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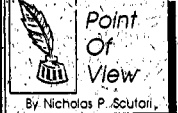
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Programs continue

Editor's note: The following is part one of a series of excerpts from Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari's speech at Sunday's reorganization meeting.

As you could imagine, being elected chairman of this Board of Chosen Freeholders is the high



By Nicholas P. Scutari

point of my political life, especially when you consider the quality of the individuals, my distinguished colleagues, who gave me this honor.

Two years ago last week, when I took the oath of office as Union County Freeholder, I pledged to you to demonstrate real leadership in this position. I am gratified that my colleagues have recognized that leadership and have given me the opportunity to serve as Freeholder chairman in 1999 as we lead this county into the 21st century. I sincerely thank them for bestowing this honor on me and my family and I will not let you or the residents of Union County down.

I will be asking this board to fund an additional \$1 million for Project Pocket Parks so that more open space can be preserved and more playgrounds upgraded.

I also will request that our HEART grant program, which gave county grants to our own artists and historic preservationists for the first time in history, be fully funded once again.

And Access 2000, which helped put computers in every public school classroom and will make Internet access available for every public school child in our county, enter the next phase.

I am proposing today to \$150,000 more grant money to help teachers buy the Internet as a teaching tool. Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be available to teachers for specific projects that transfer their students to the world through the Internet. The grants, which will be awarded on a competitive basis, will not only benefit our students, but also reward the many teachers whose commitment and creativity are at times unfulfilled due to limited resources.

First and foremost, I am proud to announce that in 1999, there will be no tax increase for Union County. For the third consecutive year.

The Department on this board have kept a watchful eye on the county's finances and have been able to deliver high quality programs and services to the residents of our 21 communities.

By spending each dollar wisely and keeping open lines of communication between the county manager and our department heads, we assure that the families of Union County receive maximum return for their tax dollars in the form of programs and services.

This board recognizes that higher education has become the key to success for our children. Too often, however, our children's academic success is limited by high debt levels. A major member of the Linden Board of Education, I have now founded the Financial Avenues of middle-class families. We must address this problem. So today, I announce, with the cooperation of Union County College and its president, Tom Brown, the establishment of the Financial Avenues Program.

The program works this way: If you are a high school student with a 3.0 or a 3.5 average and your family's annual household income is less than \$75,000, your college will be paid for by the board. If you maintain a B average in your first

year, you will be eligible for a second year. If you maintain a B average in your first year, you will be eligible for a second year. If you maintain a B average in your first year, you will be eligible for a second year. If you maintain a B average in your first year, you will be eligible for a second year.

Freeholders to focus on three areas

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

Making the third consecutive year of the Democratic Party at the helm of Union County government, the nine-member, freeholder board plans to focus on three core areas, economic development, education and health, said the newly appointed freeholder chairman.

His first speech as chairman,

Nicholas P. Scutari released a blue print for 1999, the highlight of which includes an incentive-based method for high school students to attend up to four semesters at Union County College free. Scutari walked a delicate balancing act between curbing county dollars to projects that his predecessor started and to ones of his own.

The Linden native promised to

keep projects such as Project Pocket Parks and Access 2000 well-funded while he directed his colleagues to put money toward his novel program called "Project Downtown Union County" to help towns that want to upgrade their downtown areas.

"By spending each dollar wisely and keeping open lines of communication between ourselves, County Manager Michael Landino and our department heads, we assure that the families of Union County receive maximum return for their tax dollars in the form of programs and services," Scutari said.



Photo By Jeff Grant

Freeholder Dan Sullivan, seated, is all smiles after being sworn in to his second term on the freeholder board Sunday. Also sworn in were Freeholders Lewis Mingo, foreground, and Mary Wuotilo, not pictured.

"The Democrats on this board have kept a watchful eye on the county's finances and have been able to deliver high quality programs and services to the residents of our 21 communities."

As for the college program, the chairman said, high school seniors who do not apply for any other financial aid and whose annual household income is less than \$75,000 can have the tuition pay for their first semester at the college — if their grade point average does not dip below a B. And if the average stays at least a B for four semesters, all four will be paid, again, by the county.

In many ways, Scutari's blueprint has similarity to the three-point plan, erstwhile chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, offered in 1998: focusing on education and quality of life issues.

Speaking about economic development, Scutari revealed little about



Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich speaking at the freeholders annual reorganization meeting Sunday. Froehlich was sworn into his eighth consecutive term as sheriff.

how the program will work but offered towns an opportunity to fix their downtown areas much in the same way the county helped Elizabeth and Linden last year with their separate projects.

"I am asking that this freeholder board commit up to \$5 million in capital funds, which will be awarded to municipalities in a competitive rating basis. The commitment that we have projects that are ready to go. I'm sure we will be hearing from you shortly. To the communities with projects still in the planning stages, don't be discouraged. We will provide you with enough time to submit your proposals for consideration."

Besides that, a new multiple-annuity program will be started this year, too, Scutari said. It hopes the time can amass a \$300 million fund in Union County in 1999.

Although his campaign was delayed by about 30 minutes, the presence of so many eminent political figures in Union County in one room proved to be a spectacle unto itself. A star-studded gallery included State Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak, Assemblyman Joseph S. Sullia, Democratic Party Chairman Charlotte DePapp-

er and Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Billiwaige among others.

