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A guy you could trust

Last Sunday before the storm, college sophomore Shanon Weeden pumped gas for the last time at Matt's Amoco on North Avenue in Cranford. Matt Porter, a fixture in the community for 38 years sold his station effective Feb. 1.

Weeden, one of a bevy of local kids who made extra cash working at the place, will survive and find other part-time jobs. For the rest of us who just assumed Matt Porter had been, and was would always be at the station, reality was a little tougher.

Left Out

By Frank Capocce

Speaking with Porter revealed a person with a plan. "I worked a seven-day-a-week business. It was time to get out, go a few weeks and spend time at my lake house." His passion for coaching his children's sports team meant he had to go back to the service station after midnight some nights to tend to business.

Porter speaks about his ongoing activities in the community, especially assisting youth baseball. The first of his grandchildren are just ready to receive his coaching.

Professionally, Porter complied with all state upgrade regulations saying, "I have survived but it did put a dent in my finances."

Matt was the typical local service station guy who lived in town. You knew his kids and family and you trusted him with the prized possession, your vehicle. I remember him telling me one day that I didn't need a major overhaul, just a small repair. Talk about power as I was able to send people there to my mechanic and share that treasure, a guy you could trust.

Thankfully Mike Boets, Porter's number one assistant, will still man the mechanical position in a private business at the same location. But the economics of the high tech gasoline business mean big changes.

One major oil executive chided me that the days of your friendly neighborhood service station owner ended 20 years ago, but it just passed by me unnoticed.

The pattern of buyout of stations by foreign investors include availability of money necessary to upgrade the station and then lease out to operators. The conglomerate investors are usually absentee and sell non-brand supplies, purchased on the spot market.

The cost factor is the major reason for the change. William Dressler, executive director for the Independent Gasoline Operators sees the problem clearer than most. Speaking from his office in Springfield, he describes the gasoline station owner as "caught between a rock and the hard spot."

On one side of the voice are the supplier contracts which dictate price margin and virtually all aspects of the gasoline business in exchange for the ability to sell the name product. On the other side are the state regulations including costly mandatory tank insurance.

The Department of Environmental Protection regulators come down from the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks, properly known by its initials, BUST. Developed as a response to increasing concerns to the threat to water supplies, the agency sets requirements on a range of tank issues including licensing of tank installers through testing.

Hank Lutz, president of H. Lutz and Co. in Linden, estimates the cost of an upgrade at \$30,000 just to meet minimum standards. Lutz describes the three basic elements of the upgrade as work to protect against "overspill, over fill and electronic monitoring to insure against leaking tanks which could threaten water supplies."

Dressler estimates that within his membership about 70 percent are company-leased stations while

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Parks employees tired of waiting

Three years without contract and no progress, they say

By Mark Hrywnia
Regional Editor

Seeing no progress since coming before the Board of Freeholders in December and watching as the board approved raises for themselves and department heads, members of a union representing the rank and file employees of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation said they are tired of being left out when it comes to wage increases.

Members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 494 represents 110 employees that have been working without a contract since their last one expired at the end of 1997.

In December, freeholders approved wage increases for themselves and department heads in the neighborhood of 3 or 4 percent. The union, said president Joseph Petrosky, is only looking for what the board, and other unions the county negotiates with, has received.

"If they were doing this to everyone, we could understand it better, but they're not," Petrosky said.

"We haven't received an increase in pay since our last contract in 1997. All we want is what is fair. The freeholders and county manager gave themselves a raise. What about the little guy, too?"

The union has rejected two offers by the county so far.

The last offer, rejected by the union in December, called for a \$750 pay hike for 1998 and 1999 and \$550 in 2000. Percentage wage increases, union members said, is the only way to be completely fair to everyone.

The first offer to the union included \$800 raises the first two years followed by a \$900 raise in the third year and lower starting salaries for new hires.

The county is doing well, Petrosky said, with record surpluses each year. If the county is unwilling to give the union wage increases equal to other unions in good economic times, Petrosky and other union members wondered what increases would be offered in a poor economy.

Both sides have prioritized their list three fact-finders and now a date must be set when the fact-finder can meet and offer a nonbinding opinion.

The fact that the issue make take at least another six months before it is settled has union members wondering what happens at the end of this year when the still-unsettled contract is set to expire.

"What are we going to do when the next contract is here," asked Joseph Sheridan, secretary to the union. "We'll never get caught up."

Petrosky said, "In a couple of months, we'll be in the same shape."

School state aid, 2000-01

	'00-'01	'99-'00	Increase
1-Elizabeth	\$179,084,472	\$166,577,111	+\$12,507,361/7.5%
2-Plainfield	\$62,573,358	\$52,482,368	+\$10,110,990/19.2%
3-Union	\$21,328,284	\$18,569,441	+\$2,758,843/14.8%
4-Roselle	\$16,678,737	\$13,434,544	+\$3,239,193/24.1%
5-Rahway	\$13,935,200	\$11,304,188	+\$2,631,012/23.3%
6-Linden	\$13,739,196	\$10,981,865	+\$2,757,331/26.3%
7-Hillside	\$12,730,323	\$11,456,492	+\$1,273,831/11.1%
8-Roselle Park	\$7,281,425	\$6,157,565	+\$1,099,760/17.8%
9-Woodfield	\$4,044,388	\$3,706,836	+\$337,550/9.1%
10-Scotch Plains-Fanwood	\$3,709,176	\$3,573,690	+\$135,486/3.8%
11-Union County			
Va-Tech	\$2,961,565	\$2,623,098	+\$338,467/12.9%
12-Cranford	\$2,283,323	\$2,011,407	+\$271,916/12.5%
13-Summit	\$2,079,636	\$1,792,068	+\$287,568/16.0%
14-Berkeley Heights	\$1,678,392	\$1,674,558	+\$3,834/0.2%
15-Clark	\$1,407,272	\$1,309,490	+\$97,782/7.5%
16-New Providence	\$1,345,369	\$1,062,802	+\$282,567/26.6%
17-Winfield	\$1,246,720	\$1,248,720	-\$200/0%
18-Springfield	\$1,243,019	\$1,060,620	+\$182,499/17.2%
19-Kenilworth	\$791,635	\$790,945	+\$690/0%
20-Mountainside	\$522,801	\$522,801	-\$0/0.0%
21-Garwood	\$445,916	\$445,916	-\$0/0.0%
Union County	\$351,071,177	\$312,674,328	+\$38,396,849/12.3%

New scholarship endowed at Union County College

For those students of Ukrainian descent who are looking to go to college and haven't been able to find the funding to do so, a professor at Union County College may be the answer to your prayers. Thanks to his 28 years of dedication to the college and his belief in the importance of higher education and opportunities for all, Professor Bodihan Lukaszewsky has established the Taras Shevchenko Scholarship.

Established in the spring of 1998, the Taras Shevchenko Scholarship was created to financially assist a full- or part-time college student of Ukrainian descent who must be in a matriculated program of studies at UCC.

Lukaszewsky, a Ukrainian immigrant to the United States himself in 1952, named the scholarship after the most renowned Ukrainian poet and painter. Shevchenko is famous worldwide and loved by all Ukrainians.

Since he is considered a symbol of the Ukraine and the Ukrainian spirit, it seemed appropriate to Lukaszewsky to name the scholarship after a person that all Ukrainians would recognize and admire, particularly for his liberation from serfdom and his successes as a student.

Thomas Brown, president of Union County College applauded Lukaszewsky for his generosity.

"UCC is a multi-ethnic community of learners and it is wonderful to see a scholarship established by a faculty member that reaches back to his heritage while creating a future for a deserving student."

