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TWO SECTIONS

Voters pass budget, elect two challengers to board

By Michael N. Moretti
Managing Editor

Clark voters overwhelmingly passed the school budget by approximately a 2-1 margin. This mimicks the action taken in 2000-01 vote where the budget passed having failed the year before.

The school budget of approximately \$25 million was greeted Tuesday afternoon into Tuesday evening by large number of voters. Poll attendants at the Brewer School voting station said that people were lined up outside the building waiting to cast their ballots when they arrived at 2 p.m. to open the station. Reports say a steady flow of all ages came throughout the day to pass the budget 2,641 votes to 1,327, not including absentee ballots.

The push behind such groups as the Advocates for a Better Clark was to get people to vote and communicate the importance of this budget and the repercussions it could have on the town. The amount of voters who came out this year represents 52.9 percent of the total registered voting population of 9,947 out of the total Clark township population of 14,456. This number of voters was enough for the advocates to achieve their goal of passing the budget despite the numbers being down slightly from last year's vote failing the budget.

The passage of the budget the Clark School District will operate on the spending plan it presented to the voters in March. However, over the period of time at the beginning of the year and the time of the public hearing the budget has come to mean much more than a spending plan.

The budget this year made sacrifices to school programs. Citizens took on the seven-point increase, approximately \$80 to the average home, with the passing of this budget and lost a number of elective programs. This includes \$125,000 in sports programs along with the auto shop and home economics classes in the high school. How-

ever, the passing of the budget, despite these cuts and the increase in taxes, seems to show that the sentiment for the future of the town and the importance of education won out over other concerns.

The 2-to-1 ratio of passing votes to failing votes seemed to hold true throughout the township. The first ward voters passed it 981 to 439, while the second ward submitted 539 votes to 268 failing votes. Across town, the third ward passed 675 votes for the budget to 314 against, and the fourth ward went through 447 for to 306 against.

Even the absentee ballots came in similar proportions with 62 for and 37 against passing the budget.

There was no second question on the ballot this year for programs and sports. The board stated that the most important thing was passing the budget and feared having a repeat of last year where the second question passed and the budget failed cutting, funding for next year's budget and lowering the state-imposed cap on the amount the school board was permitted to spend. If this budget failed, there was great concern that the budget committee and the Board of education would face an exacerbated form of the same budgetary problems next year.

The ballots also featured four candidates for three spots on the Board of Education. The incumbents were Phyllis Russo and James Rooney. They were challenged by Wendy Griffin and Karen Amalfe.

Clark voters opted for two new candidates on this year's board in Amalfe and Griffin and chose Rooney to continue his work on the board. Rooney was re-elected to a second three-year term while Amalfe and Griffin earned their first terms on the nine-member board.

Griffin received the most votes at 2,583. She said she was surprised, but knew she had a lot of support. Griffin, one of the forces behind the grassroots movement in Clark

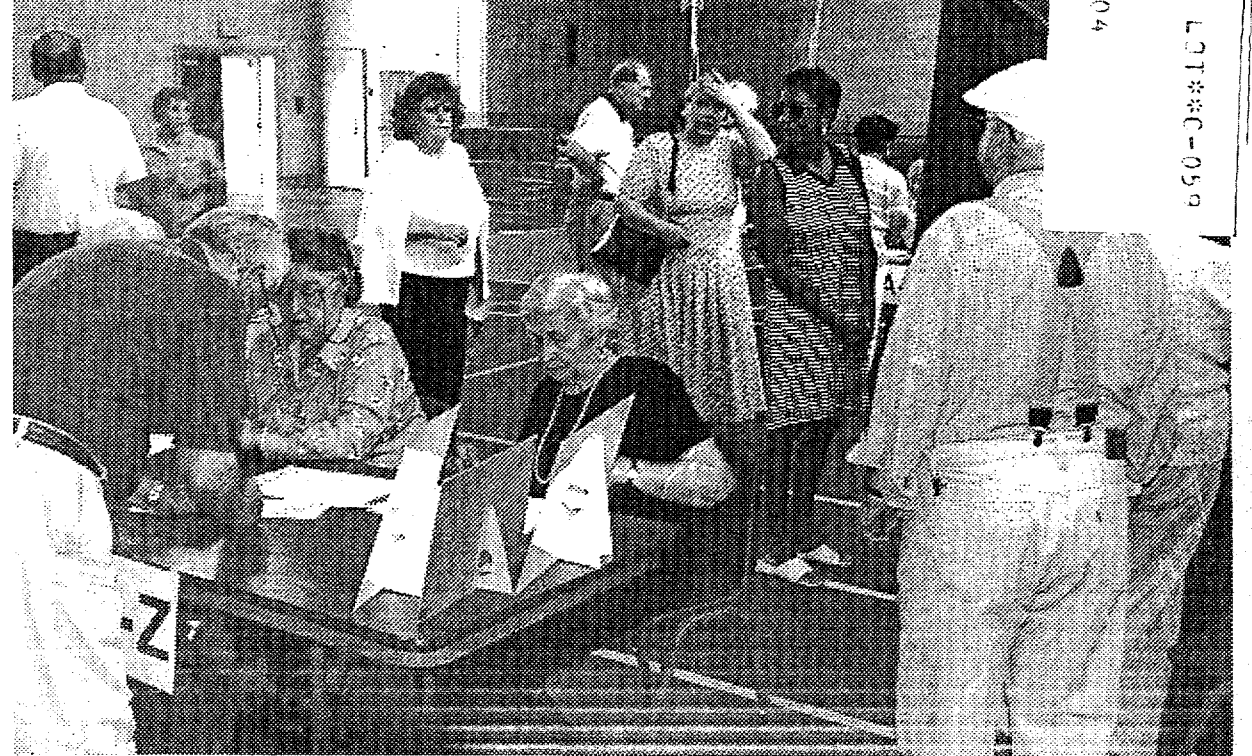


Photo By Bob Heltrich

Clark voters lined up Tuesday to pass the school budget and elect two new members and one incumbent to the Board of Education.

to pass the budget, seeks to instill more communication between the public and the board. "This shows what we can accomplish if we band together."

Amalfe received the second largest number of votes, less than 100 shy of Griffin. Amalfe has been outspoken throughout her campaign for the board in public hearings on the budget. She said she was confident the budget would pass. This vote, said Amalfe, shows "that people can come together and can continue this feeling of togetherness to grow as a community."

Rooney — who was elected with 1,991 votes, approximately 300 more than Russo at 1,665 and 500 less than

Amalfe — said, "I am very very happy the budget passed. If everyone gets together like this, hopefully pass the budget again next year." Rooney, who has served one term, will be on the board for another three years.

Russo, not surprised at the outcome, said this year's vote shows that the people's outlook is much different from her own. "I have always been interested in education. There are a lot of younger people in the community and have a different outlook on education. The town now is concerned with the electives and the sports more. Its just different ways of thinking," she said.

Zoning board halts construction appeal

By Michael N. Moretti
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Construction of a home, although one may own the land, is not always a personal decision. The choice could involve a larger scope of the community.

A decision was made by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the April 10 meeting. The decision made a complicated zoning issue more complex when the verdict on the matter was split into two votes where it was originally one. It concerned the home of Phyllis Sabo, which was built as a two-family and now, as the town grew and changed, is residing in a one-family zone.

The first vote was on the zoning designation of the house as a non-conforming pre-existing use and the second vote was on whether or not a new structure could be built in place of the old one with the same zoning specifications. The first vote passed and second failed.

This issue surfaced when a fire which occurred approximately 18 months ago damaged what was first construed as 18 percent of the house and later reduced to 15 percent of the house. Since then, the resident, Sabo, has had to live in a temporary home, according to testimony, on the property until the settlement was finalized and funds distributed from the insurance company. She said she has been living in that temporary home for the past 18 months.

The house was built as a two-family residents back in 1928 and was purchased by the current owner 23 years ago. It was used and taxed as a two-family residence since 1953 according to tax records presented to the board by the plaintiff. The plaintiff and her attorney, Joseph Gally, presented their case to the board at the end of March, at which time the board could not come to a decision regarding Sabo's request. She was appealing to the board of a zoning variance on the single-family zoning into the area because her property had been "grandfathered in" as a two-family zoning.

The vote will not change the taxes on the house according to the Tax Assessor's office since the square footage will most likely remain the same for the house regardless of the legality of the zoning.

Zoning officials were worried about the precedent that this house could set for the rest of the neighborhood. Not wanting multiple two-family residences to spring up where currently there are only five, including Sabo's residence, was something they wanted to avoid. However, despite these desires, residents in the area testified in the first hearing that they think she should be granted the permission to build the new two-family structure.

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Conferring on leadership

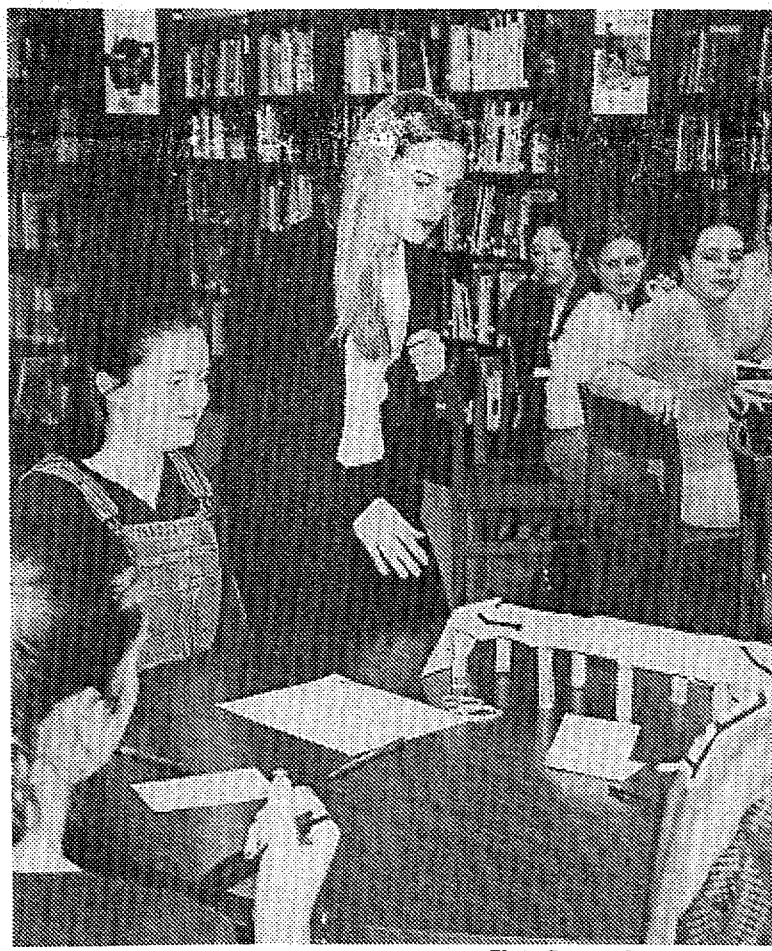


Photo Courtesy Susan Dougherty

At a recent leadership conference at Arthur L. Johnson's Instructional Media Center, freshman Jess Megill, standing, describes her group's 'bridge' which they built in 10 minutes. Arthur L. Johnson High School Key Club officers watched each small group and made notes of good leadership qualities and reported back to the overall group of 20 teens.

Lighting questioned by local residents

By Michael N. Moretti
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The height of outdoor lighting stanchions are under consideration once again.

When a child was playing on the field or sitting in the stands of a game on a warm night watching baseball or spring soccer, never did the thought come across that the lights illuminating the field could be a subject of discussion.

However, in the past two years, discussion has surrounded lights to be installed on the little league field near Hutchinson Road, the new Target store next to School Street, and now the lights for the soccer field next to King Street. In a residential community where people are sharing space, the dispersment of light knows no boundaries. It can infringe upon the property of a person's who does not want it even if it is across the block — not to mention in the backyard. This is some of the motivation for concern over the lights proposed for Bartell Field.

At the public Town Council meeting Monday night in Council Chambers, questions arose from some attendees as to the future of the lights on Bartell Field where youth soccer is played. Although on the consent agenda as of the executive meeting two weeks ago, at the beginning of the night the item was taken off for discussion following comments from the

public and Marty Ferrara.

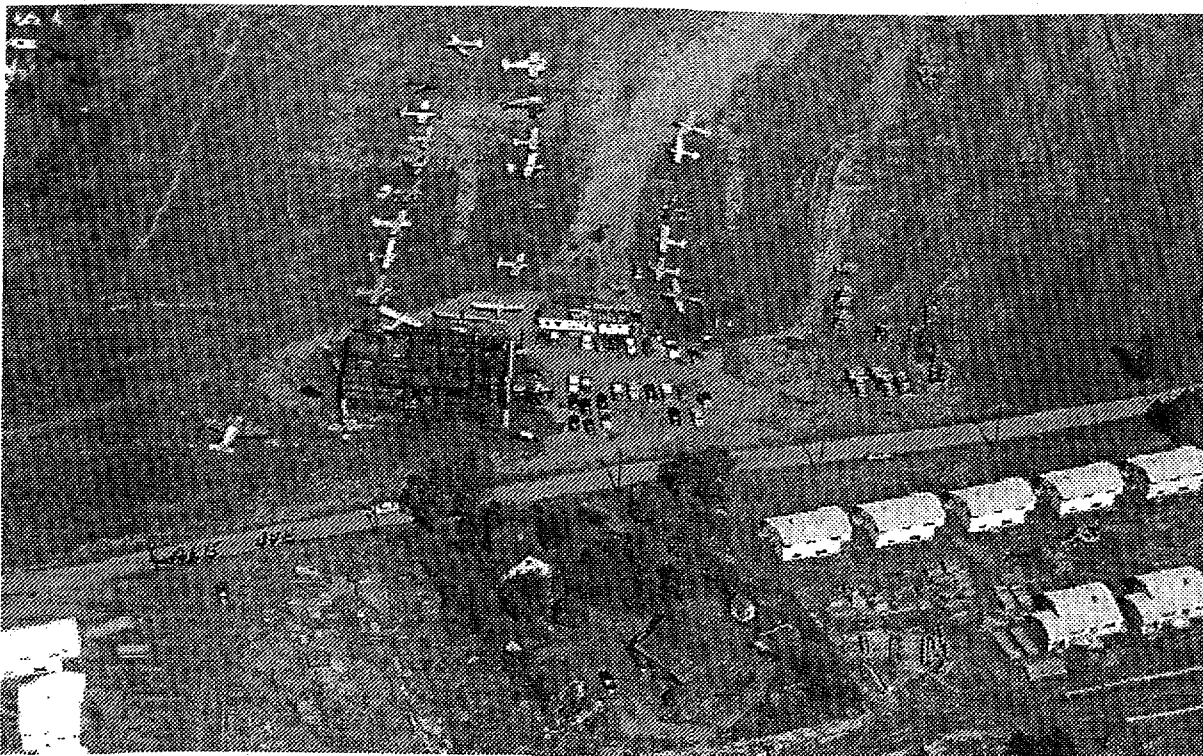
Township Historian Brain Toal said he wanted to get this one early to avoid what happened with the little league lights in the Hutchinson Road neighborhood. Toal explained the concerns of the citizens who live on the park. Up until this point, the field has only been for daytime use and closed at night. Now, the use will change from simply daytime to daytime and nighttime as well.

The town curfew law is 11 p.m. The noise and lights could stay on until this time according to law, said Mayor Sal Bonaccorso who stressed to the audience that there is no construction plan being enacted yet. The mayor said that at this point, they are simply going out for bids and getting prices. Bonaccorso assured residents of the neighborhood that nothing would be built without consideration of their input first.

One resident of King Street, Mark Strohm, had some questions about the lights but mainly just wanted "more communication so that he was informed of what was going on." Strohm said that he spoke up at the meeting because the property borders local homes and he felt uninformed. "Before rumors start," said Strohm, "citizens should be notified. Rumors start, then the negativity starts." He said if he was going to build anything on his property, he would talk to his

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Local man provides an elevated perspective in town



An aerial view of the Westfield's Airport, once located on Lake Avenue running from Colonia into Clark, taken in 1954 by Clark resident Carl Frank.

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Residents have heard many stories about the way Clark used to be before becoming a bustling suburb off the Garden State Parkway, but Carl Frank has had a bird's eye view of how the town has developed from 1952 until the present.

Frank is an aerial photographer who has had a lifelong romance with airplanes, snapping shots from 800 feet up for approximately 50 years.

Clark township used to be home to planes. Planes were a common sight around town other than just flying from here to there going to or coming from Newark Airport.

In fact, there used to be airfields inhabiting the very street residents walk and drive down today. The runways of Westfield's airport stretched along Lake Avenue from Colonia to Clark and planes soared into the air above Union County before the Parkway was built and people's daily mode of transportation changed. Franks has been there the whole time with his camera.

Now a senior citizen of Clark, he has been photographing the town from above since 1952. One might ask why he would take picture upon picture of the aerial view of the town, some of which can be seen now in the history room of the Brewer School municipal building.

Frank responds simply that "it was fun for me. I loved doing it." He reminisces about going up in the bi-wing plane, making the noise of the take-off with pursed lips

'Flying is a great gift, a miraculous thing.'

— Carl Frank, Clark

buzzing. He loved and still loves the feeling of rising up into the air. "Flying is a great gift, a miraculous thing," says Frank.

He describes the scene in 1920 in Clark where people right after World War I would pretty much land their planes anywhere. Clark at the time was very rural, mostly consisting of farms cultivated by German and Italian immigrants. People would land planes in the fields and park them in their barns said Frank.

One thing that used to happen would be pilots trained in the army after the war would buy a plane which would cost approximately \$75 and drop leaflets into all the different towns advertising their arrival. Then, they would charge locals \$5 a piece for a ride in their biplanes high above the fields.

The first runways were airstrips where people could just land their planes, said Frank. The first airport, called Westfield's, gave people the ability to store their planes there and refuel them. It used to extend from Colonia where the hangar was built to the area in Clark where Jupiter Street and Dorsey Drive are now located.

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Award-winning message



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Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi award Jenna Rodrigues of St. John the Apostle School in Clark first place in Union County's annual County Government Week poster contest. See Page B2 for more.

Height of stanchions concerns locals

(Continued from Page 1) neighbors first and thinks the town should do the same.

Stohm was also concerned about the effect the lights could have on the value of his property. Stohm said he does not have specific data to support this concern, but thinks that having 65-foot light poles in his backyard, more than twice the height of his 25-foot house and the height of street lights at 30 feet, would depreciate the value. "The nights would seem like daytime," he told council.

Stohm also wondered about the ongoing costs of the lights. Who is going to pay for the supply of electricity? The cost of construction has been

supplied by the Field of Dreams grant from Union County to the township as part of a countywide effort to promote the improvement and expansion of recreational facilities. The town received \$200,000 for this purpose. However, the additional long-term costs are what concerned Stohm. No answer was given to this inquiry.

John Laezza said that right now they are looking at specifications, and "no one will be under contract until everyone is satisfied with the lights and how they effect the entire area." He also added, in regards to Stohm's concerns over the height of the lights, that higher lights can distribute less light because their purposes are diffe-

rent, but said that there have been no definites. This is simply at the bidding process stage, said Laezza.

Clark resident Carmine Giordano could not believe that the council could go out for bids without having specifications for what will be built. Township Engineer Richard O'Connor responded to this saying that it is like a design build contract, like the contract done for the Hyatt Hills club house. They will go out and whoever can propose a design that meets with the township standards and the national standards for the right price will be considered. This satisfied Giordano's inquiries.

