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## We need affirmative action

We need affirmative action. That's right, you heard me: We need affirmative action. Just like middle-aged, white men were once conditioned to hire middle-aged, white men that affirmative action was created, Democrats and Republicans are conditioned to hire their own.

Not the most profound of statements, I admit, but at times, the two parties concede and join in a bipartisan effort. When Congress talks about campaign finance reform, for example, usually they talk about forming a bipartisan committee.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders last month created a shared services committee to examine the possibilities of sharing services among county and municipal governments and boards of education. It seems like a laudable goal and I hope it can come up with something — be it implementing some sort of shared services or realizing the concept can't work effectively.

## My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Either way you look at it, I'm sure most people would agree that shared services is a concept that deserves some investigation. Although it may be just a trendy buzzword among elected officials and campaigning politicians, perhaps it also might yield savings somewhere.

Each member of this committee will receive a \$3,000 stipend for their trouble, not an outrageous amount of money. The committee, which has been created for a two-year period, also will be provided a secretary at an annual cost of \$6,000. So in two years, expenses for the committee will total about \$24,000; again not a great burden, but taxpayer dollars nonetheless.

I don't know the precise qualifications of each committee member, but I'm sure there was something the freeholders saw in each candidate in terms of expertise, just as I'm sure they saw something else as well.

Let's take a look at the committee:

- Garwood Mayor Michael Crincollo. A Democrat, he works in the county's Bureau of Permits within the Department of Operational Services.

- Greg Kinloch. A former Democratic councilman in Roselle Park where Freeholder Alexander Mirabella is Democratic chairman.

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## Prosecutor shifts locations

By Philip Sean Curran  
Staff Writer

In early July, it was business as usual at the county prosecutor's office. Investigators were checking into leads; the legal department, dressed in starched white shirts, were in the court arguing their cases, and the receptionists were their pleasant selves.

Never mind that with their free hand, they were carrying a box, chair or bookshelf. Eighteen months of planning came down to five days of furious packing and carrying.

Not since Sherman's army marched to the sea has such a mass of people moved so smoothly and with such dispatch. In one week, 170 members of the prosecutor's office took the entire office across one street block, to the space they now call home.

The second, third and fourth floors of the Andrew K. Rucolo Jr. Justice Complex belong to the county prosecutor and his staff. The building takes its name after the late prosecutor, who served from 1991 to 1995.

Standing inside his new office, which is big enough for him to run

lags in, Thomas Manahan can look at the old building. Not a bit nostalgic.

For 20 years, the county prosecutor did business in the county administration building; before that, the prosecutor was in the courthouse building. But this July 9, the great exodus took place.

For people used to working under pressure, there was some trepidation that things would not go smoothly. "The concern all along was there would be a disruption in the office," Manahan said. "And in law enforcement, you can't have it."

Thanks, however, to help from the county, a little cooperation from the judiciary and something called teamwork, the job was done. "It was quite a sight to see on Friday the ninth, people from this office moving their furniture from the administration building," Manahan said.

"The whole thing was preparation," said Richard Robbart, said the deputy first assistant prosecutor and the project manager.

Everyone helped out, he said. The movers hired by the county were amazed to find that most of their work

was already done.

"It took the cooperation of the office staff, top to bottom," Robbart added, giving a big assist to the county's Division of Building Services.

"It could not have gone more smoothly, and I know Drew would be very proud of this building," Manahan said.

No fine point was missed, Robbart said, not even changing the computer generated address on subpoenas that the prosecutor's office sends out.

The smell of newness still permeates the building. The rugs have not been stained yet; the paint on the walls still has its sharpness; and the air conditioning makes the building cool enough to store meat.

Union County paid \$3 million to have the building renovated, said County Manager Michael Lapolla. But the aesthetics aside, the most welcome feature is security: a visitor to the fourth floor encountered recently a receptionist sitting at a desk behind a bulletproof glass window.

"Once the freeholders gave approval to the overhaul of the building, we



Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan carries a box out of a room in the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of a move to new quarters.

knew we would have a beautiful and secure facility for our employees," Manahan said.

Much has already been finished; only a few odds and ends remain. The

first floor is still a work in progress. In the future, it will hold a daycare center so employees of Union County have someone to leave their children, a reception and meeting rooms.



Sheriff's Officer Edward Hanewald of Rahway was recognized as this year's Officer of the Year.

## Hanewald recognized as top sheriff's officer

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

There may be some argument among baseball purists about whether fans should vote for the annual All-Star teams, but there haven't been any arguments about the Sheriff's Office and its Officer of the Year voting. "Elected by his peers, Officer Edward Hanewald of Rahway was recognized as this year's officer. The vast majority of our staff are fine people. To pick the best is tough," Sheriff Ralph Freehlich said.

Hanewald, 30, has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office for six-and-a-half years. He also is one of 16 officers who are instructors at the John H. Stampler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. After leading physical fitness classes from 5 to 9 a.m. at the police academy, he heads to his duties within the criminal courts system.

Hanewald soon will start instructing personnel in the probation department in self-defense techniques. That's one of the things he likes about his job. "There are a lot of opportunities in the department other than driving a squad car. The sheriff always gives you a chance to do something extra."

"The experience we receive is unbelievable. The different fields you can go into, the different opportunities."

An honorable mention All-America pitcher during his years at Division III William Paterson College, Hanewald is now throwing strikes for the undefeated Sheriff's Office softball team. He is a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School and was a long-time resident of Clark before moving to Rahway five years ago.

## Freeholders OK \$50-M in bonds

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

The Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized nearly \$50 million in bonds for a variety of projects including Project Pocket Parks, Project Downtown Union County and various capital equipment purchases.

In the second non-unanimous vote by the all-Democratic, nine-member freeholder board this year, a \$25-million ordinance was approved 6-to-1 with Donald Gonçalves of Elizabeth dissenting. Freeholders Mary Rucolo and Linda Stender were absent.

A separate \$4.5-million bond ordinance for various capital equipment for Union County College was approved unanimously.

Gonçalves raised concerns about issuing more debt while the county sits on a \$25-million surplus. He recommended spending as much as \$10 million more of the surplus to pay for items in the bond ordinance.

Another projected \$40-million surplus at the end of this year "understates the state of the economy and the strength of our economic power and ratings," Gonçalves said. What freeholders must do now, he said, is maintain a low debt. "No matter what rate we get, it is better to have cash on hand and pay at the moment versus undertaking more debt."

Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli said the county normally eliminates debt through the budgets with a lot depending on market conditions. Sometimes it is more advantageous to eliminate debt, he said, and conditions sometimes warrant incurring debt versus using existing cash.

"I'm not a financial genius," Freeholder Lewis Mingo said. "I'm leery of spending cash. I don't like to spend the reserve and hope nothing happens."