For scholarship consideration, a UCC student must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average and have completed at least 12 credit hours. The scholarship recipient may receive this scholarship support for more than one year.

For more information on the application process, contact the Union County College Foundation at (908) 709-7505 or write to assistant secretary, Union County College Foundation, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.



Thomas Brown, president of Union County College, expresses his thanks to longtime faculty member, Bodihan Lukaszewsky, for his endowment to the college, the Taras Shevchenko scholarship.



Above, Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan, rear left, and County Manager Michael Lapolla, front right, congratulate some of the employees honored at the Union County Employee Service Recognition Program for their 30 years of service. Also recognized were, below, William H. Bell, second from left, and Josephine Cambria, second from right, for their 35 years of service.



Longtime employees recognized

Dedication and service to the public were highlighted at the Union County Employee Service Recognition Program. Twelve employees, representing the Department of Human Services, Department of Operational Services and the Office of the Sheriff, were applauded for serving Union County's citizens for many years.

Honored for 35 years of service were William H. Bell and Josephine Cambria. Bell, who works at Rumells Specialized Hospital, is a physical therapy aide in the physical therapy section of the physical medicine and rehabilitation center. Cambria is a child support coordinator in the Department of Human Services.

Honored for 30 years of service were:

- From the Department of Human Services: Nancy C. Cyre, assistant administrative supervisor of income maintenance; Donna M. Eitel, senior clerk typist; Anthony P. McHale, administrative supervisor of income maintenance; Karen J. Morris, income maintenance supervisor; Marilyn Ramsey, administrative secretary/office manager; Mable Suherin-Kalo, juvenile detention officer; Alice M. Vazulis, assistant administrative supervisor of social work; and Donna Weiss, social worker.

- From the Department of Operational Services: John Demjanovich Jr., building maintenance worker; Frank N. Smaldone, recreation maintenance worker; and Joseph F. Spirito, senior maintenance repair carpenter.

- From the Office of the Sheriff: Lt. Walter McKeown, sheriff's worker. Honored for 25 years of service were:

- From the Department of Administrative Services: Victoria R. Freyburger, principal offset machine operator; Donna Harris, assistant purchasing agent; Alan M. Solmen, director of the division of communications and John R. Tuite, director of the division of information services.

- From the Elections Board: Patricia A. Formaio, administrator.
- From the Office of the County Clerk: Frida Royal, principal clerk typist.
- From the Department of Finance: Diane Fullman, principal account clerk/typing and Michael T. Drummond, director of the division of hospital finance at Rumells Specialized Hospital.

- From the Department of Human Services: Ruth Guarrigis, income maintenance supervisor; Darrell C. Hachett, director of the division of youth services; Carol L. Jackson, children's supervisor and Kathleen S. Robinson, income maintenance supervisor.

- From the Department of Operational Services: Timothy M. Burns, assistant supervisor recreation maintenance; Frank Dan Jr., director of the Department of Operational Services/Division of Public Works; Corina Hamilton, supervising groundskeeper; Joseph R. Manuska Jr., superintendent of bridges; Alan J. Opitz, supervising mechanic/assistant bureau chief; Peter Reimlinger, supervisor of recreation maintenance and Ernest C. Testa, general supervisor/bureau chief, mosquito extermination.

- From the Office of the Prosecutor: James Durkin, county investigator/captain; Francis A. Garland, senior forensic chemist/drug analyst; David J. Hancock, assistant prosecutor and Robert A. Jones, county investigator/sergeant.

- From the Department of Public Safety: Frederick Ahlholm, county corrections captain; Charles W. Catillo, county police officer/detective; Raymond F. Donahue, security guard and John N. Fira, county police detective.

- From Rumells Specialized Hospital: Janet L. Contiari, practical nurse; Segundo Garces, laundry worker; Walter Henry, omnibus operator, class one and Raymond Velasco, staff physician.

Longtime county employees honored



More than 30 Union County employees were honored for reaching a milestone of 25 years of service with the county.

There is a price to pay

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another 25 percent are fixed to a name product. The rest rely on spot purchase marks.
My appreciation for Dressler reached a new high a few weeks ago on a trip to Rhode Island. Forced to pump my own gas, I realized how much I appreciate full-service which is mandated in New Jersey largely due to the legislative process of Dressler's lobbying efforts.
The changing environmental and

oil market have finally hit home to me. I want clean water and the economy of scale benefits that mean cheaper gasoline. But I still want to have my local service station owner I trust to guide me.
Like everything else in life, there is indeed a price to pay. In the case of Matt Porter's retirement, that choice was made for me.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

AARP needs volunteers for providing tax help

From February to April, 88 volunteers trained by AARP gave free assistance in preparing federal and New Jersey tax returns and rebate applications to more than 3,100 senior citizens throughout Union County. Additional volunteers are needed in November and December to meet requests for tax help from the county's growing number of seniors early in 2000.

For more information, without obligation, call Jim Walsh at (908) 276-3153 or Sal Conforti at (908) 351-9050.

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Hospital seeking volunteers for instruction on computers

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Volunteers are needed to assist the residents in learning the most basic task such as using a mouse to point and click, cutting and pasting, and dragging and dropping. Residents also need training in e-mail, getting on and surfing the Internet, playing games, and word processing. Word Perfect 6.1. All the facility's computers are IBM compatible — not Macintosh — running Windows 95.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author will bring 'fun' to UCC

On Feb. 10 at 7 p.m., Union County College will be host to Regina Barreca, English professor at the University of Connecticut. Barreca will give a presentation on her new book, "Too Much of a Good Thing is Wonderful: The Delights of Laughter and the Necessity for Fun." The event will take place in Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus.

Barreca believes that laughter provides us with the one moment in life when we are truly free. Regina Siemont, a professor in the Psychology/Sociology Department of Union County College, has heard Barreca speak many times, most recently at an international conference on humor, and she describes her as "... an extroverted presenter who was so funny, she nearly knocked us out of our seats." With this event as an example, Siemont noted how Union County College is keeping up with the constant and innovative changes in the study and practice of the field of psychology today. In the past, the practice of psychology has overlooked the influence of happiness on a person's well-being and instead has focused on the negative aspects of one's personality and negative influences against it. The new emerging field of positive psychology instead focuses on the influence of one's own creativity, living a healthy life, and of course, laughter.

In addition, Barreca epitomizes the enthusiasm and energy she says stu-



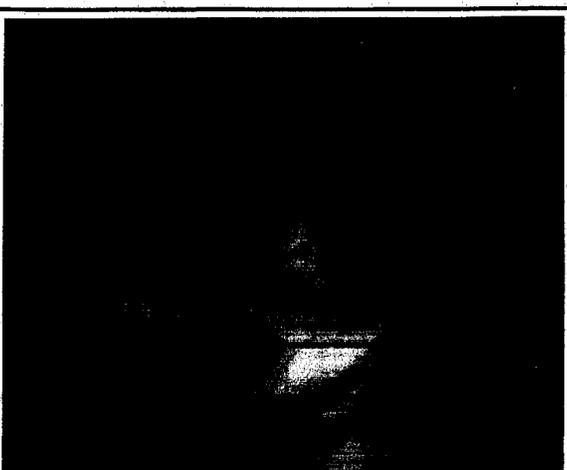
Author Regina Barreca will discuss her new book, "Too Much of a Good Thing is Wonderful: The Delights of Laughter and the Necessity for Fun," at Union County College in Cranford Feb. 10.

dents are looking for from their professors. "What students look for from their professors is enthusiasm and energy about the subject. In a good class, you learn. A great astronomy class teaches you a lot about the world and a great English class can do it. Teachers have the power to make someone love a subject or hate it. It's an awesome power."