Board splits resident's appeal for variance and construction

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At the meeting last Wednesday, it was announced that the property was originally zoned for two-family and then later re-zoned for one-family. At this point, the plaintiff's position changed. Her lawyer announced that they were no longer looking for a zon-

ing variance; rather, Sabo was appealing for a pre-existing non-conforming designation for her property and the two-family house, and the right to build the new house under that designation.

The board saw this as two separate votes. The first was granting Sabo the

pre-existing non-conforming use on the property and the second was granting her the right to construct a new home.

The board in the end decided that the home was a pre-existing non-conforming use, by a 4-3 vote, but they did not see that designation as

covering the construction of a new home. This request was failed by a 5-2 margin.

Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments Barry Wiener explained his view on the decision, saying, "We felt an obligation to the plaintiff to

retain the two-family residence. We felt the damage was insufficient to call for the construction of a new residence." Wiener said that the plaintiff presented a very good case but 15-percent damage was simply not enough. Thereby, the board did not see new construction as necessary.

Photographing from air

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Housing about 40 planes, Frank said, the joy of flying was mostly reserved to those who could afford to buy the planes and pay for the fuel, but Frank says there were still those makeshift air planes that people would manage to get into the air.

Once the Parkway was constructed, the long runway was cut off. Built in 1929 the runway and the airport only made it to 1956.

There was another airstrip in town in those days which belonged to the Tussel family and area of land which is now occupied by a development of townhouses. In was private though, remembers Frank.

The airplanes died out though because of the increasing importance and influence of the Parkway on daily life in the area, not to mention the increase in land value.

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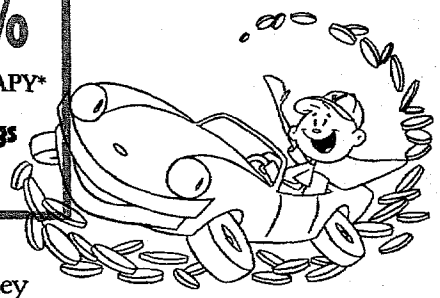
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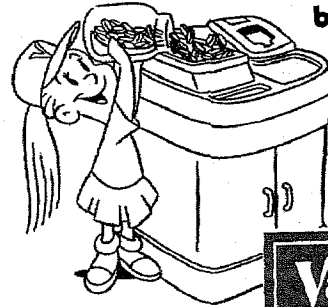
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Voros voted teacher of the month

Linda Voros has been selected as the Teacher of the Month of March. Linda was born in Newark and grew up in Irvington. She graduated from Irvington High School with the Class of 1969, and received a bachelor of arts degree in home economics from Montclair State College in 1973.

She later returned to Montclair to earn her master's degree. Voros did graduate work for her sixth-year level at Montclair and Rutgers universities.

Voros came to Arthur L. Johnson in September 1973, and taught sewing, cooking and family living classes. She was the class advisor to the Class of



Linda Voros

1995 and served as the cheerleading advisor for six years.

STUDENT UPDATE

Barto, Carrano and Petrin on dean's list

Three Clark residents were among the students named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Scranton.

Frank C. Barto is a senior majoring in criminal justice. Also a senior, Nicole Carrano is studying human services. Nicole K. Petrin is a junior majoring in elementary education.

The dean's list recognizes students for academic excellence during the spring semester. A student must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

The list includes students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management, the Panuska College of Professional Studies and Dexter Hanley College.

Honors for Mongiello

Clark resident Debra Mongiello was named to the Bloomfield College dean's list at a special ceremony on campus April 7.

To be included on the dean's list, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher. This semester, nearly 300 students earned a place on the dean's list for their superior academic achievement.

Basu is a celebrated poet

Earlier this year, Shumita Basu, the daughter of Roya and Sanjay Basu, submitted a poem to a contest held for young poets. Basu, a fifth-grader at Frank K. Hehny Elementary School, had her work selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in her grade division.

The top 10 poets in each grade division, grades four to six, seven to nine and 10 to 12, are each being recognized by receiving a special mention in the poetry anthology, "A Celebration of Young Poets," as well as by receiving a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$50 savings bond.

Poems were selected for their literary merit, creativity and social significance.

Creative Communication sponsors this contest to offer a productive outlet for young poets.

McCutcheon is named to the fall dean's list

Lisa McCutcheon, daughter of Karen and Richard McCutcheon of Clark, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

She is a 2000 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

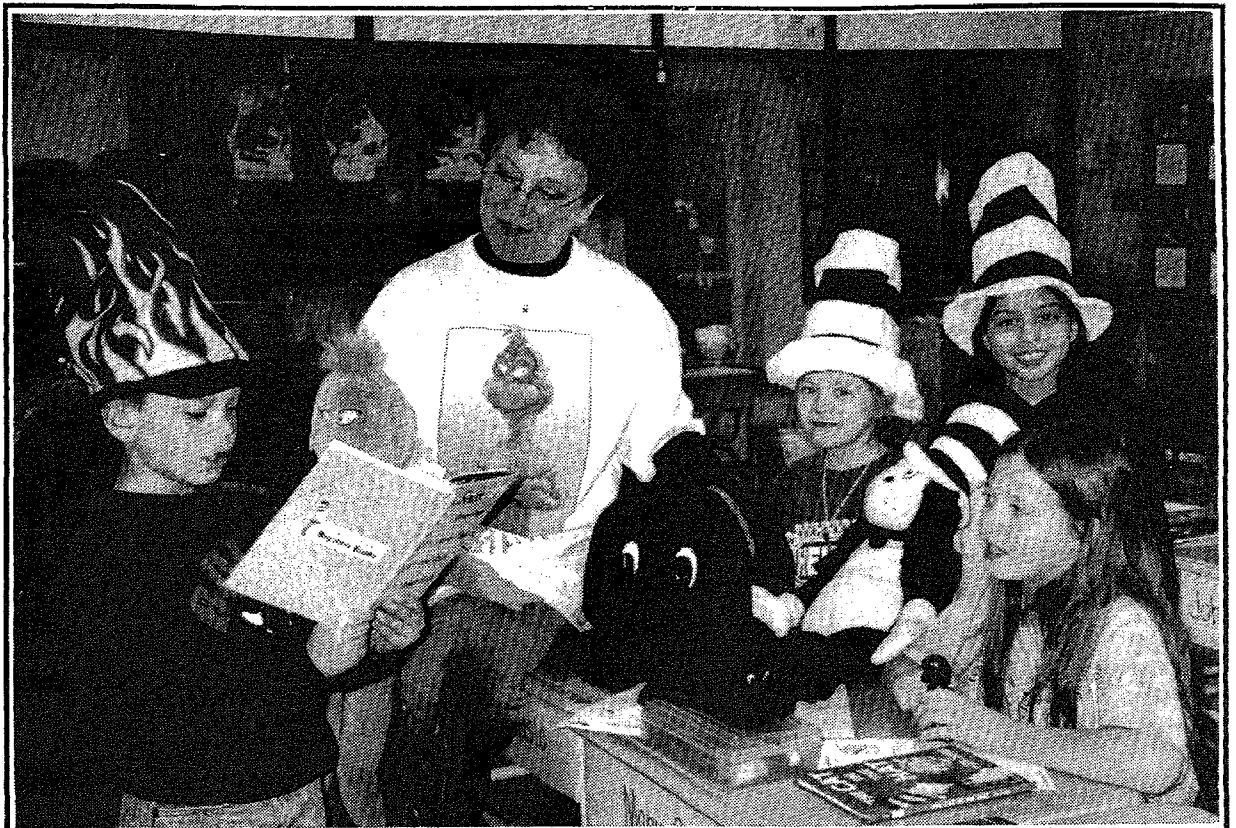


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Students act against TB



Princeton University student Lauren Pellino, Class of '03, resident of Clark, and Emily Henkelman, '04, co-founders of the Princeton Tuberculosis Awareness Group PTAG, sit at First Campus Center where they recently spearheaded an educational event that brought the worldwide tuberculosis crisis to the attention of the Princeton community in connection with World TB Day, March 24.

CLIFFORD HAS A B-DAY — Mayor Sal Bonaccorso gets together for a birthday celebration with Clifford the Big Red Dog and Samantha, a 6-year-old, at Hehny Elementary School in Clark. Clifford, the furry friend of millions of young readers in America, celebrated his 39th birthday on national Read Across America Day.



EDUCATION

Aid for the disabled

The Clark School District is seeking children with disabilities who will be 3 or 4 years old by December for its 2002-03 Preschool Disabled program.

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guage, poor response to sound or visual materials, seems not to understand words, avoids play or is unable to play, and/or has serious behavior problems.

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SENIOR NEWS

Schedule of activities

The following is the schedule of activities for the Clark Seniors:

Monthly general meetings the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria: today, May 16 and June 20.

Line dancing Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the gym, Phyllis McGarry, instructor: Monday and April 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17, 24.

Exercise sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. in the gym, Evelyn Panish, instructor:

today, Tuesday, April 25; May 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27.

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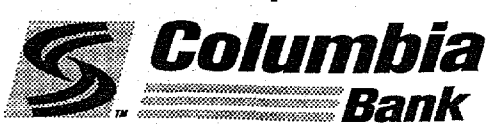
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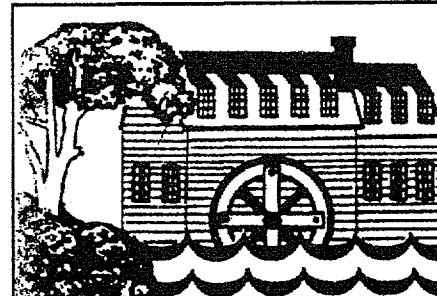
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EDITORIALS

A week's work

When most people think of traveling overseas with a spouse or their family, it's not usually for business but a time to see the sites and enjoy the finer things in life: go to dinner, dancing, and escape the perils of the work week.

This is an important part of everyone's life. Still, one has to admire a couple such as Robert and Nathalee Lapidus of Clark for taking a different approach to "getting away from it all." Maybe, it's a lesson for us all.

Going to Vietnam is not at the top of most people's agendas. It harbors uncomfortable memories for most Americans because of the war in the 1960s. It is by no means a tourist mecca and does not offer resort accommodations, according to the couple. In fact, the only beach scenes associated with Vietnam were Robert Duvall's troops surfing waves off the shores between the splash of bombs and shrapnel in Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now."

The Lapiduses found something more with their trip to Vietnam as volunteer teachers. They got more out of their vacation than the usual tourist and managed to do something positive for their fellow man that they can talk about and remember.

Robert Lapidus' response to what he got out of the experience was that he contributed something to the people he worked with. In addition, he was able to do all the things a regular tourist would do, such as sight-seeing and exploring a different world from your own.

The couple signed with a group called Global Volunteers: Partners in Development to go to Vietnam to teach English to its citizens.

In a time where people are looking to give back, this may be another way to not only plan the much needed escape but help others at the same time providing the mentality that people need both personally and communally.

Remember spirit behind Earth Day

With the celebrations of Easter and Passover behind us, there is another lesser-known, but important observance that should be marked by all area residents — Earth Day.

The event began in 1970 as an environmental teach-in. The original organizers' objective was to create a national demonstration of concern for the environment that would have a true impact on government policies.

More than 30 years later, Earth Day may not have the same spark that it did during the heart of the activist period, when the anti-war and civil rights movements were at their heights.

There has been progress on many environmental issues since the first Earth Day three decades ago, but society must remain vigilant. The fresh outbreak of violence in the Middle East drives home our overdependence on this region for oil and the need to develop new, cleaner sources of energy.

New federal and state laws have been enacted to reduce air pollution and promote recycling. Citizens, however, cannot be content to simply comply with "the letter of the law." An active role must be taken to protect the environment.

Since Earth Day was designed to be a grassroots effort, the best way to achieve these environmental goals may be on a smaller scale. Youth groups can do clean-up projects at local parks, school playgrounds, senior residential complexes and other community locations. It is particularly important to get school and youth groups involved. If an appreciation for the environment is not developed in people while they are young, it will often be dead by the time they are adults.

Residents can also stay on top of environmental officials under consideration in their town. Trash collection and disposal are regular topics at council meetings in any municipality. While the trash transfer station in Linden has been stalled by state investigations, the regional impact of bringing New York City waste by barge for rail transportation to out-of-state landfills remains strong.

While the official observance of Earth Day is April 22, the spirit of the event — to increase our appreciation of the planet that sustains our lives — is something we need to remember every day.

"Our First Amendment establishes the right to write and speak, but more importantly it empowers and compels people to pursue their own destiny."

—Tony Pederson, president, Inter American Press Association, 2000



Photo Courtesy Susan Dougherty

MAPPING OUT HISTORY — Scott Miller, social studies teacher at Carl Kumpf Middle School, displays the 3-D map of China made by members of his ninth period Cradles of Civilization class. With him are, from left, Michelle Pastef, Rob Giannobile, Nick Thomas and Brittany Murray. The relief map was made of felt, bread crumbs, clay, sugar cubes, beads, Popsicle sticks and other materials. The giant map featured not only the Great Wall of China, but the well-traveled silk route as well.

Nothing wrong with keeping up with trends

Shenanigans

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

When the warm breezes of spring begin to blow and the hint of summer is in the air, I get a yen so deep to shop it has to be hormonal.

The temperature could plummet to 20 degrees and three inches of snow could break an all-time record, but heaven help the person who stops me from "replenishing" last spring's wardrobe — wherever it is in those boxes in the attic.

That's the problem with fashion — it is constantly evolving and changing every season. It's a curse to us gals, but a money maker to retailers. I guess back in the dawn of fashion, the folks in retail figured they couldn't lose if they focused on women since we have the resistance of a mosquito in a room of warm bodies when it comes to anything concerning clothes. Or shoes.

Right about here, I'm putting in a disclaimer because somewhere out there is a handful of women, probably fewer than 10, who could care less about what they wear. Perish the thought.

Personally, I think that is a disgrace. We gals do have an image to live up to as fashion mavens. Trust me, I'm doing my share to keep up my side, and from the way stores are packed, I guess the rest of the female species is committed to doing the same.

Save me from the women who claim to wake up, get dressed in 10 minutes and run out the door. Who are they fooling? Any self-respecting woman who is honest will admit it takes at least an hour at the minimum. I mean, let's be honest here. The whole shower, wash the hair, followed by the fix the hair, not to mention the tedious makeup thing, is time consuming. Anyone who can do that in 10 minutes needs to be in the Guinness Book of Records. Or they are lying.

At least I admit I'm a slave to fashion. I have absolutely no willpower when it comes to resisting the latest spring fashions, regardless of my resolution to turn the other cheek and "make do" with last year's spring wardrobe. Hey, I made that promise in the dead of winter. Who knew the latest styles would be so cute and different? I'm not a saint.

Am I supposed to turn my back and not bolster my spring wardrobe with a few well chosen pieces? Yeah, right. That is about as likely as snow in July.

At my age, I just accept my vices and go with the flow. I'm a fashion addict and unless they open a clinic to get me "off" buying new clothes, I'm in there for the duration. Besides, I'm a seasoned shopper.

Give me credit cards and some cash, and I can bolster a spring wardrobe for half the cost a novice shopper spends. I guess with 30 some years of shopping experience, I should have a master's degree in shopping, but from what I hear, no one thought of that yet. Good idea, though. Reward us for hanging in there at the mall.

Why not award us gals who have stayed in the shopping trenches all these years. Despite growing a little older — note I said "little" older — we still have managed to maintain our fashion sense. It's not easy to keep the determination of Patton going into battle and find a place in those jammed closets for all the great new stuff on the racks. It's an art that has barely been given the credit it deserves.

You would think that I would get bored being a fashion slave, but I'm not ashamed to admit I never do. I relish a good shopping trip and the absolute joy of knowing I was out there before all the good stuff was gone in my size. This raises another important issue.

For years, it has been rammed into our head that the thinner you are, the better. If that is true and everyone is striving to be a perfect size 6 or 8, then why are the bigger sizes the first to go from the racks? Truth is, according to the fashion magazines, the average woman is a size 14 or 16 and the fashion world is finally waking up to the fact that us gals do not want to look like a stick with a big head.

You can find great fashions in every size, even plus sizes. It's nice to think that finally the fashion gurus have caved to the pressure. It only took 30 years. My advice to the folks out there in fashion land is try going to a mall and looking at the people. Hollywood, it ain't.

Unless, of course, you are 16, flawless and 100 pounds soaking wet. If I hadn't had two kids, two operations, lost and gained the same 20 pounds 20 times and was 30 years younger, I'd fit into anything I tried on too. Youth is definitely wasted on the very young.

But I can keep up with those novice shoppers and then some. It will be another 30 years before they have the experience to hit a mall like Patton planning for battle. This gives me, the fashion maven, just the edge I need. As it should be.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You must keep the source in mind

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to the residents of Clark prior to knowing the outcome of our budget on April 16. I must respond to an editorial written on April 11 in one of our town newspapers which was titled "Vote No." I was so disheartened when I read this editorial because, as well as myself, there were so many volunteers who put their heart and soul in supporting the budget for the good of our children and the stability of our community.

I called this newspaper immediately after reading this editorial to find that the editor who wrote it seemed to be a "rebel without a cause." When I asked him if he lived in Clark, he responded "no, but my children attend school in Clark." I then proceeded to ask him which school they attended. I was stunned with his answer "they attend a private school." I then asked him if he attends any Board of Education meetings. He then responded, "sometimes I catch them on TV 35."

I ask the people of Clark when you read editorials to please analyze where the opinions are coming from. If you don't walk our streets, breathe our air, and interact with the citizens of our town — your opinions are weak and simple minded. Subsequently, I canceled my subscription to the newspaper.

Dean Russo
Clark

Thanks for your support

To the Editor:

The Executive Committee of The Clark Benefit Fund appreciates and thanks all who sponsored or attended the Ninth Annual Winter Benefit Ball held in February at The Westwood. There was a sense of community spirit and pride all that night. It was truly a wonderful experience having various community associations and people together for a common cause — our community.

The Clark Benefit Fund raised approximately \$16,000 this year, thanks to your generosity. The monies will be distributed to a myriad of Clark organizations that have submitted their "wish list" request to us. Two high school seniors received scholarships.

Again, our sincerest thank you to everyone who supported us and contributed to our success. We look forward to celebrating a decade of giving at the 10th annual Winter Benefit Ball.

The Executive Committee
Clark Benefit Fund, Inc.

Take it to the source, the governor

To the Editor:

Wolf! Wolf! The familiar cry is heard again. The usual doomsayers are warning us once again that without a tremendous tax hike, our schools are doomed.

This time the agitators may have directly or indirectly caused a student walk-out at the high school.

Many of the students are genuinely concerned about their future in school. They are justified in their concern; however their protests are misdirected. Most homeowners in Clark are tired of higher school taxes with little return. Much of the blame this time around lies with Gov. James E. McGreevey.

The governor, when he campaigned as "Just plain Jim," promised the schools of our state would be a top priority. Upon taking office, he followed the liberal education line to give more money to the failing urban schools and take from the rest. Throwing good money after bad is never the answer but it is politically correct.

My advice to the students is to stay the course but take your concerns and demonstrations to the source, Gov. James E. McGreevey.

William Doyle
Clark

Advertisers should respect the flag

To the Editor:

On Sunday, April 7, I arrived home in the morning to find that someone had placed flags in the ground in front of all the neighborhood homes. I was astonished and insulted to find the flags were part of a cheap advertising scheme for a real estate dealer. Betty Jean Dicellis of Coldwell Banker/Robert Michael agency denigrated our flag for her sales advertisement. The American flag deserves respect and we do not need some salesperson capitalizing on our patriotic pride. I suppose real estate knows no bounds or respect-just commission.

William Doyle
Clark

Our policy on letters and columns

The Clark Eagle welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the township and the County of Union.

The Eagle reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

The Eagle also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@localsource.com.

