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Toys for the needy



Freeholders, from left: Chester Holmes and Don Goncalves, and Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan collect toys for the needy during a holiday party breakfast in Linden earlier this month. Money also was raised for the Hurricane Mitch Relief Fund.

DiFrancesco out as Scotch Plains attorney

By Phillip Sean Carran
Staff Writer

One of the state's most powerful Republicans has joined the long list of casualties resulting from the Democratic turnout that swept aside six major members of his party on election day. Township attorney Donald T. DiFrancesco will be replaced tomorrow at the Town Council's annual reorganization meeting.

DiFrancesco's departure is attributable to the stunning election results of just a month, results that saw Scotch Plains, a staunch Republican town, elect three Democrats. It was a political trend that was followed in other historically safe Republican towns like Clarendon and Westfield, where Democrats suffered heavy losses on their opinions.

Reached at his district office on Tuesday, DiFrancesco said he had no objection to being reappointed and that the new Democratic majority

should be allowed to select its own attorney.

"I didn't seek it myself," he said. "I'm just happy and honored to have served the town that I was born in."

According to one councilman at the last meeting in 1998, DiFrancesco said a public goodbye, gave a dedication that he would not be returning in 1999.

The Nelson Iron November should have no lasting effect on Republicans in the future, the vice-senator said. DiFrancesco, who left office as a candidate for governor in 2001, discussed suggestions that his losing the township attorney job or the Republican's support showing in November indicated that his influence in the region was being eroded.

He added that he along with his running mates have always took heavy pluralities in the past when they have won their races. "It doesn't hurt me at all," DiFrancesco said.

As why DiFrancesco was not re-elected, Councilman William

St. Clinck, one of two Republicans left in the council, said the opportunity to trust a leading Republican was lost to the Democrats to pass up seeing that no official reason was given.

"If you had just won for the first of 25 years, would you keep the senate president, a Republican as township attorney?" he asked rhetorically. "My assumption is they got rid of him because he was Republican."

Some of the three newly elected Democrats were "available" for council.

Having an extremely heavy schedule, DiFrancesco left the day-to-day legal work to one of his law partners, an associate, and Municipal Manager Thomas E. Adams. DiFrancesco's former duties are being handled.

The new attorney, Andrew Barford, was a Democratic candidate for Assembly in 1997 who now works in the Union County engineer's office.

Reorganizations are on the horizon

Municipalities throughout Union County will be hosting their annual reorganization meetings, beginning Friday at noon. Other towns will host their meetings during the weekend or Tuesday evening.

The Union County Freeholders will host their reorganization meeting Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Clark
Democrats will take control of the Township Council when they are sworn in by three o'clock next Friday at noon in Clark Police Headquarters, 315 Westfield Ave.

Greg Noyes will take the oath of office as mayor. Richard Kravitz is expected to be sworn in to his 4th Ward seat and Marty Ferrara will begin his first term as 4th Ward Councilman.

Republican Louise Mutterer will be sworn in to the 1st Ward council seat.

Elizabeth
Two new council members, Democrats Carla Mazza of the 2nd Ward and Carlos Whittier of the 4th Ward will take their oath of office along with the other

Democratic council members "once they are sworn in at the annual reorganization meeting Friday at noon in City Hall, located at 50 Winfield Street Plaza.

Injunction Council of Ward Councilman Marty Ferrara, 1st Ward Councilman Bob Ferguson, 5th Ward Councilman Tony Morrison and current City Council President Angelo Ferrone, 1st Ward Councilman Angelo Ferrara, 1st Ward Councilman Paul Ten, Patricia Ferrone, 2nd Ward and Edward Jackie will be sworn in. A special council meeting is expected to be announced by Mayor Christian Bollwage after the reorganization ceremony.

Kentworth
Democrats, Councilman Greg Doss and Republican Councilman Richard LaPorte will also appear before the council during the reorganization meeting Friday at 1 p.m. in Borough Hall, 507 Bridgeview.

David will begin his third term as mayor. He will be sworn in along with other council members at the reorganization meeting.

Linden
Linden Mayor John Greppio and five other Democratic Council members will be sworn in for new terms during the reorganization meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave.

Returning members of the governing body include Council President Robert Bank, 2nd Ward Councilwoman Virginia Graziano, 1st Ward Councilman Thomas Boland, 5th Ward Councilman Anthony Orlandi and 7th Ward Councilman Ralph Strano.

Mountainside
The Borough Council will host its annual reorganization meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 E.

Glen Morisset will be sworn in as the newest council member replacing Councilman David Jhar who retired three years. Walter Schmitt, re-elected Nov. 3, will begin his 17th year of service.

Rahway
Democrats will continue near unanimous control of the City Council when incumbent Councilman Sam Salas and Anthony Scialoja are sworn in Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall, City Hall Plaza. Council will remain with the Democrats by an 8-1 margin.

Mayor James Kennedy will be sworn in for his second term.

Roselle
Roselle, an largely Councilman Joseph Crocava and 4th Ward Councilman Elroy Dinten will begin new terms at the reorganization meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street.