Packing into Judge Edward W. Pegin Jr.'s courtroom, the audience came to see the swearing in of the three freeholders elected in November, and of Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, embarking on his eighth term. Froehlich was lauded not only for the performance of his department but also for his political prowess.

"As a matter of fact, my term in the Democratic way when he runs that Assemblyman, Neil Cohen, Assemblyman Lynn Sullia and I will be introducing a concurrent amendment to the constitution to the State of New Jersey, creating a one-year term (for sheriff) in Union County," Lesniak said, drawing sustained laughter with the remark. "Ralph will be heading our ticket year after year."

A former freeholder in Essex County, U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne, D-10, offered the all-Democratic and, sometimes, privately fractious board some sound advice: "The worst thing in the world can be when you become opposition to each other. I think you really need to remember unity is the best policy."

County crime sees mild drop

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Union County experienced a 2 percent decline in overall reported crime incidents during the first half of 1998 compared to the same period in 1997. The State Police recently released figures as part of the six-month report for 1998 under its Uniform Crime Reporting Unit.

The preliminary report also indicated a drop in overall crime statewide and for the first time since State Police began collecting crime data, all categories of major or index crime dropped significantly. A record 13 percent.

Only county data are released as part of the six-month report. Municipal data are not released until the State Police issues the full year-end Uniform Crime Report.

"While Union County crime was down 2 percent overall for the first half of 1998, slight increases were evident in five of the 10 index categories reported."

In terms of percentage, the largest decreases were in the following categories: burglary, 8.7 percent; motor vehicle theft, 8.5 percent; domestic violence offenses, 7.2 percent.

As for domestic violence, Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary attributes the decrease to local police departments. "A lot of departments have refined their training and the messages have gone out to abusers and would-be abusers that the police and courts take this very seriously."

Violent crime incidents — which include the categories of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — increased by 3.4 percent. Meanwhile, nonviolent crime incidents dropped 2.9 percent. Nonviolent crime consists of the following categories: burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft.

Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said the fundamental challenge in reducing crime is to convince law-abiding residents that they can and should participate with law enforcement.

Arc begins anniversary celebration Jan. 21

Arc of Union County, 1225 South Ave., Plainfield, marks its 50th anniversary this year and will begin its year-long celebration with a flag raising ceremony Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.

Helping inaugurate the events will be Plainfield City Administrator William D. McNeil II. A reception will follow. Throughout 1999, the Arc will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a number of special events and fund-raiser throughout the year.

For more information call 908-734-7826.

ment officials in efforts to maintain order.

In Union County, we have engaged in such partnerships to reduce prostitution with assistance from concerned members of the community whose neighborhoods have been adversely affected.

Auto theft
The Essex-Union-Auto Theft Task Force recovered 57 stolen motor vehicles in December and brought the total number of car-thefts caught in 1998 up to 280, according to police officials. Since Jan. 1, 1997, detectives and police officers assigned to the task force covered a total of 361 cars worth \$4.4 million.

Twenty officers assigned to the union departments in South counties work throughout the area looking for stolen cars. Municipal police chiefs assign officers for three-month and six-month periods on the task force.

Since Dec. 19, 1991, when the task force began operation, it has recovered 2,659 stolen cars worth more than \$26 million and arrested 1,692 adult and 786 juvenile suspects from car theft cases, according to Lt. Thomas DeCastro of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, who is commander of the two-county task force.

DeCastro said late model Jeeps, Acuras and BMWs continue to be among the most popular models stolen. Thieves will steal a car to sell, cut into parts for sale, for shipment

Union County crime figures

	1997	1998
Burglary	2,368	2,163
Larceny	6,124	6,190
Motor vehicle theft	1,955	1,768
Nonviolent crime	19,447	19,141
Rate per 1,000	21.0	20.1
Robbery	672	590
Murder	57	12
Rape	55	58
Aggravated assault	465	505
Violent crime	1,199	1,240
Rate per 1,000	2.4	2.5
Arson	45	47
Domestic violence	273	276
Sex crime	28	8
Crime Index Total	13,646	13,281
Rate per 1,000	23.4	22.9

Source: State Police

The crime statistics above are for the first six months of the year. Overall crime incidents reported in Union County during the first six months of 1998 decreased by 2 percent as compared to the same period in 1997, according to preliminary data. The rate per 1,000 is based on Union County's 1998 estimated population of 497,291 residents.



Jax, a 60-pound Belgian dog who is the newest member of the Union County Bomb Squad, recently was welcomed to his new post by, clockwise from top left, Sgt. John Gillespie, Trainer Chris Aversa, Prosecutor's Office Joseph Genna, Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Bomb squad gets new member

Most the newest member of the Union County Bomb Squad, an explosive-sniffing 60-pound Belgian dog named Jax.

The Jan. dog with the shaggy black face was introduced to two of his new bosses, other-bomb squad members county employees and members of the press during an afternoon press conference recently.

"He is a mighty sniffer after addition to law enforcement officers who must deal with the threat of an explosive device," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, who said the dog arrived at the Sheriff's Canine Unit after extensive training in Dept. Inc. "I am more than happy to make him available on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis."

The Belgian Blenheim, trained to give parties rights when it locates a real device, graduated in November from the Volume Lister Canine Law Enforcement Training Academy, according to Sgt. John Gillespie, supervisor of the Sheriff's Canine Unit.

