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GOP backlash, no message cited for Democrats' sweep

By Philip Sean Curran Staff Writer

As people as a whole continue to drift from the Democrats, last Tuesday swept through Union County with such breathtaking force and clarity of purpose that some wonder if voters in the region had lost their Republican ties, or if their brand of politics was out of fashion and that Union County was merely drifting to the left.

While such stalwart Democratic towns such as Elizabeth, Linden and Plainfield produced no dramatic results, the shockingly lopsided defeats in supposedly impregnable Republican towns such as Scotch Plains, Hanover, Scotch Plains, Hillside, and Westfield, among others, were a surprise. In the Assemblyman's Richard H. Boger, Republican scrutineering their leads and wondering what went wrong.

Only Mountainside and Summit stand as the places where Republicans are secure. However, the party lost big in Clark, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Union and Westfield. Combined, the voters in the six towns elected exactly two Republicans at the local level.

But for veteran observers, Tuesday was less an aberration and more of a final curtain call for a party being for-

cefully ushered aside by a better financial, better organized opposition. Reflecting on the results of Tuesday, Democrats attributed their success to different factors — the number of positive programs stated by the freeholders this year, the clarity of purpose, of the freeholder campaign by County Chairwoman Charlotte DeFalco, and voter backlash against Republicans for their handling of the Clinton-Lewinsky matter.

One who benefited most on election night, Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, said voters supported him and his running mates because they saw the freeholders implement a lot of good programs. "I think on the county level, you have to consider that we started out with an agenda that emphasized quality of life issues," he said.

Some issues included fixing county parks and putting an emphasis on education by adding computer technology to the schools.

"We did it by good government," Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak said. "We had something to offer the voters in terms of policies implemented by the Democratic freeholder board."

At the local level, voters helped to make history. In Union Township, Democrats have taken unanimous control of the

governing body — the first time the party enjoyed such power since 1991. Democrats there believed that a large voter turnout would be for them, and their beliefs rang true.

"If we could turn out 30 percent of the vote in Union Township, we could win," Mayor Antonio Tereza said. The final tally showed turnout level, 61 percent, as Democrats won easily.

Looking at his Republican opponent's vote count, John Gregorio, mayor of Linden, said the GOP failed to see this election one normally. Gregorio gets 6,000 votes in a population of 3,000. This year, the Democrat was part of the course, but the Republican challenger, Joseph Factors, got about 2,000 votes, a developmental thing, he said, in part to the matter with which Republicans in waiting do have handled the Lewinsky matter.

Veteran of 27 elections, Gregorio said polls indicated that voters had had enough of the scandal and were in his words, "sick of it."

"Republicans were disgusted and didn't come out," Gregorio said.

But across the parkway, the results son tracers through the GOP and thought to memory some of the party's darkest days. In Scotch Plains,

How the Democrats won

	FREEHOLDER						SHERIFF	
	Sullivan	Ronigo	Kirgo	Fennance	Gore	MarcDonat	Freeholder	Goeman
Cranford	3230	9338	3004	2967	2936	3150	4049	2311
New Providence	1483	1507	1381	2505	2437	2654	1754	2215
Scotch Plains	3159	3247	3014	2851	2824	3047	3604	2461
Summit	1905	1942	1828	2914	2889	2955	2056	2688
Westfield	4740	5273	4408	4325	4104	4739	5804	3748
Elizabeth	9721	9896	9492	2462	2266	2370	10763	1986
Hillside	2826	2807	2756	717	874	714	3013	568
Linden	6244	6196	6054	1683	1666	1758	6860	1387

While Summit and New Providence voters gave no surprises, other Republican strongholds in Union County, such as Cranford, Scotch Plains and Westfield surprised many by voting Democratic. The Democratic strongholds in the county — Elizabeth, Hillside and Linden — gave the final blow to the Republicans in this year's election.

Democrats last swept both seats in the post-Watergate election. (Union Township's William H. Link, one of the two Republicans led for the governing body, said the Lewinsky matter worked against the Republicans.)

"It was kind of like Watergate but in reverse," he said. "We thought it would go the other way."

The political climate joined Democratic this year pretty heavily. Baeger said. He too, said the public outrage with the Lewinsky matter trickled down to the local level. "Just

think that the way it appeared that voters around the country took that out of the Republicans."

And the national anti-Republican tide is what helped carry Democrats to reaping victory after reaping victory in three Republican towns, added Assemblyman Joseph S. Salza.

The Sunday Before Election Day, the Republican candidates for freeholder published a two-page advertisement in the *Star-Ledger* that detailed how Democrats had snatched a size-

able war chest with support coming from contributors who did business with the county. But that message in the county, the assemblyman said, "Yeah, so what else is new?" Salza asked rhetorically.

They offered nothing but negatives. Lesniak said of Republican freeholder candidates, calling it an example of the "radical right wing of the Republican Party in Union County."

The local high-profile Republican See REPUBLICAN, Page B2

Conflict resolution



Dinosaur, a conflict resolution program at Harrison School in Roseland, was kicked off in October with an entertaining assembly program starring Dino the Dinosaur. Second grader Angely Perez played the role of Dino the Dinosaur.

Court could change direction of EIC

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

What is an Environmental Impact Study?

It is a rather technical part of the money you pay to dispose of garbage. The Union County Utilities Authority collects an EIC of \$18.51 from every single town in Union County — in other words, from the haulers that pick up the trash and send it to the disposal center at the PCUA's incinerator in Rahway for some other facility.

A number of lawsuits in New Jersey courts could change this. Several counties have brought lawsuits against their county garbage disposal facilities — facilities similar in function to the PCUA — suing the EIC.

Union County is not one of these. However, the rulings on these lawsuits could decide whether the PCUA can impose an EIC.

The EIC — which is built into the upping fee for rates that signed a recent 25-year contract with the PCUA — is meant to pay "stranded debt." This is debt that the owner of a facility would have left if the facility was sold and every cent used to pay

the debt used to buy the facility. The PCUA has sold \$294 million in bonds to investors in order to build the Union County Resource Recovery Authority in Rahway. However, it has leased the facility to Ogden Martin for 25 years at a cost of \$35 million.

This means the PCUA has only \$119 million in stranded debt, \$30 million of which is to be paid by the Bergen County Utilities Authority, according to Jonathan Williams of the PCUA's bond counsel Denton, DePue and Gluck.

The EIC was created under the assumption that these county garbage disposal facilities first started under Gov. Thomas Row, benefited everyone in the community. Since everyone benefited from these facilities, everyone should be responsible for paying the debt of these facilities.

Rahnda Ayres, of Minister's offices, is representing the city of Paterson and is making a lawsuit against the Passaic County Utilities Authority. Their lawsuit is in appellate court along with lawsuits from Elizabeth County, which also has an incinerator.

and Atlantic County. However, Ayres said the Passaic County lawsuit is the furthest along, with oral arguments wrapped up on Oct. 26.

"We don't think it's a legal charge," said Ayres. "It's a legal question."

The PCUA has to accept garbage disposal facility, rather, it has a contract with several private transfer stations of collection points for garbage. It has an EIC of \$31 per ton and \$7 million in stranded debt.

"Can you believe that \$60 million and no facility," said Ayres.

According to Ayres, the EIC in Passaic County would have a disproportionate impact on Paterson.