Roselle Park
Following the Roselle Park municipal reorganization meeting Friday at noon in Borough Hall, the borough will continue to be governed by a Republican majority as it moves closer to the start of the new millennium. Republican Mayor Joseph DeLoe will take the oath of office as he prepares to begin his second consecutive term in the borough's 70th year. DeLoe will be joined by Councilwoman-elect Linda James, who defeated Democratic incumbent Marjorie DeRuffalo during November's general session.

Democratic Councilman John DeLoe, who will be sworn in for his second term on the day, where he will again represent the 1st Ward.

DeLoe's annual address may include a special mention of the borough's 100th anniversary, approaching in 2001, and plans for a thorough vote campaign.

Springfield
The Springfield Township government will start one of its first and complete a cycle during its reorganization meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the town hall.

Two new Township Committee members, Steve Gulligotti and Clara Harkak, are to be sworn into their first elective offices. Their inauguration will make the first member committee elected entirely by Democrats. It will be diametrically opposite from an all-Republican committee makeup years ago.

The reorganization, an "another departure," is to start in the Municipal Building at 1 p.m. Sunday. It is the first time in recent memory that the reorganization has taken place other than on New Year's Day.

One of the outgoing committee members, William Rubico, ends 15 years' service in Township government. Rubico has been a mayor and a board chairman of the Union County Utilities Authority.

It is not known whether St. Mullman will continue as mayor or be succeeded by Greg Clarke or Roy Hirsch, elected as presumes to a tradition by the dominant party to rotate the position among its members.

Summit
Republicans Henry Ogden and William Kovac will be sworn into the Summit Township Council reorganization meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. Both committees were re-elected to second terms in an unopposed race.

Council members also will perform a re-enactment of the first ever Summit Council meeting to begin celebrating the city's centennial.

Township of Union
Friday marks the first day that one party took complete control of the township. Township Committee elected in 1997, in Democrat will possess each seat and will control the committee for at least two more years.

There will be no change in mayor as deputy mayor in 1999, as Anthony Ferraro and Joseph Florio retain their jobs.

During the same wave of support that carried so many other Union County Democrats to victory on Election Day, Brenda C. Restivo and Patricia Scanlon easily defeated their closest challengers, two Republicans and emerged front a field of seven candidates to give Democrats the majority they now enjoy.

Restivo becomes the first woman to sit on the committee in its 100th year. The election result also spelled the end of Greg Muller's career in local politics, one who began 12 years. The Republican decided not to seek re-election.

Regional Editor Mark Irynow and staff writers Tomlan Ashwell, Phillip Sean Carran, Walter Elliott, Brian Givens, Patricia Harkack and Michelle Range contributed to this report.



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County Arc selling 1999 calendars

The Arc of Union County, which provides support, advocacy and programs for people with developmental disabilities and their families, is now selling its 1999 ARC calendar featuring the children from The Murray Hill Child Development Center at Murray Hill and the Keener Child Development Center at Winfield Park.

The calendars, published with the help of Merit, will be \$8 and are available at The Arc's headquarters at 1325 South Ave., Winfield at by calling (973) 354-2811.

The Murray Hill Child Development Center, located at Faith Lutheran Church, 323 South St., Murray Hill, provides a stimulating and educational environment for infants and pre-school children with developmental disabilities. As a family-based center, it offers continuous support for the families as well as the child.

The staff includes a director, special education teacher, speech and physical therapists and classroom aides. The Keener Child Development Center, 139 Wavercrest Ave., Winfield is a state-approved private school, which offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program. It is designed to meet the physical, sensory, communication, cognitive and social-emotional needs of young children from birth through age 7.

Individual curriculum and prescriptive teaching methods are employed to facilitate maximum growth of the child. The staff includes a principal, psychologists, social workers, teachers, aides, nurses and therapists. The Arc is a not-for-profit organization providing residential services, transportation, educational services, child care services, clinical services and family support through its 16 group homes, three work centers, two child development day care centers and an adult medical day care facility.

Finishing the marathon



Union County Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, left, recently presented a special resolution to his sister Ann Marie Pisano, congratulating her for finishing the New York City Marathon in four hours and 20 minutes.

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Entertainment books to aid 'We Care' awards

Union County High School students have developed an award-winning book, "Entertainment: A Year in the Life of the World's Most Famous People," which is now available for purchase. The book, written by students of the school's Journalism and Mass Communications classes, features profiles of celebrities from the past year, including their careers, personal lives, and contributions to society. The book is available for purchase at \$30. For more information or to purchase a book, call Carmine at (732) 396-1077 during the day or (908) 233-1096 in the evening.

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Students help homeless through 'Angel Tree'

Students in the Allied Health Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, in cooperation with the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, created an "Angel Tree" in West Hall Annex of the Martin Road Campus. These were "Angel" ornaments on the tree that served as wish lists submitted by parents and children, and were provided by the council. The students and staff members at the Voc-Tech Schools, along with "Angel" from the tree, brought and wrapped the gift for the program.