"It's a bit smaller than a German Shepherd, but has that high spirit and drive that is needed for a dog doing police work, but he's very trainable," said Gillespie, adding that the dog will be assigned to Sheriff's Office Chris Aversa for his handling and additional in-service training.

Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said he is grateful that the sheriff is making such a valuable resource available to the members of the bomb squad, which has increased the number of officers assigned and allowed a mobile vessel and bomb disposal trailer to be assigned.

COUNTY NEWS

Health care group to explore myths, realities

The Union County Chamber of Commerce Health Care Group presents "Electronic Data Interchange Third Party Billing and Payment for Healthcare Providers: Myths and Realities..."

The cost, which includes a full breakfast, is \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members.

RSPV by Friday, 5:00 p.m. Health Care Group, Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0300 or call (908) 352-0900.

Women business owners chamber meets tonight

Susan Baer, general manager of New Jersey Airports, will be the featured speaker at the Union County Chamber meeting of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners tonight at LaFayette, Route 22, East Mountaintide.

Baer will discuss the challenges involved in running Newark International Airport, one of the largest airports in the world and the largest and busiest airport in the tri-state area.

The meeting, which is open to the public, begins with networking at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. The featured program begins immediately after dinner. The fee is \$25 for members with an advance reservation, \$30 for members without a reservation and \$35 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling the Union County Chamber hotline at (908) 688-0707.

Established in 1978, NAWBO is the largest of 50 chapters within the National Association of Women Business Owners and has 15 chapters within the state. NAWBO represents more than 7.7 million women business owners within the U.S.

More information can be obtained at the NAWBO website: www.nawbo.org/comp/wbo/.

Chamber presents series on employment issues

The Union County Chamber of Commerce presents the January Professional Seminar Series on "Emerging Employment Issues in New Jersey" with guest speaker Richard Cino of Lindbergh, M. Cormick & Estabrook, on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 36 Valley Road, Clark, exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway.

RSPV no later than today to the

Professional Seminar Series, Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth 07207-0300, or call (908) 352-0900. The cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for non-members. The cost of the meeting includes a full breakfast.

County violet society chapter meets today

The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society of America meets today at 1 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Library, 1927, Bartle Ave.

The program will be "show high lights." Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Blood drives scheduled throughout Union County

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor blood drives throughout Union County this month:

- Saturday, 10:30-4:30 p.m. at VWV Post 335, 479 South Ave., Grandford. Free T-shirts will be given to all donors at this drive.
Monday, 3:27 p.m. at Union Hospital, 1000 Gallopung Hill Road, Union.
Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m. at the Masonic LaSalle Lodge, 3550 Irving St., Rahway.
Jan. 22, 3:27 p.m. at Union Hospital, 1000 Gallopung Hill Road, Union.
Jan. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Landon Fire House 4, 2400 So. Wood Ave., Linden. T-shirts and special refreshments will be available for all donors for this type "O" drive.
Jan. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Cornerstone Tyrant Lodge, 522 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden.
Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Adis Phylaxios Lodge, 1011 Center Ave., Westfield.
Jan. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Cornerstone Tyrant Lodge, 522 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden.
Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Adis Phylaxios Lodge, 1011 Center Ave., Westfield.
Jan. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Russell.

Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave.

Jan. 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Elks Lodge 1583, 281 Chestnut St., Union. Donors must be 18 years old. Seventeen-year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the past two years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification.

People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating and there is a 24-hour deferral for dental work. Those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (800) BLOOD-NJ, or (908) 256-6165.

Monthly sale to be at Rannels Hospital

The Volunteer Guild of Rannels Specialized Hospital of Union County will host its monthly product sale today featuring hens. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the facility, located at 30 Weyching Way, Berkeley Heights.

Porcine, satin, flannel and waterbed sheets will be available. Also, comforters, towels, pillows, tablecloths, dust ruffles, shirts, towels, and kitchen and bathroom accessories.

The Volunteer Guild of Rannels Specialized Hospital of Union County is in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours can contact the Rannels Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5647.

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(Continued from Page 1) semester at Union County College, your second semester also will be paid for by this board.

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County. All students, including those who attended private or parochial schools, are eligible. The scholarship program is limited to four semesters per student.

The first group of Freeholder Scholarships will be awarded to this year's graduating seniors who will be a part of Union County College's Class of 2001.

Next week's Economic development.

A resident of Linden, Nicholas P. Scutari is chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



A four-character premiere musical revue currently at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. "Up, Up and Away," the songs of Jimmy Webb, stars, from left, Darius de Haas, Kelli Rabke, Judy McLane and Robert Johnson. The production, conceived and directed by Johnson, will run through Feb. 7.

Revue takes audiences 'Up, Up and Away'

Four amazingly apt and versatile performers in addition to a five-piece band celebrated the songs of composer-lyricist Jimmy Webb in a new musical revue called "Up, Up and Away," Sunday afternoon at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

The four, well-known to the audience were the playwright, playwright-novelist Robert Johnson, who conceived and directed the show, Ned Kringle, a lively young actor whose wondrous voice is probably the finest in a voice that will continue to improve as he gets older, Darius de Haas, a young man who made a truly wonderful impression in "Children of Eden," and — well, the fourth should have been Judy McLane, but she had an accident onstage during the final rehearsal and won't be performing with the cast.