Mingo did not have a problem with

incurring debt "as long as we borrow and handle the debt without tipping the scales in the wrong direction. I have not seen that happen yet."

Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, a member of the Fiscal Affairs Committee, said there were extensive hearings on all parts of the budget, including the capital budget. "The way we've conducted business over the last two years, it's certainly a prudent way to do business as evidenced by our bond rating."

Officials say the county's surplus and relatively low debt are among the reasons why it enjoys a AAA rating from investor services, allowing for advantageous interest rates. A

\$44-million bond sale last month yielded an interest rate of slightly less than 5 percent from Salomon Smith Barney.

The county's total net debt was \$191 million following last month's bond sale — approximately 0.61 percent of the county's bond capacity and about \$300 million below the state's recommended limit. The state recommends counties not bond more than 2 percent of capacity.

Of the \$191 million, \$46 million has not yet been issued. The ordinances passed last week increase both figures by about \$50 million. The average payback of county

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## Lone dissenter questioned

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Freeholder Donald Gonçalves' opposition to a bond ordinance last week led at least one freeholder to question his motives. He was the lone freeholder to vote against an ordinance to authorize \$44 million in bonds for various capital projects and equipment. It was the second time this year the all-Democratic freeholder board approved an ordinance or resolution without a unanimous vote; both times Gonçalves cast a no vote.

Gonçalves' "revelation with problems about this bond ordinance was the new to me," Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said.

"This is the first time you're sharing this with us. It didn't come up on first reading" last month, Mirabella said he was "perplexed" by Gonçalves' outspokenness on this particular bond project.

"It's interesting he chose this year to have problems with capital programs. I can't imagine you'd suggest

using the surplus to buy capital items."

The county Democratic Party unanimously voted in the spring to replace Gonçalves in this year's freeholder race with Elizabeth Board of Education member Angel Estrada. He will run with Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari and Freeholder Linda Stender.

Although he has not been specific, Gonçalves has indicated he plans to remain actively involved in politics. He was among the leaders of Democrats for Change, a group seeking to take over Elizabeth's Democratic Party. In the June primary, Democrats for Change managed to win 50 of the 86 contested seats, however, the regular Democratic Party still controls 96 of the 144 seats overall.

As chairman of the board's Fiscal Affairs Committee, Mirabella said he took personal offense to Gonçalves' claims that he did not have the opportunity to speak on the bond projects.

"It seems he's changed the entire

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# HSPT scores: Writing

High School	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96	1994-95	Avg
Westfield	98.8	99.6	99.3	99.3	99.3
New Providence	97.8	97.9	100	100	98.9
Governor Livingston	98.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cranford	98.2	98.0	96.8	97.8	97.7
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	95.8	98.2	96.6	95.7	96.6
Summit	97.9	93.8	94.0	96.9	95.7
David Brearley	95.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Roselle Park	94.6	88.2	89.2	92.9	91.2
State average	87.9	90.5	90.4	88.5	89.3
Union	86.4	89.6	92.7	85.6	89.1
County average	88.8	87.9	88.2	88.4	87.6
Hillside	78.0	90.9	85.8	89.6	86.1
Abraham Clark	75.8	88.2	84.0	90.6	84.9
Rahway	80.5	82.6	83.5	85.9	83.3
Linden	70.3	79.0*	85.8	89.3	81.1
Plainfield	52.4	66.8	77.1	59.6	64.0
Elizabeth	54.0	69.5	61.8	65.8	62.8
Jonathan Dayton	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Arthur L. Johnson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: New Jersey State Report Card, 1997-98

The chart represents the percentage of students passing the writing section of the High School Proficiency Test. The column labeled 'Avg' shows the four-year average for each school while bolded numbers indicate the highest score in the county that year. Figures for the deregionalized high schools were not available because prior to 1997 the statistics were compiled as one regional district. Due to a programming error, a Department of Education spokesman said, statistics were not available in the context of the report card for the deregionalized schools without any scores. The state requires students to pass the HSPT to graduate high school. Next week: HSPT math scores.

# Officials issue campfire ban

The Union County Division of Parks and Recreation has announced a ban on fires in all county parks and picnic. The ban will be in effect until further notice. No open fires, grills or barbecues will be allowed in the park throughout the duration of the ban. County Police, who patrol the park regularly, will enforce the ban. The county has posted signage in the park advising users of the ban. County officials decided to enact the ban after the state placed all of its parks and forests at a Level 3 Risk of fires — its highest rating — banning fires in all state parkland.

Union County has 26 parks covering more than 5,500 acres. "The ongoing drought throughout this region has made the ban necessary," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari. "Grass, leaves and vegetation have become bone dry, and is susceptible to catching fire." "We are enacting this ban to preserve our parks and ensure public safety," Scutari said. "This is a very serious situation and we will be enforcing the ban."

# Freeholder questions vote

(Continued from Page B1) focus of his freeholdership." Mirabella said of Goncalves. "He's asking a lot more questions about the budget." "Until December, I'm a freeholder," Goncalves said. "I might be swimming against the tide, but I have to do what's in the best interests of taxpayers. Even past '99 when Don's not here," taxpayers will be paying off the debt incurred now. "It's risky to continuously borrow, Goncalves said. He would rather use some of the surplus on-hand versus incurring more debt. "We must identify our priorities; we can't buy everything at once." "I'm not doing this for news; the board has to be responsible for taxpayer money," Goncalves said.

Mirabella said Union County is among no more than a handful of counties with a AAA bond rating and with budget hearings throughout February and March, it "obviously" was not a closed process.

# FEMALES to meet

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., members of the Union County chapter of FEMALE, Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge, will meet for a roundtable discussion titled: "Helping Our Husbands Understand Our New Roles." The meeting will take place at the Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For more information about FEMALE, call Karyn at (908) 272-2471.

# Capital projects have freeholders bonding

(Continued from Page B1) debt, according to Caroselli, is eight to 10 years. Goncalves said spending the surplus down to a level of \$15 million or \$20 million is still reasonable. The county used \$25 million of its \$40-million surplus as revenue in this year's \$300-million budget. Project

Pocket Parks had the Project Downtown Union County program are "almost one-shot deals," Goncalves said, and could be considered rebates to towns for their infrastructure. Both programs offer grants to municipalities for improving their parks and business districts, respectively. Goncalves also asked why the

Union County Improvement Authority cannot secure its own loan for a project. The bond ordinance included a \$400,000 loan to the improvement authority for the redevelopment of a Plainfield building to be used by the Department of Human Services. When the improvement authority began a project, it has no money to cover costs for architects and engineers, County Manager Michael Lapolla said. The bonds will help the authority get started on the project until it is fully funded at which time the county will be reimbursed. "It gives them a pool of money rather than coming back to us on a project-by-project basis."