The wish and all were distributed by the council at Christmas. The idea for the tree came from Nancy Santanna of Manfield a senior student. It came during a brainstorming session arranged to develop a community service project for the V-Tech. The program, "Students with a Mission," is a program of the school.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Everything gold is new again in historical romance novel

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer
Author Helen Argers, who resides in the South Orange area, and who is known for her nine historical novels, has written a 10th historical novel about the elite rich in the New Jersey shore area in 1876, places which the public can identify with, but few could live there if it's too extravagant.

"I've written a lot of historical novels," Argers said during a recent visit. "But I've never written before about New Jersey. I really wanted to get the feeling of it and give it the credit it deserves. I want the people to realize the importance of New Jersey and the history of Long Branch and nearby areas. Oceania, in the novel, which is a fictitious place, is a composite of Long Branch and Newport, where the super-rich began living like super-heroes. Some of the people lived in New York City. Some were called the top 200, which meant how many people could fill the Astor Ballroom. If you were the 401st, you were not so good. The ultra-rich lived in New York City in the winter and on the beach shores of New Jersey in the summer."

Argers explained Argers' "living from childhood in the historic beach towns of New Jersey had me always wanting to write about the people who lived there at the height of their social prominence. You know, these come from a very nice country to see the architectural 19th century gabled houses and mansions." She said she found the inspiration for her novel, "The Gilded Lily," with the gardens of extravagant seaside homes and the ballrooms of "Fifth Avenue mansions. More than 100 years ago, the opulence of a soci-

ety, trapped inside its gilded cage, tightened its restrictive reins, and in doing so, managed to force women of the Gilded Age into the role of women in society. Some joined the Women's Suffrage, others through travel and some by joining the English nobility.

"Before the 1870s," said Argers, "societies were very restrictive. But after that, when poor people made enough money during the war to become rich and prosperous, they changed society. Then came the conflict of who could have a greater voice — they were always trying to outdo one another."

Argers said that "it was an exciting lifestyle, and we have it today. People are saying, 'Show me the money.' They revel in celebrities. Ordinary people didn't know about the rich unless they read about them in the newspapers. And they became fascinated with the rich, saying 'Gee, I could be one of them.'"

"My book, 'The Gilded Lily,' has reflected the articles of today. Was one a lot of flourish of it now."

Before writing the book about New Jersey, Argers had written an article for the New Jersey Historical Society about the state. "In my book, I wrote about a man named Jordan, who was not wholly controlled by his society. He wanted to break away from his society. Rich he and Nina De Benard were a little more daring. The people in my book are generally women, who really tried to break out of the gilded cage."

She mentioned that the "next" more book to do for "St. Martin's" about a year ago. I was speaking at the Metropolitan Writers' Conference, and I became friendly with the famous mystery author, Mary Higgins



Helen Argers

Clark. We were talking, and she bought my book, and I bought her book. She encouraged me to write a suspense novel, which I am now working on. It is called "The Arch Peat."

"Also, I had written a one-act play, that was produced in Washington, D.C. I'm rewriting it now and making it more of a three act play. Originally, it was called 'The Home Visit.' Now, it's called 'Boxed.' It's about a Holocaust survivor and a black woman — the conflict between them and the cultures. The greatest thing about us, that we've become homogenized. The theme of this play is that whatever tragedy we have is our own."

When has Argers decided to become a writer? "When I was 4 or 5 years old," she chuckled. "My mother would read to me and I was able to read at the library. It became a natural thing — to read. I would get under the covers of my bed at night, take a flashlight and write little stories."

Argers said she dreamed of books as her greatest treasures. And the most important thing for people is to love books. I am hopeful that they will like mine."

Romance author's newest definitely gilds the lily

In "The Gilded Lily," Helen Argers' 10th novel, which was published by St. Martin's Press, New York City, readers are treated to an historical view of the excess in their society in America, specifically in New York and the shore area of New Jersey in the 1870s.

"The historical view, which is somewhat blurred by the changing times and life changes in people's lives, when Susan H. Anthony drew crowds as she marched toward freedom of women's rights, offers an interesting story, with intense romantic interludes. It is written by a woman, as history in New Jersey in the South Orange area and who has written 'Argers'." She brings her experience with the history of the people of these countries to her intricate tale of the American elite of the 19th century. In "The Gilded Lily," Argers provides that public with some fascinating characters, some of whom are looking for change in society and are willing to participate in making the world a better place to live, and others, who are rich and idle and lazy, and who try to hold their neighbors in extravagance at their lavish homes and gardens in New York City and in a fictitious, but newly elaborated town on the Jersey shore called Oceania near Sea Cliff.

It is the "gilded" age, according to the author, and two of her main characters come alive in their efforts to find a change, mostly, Theresia Nowicki, an exquisitely beautiful young woman, an heiress who has slowly been liberated in spirit and mind and body. She is always surrounded by young men who are willing to present her with flowers and

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Just for one of her strikes, and who constantly beset her with letters of marriage, but she has to use her wits. Her character appears to be somewhat of a Scrooge. (D'Hare in "Gilded Lily" was it?)

It is only when she meets a world traveler named Nathan Winslow, handsome, debonair, aristocratic, unimpeachable, independent, with a grin and a sense of humor, that her interest in him takes on an intense interest. The two characters each other in their emotions, yet there are so many circumstances that keep them from each other. I wonder if I was for the outcome of this relationship."