Webb's music, and especially "Paper Moon," "Mama," and "The Way We Were," have been staples of the Broadway and Hollywood musical theater since the 1960s. Johnson, who has written and directed "Up, Up and Away" for over a decade, has been a fan of Webb's music since the 1960s. Johnson, who has written and directed "Up, Up and Away" for over a decade, has been a fan of Webb's music since the 1960s.

Theater View

By Ben Smith, Staff Writer

through the music. With backup singers, Robert Spencer, Ron Hoy and Nicki Carter on the keyboards, Alvin Moody, bass, Brad Brodsky, percussion, Ken Griffin, drums, and Steven Benson, guitar, the audience was entertained with music, music, music.

Beginning with "The Early Years in Act 1, the company and soloists, in addition to the well-known songs, sang some of Webb's lesser-known songs such as "Our Movie," "Song, Song," "Paper Cup," "Where's the

Playground, "Susie?" "Carpet Man," "Angel Heart," "The Girls' Song," "Everybody Gets to Go to the Moon," a 1961 "Generation" Medley, plus "Sabbath, Sabbath," "The Worst That Could Happen," "I Keep It Hot" and "Mistral Park." The choreography by Ron Ashford was well conceived and the sparkling costumes, with the four acts, designed by Angelina Avallone, masterfully contributed to the mood of the music.

This lively musical revue, the first of its kind, has much to offer particularly to those who love the musical theater, "Up, Up and Away," and perhaps those who, when McLane returns to the cast.

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Donald E. Williams
Attorney for Plaintiff

Winter scenes on view in Plainfield

Landscapes including winter scenes, still lifes and some figure drawings will compose artist Gerry Heyhl's solo exhibit on Sundays running through Feb. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Drake House Museum in Plainfield.

Beginning as a printmaker, she explored and embraced painting landscapes in oils as guided by instructor James McGinley at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art. Since then she has shown her work in more than 30 exhibits, many of them individual, and has received awards and commissions. She lives in Plainfield.

Summertime in Norway with her husband's family, Heyhl was inspired to paint and in 1997 mounted an exhibit of landscapes of south-western Norway at the Norwegian Seaman's Church in Manhattan.

Her Drake House exhibit will also express her affinity for New Jersey's natural areas including Sandy Hook, where she favors "the bay side and the expansive views of the wetlands." Not only there, she states she has "painted in practically every park, public garden, natural area, and state and national park within 50 miles of Plainfield, the Great Swamp, the Reeves Road Arboretum in Summit, the Wilentz Reservation and many other crannies with a view."

Heyhl's oils were exhibited in the 1997 "Celebrating Excellence: Union County Joint Arts & Crafts Exhibition," the joint "Apprentices" show at Avery Fisher Hall NYC, American Artists Professional League joint exhibition in Forts River, Six Years of Figure Drawing, Invitational at Spring Studios, NYC and more. In August 1998, her more than 40 paintings were shown in Long Island galleries in Bridgehampton, West Hampton and at Montauk Yacht Club.

Earlier a BFA from Stephens College, Missouri, she completed her MFA at the Institute of Art and Design at the University of Georgia in 1980.

Administrative at the Historical Society of Plainfield, the 1736 Drake House Museum is open, free to the public.

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ART SHOWS

EUGENE GALLERY in Scotch Plains will display 'Art Visions from the Heart of Scotch Plains,' fine art and photographs by Owen Kammer of Linden, through tomorrow.

ART AT OVERLOOK Hospital Summit will display 'A Vision of Peace' by artist Josephine M. Bandy through Saturday.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS training camp will run through Jan 25 at Plainfield High School.

CRANFORD LIBRARY will present a photographic exhibit by Gehring Smith through Jan 24.

NJ CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will display 'Scotch Plains' images through Jan 31.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will feature paintings by Dorothy Haman and Margie Ryan through January.

CLARK LIBRARY will display the paintings of Rowley resident Art Kasper through January.

THE ARTIST INTERPRETS exhibit will be on display through January at the Center for Visual Arts.

NEW JERSEY STATE COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS will display through Feb 5.

VISUAL EXPLORATION created by Jacky Wilson will be on display through January at the Center for Visual Arts.

KENT PLACE GALLERY in Summit will display photographs by Rod Cameron through Feb 5.

DRAKE HOUSE Museum in Plainfield will feature handprints, sketches and puppets through Feb 7.

UNION HARMONICA BAND bands will perform at the Senior Center Building through Feb 15.

ARBORECHAMBER MUSIC Society will perform Sunday at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Westfield.

CHORAL ART SOCIETY will perform music by Handel and Bach on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of Westfield.

CRESCENT CONCERTS will present SOLD: Brass on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

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VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents jazz entertainment on Saturdays at 8 p.m. Jan. 17, Howard Parker, Jan. 31, Grammy Award. SS cover is charged. 'Acoustic Tuesday' is followed by Open Mic Night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. with sign-up at 7 p.m.

Visual Exploration 2 will be on display through March 7 at NJ Performing Arts Center.

ART WORKSHOP for teens will be taught by artist Christine Dolnic-Hauska on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Railway Library.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT spring workshops at NJ Performing Arts Center are 'The Actor's Eye: A New View of Performances' mornings.