The improvement authority has no ability to borrow money on its own, said Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli. Unlike the bond ordinance calls for a \$400,000 loan from the county, he said the project likely will need only \$100,000 to \$150,000. Additionally, the county will be able to borrow money at a better rate than any bank or the authority could get.

# Politics and affirmative action

(Continued from Page B1) Angelo Bonanno, who, after many years as Hillside's health officer, recently retired. A Democrat.

George Jern, one of two Democrats who won seats on the five-member Cranford Township Committee last year.

Patricia Plane of Fanwood, where Freeholder Linda Stender is municipal chairwoman. Plane is a Democratic candidate for Borough Council again, this year.

Jodie Bergen. She happens to have the same last name as the municipal chairman in Springfield. That's right, the Democratic chairman. Who'd a think it?

Kenilworth Councilwoman Carmela Colosino. Another candidate in November's election, she will face incumbent Republican Michael Tripodi in this year's mayoral race.

Seeing how each of the seven members happened to be affiliated with the Democratic Party, I asked Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari whether there was any effort to make the committee bipartisan. It's not as if shared services is

a strictly partisan issue, or is it? Scutari said there was no attempt to make the committee strictly Democrats. In fact, he said he didn't even realize they were all from the same party. Fair enough; one of nine freeholders didn't notice. However, the entire nine-member Democratic board approved the appointments without discussion. I guess not even one of them noticed.

Trippi, meanwhile, probably would have been a good selection to the committee. As president of the Union County League of Municipalities, he has been active in discussions about shared services. Also, there's no place for Republican appointments in a county government where every constitutional officer and elected official is a Democrat, especially one running against a Democrat in November.

But this affliction isn't specific to just Democrats. People have come to expect this sort of thing from their elected officials regardless of party affiliation. If the situation was reversed, with the Republicans in control, I'd bet any amount of money I'd still be writing this column.

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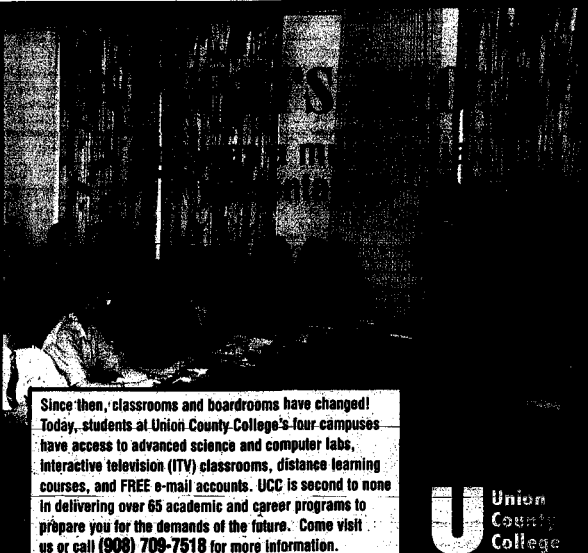
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Teen wins scholarship to musical theater conservatory

By Jacquie McCarthy  
Associate Editor  
Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, "New Voices of '99" song and dance extravaganza will showcase the talents of 83 students, ages 10 to 18, from across New Jersey. The performers are members of Paper Mill's Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory, which grows potential stars of the future. Tim David of Elizabeth is happy to be the recipient of a full scholarship to the conservatory, and has made his parents, Angelito David, and his very proud indeed.

Tim, 18, was raised in the Philippines. He and his family immigrated to the U.S. when Tim was 12. Tim's father, Angelito David, is a visual artist who enjoyed a lucrative career in his homeland prior to moving to the U.S. During a brief stay in Italy, "I was able to learn something that the people in my country don't know — restoration. It seems that I'm the only one who knows how to preserve our national heritage," Angelito said. "After 20 years, I am already established, I've been teaching in the universities, and have my own business, and an artist."

In 1969, as a single man, Angelito had applied for a visa.

"I forgot all about it, because I became very busy. Comes 1989, 20 years later, there was a letter from immigration, saying 'Congratulations, your visa has been approved.' Twenty years! Philippines set everything just to get out of the country, to find work. There is a good life here in America. But my case is different. I am enjoying my life there. Coming here will mean I have to start all over again. But, because Teya and Timmy wanted to come here, I said, 'Let's try it,' so we went."

Upon arrival, Tim discovered a sport which would shape his future — ice skating.

"When we came here, immediately Timmy got interested in skating," Angelito said. "We don't have ice in the Philippines."

Tim skated at Warnanco Skating Center in Roselle and South Mountain Area in South Orange, and became a member of the Essex Skating Club. He won medals in figure skating competitions, the most recent and prestigious last year — a first place.

"I was trying to get to the 2006 Olympics, but I was spending more time in the dance studio in my school," Elizabeth High School, "which was a performing art that kind of drew me away from skating," when Tim was 16. "It was another form of developing my flexibility and artistic sense," Tim admitted.

But it soon became less of an exercise and more of a passion. "The difference is," Tim mused, "in dance you can express more and focus on the movement. In skating, you have to do the technical things, which kind of departs a little bit from the artistic. I could be artistic in skating, but it's hard. The judge is going to say 'How come you're not doing this other jump or spin?' Sometimes you get too caught up and you forget what to do the next step."

"The teacher would say he would really dance well, expressively," said Tim's proud father. Angelito expressed surprise at the many types of dance



Tim David acknowledges the cheers of the audience at the Jefferson House of Elizabeth High School, with teacher Michelle Mossay-Cuevas.

shoes Tim has come to own — "Ballet shoes, tap shoes, jazz shoes," Tim confirmed with a shy smile.

"We had to perform, my dance ensemble group, for the Paper Mill, because we were part of an adoption program," Tim said. "A month later, they called my teacher" and asked Tim to join the Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory.

The young man remembered feeling "intimidated. I was scared because these are very very talented people, and I didn't realize that I was meant to be in it, but now I'm kind of fitting in. I'm a dancer/chorus player, not any solo parts because it's my first year and usually you don't get the big parts right away."

"This level-headed young man is a product of wise parents, who encourage him to stay grounded and focused. "I'm just starting to realize that I'm a stage mom," said Tim's mother, Teya. "Young as they are, sometimes they get carried away. We are there just to pull them back down to earth," she laughed, "just to let them know that things are different here. Put your feet on the ground. The real world is different from the stage world. After the curtain call, the real world starts."

"You know, I feel I am a proud parent of a son who has a dream, because not all people have a goal in life," Angelito said. "He will reach whatever dream he has; he will be able to fulfill it, because from the moment he thought of it, all his actions and activities are put toward that goal, which is good. I don't see Timmy wandering around going tow-

ard anything which does not reflect his interests. When he would look for friends, the friends must have something to do with his mission, the same interests, who could dance, who could skate."