Barreca's presentation at Union County College has been organized by the Psychology/Sociology Department with the collaboration of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department. It has been funded by the

Student Government Association and sponsored by the Ad Hoc Cultural and Educational Programs Advisory Committee.

Union County College is a public comprehensive community college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains, and enrolls approximately 9,000 full- and part-time students. All four campuses are located in the New York metropolitan area and are easily accessible by car and public transportation.



Dot Kuehn's 'Nude Study II,' among the photographic works currently on exhibit in the Unitarian Church Community House in Summit, depicts the artist's willingness to overexpose the model's face against the blackness of the water, enhancing its embryonic quality.

Summit exhibit is 'eye-opening'

In Summit, tucked away in the Unitarian Church Community House on Waldron Avenue, a small photography exhibition will open a few eyes.

"Our Unique Vision," organized by Summit resident and photographer Ross Wagner, includes more than 30 works by 14 photographers. The exhibition is the end result of a workshop created and run by Wagner at the Wachung Arts Center.

The workshop stresses the importance of the photographer's personal outlook, of producing an emotionally charged image. Technical issues are not addressed. Although Wagner runs the workshop, the exhibition's pieces were selected by the entire group, enabling the photographers to receive a greater range of opinion. Despite the wide variety of photographic experience within the workshop, the resulting show, chosen by the group, is surprisingly level in quality.

Among the more lyrical images, Ruth Jansyn's "Shadows and Smokes," if looked at too quickly, could very nearly be mistaken for one of Alfred Stieglitz's cloudy, moonlight-laden "Equivalents." At first, the sepia image appears simply to be the hazy, abstract atmospheric effect promised by the title. But gradually, two forms — male heads turned away from the camera, both glancing down and to the left — come into soft focus. The shadowy conditions seem to conceal and reveal them by turns, similar to the way in which the passing clouds play with the moon in Stieglitz's work. There is something literally magical in the image; both men are looking with genuine inter-

In the Galleries

By Joe Lugora
Staff Writer

est toward the most brightly lit area of the picture, as if witnessing, or producing, a magic trick.

Another lyrical work, Dot Kuehn's "Nude Study II," is an otherworldly image of a young woman, arms extended, hair pulled tightly back, eyes closed, floating in a dark pool of water. Kuehn's soft focus and her willingness to overexpose the model's face against the blackness of the water give the picture the contrast and eerie isolation of a sonogram, enhancing its embryonic quality.

In two small photos titled "Practice," Jessica Sapaden gives the viewer a dose of noisy reality. From the first row, Sapaden shoots behind the plexiglass at some hockey players; the cold light of the arena, the white ice, the pronounced color of the practice uniforms and the various size figures of the players all combine with the slightly opened lens to provide the feeling of varying speeds and noise — voices, skates shaving into ice, the sharp crack of the puck as it hits the stick.

Sapaden's "Turtle," by contrast, is shot in soft-focus black-and-white. The background details are unclear, but give the viewer the impression of the picture having been snapped underwater, at the very bottom of a stream. Slow on

every count, the picture is included in the same frame as the two "Practice" photos, serving as an obvious but nevertheless effective contrast in speed to the hockey images.

In color, Sherman Feller and Tom Stillman both offer moody works. Feller with portraiture, Stillman with landscape. Feller's image, of what seems to be a suburban teenage girl donning a clown face, is quietly unnerving. Under a multi-colored wig and sparse facial make-up, a tiny crucifix earring is just barely visible. The young woman's arms are raised to her face as she applies a large red clown nose; just beyond the fingers, the eyes cast a gloomy glance at the photographer. There is a distinct feeling of intrusion, and (per angst,

Stillman's image — which, like Feller's, is untitled — is a night scene of an empty road. Unlike Feller's muted, almost discolored suburban portrait, Stillman's color is deeply saturated, with foreground all clearly delineated by their own rich hues. In the distance, at the lower end of the composition, a burst of light can be seen just breaking over an upgrade; a car, presumably, is approaching. The scene is vaguely threatening, like a freeze frame from an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries."

"Our Unique Vision" runs at the Jacob Trapp Gallery at Summit's Unitarian Church Community House at 4 Waldron Ave. through Feb. 27. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (908) 522-0020 or (908) 522-1120.

Paper Mill Playhouse goes to school

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, takes great pride in the many offerings of his theater and theater people. Most recently, he has delighted in the very successful Adopt-A-School educational project which celebrated its 11th year Tuesday evening. And he is especially proud of Susie Spidel of Springfield, who is in charge of his education department, and his other specialized teachers, writers and dramatists. The project is a three-phase arts-in-education initiative that brings the theater arts directly into New Jersey's high school classrooms.

The Paper Mill Education Department presented "The Adopt-A-School Festival 2000" Tuesday evening, which featured an evening of performances given by Roselle Park High School, Newark Arts High School, Dover High School and Franklin High School.

"If it weren't for the major funding provided by The Prudential Foundation, with additional funding by more than a dozen companies and foundations, it would be difficult to present this program," explained Charlie Siedenburg of the theater's public relations department.

"With the support of the funders," added Spidel, "Paper Mill works with each adopted school to develop a theater residency, and a teaching artist is placed in the school to guide the students on a journey of collaboration and creativity."

The project, she explained, started

more than 10 years ago. "John McEwen and I worked together in developing such a department at the Paper Mill," said Spidel. "John had seen an article in a newspaper about the lack of funds at Ards High School in Newark for students to see shows even though they were majoring in theater. So, he thought maybe we could do something — create a program. And we began with Ards High in 1989."

"And the project has since grown, but we're still working at Ards High School," she explained. "Now, there are 10 schools in the program. There are three phases in three years. The first year, the students go to the theater, see the plays. They have study guides and a workshop. In the second year, they create their own theater piece. We place an artist — a theater educator from the Paper Mill — in the classrooms which run from two to four mornings. And the artist helps the students to create their own piece. It has to be 20 minutes long. And they also have to be able to do their own props and sets. We want the emphasis to be on the writer's work and the creativity of the material."

The third year, the students present their original works at the Paper Mill Playhouse. "Performing is really a lot of fun for the students," said Spidel. "The students get to make their own decisions. It helps them learn how to criticize each other and to collaborate. Some of them go into the theater. One of them is D. L. Williams, who has been on the HBO series, "Oz," for the past two years."

Spidel mentioned that "the creative process and what the students

have experienced during the residencies is the really important part. As they work together, effortlessly, excitedly, their efforts and the things they have to say are always thought-provoking and interesting."

"We hope that this project has provided the students with a foundation for continued growth and continued exploration of their relationships with each other and to the world around them. And if it increases their interest in the performing arts and helps to create an informed audience for the future, so much the better."

With Roselle Park High School's performance, she said, "actor and theater movement specialist David Tyson worked with teacher Ken Horn and his students in a series of workshop sessions."

"Their presentation included popular song lyrics, such as Billy Joel's 'We Didn't Start the Fire,' for inspiration. Their piece focuses on the typical and not-so-typical occurrences in an average school day, and the topics that were on their minds included violence in schools and respect and tolerance for others. Using these themes as a starting point, several students wrote their own scenes while also working on scenes with the larger group. As in Newark, the work began to emerge through improvisations and a routine of vocal and physical theater exercises conducted by David at each session and designed to prepare the mind and body for the creative state."

Tuesday night's festival was merely another outstanding feature of the unique Paper Mill Playhouse and the particular pride of its staff.