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OBITUARIES

John P. Kenealy

John P. Kenealy, 61, of Clark, formerly of Roselle, died April 9 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Kenealy lived in Roselle before moving to Clark in 1984. He was a lab technician with International Flavor and Fragrance Co., Dayton, for 27 years. In 1972, Mr. Kenealy received a teaching degree from Kean College, now University, Union.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Mary Ellen; his mother, Carmela Kenealy, and a sister, Adrienne Gillford.

Mary E. Sweigert

Mary E. Sweigert, 91, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died April 9 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Sweigert moved to Clark in 1954. She was an executive secretary at Merck and Co., Rahway, from 1928 to 1948. Mrs. Sweigert was one of the founders of the Union County ARC and served on the organization's board of directors.

She helped to start several of its educational-vocational workshops. ARC honored Mrs. Sweigert for her work in 1973 and again in 1992. She also was a member of the St. Joseph Guild, Stirling, the Mount Carmel Guild, Newark, and the Rosary Altar Society at St. John the Apostle Church, Clark.

Surviving is a daughter, Mary Margaret.

Anna M. Tyjewski

Anna M. Tyjewski, 93, of Gaithersburg, Md., formerly of Kenilworth and Clark, died April 9 in Adventist Hospital, Shady Grove, Md.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Tyjewski lived in Glen Wild, N.Y., Newark, Kenilworth, Clark and Barnegat before moving to Gaithersburg in 1986. She was a glass washer for Schering Labs, Kenilworth, for 20 years and retired in 1974. Mrs. Tyjewski was a member of the Azure Chapter 89, Order of the Eastern Star, Cranford, and the Daughters of Nile in East Orange. She was a life member and past president of the Women's

Association of the Community Methodist Church, Kenilworth. Mrs. Tyjewski was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of the Church of the Ascension, Gaithersburg.

Surviving are two sons, Edward S. and G. Richard.

Sylvester J. Zulpa

Sylvester J. Zulpa, 52, of Bridgewater, formerly of Clark and Roselle, died April 12 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mr. Zulpa lived in Clark and Roselle before moving to Bridgewater 10 years ago. He was a lineman for Verizon in Plainfield for 29 years. Mr. Zulpa was a sergeant in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Elizabeth. Mr. Zulpa was a longtime baseball coach for the Bridgewater Little League.

Surviving are his wife, Denise; two sons, Michael A. and Ryan A.; his parents, Theodore and Frances Zulpa, and a sister, Christine Lopez.

Builders serve up the pasta



Photo Courtesy Susan Dougherty

Members of the Carl H. Kumpf Middle School Builders Club served desserts to community residents at the Clark Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner in early March.

EVENTS

Annual Bayern Abend

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have its annual Bayern Abend Saturday with music by The Adlers Orchestra starting at 7:30 p.m.

The kitchen will be open at 6 p.m. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$5. Gentlemen must wear jackets.

Delaware trip Sunday

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, will sponsor a bus trip to Winterthur Museum and Longwood Gardens in Wilmington, Del., Sunday. There are 40 spaces available at a price of \$55 per person. Included in the price are bus transportation to and from Wilmington, a cafeteria lunch at Longwood Gardens, the "Elegant Entertaining" house tour of Winterthur and tram tour of the extensive grounds and gardens, as well as a visit to and guided tour of Longwood Gardens' 3,500-acre site.

The bus will depart from the foundation at 8:15 a.m. Sunday and return at approximately 8 p.m.

All tickets must be purchased and paid for in advance by calling 732-382-7197.

7:30 p.m. Enter from the tennis court side of the building.

This is the 225th anniversary of the battle. The Revolutionary War encampment and re-enactment features the Brigade of the American Revolution. The "Short Hills" are located and the battles were fought in the area north of Oak Tree Road and east of Woodland Avenue and north of Scotch Plains, and were a decisive event for 1777, causing the British to leave New Jersey.

The public is invited to come and learn about this little-known but important battle of the Revolution that was left out of history books.

Flea market April 27

The Arthur L. Johnson High School Debate Team will sponsor an indoor and outdoor flea market and collectible show April 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school, 365 Westfield Ave., off Raritan Road.

The show will feature more than 75 quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including new and used items, baseball cards, memorabilia, toys, fashion clothing, jewelry, etc. For information, call 201-997-9535.

'Daniel' in Strasburg

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, will sponsor a bus trip to a performance of "Daniel" at the Millennium Theater in Strasburg, Pa., June 15. There are 48 spaces available at a price of \$85 per person. Included in this price are bus transportation to and from Strasburg, a family-style Amish dinner at the historic Strasburg Inn at 5 p.m., and one ticket to the

7:30 p.m. performance of this exciting new theatrical offering.

The bus will depart from the foundation at 2:30 p.m. June 15 and return at approximately midnight.

All tickets for this very popular event must be purchased and paid for in advance by calling Halina Hercek or Alexandra Nowak at 732-382-7197. Deadline is May 2.

Trip to West Point

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, in conjunction with the Kosciuszko Foundation of New York City, will sponsor a bus trip to West Point, N.Y., May 4. There are 45 spaces available at a price of \$45 per adult and \$30 per child younger than 12. Included in this price are bus transportation to and from West Point

and a ticket for the banquet to be held at the Thayer Hotel that afternoon.

In commemoration of Gen. Kosciuszko's contribution to the United States during the Revolutionary War, a Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on the West Point grounds followed by a military parade and cadet review, as well as a memorial ceremony at the Kosciuszko Monument. The banquet will begin at 2 p.m.

Bus will depart from the foundation at 8 a.m. May 4 and return at approximately 6 p.m.

Classical concert

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation will present an exhibit of paintings, drawings and sculptures by young artists until May

4. Participating artist are students of Ivan Bratko, Aleksandra K. Nowak and Patricia Woods. The young artists are Joanna Balcerek, Julie Bartoszewicz, Katherine Bober, Nazar Bratko, Krzysztof Ciesla, Martyna Kiezek, Shiyon Scott, Juliet Turnalski, Emilia Walus, Anna Vasilenko, Magda Usarek-Witek and Michalina Zemel. Admission to the gallery is free, although donations are accepted.

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is located at 177 Broadway. For information, contact Gallery Director Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.

Scholarship basketball

St. Agnes School and Parish is looking for alumni to join as players and spectators for the annual alumni

basketball game. The games are scheduled for Sunday at 3 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Joseph Santos Memorial Scholarship Fund. Santos was the basketball coach of St. Agnes School for 25 years. The scholarship will be given to an eighth-grade girl and boy who will be pursuing a Catholic high school education. These students will be chosen because of their outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit from their years of playing sports at St. Agnes.

The graduates from the classes of 1972, 1982 and 1992 will be highlighted with the program featuring the class pictures from those years.

"Sparkie" the mascot from the Somerset Patriots will be on hand as well as the opportunity to enter to win tickets to a baseball game.

'The Battle of Short Hills'

The Clark Historical Society will host a program by Walter Stochel Jr. and George W. Stillman on "The Battle of Short Hills" fought June 26, 1777 in Middlesex and Union counties. The program will be presented at the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, Wednesday at

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A page by and for students in Cranford Schools

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This month's Student Writes page comes from third-graders at Brookside Place School in Cranford. Students wrote about their favorite possession and drew pictures about growing up in the early days.

My Blankie

It was at the hospital that I was given to my owner. I didn't know this, but Rebecca is my owner. She got me on her birthday, you know, the day she was born. She got me to celebrate her birth; her family was very excited. "Birth" days are a really big deal, a rainbow, but now I'm old and worn out from all the love Rebecca shows me. Oh, and I should have mentioned to you. I am Rebecca's blankie.

I have been with Rebecca for eight great years. Rebecca loves me because she has me forever.

I bet if she got me a week after she was born, she would not like me quite as much because I was her very first, and very snuggliest blankie.

Once Rebecca said, "I really love my blankie so much if anything ever happened to it I would be without a heart."

Rebecca S.
Brookside Place School

Pete

Let me introduce myself. I am Danny's rabbit Pete. I arrived in Danny's life right in the beginning. He was brand new. He got me at grandma's house in Toms River, New Jersey, on a beautiful spring day. The birds were singing and the flowers blooming, my time of year.

Dan has the greatest Mom and Dad because they brought us together.

Dan and I were together almost eight years when he finally gave me the name Pete. Daniel keeps me on his soft and bouncy bed with comfortable sheets and blankets as soft as me. He sleeps with me all the time.

Dan is really kind and caring. I hope he keeps me when he has grandchildren.

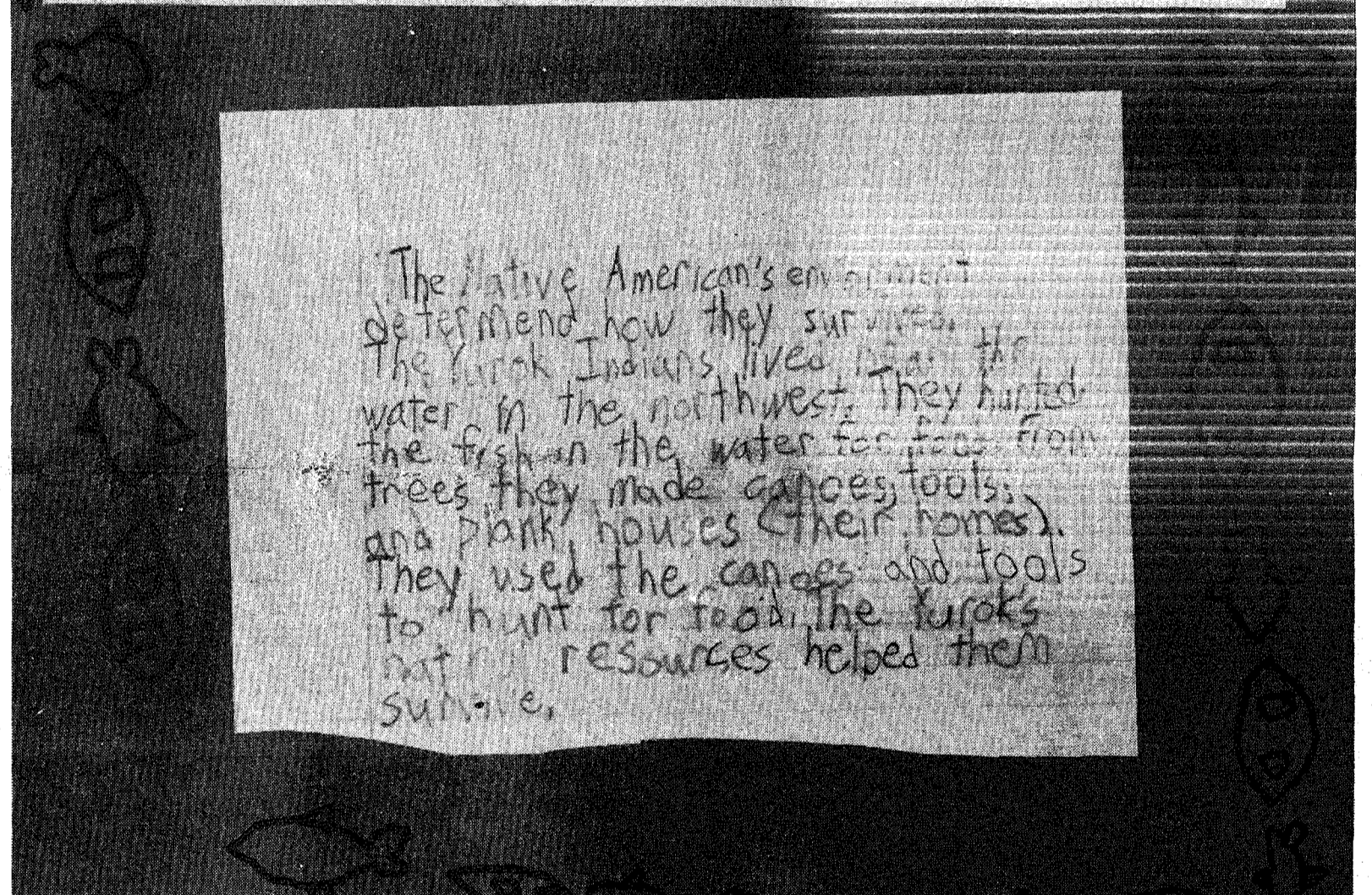
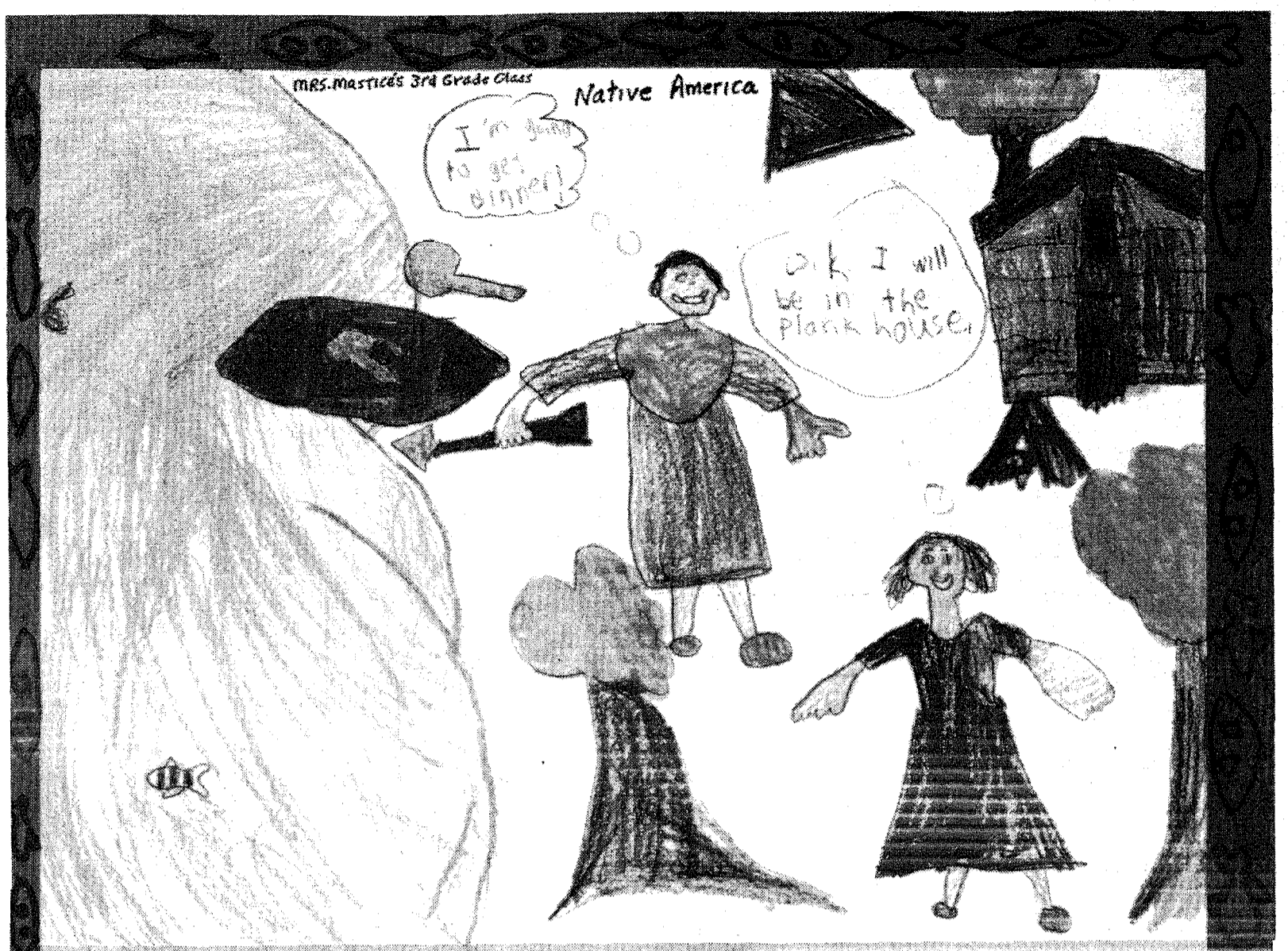
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My favorite possession

Hi, my name is Pierre. I'm owned by a nice third-grader, with beautiful brown pigtailed and sparkly brown eyes named Nicole. Now I will tell you about our life together.

She loves me and I know it because every day she hugs me, like a bear, before she goes to bed. She keeps me on her soft, comfy bed. She used to hold me all night long, when she was younger.

Nicole R.
Brookside Place School

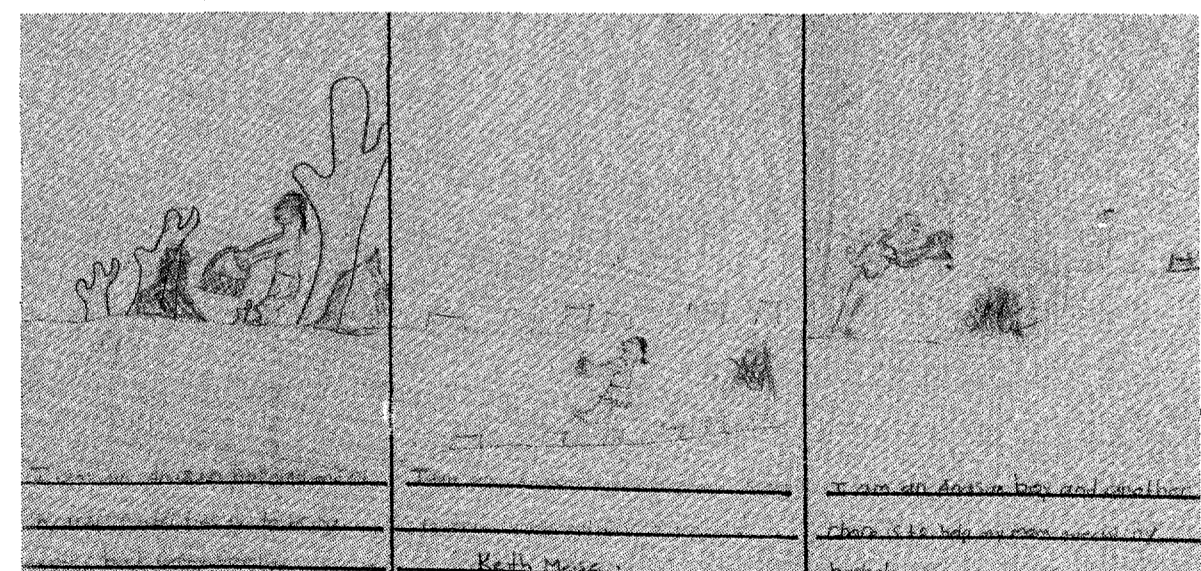


Joey Pappandrea, a third-grader at Brookside Place School in Cranford, details the native American's environment in words and pictures.