The other characters are nearly as interesting as the public as mentioned to "Argers'." Nina's younger sister, whose path eventually leads to ruin, Nina's life, Jordan's younger brother, Dickie, who schemes and flirts when he is turned down by Nina, and who involves his brother in a game that has no disastrous results. Bobby Van Rensselaer, an overbearing, rich, vain, who is really Nina's life in his mind. Nina's father, who is a man of iron, Nina's mother, who is a proper social, but who has her own secrets in life, and the vicious Mrs. Winslow, whose gossip tongue turns one's whole life into a disgrace.

Theater companies present politically correct holiday classic

The recent onslaught of political upheaval and threats, both foreign and domestic, to peace and prosperity may have left many feeling "hangry" about the festive season. In light of current events, reflections on the anniversary past and remembrance of what is yet to be, Cranford Dramatic Club's staged radio-style presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens was a breath of fresh air, both style and content, and a political coup for arts lovers. Featuring the oratory talents of Westfield native Assemblyman Richard Bagger as the Narrator, wearing a familiar tall that invites one to suspend disbelief.

The Assemblyman's distinguished and effective narration was the centerpiece of a flawless performance of the classic tale, an unapologetic celebration of the spirit of Christmas. Young Artists Cooperative Theater and Cranford Dramatic Club, Dec. 19-19 and 20. With refined, polished direction by Cynthia Merly, artistic

Theater View

By Jocque McCarthy
Associate Editor

Director of WYACT, "A Christmas Carol," employed a minimum of costumes and scenery, mandating microphones and sound effects. Actors, young and old, changed character before your very eyes — or, more accurately, ears, as in radio presentations of old when one's imagination was all that was required to create the tableau.

The chorus sealed stage night, complete Victorian ensemble, formal, by looking and escorting one another in and out of scenes. Sound effects by Gregory Coca and Brendan Palaga, stage left, were impeccably coordinated, from Jacob Marley's character

opening and closing of doors to the howling wind outside Scrooge's window. All were clad quite properly in tuxedos and evening gowns, with shoes, hats and accessories to indicate change in character against a physical backdrop of an old-fashioned London street.

Notable performances included Cranford resident David Christopher as the ghost of Jacob Marley. Ginny Poyner was as lovely and sad as Scrooge's fiancée, Belle, as she was lovely and joyful as Fred's wife, Rose. Kevin Kaye was Dionysius incarnate as Ghost of Christmas Present.

Outstanding performances were had from Louise and Meryl, Louise, chairperson of Kean University, Department of Communications and Theater, who played the range as a doctor's beguiling wife, Scrooge's secretary, and Scrooge's sister, Fanny, joyful, lively Mrs. Fezziwig, Mrs. Cratchit, and Scrooge's obedient, bowlered housekeeper.



Narrator Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, center, rehearses with rear, from left, Joshua Blemphill, Betsy Panyter, Sarah Muguvero, Samaritina Herman, front, Alexandra Hermann, Theresa Nowicki, Alexandra Krupp, Matteo Guascon, Adam Biber, and Zee Zacharades, for "A Christmas Carol."

The very talented Alan Semak rounds out the cast in the challenging, pivotal role of Scrooge. Semak runs the gamut of emotions and reactions,

breathing new life into a character which could so easily become a cliché.

Supporting the lovely solace of the cast, a higher cardinals in the street or solo performances.

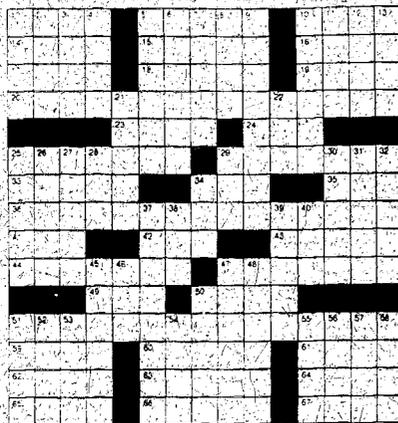
Plainfield gallery features African-American artists

The Red Room, a fine art gallery specializing in the works of African-American artists, is located at 900 Park Ave., Plainfield. All originals, limited editions and open prints are affordably priced.

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For Jan. 4 to Jan. 10

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Enjoy spending quality time with friends and loved ones. A creative idea has merit so be sure to follow through. Note wise investment tips from a Scorpio consultant.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Recognize an opportunity to get back on solid financial ground. Seriously consider a business proposal from a distant partner. Keep up with a practical exercise routine.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Seek out answers to a gnawing mystery, but be careful in your dealings with a fast-talking salesperson. Get needed emotional or financial support from a family member.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) - You are in a very romantic or creative mood. Make the best of an opportunity to excel in the social arena. Advise a youngster, drawing from your own experiences.
VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 22) - Be assertive to spend with a parent or older family member. Act on a proposal when you are sure that you face all the facts. Make substantial headway in a creative venture.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) - Some exciting social activities are on tap for you this week. Get involved, have fun and avoid future stress. Openly and honestly express your feelings to a loved one.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - A money-making idea pays off if you are willing to get to work. Keep your shoes above belt and stay on the high road to success.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Be willing to assist a sibling or