It is the third largest city in New Jersey. Certainly the largest in Passaic County. According to Ayres, 30 percent of the money for the stranded debt would come from Paterson alone.

Her clients also object to the fact that the county is paying a part of the debt that it shouldn't be.

These are \$28 million in stranded bonds that are "secured" in Ayres words, by county taxes. Investors paying these unsecured bonds would be paid with PCUA revenues if the

PCUA defaulted on its bonds. Investors with safer "secured" bonds on the other hand, would be paid with county tax money if the PCUA defaulted.

Because unsecured bonds are riskier, the PCUA sells unsecured bonds at a lower cost and with higher interest than secured bonds.

Ayres, though, claimed that the Passaic County government had entered into a county debt relief agreement with the PCUA to pay its unsecured bonds with county taxes in the event of a default. In other words, they were just like secured bonds, but with less cost and risk and higher interest rates.

Williams, though, said Ayres was being "inflammatory" by saying that the EIC was an unconstitutional illegal charge. Williams' firm also happens to represent the PCUA in the lawsuit.

"We've said for quite some time that the validity basis for this is unclear," he said.

Garbage haulers are also against the EIC, according to Joe Rosa of Lyndhurst. Rosa represented a RJA

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With bank merger, county finds itself in fingerprinting dilemma

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

A year and a half ago, the county pulled its money out of First Union bank accounts.

The withdrawal was a protest over a policy that First Union has of fingerprinting customers who try to cash checks.

But during the week of Nov. 1, the Union County government found its money in First Union bank accounts again. The reason: First Union has merged with CoreStates, which also has county bank accounts.

According to First Union spokesperson Laurel O'Brien, her employer has completely absorbed CoreStates. That means that any CoreStates accounts, including the county's, are now First Union accounts.

Lawrence Caroselli, county Director of Finance, said the county had a num-

ber of accounts with CoreStates. He did not know the total value of these accounts.

The merger was made official on April 28 of this year.

However, according to O'Brien, it has taken until November to see up the full details of the merger, including customer communication and instructions of the bank's computers.

The county had withdrawn its money from First Union because of a policy the bank had to countercheck fraud. The policy, which O'Brien said the bank still has, is to fingerprint customers without First Union bank accounts who want to cash checks.

This is not a full fingerprinting with all 10 fingers getting inked.

Rather, the bank cashier gives a thumbprint of the customer wanting to cash the

check. The customer sees the inkpad to place of the thumbprint on the check, this thumbprint can then be used to track down someone who passes a bad check.

According to First Union, check fraud costs banks across the country more than bank robberies. The fingerprinting policy, which was started in Texas, has been credited with lowering check fraud. O'Brien stressed that the policy is not used on people who hold First Union accounts.

The Union County Board of Freeholders, though, complained that the bank did not have the right to fingerprint people. Only police can do that, and they can only do it on arrested suspects, they said.

They also said the fingerprinting policy could be used as a force to force customers to open accounts with First Union.

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Trail is awarded

The Railway River Scenic Trail was one of four projects chosen by the National Association of Counties to receive a 1998 Achievement Award.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders established the joint recreation and Department of Parks and Recreation for the outstanding contribution in making the Railway River Scenic Trail an integral part of our county's recreational offerings," Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan said.

The county and the City of Rahway completed a one-mile pedestrian bicycle trail linking the central business district of Rahway, the Grand Avenue neighborhood and Rahway River Park.

"This trail enables residents to travel by foot or bicycle from their homes to the park of their favorite without steps. It is a safe, successful, pleasing alternative to heavily traveled St. Georges Avenue," said Charles Segrain, director of Parks and Recreation, adding the funds for the \$66,748 Railway River Scenic Trail came from the State of New Jersey and the County of Union. A \$75,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant made possible through the United States Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act, was obtained by the City of Rahway and the county, with the latter contributing the balance needed for completion.

The county's Division of Parks and Recreation will be responsible for the trail's upkeep and maintenance.

The entrance to the Railway River Scenic Trail are at Elizabeth Avenue between West Main Street and West Grand Avenue, and St. Georges Avenue between St. George Street and River Road. It runs along the Railway River crossing Whitner, Olive and Church streets.

Program honored

Junior Achievement® of Union County Inc., which serves Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties, has been awarded the 1997-1998 Silver Summit Award.

The Summit Award is one of Junior Achievement's highest honors, bestowed by the national Junior Achievement organization to local JA offices that have reached outstanding success in financial health, program quality, management effectiveness and program growth.

Junior Achievement of Union County Inc. receives this award each October. JA Regional meetings will be held in April 29, 1999, at the 25th Annual Junior Achievement National Business Hall of Fame Convention in Chicago. If Summit honors are not awarded, a special reception will be held.

Lawsuits developing because of charge

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ber of large solid waste companies that had filed lawsuits against the county garbage facility in Burlington County, a lawsuit that has also gone to the appellate court.

"All we do is transport the trash," he said. "If there's a charge, put it on the generators. We just haul it, why should we pay it?"

According to Rosa, these lawsuits could affect the UCUA.

"If they were decided against it, then Union County would be barred against using the EIC."

Williams, though, said the UCUA lawsuit is "really not similar to the cases facing Union County" since the UCUA has reduced its debt so much.

However, he did say that the issues over EIC's could prevent the UCUA and Union County from imposing this charge.

"The UCUA will be able to pay off

its stranded debt, even if the courts rule against the EIC," said Williams.

"If the courts do rule against the EIC," he added, then the New Jersey Legislature will have to "clarify" any pertinent laws so that it can be applied.

The UCUA has some money coming its way that could help in paying its stranded debt.

The State's budget contained a referendum borrowing \$100 million in state loans to county facilities

across the state. One of these is a \$13 million loan to the UCUA that was used for stranded debt; only \$1 million of it was paid back.

The state is also considering a bill that would send \$100 million in aid to the UCUA, Williams predicted that the UCUA would get a large chunk of this.

"Because of the way we stepped up and put our nose in order, we expect a significant part of that" he said.

Republican backlash cited

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to win, Rep. Bob Franks did so narrowly, taking 54 percent of the vote, that his challenger Maryanne S. Connelly called it a victory for her.

"I feel strongly that it's time for a Democrat to take over this seat and represent the county and the district," she said. "Already planning on mounting a challenge to Franks in two years, the mayor of Fairwood added, "I think this was a response from the people that they were sick and tired of the switch hunt, and the Republican Party leadership was taking the party in the wrong direction."

How the GOP reverses its fortunes and how fractured the party was after the leadership battle between Chairman Frank X. McDermott and Action Director Giovanni Carlini this year, are unclear.

"It was just bad Republican vote territory," DiGirolamo said. He declined, though, to blame McDermott for the results. The defeats in towns such as Cranford and Scotch Plains, however, "For the sake of this, I don't understand it."

Sullivan, an Elizabeth native, said the Republicans lacked a coherent message and "really didn't give voters a reason to vote for them. If they never said what they will do."

But at least one Republican, speaking on a condition of anonymity, said her party felt good about its slanders fight up to the final weekend. However, the national committee of the Democratic Party flooded the county with phone calls and fliers, which swayed the pendulum to the Democrats' side.

Chamber aids Salvation Army for holidays

By Victor Cruz
Correspondent

The Union Chamber of Commerce is getting behind the Salvation Army Corp. of Elizabeth's annual fund-raising luncheon scheduled for Nov. 15 at the Westwood restaurant in Fairwood.