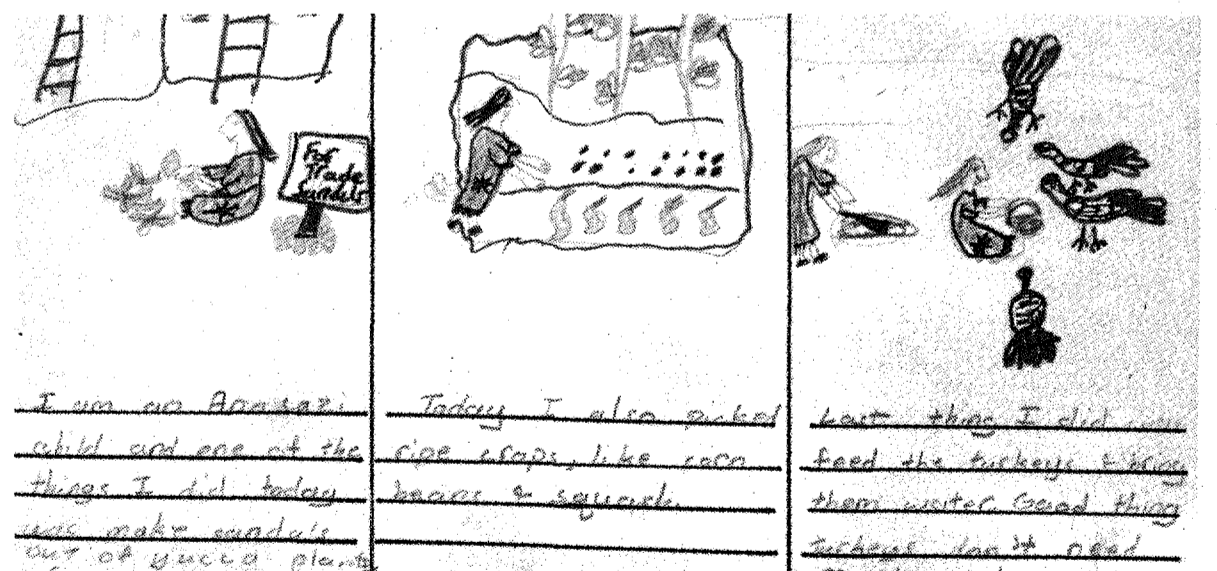
Puppets and Boots



The Cranford Child Care Center was privileged to have Steven Light, illustrator of the book 'Puss and Boots' visit and read the book through the use of his handmade puppets, to the children on March 26. Light resides in Manhattan and teaches at Westside Montessori School. He attended Pratt in Brooklyn, where he studied for illustration. He then met David Passalacqua, who has been his mentor for 10 years. Light is the cousin of Kelley Fay, the mother of Daniel and Delaney Fay, students at the child care center.



Brookside third-grader Keith Meise depicts what early life was like for a boy.



Brookside third-grader Julia Langone depicts the chores of an Anasazi girl.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the Furnishing and Installation of Sports Lighting and opened and read in public by the Township Clerk and Business Administrator for the Township of Clark, Room 18, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.
 Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by John F. Laezza, Business Administrator, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon receipt of a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract Documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside, addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark, and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.
 The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and exper-

ence statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract.
 Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.
 The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:
 A. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
 B. The Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127.
 C. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1969, effective January 1, 1964.
 D. All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c. 2, The Public Works Contractor Registration Act, when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.
 All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey,
 Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor
 U9754 CCE April 18, 2002 (\$37.82)

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
 NOTICE OF INTENTION**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Council Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Monday, April 15, 2002 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Regular Meeting at 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, May 20, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.
 Kathleen Leonard
 Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POSITIONS, SALARIES AND DUTIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE," ADOPTED NOVEMBER 9, 1964.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Clark County of Union, New Jersey that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POSITIONS, SALARIES AND DUTIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE," Adopted November 9, 1964 be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the Ordinance of which this ordinance is amendatory is hereby amended as follows:
Section 1. The officers positions enumerated herein and the amounts enumerated hereinafter be and they are hereby fixed, granted and determined as maximum salary or wage guidelines for the officers now or hereinafter appointed in the offices of the employment enumerated.

A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	2002	2003	2004	2005
0-1 Month After Academy	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
Completing 1 Year	\$30,361.00	\$31,021.00	\$31,705.00	\$32,513.00
Step 1	\$37,722.00	\$39,042.00	\$40,409.00	\$42,025.00
Step 2	\$44,781.00	\$46,349.00	\$47,971.00	\$49,890.00
Step 3	\$51,839.00	\$53,653.00	\$55,531.00	\$57,752.00
Step 4	\$58,898.00	\$60,958.00	\$63,091.00	\$65,615.00
Step 5	\$65,954.00	\$68,262.00	\$70,651.00	\$73,477.00
Effective January 1, 2002 new hires shall continue to be paid \$23,000.00 from date of appointment to one (1) month after graduation from the Police Academy and then shall have a step added to the guide which shall be 50% of the difference between start rate and the current step 1. Thereafter, these new hires shall be placed on the five (5) year salary guide with increases on the anniversary date of appointment.				
*Detective	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

*To be paid to all Police Officers regardless of rank while assigned Detective Duties, in addition to their annual salary.

Sgt. 1st Step	\$69,153.00	\$71,573.00	\$74,078.00	\$77,041.00
Sgt. 2nd Step	\$72,332.00	\$74,864.00	\$77,484.00	\$80,583.00
Lt. 1st Step	\$74,215.00	\$76,813.00	\$79,501.00	\$82,681.00
Lt. 2nd Step	\$77,211.00	\$79,913.00	\$82,710.00	\$86,018.00

The salary ranges designated above shall be effective as of the 1st of January of each year, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Kathleen R. Leonard
 Township Clerk
 (\$69.75)

U9779 CCE April 18, 2002

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
 NOTICE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed bond ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 15th day of April, 2002, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Township Council to be held in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, on the 22nd day of May, 2002, at 8:00 o'clock, P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.
 A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Municipal Building of the Township, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk in said Municipal Building in Clark, New Jersey.

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.B OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 99-06) ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$349,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED MAY 17, 1999, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 00-22 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 2000.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:
Section 1. Section 4.B of Ordinance No. 99-06 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$349,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") on May 17, 1999, as amended by Ordinance No. 00-22 adopted on October 16, 2000 (the "Ordinance"), is hereby amended to authorize the Township to improve to roads and public facilities to the purposes authorized, and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4) B. Undertaking the following improvements to roads and public facilities: (i) improvement of Armstrong Drive, including roadway reconstruction and resurfacing, installation of a storm drainage system and reconstruction of curbs and driveway aprons, and (ii) undertaking the following improvements (entire lengths of roads, unless otherwise noted):

- Road Resurfacing and Pavement Reconstruction (including drainage and curb improvements where necessary)
- DPW Yard/Public Safety Building Parking Areas
- Rutgers Road (from Arbor Lane to Lake Avenue)
- Rolling Hill Way
- Partridge Run (from dead end to Rolling Hill Way)
- Grouse Lane
- Thomas Drive (from Charlotte Drive to Rand Road)
- Shadow Lane (from Haritan Road to Acorn Drive)
- Meadow Lane (from approximately 290' northeast of Halareb Drive to 270' southwest of Halareb Drive)
- Victoria Grant (from Tudor Lane to Festined Lane)
- Cromwell Court (from Tudor Lane to Victoria Drive)
- Largo Lane (from Tudor Lane to Victoria Drive)
- Kent Place (from Tudor Lane to Victoria Drive)
- Hehnley School - Parking Lot Improvements
- Arthur L. Johnson School - Parking Lot Expansion
- Storm Drainage Improvements
- Wendell Place (storm water outfall to Reservoir)

It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$178,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$140,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 36,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years."

Section 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.
 U9780 CCE April 18, 2002 (\$90.21)

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 Sun. 6:30pm Worship
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Music instruction
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 All students will receive two 40-minute lessons per week. The cost for this year's program is \$110 and all students must provide their own instruments.
 The summer workshop is an ideal place to begin an instrument or to continue to develop your skills. Lessons are offered on the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, percussion instruments, group piano and electronic keyboard classes. Students are scheduled according to age and playing experience.
 Students provide their own instruments.
 Folk guitar also will be offered again. In this class, students will learn to pick and strum chords on this popular instrument. Students will learn proper chord accompaniment for their favorite songs.
 Another very popular course is "Fun With Music," an introductory course for 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds offering a rich variety of musical experiences for the young student.
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Johnson Baseball

- April 18 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
- April 19 Immaculata, 4
- April 20 at Elizabeth, 1 p.m.
- April 23 at Ridge, 4
- April 25 at Roselle, 4
- April 26 Roselle Catholic, 4
- April 27 at Linden, 11
- April 30 at Gov. Liv., 4
- May 2 Union Catholic, 4
- May 3 Brearley, 4
- May 8 Dayton 4
- May 9 at Rahway, 4
- May 10 at Scotch Plains, 4
- May 13 at North Plain., 4
- May 14 Hillside, 4
- May 16 at Immaculata, 4
- May 17 at Kearny, 4
- May 21 Ridge, 4
- May 23 Watchung Hills, 4

Johnson Softball

- April 19 at Immaculata, 4 p.m.
- April 20 J.P. Stevens, 10 a.m.
- April 23 Ridge, 4
- April 25 Roselle, 4
- April 26 at Roselle Cath., 4
- April 27 Scotch Plains, 11 a.m.
- April 30 Gov. Livingston, 4
- May 2 at Union Catholic, 4
- May 7 Mount St. Mary, 4
- May 8 at East Brunswick, 4
- May 9 Rahway, 4
- May 13 at Edison, 4
- May 14 at Hillside, 4
- May 15 at Cranford, 4
- May 16 Immaculata, 4
- May 21 at Ridge, 4

Johnson Boys' Tennis

- April 18 at Roselle Cath., 4 p.m.
- April 20 Westfield Invite, 10 a.m.
- April 23 Immaculata, 4
- April 25 at Ridge, 4
- April 30 at Plainfield, 4
- May 7 Rahway, 4
- May 9 at Union Catholic, 4
- May 10 at Cranford, 4
- May 14 Roselle Catholic, 4
- May 16 at Immaculata, 4
- May 21 Ridge, 4
- May 22 at Scotch Plains, 4
- May 24 at Westfield, 4

Johnson Boys' Lacrosse

- April 20 Morristown-Beard, 11 a.m.
- April 22 North Hunterdon, 4 p.m.
- April 24 Pingry, 4
- April 26 at Don Bosco Prep, 4
- April 29 Hunterdon Central, 4
- May 1 at Kinnelon, 4
- May 6 at Ramapo, 4
- May 8 Bergen Catholic, 4
- May 10 at Chatham, 4
- May 13 Mountain Lakes, 4
- May 15 at Millburn, 4
- May 21 Moorestown, 4

Johnson Golf

- April 18 Immaculata, 3:20 p.m.
 - April 23 Gov. Livingston, 3:20
 - April 24 South Plainfield, 3:20
 - April 25 Bayonne, 3:20
 - April 30 Cranford, 3:15
 - May 1 Roselle Catholic, 3:20
 - May 2 Elizabeth, 3:45 p.m.
 - May 7 Ridge/Rahway, 3:30 p.m.
 - May 8 at North Plainfield, 3:15
 - May 14 at Immaculata, 3:15
 - May 15 at Union, 3:15
 - May 16 at Gov. Liv., 3:20
 - May 21 at Ridge, 3:20
 - May 22 MVC Championship
- Home matches played at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark.

Johnson Track and Field

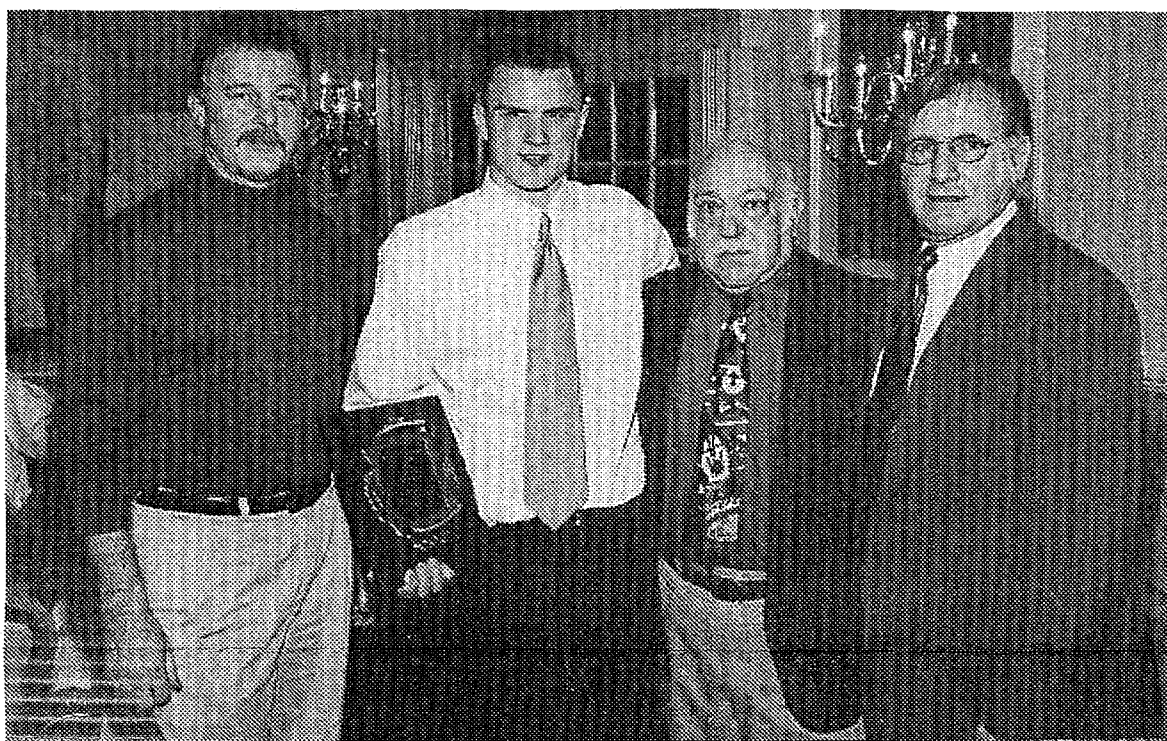
- April 20 at Westfield, TBA
- April 25 Penn Relays, TBA
- April 30 at Roselle/Mt. St. Mary, 4
- May 2 County Relays at Eliz., 4
- May 4 Minutemen Games at Eliz.
- May 8-9 MVC at Ridge, 4

Football players honored



Photos courtesy of Susan Dougherty

At the annual Johnson High School football dinner, Keith Wilson, center, was presented with the 2001 Sanguliano Century 21 Academic Award, presented by Carene Sanguliano, right, and her son, George, a former Crusader himself. The annual award recognizes the senior football player with the highest grade-point average. Wilson, with an impressive 3.61 GPA, will continue at Rutgers University.



At the annual Johnson High School football dinner, senior Matt Poskay accepts a plaque naming him as the 'Saint of the Year' in memory of Thomas Santaguida, former Johnson athletic director. At the dinner, coach Carl Peterson, coach Vinnie Albano and head coach Robert Taylor presented the award commemorating their colleague.



Matt Peitz was honored at the Johnson High School football dinner as the recipient of the Henry A. Varriano Award. The award, sponsored by Henry R. Varriano, honors his father, an avid Crusader fan, even after he needed a wheelchair to attend the games. "This award honors Mr. Varriano's inner spirit, his determination and never-give-up lifestyle," head coach Bob Taylor said. "Matt Peitz fits the description well." The award will be displayed in the school trophy case for annual winners. Each winner receives a \$500 scholarship to help pay for college expenses. Peter and Louise Porcelli, left, celebrate the presentation of the Henry A. Varriano Award to Johnson senior Matt Peitz, who accepts the award from Varriano's son Henry R. Varriano, center, while Marjorie Litchoit and head coach Bob Taylor add congratulations.

Johnson seeking a bit more consistency

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

CLARK — Seeking consistency. That's what Johnson High School baseball coach Frank Malta is hoping to get from his team.

Despite a 6-1-1 start that included a 9-3 victory over Rahway Tuesday, Malta is still not happy with the way his squad has played of late. "We've been playing a little inconsistent," Malta said. "We need to be clicking on all facets of the game, including hitting, pitching and fielding."

Johnson is scheduled to play at Hillside today at 4 p.m. in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play and tomorrow has a big conference game scheduled at home against Immaculata at 4.

High School Baseball

Johnson got on the scoreboard first against Rahway with a four-run first inning.

Starting pitcher Steve Osborne led off with a single and moved to second on a walk to Jon Nudo. Mike Vicci then followed with an RBI-double down the left field line to make it 1-0.

Steve Clark followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 2-0, before Thomas popped out to the pitcher for the second out.

After a walk to Justin Roszkowski put runners at the corners, Dom Malanga blasted a shot to deep left that went for a two-run double and a 4-0 lead. "I basically went up there looking for a pitch that I could drive," Malanga said. "Their pitcher got it over the plate and I took a hit at it."

After Osborne retired the side in order in the second, the Crusaders responded with two more runs in the bottom half of the inning to stake them to a 6-0 lead.

Billy King led off with a double to left and moved to third on a single by Nudo. After Nudo walked to load the bases, Thomas smashed a two-run single. Rahway answered with two runs in the fourth on the strength of a Johnson throwing error.

Johnson tacked on its final runs in the bottom of the fourth to bring the score to 9-2.

After a leadoff bloop double by Mike Scicolone, Vicci grounded out to place Scicolone at third. Clark then followed with an RBI-single to left.

After a single by Roszkowski and a walk to Thomas loaded the bases, Malanga delivered a two-run single for Johnson's final runs.

"The pitcher left me something on the inside of the plate," Malanga said. Rahway scored its final run in the top of the fifth when Tony Diege scored on a ground out.

Johnson opened its season on April 2 with a 20-0 shellacking of visiting Roselle. Mike Carrano pitched a five-inning no-hitter, striking out 10 and walking one. Thomas drove in five runs, which included three on a double and two on a single, all in the first inning.

Two days later, the Crusaders tied Roselle Catholic 6-6 in Roselle.

Johnson then defeated visiting Governor Livingston 27-5 on April 5. King had a two-run homer and Vicci went 5-for-5, including a double, triple and five runs scored.

The Crusaders improved to 3-0-1 when they defeated J.P. Stevens 3-1 in Edison on April 6. Thomas and Clark paced the Johnson offense with back-to-back RBI-doubles. Johnson then defeated Union Catholic 15-4 in Scotch Plains on April 9.

The Crusaders topped host Roselle Park 12-0 last Friday before dropping their first game last Saturday, falling at Kearny 8-1.

Collegian recognized



Photo courtesy of Susan Dougherty

Brian Drake, captain of Johnson High School's 1996 Mountain Valley Conference championship team, has been selected ALJ Collegiate Athlete of the Year. Drake was a First Team All-Union County player as a senior. At the annual Johnson football dinner in March, Drake addressed the current team. He related how the commitment and spirit to overcome obstacles, which he learned as a Crusader, allowed him to overcome his recent bout with cancer and succeed in both football and college. At the dinner, head coach Bob Taylor, right, presents the ALJ Collegiate Athlete of the Year award to Drake, who is a 1997 Johnson graduate.

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SENIOR NEWS

Grace and Peace

The Grace and Peace Fellowship Seniors Fellowship will hold their regular monthly meeting today at 1 p.m. at the church.

The speaker at this meeting will be Nichole Green. She is the local volunteer representative of Compassion International. She will share about this worldwide ministry, founded in 1952, as a Christian child development organization. Green, a member of Grace and Peace, is a flight attendant with Continental Airlines who flies between Newark, Portugal and Brazil. She speaks fluent Portuguese, learned while serving three years in the Peace Corps.

The Seniors Fellowship is open to all older than age 55. The meetings conclude by 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Grace and Peace Fellowship Church is an Independent Charismatic Church, located at 950 Raritan Road at Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For an in-depth look at the life of Grace and Peace and its upcoming church events, visit their Web site at www.GraceAndPeace.net. Look for their worship service on Comcast Cranford Channel 35, Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Regular weekly services are held Sundays at 10 a.m., with a full program for all ages. Mid-week Praise and Bible Study is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. A mid-week Noon Prayer meeting is held Wednesday; the Senior's Fellowship, age 55 and older, meets every third Thursday at 1 p.m. and a "Brown Bag Bible Study," open to all ages meets every first Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Defensive driving

An AARP Defensive Driving Course will be offered at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim at 338 Walnut Ave., April 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

This unique eight-hour refresher course is designed for drivers 50 and older to help them assess and refine their existing driving skills and learn about age-related changes that may affect their driving; all adult drivers

are welcome to attend. Graduates of the course will receive a "Certificate of Completion," which will entitle them to a 5-percent discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premiums for three consecutive years. Two violation points will also be deducted from their Motor Vehicle Record, if applicable.