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Artist Diana Jensen plies her craft as a New York City bartender, a seven-year job which provided the inspiration for her current show, "Lounge Scene Series," at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College in Cranford.

New York bars provide artist's muses

Now through Feb. 24, Union County College's Tomasulo Gallery will be host to Diana Jensen's "Lounge Scene Series." The solo exhibition consists of paintings and drawings inspired by Jensen's seven years as a bartender in New York City.

Although Jensen has been painting for many years now, she comments on her current exhibit, saying, "During the past three years, I have made paintings — oil on wood, a continuing series — in which I document the 'lounge culture' that I encounter in a Manhattan hotel bar. From my point of view as a service industry worker, I observe, interact with and develop relationships with a diverse cross section of New York City's inhabitants. My intention is to provide a glimpse of a typical urban dweller's habits and humanity at the end of the 20th century."

"The new paintings and drawings exhibited at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College represent both European tourists and New York bar regulars with humor and empathy. Additionally, this exhibition includes a series of sepia ink drawings of bar patrons' hands executed on sheets of rice paper that are designed to simulate beverage napkins." Most of the newer pieces are in square photographic formats, while some of the older paintings are on round disks of plywood. Jensen explains that most of her paintings are of everyday events, but a few will be from a past New Year's Eve.

Jensen has an extensive exhibit background having participated in many shows in 1999, including the Buchoen Gallery, San Francisco; Richard Anderson Gallery, New York City; and the College of Visual Arts Gallery, St. Paul, Minn. In 1998, Jensen participated in group shows in the

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Newark Museum; Islip Art Museum, New York; David Beitzel Gallery, New York City; the Constance Lindholm Fine Art, Milwaukee; and The Liquid Gallery, Hoboken. Jensen also was named a 1999 MacDowell Colony Fellow in which she participated in a residency program in Peterboro, N.H.

The exhibit opened Friday and continues through Feb. 24. The Tomasulo Gallery is located on the first floor of the Mackay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call the Tomasulo Gallery at (908) 709-7155. Union County College is a public comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of 19 county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains, and enrolls approximately 9,000 full- and part-time students. All four campuses are located in the New York metropolitan area and are easily accessible by car and public transportation.

Stamp Expo visits county this weekend

Atlantic Coast Exhibitions of Palm Coast, Fla., announced it will present the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo in conjunction with the Westfield Stamp Club Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Springfield.

The Holiday Inn is located at 304 U.S. Route 22 westbound. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free, and the general public is invited to attend and experience the "joys of stamp collecting."

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo has run continually since 1982. It is presented four times yearly at this location. Atlantic Coast Exhibitions currently produces 25 stamp events yearly with the goal of introducing stamp collecting — philately — to the general public. To date, these efforts have brought more than 3,000 new or re-interested persons into the hobby.

Stamp collecting is the nation's number one hobby. The United States Postal Service estimates there are more than 22 million Americans who currently collect stamps. Any interest can be combined with stamps through the many topics illustrated on them. A typical stamp show is an obvious depiction of the true "melting pot" that is unique to America. All ages, races and creeds can be seen with a common bond — stamps.

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo is New Jersey's largest and best-attended stamp event. The expo features exhibits by exhibitors from nine states, displaying a combined total of more than \$5 million in stamps. Several exhibits are the lifelong accomplishments of their owners. In addition, a contingent of 40 stamp dealers buying and selling stamps of the world will be present. A large Youth Area with free stamps and collecting materials will be available for all kids that attend. A Boy Scout Merit Badge-registered counselor will be on duty to answer questions concerning the acquisition of the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. Several area stamp clubs will have displays and members will be on hand to offer guidance and extend a welcome to people interested in becoming new members of their groups. Free appraisals of stamps and stamp collections are being offered by licensed appraisers.

A special exhibit of the rare 1901 Inverted Train Stamp will also be on display. This stamp — issued to commemorate the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, which took place in Buffalo, N.Y. in that year — was mistakenly printed with the center upside-down. Of the 160 million copies of this stamp produced, only 140 were mistakenly printed in this manner. Of those 140, only 98 are now accounted

for; of these this is one of the two best examples of this rare stamp. The stamp has been valued at \$75,000. Recently, many record prices have been obtained for some of the world's rarest stamps. A stamp was recently purchased in a New York auction for \$2.7 million.

Atlantic Coast Exhibitions also welcomes the Westfield Stamp Club, a non-profit organization, as the co-sponsors of this event. Members of the club will be present and a "courtesy lounge" will be available to those who wish to learn more about participating in the club. Organizers believe they can provide an enjoyable day for just about anyone from the most casual and inquisitive people to those who are advanced stamp collectors.

More information about the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo can be obtained by mail from Atlantic Coast Exhibitions, at 42 Baltimore Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32137-8850, by phone at (904) 445-4550, or via e-mail at nrstamp2@aol.com. Locally, information is available from Fred Liscianro at (732) 750-8937, or at the Holiday Inn Springfield at (973) 376-9400 on the show days. Detailed information — including a listing of the dealers attending, show features and directions with maps — may be found at the Beach Philatelics website at www.beachphilatelics.com.

CDC puts finishing touches on 'Mame'

It is December 1928 and the flamboyant Mame Dennis is hosting one of her many parties. Uninvited guests — Patrick Dennis and his nanny, Agnes Gooch — arrive and Mame's life is changed forever.

The Cranford Dramatic Club will present its second musical of the season, "Mame," Fridays and Saturdays from Feb. 11 to 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

Unlike most musicals that focus on the romantic relationship between young lovers, the appeal of "Mame" stems from its quirky cast of characters. First is the middle-aged eccentric Mame, who plays the bugle and feels that the only way for her charge, Patrick, to be really educated is to "Open a New Window" and live Patrick's nanny, Agnes Gooch, also becomes tangled in Mame's web and does some living of her own. Famed actress Vera Charles, Mame's best friend, helps teach Patrick what real "Bosom Buddies" are all about. The only traditionally conventional character is Patrick, but 10-year-old boys are impressionable and his Auntie Mame is his "best girl."

A quartet of veteran CDC members is running the production. Peter Clark is again directing and, as usual, Kate Slavin is the assistant director. They have worked together in this capacity for more than 20 years, taking on such musicals as "She Loves Me," for which Clark won a Perry

Award, and "My Fair Lady." Another permanent part of this team is the music director, Ann Weeks. She is the longest-standing member of the group having joined CDC in the 8th grade. The final piece of the ensemble is choreographer Janice Lynne Shuhan. Also serving the CDC production are Elliot Lanes as the stage manager and Liz Howrnt as the producer.

A host of new and old CDC members complement the cast. Melissa Lederstedt takes on the role of Mame, adding her youth and vitality to the role. At 26 years old, she may very well be the youngest Mame on record. Jonathan Schwarz, last seen in "Lost in Yonkers" and "The Wizard of Oz," plays Patrick. Hope Weinstein is hanging up her comedic shingle in the role of Agnes Gooch. Past productions have revealed Weinstein's acting and singing talent as a blind woman in "Walt Until Dark" and diamond in the rough Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," to name a few. Carolee Ashwell-Pross, last seen at CDC as Mar-Lynn in "Steel Magnolias," graces the stage as Vera Charles. An additional cast of 25 supports the leads in this production.

To be a part of the action, call the box office hotline at (908) 276-7611. In addition to single tickets at \$15, CDC is offering a mini-subscription at \$25 that includes tickets to "Mame" and the spring production, "Lend Me a Tenor."