At \$18 per plate and \$144 per table (except the Salvation Army promises a "delicious" chicken dinner. Proceeds will be used to contribute to the chapter's ongoing volunteer campaign to help the needy.

Committee Chairwoman Hilda H. Rosa, L. Floyd and Victoria Tkac, will share honors at the luncheon for outstanding contributions to their community. Continental will be honored

for its commitment to furnish the practices, said Bertha Frye, chairperson of the annual luncheon and secretary to the Advisory Board.

Floyd, of Elizabeth, will be honored for her "dedicated efforts" and support of children in a foster parent and 38 years of cultural excursions.

Tkac, of Plainfield, who turned 90 Sept. 27, will be honored for her tireless contributions to the Salvation Army of Teac, Dye said. "She's the first one in and the last one to leave."

Last year, management expert Peter Drucker rated the Salvation Army "by far the most effective organization in the United States," in an article for Forbes Magazine. The Salvation

Army offers many volunteer services, including soup kitchens and shelters for the homeless. Its soup kitchens and shelters are ubiquitous during the holiday season.

Last year alone, the Elizabeth chapter, which Cook said runs the only homeless shelter for men in Union County, assisted 5,372 people in need, while Salvation Army Captain Joseph Santarapio has just returned from a two-week campaign in Puerto Rico helping victims of Hurricane Georges.

Those interested in making a contribution to the Salvation Army Corp. of Elizabeth should send their donations to: Alice Captain Santarapio, 1000 East Jersey St., Elizabeth, 07201 and specify: Salvation Army-Elizabeth

First group enters rehabilitative 'drug court'

In keeping with a new law permitting drug-addicted criminals to get into residential treatment instead of state prison, a new program in Union County has allowed the first group of chemically-dependent defendants to make the first step toward helping themselves.

The "Drug Court," as it has come to be known, sent a 23-year-old Elizabeth man to a rehabilitation treatment center and a 34-year-old Elizabeth woman into a six-month inpatient program as part of their sentence.

Superior Court Judge Scott J. McMahon, the county's drug judge, approved the sentences last week for Benjamin Holliman and Rita VanPelt with the condition that they complete 300 hours of unpaid drug counseling or face a six-month inpatient program if they fail to complete it.

Court officials said the first Drug Court was established in Miami, Fla.

in 1989 and now there are more than 300 drug courts in 49 states.

"Based on a belief that appropriate intervention can break the so-called 'drug-crime cycle,' the program is geared to any Union County resident charged with a drug offense that carries a mandatory state prison sentence, who actually wants to get help for his or her drug problem.

"There are restrictions, because people who have been arrested or convicted for crimes of violence are not even eligible to apply," said Assistant Prosecutor Daria A. Smith, who has handled the 41 applications to date.

"Persons who have firearm convictions or arrests also need not bother to apply."

It's not an easy road, even if the applicant is not rejected for clinical reasons or actually gets through the residential-treatment component, according to Drug Court Program Director Carol Ventullo. Once

admitted, the offenders have to report weekly to the judge and stay on strict probation conditions and attend one to two years of court-ordered medication.

"I wouldn't call this program soft on crime, but rather smart on crime because public safety is our main concern and it is a known fact among law enforcement officers that a drug addict who is not treated will often come to reoffend to fuel the habit."

"This is in the pilot stage here in Union County, but I'm convinced it's a meaningful alternative that allows us to deal with the societal cancer known as drug abuse by placing the same emphasis on education, treatment and job training that we place on prosecution and conviction," said Prosecutor Thomas M. Manahan.

Smith said federal funding that is expected to arrive in early 1999 will allow the county to offer a similar range of services to burglars, car

theives and other non-violent offenders who are out of jail and get outpatient treatment and counseling for lower-level additions to drugs such as heroin, crack or cocaine.

"There's no simple solution to the scourge of crime and things that drive normal people to criminal activity," Manahan said. "But we've got to be willing to discard policies that haven't worked and embrace ones that have."

Judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys agree that more than 70 percent of all crimes are linked to drug activity. "That is, the person is high on drugs when the crime occurs or the crime is over drugs—drug money, or drug turf areas or the person is committing an offense to get money to buy drugs," said Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary.

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James Broderick, "All My Sons," Carnival Productions, Rahway
Broderick's performance as Joe Keller was outstanding. "As loving caregiver" desperate to save the family, Broderick's Joe generates all the subliminal, defensive anger that only a father can — as well as the torning and heartache of his guilt.

BEST ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Abby Washuta, "Oliver," Community Actors' Student Theater, Kentwood
"She, yes, she, gave an astonishing performance, and in the tradition of actresses who have played Hamlet in the past proved that a girl can play a male role well."

BEST ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Tracy Randinelli, "A Shynna Maidel," Carnival Productions
"Profoundly affecting," does not begin to describe the height of emotion Randinelli communicated in a stellar performance. "The scars in her eyes" told only part of the story.

BEST FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY

Andrew Gordonier, "Lost in Yonkers," Cranford Dramatic Club
A dual role par excellence. "Gordonier smoothly and cleanly switches from Eddie's nasal whine to Louise's gruff rasp as easily as he changes costume." Gordonier's performance was distracting only in the sense that it was truly exemplary.

BEST FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Yvette Vanterpool, "The Marriage of Figaro," Swan Hill Players, Summit
Vanterpool was described as "enthralling" in her performance as Rosina. Vanterpool's Rosina was delicate and sweet, a description which also applies to her "beautiful soprano" voice.

BEST FEATURED ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Linda Guiditta, "Lost in Yonkers," Cranford Dramatic Club
"A bravura performance." Her accent is as crisp as any permanent-inn world demand it to be, and she moves, breathes and sways so well it would make anyone stand in attention."

BEST ENSEMBLE CAST

"Only You," Carnival Productions
"members of this ensemble fit snugly into their roles, a credit to each, to and director Mark Spina for smooth transitions and set changes. Overall, a polished production."

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

Karon Ferguson and Cindy Labiff, "The Heiress," Elizabeth Playhouse Playhouse on Fourlet Karon Ferguson and veteran Playhouse costumer Cindy Labiff trekked into New York City to outfit this cast. "Costumes are not only appropriate for the period, but also are a feast for the eyes, exquisite in detail, luxurious in fabric and color." A shining example of donations and ticket funds hard at work.

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Nadine Charleson, "Medea," Kean University Theatre, Union
"Red lighting — the red of blood and the anger of a woman scorned accentuated this production to perfection."

BEST PROPS

Arlene Wachstein and Madge Wittel, "She Loves Me," CDC
"Boxes, boxes, boxes! Cigarette boxes, candy boxes, old-fashioned and appropriate, as well as the shiny, deliciously antique items concealed with them, made the audience want to reach out and touch them — just like a real department store."

BEST SET DESIGN

Tony Smith, "God's Favorite," Cranford Repertory Theatre
"Impressive. Smith positively outdid himself in Act Two, with veritable charred remains of a formerly stylish home."

BEST SOUND

Wendy Cinquanti, John Marinko and Pete Rossi, "A Shynna Maidel," Carnival Productions
"Much work went into the sound for this production, with fantasy and memory sequences accented by everything from the echoes of laughter from a young woman's mind to the disembodied cries of a child to music fading in and out of the time frame. The result was the sound of much applause."