The course will be given in two sessions. Each session will start on time and last approximately four hours. Participants must attend both days to be awarded a certificate of completion. No written tests. Membership in AARP is not required. The cost is \$10. Checks should be made to "AARP" and brought to the first session. Class size is limited to 25 persons on a first-come basis.

For information and/or to register for the course, call Liela Bernstein at 908-233-0058 or send e-mail to lielabern@aol.com.

Anyone interested in an evening Driver Safety course should contact Bernstein with days of availability. If there is sufficient interest, another course will be scheduled.

AARP trips in the works

The Cranford Chapter AARP 4269 is offering the following trips:

- Next Atlantic City trips scheduled for April 24, May 22 and June 26; cost is \$15 and receive casino bonus.
- Trip to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut June 12; cost is \$25, with receipt of a \$10 coupon. Leave Cranford Pool parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
- Trip to the Tides June 4 to see "Yankee Doodle Dandies" lunch and show; cost is \$54.

For more information, call Michael Doncrank 908-486-6679.

• May 3: Platz Brauhaus, Pomona, N.Y., "Camevale" food, dancing, music and show. Cost is \$54.

For information, call Mike Finnigan at 908-276-0814.

• Wildwood Crest Sept. 2 to 6, stay at the Grand Hotel on the boardwalk, four full breakfasts, four full dinners and four nights of entertainment, Performing Arts Center, show, party, Atlantic City trip, other activities — too much to list. Cost is \$266 double, \$331 single.

• Skylands Manor for a sit-down dinner and show Dec. 12. The comedy show "Nuncrackers," based on the Off-Broadway show "Nunsense," has the wacky nuns leading audiences through their Christmas activities and hilarious holiday cheer. Cost is \$58, leave at 9 a.m. Call Michael Doncrank, 908-486-6679.

• AARP meetings are at the Lincoln School on Centennial Avenue; the next meeting is April 26, Entertainment will be The Merryman of Westfield. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m., guests are welcome.

Free tax help for seniors

AARP volunteers in Cranford offer free help to senior citizens and to taxpayers of low and modest income in preparing their 2001 income tax returns and property tax reimbursement applications. Volunteer counselors who provide these services are trained under the direction of Internal Revenue Service and New Jersey Tax Department.

All AARP locations provide tax assistance by appointment only. To request appointments, taxpayers should call the Cranford Community Center at 908-709-7283.

When coming for assistance, taxpayers should bring with them last year's — 2000 — tax file, and this year's — 2001 — records of income, deductions and property taxes.

Seniors Walking Club

The Cranford Seniors Walking Club meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Community Center to take leisurely strolls through scenic areas or malls.

Walk at your own pace. Most walking is done outdoors, weather permitting. In the event of rain, walking is done in malls.

If you are at least 60 years old and would like to join the walking club, visit the Community Center to sign up or call 908-709-7283 for more information.

Gene J. Quatrano

Gene J. Quatrano, 78, of Forked River, formerly of Cranford, died April 8 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mr. Quatrano lived in Cranford before moving to Forked River 10 years ago. He was a sales manager with Electrical Products, Parsippany, and retired 13 years ago. Mr. Quatrano served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member and past president of the Essex Electrical League.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Virginia; three daughters, Robin Jones, Jeannie Santos and Judith; two sisters, Marion Paradiso and Janet Abood, and two grandchildren.

John F. Tuttle Jr.

John F. "Jack" Tuttle Jr., 83, of Cranford, retired FBI agent, died April 9 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Tuttle lived in Cranford for 44 years. He was a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City, for 29 years before retiring. Mr. Tuttle then was director of surveillance at the Golden Nugget Casino, Atlantic City, from 1980 to 1990, and director of special investigations at Foxwood Casino in Connecticut from 1990 to 1995. He was a 1943 business graduate from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. Mr. Tuttle was a member of the alumni association at the school. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Tuttle was a member of the Retired FBI Agents Association.

Surviving are a son, John F. III; two

daughters, Jane Lambert and Eva McGlynn, and three grandchildren.

Margit Cicalese

Margit Cicalese, 92, of Cranford died April 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Kvinesdal, Norway, Mrs. Cicalese lived in Brooklyn and Newark before moving to Cranford 52 years ago. She was a member of Caldwell Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member and past matron of the Azure Chapter in Cranford.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Anthony; three daughters, Anna Clyburn, Marie Josephine Milano and Lucille Russo; a brother, Ole Kristoffersen; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

David G. Eisenbeil

David G. Eisenbeil, 97, of York, Pa., formerly of Cranford, died April 10 in York Hospital.

Born in San Martin, Hungary, Mr. Eisenbeil lived in Cranford before moving to York. He was a machinist for Singer Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth, for 30 years before retiring. Mr. Eisenbeil was a member of the Knights of Columbus, York.

Surviving are two daughters, Trudy Biazzo and Dee Humm; a son, David A.; a sister, Mary Herold; 17 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Jerome J. Kotlarz

Jerome J. Kotlarz, 64, of Cranford, formerly of Elizabeth, former Union County investigator, died April 11 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Kotlarz lived in Cranford most of his life. He was an investigator with the Union County Prosecutor's Office in Elizabeth, for 25 years and retired in 1999. During his tenure with the department, Mr. Kotlarz served with the records and evidence unit, homicide, special investigations, organized crime and intelligence units. He was a charter member and treasurer of Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 250. An accomplished marksman, Mr. Kotlarz was a firearms instructor at a training center in Camp Perry, Ohio. He also competed with the Union County Prosecutor's Office pistol team at numerous events, including the National Police Combat Marksmen Championships.

Surviving is his mother, Blanche Kotlarz.

Joseph Dwyer

Joseph Dwyer, 65, of Elizabeth, formerly of Cranford, died April 10 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Dwyer lived in Cranford and Garwood before returning to Elizabeth in 1981. He was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service in Westfield for 22 years and retired in 1980. Earlier, Mr. Dwyer was a salesman for TKR Cable, Elizabeth. He served in the Navy as a corpsman in dermatology at the United States Navy Hospital, Pensacola, Fla., from 1955 through 1958.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph, Aidan and Timothy; three brothers, John, Jerry and James; five sisters, Mary Phillips, Anna Comeau, Margaret Davis, Catherine Mitchell and Julia Davidson, and three grandchildren.

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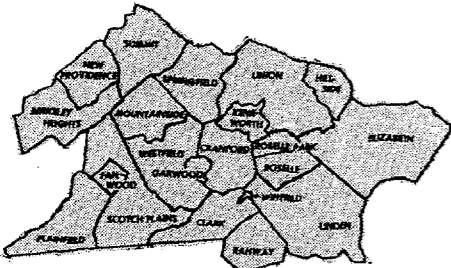
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When the string runs out

The ever so small legal advertisement on Monday, appearing after the sports pages, included proposed Ordinance 3410 in Elizabeth, "specifically relating to amending license fees for the Alcohol Beverage Control." My suspicion is that we may see a number of amended fee ordinances throughout the county before the year is up.

Increasing fees is one of the few ways that towns can raise revenue at a time when the budget picture is starting to look pretty ugly. The charts on property taxes which have been running are also pretty ugly. After the past few years of little, if any, increases, this year the picture is different.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The talk of the largest economic expansion in peace time won't apply this time at your local town hall. Considering the ruckus coming out of Trenton via, holding the budget line at best, it looks to me like local officials are starting to feel a little more lonely.

Speaking to some of the public financial types, you quickly get a handle on the big ticket items which are throwing the budgets out of whack. And I thought all the savings in the snow removal budget were going to make this a good year tax wise. I was wrong.

Leading the way is the staggering 30 percent increase in the cost of medical insurance. This is the same hit felt in the private sector. One analysis I got spoke of the ebb and flow between health care providers and HMOs.

The HMOs are currently on the defensive. Between existing public employment contracts, and just fairness, absent higher copayments, the increased cost must get passed on via the taxpayers.

A second big hit is the public safety budget. Last week in the county, sitting at a light in the right-hand lane, I watched my driver's side mirror get torn off by a barreling U-Haul truck. Within 10 minutes a police officer was on the scene to take all of the necessary information, and keep me from assaulting the driver who was none too concerned that with my deductible, I had taken a financial hit. The point is that we expect and get good police and fire service. But salaries, pensions and all that fancy equipment in the cars is expensive.

One official confessed that often in public safety contracts the final years on the contract are the biggest in terms of payment. With arbitration, since we really don't want our public safety people striking, comes a cost we must pay.

Add to the mix some quiet but serious cuts in federal funds in two major public safety programs, COPS Universal and MOVE and municipalities are pressed to find funds to keep current standards let alone increase services. As one official said to me, the "string just ran out."

One of the more surprising reports is that communities are experiencing a large increase in workers compensation costs. Add to this, large increases in sewerage treatment costs caused by environmental mandates and the upward direction of the tax bill is obvious.

At budget crunching time, the cliches of "tax stability" "doing more with less" and my favorite, "cut to the bone," will be matched by "we are driving the middle class out" and "you just have to do a better job." All of the preceding have a ring of truth.

I just want one official to get up and say, look we have had a hell of a run tax wise, but this year the string just ran out.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Summit neighborhood urges parcel to be kept whole

County considering selling land to church

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Union County is considering selling a portion of land it does not yet own officially but residents in the Summit neighborhood would prefer that the land remain as open space.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders last week unanimously adopted a \$9.15-million bond ordinance which authorizes funds to purchase more than 63 acres on Glenside Avenue in Summit from the New Jersey-American Water Company.

Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli said an approximately \$365,000 downpayment on the bond will come from the capital improvement fund, as with any bond ordinance, with \$1.5 million provided by the Garden State Preservation Trust. About \$7.285 million will be authorized debt to be repaid by the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, an annual tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value that generates \$5 million annually strictly for those purposes.

Residents from the neighborhood near the

parcel on Glenside Avenue approached the freeholder board during its meeting last week, urging the county's governing body to preserve the piece of land in its entirety.

The land on Glenside Avenue is sandwiched between Fountain Baptist Church, on less than three acres to the east, and the Union County Sheriff's K-9 complex on 36 acres to the west.

The church is interested in purchasing several acres of the water company property from Union County. Officials from Fountain Baptist Church did not return a phone call seeking comment by presstime.

Stiles Road resident Kelly Gardner said it would be prudent to obtain the entire property, in keeping with the county's master plan which recommends adding at least 100 acres to the county parks system.

Subdividing the property is part of the ongoing considerations, Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo said, because some negotiations already were in place before the county approached the water company. The firm was negotiating with several different entities, he added.

"It's an option we do have," Mingo said of subdividing. "If we think there is a good reason to do something, we will do it."

Maureen Duffy, a spokeswoman for New Jersey-American Water Company, said the church had contacted the water company in the past about purchasing land. The water company, she said, preferred to sell the entire parcel at once rather than split it up. The sale is expected to close by the end of June.

Anton Evers, who lives next to the church on Glenside Avenue, said he tried many times to buy a piece of the property from the water company, but the firm insisted on not selling.

His son, Mark Evers, said the land is one of the few pristine areas remaining in Union County, and it should be kept that way. Development of the property has residents concerned about potential flooding.

Other neighbors in the area said church officials have not been forthcoming with information about what they intend to do with any land they might acquire, but they fear development, such as a gymnasium, cafeteria and parking lot.

More than 100 residents in the area signed a petition last fall urging the land to be preserved as open space in perpetuity.

The water company was in very serious negotiations with various developers interested in subdividing the land and constructing many homes, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said. From the time the open space trust fund was enacted, he said, "we did the best we can to preserve open space in the spirit of the act itself."

"We're doing everything we can," Sullivan said. Negotiations have included Fountain Baptist Church, the largest black congregation in Union County, he said, although he was not at liberty to elaborate. "Our aim is to preserve as much as possible, at a price amenable to taxpayers."

"We're trying to be as equitable as possible." County Manager George DeVanney said if the county were to sell any property, by state statute, it would have to sell the land at auction after it is subdivided.

There are five pumping stations on the 63.5-acre parcel that the water company has owned since 1915. It is the largest site identified in Union County's open space and recreation master plan. Released in 1999, the plan identified a total of 13 sites in the county as suitable for acquisition, totalling nearly 100 acres.

Poster contest winners



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Winners in the 'My County' poster contest, awarded at a ceremony in the courthouse each year during County Government Week in April, are, from left, front row, Thomas Kaluzny, Africa Morales, Kelsey Ann Connell, Hannah Silmon, Jenna Rodriguez, Stephanie Lewis, Tiffany Picinisco and, back row, Alex Bricki, with Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and Surrogate James LaCorte. Winners not at the ceremony last week were Stephanie Vasquez, and Shannine Huggins, Emma Mark and Jeriel Mercado, all of Rahway. For more, see Page B2.

Negotiations to continue on acquiring Clark farm

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Hoping to stimulate negotiations to purchase a 13-acre farm, the Board of Chosen Freeholders last week unanimously approved a resolution adopting a \$4.05 million appraisal by Vincent A. Timoni Associates Inc. of the Esposito Farm on Madison Hill Road in Clark.

County Manager George DeVanney said he hopes the board's approval of the appraisal will help the negotiating process.

Deputy County Counsel Joseph Ascione said that while the resolution begins the formal process of condemnation, the county will still try negotiating with the Esposito family's attorney. "It's the first step toward condemnation."

Real condemnation would require filing in court a declaration of taking, which transfers the title of the property, Ascione said. The freeholder board, however, has not decided whether to condemn the property, and as a practical matter, he said the county will continue negotiating.

"If they're willing to negotiate with us, we might be able to get to a price," Ascione said. If not, the freeholders will decide if they want to move forward with condemnation.

The Esposito family's attorney, John Falzone, presented a counter offer 20 to 30 percent higher than the county's appraisal and indicated in a letter it was non-negotiable, he said. A second appraisal contracted by the county concluded the property was valued at \$4.725 million. If negotiations are unsuccessful, Ascione said the county could take court action two weeks after a formal offer is made in writing.

Falzone could not be reached for comment by presstime Tuesday. The resolution allows the county to conduct inspections on the property. "We need that authority."

The board also authorized a \$9,500 contract with PMK Group of Cranford to provide a preliminary assessment of the property "in accordance with technical requirements for site remediation" as required by Green Acres. This first phase includes gathering data mostly from recorded documents and maps, as well as aerial photography.

Report describes nursing home care as crisis in Union County

By David Dankwa
Managing Editor

Nursing homes in Union County are inadequately staffed, in poor working condition, violate quality patient care standards, operate under low Medicaid reimbursement rates, and maintain employees who are so poorly paid that it is difficult for many to attract and retain qualified and experienced resident care staff. The Service Employees International Union, one of the largest unions of health care employees in the nation, which released these findings in a report last week, is describing the condition in Union County nursing homes a crisis that needs immediate attention.

The report, part of a campaign known as Fix NJ Nursing Homes, was released at a press conference at the Peterstown Community Center in Elizabeth.

"My daughter works in the fast-food chain industry," said Elizabeth resident Marrie Bailey, who has been working at Delaire Nursing Home in Linden as a nursing assistant for 10 years. "She makes as much money as I do flipping hamburgers."

Some days, Bailey said, choking with emotion, she is responsible for up to 15 patients, who she feeds, bathes and comforts. And yet, for all that work and responsibility, she earns just a few dollars above minimum wage.

According to the SEIU, the hourly wage of nursing aides in the state is \$9.71, and many nursing home jobs provide limited or no benefits. Low wages are the main reason it's not surprising that the annual nursing aide turnover rate is 54 percent, the report stated.

But if the wage factor is disturbing,

then the number of violations uncovered in Union County's nursing homes are even more troubling.

According to the report, which based its findings on state and federal data, violations of quality care standards are rampant in Union County, where 83.33 percent of the county's 25 nursing homes were cited for resident care violations in 2000. These violations "caused actual harm or had the potential to cause actual harm to residents."

The violations found in these nursing homes included failure to adequately treat or prevent pressure bed sores, inappropriate use of physical restraints, insufficient supervision and assistance to prevent accidents, and failure to provide necessary care and services to attain and maintain highest practicable well being.

The report mentions an incident at Manor Care Health Services in Mountainside, where a state inspector found a resident eating lunch in a chair next to a urine-soaked bed. The inspector noted that a "strong urine and bowel movement odor permeated the room." The inspector also said he observed a nursing aide enter the room and proceed to feed another resident without bothering to get rid of the odor.

In another incident cited in the report, a resident at the Rahway Geriatric Center in Rahway who is totally staff dependant for all care needs was observed by an inspector to have pressure sores on both ears, as well as multiple deep draining wounds on her lower back and buttocks, and pressure sores on her left heel.

The state inspector determined that for 40 percent of sampled residents, this facility "failed to provide routine preventive care such as turning and

positioning, proper skin care, and application of pressure reduction devices, resulting in residents developing pressure sores and placing those residents with a history of pressure sores at further risk for skin breakdown."

Patrick Cassio, whose mother now resides at the Rahway Geriatric Center believes this particular case is an isolated incident at that facility, although he still finds the pay-level of nursing aides deeply troubling.

Cassio said the incidents are also due to understaffing.

"I'm up there a lot and I take part in her care," said Cassio, who, together with his sister, cared for his aging mother for 16 years before finally deciding to put her in a nursing home.

"It's a disgrace what's happening in the state of New Jersey. We have two big lotteries making millions of dollars and yet our old people don't get the care they need."

Cassio said state officials are not doing enough to care for elderly citizens.

"You can judge a society by how they treat their elderly."

In Union County, the nursing staff levels were found to be 29 percent below the recommended level, the report cited, adding that those homes that staffed above the recommended level were found to have 66 percent fewer patient care violations than those that did not.

Marilyn Gilbert, an administrator at Rahway Geriatric, said the center has taken the necessary steps to correct the situation. "We've taken immediate corrective actions," she said, declining to comment further.

Michelle Blair, a certified nursing assistant, said for elderly citizens,



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Patrick Cassio, right, speaks about a report released last week by the Service Employees International Union citing concerns about care at local nursing homes.

who sometimes feel their dignity is stripped from them when they are placed in nursing homes, being subjected to horrible conditions at these facilities is double the pain.

"I don't think people are looking at nursing homes these days," Blair said. "Twenty years ago, nursing homes had better staffing and workers had more time to spend with residents."

It is recommended that an aide spend at least 4.55 hours with a patient each day. In Union County, only 13 percent of the 24 nursing facilities inspected for staffing levels in 2000 met that recommendation, the report stated.

Blair said that because of the shortage, the ratio of aide to patient is sometimes 1-to-9 during the day, 1-to-15 during the evening shift, and

as high as 1-to-30 during the night shifts.

Some of the homes that staff above minimum levels set by the state, or pay above the low statewide medians for nursing home wages, receive Medicaid reimbursement rates lower than their actual expenditures on compensation. SEIU said this exacerbates the staffing shortage even more.

SEIU recommends that a task force made up of consumers, nursing home workers, among others, be formed to devise a new Medicaid reimbursement system. They insist that nursing homes should be required to disclose their staffing levels and the staffing standard should be converted to minimum staff-to-patient ratios that are easy to understand and enforce.

Poster contest winners to be included in calendar

Fourth-grade students from Clark, Garwood, New Providence and Roselle took top honors in the Constitutional Officers of Union County Poster Contest. Jenna Rodrigues of St. John the Apostle School in Clark placed first, Stephanie Lewis of Franklin School in Garwood placed second, Hannah Silmon of Salt Brook School in New Providence placed third, and Kelsey Ann Connell of St. Joseph the Carpenter School in Roselle placed fourth. The children were awarded prizes and Certificates of Achievement at a ceremony to spotlight County Government Week on Tuesday at the Union County Courthouse.