"His father should know, as he has the experience to back up the wisdom he imparts to his son. "I was telling him that I was like that when I was young, because I was dreaming of going out of the country. I said, if I want to have a realization of that dream, I have to put it into action. So, I joined competitions, then I joined group shows, then I won several competitions, and got a full scholarship."

"Like his father, Tim is applying himself to his task. The conservatory provides five weeks of intensive training, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, in dancing, acting and singing, three skills which make performers marketable.

"I have one hour of acting, one hour of dance and vocal, and I have another dance, because that's the specific thing that I'm focused on," Tim said. "For two hours, it's just rehearsal for next week," the big show, "New Voices of '99."

There is homework, too. "Oh, yes, but it's a fun homework!" Tim laughed, explaining that he must memorize not only lyrics and song lyrics, but dance steps. Tim said his parents are "very, very supportive. My dad always drives me and gives me advice; same thing with my mom. They're just very loving

and supportive. If it was, like, 4:30 in the morning, they wouldn't whine or anything, they would just go along with me."

"I said to Tim, your parents are in the same situation I was," Angelito laughed, "your parents don't have so much money." The visual artist, whose primary medium is watercolor, is working on new works for a future exhibit, applying for grants and entering competitions. "That is how I started when I was there. Why not repeat my life, I might be able to do it again."

"Where do you get the bucks?" agreed Teya, who has worked as a program assistant for Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for six years. "I have learned over the years, being married to an artist, that God provides. I believe an artist's work is really more spiritual than anything, and therefore higher beings are protecting them, taking care of them. Therefore, I have never experienced hunger being married to my husband. The effect of what they do is for life. It heals, it rejuvenates. It makes one young, it's therapeutic, it's healing — everything that money can't buy is provided by performing arts and visual arts. Now, they're starting to realize that arts should be integrated with school, before kids get to be middle-aged and say, 'Hey, I missed out on the better part of my life.'"

Tim David isn't missing out on anything. He enjoys participating in all the musical numbers in "New Voices of '99," which will feature a salute to composers Irving Berlin and Charles Strouse. The conservatory is coordinated by Paper Mill Director of Education Susan Spindel, and the production is directed by Paper Mill Artistic Director Robert Johnson. Tim said he enjoys working with all his instructors. This year's conservatory was conducted in Wilkins Theatre at Kean University in Union, as part of the Ice Incubator Project.

As a new high school graduate, Tim is considering attending college, as well as pursuing his artistic interests. "College is always going to be there. I want to attend college, of course. I would want to maybe try out for tv, film, movies, commercials." If his parents are any influence, Tim will be a great success in whatever he chooses to do.

"You do not aspire to become great or popular; just be good in everything that you do," Angelito said. "If you do that, automatically you become popular because you're good! And before you know it, you're great! Do not run away from obstacles or problems. I say, confront, because there are always excuses: Before you know it, it's solved. I know he can make it."

Jacquie McCarthy,  
Editor

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From left, Roger Shea, husband of Arts Person of the Year award recipient, Kathleen Gaffney, center, with Joan Duffey Good, executive director of NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

## Arts center presents award for Arts Person of the Year

The Ann G. Stein Memorial "Arts Person of the Year Award" was held at the NJ Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, on June 10 in the Fred L. Palmer Gallery. Recipient Kathleen Gaffney is the Co-Founder of Artogenesis Inc. a non-profit arts-education organization dedicated to igniting creativity and accelerating learning. Gaffney is a nationally known keynote speaker and has been noted in Harvard Professor Dr. Howard Gardner's book "Multiple Intelligences: The Theory in Practice."

NJCA Executive Director Joan Duffey Good started the ceremony with an introductory background on NJCA, and defined the center's mission. Paul Stein spoke of Gaffney's unique genius in co-creating an institute that uses those areas of the mind — non-verbal, musical, visual, holistic, etc. — that provide traditional learning techniques with the necessary complements that make a person "whole" and vital, often successfully accomplishing results where traditional methods fail. NJCA President of the Board Bob Dillon introduced Gaffney and gave the audience an overview of her accomplishments. Dillon presented the award, Gaffney accepted and started her remarks with a poem, underscoring "how our remarks, no matter how effective, often cannot present our feelings and thoughts the way a poem or artistic expression can. She talked about her vision and thanked many people, especially the artists with whom she works, citing them as it was an inspiring speech, one that encouraged emulation.

The Ann G. Stein Award is conferred annually upon a person who, in the previous year or series of years, had done the most to further the role of the arts locally, regionally and in the state. Criteria for award recipients include furthering the role of the arts locally, regionally and in the state; the creation of significant works of art; encouraging support of the arts by corporations and private citizens, and helping to increase government appropriations.

Former recipients include Governor Thomas Kean, 1994; Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Playhouse, 1995; sculptor George Segal, 1996; painter, author and teacher Faith Ringgold, 1997, and Lawrence P. Goldman, the 1998 president and coo of NJ Performing Arts Center, in 1998. Dorothy Gillespie is commissioned yearly to create an original sculpture to be given to the Arts Person of the Year. The metal piece is a colorfully painted abstract "possessing movement, rhythm and subtlety."

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJ Center for Visual Arts has evolved into a major regional art center with a full-scale art school, taught by award-winning faculty members. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. NJCA is the largest in the state art centers specifically devoted to contemporary art. Programs include Artists with Disabilities, docented tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops and other activities. The center is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The non-profit NJCA is wheelchair-accessible and is funded in part by NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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- demonstrate that cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development and cultural tourism.

Applications will be reviewed on the first Monday of each month and must be received on the 15th of the preceding month to be considered. The maximum amount that may be requested by an organization is \$5,000; individuals may request up to \$3,000.

For more information about the HEART Grant program, contact Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, or call (908) 558-2550.