BEST CHOREOGRAPHY

Sherry Albani, "Carousel," Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative
"When you see a production like WYACTS' "Carousel," you appreciate the work of the choreographer much more. The choreography enhanced the abilities of the performers and worked in the framework of the production."

BEST MUSICAL DIRECTION

Tom Langmaack, "Carousel," Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative
"The orchestra, under the direction of Tom Langmaack, was outstanding. Broadway scores are no simple matter for musicians. Langmaack and the members of the orchestra did a superb job of providing the musical base for the singers. There was a seamless entry and exit of the music in the production which maintained the flow of the story."

BEST MUSICAL

"Jack and the Beanstalk," Cranford Dramatic Club
"Every aspect of this show was truly enjoyable, for children of all ages. "Jack and the Beanstalk" boasted a "musically and dramatically talented cast," inspired direction by Ken Rosenblum, a "delightful" set, and "commendable" costumes."

BEST PLAY

"Lost in Yonkers," Cranford Dramatic Club
"Bravo and bravo — for seeing to every conceivable detail, from clever staging to an exemplary ensemble cast. Characters ticked, yet managed to make individual presence known without upstaging. No one flowered, and comedy timing was impeccable."



Tracy Randinelli in her Team Award-winning role of Lusina in Carnival Productions' "A Shynna Maidel."



Kean University Theatre's "Medea" picked up two Team Awards — Best Lighting Design, Nadine Charleson, and Best Director of a Play, Ernest Wiggins.

BEST DIRECTOR OF A MUSICAL

M. Rebecca Hubbingler, "Oliver," Community Actors' Student Theater
"With a cast of almost 40 people, director M. Rebecca Hubbingler really had her hands full. Regardless of the number of people, Hubbingler proved that she can take a large semi-experienced cast and create an explosion of talent."

BEST DIRECTOR OF A PLAY

Ernest Wiggins, "Medea," Kean University Theatre
"Who would dare to take on "Medea"? Talented, insightful director Ernest Wiggins would, and did, with gusto and a flair for the dramatic. Wiggins struck just the right balance, and directed a relevant, compelling tragedy."

Thirteen/WNET public television begins cable programming

Cablevision subscribers in 27 regions of Connecticut, Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester, Putnam and Rockland counties are now receiving MetroArts/Thirteen, a nightly block of non-commercial, not-for-profit arts, cultural and community programming from public television station Thirteen/WNET. MetroArts/Thirteen, which airs on Cablevision's new MSG Metro Guide channel, is an exciting new outlet for

the innovative, award-winning productions that have made Thirteen/WNET synonymous with quality television programming nationwide. MetroArts/Thirteen airs every Monday through Sunday at 9 p.m. MetroArts/Thirteen features several of Thirteen/WNET's most popular series, including "City Arts," "Sessions at West 54th," "Great Performances" and "American Masters." In addition, Thirteen/WNET is creating

a roster of original programs with the members of a newly formed programming alliance whose members include Ballet Hispanique of New York, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Manhattan Theatre Club, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The New School and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Each week of MetroArts/Thirteen is hosted by a noted in-state area personality, such as composer Marvin

Hamlisch, actors Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis and Kitty Carlisle Hazo, who introduce and provides editorial context for the evening's offerings. "The unique and truly important thing about the arts in and around New York is that they reflect both the world and the neighborhood," says Michael A. Fields, executive producer of MetroArts/Thirteen. "We want to help the viewers see themselves reflected in the arts, as well as feel

they have a window on cultural offerings from everywhere." Thirteen/WNET in New York is one of the preeminent and most prolific producers of programming for American public television, bringing such enduring and acclaimed series as "Nature," "Great Performances" and "American Masters" to audiences nationwide. A not-for-profit organization dedicated to education and com-

munity service, Thirteen/WNET is the creator of innovative educational projects like the National Theater Training Institute and the publisher of "Teacher's and Viewer's Guides" that enhance the educational value of Thirteen/WNET productions. As broadcast and digital media converge, Thirteen/WNET is also blazing trails in the creation of Web pages, CD-ROMs, educational software and other cutting-edge media products.

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Cable show takes a 'personal' look at revitalizing Newark

Caucus, "New Jersey" the national award-winning public affairs television series, has for 11 years tackled issues that affect and interest New Jersey residents. "Caucus" host Steve Adubato, has taken a personal and empathetic interest in all of the show's topics, especially the latest, a half-hour documentary, "Newark: The Road Ahead."

"For the doing 'Newark: The Road Ahead' was in large part personal," Adubato, a native of Newark, said to the television audience. He expressed a strong disapproval at the way the Newark riots of July 1967 gave the city a bad name, turning it into a symbol of urban blight.

Adubato's "personal" approach to Newark being with the staff of Episcopal Community Development, a grassroots non-profit organization which creates low-income housing — using the unused space of rental properties, but in providing an opportunity for ownership.

The documentary producer Anita Williams, a young mother who never dreams of the road from her own home, and was once behind the scenes of providing a backyard for her daughter to play in.

Taking a close look at the revitalization opportunities offered by charter schools, Adubato visited the North Star Academy summer program, dedicated to promoting a sense of community plus education, through the values of respect, caring, responsibility and justice.

Tune In

By Jacques McCarthy, Associate Editor

hopes that Newark returns to an appreciation of the value of small things.

In "Newark: The Road Ahead," Adubato tours the Ironbound district, a stronghold in the Portuguese community for decades — a section of Newark where people are loyal to family ties and a good work ethic. The documentary profiles the Teresa bakery, founded by Portuguese immigrants as a family-owned bakery and, now employee of 500, with bakers in several different states.

But, not for least, Adubato explores Newark's artistic renaissance through a visit to the new NJ Performing Arts Center's Arts-in-Education summer performance workshop, which, in collaboration with Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative, presented an all-star production of the musical "Anouk."

Said Adubato about the documentary, "Doing this program has allowed us to feature the efforts of those who by the mainstream media consistently ignore. After 'Newark: The Road Ahead,' anyone who makes this claim of the just of 'Caucus New Jersey' can expect him to take it personally."

"Newark: The Road Ahead" will be televised Sunday at 11 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Cautious Newark, Essex County, and via radio broadcast Saturdays at 11:30 p.m. on NIN Radio 88.1 FM.

MVP serves up a 'tasteful' Mafia comedy

"When the moon hits your eyes like a big pizza pie, that's amore." Or, like pasta, minestrone and Italian padrias, which was the delicious meal, which accompanied Mystic W. on his production of "Breaking Legs" this week at Linden Presbyterian Church.

The play lampoons the Mafia and Italian traditions, while promoting the cause of free love, all over several time meals in an Italian restaurant in university town. According to MVP, Ginger Brady, members of the production staff got the idea to serve a meal with the show when, after seeing it performed elsewhere, they found their own watering hole, which the production staff had to leave, which left the audience with full bellies.

Theater View

By Jacques McCarthy, Associate Editor

to enjoy the belly laughs to come. Lou Tribiana and daughter Angela, the restaurant, and are expecting a visit from Terrence O'Keefe, Angelo's happily married, and creatively frustrated, 17-year-old son by playing a 24-1 or for each to produce the play, about shoulders, approximately, openly, and in some instances, delicately.

mine if Angie was as romantically interested in him as he was in her before she dropped out of college. Neither of the Grazzanos sees the need for, adorning "about death, love, and love; however, and the fun begins."