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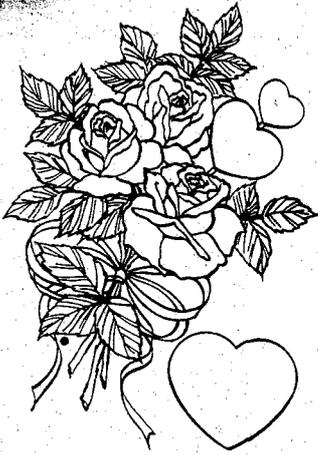
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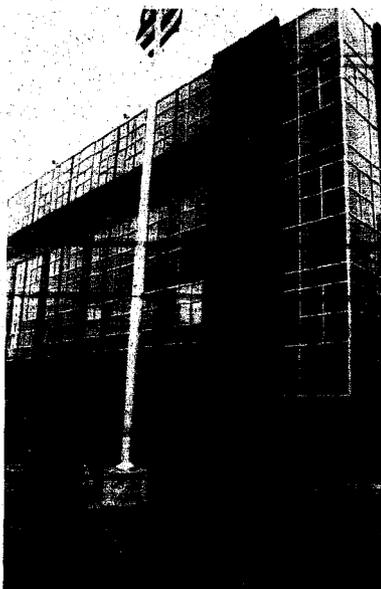
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One year after breaking ground, the new Academic Building is open for business.

This four-story building is a state-of-the-art masterpiece complete with more than 200 computers offering the most up to date technology. Kean received a six million dollar appropriation from the State of New Jersey to complete the building, an important investment that will certainly yield dividends with Kean students for years. It will also be a significant recruiting tool to attract students who seek a forward-thinking university that understands the wave of the future and is ready to meet the challenges the new century has to offer.

The building, which will house the faculty and staff of the Kean University Education Department and the Computer Science Program, will include a 100-seat lecture hall, eight computer labs, a student lounge, a curriculum resource center, a library, faculty offices, and 20 classrooms.

"As we move into the new century, it is not enough to merely try to keep up with technology; rather, it is imperative to anticipate the technological needs of the future," said Ronald L. Applbaum, president of Kean University. "This new building will be the model for other institutions of higher education throughout the

country, and it will enhance the already outstanding reputation of Kean University as the leader in preparing New Jersey's best teachers.

"When people talk about the classroom of the 21st century, they are talking about the new Academic Building at Kean University," Applbaum continued. "As we become more dependent on information technology, it is crucial that the educators of tomorrow are well equipped and well informed."

John Kmetz, associate dean of the

School of Natural Science, Nursing, and Mathematics agreed. "This building will truly benefit each of the more than 500 students enrolled in the Computer Science Program," Kmetz said. "The technology available in the computer labs is astounding, and it will serve as a tremendous resource to help us provide the best education for our students. We are also pleased to finally bring the Mathematics and Computer Science faculty and students together at one location on campus."

Last July, Kean introduced the Distance Learning Program which incorporated the Internet, e-mail and interactive television to give students greater flexibility and ease by bringing the classroom to them. In October, Kean opened its Multimedia Technology Center as part of the university's Global Reach Program. Now, the opening of the new Academic Building is one more step toward the goal of making Kean University the technology leader in higher education for the 21st century.

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Elizabeth PBA 'stands up for hope' with night of comedy

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"Stand Up for Hope" is presented by the Elizabeth Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 4 and sponsored in part by the Elizabeth Center at 13A.

The Center for Hope is a non-profit organization providing for the special needs of terminally ill patients and their loved ones. The programs serve to ease the tremendous burdens, be they physical, emotional, spiritual, financial or social. The center caters to its patients a new, caring quality of life that actively supports the individuals' right to live the remainder of their lives with dignity and comfort, while surrounded by the love of family and friends. In this way, family and loved ones share an opportunity to discover and embrace the gifts of life, as they journey through loss.

The charismatic voice of New York radio personality Freddie Colon will host "Stand Up for Hope." This on-air personality has been rated the top Hispanic radio personality in the country. He has worked for various top stations in New York such as WRXN-103.5, 98.7 FM and WBSL-105.7 FM. For six years he was part of the HOT 97 unit boarding the KTU train. Colon can be heard weekdays from 6 to 10 a.m. on the morning show on New York radio station 103.5, the New KTU.

Atlanta-born and -raised, comedy veteran Louis Ramey will open the show. Ramey has performed at colleges, comedy clubs, resorts, cruises, and casino showrooms from points

such as Atlanta to the West Indies to Australia and back. He has also opened for many musical acts, including other Georgia natives, The Indigo Girls and R.E.M. He has performed on television both in the United States and in Canada. His U.S. television appearances include NBC-TV's "It's Showtime at the Apollo" and CBS-TV's "48 Hours," and recent Canadian appearances include "Grumps," "Comedy at Club 54" and "Breakfast TV." Recently, he was chosen to appear in Aspen at the Fifth Annual U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. There he won the jury award for Best New Artist. Since his appearance at the festival, Ramey has been signed by the World Morris Agency and is about to deal with a major television network. In the summer of 1999, Ramey opened for Smokey Robinson and was on tour with Donna Summer, performing at premier concert venues across the United States.

Yet another veteran comic who once was co-host of Comedy Central's "Short Attention Span Theater" with Jon Stewart, Patty Rosborough will also perform. Her film career has included work with director Adrian Lyne and as a top New York City comic. Her breathless, frenetic, and shamelessly uninhibited performances have been seen in every major club in New York. She has stacked up a list of stand-up television credits ranging from Comedy Central's A&E Showtime, and VH1. Currently, Rosborough is featured on Metro Guide's "Out With the Kids" in the segment titled "The Toughest Job On Earth." Rosborough was in the films "Jacob's Ladder" and "Funny." She was in Off-Broadway productions of "The Audience Showtime Comedy Club Network," "Caroline's Comedy

Hour," "Comedy on the Road," "Fools For Love," "The Chicken That Ate Christmas," "Stoampie Alley" and "Ciao Ciao Barbino."

Headlining "Stand Up for Hope" is a top act, Angel Salazar, who is not quite the typical comedian. His Cuban/Puerto Rican heritage and penchant for sporting mini-skirts notwithstanding, this manic human laugh factory is rather difficult to describe. Salazar's performance is a mixture of street-smart ethnic wisecracks, risque humor, physical comedy, and audience involvement. Salazar has not only launched a successful career as a comedian, but is also an established actor who has appeared in such noteworthy films as "Scarface," "Punchline," "Carlie's Way," and "Where the Buffalo Roam." He was also featured in Cheech and Chong's comedy video "Born in East L.A." Salazar was the winner of the 1984 Los Angeles Comedy Competition, hosted by Jay Leno. He has headlined at The Comedy Store in Los Angeles, The Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Catch a Rising Star in New York City, and The Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City. He has opened for the Beach Boys, Billy Ocean, Whitney Houston, Van Halen and The Miami Sound Machine.

The Elizabeth P.B.A. Local 4 is a not-for-profit labor organization which proudly represents the 360 members of the Elizabeth Police Department. The local has consistently endeavored not just to represent its members, but also to provide for the community by offering financial assistance to youth, scholarship, and

civic programs and various charitable organizations. Surely the local has succeeded by working in tandem with the community and generous contributions from the private sector.

Freddie Colon, Louis Ramey, Patty Rosborough, Angel Salazar add a surprise musical guest will all be performing at the Winfield Scott Grand Ballroom Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the "Stand Up for Hope" Comedy Show are \$35 per person and include a pre-show cocktail reception. All net proceeds from this show will benefit the Center for Hope Hospice, Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, Send ticket reservations to PBA Local 4 c/o Stand Up for Hope, One Police Plaza, Room B-12, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. In addition, tickets can also be purchased by phone with a major credit card by calling (888) 386-8479 or online at www.ecm.com.