neighbor in a time of need. Curb the tendency to become overprotective. You're budget. Take care of financial obligations surrounding a child.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Take matters into your own hands when you're potential success is at stake. It doesn't take much to make you happy. Find ways to be generous. Share your ideas regarding life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Your lack of improvement in romance and finance. Take a chance. Solitary work helps put your goals in perspective. In moments of uncertainty, follow your instincts.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Something is very revealing and comforting. Do what may be done to create a sense of harmony and beauty in your home environment. Strengthen your relationship with a family friend.
If you're a Libra in this week, send your bills on pay day. If you're a Sagittarius, you're looking for a career change. If you're a Capricorn, plan carefully and design a game plan and timetable that will see you through to success. Fully achieving your goals. Pursue creative interests in culture, art or music. An Aries individual, enter your life with new ideas and adventure. Also born this week, Aries, Aries, David, Howard, Pat, Benatar, Kenny Rogers, Alan Starr, John McLaughlin, Chuck Noris, Charlie Byrne and Robert Duvall.

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children for a special exhibit as part of the 20th Anniversary Project. Dates and times for the exhibit are: District 1, Jan. 22-23; District 2, Jan. 24-25; District 3, Jan. 26-27. The exhibit will be held at the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, NJ Department of Community Affairs, NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Very Special Arts. To receive registration materials, contact Karen Singer, Very Special Arts, NJ, 201 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-5045 or 745-5133.

profit organization dedicated to assisting the arts are available and accessible to students with disabilities. Funding for materials available through the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, NJ Department of Community Affairs, NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Very Special Arts. To receive registration materials, contact Karen Singer, Very Special Arts, NJ, 201 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-5045 or 745-5133.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, UNION COUNTY. The undersigned, Joseph Puerari, is the attorney for the Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter. The Plaintiff has been informed and required to appear upon the Court's order. The Plaintiff has failed to appear and the Court has entered a default judgment against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff is hereby notified that the Court has entered a default judgment against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff is hereby notified that the Court has entered a default judgment against the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff is hereby notified that the Court has entered a default judgment against the Plaintiff.

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Stepping Out

TELEVISION

NEWARK BOYS CHORUS: Roots will air tomorrow at 9 p.m. on New Jersey Network. "State of the Arts" airs Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 11 p.m.

ART SHOWS

SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will exhibit the paintings of Polish artist Franciszek Kucior through today. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call: (908) 392-2197.

JACOB TRAPP GALLERY in Summit displays color photos by Levia Avel through Tuesday. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 4 Westfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call: (908) 467-8669.

EDITIONS TEN, Speculations will be on display through Wednesday at the Center for Visual Arts in Summit. "CVA" is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call: (908) 233-9121.

IMAGES OF THE AMERICAN WEST, photographs by Norman Kropf, will be on display through Jan. 7 at Donald B. Farmer Museum of the Springfield Library. "Images of the American West" is on display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at Frerger Park, Union. For information, call: (908) 232-4300.

LES MALAMU Gallery in Union will exhibit "Images of the American West" through Jan. 9. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 501 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. For information, call: (908) 322-6333.

ART AT OVERLOOK Hospital in Summit will feature "Works in Progress" by students of Morris County Art Association through Jan. 16. The hospital is located at 95 Beauvoir Ave. in Summit.

THE ARTIST INTERPRETS exhibit will be on display through Jan. 17 at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "CVA" is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. For information, call: (908) 233-9121.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL Mount Sinai will feature paintings by Dorothy Haman and Margot Gadi, and photography by Olga Benoit through January. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. Exhibits are displayed in the East wing, accessible by the Ambulance Entry. The hospital is located at 158 West Riverbend Road in Mount Sinai.

CLARK LIBRARY will display the paintings of "Railway-Resident Art" by Schaefer through January. The library is located at 303 Westfield Ave. in Clark.

VISUAL EXPLORATION, created by students grades 5-12, is on display through January at NJ Performing Arts Center. NJPAC is located at One Center St. in Newark. For information, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS

lounge exhibit will open Tuesday and run through Jan. 25 at Plainfield Library. The library is located at 8th and Park avenues in Plainfield. For information, call: 598-2560.

AUDIITIONS

SUMMIT CHORALE invites experienced choral singers to audition in all voice parts. Auditions will take place on Tuesday, and on Jan. 12, at 10:15 p.m. following rehearsals on Drew University, campus.

Drew is located on Madison Avenue at Madison. For information, call: (908) 665-1871.

THE ESSEX CHORALE OF SHORT HILLS seeks singers in all voice ranges. It's a semi-pro group ensemble directed by Cliff Parish with a wide repertoire of sacred and secular music. Rehearsals are at 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit. For information, call: (908) 232-6673.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB invites male and female singers to audition for the 1999-2000 season on Mondays at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. Interested male singers are invited to call Dale Junilla at (908) 232-6673.

RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES barbershop chorus rehearses in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm St. in Westfield every Monday at 7:30 p.m. Men of all ages are invited to join. For information, call: (908) 725-6303, (908) 754-7246 or (732) 494-3860.

SUMMIT CHORALE rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 10:15 p.m. at St. John's Church on Drew University Campus in Madison. For information, call: Ann Cundin at (908) 467-1454.

THE PHILATHALIONS OF FANWOOD need technical help for ongoing season. For information, call: Bob Paster at (908) 688-0312.

SANDERHOIR, men's chorus rehearses Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at Schwabacher-Sanderson music chorus rehearsal. Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark. For information, call: Manfred Schmidt at (908) 392-4900.

UNION HARMONICA BAND holds practice sessions at the Senior Center, 501 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains, every Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. \$3 cover is charged.

"Acoustic Tuesday" is followed by Open Mic Night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. with Vignette at 7 p.m. Van Gogh's Cafe is located at 1072 Surfview Ave. in Union. For information, call: (908) 870-1944.

WINTER ART class taught by Kathy Kornish will begin Wednesday and run for 10 weeks in Westfield Community Room.

ADULTS

Basic drawing and non-toxic painting with water. Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$40, supplies included. Also: Beginning portrait, Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Supplies included.

Grades 3-5. Fun With Art: drawing and painting. Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For grades K-2: Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30, supplies included.

The room is located at 425 E. Broad St. in Westfield. For information, call: (908) 765-4286.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION will hold classes at Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace at Orchard Terrace in Linden. Classes are held in 4-week segments, as follows: Jan. 20 — Feb. 17; Feb. 26 — March 9; March 31 — April 26; May 5 — June 2.

Workshops are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For information, call: (908) 386-1428.

CROSSROADS in Garwood will present the following entertainment this week: Today, Funky Black Widow Band. Tomorrow, Filly Ron and the Poor Boy. Saturday, Doc Lawrence and the Blues Fix.

The club is located at 76 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call: (908) 232-5666.

THE COVE in Roselle will feature the following bands on Saturday: Showcase Showdown, Blind Souls, Soapy, The Coyotes, The Jacks, Standing Order.

The club is alcohol-free. The Cove is located at 108 Chelton St. in Roselle. For information, call: (908) 241-1226.

JOE'S BASEMENT at Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park presents comedians featured on HBO and VH1 on Fridays.

Admission is \$8 for show only. \$25 dinner. Packages are available. Show begins at 7 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave. in Roselle Park. For information, call: (908) 241-7400.

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. The restaurant is located at 105 Century Ave. in Clark. For information, call: (908) 388-6511.

ST. CATHERINE of Siena Church in Hopewell will present an Epiphany concert by Barbara and Steven Taylor on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$5. The church is located at N. Broad and King streets in Hopewell. For information, call: (908) 351-1515.

ST. ELIZABETH of Hungary Church in Linden will present light entertainment on Sunday at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The church is located at 212 E. Blanke St. in Linden. For information, call: (908) 496-2514 or (908) 289-6164.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park features jazz music every Wednesday evening.

Admission is free. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 West Westfield Ave. in Roselle Park. For information, call: (908) 241-7400.

KRONOS QUARTET returns to NJ Performing Arts Center on Jan. 15 and 16, with Foday Musa Suso, a Mandingo singer and virtuoso kora player, drummer and composer from The Gambia. NJPAC is located at One Center St. in Newark. For information, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

DANCE

THE MERRY WIDOW will be performed by American Ballet Theatre through Jan. 9 at NJ Performing Arts Center. NJPAC is located at One Center St. in Newark. For information, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

CAROLYN DORFMAN Dance Company debuts at the NJ Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theater with a Family Tree Series matinee on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. School Tree Series performances are also scheduled at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Jan. 19, 21.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$9 for children. All tickets for the School Tree Series are \$7. For information and tickets, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

NJ PERFORMING ARTS CENTER will present Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique on Jan. 29.

NJAPAC is located at One Center St. in Newark. For information, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF LITERATURE is a group for people who share a love for classical literature, from Shakespeare on. The group meets the first and third Fridays of every month at 7:30 p.m.

For information, write to: Leslie Moore, 1780 Highway Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

CLARK LIBRARY book discussion group will feature "One True Thing" on Jan. 22.

"Acoustic Tuesday" is suggested. The library is located at 303 Westfield Ave. in Clark. For information, call: (732) 388-5992.

ROMANTIC COMEDY will be shown at Elizabeth Library on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The library is located at 111 Broad St. in Elizabeth. For information, call: (908) 384-6060.

WINTER HOURS at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Gallop and Golf Course is closed through April.

Ash Brook is located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Oak Ridge is located on Oak Ridge Road in Clark. For information, call: (908) 789-3670.

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HISTORICAL REENACTMENT of the first Summit Common Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday at Old City Hall on Summit Avenue.

Admission is free. For information, call: (908) 277-9433.

NEW YEAR'S CRAFTS will take place today at 2 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

At 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The store is located at 295 G and Up. The store is located at 295 G and Up. Springfield. For information, call: (978) 467-9444.

K/NE weekend will take place Saturday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

For ages 7 and up. For information, call: (978) 467-9444.

