 78 Mertz Ave., to Darrin Johnson for \$108,000 on Jan. 14.
Leonard V. and Diana M. Limosano sold property at 1202 Columbia Place to Mary L. Singleton for \$115,000 on Jan. 22.
Evelyn Rothstein sold property at 1041 Fairview Place to Segundo Diaz for \$106,000 on Jan. 22.

Kenilworth

Manuel Caballero sold property at 53 Commonwealth Road to Anthony V. Savona for \$110,000 on Dec. 3.
Francis Keenan sold property at 238 N. 20th St., to John E. Fagan for \$230,000 on Jan. 21.
Manuel and Aleida Fernandez sold property at 46 N. 14th St., to Robert B. Hoehn for \$139,000 on Jan. 23.

Linden

Dennis P. and Judith M. Berman sold property at 122 Yale Terrace to Michael Barrett for \$171,500 on Dec. 2.

Mountainside

Roman and Ute M.W. Mileczarek sold property at 1529 Long Meadows to Terr L. Tam for \$330,000 on Dec. 17.
Sheriff and County of Union sold property at 145 Parkway to Supreme Holdings Inc. for \$83,000 on Jan. 22.

Rahway

Lawrence E. and Carrie J. Kleiber sold property at 2386 Canterbury Lane to Michael Graham for \$123,000 on Dec. 4.
Robert P. Frazier Jr. et ux sold property at 305 Jefferson Ave., to William Pischeda for \$120,000 on Dec. 13.
Louis and Mary Zullo sold property at 457 W. Scott Ave., to James Dibel-la for \$169,000 on Dec. 16.
George W. and Johanna Daneke sold property at 2071 Montgomery St., to Merck and Co. Inc. for \$190,000 on Dec. 31.
Clarence L. Wilson sold property at 958 Main St., to Idell H. Newton for \$134,000 on Jan. 3.
John P. and Amy Breen sold property at 1210 Georgia St., to Irene R. Podell for \$101,500 on Jan. 10.
Gerald A. and Judith A. Alvarez sold property at 728 Maple Ave., to David I. Kuznet for \$137,500 on Jan. 15.
Murtagh and Esther Hanrahan sold property at 1451 Church St., to Lour-des Tanglao for \$114,900 on Jan. 17.

Roselle

Gilbert and Clara L. Alicea Sr. sold property at 468 W. 3rd Ave., to Helmi Hernandez for \$95,000 on Dec. 5.
John R. Hall sold property at 435 E. 3rd Ave., to Jean O. Antoine for \$115,000 on Dec. 6.
Rony and Kelly D. Pierre sold property at 225 W. 4th Ave., to Julia Patterson for \$132,500 on Dec. 13.
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Cecilia R. Baumann sold property at 312 W. Linden Ave., to William F. Baumann for \$124,000 on Jan. 21.
Fritz Frage sold property at 1015 Roselle St., to Willie A. Barnes for \$143,000 on Jan. 23.

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Paul and Joyce Emposimato Jr sold property at 501 Ashwood Road to Jeffrey A. Kigner for \$925,000 on Dec. 30.

Eric and Kathleen Fish sold property at 45 Independence Drive to Leroy Durr for \$105,000 on Dec. 24.

Paul D. and Margaret A.E. Fellner sold property at 398 Aldene Road to Herman Ellis for \$110,000 on Jan. 8.

Estelle Burgess sold property at 314 E. 1st Ave., to Nelly Orejuela for \$85,000 on Jan. 9.

Alaska Seaboard Partners LP sold property at 1312 Crescent Ave., to Cristian Corporation for \$60,000 on Jan. 19.

Springfield

East Coast Condo Tech Inc. sold property at 30 Troy Drive No. 22 to Pamel Bray for \$72,600 on Dec. 20.
Howard B. and Joan F. Tykot sold property at 190 Morris Ave., to John J. Healy for \$85,000 on Jan. 23.

Paul and Joyce Emposimato Jr sold property at 501 Ashwood Road to Jeffrey A. Kigner for \$925,000 on Dec. 30.

Alfred N. and Audrey Silverstein sold property at 22 Avon Road to Nathan Slovin for \$370,000 on Jan. 14.

Robert G. and Kim E. Thompson sold property at 43 Battle Hill Ave., to Gerard Orlando for \$171,000 on Jan. 17.