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Exhibit at Malamut Gallery offers an aerial view of art

The current show at the Les Malamut Gallery is called "Come Fly With Us," and will feature a collection of paintings and models by aviation artist Keith Ferris of Morris Plains.

Ferris has been active in the Air Force program for 37 years and has 52 major paintings in the Air Force Art Collection. He is famous for his two 75-foot murals "Fortresses Under Fire" and "The Evolution of Jet Aviation" at the Smithsonian National Air Force and Space Museum.

He is a life member of the Society of Illustrators and a founding member of the American Society of Aviation Illustrators. Although he has flown during combat missions in Vietnam and Bosnia and participated in numerous exciting air force flights including those that exceeded the speed of sound, he has never been included of the Air Force. He tried to join when he was young, but an allergy to the required vaccines prevented him from being accepted.

He has documented the history of aircraft and served as illustrator of airframes, engines and avionics for aircraft manufacturers, trade publications and aviation museums.

The exhibit which can be viewed during regular library hours — Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — will continue through March 15. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

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County Senior Citizen Council announces 2000 trip schedule

- The following is the Senior Citizen Council of Union County's trip schedule for the year 2000. Travel with any of the Council's three travel clubs — "Healthy Heart" walking tours, Mature Travel or the "Over 55" travel club. Trips are planned for safety, comfort and to meet the personal needs of the traveler and are open to adults.
- The following day trips are planned:
 - Feb. 26, Mummer's Show, tickets are \$40.
 - March 17, St. Patrick's Day at the Poemont in Pennsylvania, featuring Irish food and entertainment, \$54.
 - April 7, Charlie Prose in Concert at the Riveridge, tickets are \$60.
 - April 28, Lily Langry's Millennium Showstoppers Broadway Revue, tickets are \$57.
 - May 2, The Gaylords at the Poemont, \$54.
 - May 6, Tour Vancoulandi Manor and Washington Irving's Sunnyside Estate on the Hudson, tickets are \$40.
 - May 17, Mt. Haven Polka Fest, \$50.
 - July 16, The King & I at 3 Little Bakers, tickets are \$60.
- July 30, Woodstock Pines, famous smorgasbord, \$56.
- July 22, Port Chester on the Hudson, famous for its wide variety of restaurants, and a visit to famous estates. Lunch on your own, at your choice of restaurant; \$40.
- Oct. 3, Kay Star at the Fernwood, tickets are \$58.
- The following multi-day trips have been scheduled:
 - Mar. 15 to 16, Cozy Motel at 3 Bakers, Brandywine Valley Inn and a tour of the Wilmington, Delaware area. Double occupancy tickets are \$155.
 - May 6 to 12, Charleston, Savannah, Myrtle Beach. Double occupancy, \$395 per person.
 - May 23 to 24, Spring Amish and Longwood Gardens, \$160 per person, double occupancy.
 - June 14 to 15, Tamarack Resort, Catskills, Italian Fiesta, \$150 per person, double occupancy.
 - June 23 to 26, Scott's Lake House & Finger Lakes, \$385 per person, double occupancy.
 - Sept. 17 to 21, Wildwood Crest Special \$325 per person, double occupancy.

- Oct. 12 to 16, Yankee Doodle Lodge, Vermont, \$430 per person, double occupancy.
- Cruise, Round trip from New York on board Conard's Queen Elizabeth II from April 20 to May 1. Prices start at \$1,500 per person, double occupancy. Visit Miami, Barbados, Dominica, and St. Thomas. Space is limited.
- The second cruise is a July 4 special aboard the QE II. Celebrate the first Independence Day of 2000 in style July 1 to July 5. Cruise the Atlantic and anchor in New York harbor. Enjoy the fireworks, tall ships display and more.

For information or brochures call Richard Stone at 964-7555 daytime, or in the evening at 687-1559. Day trips require full payment to be made to Senior Trips, 2165 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Special group pickups can be arranged.

The Senior Council is a nonprofit organization that provides free assistance, information and referrals to Union County "Baby Boomers," seniors, their families and caregivers. Call the office for help.

Reservations for all trips are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so travelers are encouraged to reserve early.

The council's deluxe tour bus leaves from the Boy's Club parking lot on Leaning Avenue in Union. Special pick-ups can be arranged for groups of 10 or more.

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U.S. SUPREME COURT HEARS GRANDPARENT VISITATION RIGHTS CASE

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 debated for the first time the issue of grandparent's rights, expressing doubt about how the law allows grandparents or others to visit children when the parents are not together. The court's eventual decision could have far-reaching impact because all 50 states have laws allowing grandparents and others to seek visitation after divorce or under other circumstances even when the parents were opposed.

The issue before the court is whether to let stand a Washington state law that allows grandparents to petition a court for the right to visit grandchildren — even if parents object. The justice expressed concern that the state may be oversteering grandmothers and may take too many rights away from parents.

In an earlier decision over an emotionally charged issue, the nation's highest court assessed two competing values — a state's desire to promote children's best interests and parents' right to raise their children as they see fit.

While acknowledging a "special relationship" between grandparents and grandchildren, the Supreme Court said approval "should be given to those grandparents who can show that visitation is in the best interests of the child." A majority of the justices voiced grave concerns about the Washington state statute that allowed "any person," relative or non-relative, to win a court-ordered right to see a child any time the mother divorces or an emergency caregiver takes the child from the home.

The case involved Gay and Jennifer Trappel, grandmothers who sought visitation rights to the young grandchild, Natalie and Isabelle, over the objections of the girl's mother, Torina Grandville Wynn.

The girl's maternal grandparents, and their lawyer, David Trappel, commenced suit in 1998. When the couple separated, Trappel lived with his parents. The girls on occasion visited their father at his grandparents' home and he continued visiting their grandparents regularly after his death.

But the mother decided to file for visitation. In 1999, the Trappels were awarded visitation rights for one weekend each month, one week during the summer and four hours on the birthday of each girl. The mother then named Kelly Wynn, who shared the two girls in 1998.

Gay and Jennifer Trappel seek to regain the right to see the two girls, 10-year-old Natalie and 8-year-old Isabelle, more often than three months. Torina Grandville Wynn, is willing to let them.

The way the justice receive this conflict, in a decision expected by late June, could have a very real impact on America. Fifty million Americans are grandparents. A survey released recently by AARP found about one in five American grandparents over the age of 50 helps care for at least one grandchild. The survey showed that 60 percent of all care required, and 2 percent involve all parents, making a grandchild.

Benjamin D. Eckman, a local Elder Law attorney, has scheduled four seminars to discuss this case to the public and Elder Law Practice in general. Elder Law is intended to be a "lifetime" investment in "asset-protected living." An elder law practitioner provides the legal information necessary for persons whose lives will extend or have already extended beyond the time when all children are usually out of the house and often require elder services. After the right law attorney and client complete their work, legal documents have been drafted, tax considerations have been analyzed, and a plan to protect the elder's estate has been implemented.