Too was played with aplomb by Mrs. Muzgas, who appeared last season in Union County Arts Center's "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Angelo's played with flavor by Beth Napoli, Ron McCord, Frank Takacs and Raymond Vekko. Frank Takacs and Raymond Vekko were strong players as Uncle Frank, Uncle Tom and Uncle Mike, while Vekko's Dan Ackroyd-style "gangster" plotting, much together from the audience. Frank Takacs played a believably pompous and overwhelmed Terrence.

Staging was well done on the floor of the dining hall utilizing the actual kitchen door and 14 side windows, spreading of the kitchen, kitchen, Fran Durr, Rita Greco, Nora Mada and staff for serving up "play" food which looked as edible as the production. Scene changes were performed effectively by two charming young members of the "wait staff." Props and set were authentic, lighting handled smoothly, comedic timing was sound.

This play had an, unfortunately, short run, but left the audience looking forward to seeing Mrs. Muzgas and "play" very soon. It is certain they will break "free" in the future.

Visitors invited to come and look over hospital art exhibit

A hallway in a hospital may be an unusual place for an art gallery, but for many areas, an invitation to exhibit on the fifth floor at Overlook Hospital is quite an honor.

At Overlook, as the program is known, was created to highlight the spirit of patients, visitors and the staff at Overlook. It has since become a showcase for some of New Jersey's finest artists including to late Don David, Jim Biny, and Larry Kerber. Running through Dec. 5, Pam Gosner and Bob Manning, two other

award-winning artists, will exhibit selected works at Overlook.

"I've always wanted to be an artist," states Gosner. Her husband, begun 1994 and she took early retirement in 1996 to devote her life to painting. "Painting for me is about love about themselves, about keeping things."

Gosner studied under Christina Debury and other notable artists. She has exhibited and received awards at numerous art shows in the Morris County area and is a 1998 Past President of the Scholastic chapter.

While patients are the creative medium photography is the creative choice of Bob Manning.

Manning, a systems engineer at 10ent Technologies, first began taking pictures with a Brownie Hawkeye camera back in the first grade. It was then, a single parent, supported Manning and his brother by hand-drawn and painting photographs of the top photographers of the day. "Needless to say, there were pictures everywhere," explains Manning.

Today, he endeavors to capture the beauty of nature at a "river head," situated in time. "The world is filled with beauty right in our own back yard. A photograph captures the beauty we often miss."

Manning's range of photographic subjects, along with a selection of Gosner's pastels will be displayed on the fifth floor hallway at Overlook Hospital, just off the main entrance. A portion of the proceeds from all sales will benefit ongoing cancer care at Overlook Hospital.

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By Jacques McCarthy, Associate Editor

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We chose a delicate Alice White Australian chowder from Winberie's generous and diverse wine menu. I enjoyed a lovely petite garden salad with mixed greens, while my companion enjoyed a generous and delicious Caesar salad. For entrees, I selected the prime rib special, juicy and flavorful, served with delicious garlic potatoes. My companion found the capon chicken and linguini to be perfectly prepared.

It was a good thing we saved room for dessert, because it was well worth it — scrumptious Tiramisu pie, a large chocolate chip cookie topped with vanilla ice cream and jazzed with warm chocolate sauce.

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ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church

SATURDAY
November 21, 1998
EVENT: Holiday, Boutique and Craft Show
PLACE: St. Paul's Apostolic Church, 285 Nesbitt Terrace, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 10:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: Vendors, wanted 1 table \$15.00. Tables \$25.00. For information call 973-375-6659
ORGANIZATION: St. Paul's Apostolic Church

SATURDAY
November 21, 1998
EVENT: Annual Holiday Bazaar
PLACE: Commencement Farms, Church Street, Chesham, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: Admission Free—Hand-Crafted Gifts, Baked Goods, Snacks and Lunch Served. Proceeds will benefit St. 10:00am-2:00pm, Tables \$20.00. For more information call 908-886-5313 or 908-866-4058
ORGANIZATION: Mission Projects of the Presbyterian Women of Commencement Farms Church

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SUNDAY
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SATURDAY
December 5, 1998
EVENT: Annual Holiday Craft Fair
PLACE: St. John Vianney Church, 420 Union Avenue, Colonia
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: Free admission, free parking, handicapped accessible, stroller okay, 160 Crafters, homemade goods and much available. For information call 732-574-0150 or 732-388-3894
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OTHER

FRIDAY, SATURDAY
November 13, 14, 1998
EVENT: Holiday Boutique
PLACE: Woodbury House/Eaton Store Museum, 111 Copack Street, Hillside, NJ 07026
TIME: 10am-4pm
PRICE: Free admission, homemade specialties, and other articles for sale. For more information call 908-353-4773 or 908-355-9252
ORGANIZATION: Historic Historical Society

SATURDAY
November 14, 1998
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, Rantier Road, Roselle, New Jersey
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

SUNDAY
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Pushtcar Players, a professional touring children's theater company, has announced the opening of its 25th year season of outstanding musical theater and arts-in-education programming for young audiences. The dynamic ensemble of theater artists will be offering a full range of cultural enrichment presentations for students in New Jersey and many other states from coast to coast.

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Pushtcar will continue to offer Holocaust education through the arts



Members of Pushtcar Players in a scene from "Stone Soup and Other Stories," a collection of folk tales from around the world.

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REUNIONS

- Spotsy Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 1973 will hold a reunion on Nov. 14. For information, call Reunions International at (888) 477-2789.
- Elizabeth Batten High School Class of 1953 will hold a 45th reunion June 26 on Nov. 21 at 11:15 A.M. at Summit Hotel in Summit. For information, contact Pat Weik, Strachan at (215) 443-0795, 30 Anvil Lane, Wrightport, PA 18076, or Carolyn DeWitt Palmer at (908) 352-0477, 479 Irvington Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208.
- David Dineley Regional High School Class of 1973 will hold a reunion on Nov. 27. Interested alumni are requested to write to: Dineley Class of 1973, c/o P.O. Box 234, Kenilworth, NJ 07033.
- James Caldwell High School in Springfield will take place Nov. 27. For information, call Reunions International, Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1968 will hold a reunion on Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. at Woodbridge Sheridan. Write to: RPHS, Class of 1968, P.O. Box 323, Union, NJ 07083.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1978 will hold a reunion on Nov. 27. For information, call Reunions International, (732) 617-1000.
- Springfield High School Class of 1978 will hold a reunion on Nov. 27. For information, call Reunions International at (888) 477-2789.
- Livingston High School Class of 1976 reunion will take place Nov. 28 at the Woodbridge Marriott. Tickets are \$50. Contact: BHS Class of 1976, P.O. Box 7324, Roselle, NJ 07067 or call George Jorgas at (908) 354-4505 or (973) 273-9125. or Elizabeth-Marjorie Sotter at (308) 354-6633.
- Linden High School Class of 1978 has passed a reunion on Nov. 28. For information, call Reunions Unlimited at (732) 617-1000.
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- Union High School Class of 1978 will hold a reunion on Nov. 28. For information, call Reunions Unlimited at (732) 617-1000.
- Westfield High School Class of 1988 will hold a reunion on Nov. 28. For information, call Reunions Unlimited at (732) 617-1000.
- Battin High School and Jefferson High School Class of 1968 will hold a joint reunion on Dec. 4 at The Forge in Woodbridge. Tickets are \$50. Send name and address to Sandra Carroll, 18 Kilmoryn Ave., Larchmont NJ 07037 or call (732) 872-7070.
- Roselle Park High School Class of 1954 is planning a reunion for February 1999. For information, contact Jean Castelli Mangini, 2120 Villa Way, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32169.
- Aquia High School in Elizabeth, Class of 1949 is planning a reunion for April 30-May 1, 1999. Contact Joan Gierman Abbott, 1 Westmarin Drive, Livingston 07039-4201/973-9456.
- St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1980 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Gengeghag Burke at (732) 388-7363, Al. Halse at (201) 744-7896 or George Schumhuber at (415) 452-0210.