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Sand Bars by fine art aerial photographer Owen Kammer of Linden will be on display at Eugene Gallery in Scotch Plains through tomorrow.

FAMILY NIGHT will take place today at 6:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Library.

NEW JERSEY ORCHESTRA will present 'The Symphonic Wagner'.

FILMS ON FRIDAY will be shown tomorrow at 3:45 p.m. at Elizabeth Center.

HOLE NESTERS search for animal homes will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Translucide Nature and Science Center.

UNION COUNTY TORAH Center in Westfield will present a music and crafts program.

CHESS CLUB at Elizabeth Library will have a meeting on Monday.

LINDER ART ASSOCIATION meets at Sunrise Recreation Center.

MOONKARNERS CLUB serves monthly meetings on the second Tuesday.

UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets on the third Thursday.

WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION holds general meetings on the second Thursday.

MUSEUMS LEATHERWORK demonstration will take place Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mill-Cody House.

CLARK LIBRARY book discussion group will feature 'One True Thing'.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF LITERATURE is a group for people who share a love for classical literature.

AMERICAN GIRL card swap will take place today at 2 p.m. at Zany Brany Springfield.

AFTER WORK NETWORKING party for single professionals will take place today from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

MIME JASTING EVENT for professional single adults will take place tomorrow from 8 to 11 p.m.

NEW JERSEY NETWORK will air 'Tomorrow's America'.

FREEDOM TRAIN based on the life of Harriet Tubman will be presented Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Alan Smithee deserves credit for 'Burn, Hollywood, Burn'

Every so often a story will appear in the media describing tense situations on a film. "Waterworld," with Kevin Costner, was known to everyone as a film where the budget went completely out of control. Before the film even hit theaters everyone knew that Costner and the director were not getting along and their creative differences were wreaking havoc on the set. These problems exist with many films and every once in a while, a director will become so upset at the changes that are being made to his film that he will bring his name removed from the credits.

When this happens, the director's credit goes to a non-existent person known legally in Hollywood as "Alan Smithee." When you see this name as the director, you can be sure that the person who was originally directing the picture was so disgusted at the end result that he was ashamed to be associated with it.

"Burn, Hollywood, Burn" is a mockumentary about a director whose real name is Alan Smithee. He begins to direct a film, which everyone involved believes is destined to be the biggest box-office sensation ever to hit the silver screen. "Tina," as it is known, stars Sylvester Stallone, Whoopi Goldberg and Jackie Chan. These three actors play themselves in the movie.

Smithee is an artist and has a very specific vision he wants. He is spiritual, carries a Tibetan Holy rock and a Tarzanian stick wherever he goes, and has Academy Awards on his mind. His producers, James Edmonds, played by Ryan O'Neal, and Jerry Glusac, played by Richard Dreyfuss, also have a vision they want to see. Smithee has a few hundred million dollars.

The film shoot goes smoothly, but

The Video Detective

By Jim Rifkin

once in the editing room the producers and director, but heads. Rather than see his film taken over by the producer, Smithee steals the negative and goes on the lam; Edmonds isn't happy. He once lost his temper and beat a viewer to a pulp over a burn! hot dog. Glusac spends most of the time trying to keep Edmonds under control.

Smithee soon befriends The Brothers Brothers, two black filmmakers who who seem more like gang members. They decide to represent Smithee. They set up a meeting with Edmonds and Glusac and demand Smithee have complete creative control of the film. Edmonds, who has brought a gun to the conference room, trips to pull it out but Glusac jumps on him. The Brothers Brothers make it clear that if they don't get what they want Smithee will burn the negative.

"Burn, Hollywood, Burn" is a funny look at Hollywood and its "players." It contains a lot of classic scenes and features appearances from Eric Burdon, Charles D., Billy Bob Thornton, Sandra Bernhard, Naomi Campbell, Harvey Weinstein and Robert Evans.

"Video Detective" Talpa! Who directed the 1991 film "Shrimp on the Barbie" starring Cheech Marin and Emma Samms? Answer: Alan Smithee.

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

For Jan. 18 to Jan. 24

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Work to resolve a relationship dilemma without alienating your partner. Friends tend to be unhelpful, so don't depend on them. Take care of important business yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be prepared to put professional aspirations on hold because more time and research will be needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Think long and hard before making a long-term financial commitment. Work out competing projects already begun. Follow-up if it's key. Avoid starting new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Reality is your key word this week. Find a good use for clothing or items that no longer fit your image or lifestyle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Partnership issues come up this week. Enter into a relationship or agreement, with your eyes open. Your artistic talents are highlighted. Give a sneak preview of your best work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — Plan to spend quality time with co-workers in a social setting. Avoid impulsive shopping. It pays to be a little more detail-minded during this forecast period.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Confusion hangs in the air around a creative project. Don't let any valuable ideas or concepts get away. Document your feelings and spell out exactly what your expectations are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — With an active imagination, you're able to

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save a baffling dilemma with ease. Give your home and family your undivided attention. Stay on top of financial demands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Land your support to friends or associates concerning an important community or environmental project. Volunteer to help eliminate graffiti pollution or a moral injustice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Making a career move should not just be about money. Review your priorities while taking on a conservative approach to spending. Watch out for limitations on the home front.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll find yourself in the spotlight this week. Put forth a positive image and play your cards above board and honest. If romance plans fall through, don't lose heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Take

a close look at your beliefs. A little quiet time allows you to see things more clearly. Lay low and meditate. Expect an energy boost toward week's end.