The elder's estate will be held on Wednesdays, February 16th, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Union WYFF Post #2623, 1244 Broadway Avenue (former High Street), in Union, and Tuesday, February 22nd, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. at the Elizabeth Public Buildings & South State Street in Kinnelton. Call (908) 298-1000 for additional information about the seminar.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Heed your intuition or dreams this week. Be ready for unexpected developments concerning your finances, and be ready to take action to solve this problem immediately.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone in authority has noticed your great work, and you will soon hear about it. Look for the financial support you need from an inheritance, insurance or investment.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Share the material abundance you have attained

with others. Help someone in need out of the generosity of your heart, expecting nothing in return. Take time out to renew your energy.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): You're mentally strong, but not everyone shares your views and values, especially at work. Rejoice, you are not alone. A good friend will support you through thick and thin.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your financial planning could use some attention. A lot of good options are available to you in the investment world. Open your eyes, ears and mind in

order to grasp and understand.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Diplomacy pays off this week. Reward those who are willing to compromise and go along with the program of least resistance. Communicate your plans to a partner or loved one.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Overcome personal obstacles with a show of inner strength and determination. Express your creative desires, and they will make a positive difference in your life and others.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): An emotional development in a close per-

sonal relationship catches you off guard. Back away, and regroup. You will greatly benefit from time alone. Pull down the shades.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Difficulties are easy to overcome. Being open about your feelings creates a breakthrough moment that should be shared with your family and loved ones. Stop your worrying ways.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Handle your resources and personal power with care. You should be feeling quite lucky and prosperous — and with good cause. A project you have

been working on is ready to pay off.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This a highly active and outgoing cycle for you. Make yourself accessible to those who need your enthusiasm and guidance. Your ideas are well-received among your peers.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be willing to sacrifice something now for promised future gain, but be reasonable in your expectations. Make an important decision based on sound and reliable information.
 If your birthday is this week, financial concerns are highlighted

during the coming year. Take advantage of an opportunity to review and organize your budget and to get on solid ground monetarily. Real estate, restaurants or businesses dealing with home and family are all good investments. Make friends with someone in a powerful position who can assist you in your climb up the ladder of success. Seek closure in a close personal relationship.
 Also born this week: Charles Dickens, Jules Verne, Joe Pesci, Laura Dern, Thomas Alva Edison, John L. Lewis and Oliver Roed.

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Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

AIMS AND METHODS OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

1. Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and, as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

2. Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

3. Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and humankind's place in it. The

outdoors is the laboratory for Boy Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

4. Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the Boy Scouts advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

5. Personal Growth. As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

6. Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

7. Uniform. The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.



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Stepping Out

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway will present "Man of La Mancha" March 10 to 25 at the Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Shows are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$19 and \$24. For information, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the website at www.uccac.org.

ART SHOWS

SUMMIT FRAME & ART will exhibit paintings by American artists dating from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries.

The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

INDUSTRIAL IMAGES, paintings by Michael McGinley and Tim Gaydos, will be an exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Wednesday.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 281-7511.

PHOTOGRAPHER ART CARLSON will exhibit his black-and-white works at Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library through Feb. 10.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The gallery is located at 68 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4950.

IMAGES OF UNION COUNTY, the work of Platfield artist Cheryl O'Hanrahan McLeod, will be an exhibit in the Union County Freeholders Gallery through Feb. 11.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday evenings. The gallery is located on the 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth.

LOUNGE SCENE SERIES, the work of artist Diane Jensen, will be an exhibit at the Tomazsalo Gallery at Union County College, Cranford, through Feb. 24.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The galleries are located on the first floor of the Mackay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. For information, call (908) 790-7165.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH will be observed with an exhibit by Alvin Adams at the Swan Galleries in Plainfield Feb. 12 to 26. An opening reception with the artist will take place Feb. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swan Galleries is located at 705 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

OUR UNIQUE VISION ... THE SEARCH, the works of 14 photographers, will be an exhibit at the Jacob Trapp Gallery in the Community House of Summit's Unitarian Church now through Feb. 27.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. For information, call photographer Ross Wagner at (908) 522-0020 or (908) 522-1120 or send e-mail to rosswagner@usa.net.

A CLOSER LOOK: "Contemporary Metawork & Jewelry" will be an exhibit at the James Howe Gallery at Kean University, Union, now through Feb. 28.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and by

appointment. The gallery is located at Kean University, Morris and North avenues in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2307.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountaineer will exhibit paintings in all three hallways of the facility throughout the month of February. For information, call the hospital.

PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER by Union artist Joe Lugara will be an exhibit at Van Gogh's Ear, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union, through March 1.

COME FLY WITH US, a collection of paintings and models by aviation artist Keith Paris, will be an exhibit at the Les Malheur Art Gallery in Union Public Library through March 15.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at Fringer Park on Morris Avenue, next to Union Town Hall. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

COLOR, LINE & FORM, the paintings of Alice Bryan Honou of Maplewood, will be an exhibit with the watercolor wildlife paintings of Christopher Pado of Murray at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library Feb. 11 to March 16.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

THE LAY OF THE LAND, contemporary landscapes by painters Peter Schroth and Michael Metzger, and aerial photographer Owen Kanzler, will be an exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Feb. 16 through March 10. An opening reception with the artists will take place Feb. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 281-7511.

AUDITIONS

KENT PLACE SCHOOL in Summit seeks a comic male actor, a high school student, to play the lead in "Sweet Charity." For information, call Bob Pichman at (908) 273-0900, ext. 218.

CELEBRATION CHILDREN'S CHOIR will conduct auditions for singers between the ages of 9 and 14 years old Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, Lincoln and Walnut avenues in Cranford. For more information, call (908) 245-2339.

BOOKS

AUTHOR REGINA BARRECA will appear at Union County College in Cranford to discuss her new book, "Too Much of a Good Thing in Wonderful." The Delights of Laughter and the Necessity for Fun." Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater. For information, call (908) 709-7503.

CLASSES

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE will offer professional classes in the performing arts.

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The Westfield High School is located at 726 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

THE WESTFIELD "Y" will be currently conducting classes in cardio box and kick, an appreciation and bellydancing. The "Y" is located at 220 Clark St. in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-2703.

COMEDY

STAND UP FOR HOPE, a comedy concert to benefit the Center for Hope Hospice at the Farmer Hudson House, will be presented Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. by the Elizabeth PBA Local 4 at the Westfield South Grand Ballroom in Elizabeth. Tickets are \$38 and include a pre-show cocktail reception. For information, call (908) 527-6543, (908) 356-4147 for credit card purchases, send e-mail to elccba@ncp.org, or visit www.pba4.org.

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features comedy on Saturdays, at 6:00 p.m. and 11 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 358-6511.

CONCERTS

LIVINGSTON TAYLOR will be presented in concert by the Westfield Jaycees Saturday at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Westfield High School. Proceeds of this concert will benefit the West 505's Joe Hooley and Gini Lacrosse teams. For information, including ticket prices, call (908) 232-5123 or visit the Jaycees website at www.westfieldjaycees.org.

SOPRANO NEDY TUKEY will be presented in concert, accompanied by pianist Wayne Bradford, in the Christ Church Music Series Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Christ Church of Summit is located at 861 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-5549.

FLAUTIST CLARISSA NOLDE will be presented in recital by the Musical Club of Westfield Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Westfield.

AKAFIST, the Male Chamber Choir of Moscow will be presented in concert Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$15. For information, call (908) 233-8933.

FOLK MUSICIAN MIKE AGRANOFF will be presented in concert by the Arts Guild of Rahway Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 281-7511.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet weekly at The Connection, formerly the Summit YWCA, to learn dances of other countries. No partners are needed. For information, call (973) 487-8278.

FESTIVALS

GREATER NEW JERSEY STAMP EXPO will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Springfield Holiday Inn, 304 Route 22 West, Springfield. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. For information, call Fred Licandino at (732) 750-8937, the Holiday Inn at (973) 376-9400, or send e-mail to nstamp2@aol.com.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its Film Series through May. Unlike otherwise noted for double and triple features, tickets are \$3 for 1 p.m. screenings, \$5 at 8 p.m.