Symphony orchestra continues collaborative teaching effort

The NISO continues its Master Teacher Collaborative program. This program recognizes excellence in teaching by identifying teachers, enlisting them in an expanding network and asking them to share their skills by creating multidisciplinary lessons for distribution to teachers who bring their students to NISO performances.

The NISO's Young Artist Auditions identify and encourage the most gifted and accomplished young musicians in the state and concludes with four finalists performing at a gala public performance with the full NISO. The 1999 YAA trials, conducted by Lawrence Leighton Smith, will take place on May 15, 1999 at 8 p.m. at the NJPAC. The winner of the auditions will perform with the orchestra during the 1999-2000 season.

The Greater Newark Youth Orchestra is an orchestra training program which provides musical training for talented young people in and around Newark. The young players are coached by members of the NISO. NYO performs two concerts annually.

The NISO educational programs are supported by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, the Turrell Fund and the Victoria Foundation. For more information on the NISO education programs, contact Judith Nadelson at (973) 624-3713, ext. 210.

The NISO will continue to execute its newly founded Reach program, Resources for Education and Community Harmony, during the 1998-99 season. Reach allows the NISO musicians, individually or in small groups, to broaden the impact and service of the symphony in the community in a variety of educational, community service and outreach activities.

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POINTS OF VIEW, a collection of photographs by Shirley G. Gray and Judy Nader, will be an display through Wednesday at the Municipal Art Gallery, Union.

UNION COUNTY Teen Arts Festival will be held at the Center for the Performing Arts through Nov. 24.

JACOB TRAPP GALLERY in Summit will display recent paintings by Nancy Peterson through Nov. 15.

SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will display a collection of paintings by an exhibit of artists through Nov. 19.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED ARTS will feature children's drawings, bills and watercolor illustrations, November.

FEET AND FIBER ARTS will be on display through Dec. 3 at the Center for the Performing Arts.

ART AT OVERLOOK will display sculpture by Paul Manning through Dec. 5.

KENT PLACE GALLERY in Summit will display found object sculpture by Paul Manning through Dec. 5.

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation will present the International Exhibition of Graphic Art tomorrow through Dec. 4.

RESTAURANT will feature a reception, will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m.

RECEPTION will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m.

THE ARTIST INTERPRETS exhibition will be on display from Sunday through Dec. 1 at the Center for the Performing Arts.

RECEPTION will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m.

CONCERTS

AFRICAN PORTRAITS will be performed by NJ Symphony Orchestra tomorrow at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

BETHOVEN Ang Beynon will be presented by Westfield Symphony Orchestra on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

KEITH JARRETT TRIO will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

PERRY BROTHERS BAND will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at Elizabeth Library.

YMYWHA of Union County will host a Russian concert on Saturday at 8 p.m.

DRESDEN Spitalakoski Orchestra will perform Sunday at 3 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

NEARBY BROTHERS BAND will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at Elizabeth Library.

CHRIS SAAK will perform Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

LINDA RONSTADT will perform Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY will screen "Shall We Dance?" today, Dec. 1.

YMYWHA of Union County will screen "The Y" on Monday.

WINTER HOURS at Ash-Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ASH BROOK is located at 1400 Rte. 22 in Springfield.

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NIGHT OF THE LEONIDS will take place today at 7 p.m. at Frisbie Junior High School.

WILD AND RARE will take place today from 10:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Frisbie Junior High School.

FOR AGES 1 AND 2, admission is \$5 per class. Fraide is located at 452 New Providence Road.

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Robeda Peters and NJ State Opera Orchestra will perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

RAPUNZEL will be performed Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. at Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn.

PRESCHOOL CRAFT TIME will take place Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Zany Brains in Springfield.

PEACEMAKER will be performed Tuesday, Wednesday and Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

ZANY BRAINS in Springfield will present Book Buddies on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

LITTLE LEARNERS Activity Time will take place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Zany Brains in Springfield.

HARVEST BRUNCH will be prepared Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Revere Artorium in Summit.

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The cast of "On Borrowed Time" which will be produced through Nov. 24 by The Professionals of Fairfield.



TELEVISION
NEWARK: The Road Ahead will air Sunday at 1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Cablevision Newark.

TV 36 serving Berkeley Heights, Millburn, New Providence, Springfield and Summit, will broadcast "Keag Family" Monday at 11:30 a.m. and Friday at 12:30 p.m.

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MUSEUMS

DEACON ANDREW METFIELD HOUSE in Montclair will be open Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

ROBERTA PETERS and NJ State Opera Orchestra will perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

THEATER

LATE WIFE CATERING will be produced through Nov. 24 by The Professionals of Fairfield.

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HERE COMES WINTER

AAA warns colder temperatures are on the way

Properly maintained vehicles can usually weather winter's chilly temperatures, but special steps are required to protect cars from the season's increased acute blasts, according to the American Automobile Association.

"AAA is urging motorists to prepare now for the severe cold snaps that strand millions of motorists each winter."

"In 1994, AAA received nearly 27 million calls for emergency road service," said George Cook, managing director of AAA Automobile Services. "Much of that record volume is directly attributable to periods of single-digit and sub-zero temperatures in many parts of the nation."

The best strategy to combat severe winter weather is to make sure your car's battery is in proper working condition.

"Motorists should check to make sure the cable connections are tight and there's no corrosion on the terminals," said Cook. "Also, if the battery fluid

level can be checked, make certain the fluid covers the battery plates.

If the engine fails to start, turn on the headlights. If the headlights work, even if they are dim, the battery power may only be low and a jump start does not work, the vehicle may require service by a qualified technician.

If the temperature has been extremely low and the battery is weak, the battery could be frozen. Motorists should not attempt to jump start a frozen battery. Moisture in the fuel line can sometimes freeze, blocking the flow of fuel and preventing engine start-up. AAA recommends adding a commercial additive containing isopropyl alcohol to the gas tank when filling up before and during periods of extreme cold weather.

For motorists who live in areas prone to extremely cold temperatures, an engine block heater that warms the engine oil can be installed to help ease cold weather starts. Even something as simple as having a 100-watt light bulb under the hood can provide warmth to assist in starting the engine.

Severe cold also can strand motorists by causing slick road conditions. If roads are frozen, AAA recommends motorists try using a hair dryer to heat the lock area. Also, heating the tip of the lock key with a match will sometimes be effective. If the lock still does not function, contact your auto club or a certified service facility for assistance.