Summit

Frederick P. and Carol B. Ost sold property at 59 Madison Ave., to C.P. Quenpel for \$215,000 on Dec. 13.
Leonard M. and Susan Spalding Jr. sold property at 9 Kenneth Court to Donald J. Weida for \$695,000 on Dec. 19.

W. Kent VanAllen Jr. et ux sold property at 85 Prospect Hill Ave., to

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TRANSACTIONS

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Roger S. Siboni for \$1.5 million on Dec. 27.
 Richard J. and Denise T. Boyle sold property at **83 Druid Hill Road** to Richard S. Dolny for \$850,000 on Jan. 3.
 Sixto and Sara Rivera sold property at **44 Russell Place** to Carmen Ramsey for \$166,500 on Jan. 7.
 Joseph C. and Melissa Lacagnina sold property at **47 Canoe Brook Parkway** to John Lusardi for \$182,500 on Jan. 16.
 Accursia Frenza sold property at **23 Walnut St.** to Michael DiBiagio for \$288,000 on Jan. 21.
 James P. and Lynne E. O'Neill sold property at **9 Edison Drive** to Daniel T. Towell for \$212,200 on Jan. 24.
 Joseph Sommo Jr. sold property at **64 Park Ave.** to Llewellyn Phinney for \$125,000 on Jan. 27.

Eileen C. Carolan sold property at **462 Homestead Place** to Luis Bertolo for \$155,000 on Dec. 23.
 George J. and Virginia V. Kapl sold property at **149 S. Indian Run Parkway** to Jeffrey Falco for \$177,000 on Dec. 19.
 Donald G. Kein sold property at **862 Lehigh Ave.** to Jose E. Colon for \$140,000 on Dec. 23.
 Louis and Lois Tunnera Jr. sold property at **1520 Brookside Drive** to Aloisio L. Campanha for \$172,500 on Dec. 23.
 Giuseppe and Vittoria Iellimo sold property at **2292 Alpine Ave.** to John Jones for \$187,000 on Dec. 24.
 Fortunato and Arlene Rizzo sold property at **493 Whitewood Road** to Joseph Pinho for \$159,000 on Dec. 31.
 Dora Weinglass sold property at **835 Greenwich Lane** to Mercedes T. Valladares for \$171,400 on Jan. 6.
 Louis and Mary B. Faranda sold property at **297 Clermont Terrace** to Manuel B. DaSilva for \$175,000 on Jan. 9.
 Dorothy Snibert sold property at **541 Stratford Road** to Raymond M. Junio for \$155,500 on Jan. 14.
 Florence M. Caruso sold property at **1714 Edward Terrace** to Harold L. Hanna for \$151,000 on Jan. 17.
 Eleanor L. Kincs sold property at **363 Delaware Ave.** to Gregg Parlegreco for \$139,900 on Jan. 21.

Union

Robert M. Hilsen sold property at **1622 N. Hillcrest Terrace** to Jose A. DaSilva for \$167,000 on Dec. 2.
 Joseph F. and Joanne F. Megale sold property at **2342 Laurana Road** to Vincent Purcell for \$155,000 on Dec. 3.
 William and Elaine M. Hoffmann sold property at **986 Grandview Ave.** to Alvaro Rebelo for \$173,000 on Dec. 4.
 Andrew and Concetta Nocera sold property at **1235 Kelly St.** to Ricardo Pedro for \$158,000 on Dec. 5.
 Odell and Yvonne J. Harris sold property at **2318 Halsey St.** to Raymond J. Adams for \$170,000 on Dec. 6.
 Stanley and Helen Sobczak Jr. sold property at **2508 Leslie St.** to Lamberto Santiago for \$170,000 on Dec. 12.
 Vincent and Maria Gadaleta sold property at **1683 Edmund Terrace** to King Asuama for \$165,000 on Dec. 17.
 Maureen E. Muldoon et al sold property at **1069 Kensington Terrace** to Sharon E. Reinhold for \$155,000 on Dec. 18.
 Roderic W. and Lynn Hennings sold property at **1261 Shetland Drive** to John Wojcik for \$153,000 on Dec. 18.
 Frank Ferrando sold property at **1135 Reeves Terrace** to Mary Simpson for \$150,000 on Dec. 19.

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Acura
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- 4566 S-Series Pickup
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- 4589 Ram Vans & Wagons
- 4590 Neon

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- 4601 Vision

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- 4612 Explorer
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- 4633 Yukon
- 4634 Sonoma

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- 4640 Miata
- 4641 Proxm
- 4642 Tracker

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