# What's Going On?

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## Plainfield art school offers design studio to non-profits

The du Cret School of Art and Design offers non-profit organizations a full-service design studio at no charge. The Design Group gives a select group of art students the opportunity to work in an advertising agency environment. New designs are created and camera-ready art work is provided. This service is offered, at minimal cost, to any non-profit organization in the local and surrounding communities. The du Cret School of Art and Design, located in Plainfield, founded in 1926, is the oldest private art school in New Jersey. It is approved by the state Department of Education;

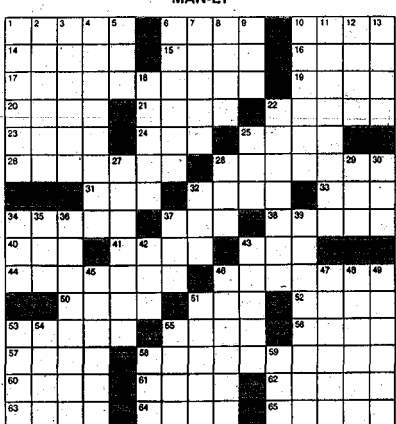
## Ballroom dancing gets a boost

Recently, ballroom dancing, or DanceSport, the official name for competitive ballroom dancing, made a huge step forward on its journey into the Olympics. This occurred when the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee passed a resolution granting affiliate membership to the United States Amateur Dancers Association. The USABDA is the only United States member of the International DanceSport Federation, the World Governing Body for DanceSport, and has for many years been the leader of amateur ballroom dancing and DanceSport in this country. This recent action by the USOC greatly strengthens USABDA's position by making it the official National Governing Body of DanceSport in the United States. No doubt this will encourage ballroom dancers to intensify their preparation for entry into the Olympic Games. Those efforts will be aided by the fact that USABDA's acceptance as a USOC member makes it eligible to use USOC training facilities and to apply for grants to help support the training of DanceSport Athletes. Archie Hazelwood, national president of USABDA, stated, "We are delighted at this action by the USOC. It is a major step forward for our sport." Two years ago, the International Olympic Committee granted full recognition to the IDSF as the World Governing Body for DanceSport. Since then, 44 of the 75 national members of the IDSF have been granted similar recognition by their National Olympic Bodies. Many others are expected to receive such recognition in the near future. The next step in ballroom dancing's march into the Olympics will be for the IOC to designate DanceSport as a Program or Modal Sport in the Games. That will open the door for the addition of DanceSport to the official Olympic program. Olympic knowledgeable observers say this may occur very soon and that DanceSport is on a fast track into the Olympics. International DanceSport leaders say that their goal is to get DanceSport into the Year 2008 Olympics, but that an entry invitation before that date would be welcome. During the past two years spectacular International DanceSport Competitions, featuring national champions from various countries including the United States, were shown on nationwide television by NBC and gave viewers an excellent preview of what DanceSport will look like in the Olympics. There was a similar event on June 8 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The Latin American dancing at that event was shown on NBC June 12. The standard dances such as waltz and foxtrot will be shown on the A&E Network on a date not yet announced. These competitions are organized and presented by a Joint Venture of the International Management Group and the IDSF, and are sanctioned and supported by USABDA. The competition in Las Vegas has also been sanctioned by the National Dance Council of America, the governing body for professionals, since the competitors in that event included both amateur and professional dancers. Further information about USABDA and ballroom dancing can be obtained by calling (800) 447-9047 or by writing to: USABDA, PO Box 128, New Freedom, PA. 17349. Save your newspaper for recycling.

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- Conspiracy
- Stamina
- Nail
- in point
- Saartien
- For star's trek
- Dr. Spock
- English public school
- Title
- Save caveat
- Hockey necessity
- Floral oil or essence: var.
- Still
- One and the other
- Ordered by mail
- Dan Quayle
- Endless time
- Central part
- Gardner
- Very small prefix
- Part of B and B
- Spender's tender
- Hale Irwin, e.g.
- Oates novel
- Presidential nickname
- Sigmund Freud
- Despoilers of property
- Rugged cliff
- Vapor
- Eject
- Pale
- One of Zeus' nine daughters
- Musical motif
- Unconscious state
- Charles Kuralt
- A Gorbachev predecessor
- Sign
- Carpenter's tool
- Japanese manufacturer
- Strained

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### DOWN

- Tropical plants
- Pointed
- Judge Wapner
- Positive speaker
- Sheltered side
- Old Faithful, e.g.
- Send payment
- Nest eggs, e.g.
- Unit of weight
- Delective
- Nolan Ryan
- Haywire
- Mob honchos
- Synthetic fiber
- Jim McKay
- Stop
- Fred Astaire
- Action action
- Prayer
- Town meeting call
- Precious stone
- Auto term
- Anger
- Knute Rockne
- Mallock
- Type of printing
- Crone
- Early English poet
- Gloomy
- Chief Hindu deity
- Rich Little
- Auto racing site
- Foster's river
- Bore
- New Testament book
- Fair-to-middling
- Marceau, e.g.
- Informal dance
- Lively

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## HOROSCOPE

### For Aug. 2 to Aug. 8

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** What starts out as a disappointment later reveals itself as a gift in disguise. Be patient with a loved one and find pleasure in what you already have.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Act now and make your financial dreams come true. You get back what you put out. A conversation with an elder gives you something positive to think about.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** Your ruling planet Mercury turns direct this week. Get back on track with a personal project. Together with your partner you can come up with some valuable ideas. Be creative!

**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** This is hard work, yes, high energy cycle for you. Be willing to put in some extra efforts at the end. A highly touted financial deal pans out.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Clear the decks of past involvements and allow new opportunities to open up. Keep the faith when dealing with an authority figure or an arm of the government.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Take time to learn or perfect some of your domestic skills. Family members require some extra time and care. Sacrifice outside demands and stay home when asked.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Midweek presents a professional challenge that could change your career direction. Get a running start and be prepared for whatever pops up. Go with the flow.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** Your attention turns to finances. Avoid temporary solutions and come up with a viable plan that is sound and long-lasting. Buckle down and stick to your budget.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Just because something is in writing doesn't mean it's true. Research the facts. A light turns green, signaling you to move ahead with personal plans. Good luck!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Trust is at the foundation of a strong relationship. But don't rain on your friend's parade. Bite your tongue and keep negative views to yourself until the time is right.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A retiring mood has you hibernating far away from the crowds. It's OK to be alone — just don't beat yourself up about it. Remain optimistic about a coming meeting.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take advantage of an opportunity to travel for your work. Mix a little pleasure in with your business affairs, and, if possible, take your spouse or partner along.

If your birthday is this week, avoid impulsive, rash and aggressive actions during the coming year. You would do well to stick to tried-and-true methods of executing a plan. You could be prone to accidents or injury if you are not careful. Your challenge will be to channel your energy into productive or positively competitive activities. Romance and finance will bring you the true moments of joy and happiness.

Also born this week: James Fallow, Martha Stewart, Jeff Gordon, Peter Weir, Billy Bob Thornton, Richard Belzer, Neil Armstrong, Malcolm Jamal Warner, Christian Slater and Patrick Swayze.