If your birthday is this week, you'll be traveling with your head in the clouds during the coming year. It's ok, as this month you see uncertain about your direction or life purpose. Now more than ever, you should let your intuition guide you. Watch your health and practice discipline in eating and exercise. Maintain a positive attitude and rise above a past disappointment.

Also born this week: Melissa Ross, Jerry Kramer, Richard Dean Anderson, Ray Stevens, Linn Swain, Lorenza Lamas, Gocha Duvor, Raabe Hevers, Doby Parton, and Ruffet Hauer.

Plan artistic, craft-oriented children's party at arts center

Celebrate your child's birthday or any other occasion at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. Each party will start with an art and craft project or show, for the first hour, then cakes and drinks are provided by the parents or care givers may be served in the last half-hour. An instructor and art party host will make this a day to remember!

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Community Dining Guide

Art selection is made easy through Internet art dealer

"We're revolutionizing the way consumers buy prints." Saving money as a homeowner doesn't mean your home has to look boring. This was illustrated recently as MarketWeb joined hands with Internet print dealer ArtSelect.

"Nothing makes a home seem warm, interesting and stimulating like quality art," says MarketWeb executive Doug Chapman. ArtSelect makes owning quality gallery prints an easy and inexpensive process.

"As people gives consumers the same options that wealthy art collectors have, only at a fraction of the cost. You choose the art, you choose the frame, and you choose the frame art prints. Shipping is free."

As with many types of computers, the Internet has changed the way art is purchased. Those visiting the ArtSelect website at <http://www.marketwebartselect.com> can click their way to the perfect print, matted and framed with just the right combination all at a fraction of standard retail prices.

"People often feel like they have to settle for hand-me-down prints from garage sales or mass-produced prints from department stores. You wind up with a home that looks like a budget remodel. With ArtSelect, you don't have to settle for anything less than the masters, all framed with a quality, professional look," Chapman said.

When visiting the ArtSelect site, consumers first search the extensive catalog of prints organized by artist, subject, theme, color or mood. One worded search feature was the art was, as long as it had a box of fruit that went with her kitchen wallpaper. No problem," said Chapman.

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GARDEN BUFFET

A complete meal at a reasonable price

By Tommaso Antonelli Staff Writer

It has been said that half an hour after eating Chinese food, the stomach begins to rumble. At Garden Buffet on Morris Avenue in Union, however, that is not a problem — especially for those who want a complete meal with a little indulgence.

Garden Buffet offers a wide variety of Chinese, Japanese and American dishes (and all you can eat buffet that ranges in price from \$4.95 for lunch during the week and \$4.95 for dinner, to \$6.95 for lunch on weekends and \$8.95 for dinner).

Upon entering the restaurant, which is separated into two dining rooms — one for smokers and one for non-smokers — my dining companions and I were immediately offered a beverage of our choice, which included free refills throughout the meal. We were then invited to help ourselves to the generous buffet. Even those with the most finicky palates could have found something to dine on with over 155 items to choose from weekly and 35 different items daily.

The buffet offers everything from traditional Chinese and Japanese fare to a variety of fresh seafood combined with a assortment of vegetables and sauces both mild and spicy for the more adventurous, as well as Italian and American style meals such as spaghetti, chicken marsala, mussels, onion rings, a complete salad bar and fresh chicken pieces. For those who prefer vegetarian options, Garden Buffet also provides several vegetable dishes such as sautéed string beans in a flavorful brown sauce, vegetable lo mein, fried or whole 'n' mixed vegetables in garlic sauce.

My dining companions and I wasted no time filling our plates with several of the selections that were offered. Pleased with the variety of food, but food, we sampled such dishes as Japanese chicken rolls — a crispy egg roll wrapper filled with lobster meat, Japanese chicken, sweet and sour chicken, roast pork with vegetables, men-fun shrimp with lobster sauce and orange beef. All of the dishes were expertly prepared and full of flavor.

After eating as much as our plates would hold, we decided to take advantage of the various desserts that Garden Buffet offers. We selected fresh berry ice cream from a self-serve machine. We also feasted on fresh fruit cakes, fortune cookies and almond cookies, all of which perfectly complimented our satisfying meal and mood.

Garden Buffet also offers carry-out which is charged by the pound, as well as lunch specials, combination platters and individual orders of any dish on the menu. They also do catering and can accommodate parties of up to 150 guests. For information, call (908) 688-8998.

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Career & Education

Enrichment center has openings in winter/spring courses

The Enrichment Center of Westfield, a staff service, tutoring and enrichment company, still has spaces available in most of its winter/spring classes which will be starting within the next two weeks. Several classes have already filled and additional sections are being added.

A sample of the elementary classes being offered: *Life Motion Machines* and *Machines*, one of many science courses; phonics reading on varied levels; Spanish; creative kindergarten classes including math, science and reading; math for every level student, including gifted and talented and several gifted sections; and creative writing.

For middle school students, the Enrichment Center's GHP participation classes in math and English still have a few spots open. The popular gifted and talented classes for middle school include: *Math, Reading, Problem Solving, Analogies and Mental Math.*

For the Enrichment Center to determine if your child qualifies for these classes, staff will be available for SAT and other challenge and enrichment classes. Also available for students who are currently learning.