The contest sponsored by the county clerk, county sheriff and county surrogate, is open to all fourth-grade students throughout the state's 21 counties. More than 300 posters were submitted. Prize-winning illustrator

Wendy Devlin and artist Helen Poulos judged the entries.

First-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners will receive savings bonds. All entries will receive Certificates of Achievement. Winners will also attend an awards ceremony at the courthouse in Elizabeth with their parents, relatives, friends and teachers. The 12 winners will have their posters featured in a 2002-03 poster calendar to be distributed throughout the county.

Achievement winners include Shannine Huggins, Emma Mark and Jeriel Mercado of Roosevelt School in Rahway; Tiffany Picinisco of Frank Hehly School in Clark; Alex Bricki of St. John the Apostle School in Clark; Thomas Kaluzny of St. Genevieve's in Elizabeth; Africa Morales of St. Mary's School in Rahway, and Stephanie Vasquez of Blessed Sacrament School in Elizabeth.

Vo-Tech school hosts open house tonight

Parents and students from Union County are invited to learn more about the Union County Vocational-Technical High School and its programs during an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Raritan Road campus.

The annual open house will include guided tours of all available programs and facilities. The open house is designed to ensure parents and students get a comprehensive look at the vo-tech high school's leading occupational and skills training programs.

The open house will include demonstrations of the latest technologies in each of the school's instructional areas. Auto Technology stu-

dents will highlight the latest in emissions testing, culinary arts students will provide samples of gourmet specialties from the school's bake shop, and the Graphic Communications program will demonstrate the latest in desktop publishing.

In addition to refreshments, all visitors will be invited to shop in the school's UCVTs Tech World Supermarket, take advantage of blood pressure screenings administered by the Allied Health program; visit the greenhouses in the Horticulture program, and enjoy some pampering from Cosmetology program.

For more information, call 908-889-8288, Ext. 340 or 341.

'Take Back the Night' Saturday at college

The Union County College Student Volunteer Organization is once again hosting, "Take Back the Night," a program addressing violence against women, on Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

The event will begin outside MacDonald Hall at 6 p.m. with welcome comments and the keynote presentation by Elizabeth Volz, president of the New Jersey chapter of the National Organization of Women. At 7 p.m., there will be a candle lit walk in Nomahegan Park to symbolize taking back the night. Workshops will run from 8 to 10 p.m.

From 8 to 9 p.m., "War Zone" will be shown and will be hosted by its producer, Maggie Hadleigh West; crime prevention, including a discussion on cyber stalking and substance abuse, will be hosted by the New Jersey State Troopers; self-defense will be hosted by Martial Arts America; and legal issues and support for victims will be hosted by the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

From 9 to 10 p.m., "Hitting Rock Bottom," will be performed by the Improbable Players; a panel discussion with survivors of abuse will be held; self-defense will be hosted by Martial Arts America, and medical/emotional support for victim — SART Program — will be discussed.

UCLSA annual meeting

The Union County Legal Services Association, the association for legal professionals, will have its annual meeting on Tuesday. After a social gathering that begins at 6 p.m., the dinner meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. at B.G. Fields Restaurant, Springfield Avenue, Westfield. UCLSA will elect officers for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

For more information or reservations, call Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-241-0611 or 908-558-2369.

NJALS, state affiliate for the association for legal professionals, will have its annual state meeting/convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark Friday through Sunday with the theme for this year, "Come to the Seashore." For more information, call Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-241-0611 or 908-558-2369.

This national association, which includes local, state and regional chapters, offers educational and networking opportunities for legal professionals. Members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services.

For more information about the meeting and association, call Susie Mack, UCLSA president, at 732-326-0977 or 908-322-2333, Ext. 237, or Helena Goworek, UCLSA vice president, at 908-289-7356 or 908-527-4506.

Chamber breakfast

The Union County Chamber of Commerce and Comcast will sponsor a breakfast with U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine at 8 a.m. on Monday at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark, off Garden State Parkway Exit 135.

Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, which includes a full buffet breakfast.

RSVP by today to the Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth, 07207-0300, or fax 908-352-0865.

Friend Advocate Program

The Friend Advocate Program is seeking kind and caring individuals to provide advocacy and friendship to older persons whose friends and family are no longer able or available to help with such functions as arranging for services, bill paying, and companionship. Often as little as a few hours a month of a volunteer's time is all that is needed to maintain an older person's independence.

The Friend Advocate Program pro-

vides convenient training and ongoing support to volunteers. Orientation and training programs will be tonight at 6 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

Call the Friend Advocate staff at 973-680-5599 for information about volunteering and getting started with this experience to assist a senior citizen near your home or work.

Trout Derby opens at Echo Lake Saturday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club will host the 23rd annual Trout Derby at the Lower Echo Lake section of Echo Lake Park from about 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment and brownbag lunches. Prizes, including fishing equipment, will be awarded. See the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club representative at the gazebo at the time of registration if you have any questions, or call Oscar Ressler at 908-241-7808.

Registration for the derby will take place at the gazebo in the Lower Echo Lake section of Echo Lake Park from about 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Anglers must provide their own fishing equipment and brownbag lunches. Prizes, including fishing equipment, will be awarded. See the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club representative at the gazebo at the time of registration if you have any questions, or call Oscar Ressler at 908-241-7808.

The derby was designed for children 15 years of age and under. All others must have a valid New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp. This friendly competition was created to give city children the opportunity to catch trophy-sized trout, since they often can't go to other parts of New Jersey to do so.

Approximately 300 rainbows, brooks and browns, 12 inches and larger, will be delivered at about 8 a.m. on Saturday. Anyone who would like to assist in stocking the lake for the annual event is welcome.

Fish caught on April 20 should be weighed at the gazebo at the Lower Echo Lake section of the park between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All fish

that are caught between April 21 and May 3 should be taken to Sportsman Outfitters, 1061 Raritan Road, in the Clark Village Shopping Complex, Clark.

In order for fish to be eligible for consideration in the derby, they must all have a Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club tag in the fish's lower jaw.

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Business card exchange

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a business card exchange April 25 at 6 p.m., hosted by UBS/PaineWebber, 109 North Ave., Westfield, 07090, third floor.

Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

RSVP by Friday to Union County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 300, Elizabeth, 07207-0300.

NAMI meets Tuesday

The Union County Affiliate Chapter of The National Alliance of The

Mentally Ill will sponsor a free community program on the control of behaviors causing fear, obsessions and other conditions that trigger negative physical and emotional consequences during its regular community meeting Tuesday.

The event will feature Recovery Inc., a nationwide non-profit, self-help organization that offers a history of recovery method teachings since 1937. The meeting and will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark. Admission and materials will be free.

Recovery Inc. teachings, which were developed by Dr. Abraham A. Low, its founder, have been refined to help people identify and control the thoughts, reactions and behaviors that cause physical and emotional symptoms of fear, obsessions, compulsions, bizarre thoughts, and a host of physical consequences like nervousness, shortness of breath, sweats, fatigue, headaches and sleeplessness. Recovery members claim to have made shifts in internal dialogue successful.

The general public is encouraged to call NAMI at 908-233-1628 and to come and learn what this membership organization can do for them and their families.

NAMI-Union is a local affiliate of NAMI-New Jersey. NAMI is a grassroots consumer group for families and persons with serious brain-based diseases.

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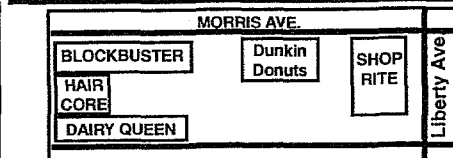
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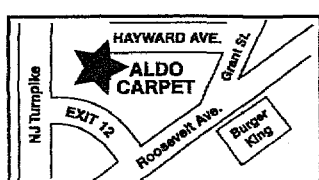
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kenny Garrett Quartet to headline benefit concert for the homeless

Jazz saxophonist Kenny Garrett will perform a benefit concert for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County April 28 at 6 p.m. at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

He will be accompanied by Chris Dave on drums, pianist Vernell Brown and bass player Vicente Archer.

Tickets to the Kenny Garrett Quartet benefit concert can be ordered in advance by calling UCAC at 732-499-8226. All seats are \$35. The beautifully restored Union County Arts Center is located in downtown Rahway at 1601 Irving St. For information, visit www.ucac.org.

"We are grateful to Kenny and the musicians in his quartet for caring enough about our work to agree to this benefit performance. They're all great musicians so it's sure to be a fun and entertaining evening," said IFC Executive Director Barbara Aaronoff.

The Kenny Garrett Quartet will perform many of the compositions on Garrett's newly released CD titled "Happy People." It was recorded in California during the week of Sept. 11, 2001, and it reflects the resilience of mankind in the face of global adversity. The new release is overflowing with spiritual oneness and optimism. The 10 new compositions and one medley that Garrett has created for "Happy People" all work together to bridge cultural and generational gaps.

Garrett is one of the jazz world's most eclectic players, and he has performed with jazz legends Art Blakey, Freddie Hubbard, Woody Shaw, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis; rock royalty Sting, Peter Gabriel and Bruce Springsteen, and progressive rap pioneer GURU. His first collection of all-original works, "Songbook," was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1997.

Proceeds of the Kenny Garrett Quartet benefit concert will help the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County raise money to continue its programs of assistance to people in Union County who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"Last year, IFC provided shelter, transitional and supportive/permanent housing to more than 600 people — and at least half of them were children. It's distressing to realize how deep the problem of homelessness is. But it's impressive to see that IFC can offer help to people who otherwise might not have anywhere to turn. IFC needs our help to continue the fight," said Garrett.

"The quartet is really happy that we can help IFC raise the money it needs to make shelter care available for peo-

ple who need it. And IFC does so much more — it builds communities, strengthens families, prevents homelessness for people who are affected by HIV/AIDS, and more often is providing affordable permanent housing. I know all this because — and I am very proud to state — my wife, Sayyidah Garrett, works with IFC," said Garrett. Aaronoff said, "Until the day that we have eliminated homelessness in Union County, IFC will diligently continue working to provide emergency care and enrichment services for our most needy neighbors."

The IFC currently offers:

- **Interfaith Hospitality Network** — Temporary overnight shelter provided by host congregations in Union County.

- **Transitional Housing** — As long as one year of temporary housing for families; case management and supportive services.

- **Permanent Housing** — Helps clients obtain affordable housing and maintain housing stability. Helps with first month's rent, security deposits, back rent, monthly rental stipends, donated furnishings or utility assistance.

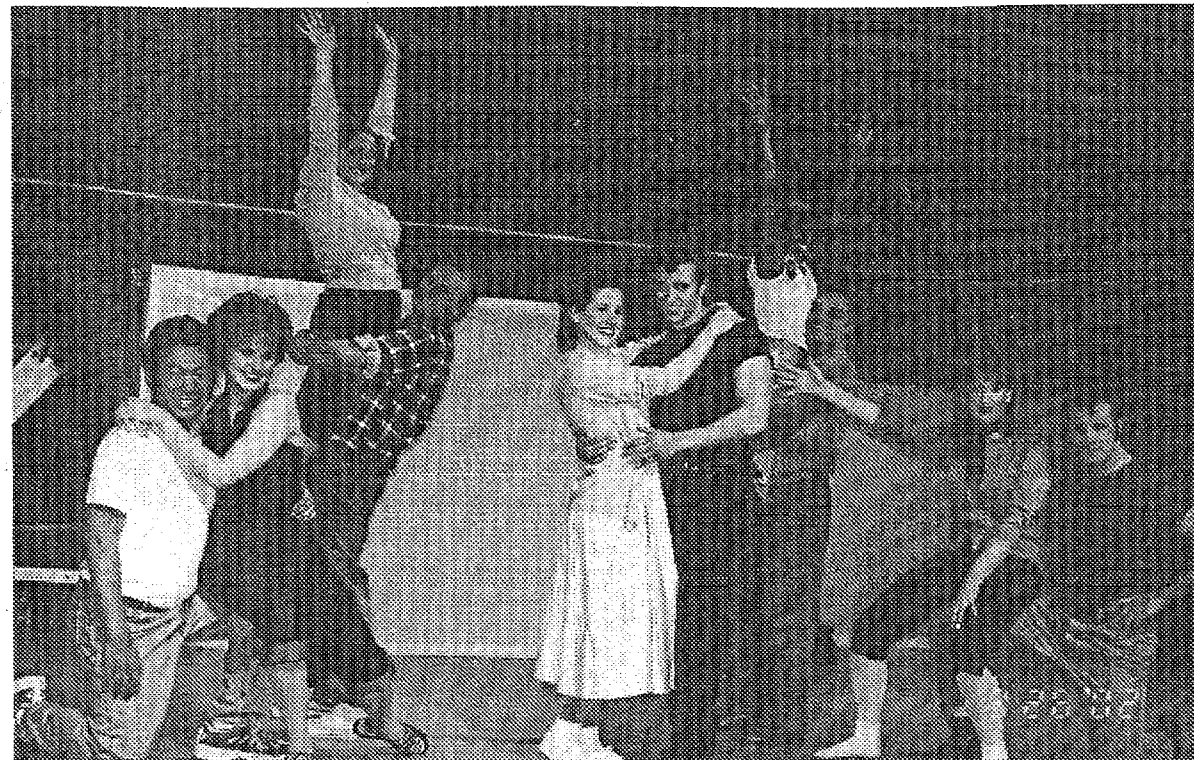
- **Supportive Housing** — Offers supportive/permanent housing and long-term housing, or long-term rental assistance; case management and support groups to prevent homelessness for single men and women and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

- **St. Mary's Social Service Center** — A collaboration of five agencies under the leadership of IFC working to streamline various intakes and referral processes and reduce the number of places people need to go to obtain services.

- **Community Organizing** — Works toward comprehensive, resident-driven neighborhood revitalization.

For more information about the Kenny Garrett Quartet IFC benefit jazz concert or about the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, call IFC at 908-753-4001, Ext. 10; or log onto the IFC secure Web site at www.interfaith-council.org.

The Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, headquartered at 905 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. It provides emergency shelter through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, transitional and permanent housing, education and other supportive services. It also promotes personal development, independence and self-sufficiency as well as community-building for safe and stable neighborhoods.



The kids of Rydell High bring the hijinx of 'Grease' to life at Cranford Repertory Theater. From left are actors Jeff Don, Jen Hanselman, Stephanie Pearl, A.J. Meeker, Kimberly Apadula, Michael Bellina, Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith, Nuno DeSousa, Robyn Bloom and Evan Schupak.

CRT's 'Grease' is 'rocking fun'

From the witty, engaging voice and presence of radio announcer Vince Fontaine to the electrifying glee of the show's frenetic finale, Cranford Repertory Theater's "Grease" rockets to life like a well-oiled machine of boisterous, rocking fun.

Part of what makes the story of "Grease" work is the casting of the characters, and CRT has done a fine job of recreating the classic high school story with a cast that's nearly perfect for each role.

All of the favorites are here including the squeaky-clean Sandy, played by Kimberly Apadula; the bad boy Danny, played by Michael Bellina; the over-eager cheerleader Patty, played by Samantha Hahn; the nerd Eugene, played by Eric Brandt; tough girl Rizzo, played by Robin Bloom; flaky Frenchy, played by Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith; goofy Doody, played by Nuno DeSousa; wiseguy Sonny, played by Jeff Don; macho Kenickie, played by Evan Schupak; crude Roger, played by A.J. Meeker; naive Jan, played by Stephanie Pearl; spunky Marty, played by Jen Hanselman, and trashy Cha-Cha, played by Jodi Robin Zeichner.

The supporting characters also lend their distinctive personas to help recreate the older figures occupying the 1950's teenage world of rock 'n' roll, sparkling diners and high school hijinx.

Fontaine, played by Paul Elliot, casually interjects various announcements throughout the course of the musical, accurately capturing the importance of radio in teenage lives. He plays a pivotal role later on in the high school prom dance contest, revving the audience up and getting the kids to dance their hearts out.

Miss Lynch, played by Laura Scott, provides a nice opening to the show, as the teacher alternates between chastising and welcoming the audience with threats of putting unruly "students" in detention. By the end of the show, the uptight administrator

On the Boards

By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

loosens up and shows off some of her own dancing skills.

The memorable "Beauty School Drop Out" number is energetically performed by Teen Angel, played by Howard W. Whitmore, who updates it for a modern audience complete with funny pauses and added emphasis on certain words in the song for maximum exuberance. The famous diner scene is lovingly recreated with the whimsical hairdresser girls who step out of dreamland to help Teen Angel give Frenchy some sound advice.

Remaining faithful to the original 1972 Broadway production, several songs and scenes not included in the 1978 movie version are given special prominence to showcase the talents of the stars.

The results are not exactly perfect. "Those Magic Changes," "Mooning" and "All Choked Up" are a few of the songs which have a less-than-stellar effect. In some cases, the singers don't project as loudly or clearly as they could, even though they more than make up for it in effort and energy.

On a better note, Apadula does a powerful rendition of "It's Raining on Prom Night," Sandy's song of sadness. With just a few simple touches, like an old radio and white table with a lamp, the scene comes to breathing life. She follows with a strong version of "Since I Don't Have You."

Other highlights include the fun-filled "Summer Nights," one of the best songs in the entire musical, which is faithfully recreated by the cast, and "Born to Hand Jive" which captures the frenetic essence of the song, as the dancers gyrate and struggle to keep juggling their feet at all costs.

"Grease Lightning," sung by Kenickie and the T-Birds, is a spirited number that the guys perform equally well. Coming aboard the stage in his makeshift car, Schupak, as Kenickie, gives a cool and captivating performance as he struts around his dream car with the guys.

Also noteworthy is Danny's solo turn, "Alone at a Drive-In Movie," which showcases the impressive range of his voice and captures his longing to make things right again with Sandy.

As actors, both the girls and the guys have a fluid, seamless chemistry as they melt with ease into their characters.

The Pink Ladies and the T-Birds mix well together both among themselves and in the larger groups. Far from being plain caricatures of high schoolers, many of the characters show surprising charm and depth.

Standouts include Apadula, who shows just the right amount of mousey naivety as Sandy; Bellina, who is just right as Danny, the bad boy with a soft heart, and Hanselman as Marty, who brings a candid maturity and thoughtfulness to her character.

Both Bellina and Apadula have a wonderful chemistry as the two leads, but all of the characters help fuel the show with outstanding energy and talent.

The engine only stalls slightly with Sandy's less-than-stunning transformation into the sex goddess. What should be a jaw dropping climax is made a little bit less so by too quick of a delivery.

But this is a minor complaint. Otherwise, the closing "We'll Always Be Together" is appropriately festive and frantic, putting a joyful cap on an impressive show.

"Grease" runs through Sunday at the Cranford Repertory Theater. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.

Novel, plays, movie earn praise

Jonathan Franzen's novel, "The Corrections," seems to me to be just a little better than "John Irving lite."

The story of a mid-western family whose struggling children migrate east to a life of dissatisfaction about equal to their parents, it is in almost constant danger of "the blame is really all on the parents" — even if we can't quite detect it — syndrome.

Perhaps the oddest story relating to this book was the author's disdain for and actual rejection of the Oprah Book Club designation, which promises big, extra sales. Besides making his publisher very unhappy — he finally recanted, like a surly child — the incident showed how much book sales are going to miss Oprah now that she has decided there are no more good new books for her to designate.

The new play "Metamorphoses" is a truly wonderful adaptation of the moral tales of classic Roman poet Ovid, now on Broadway. Written and directed by Chicago's Goodman Theater mainstay Mary Zimmerman, this "Metamorphoses" is staged on and in the water on earth and below the not so disinterested Gods in heaven. The play is literate, funny, enchanting and deep. Go!