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- Linden High School Class of 1950-1959 will have a reunion picnic on Aug. 28 at Memorial Park on S. Wood Avenue in Linden from 1 p.m. to dusk. For information, call Gail Hudak at (908) 862-4272.
- Abraham Clark High School Class of 1954 is planning a reunion for Sept. 18 at Roselle Golf Club on Raritan Road in Roselle. For information, call (908) 928-4243.
- Batin High School Class of 1959 reunion is scheduled for Sept. 18 at the Westwood in Garwood. For information, contact Jeanne Krutzer Decker at (908) 241-8082.
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- Union High School Class of 1954 reunion is scheduled for Oct. 10. Contact UHS Class of 1954 Reunion, 250 Globe Ave., Union 07083.
- Class of '49 Thomas Jefferson High School of Elizabeth has completed plans for its 50th reunion, scheduled to be held in Atlantic City Oct. 13 and 14, will be hosted by the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino and will include wives or companions. A 6 p.m. cocktail reception will be followed by a banquet, special program, live band and a special commemorative gift. Applications are available by calling Vito DeCesars at (908) 351-1691 or writing TJ Class of '49 Reunion, 826 Garden St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.
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- Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1949 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 5, 6 and 7. For information, contact Eclairne Wagner Hildebrandt at (732) 270-6437.
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- St. Joseph's School in Roselle, Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Goughgan Burke at (732) 388-7363, Al Haase at (203) 744-7896 or George Schindlbauer at (920) 432-0210.
- Union High School Class of 1990 reunion is scheduled for June 10, 2000. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
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- Batin High School Class of June 1934 is looking for classmates for a 65th reunion. Contact Dorothy M. Etel at (561) 364-8671.

Linden student recognized as a Rising Star

Sarah Mugaervo of Linden was recognized recently at the 1999 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards with the best Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role. Sarah appeared in Union Catholic High School's annual spring musical "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" as Smitty, the loudmouth, busybody secretary with unique match-making ability. The show was also nominated for Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical, and Sarah was featured with Rick Flynn and the show's Chorus in the production number "Coffeebreak."

Sarah, who will be a junior at UC, has an extensive resume spanning her high school career. She appeared in last year's UC musical "Bye, Bye Birdie" as well as with the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre's productions of "Merrily We Roll Along" and "A Christmas Carol" performed at the Cranford Dramatic Club's Theatre. Also with WYACT, she was seen as Felicity Brown and was understudy to Julie in last summer's "Carousel" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Local organizations have also seen her talents when she appeared in Elizabeth with St. Anthony's Drama Club in "Pippin" and in Linden's St. Elizabeth's Church presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Her singing ability was first recognized by Joseph Weiss, her first voice teacher. He encouraged her to perform with the New Jersey Aires Barbershop Quartet at Rahway High School as Snow White in "A Tribute to Disney" and as Amy in "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime." In May, UC's Aids Awareness Club put on a cabaret/dessert "No Day But Today" where she performed as a member of the ensemble group.

Sarah has been studying voice for five years and acting for two years with Cynthia Mery, who is the director of WYACT. She also takes dance lessons in all disciplines with the Westfield, School of Dance.

At Union Catholic, Sarah is a member of the Theatopian Society, Chorus, Performing Arts Company, Service Club, Environmental Club, Italian Club and Aids Awareness Club. She is involved in Forensics and has been a finalist in their competitions.

Union Catholic received a total of five nominations for this year's musical production, including Sarah's. The others were Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical; Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role; Matthew Price; Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director, Maryann C. Carolan, English and Drama Teacher at UC; and Outstanding Achievement in Hair and

Make-up Design. Ellen Sides and Suzanne Stowsky.

Judges of the awards are professionals from the New Jersey theater and educational communities. At least four evaluators attend the performances of the participating schools and then submit reports on the show. A list of nominees is presented and voted upon by the full panel of evaluators to decide the winner. The Rising Star Awards is just one aspect of Paper Mill's STAR — Student Achievement and Artistic Recognition — Program. It was established to encourage and reward the talents of young performers across the state. This summer Sarah is studying with other winners in the Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory and will perform in the "New Voices of '99" concert event tomorrow.



From left, Susan Speidel, director of education at Paper Mill Playhouse, with Sarah Mugaervo of Linden, who was awarded the 1999 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role.

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By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

When deciding where to eat out, every now and again the traditional New Jersey diner wins out as the best choice for variety and value. If you drive down Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park, you will find a diner with value, variety and more — The Midas Touch. Midas Touch Diner is a comfortable place to take a load off, get a hot cup of Joe or a cool egg cream — both of which are good — and enjoy one of those well-rounded meals like Mama used to make.

My diner companion and I chose from the specials highlighted in the center of a menu filled with diner classics, from burgers and sandwiches to surf and turf. I ordered the broiled stuffed flounder florentine; my companion, the chicken scampi. First, of course, we took a trip to the diner's fine salad bar, which includes the standard assortment of veggies and salads, plus the added bonus of tasty seafood pasta salad, devilled eggs, pasta and meatballs.

When we got back to our table, warm bread was waiting, and a cup of delicious lobster bisque soon followed. The flounder florentine was flavorful, with generous feta cheese in the stuffing. Mashod potatoes — always a diner dinner fav — and peas and carrots accompanied the meal. The chicken scampi was rich and juicy with succulent chicken, and I could not resist taking a taste myself. For dessert, no diner special would be complete without creamy rice pudding.

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# Encourage, educate when dealing with depression

Depression is more than a day of feeling low. It is a long-lasting, often recurring illness as real and disabling as heart disease or arthritis. Adults who experience clinical depression may feel an oppressive sense of sadness, fatigue, and guilt. Performing on the job may be difficult; going out with friends may be unthinkable... merely getting out of bed may be impossible. The person who has depression feels increasingly isolated from family and colleagues — helpless, worthless and lost.

Depression is a very common emotional illness. It affects about 10 percent of the U.S. population or more than 17.6 million people every year. One in four women and one in 10 men will experience a depressive episode in their lifetime.

Modern research has led to significant advances. Today there are extremely effective treatments for depression. Between 80 to 90 percent of those with depression can be successfully treated. Many experience relief from symptoms within three to six weeks. Treatment is generally necessary — people with depression cannot map out of it on their own, nor will it go away.

If you or a person you know has exhibited four or more of the following symptoms for more than two

weeks, professional help should be considered:

- Sleeping too much or too little;
- Frequent waking in the middle of the night;
- Eating too much or too little;
- Inability to function at work or school;
- Headaches, digestive disorders, nausea, pain with no medical basis;
- Excessive crying;
- Thoughts of death or suicide;
- Lack of energy, constant fatigue;
- Slowed thinking;
- Difficulty in concentrating, remembering, making decisions;
- Loss of interest in daily activities;
- Loss of sex drive;
- Persistent feelings of sadness, anxiety, hopelessness;
- Restlessness, agitation, irritability;
- Feelings of inappropriate guilt or worthlessness.

It is now known that depression results from an interaction of several factors — environmental, biological and genetic.

• Environmental factors — stress resulting from the loss of a job, death of a family member, divorce or ongoing health or family problems can trigger depression.