Basic vehicle maintenance also plays a vital role in cold weather vehicle performance. In addition to the battery, ignition and engine cooling systems should be inspected and engine oil changed before trip temperatures lift. Be certain the engine coolant is a 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water. Motorists who live in areas prone to severe weather may want to change to a winter grade oil, such as 5W-30, which performs better in cold weather.

AAA is a not-for-profit federation of 119 motor clubs with more than 4,000 offices providing 37 million members in the United States and Canada with travel, insurance, financial and auto-related services.



Delicate pointelle accents make Jantzen's crewneck sweater a beautiful companion for coordination sportswear pieces in frosty mid-tones of gray and lavender.

Knit outfits are in all-year round

"Unless knit dressing remains popular for winter '98, and it is no wonder. Knits are always in fashion, generally easy to care for, and travel well. They are also becoming brighter and bolder than ever before as more designers and manufacturers choose acrylic for their designs.

"Winter apparel is no longer confined to the traditional dark tubes of black, brown, gray and navy," said

Lynn Nisick, executive director of Acrylic Council Inc. "Acrylic yields rich colors and allows design teams to incorporate more varied color palettes into their lines."

"While knits continue to be most popular in cooler weather, lighter- to medium-weight acrylic constructions are dehydrating year-round appeal, making acrylic an increasingly seasonless fiber.

Travel tips for winter getaways

If a 500-mile car trip sounds a bit overwhelming this winter, think again. AAA offers tips to help make your winter getaway a vacation to remember.

• Make your hotel reservations well in advance. A travel agent can help you find the best deal for your budget and itinerary.

• Don't leave home without your hotel confirmation number. You may be asked to present it upon check-in. This proof-of-reservation also comes in handy when a property is overbooked.

• Plan your route ahead of time. AAA members can call or visit their local AAA office to receive a Trip-Tik routing, which includes customized directions, maps and valuable tourism information.

• Contact your local police or sheriff's office to inquire about a house watch. Many agencies provide a perimeter check of your home — such as doors, windows and fences — while you're away. Renters often put a temporary hold on mail and newspaper delivery.

• Make sure you're well rested before you leave. Skip every few hours to re-energize, especially if you're traveling with kids.

• Dress in comfortable, loose-fitting clothing. Consider dressing in layers to accommodate changes in temperature.

• Check to see that all passengers are buckled up properly and securely. Children 12 and under should travel in the back seat and be properly secured in a child safety seat or with lap and shoulder belts.

• Pack an emergency kit in your car. The kit should include, at a minimum, jumper cables, flashlight, tow rope, first-aid kit, blankets, spare tire, tools, and a bag of ice.

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Stepping Out

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through Dec. 19 at The Elizabeth Playhouse.

Tickets are \$8, \$6 for students and seniors. All tickets are \$5 on Fridays. The Playhouse is located at 1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

SUBURBIA will be presented tomorrow, through Nov. 22 at Keen University.

Tickets are \$12, \$10 for faculty staff, alumni and senior citizens, and \$8 for students. Keen is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

ON BORROWED TIME will be presented through Nov. 21 by The Playhouse of Faneburg.

Tickets are \$10. Reservations are recommended. Performances take place at The Cabbage House, corner of North Marine Avenue and Watson Road in Faneburg. For information, call (908) 322-8886.

BINGO LONG and His Traveling All Stars will be presented through Nov. 22 at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. Union. For information, call 7732-499-9226.

BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY will be presented through Sunday at Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$35. NJPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

NJ SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will present "Sweet Bird of Youth" through Nov. 22.

NJSP is located at 36 Madison Ave. Madison. For information, call (973) 498-3278.

PAPER MILL Playhouse will present "For Jasky and Mr. Hyde" through Dec. 13.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 376-4344.

TRIPS

NJ CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will sponsor a trip to the Nicholas and Alexandra exhibit in Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday.

For information, call (908) 273-9123.

REEVES-REED Arboretum in Summit will sponsor a trip to Connecticut to Jumpy Nursery's winter garden on Dec. 10.

Tickets are \$74, \$68 for members. Departure at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. For information, call (908) 273-8787.

VARIETY

UNION HOSPITAL Auxiliary will present a fashion show and dinner tomorrow at 6 p.m. at L'Allaire in Montclair.

Tickets are \$45. The restaurant is located on Route 22 East in Montclair. For information, call (908) 851-7014.

Little things mean a lot in 'The Sweet Hereafter'

A small tragedy is occurring in a small country town. A school bus carrying a large portion of the under-17 population has had an uncontrollable off a snow-covered road. It has veered down a hill and slid into the middle of a frozen lake. It is full of young, tense sleep, trapped, the only sound the muffled screams of the children inside the bus. Then there's a soft crack. Followed quickly by another. A second later, a long loud crack fills the chilled air and the back end of the bus is under water. This horrifying accident is at the center of "The Sweet Hereafter," but it is followed by what one man in town believes is an act of nearly as evil.

A high-powered attorney has flown in to represent a mother and father of one of the deceased, and the lawyers are attempting to convince others to join the litigation. "It's not for money, that's not what's at stake," says a lawyer. "We have to make sure this type of tragedy never occurs again. Someone's responsible." He tells the parents that if they are the manufacturer of the bus, skipping out "screw here" or a "loft" there.

"Billy, the parent of one of the children, and the town mechanic, he's the only parent who will not sue. He was following the bus that day and knows it was no one's fault except Nature. The driver wasn't speeding, she just hit a patch of ice. Besides, an anxiety can bring back his two children and the thought of having relative the people in court is a painful one he'd rather not go through."

The begins to see the townspeople as being just as innocent as the lawyer. The fire warden and priest and Billy tries to persuade some of the parents to drop the lawsuit. He even offers to give them his portion of the money they all have received from the life insurance settlement. But they've got dollar signs on the brain. The only chance Billy has is in the hands of one of the survivors. A

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffed

Young girl escaped the frozen town and his love for her to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Her parents console her that it is imperative she testify in court. The entire case rests largely on her testimony.

The film depicts the roots of character assassination by interspersing the attorney's long-distance relationship with his drug-addicted daughter. The attorney's phone calls begging his father-in-law to make him "constantly reflect and question the meaning of his life." As the young girl in the wheelchair says late in the film, the accident changed the lives of everyone involved and they are all now in "The Sweet Hereafter."

"Sweet Hereafter" from "What Falls Apart" director said: "I made mistakes, drama I might drama you when the actors cried. But drama is when the audience cries."

Answer: "Frank Capra, the director of such classics as 'It's a Wonderful Life' and 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.'"

New video "Species 2," science fiction, "The X-Files," science fiction, "The Big Hit," action.

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

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, Church, club and social: Thursday noon; Entertainment, Friday noon; Sports, Monday noon. Letters to the Editor: Monday 9 a.m. General: Monday 5 p.m.