The Enrichment Center of Westfield is expanding its SAT schedule to

accommodate the growing demands of the surrounding communities. Students are coming in from Westfield, surrounding towns and from stripping districts such as Rhineclay. The demand for class space is great since The Enrichment Center's class size is only 4-8 students.

Classes are offered Saturdays through Thursdays. The Enrichment Center has a unique strategy about the SATs and the students taking the SATs. Students can always spare one hour to come to a class on any given day, but it's more difficult to find the time to attend a three-hour session.

Students do not have to take classes on Saturdays. With small class sizes, teachers are able to individualize during these classes.

Students pay per class; they attend as much as to burden parents financially. The Enrichment Center has adult classes, too. All of the teachers at The Enrichment Center are state certified and experienced.

A new adult class program beginning immediately: SAT for Student Center.

All support is available for all grades. The individual programs geared to the student, whether a 10th grader in need of remediation or a student working up potential. The Enrichment Center's state certified and experienced specialty teachers are able to help eliminate parent-student schoolwork conflicts.

Asch, a partner at The Enrichment Center, said, "It is difficult to find one person to teach all grades and all subjects as well as employ elementary, middle and high school teachers who have specialties in their subjects and grades to meet the learning requirements of all students." The new SAT program includes study skills, organizational skills, homework help, confidence building, time management skills, test-taking skills, math skills and writing skills.

Private tutoring is available by state certified teachers in all subjects and at all levels, including honors and Advanced Placement courses. Teachers will use the student's text as well as supplemental materials.

The Enrichment Center's Winter/Spring 86 classes listing classes for students in kindergarten through 12 grade are available. For more information, call to register for classes. Call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110.

Vo-tech offers a variety of adult classes

Day classes in the spring semester at the Union County Vocational Technical Schools, 1776 Barnhart Road, will begin on Jan. 29. There are still openings in the following courses, which will be offered to adult students on a full- or part-time basis: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Construction, Culinary Arts, Machine Technology and Masonry.

The class times for all programs, except Culinary Arts, is 8 to 10:40 a.m. and 12:10 to 2:50 p.m. Culinary

Arts will run from 10:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. All classes are Monday through Friday.

According to the registrar at the Voc Tech Schools, the Auto Technology Program offers state-of-the-art Automotive Service Excellence certification training in Light Repair, Transmission, Brakes, Tire Service, Systems, Engine Performance, Heating and Air-Condition Systems, plus Steering and Suspension. Included in Auto Tech day classes is an intro-

ductory Dynamics/Engine suspension training.

The note that will be new-line construction for the rise and remodeling housing. UCC is offering Carpentry Construction and Masonry to meet the demands of the building trades industry. The Voc Tech Machine Technology CVT offers the latest in technology training. For example: WIP-EDM—Electrical Discharge Machining, CNC Lathes, CNC Millers, and CAD/CAM.

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Culinary Arts is offered during the "twilight" session and prepares students to enter the hospitality industry. Chef, Sous Chef, Banquet Cook or Prep Cook. This placement assistance is provided upon graduation while financial aid is available to eligible applicants. Applications for the Spring Semester can be obtained by calling the Day Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999.

Oak Knoll School in Summit hosts open house

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will host an open house on Jan. 27 to parents and prospective students of the Upper School. The Upper School encompasses grades 9 to 12 for young women only.

The open house offers the Upper School's "open house" from 8:30 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to meet faculty, representatives

of the students and to tour the historic campus. Oak Knoll School is an independent Catholic school established in 1924 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Oak Knoll is part of a network of 25 Holy Child schools throughout the United States, Ireland, England and Africa.

The founders of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Cornelia Connelly,

stressed the importance of educating the whole child — a physical, spiritual, school has carried through the years. In addition, the philosophy of Oak Knoll offers 18 sports teams, more than 40 dance ensembles and 150 activities. In addition, it is academically demanding curriculum.

The school's athletic teams compete in the Mountain Valley Confer-

ence and hold numerous conference and state titles.

An open house is planned for the Lower School on Feb. 7. The Lower School includes kindergarten through sixth grade and is co-educational. For directions to the Oak Knoll campus or for more information about the open house, contact the director of admissions at (908) 522-8100.

Teachers make the grade on creative lesson plans

When teachers get good grades, students are the winners and the nation celebrates. That's why hundreds of teachers, who do not have a minor and senior high school teachers were honored for their creative lesson plans.

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The lesson and seminar plans that teachers from across the United States

all received The Creative Education Award for Best Classroom Practices. The purpose of the program is to recognize teachers who do not just teach, but plan in math and science. The awards are funded by the Creative Education and presented by the California Academy of Science, a nonprofit organization that has been in existence since 1908.

Through the dedication of their efforts, these teachers and their students have demonstrated the importance of creative teaching and learning.

Everyone will benefit from an inspired and enthusiastic group of scientists, educators, engineers, researchers and in more than 10 years from now, commented Dave O'Brien, president of Creative Products Company.

Samuel M. Taylor, chairman and director of education at the California Academy of Science, is co-convener of the award. He said, "The United States' students have lagged behind the rest of the world in math and science skills for a number of years. In 1995, the U.S. was ranked 14th in science and 16th in math. We need to be better than that."