The series continues with the following schedule:

- Sunday: "You Gotta Love 'Em" Romance Festival — "Casablanca," 1 p.m.; "Dr. Zhivago," 3 p.m.; and "Gone With the Wind," 8 p.m.; \$5 for one movie, \$7 to two, \$10 for all three
- Feb. 23: "Sunset Boulevard," 1 and 8 p.m.
- March 15: "Gigi," 1 and 8 p.m.
- "Hitchcock Turns 100" Double Feature — "To Catch a Thief" and "Venigo," 7 p.m., \$7 for both films
- April 12: "Ben Hur," 1 and 8 p.m.
- May 3: "Lilies: 'Em Laughing" Comedy Double Feature — "A Night at the Opera" and "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., \$7 for both films

UCCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information and reservations, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the UCCAC website at www.uccac.org.

GOLF

GOLF CLINIC for children ages 10 to 13 will take place at the Baltusall Golf Club in Springfield from 10 to 11 a.m. The clinic will raise funds for programs run by The Children's Aid Society. For information, call Freeman Miller at (212) 614-4216.

KIDS

UNION RECREATION Department will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call (908) 664-6226.

POETRY

POETRY FESTIVAL/OPEN MIKE will be sponsored in honor of Black History Month 2000 by the Urban League of Union County Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library, 115 Broad St., Elizabeth. For information or to be included on the program, call (908) 588-3300, ext. 3302.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. — for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call (908) 898-6269 or (908) 888-4751.

KISMET SINGLES will sponsor several events in the coming weeks. This week? For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.kismet.com.

SINGLE FRIENDS a Catholic singles' group, will sponsor a Rock 'n' Roll Night at Cayan's in South Orange. The group will meet behind the band area at 8:30 p.m. Cost is "pay as you go." For information, call (973) 479-3537 or send e-mail to singlefriends@aol.com.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue its 1999-2000 season with the force "Noises Off" through Feb. 13. Hosted by the Paper Mill Playhouse focuses on the shenanigans — on stage and off — of a fifth-rate acting troupe, and stars Brian Murray reprising his original Broadway role.

Singles Night is scheduled for Feb. 10.

Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Singles Night is Feb. 10, and audio-described performances are Feb. 3 at 2 p.m., Feb. 5 at 2:30 p.m., and Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; sensory seminars take place 90 minutes prior to curtain. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information and reservations, call (973) 376-4243; for groups of 20 or more, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2438.

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Nothing But the Truth" by James Montgomery through Feb. 20. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$5 for

senior citizens and students. Shows are at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St. in Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-0077.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present the Jerry Herman musical "Mame" Feb. 11 to 26. Tickets are \$16. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. The playhouse is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-7811.

KEAN UNIVERSITY will present "West Side Story" Feb. 18 to 27 in

VARIETY

PENN & TELLER, the comic thrill magicians, will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$35 and \$40. The Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. For information, call (908) 499-8226, (888) 386-8497 after 5 p.m., or visit the website at www.uccac.org.

CROSSROADS in Garwood will present a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts.



ICE FLOES, captured in the Sandy Hook Bay by aerial photographer Owen Kanzler of Linden, is among the works which will be included in "The Lay of the Land," the next exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway, Feb. 16 to March 10. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

Wilkins Theater on the Union campus. Shows are at 8 p.m. Feb. 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26; 2 p.m. Feb. 20 and 27. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$8 for students, and \$10 for senior citizens. Kean faculty, staff and alumni. For information, call (908) 522-2337.

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS of Rahway will present "Bus Stop" by William Inge Feb. 25 through March 4 at the Bohannon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St., Rahway. Shows are 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and \$12 for show only, \$22 and \$27 for meal-and-show packages. For information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to carnivalpr@aol.com.

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Feb. 20: Positive Rhythmic Force Trio

Feb. 27: Dan Crisci Trio
Feb. 29: Tuesday night concert featuring Steve Minzer Trio
Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union Center. For information, call 810-1844.

Celebration Singers seek singers for youth chorus

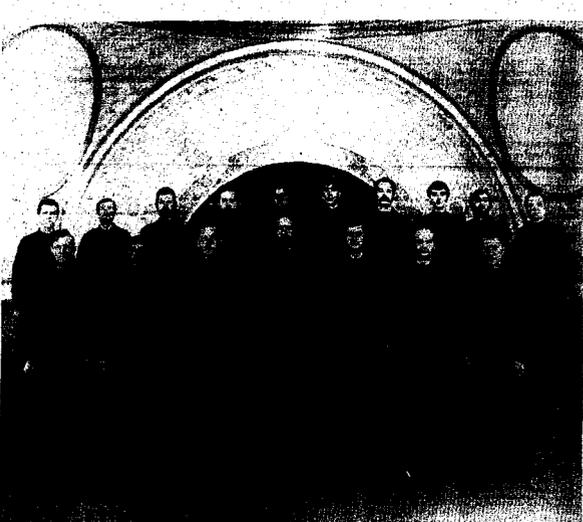
Auditions will be conducted for the Celebration Children's Choir Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, corner of Lincoln and Walnut avenues in Cranford.

The Celebration Children's Choir is a tuition-free opportunity for talented singers between the ages of 9 and 14 years old to sing a variety of music ranging from classical to Broadway. Rehearsals are conducted Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church. The season begins Feb. 22 and will include concerts with the adult choir June 9 and 10 at Linden High School.

The Children's Choir is sponsored by the Celebration Singers, an adult non-profit organization not affiliated with any church or school. The Celebration Children's Choir is under the direction of Tom Pedas, music teacher with the Cranford public schools. Pedas was named "Master Music Teacher" of New Jersey by the New Jersey Music Educators Association for his "dedicated service to the education of youth" and consistently places many singers in state and national honors choirs.

Although the Celebration Singers have been in existence for more than 60 years, having performed at the 1964 World's Fair, the Children's Choir has been in existence for five years. The choir consists of 35 youngsters from several different communities. The Children's Choir performs selections on its own and also performs in concert with the Celebration Singers during an intergenerational flavor to the concert.

For more information or directions to the auditions, call Pedas at (908) 245-2339.



AKAFIST, the Male Chamber Choir of Moscow, will be presented in concert Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-8533.

Council bets on 'Nothing But Truth'

On Feb. 19, the Elizabeth Arts Council will sponsor a theater party at the Elizabeth Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds will go to support the activities of the Arts Council.

The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St. in the heart of midtown Elizabeth. Founded by Marlow and Karen Ferguson in 1993, the 1850 structure has been beautifully restored by the Fergusons and now offers audiences the best in drama and comedy, old and new.

On Feb. 19, the playhouse will present James Montgomery's "Nothing But the Truth," a farce from 1916 about a bunch of greedy stockbrokers and one of their number who cannot tell a lie for 24 hours. The modern box office hit, "Liar, Liar" starring Jim Carrey, used a similar theme, with hilarious results.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Elizabeth Arts Council or by phone. Call Paula Borenstein at (908) 289-3584 or Jim Padgug at (908) 355-0322, coordinators of the event. Reservations for the arts. For information and to show support for the arts, prepayments will be served. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

The Elizabeth Arts Council, with the support of Mayor Christian Bollwage and the City of Elizabeth, created the Elizabeth Arts Line. Callers receive up-to-date announcements of cultural events and in the City of Elizabeth. The telephone number of the Arts Line is (908) 820-4122.

For more information about the fund-raising event at the Elizabeth Playhouse or membership in the Elizabeth Arts Council, call (908) 289-3584, or leave a message on the Arts Line.

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