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

Alan Alda is on Broadway at Lincoln Center, too, in a new play, with the intriguing title "QED," about physicist. Alda is, as always, charming in this very taxing, single-actor performance, so "QED" is only on the boards two days a week — Sunday and Monday.

The movie industry of India is second largest to Hollywood. When I was last in Bombay, almost 10 years ago, I remember the giant middle class of India being close to movie crazy, and certainly star struck. The great Merchant-Ivory team gave us "Shakespeare Wallah" close to 40 years ago! Well, in our neighborhood movie theaters now is a splendid Indian film, "Monsoon Wedding," about a large and varied family in New Delhi preparing for an arranged wedding between their lovely but promiscuous daughter and an expatri-

ate to Houston who returns as the almost shining knight. The wedding is being staged by a middle class striver, and the not so incidental focus on class differences, not to mention the perversion of the family benefactor which is so topical to us today, lend the film unexpected power and relevance.

The Indian movie industry is often referred to as "Bollywood," a somewhat derivative term meaning imitation of Hollywood. But in "Monsoon Wedding," Bollywood gets it totally right, while in the contemporary "Kissing Jessica Stein," Hollywood can't decide whether it wants a certain realism about women's attachments or a standard teen flick. So "Kissing Jessica Stein" is a somewhat appealing mess of a film in the grand Hollywood tradition. I half expected to see Susan Hayward or Jacqueline Susann appear, while "Monsoon Wedding" is a credit to the movie industry of India, or a "total" credit as they would say on Hollywood Boulevard.

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

Sabovick-Bleich delights audiences in New Jersey Ballet Co.'s 'Coppelia'

The New Jersey Ballet Company celebrated its veteran prima ballerina — the outstanding, exceptional, talented first lady of the New Jersey ballet world, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich — this past Saturday evening during its Saturday Night Series, when the company and Kean University presented a full-length production of "Coppelia" at the Wilkins Theater in Union.

Sabovick-Bleich, in the dual role of Swanilda/Coppelia, a peasant girl and a mechanical doll, does all the major dancing to the sheer delight of the audience, and her versatility of different styles of dancing and balance prove that she is better than most ballet dancers half her age. Most outstanding is Sabovick-Bleich's facial expressions — and the title role calls for a lot of expressions; her mischievous pranks, her expert pantomime and her fine acting abilities all bring out the best in the rest of the cast and all add up to an unforgettable performance.

Carolyn Clark, artistic/executive director of the New Jersey Ballet Co.; Paul Hilliard McRae, assistant artistic director, and the rest of their staff have taken great pride in presenting "Coppelia" in celebration of their 43 years in the entertainment world.

The ever-delightful classical ballet comedy, with its marvelous choreography by George Tomal after Arthur Saint-Leon, splendid music by Leo Delibes, lively costumes by McRae and attractive scenery by Michael Babyak, offered in three acts, shows the adventures of a playful peasant girl, Swanilda, who happens upon a toy shop filled with mechanical dolls, and attempts to avoid the anger of the bewildered toy maker, Dr. Coppelius, comically played by Andrei Jouravlev. Konstantin Dournev, a handsome and talented young man, portrays her fiance, Franz, who has a roving eye for a beautiful doll, whom he thinks is real. He is caught in his flirting by Swanilda, and for the next few moments, the jealousy, the pleading, the comic dancing antics of the two are a delight to behold.

Then the fun really begins when Swanilda and her friends manage to sneak into the toy shop with its wonderful array of mechanical dolls, and at the

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Dance Notes

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

appearance of the toymaker, Swanilda dresses like the toymaker's favorite doll and pretends to take her place.

During this time, Swanilda, as the doll Coppelia, turns to life at the astonishment of the toymaker, and dances a Spanish bolero and a Scottish reel. Soon, all the dolls are dancing, and the old toy shop is nearly destroyed by some outrageous goings on.

The dancers are wonderful to behold. With graceful movements, Era Korotaeva-Jouravlev performs the Prayer, Julia Vorobyeva portrays Dawn, and Michelle de Fremery, Gabriella Noa, Saule Rachmedova and Christina Theryoung as Swanilda's friends, beautifully costumed, dance to their hearts' content. Franz's friends, equally entertaining, include Sergio Amarante, Tuvshin Bold, Andres Neira, Vladimir Roje and David Tamaki.

The various dolls — Chinese, Harlequin, Sorcerer, Spanish, Scottish, Ballerina, Arabian and Coppelia — were portrayed by Neira, Roje, Bold, Sonya Berenfeld, Katie Canavan, Eleanor DeBevoise, Laura Snowden and Jennifer Davidson. The dancers of the hours were lovely in their movements.

The rare and beautiful scenery at the Wilkins Theater enhanced the enjoyment of this special performance. The theater also is to be congratulated for its new and very comfortable seats in which to enjoy the New Jersey Ballet Co.'s celebration of its 43rd excellent year — and its celebration of Sabovick-Bleich, whose graceful bow had the audience respond with honor and joy by applauding and standing up — and by making a futile attempt to keep that unique ballerina from ever leaving the stage.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Prima ballerina Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich dances in her title role as 'Coppelia' in the New Jersey Ballet Co.'s full-length production of the classical ballet, which was staged Saturday evening at the Wilkins Theater, Kean University, Union.

Gallery seeks Sept. 11 art

The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, shocked the nation and made everyone aware of the heroes in our midst.

Police, firemen and EMT workers risked and, in many cases, lost their lives trying to find and save victims of that horrible day in the nation's history.

The Arts Guild of Rahway, seeking to create a memorial exhibit for the anniversary of the September '01 bombing, is announcing a juried art exhibit to open Sept. 11, 2002. This show, "9/11: The Artists Respond," is to feature artwork created since last year's events that focus on the Sept. 11 bombing, its aftermath, or some aspect of the resulting national recovery or healing.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is charging a fee for submission of slides. Funds raised from this show will be used to make contributions to Police and Firemen Funds.

If you are an artist and have made art relating to Sept. 11, 2001, the Guild asks that you send slides for review. The fee is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members. All slides must be labeled with the artist's name, title of work, medium and dimensions. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of slides. Submissions should be sent to "9/11 Exhibit," The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St., Rahway, 07065. Checks should be made out to The Arts Guild of Rahway.

Intriguing first novel offers two sides

On the Shelf

By Brian Pedersen
Staff Writer

Inviting a glimpse into the lives of a contemporary married couple, South Orange authors Denene Millner and Nick Chiles, a married couple themselves, fill their fiction debut with a smooth-flowing story that delightfully describes what happens when a marriage takes a turn for the worse, and just keeps going.

Percolating with intriguing tidbits, crisp details and dramatic — but certainly plausible — plot twists, "Love Don't Live Here Anymore" is the story of Randy Murphy and Mikki Chance-Murphy, a young African-American couple married for three years who suddenly find both their minds and their hearts drifting slowly and subtly apart.

Splitting the novel up into alternating chapters labeled "He" and "She" is one of ways the novel works its magic. It's a technique that works seamlessly, and allows the reader to get a fair and unusual perspective from each character, as both he and she react to the other person and at the same time reveal their own personality, thoughts and intentions.

The seeds of infidelity start when Randy, a high-powered, successful ad executive, gets a large promotion and has to remain in Paris for a little longer than he expected. The news fills him with excitement even as he tries to play the part of the cool, unfazed New Yorker. But as he says himself, "It's a dramatic promotion, and my wife doesn't even cross my mind."

The action starts when Randy begins to awake to his Paris surroundings and the beautiful women he suddenly discovers giving him some attention. The seeds of infidelity are planted when he meets the beautiful

Marie, an attractive model with whom he flirts.

But then there's Eliza, Randy's white, competitive co-worker who provides some sexual tension in the office, and Paula, a Frenchwoman to whom Randy feels suddenly drawn. The temptation to cheat fills Randy's brain and provides for some page-turning plot advances.

At times, Randy's confidence makes him appear full of himself, arrogant and selfish, but he's also caring, tender and just wants to be loved, and it's this dynamic that makes the characters to come alive on the page and allows the reader to step into their world.

In turn, Mikki, a fashion designer living in Brooklyn, appears at times self-centered and hypocritical, as she worries about Randy's possible infidelities in Paris and waits in her lonely brownstone for his return. She quickly puts down Randy's attempts to reconcile via e-mail, and a trip to visit him in Paris turns into a disaster. Soon, she starts to reveal her fondness for Randy's best friend, Marcus, who

suddenly appears to be lending a more-than-friendly ear.

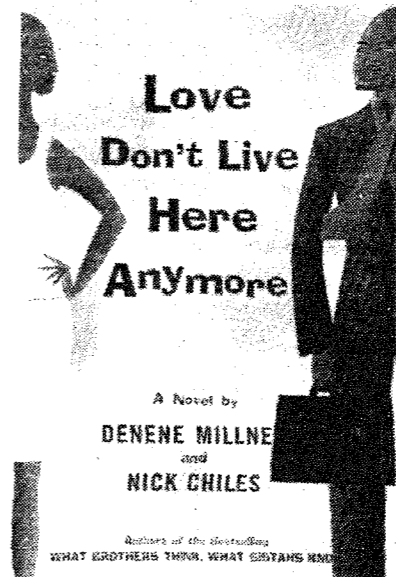
But Mikki's realization of what she's doing and thinking and her attempts to put things right show how realistic she is. She knows when she's heading down the wrong path, knows she feels guilty, but is powerless to stop the unfolding events.

The characters themselves are fully realized individuals, and even though they may do many things that call their ethical character into question, one can see how and why infidelity happens to them and allows the reader to feel some empathy. The fact that they know what they are doing saves them from being completely unlikable and keeps them real and interesting.

Supporting characters lend the story depth and charm, like Mikki's feisty friend, Angelou, who gives her some truthful advice, and Zaria, Mikki's single sister who has her hands full raising two kids. Both sets of parents also offer a reflection of marital difficulty amidst perceived stability.

The story builds to an explosive climax and Randy's telling line sums it up as he tries to get a grip on what is happening: "But my condition wasn't nearly as treatable as shock. The medical establishment hadn't yet come up with an emergency room protocol for heartbreak."

As the book points out without the slightest hint of effort or soapboxing,



Authors of the bestselling WHAT BROTHERS THINK, WHAT SISTERS FEEL

at the heart of infidelity is a lack of communication. Both Randy and Mikki discover that distance, both physical and mental, makes them start to seek out in others what each wants to find in their spouse.

Along the way, Millner and Chiles ask some hard questions about love and the state of marriage at the dawn of a new century, including what makes it work, what tears it apart, and is it worth it to even try?

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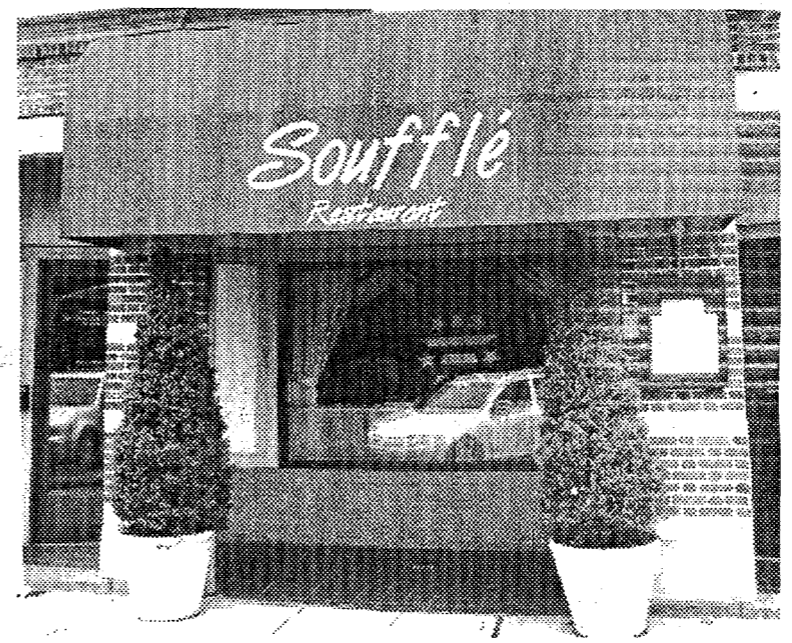
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But it's the food that is beyond belief. My dinner companion and I started off with the foie gras and the escargot. The foie gras, served over parsnip puree and caramelized pears, surprises the palate with its delicious and unexpected combination of flavors, while the escargots in their puff pastries swimming in a sauce of garlic, white wine and lemon were succulent.

Moving on to the main course, we chose the tenderloin of beef in a Madeira wine sauce, and medallions of veal and shrimp sautéed in a light cream sauce. The tenderloin all but melts in one's mouth as the tang of the Madeira sauce counterpoints the natural richness of the beef. The accompanying roasted pearl onions are an experience unto themselves. The veal and shrimp, generously covered with mushrooms, were cooked to perfection - the veal as tender as the shrimp were firm and all of it delicious.

Topping off the meal was the house specialty -- soufflé. While I had the chocolate with raspberry sauce, my companion sampled the banana with a like-flavored topping which featured small flecks of the fruit's flesh. Both soufflés were light enough to float out of their soufflé dishes and served at the peak of their perfection. Diners are asked to make their soufflé selections when ordering their meals to ensure this perfect timing.

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Litter and illegal dumping is often viewed as one of the earliest indicators that a neighborhood is in distress. It can be a "broken window" in the same way a graffiti tag, or an abandoned car reflects that there is a lack of ownership by residents in the community. According to the "broken window theory," gangs, illegal dumpers and drug peddlers will not usually choose to enter neighborhoods that appear safe and organized. They wait to be silently invited by distress indicators such as littered streets, abandoned properties and illegal dump sites.

Once the downward spiral begins, litter begets dumpsites, graffiti begets street crime and abandoned cars beget abandoned homes, it becomes expensive, time consuming and extremely difficult to reverse.



DO YOUR PART

Each of us has a vital role to play in keeping our communities clean and beautiful; personal responsibility is the hallmark of Keep America Beautiful's work. We aim to positively affect people's attitudes and behavior toward cleaning up and improving the world in which we live and work. We encourage everyone not to litter and to pick up litter when you see it. This includes cigarette butts too. Plant bulbs and trees, paint over graffiti, reduce, reuse, recycle. Together we can Keep America Beautiful.



JUST FOR KIDS

Taking care of our environment is a very important job. There's something for everyone to do-including you! No matter where you live, there are many things you can do around your neighborhood or at school, such as setting an example by not littering, helping clean up a spot, and learning about safe ways to handle trash.

You can start by choosing one or more of these ideas. Some are simple. Others will need the help of a parent, older family member, or teacher. You can involve your friends and family in all of them.

1. Always set an example by not littering, no matter where you are.
2. When you put out the trash at home, make sure that garbage can lids are on tight, and that all of the trash goes into the can.
3. If your parents own a car, make litterbags for them. Keep your yard clean and free of things that can blow into the street and become litter.
4. If your school playground doesn't have a litter basket, have your teacher ask the school to put one out. Your class can make and put up posters reminding other students to put litter where it belongs.
5. Whenever you visit a park or beach, carry out what you bring in-keep unwanted items in a bag or backpack until you can put them in a litter basket.



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Chanteuse tips hat to 'first ladies'

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

No one but Laura Theodore knows best how to "Celebrate the First Ladies of American Song" and this award-winning musician will show audiences exactly how it is done this evening at Le Dome at The Manor in West Orange.

One of the most talented performers, who has been in show business for a quarter of a century, Theodore doesn't imitate the "First Ladies," but offers her own version of their type of music — and it has overwhelmed and pleased audiences throughout the country. Her rendition of "Love, Janis," in which she played Janis Joplin, rewarded her with a Denver Drama Critics Circle Award as Best Actress in a Musical. She also has served as host of a weekly cable television show, "All This Jazz," which is entering its sixth year.

Taking it all in stride, the beautifully voiced Theodore explained during a recent telephone chat, "I can't wait to get to The Manor to sing the songs that the greats made famous. Even now, I am preparing a Big Band album — oh, excuse me, a CD — I'm aging myself — but I'm in the studio now mixing it as we speak. I'm using songs that are being taken from my show scheduled at The Manor called 'First Ladies of the American Song.' I'm including our version, a 17-band version, of Peggy Lee's 'Fever,' the beautiful 'The Very Thought of You,' 'Wonderful' and famous Big Band favorites.

"You know," she explained, "I've wanted to do this for a long time, and finally, I was able to put it together. Actually, the CD will be



Laura Theodore

out in May or June. It's a conglomeration of a show I've been doing for many years. So many female singers have inspired me through the years. They include people like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee, Kay Starr, and others — not so well known but great — Ivie Anderson, who sang with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Betty Carter. My goal is to get that music out."

Theodore, who first appeared at The Manor "about four years ago," said she is truly happy to be appearing there again. "It's really a fantastic place. What can I say? It's wonderful to be able to have marvelous people to work with at The Manor. It's a beautiful place for cabaret performers to bring their acts to. It's a really good thing for both cabaret performers and The Manor."

The performer admitted that "I

love music. I was one of those people who just grew up knowing I would sing — really, from the age of 3 years old. I don't remember when I actually knew. All of a sudden, I was making my family listen to me sing. I remember my grandfather took films of me when I was a little girl, and in those films, I was pushing my sister out of the way so I could sing and dance all around."

And so she continued singing, which led to her singing at President George Bush's inauguration, Donald Trump's gala and at the Gracie Mansion Concert. She performed in "Beehive," an Off-Broadway show, showcasing the 1960s popular females, including Joplin, for which she won a Backstage Bistro Award. Her debut CD, "Tonight's the Night," won a Musician Magazine Award and she won accolades from the critics for her three jazz and blues CDs.

"Right now, I'm working with the Janelle Hail National Breast Cancer Foundation. We're raising money for research and planning concerts throughout the country. You see," she said sadly, "my mother died of breast cancer, and my little sister was recently diagnosed with it. So, we're going to be raising money for underprivileged women — with whom my sister is working — and for research. That's why I chose them. In six months, we'll be putting together concerts for the National Breast Cancer Foundation."

In between, Theodore will be touring with her new, still unnamed CD, in the fall. "It will be out this summer," she said. "And I can see that I will be having a lot of busy weeks and months ahead of me."

County employees invited to show art

In an ongoing effort to recognize and encourage creative and artistic accomplishment throughout Union County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a new program, presented in partnership with the National Arts Program, that offers county employees and their families an opportunity to exhibit their artwork.

"Artistic and creative talent resides in everyone," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary Ruotolo. "It is our intention to give Union County employees and their families a forum to showcase their talent. The freeholders share the goal of the National Arts Program to reach as many people as possible of all ages, offering them a chance to display their artistic talents in a public exhibition."

Entries will be accepted in the categories of painting, drawing, photography, digital art, works on paper, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media and crafts. Recognized artists and art professionals will serve as judges, selecting entrants for cash awards, scholarships and honorable mention in the exhibition's four artistic classifications: "Amateur," little or no experience; "Advanced," exten-

sive art training; "Youth," ages 12 to 18, and "Youth," younger than 12 years old.

In the adult classifications, each first-place winner will receive \$300; second place will receive \$200 each, and third place, \$100 each. In each youth classification, \$100 will go to first-place winners, \$75 to second place and \$50 to third place. The prizes will be provided by the National Arts Program.

The National Arts Program, which reaches 50 cities and communities

throughout the United States, was conceived by Leonard E.B. Andrews, an art collector, publisher, business executive and journalist, "for the encouragement an development of artistic expression."

Pre-registration is required by May 1. Early registration is encouraged. To request a registration form and information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07207; call 908-558-2550 or send e-mail to scoen@unioncountynj.org.