• Biological factors — depression may also be tied to disturbances in the

biochemicals that regulate mood and activity. These biochemicals, called neurotransmitters, are substances that carry impulses or messages between nerve cells in the brain. An imbalance in the amount or activity of neurotransmitters can cause major disruptions in thought, emotion and behavior.

Some people develop depression as a reaction to other biological factors such as chronic pain, medications, hypothyroidism or other medical illnesses.

Genetic factors — because depression appears to be linked to certain biological factors, people can inherit a predisposition to develop depression. In fact, 25 percent of those people with depression have a relative with some form of this illness.

Doctors know more about depression than perhaps any other emotional illness. Because of research and medical advancements, 80 to 90 percent of those with a depressive disorder can be treated successfully.

A complete evaluation with a qualified professional is the first step in seeking treatment. Only a licensed physician or psychologist can diagnose a person with a psychiatric disorder. During the diagnostic evaluation, the physician or psychologist will determine if any other factors are con-

tributing to or even causing the depressive symptoms.

Various psychotherapies or "talk therapies" commonly used in the treatment of depression focus on the causes and effects of the illness. Interpersonal therapy helps people deal with problems in personal relationships. Cognitive therapy helps patients change negative thoughts or perceptions, such as high achievers who are convinced they are failures.

Sometimes used in combination with psychotherapy, medication can correct the biochemical imbalances that may cause depressive episodes. When carefully prescribed and monitored by a physician, medications can relieve symptoms in three to six weeks. Over the past 20 years, the most frequently used depression medications have been tricyclic antidepressants and monoamine oxidase inhibitors. These medications are not habit-forming and are helpful in reducing the severity, frequency and duration of depressive episodes. However, side effects such as dry mouth, difficulty urinating, constipation and blurred vision have been associated with their use. Recently,

researchers have introduced a new generation of antidepressants that include fluoxetine, Prozac; bupropion, Wellbutrin, and sertraline, Zoloft.

- People who have a family member with depression;
- People who have experienced a stressful or traumatic life event;
- People who lack the social support of a spouse, friends and extended family;
- People who abuse drugs or alcohol;
- People who have chronic medical illnesses or persistent pain;

If you think you have depression: • Remember your depression is not your fault and it can be effectively treated.

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# Ceiling fans can put a new spin on interior decor

Like a chorus line dancer suddenly thrust into the starring role, ceiling fans have evolved from a functional appliance to an important accent piece that can enhance room decor. In some cases, the fan is the focal point of the room.

An estimated 40 million American homes have ceiling fans. Because ceiling fans are so popular, fan makers have become increasingly creative in their design. These days you can buy ceiling fans in hundreds of styles and colors. Whatever your decor, chances are there is a fan to complement it.

With so many fans to choose from, it's important to select a style that works well with your decor. Many lighting showrooms have design coordinators on hand to help consumers make decisions about which fan will best accent a particular room.

"The fan industry is definitely moving toward more varied finishes and materials," said James Thomas, a designer at Casablanca Fan Company.

"If a consumer wants the fan to be a focal point of the room, there are usually several different fans to complement their particular decorating style."

Designers say it's important to consider all elements of a room's decor before buying a ceiling fan.

"I always ask the customer what style the room will be," explained Jeff Dekker of Dekker Supply in Lansing, Ill. "It's important to be consistent in regard to style. I also ask them about color scheme, the layout of the room, and whether or not the fan is replacing an existing light fixture. These are all important considerations."

Fan styles have become almost as varied as furniture styles. Casablanca alone makes nearly 30 models ranging from traditional styles — Delta II,

Victorian — to elegant period pieces — Nouvelle, Artisan — to contemporary — Stealth, Metropolitan. Some are designed for formal settings such as a dining room or living room, while others are suitable for game rooms and bedrooms. Getting the right fan for the right room is often a matter of preference.

In addition to the fan's styling, consumers should also carefully consider the choice of color and finish. According to Thomas, there is a growing selection of fan finishes to choose from.

"In the past, there were only two or

three choices of finishes — brass, black and white," said Thomas. "These days, we're seeing a lot more natural-looking finishes. Antique copper is very popular. Then there's bronze, iron, washed bronze, verde, brushed nickel and several others. The variety of finishes gives you a lot of design options."

Lighting is another important consideration when choosing a ceiling fan. "Most customers these days want fans with integrated light kits," noted Donna Boultris, a consultant with J.D. Daddario Company in Franklin, Mass. "They often install fans in place

of lighting fixtures, so the fan must serve as a primary light source in the room."

As with fans, there are scores of lighting kits to choose from. Some are as simple as the traditional opal globehouse light. Others are intricate and beautiful works of decorative art, including pieces from Italy and France.

An important, but often overlooked, consideration is price. Ceiling fans range in price from less than \$50 to well over \$500. As with all appliances, you get what you pay for.

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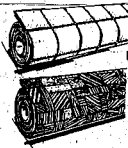
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# African-American Heritage Guide helps develop tourism

Commerce Secretary Gualberto "Gil" Medina has unveiled the first African-American Heritage Guide to New Jersey — one part of the state's mission to draw multicultural visitors and expand its \$25.6-billion-tourism industry.

"This initiative will be a key selling tool in promoting New Jersey to the multi-billion dollar African-American convention and leisure travel market," Secretary Medina said. "We want to make sure that all decision makers, from convention planners to motor-coach operators and other group leaders, know about the diversity and rich-

ness of African-American life in New Jersey. The guide helps to illustrate that New Jersey is open for business for everyone. I thank Governor Whiteman for urging us to develop the guide and Secretary of State DeForest Baster Soares for his support both prior to and after joining our administration."

The free 29-page, four-color publication showcases the tremendous array of African-American historic and cultural attractions that call New Jersey home. Throughout the guide, users can trace the heritage of African-Americans in New Jersey

from the 17th century to the present. Also from beginning to end are biographies and photographs of renowned African-American icons. Among others included are Sarah Vaughan, a native of Newark; opera diva Jessye Norman; William "Count" Basie, who was born and raised in Red Bank, and Paul Robeson, one of the remarkable men of our time.

In the beautifully illustrated guide, said Secretary Medina, readers can also learn about sites of historic importance; places of cultural interest; cultural events and celebrations;

jazz clubs and restaurants, and general statewide tourism information.

Convention planners considering Atlantic City as a meeting place, for instance, will get a glimpse of the seaside resort's multicultural diversity in addition to its luxury casino resorts and gaming, world-class entertainment and The New Atlantic City Convention Center.

Visitors can learn from the guide that there's an African-American History Museum of Atlantic City with memorabilia from 20th century African-American Atlantic City life. There's also an annual two-day Ken-

tucky Avenue Renaissance Festival, as Kentucky Avenue was once home to restaurants and nightclubs that featured jazz and blues artists.

Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority Executive Director Marshall Murdaugh believes the new guide will serve as an excellent collateral piece, along with its other publications, in helping to book major African-American conventions and travel shows for the city.

"Increasingly destinations, like Atlantic City, are promoting heritage tours for conventioners," said Mur-

daugh. "This guide enables us to further showcase our multicultural tourism product to the economic benefit of Atlantic City and the rest of the state."

NJ Commerce has conducted focus groups with African-American, Hispanic and Asian residents to learn what New Jersey needed to do to reach these potential travelers. The New Jersey groups made it clear that New Jersey needed to advertise more directly to these groups, and build awareness that New Jersey is a culturally diverse state.

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

# Stepping Out

at outside tables in the summer. The cafe is located at 5 Eastman St., Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-0595.

**MUSIC BOX CAFE** of the Donald P. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library. Musical and other entertainment is presented on scheduled days.

**CLASSES**  
PLAYWRIGHTING class will be presented Monday evenings from Aug. 2 through Sept. 27 at Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey in Madison.

**CLUBS**  
COVE LOUNGE presents live music by alternative bands every weekend.

**CLUBS**  
SHOUT! presents live musical entertainment on weekends.

**CLUBS**  
SILO PUB sports bar and grill will feature music mix by DJ James every Friday.

**COMEDY**  
ON THE SPOT improv comedy troupe will perform tomorrow from 8 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

**COMEDY**  
JOE'S BASEMENT at Tavern in the Park in Roselle Park features HBO comedians on Fridays.

**COMEDY**  
CROSSROADS in Garwood features three accomplished stand-up comedians monthly on Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

**COMEDY**  
CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedians on Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

**CONCERTS**  
MUSIC UNDER THE STARS will feature popular music with Don Hutless in the Field at Fibergar Park in Union.

**CONCERTS**  
RAHWAY VALLEY BERSEYAIRES barbershop chorus will perform today at 7:30 p.m. at Minnowpactin Park in Westfield.

**CONCERTS**  
THUNDER ROSE will perform country-western music today at 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Grounds in Scotch Plains.

**CONCERTS**  
NEW VOICES OF '99 will be presented by the Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory tomorrow at the Paper Mill playhouse.

**CONCERTS**  
BARNES AND NOBLE in Springfield will feature music by Ophelia on Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m.

**CONCERTS**  
SOMERHANTSFEEST, or "Singing Under the Stars" at the Deutscher Club in Clark will feature the United Singers of Newark on Saturday at 4 p.m.

**CAFES**  
VAN ROOYEN'S EAR CAFE presents jazz entertainment on Sundays at 4 p.m. at 533 North Ave. in Newark.

Rain site is the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden.

**GOLDEN OLDIES** will be presented Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Gazebo in Cranford, located at Springfield and N. Union avenues.

**GORDAN JAMES BAND** will perform jazz music on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Park in Berkeley Heights.

**TIM GILLIS BAND** will perform country-western music on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

**ANAPUDS FESTIVAL** will be presented by NJ Symphony Orchestra through Saturday at 114 Chestnut St., Roselle. For information, call (908) 241-1226.

**PHAT OTT** in Cranford will feature "Hot Nights, Cool Jazz" on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. and "Rap and Rock" on Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. through Aug. 31.

**SILO PUB** sports bar and grill will feature music mix by DJ James every Friday.

**DISCUSSION**  
BARNES AND NOBLE in Clark will feature Donna Carter, author of "Sun-yside," today at 7:30 p.m.

**DISCUSSION**  
FEL'S \$31.50. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

**MUSEUMS**  
DR. ROBINSON PLANTATION in Clark will have an open house on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

**GOLF**  
JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS Public Links tournament will take place Aug. 13 at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains.

**GOLF**  
OSBORN CANNONHOLE in Scotch Plains will be open Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

**POOLS**  
LATE NIGHT SWIM will take place Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. at Clark Park.

**POOLS**  
JOHN RUSSELL WHEELER POOL, W. Slimpson Avenue and Route 1 in Linden, and WALTER E. ULRICH MEMORIAL POOL, St. Georges Avenue in Rahway, feature full-size and children's pools. Swimming lessons are offered at the Ulrich Pool.

**POOLS**  
Wheeler Pool is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 9 p.m.

**RADIO**  
PPPDREAMS, a program featuring pipe organ music, is aired every Sunday at 9:30 p.m. on WNYE-FM 91.5.

**RADIO**  
SOUJ BURNING is a weekly feature on KISS-FM 68.7, airing on Sundays from 10 to 11 p.m.

For ages 11-16. The church is located at 83 Galloping Hill Road at Park Avenue, Elizabeth. Call (908) 351-0294 to register.

**TRAILSIDE** Nature and Science Center in Mountainside will feature Junior Naturalists Part 1 and 2 from Aug. 2-6.

**TRAILSIDE TREKS** will take place Aug. 2-6 at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

**DINOSAUR DO-HNS** will take place Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

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## THEATER

**SOUTH PACIFIC** will be presented by Community Arts Students today through Saturday at 8 p.m. at David Breenley High School in Kenilworth.

**NEW VOICES OF '99** will be presented by Summer Music Theatre Conservatory tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

**THE THREEPENNY OPERA** will be presented by Westfield Young Artists Cooperative tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Kean University in Union.

**MEASURE FOR MEASURE** will be presented by NJ Shakespeare Festival from Tuesday through Aug. 22.

**GYPSY** will be presented by Mystic Vision Players through Aug. 8 at Linden High School.

**WONDERLAND** will be presented through Aug. 8 at NJ Shakespeare Festival in Madison.

**AFRICAN DIASPORA** Travel/Learn Course, sponsored by Kean University, is scheduled for Aug. 9-22, to Brazil. For information, call (908) 527-2375.

## TRIPS

**WATCHING RIDING AND DRIVING** Club/Horse Show will take place Sunday at the Watchung State Park. The stable is located at 1180 Summit Lane, Mountainside. For information, call (908) 789-3665.

**UNION COUNTY Parks and Recreation Administration Offices** can be reached at 527-4600.

**UNION COUNTY Rifle and Pistol Range** can be reached at 273-3553.

**WARINCO** Skating Center can be reached at 298-7850.

## Senior singers perform concert

The Golden Lights, a senior musical group from Evang Church of Scotch Plains, is available to present their concert "The Time of Our Lives Open" for your group's enjoyment. Community centers, convalescent care facilities, etc. who would like to schedule a presentation of this musical can call Kathleen Deary at (908) 322-9300 to make arrangements. Woven throughout the familiar musical number is refreshing and at times comical re-statement that recalls milestones of history as tradition. There is no charge for this presentation. It is an outreach ministry of the church.



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