CREATIVE RECYCLING will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Tridale Nature and Science Center in Montclair.

For information, call: (908) 789-3670.

HUMPTY DUMPTY Association will present an Art for Safety Workshop on Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Linden Library.

The library is located at 100 Edgelyood Road, Linden. For information, call: 241-1197.

SORRITO Latino cultural program will be held Tuesday through Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

For grades K-8. NJPAC is located at One Center St. in Newark. For information, call: (888) GO-NJ-PAC.

MEETINGS CHESS CLUB at Elizabeth Library. Elmore Branch will meet Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

The branch is located at 740 W. Grand St. in Elizabeth. For information, call: (908) 393-4820.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION meets at Sunnyside Recreation Center on Orchard Terrace in Linden. Business meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

NI. MOONRAKERS CLUB, serving the taller-than-average stature population, holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus.

For information, call: (973) 267-5648.

UNION TOWNHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call: (908) 984-1875.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Westfield Community Room, 429 East Second St.



'Return of Her Sailors' by Kathy Kornish, who will teach winter art classes at Westfield Community Room beginning Wednesday.

NEW YEAR'S

The information about FIRST NIGHT Summit, call: (908) 522-1722.

For information about FIRST NIGHT Westfield, call: (908) 233-7700.

LINDEN Knights of Columbus will host a New Year's Eve dinner dance from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The hall is located at 118 Park Ave. in Linden. For information, call: (908) 864-3808 or (908) 587-1351.

PHYLLIS DILLER will entertain today, along with the Deputies, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call: (973) 379-3636, ext. 2432.

ST. THOMAS Parish in Rahway will host New Year's Eve Party from 7:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Tickets are \$55. The church is located at 402 St. Georges Ave. in Rahway. For information, call: (732) 388-3532.

WBCO 93.3 FM will present New Year's Eve Coast to Coast live broadcast from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

WGNU 89.3 FM features Lone and Sunday's "Put God in You" Live every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

This fundraiser you hear in your head as you hand the old collector your last dollar and drive tentatively into that lonely tunnel toward the Alps of Michigan. But who, since it's being held daily? RIX-60 Radio, WFMY 91.1 FM, Sundays, midnight to 3 p.m.

PIPEDREAMS, a program featuring pipe organ music, is aired every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WNYC-FM 91.5.

SOUL BEGINNINGS is a weekly lecture on KISS-FM 98.7, airing on Sundays from 10 to 11 p.m. It was originally taped back at classes "rhythmic and blues along with historic events that shaped the music."

WBOG 88.3 FM serves the metropolitan area with mainstream jazz, blues and public affairs, programming licensed to Newark Public Radio, the award-winning, non-commercial station was founded in 1978. WBOG is supported by over 12,000 members and serves about 350,000 listeners each week. WBOG broadcasts on the internet at www.WBOG.org. WBOG programming will present the following shows this year:

Today — Maxine McParland's Piano Jazz, 7 p.m.

Tomorrow — Portraits in Blue, 7 p.m.

Saturday — Jazz Classics, 6 a.m.

Being Street Caravan, a one-hour magazine show about the Blues, 7 p.m.

Jazz With Branford Marsalis, 8 p.m.

Sunday — Jazz from the Atlantic, 10 p.m.

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

Tuesday — Jazz Profiles, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Evening Jazz, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

CROSSROADS Christian singles, ages 23 and up, meet on Fridays at 8 a.m. at Evangelical Church in Scotch Plains.

The church is located at 1251 Tenth Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call: (908) 322-9200.

CONVERSATIONS 'BY CANDELOTTI' is a group of women professionals in a meeting to discuss a professional dress party on next Friday.

EGGTV

A diverse variety show based in Scotch Plains will air their newest show on Comcast Channel 57 on Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

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

The program is carried on Comcast-Cablevision Channel 57 in Union on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30 p.m. It will be carried on City TV on the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. beginning Fall, 1997.

For more information about "The Arts" and for a broadcast schedule, call: (908) 745-4489-3989.

TV 36, serving Berkeley Heights, Milltown, Springdale, Springfield and Summit will broadcast "Kathy Kornish Mondays" at 11:30 a.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. "Storytellers," Mondays, 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Fridays, 5:30 p.m. "Critic Treasures," Mondays, 6 p.m., Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

"Family Histories," Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Fridays, 7:30 p.m. "Vintage Views," Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m., Fridays, 11:30 a.m. "Court Martial Litigations," Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., into the 90s.

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Fridays, 9 p.m. "Art Set Presents," Thursdays, 8 p.m.

OVIATION cable channel cultural programming includes "Bringing It All Back Home," "Literary," "Painting The World," "The Shock of the New," "Civilization," "Leading Hollywood," "Cross-Cultural," "Absolutely Ballroom," "Bach Cantatas," "The Transatlantic Sea," "Sonic's Electronic Africa," "Black Artists Series," "ArtZone."