These are instrumental in recognizing those who will help us close this gap through their teaching methods. Winning lesson plans will be posted on the World Wide Web at www.creativeprod.com and published in a handbook which will be distributed free to teachers across the country. By sharing the winning lesson plans, educators will be equipped with a practical tool for improving their teaching methods and science.

Educational center offers SAT classes

The Educational Services Center, an established SAT preparation center, is offering preparatory courses for the January 1999 exam. Courses will also begin in February or March for the May 1999 exam. Courses will be held at the

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The new generation of Park Avenue is designed to make an elegant and tasteful statement according to Park Avenue Brand Manager Katherine J. Bennett.

"Park Avenue gives you the classic elegance you expect in a luxury car," said Bennett. "More important, every feature has been selected to satisfy functional needs for the driver and passengers. As a driver, you will find it fun to drive."

The profiles employed in Park Avenue include professionals, entrepreneurs, and executive men and women who want style, smooth power, responsiveness and exceptional value.

In 1998, Park Avenue again received numerous awards from independent sources. For Carline, it was "Recommended" by Consumer's Guide. For Personal Safety, by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, and an "Excellent" Kudos "Value" by High Finance Inc., which gives all five stars to cars for having the lowest fuel costs and lowest insurance cost in its class and for being rated an "Excellent Value" specific time in eight years.

Specific refinements for 1999 include an improved tail lamp appearance on Park Avenue, enhanced Concert Sound III sound system and Michelin tires standard on Ultra.

There are also four new exterior colors: Sterling Silver Metallic, Titanium Blue Metallic, Gold Metallic and Dark Bronze Metallic. High White Diamond became available. Ultra in the '99 model year, Park Avenue's stretchable fabric and carpeting slippers, a new "Eco" Warning Train.

Park Avenue Ultra's supercharged version of the 3000 produces 247 hp at 5200 rpm and 284 lb-ft of torque at 3600 rpm. Projected fuel economy is unchanged: 19 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway for Park Avenue and 38 mpg for the supercharged Ultra.

Both engines are linked to the 4105E electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission which has won critical praise for its smooth-

ness and responsiveness. Ultra is equipped with heavy duty suspension — except for oil and filter changes, both powerplants remain virtually maintenance-free for up to 100,000 miles. Long-life features include engine coolant with a recommended change interval of five years or 150,000 miles; platinum-tipped spark plugs with first recommended change at 100,000 miles and transmission fluid that requires no change under normal operating conditions for 100,000 miles.

Park Avenue provides an unusually strong architecture of safety cage construction and such features as Next Generation front seat air bags (four wheel drive models), brake-activated door shut and lock, which locks within 15 seconds of an air bag deployment.

Another safety and security option is featured offered again is the GM 10000 Series mobile communication system (OnStar) combines Global Positioning System satellite technology and a hands-free, voice-activated, cellular telephone to link drivers to a communications center where advisors are available to provide many kinds of assistance such as emergency services and navigational and travel support. OnStar's dealer installation also offers automatic notification of air bag deployment, theft detection and stolen vehicle tracking.

Outside folding rear-view mirrors are offered with optional heated and electrochromic (dimming) features. Also, a patented, parallel park assist is made for view mirror auto-dimming, fills-down whenever the Reverse gear is engaged. This feature, first offered for '98, is designed to provide the driver a better view of the mirrored parking area behind and to the right of the car.

Park Avenue's suspension system has been widely praised by auto writers for its responsiveness. It includes MacPherson struts in front and semi-trailing arms at the rear, mounted to the body through rubber-isolated, welded-steel structures. Rear air struts automatically adjust to maintain proper vehicle height regardless of the load being carried.

An optional OnStar Theft Protection package from Unisearch's duty supervisor dealer program offers an available theft-deterrent steering, steering wheel, aluminum wheels, 225/60R16 Eagle LS Touring tires and leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Park Avenue has Personal Drive features, operated by the remote keyless entry job, that include memory mirror and seat positions, automatic door lock operation, perimeter lighting security feedback, and radio and climate controls.

A package of electrical features called Convenience Plus is back. It includes delayed entry and exit lighting, "thru-car" dimming interior lamps, battery run-down protection, battery protection on power door locks, warning tones for the parking brake, turn signals, headlamps and dimmer key, the coded PASS-Key III theft-deterrent system, remote access with power flash to pass delayed locking, auxiliary power outlet, and daytime running lamps with Twilight Sensitive headlamp control.

Some features optional on Park Avenue are standard on Ultra. For example, moisture sensing wipers, third safety substantially added based on monitoring the windshield instead of with a fixed delay interval. A tire flatness monitoring system alerts the driver if a tire is losing pressure. Traction control, especially helpful on slippery surfaces.

Another feature optional on Park Avenue and standard on Ultra is the Driver Information Center, which provides drivers with the information they need to make such information as oil level and tire pressure level available for fuel economy, miles to empty and gallons of fuel used, tire pressure monitoring and two trip odometers. The two-line, 16-character electronic display can show cellular telephone status when equipped.

Another optional feature returning for '99 is a head-up display, called Executive that projects information into the windshield, showing vehicle speed, high beam and turn signal status and a "check gears" warning, eliminating the need for the driver's eyes to leave the road.

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