HOROSCOPE

For Nov. 15 to 21

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Obviously, you don't like the beating around the bush. But you need to watch what you say this week at work concerning a certain problem. If a friend tells you life is not available to help with a project, don't push because it may ruin the friendship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If money is tight this week, consider selling something you've been holding onto unnecessarily. It could sure let you breathe a lot more easily. Even though the holidays are occupying a lot of thought, be sure you take some time for your career.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — This week, take some time to visit friends, you haven't seen in a while. It could be a slight misunderstanding that has kept you apart; this would be a good time to iron it out. Don't say no to an interesting opportunity that may be heading your way in the near future.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Don't stretch yourself too thin this week. Although your focus is on home and family, don't let your thoughts wander too much at work. You need to be on the ball and prepared for a big meeting. This could be a very productive week for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll be facing some transitions at work. Keep an open mind while it's all going on. You may want to consider trying more assertive ideas before the dust settles. It may be the best time for you to push your ideas through. Beware of investment schemes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're busy to take on all the plans for Thanksgiving! Get a family member to help you with all the tasks before it's too late and some things don't get done. Take a breather! Eat, exercise and enjoy a meal with a close friend or your partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You can come to an agreement this week. If

you've been holding out, it may be time to consider compromise. It doesn't necessarily mean you lose. It just means you both doing the best of the problem. Forgive me long over the choices you'd like to have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Your hectic work schedule should slow down this week. It might be a good idea to catch up on the little tasks you've been putting off. Maybe you could even take an afternoon off and do some early holiday shopping. After all, things could get really busy next week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Your energy level is high this week. Take advantage of it and get a good start on your holiday shopping and activities. Get your job done at work in time to relax at home. Then you may be able to take some time off for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may find that you have a little extra time on hand. How about using it to improve yourself? For instance, you could take a class or even go on an educational trip. What ever you decide, plan it now after the beginning of next year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Conflict could arise between where you really want to go and where you have committed to be. Why not put in an appearance at the family gathering. Then go enjoy something with friends! Don't take on anything new. You've got to be in luck to do as it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may just like to think about financial matters, but they should take priority with you this week. Seek out expert financial advice. It would probably be best for you to review your options and stay away from making decisions for the time being.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-364-8911.

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Worral Community Newspapers accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is: WCN22@localnet.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. They should be double-spaced and no longer than two pages. Worral Newspapers reserves the right to edit for length, clarity and fairness.

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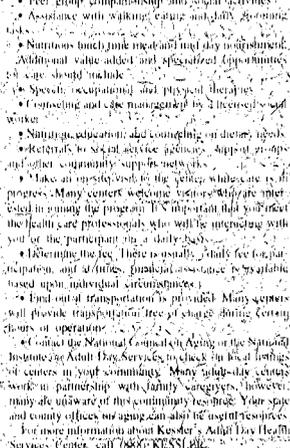
A recent study on aging has found that adults over the age of 85 are the fastest growing age bracket. In the year 2040 about one-third of Americans will be age 65 and older. Today, the average U.S. life spans 76 years old.

Recognizing this rapid growth in America's older population, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation offers a checklist for individuals who may benefit from attending an adult day health services center. A quality ADHS program is designed to create a therapeutic environment that will foster independence and improve the physical, emotional and mental conditions of its participants. These centers provide health services, recreational, services and social activities for people with functional and/or cognitive impairment.

The number of adult day centers in the U.S. has increased significantly during recent years reflecting the increasing needs of the aging population, but also the demand for community-based alternatives to institutionalized care. Dr. Robert Koenigberg, senior medical officer of the world-renowned, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Kessler was one of the first hospitals in America to provide therapy and adult day health services in a facility during the 1960s.

- Below is a checklist for determining whether an adult day health center is right for you or someone you know. Individuals who have any of the following may be likely candidates for an adult day health services program:
- Medical supervision, monitoring and management
 - Supervised and planned activities
 - Supervised while family member is not present during daytime hours
- Make sure the program offers the following features:
- Safe, supportive and professional supervised environment
 - Individual evaluation and plan of care to meet your or his needs
 - Planned therapeutic activities designed to learn and retain skills that improve social and physical functioning
 - These skills include: dressing, bathing, and oral skills, feeding, dressing, time planning, oral care, etc.
 - Recreational services, transportation, income, etc.

Emergency rations



Kirk C. Tice, far left, president of Rahway Hospital stands with members of the hospital team as they bid farewell to more than 52 boxes of food, water and medical resources, which are being donated to a day care center in the Dominican Republic which was damaged by Hurricane Georges.

Employers, employees urged to make regular exercise a health priority

Recent studies reveal a alarming fact — 25 percent of Americans do not exercise and 60 percent who do exercise often enough. Inefficient exercise and poor eating habits are blamed for the increasing prevalence of obesity in the U.S. Obese individuals, or people who have an excess of body fat, are at a greater risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and several forms of cancer.

According to a new study by Kaiser Permanente, a California-based health maintenance organization, nearly 60 percent of obese individuals are present regular exercisers. (Although, whose body fat is within recommended guidelines.) Unlike weight/body fat, often high but not so undetected.

While obesity carries with a high price for employees, it actually affects employers as well. Absent workdays and lower health care claims by workers lead to greater costs. Some premiums and lost productivity for companies.

Employees should know the leading global manufacturers of Janita Corporation, the leading global manufacturer of professional body fat measurements, offer the following advice to employers and employees:

- An ongoing "in-office" program will improve employee health and reduce the company's overall health care costs.
- The company gives employees \$500 discount on insurance premiums if they agree to live healthier.
- The program is objective and body fat is checked regularly.

MS sufferers may qualify for free equipment

Area residents with a confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis may be eligible to receive the free loan of their own, medical equipment such as wheelchairs, portable ramps, canes, walkers and other items, according to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA), a leading multiple sclerosis service provider. The free loan of such equipment to qualified members who cannot use their assistive devices either on their own or through their insurance or government programs. To learn more about this program, call the MS Association at (800) 833-4672 or access www.msaa.com.

In addition to standard pieces of therapeutic equipment, the program offers limited supply of custom equipment as well as the loan of "cool suits." Utilizing MASA Smart technology, the cool suit, vest and cooling unit, lowers the wearer's body temperature by one degree. Studies have shown this lowering of body temperature offers temporary symptomatic relief for some MS sufferers.

Leading an active and independent life is crucial for someone coping with MS, said MSAA President Tom Hudson Sr. "Our equipment loan program covers a wide range of items which help patients live more independently and in a more secure, safe and healthy environment."

Multiple sclerosis is the leading neurological disease of young adults, affecting as many as 300,000 Americans. Common symptoms include blindness, tremors, extreme fatigue and loss of ability. While MS is not fatal, but does cause chronic and disabling symptoms, such as spasticity and financial loss.

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America is a national nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting the quality of life for MS patients and their family members. The organization is equipped with a program, MSAA Support, includes online forums, case management, attending support groups, symptom management, research, diagnosis, testing, MRI diagnostic land, referrals, specialties and advocacy.

SeniorHealth offers program for elderly parent caregivers

For many children, meeting the responsibilities of every day life, as well as being the caregiver for elderly parents is an ongoing challenge. That is why Saint Barnabas SeniorHealth offers a support group for children of aging parents.

The ongoing monthly discussion group is led by social workers from the Saint Barnabas Health Department and meets the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Chesnut Hill office, Saint Barnabas Medical Center. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. For more information on pre-register, call (973) 322-2444.

SeniorHealth's free membership program for people age 50 and older is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. The program currently has more than 30,000 members who enjoy a variety of programs, services, discounts and services throughout the year at both the Saint Barnabas and Union Hospital locations. For more information, call (973) 322-4205 or (973) 322-0444.

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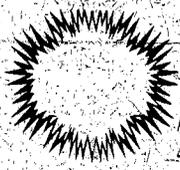
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