CTN cable channel will broadcast Art of the Western World on Mondays at 11 a.m. On Tuesdays, "American Genre" at 10 a.m.; "Faces of Culture," 11 a.m. On Wednesdays, "Powerack," 12:30 p.m. "Total Entertainment," 5:30 p.m. On Saturdays, "Old Bear Cinema," 11 a.m. and 2 a.m. On "The Garden," 4:30 p.m.; "Golden Age of TV," 5 p.m. On Sundays, "Music and You," 6 p.m.; "Asian Variety Show," 6 p.m.; "Sounds of Gospel," 6:30 p.m.

VARIETY

BEARD GROWING contest will take place tomorrow through April 11 at the Sun Summit Community.

For information, call: (908) 277-9433.

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

Games cost \$3 per person. Linden Lanes is located at 741 N. Sales Ave. in Linden. For information, call: (908) 925-3450.

SPORTLAND, Union's indoor tennis fun center, offers bumper cars and assorted video games, basketball tables, redemption games, hook-a-ball games and more. The center also features a Laser Tag Area available at a cost of 25 per person.

Sportland is located at 2474 Route 22 West, Union. For information, call: (908) 887-0500.

MOB SUSPENSIONS, a comic tale of intrigue and mysterious romance set on the forgotten Caribbean Island of Muskeget, is a follow-up to "Mistral" at Cafe Noir. The show is performed on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the Mistral at Cafe Noir in Essex Knolls.

Dinner-and-show cost \$40 on Fridays, \$45 on Saturdays. The theater is located at 4 Garden Restaurant in Essex Knolls. For information, call: (973) 301-6665.



Beard Growing and American West by photographer Hal Norman Kropf, through Jan. 7 at Donald B. Farmer Museum of the Springfield Library.

Real Estate

Third-quarter home sales see continuing surge

Existing single-family home sales are continuing to skyrocket in the Garden State, according to the New Jersey Association of Realtors. A total of 19,000 units were sold in the third quarter, a 10.5 percent increase over last year's 17,100 units, and a 1.5 percent increase over last year's 18,900 units reported in 4th quarter.

"The New Jersey housing market has been doing extremely well for several years," said Gloria Wood, vice president of NJAR. "The housing activists we have been seeing here is representative of the national market. We are pleased to know our members have remained confident about the real estate market and are continuing to buy in New Jersey."

According to NJAR, the seasonally adjusted annual rate for existing single-family homes for the third quarter was 179,000 and 10.5 percent from the 162,500 reported during the same period in 1997.

Realtors association testifies before task force

Members of the New Jersey Association of Realtors testified at the first meeting of the Fair Housing Act Implementation Task Force on the availability of Homeowners Insurance in Monmouth County. The task force was formed by the state's highest court in the Legislature sponsored by Assemblymember Nicholas Accetta, R-1, and Senators Joe Kyburz, R-13 and Leonard Corrado, R-9. The resolution was in response to constituent complaints concerning the difficulties homeowners have been experiencing for the past several years obtaining homeowners policies at the coast.

Homeowners insurance availability along the coast began deteriorating in 1992 after Hurricane Andrew in Florida and other 1992 storms cost the insurance industry billions of dollars. In an effort to reduce their liabilities, some insurance carriers began imposing limits on the number and quality of homeowners' policies, including

and requiring of buyers people to the company. Barbara, experience and leadership are the perfect qualities for this significant position. The area during the months and this department focuses on meeting the demands of that position. This new position is an exciting and an excellent opportunity for new business development. We are expanding our vision to include other exciting and profitable business opportunities.

De Maio to lead business department

John De Maio, president of Burlington ERA, recently announced the appointment of Barbara De Maio to the position of director of business development. Barbara De Maio is a highly experienced real estate professional with over 15 years of experience in the real estate industry. She will be responsible for the business development of the company, including identifying new business opportunities and expanding the company's market reach.

Roll, a 25-year real estate veteran.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Roll selected

Louise M. Roll, of Mountaigade, a real estate associate at Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, was recently selected to attend the company's Elite Retreat, a three-day conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco.

Only the top 1 percent of Coldwell Banker's 69,000 sales associates qualified for the President's Elite distinction.

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The median sales price of an existing single-family home in New Jersey rose sharply during this period. On a season-to-season basis, prices rose 4.2 percent to this quarter's \$165,200, from \$158,600 in 1997. This year, the price jumped 1.5 percent from the \$162,000 recorded in the second quarter.

In addition, the northern, central and southern regions of the state reported impressive increases in home sales. The median price of these homes rose 4.9 percent to \$165,200, from \$158,600 in 1997. This year, the price jumped 1.5 percent from the \$162,000 recorded in the second quarter.

In Central New Jersey, the actual number of homes sold in 1998's third quarter was 17,000, an 11.8 percent increase from last year's 15,200 units, and prices increased 4.5 percent to \$165,200.

In addition, surplus lines insurers have been telling the gap left by traditional insurers' losses, for both individual and corporate policies, are essentially uncaptured with regard to the rates they charge and are capable of covering any charge.

The New Jersey Association of Realtors is a non-profit organization serving the professional needs of more than 35,000 real estate agents in the state. NJAR and its 24 member boards and associations of Realtors are part of the National Association of Realtors, the largest trade association in the United States with more than 750,000 members.

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