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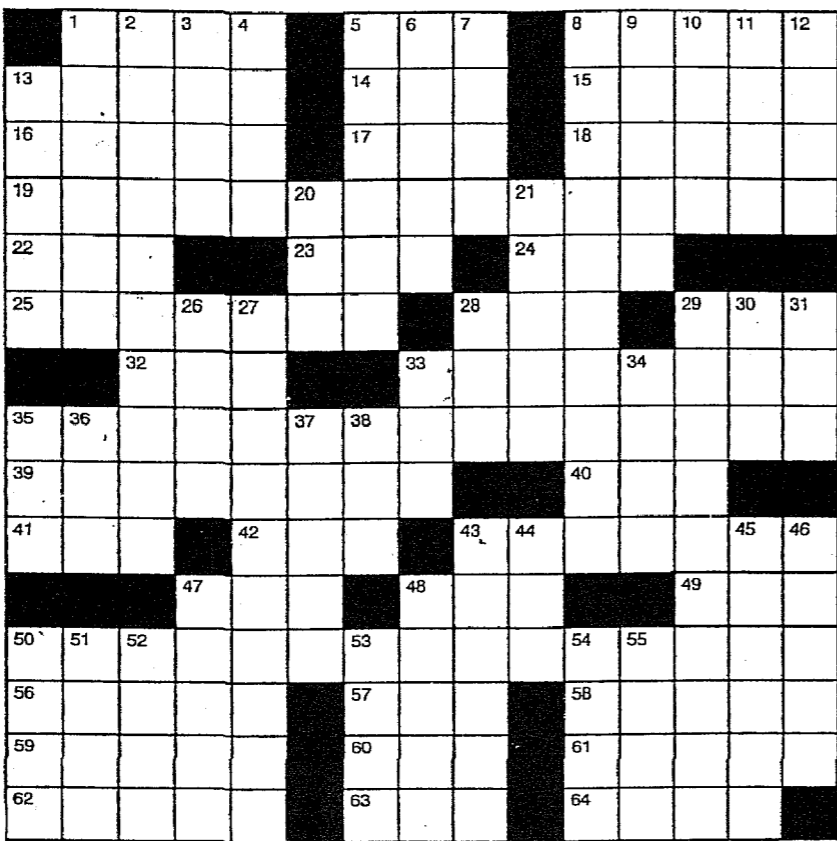
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By Charles Preston

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What's Going On?

FAIR

SATURDAY
April 20th, 2002

EVENT: Green Hill's Annual Health Fair
PLACE: Green Hill, 103 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange
TIME: 9am-Noon
PRICE: Free Admission. Health Fair includes blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screening & diabetes information, breast health/cancer awareness information and senior health information. To sign up for free Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B seminars, call 973-731-2300 ext. 246. To sign up for free osteoporosis screening, call 973-325-6010.
ORGANIZATION: Green Hill, in association Saint Barnabas Medical Center

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
April 27th, 2002

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show Indoors & Outdoors
PLACE: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., (off Raritan Rd.) Clark
TIME: 9am-5pm
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ORGANIZATION: High School Debate Team

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
April 28th, 2002

EVENT: Rotary Flea Market
PLACE: Jonathan Dayton High School - Mountain Avenue, Springfield
TIME: 10am-5pm
PRICE: Free Admission - Over 150 vendors. Free Blood Pressure screening, Free Fire prevention Exhibition
ORGANIZATION: Springfield Rotary Club

SATURDAY
May 11th, 2002

EVENT: Flea Market - Tables available for \$15.00
PLACE: Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 276 Parker Avenue, Maplewood Indoors, School Gym
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admission/ Sellers - \$15 per table. Call for information/Registration, 973-763-5019 or 973-763-2002.
ORGANIZATION: Immaculate Heart of Mary Fundraising Committee

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
April 19th & 20th, 2002

EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Short Hills Community Congregational Church, 200 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills
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WORKSHOPS-EDUCATIONAL

FRIDAY

April 26th, 2002
EVENT: Clinical Presentation: "Mid Life Crisis" by psychoanalyst, Dr. Alina Enista Preceded by a Free Informational Open House re courses for teachers, parents, and mental health professionals.
PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ) 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange.
TIME: Open House 7:00pm-8:30pm, "Mid Life Crisis," from 8:00pm-9:30pm
PRICE: Free. CE credit available for mental health professionals & teachers. For reservations or further information call 973-736-7600.
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey.

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HOROSCOPE

April 22-28

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Balancing your spending with your income is the key to personal financial success. Do your best to be realistic about what you can afford.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Distractions will come at you from many different angles. You owe it to yourself to stay focused and remain determined to reach your goals.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You are very much susceptible to change at this point in your life. Exploring new paths may be difficult, but trust your instincts to guide you.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Get excited about a coming social event. Take advantage of an opportunity to come together with friends and really let your hair down.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Matters concerning your career or professional endeavors will come to light this week. Wait and make important decisions based on what is revealed.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): With a little research and personal investigation, a gnawing problem can be solved to your satisfaction. Dive in and do your homework.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The emphasis is on taxes, inheritances or other people's money. Study financial documents carefully and avoid making costly mistakes.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): If you have found the person who fulfills your emotional needs, don't be foolish enough to let them get away. Consider a commitment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a great time to break an unwanted habit or change a negative routine. Channel your energy along more positive avenues.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A romantic relationship really starts to pick up steam. This is the time when you must decide how you really feel. Get clarity!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sheer determination and resolve are sure to land you in the winner's circle. Approach your goals with a take-no-prisoners attitude.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't hesitate to share important information with peers or partners. If you put your heads together, you can solve a unique problem.

If your birthday is this week, use inventiveness along with creativity to reach new heights and make a name for yourself during the coming year. Take on "the different drummer" role and discover a beat or form of expression that is all your own. Don't be afraid of ridicule or back away from challenges. Before long, your opponents will come begging for your secret magic or insights.

Also born this week, Jack Nicholson, Sandra Dee, Barbra Streisand, Edward R. Murrow and Jet Li.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: FLORA WILLIAMS, CLYDE WILLIAMS, FRANS MIX, INC. OF EASTON COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number (973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment(s) to Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE is Plaintiff and ROBERT M. BUTLER, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket #08021-02 within thirty-five (35) days after APRIL 18, 2002 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, 4871, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

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Registration open for music school.

The Union Music School has announced mail registration for its 48th annual summer session, slated from July 1 to Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. daily.

It will be held at Kawamech Middle School in Union. Before- and after-care are also available daily for a nominal charge. Tuition is \$310 per child, or \$300 before May 15, with family discounts.

New courses in 2002 for students in Pre-K to grade 12 include Musical Art, Origami and Paper Art, Art With the Artists, Wood Sculpture and Designs, Songwriters, and Creative Illustrated Advertising. Also, the musicals under consideration are, for grades three to seven, "Sleeping Beauty," "Alice in Wonderland" or a

revue; for grades eight to 12, "Gypsy," "The Music Man" or a revue. Final selections depend on enrollment.

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Following are deadlines for news:
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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040, Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

RECENT WORK by artist Matthias Duwel will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery in the Mackay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155 or visit [www.ucc.edu/tomasulo\(underscore\)art\(underscore\)gallery](http://www.ucc.edu/tomasulo(underscore)art(underscore)gallery).

AROUND THE TOWN — "Six Rahway Artists: Selected Works" will be on exhibit through Friday at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

ASTONISHMENTS, the works of Lois Shapiro and Fran Willner, will be on exhibit at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit through Friday.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or by appointment. Kent Place Gallery is located in Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 332, or visit www.kentplace.org.

INVITATIONAL SHOW of area artists will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library Saturday through April 25.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

AMERICAN LANDSCAPES, works by photographer Nancy J. Ori, will be on exhibit at the Bouras Galleries of Summit through April 27. Proceeds from sales will benefit Overlook Hospital.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

MIXED-MEDIA ARTWORK by members of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will be on exhibit in the downstairs gallery of the Scotch Plains Public Library April 22 to 27. A reception and awards presentation will take place April 27 at noon.

Hours are regular library hours. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-233-7458.

SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will exhibit the works of six gallery artists through April 30.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Susan Puder, Ross Wagner and Mark and Maria de Mos throughout the month of April. CSH is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

SUMMIT FRAME AND ART will exhibit paintings by Cape Cod artist Geoffrey Mawby through April 30.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8665.

YOUNG ARTISTS will have their works on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark through May 4.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, including gallery hours, call 732-382-7197.

NINE LIVES, the works of the graduate students of Kean University's Department of Fine Arts, will be on exhibit through May 9 in the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn-Eames Building.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-2699.

JOYS OF NATURE: "Diakinetik Impressionism," oil paintings by Rosalie Hettenbach, will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery of the New Jersey

Center for Visual Arts in Summit through May 9.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

COUNTRY HERITAGE, works by photographer Nancy J. Ori, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library through May 9.

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

OLMSTED IN UNION COUNTY, works by photographer Nancy J. Ori, will be on exhibit in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through May 13.

Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

DOORS: "Image and Metaphor in Contemporary Art" will be on exhibit in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through May 15.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS: Black and White Drawings and Paintings by Hugo Bastidas, Howard McCaleb and Jim Fuess will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway April 28 through May 17. An opening reception will take place April 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

AUDITIONS

CONCORD SINGERS, a community chorus, welcomes female vocalists at its rehearsals Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Woodland Avenue in Summit.

METRO RHYTHM CHORUS of Sweet Adelines International is seeking female singers. The group rehearses every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Cranford area. For information, call Janet Manfredonia at 908-654-8641 or send e-mail to manfredonia@postbox.csi.cuny.edu; or call Judy McCord at 973-895-8983.

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB is seeking male and female adult singers to participate in the club's 77th season. Rehearsals are Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Westfield Presbyterian Church choir room.

For information, call Dale Juntilla at 908-232-0673.

BOOKS

AUTHOR WILLIAM CLOTWORTHY will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "In the Footsteps of George Washington: A Guide to Places Commemorating the First President." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHOR MEG CABOT, author of the "Princess Diaries" series, will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield April 26 at 7 p.m. to read from her latest release, "Princess in Love." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group 2002 will meet in the coming months to discuss various novels.

Wednesday: "Ritual Bath" by Faye Kellerman

May 15: "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson

June 19: "The Corrections" by Jonathan Franzen

Meetings are at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park. For information, call 908-851-5450.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 973-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 973-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at 7:15 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group is led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

COLLECTIBLES

GREATER NEW JERSEY STAMP EXPO will take place April 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Holiday Inn, 304 Route 22 West, Springfield. Admission is free. For information, call 732-750-8937 or 973-376-9400, or visit www.beachphilatelics.com.

THE WESTFIELD STAMP CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street. For information, call 908-233-3045 or send e-mail to 8605@comcast.net.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series will present concerts at two Union County locations in the coming months.

Saturday: Dan Pelletier and Jean Bratman, Westfield

May 18: Alice DiMicoe, Springfield
June 15: Lui Collins, Westfield
Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, 973-376-1695; Westfield concerts are at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., 908-233-4211.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

THE ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA will present a concert to benefit Youth and Family Counseling Services Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, East Broad Street at Mountain Avenue. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for senior citizens older than 65 and \$10 for students 18 and younger. Patron seating is \$60, and Sponsorship listing is \$300 and includes to Patron tickets. For information, call 908-233-2042.

ARBOR CHAMBER MUSIC will present Suzanne Douglas in Igor Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" Sunday at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. at East Broad Street. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for senior citizens. For information, including concert time, call 908-232-1116.

32ND ANNUAL PLAINFIELD-AREA CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be taken.

MOSTLY MUSIC will present the Mostly Music Chamber Series Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for senior citizens and \$10 for children. For information, call 973-762-0108.

RAY CHARLES will appear in concert May 2 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$35, \$65 and \$85. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

SUMMIT SYMPHONY will appear in concert May 4 at 8 p.m. at Summit Middle School, Summit and Maple avenues, Summit. Admission is free.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the year. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section.

For information, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the year. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section.

For information, including a concert schedule, call 732-574-1818.

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE

ANNUAL SPRING DANCE CONCERT will be presented by the Kean Dance Theater in Wilkins Theater at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students, senior citizens and children younger than 12. For information, call 908-527-2337.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. — at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Upcoming gatherings are scheduled for April 26, which is a Balkan dance workshop, and May 10 and 24. Admission is \$2; special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-467-8278.

DISCUSSION

ARTISTS LEON GOLUB AND NANCY SPERO will discuss their work during a slide presentation Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-497-4261 or send e-mail to nicoli@ucc.edu.

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544.

FESTIVALS

WESTFIELD STREET FAIR will be sponsored by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce April 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the rain date is May 5. For information, call 908-654-1400, send e-mail to streetfairs@westfieldnj.com or visit www.westfieldnj.com.

FILM

THE FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM will present its spring session at the Loews Mountaintop through May 6. Screenings are Monday nights. Fees are \$121 for six weeks, plus a \$20 registration fee. For information, call 800-531-9416.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY in Union will sponsor its Spring International Film Festival in the coming months. Films are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. on each date, and have English subtitles. Admission is free.

May 20: "Genesis," Barbara and French

Union Public Library is located in Friberger Park on Morris Avenue. For information, call 908-851-5450.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m.

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

JAZZ

THE KENNY GARRETT QUARTET will appear in concert, benefiting the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets \$35. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

KIDS

13TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE SUNDAY will be sponsored by Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Special presentations are:

- "The Flight of the Raptor," 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.
- Butterflies, 2 p.m.
- Wolves, beginning at 1 p.m.
- Snakes, hourly from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Honeybees, 2 and 4 p.m.
- Insect-collecting, 3 p.m.
- Craft activities, and demonstrations by Turtle Back Zoo and Avian Wildlife Center, continuous

Admission is \$2 per person; children 6 years old and younger are admitted free. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

TRAILSIDE PLANETARIUM at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Mountainside, is open Sundays with programming at 2 and 3:30 p.m., according to monthly themes.

April: Comets

May: Andromeda Galaxy

June: Constellations

Admission is \$3.25 for adults and children older than 6 years old, \$2.80 for senior citizens. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present Story Time the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Kenneth MacKay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Bilingual Story Time will take place March 9 and 10 at 3 p.m. on the Elizabeth campus. For information, call 908-659-5189.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION RECREATION DEPARTMENT will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For information, call 908-964-4828.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month.

For information, call 908-241-5758.

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., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

For information, call 908-889-5285 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The King and I" through May 19. Shows 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. Tickets are \$29 to \$59; \$15 Student Rush tickets are available the day of performances with a current ID.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m., through May 2; audio-described performances, May 2 at 2 p.m., May 4 at 2:30 p.m. and May 5 at 7:30 p.m., with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to each performance, and sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances May 5 at 7:30 p.m. and May 10 at 8 p.m.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For group rates, call 973-379-3636, Ext. 2438. For general information and reservations, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

KRISTIN ANDALIS & CO. will present two plays — "I Mahal You" by Andalis and "Confession" by Brian DiNuzzo — plus a live performance by Ten 2 One Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Kean University East Campus Theater on North Avenue in Hillside. Admission is free. For information, call 908-875-6669.

CRANFORD REPERTORY THEATER will present "Grease" through Sunday at the Orange Avenue School, Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Reserved tickets are \$12; general admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 908-272-1704 or 908-276-4487.

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" May 3 through 18. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-276-7611.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will present "It Runs in the Family" by Ray Cooney May 11 to June 1, with performances May 11, 17 and 18, and June 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The WCP theater is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call 908-232-1221.

VARIETY

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will sponsor a Country Crafts, Candles and Bake Sale Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Kayla's Country Korner. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-233-1034.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

Every Sunday: Sunday Football, noon to closing, see all the games with \$2 domestic pints and wing specials.
Every Monday: Monday Night Football.
Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints are \$2.

Every Wednesday: Domestic draft beer for \$2.

Today: Danny Marcus and Hourglass

Friday: Funky Black Widows

Saturday: BBQ Bob and the Sparenibs

Wednesday: Hazz

April 25: Compound Strange and Juggling Suns

April 26: John Carlini Quartet and Avalanche

April 27: Nasty Ned and the Conquerors

Senior artists invited to submit for exhibit

All Union County senior citizen artists, including amateurs and professionals, are invited to enter the 2002 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition.

The art exhibit opens with a reception June 26 and remains on display until Aug. 12 at NUI/Elizabethtown Gas, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave. in Union, a barrier-free site.

The annual contest and exhibit is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Union County Department of Economic Development.

"The whole community is enriched by the contributions of our senior citizen artists," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "I hope many of our resident artists will take advantage of this opportunity to share their talent at this annual event."

Artists must be at least 60 years old and may submit an entry that has been completed within the past three years. All work must be an original creation of the artist. Hanging craft or framed work, including photographs, must be no more than 38 inches in height and no less than 11 inches in width, including matting and frame. Sculptures or 3-D crafts may not exceed 18 inches in height, width or depth, including base.

Artists wishing to participate should return their application forms as soon as possible. Participation may be limited to the first 100 applicants due to space requirements.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. There will be awards of recognition for professional and non-professional entries.

The following are categories of eligible work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, computer graphics and craft not made from kits. Computer graphics is defined as any artwork generated or manipulated electronically, using one or more software programs; work must be entirely original, including the source material, if submitting a digitally manipulated photo, drawing or painting.

Artists claiming non-professional status must not have 1) sold the type of art entered in the exhibition through commercial channels; 2) exhibited in a professional gallery, and 3) held professional membership in a guild or association. Artists claiming professional status are those who have met any of the above criteria. Both professional and non-professional first-place winners in each category will represent Union County in the statewide senior art contest that takes place in September.

Full information is on the application form that is available from the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; 908-558-2550, NJ relay service users should call 711.

The annual Union County Senior Citizen Art Exhibit is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, NUI/Elizabethtown Gas Company and a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Additional support is provided by the Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging.

County aims to 'connect' with revised newsletter

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the publication of a new county-wide cultural newsletter.

Formerly known as The Beacon, the revived and reformatted publication now is called Cultural Connections.

"County residents repeatedly stressed the need for coordinated, consistent, broad-based information during the recent Cultural Summit," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo. "Cultural Connections will act as a centralized clearing house for arts and

cultural heritage information, reflecting the important role played by the arts, cultural and history organizations in the county's economic development and overall quality of life."

The semi-annual newsletter will be available in libraries, by request 908-558-2550, and on the Union County Web site at www.unioncountynj.org/econdev/cultural.html.

Residents can read Cultural Connections to learn about upcoming technical assistance workshops,

grant and exhibition opportunities, helpful Web sites, and the projects and accomplishments of Union County people and cultural and historical organizations.

For more information, or to send ideas for future newsletter editions, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711; or send e-mail to scoen@unioncountynj.org. This newsletter is available in large print on request.

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— Mary P. Ruotolo, Freeholder

Ensembles sought for annual Westfield street fair

New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is actively seeking ensembles in various performance areas to participate in the upcoming eighth annual Westfield Spring Street Fair.

The fair will be held April 28. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Westfield, this annual event has been successful over the years in highlighting various talent. "This year I am looking for groups in the areas of dance, karate, judo, fencing, instrumental and vocal ensembles. Each group will perform a minimum of 30 minutes in stage No. 1 or stage No. 2 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. A maximum of 16 groups will be scheduled.

In addition to these groups, the Music Studio Concert Band, Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, String Orchestra, the Senior Citizens Piano Ensemble and the Alphon Ensemble will also perform. Howard Toplansky, conductor for the Concert Band, will play a medley of Sousa marches including the "National Game March" and "The Directorate March," as well as Kalman's SARI waltzes, selections from "The Music Man," the "Poet and Peasant Overture" by Von

Suppe and Karl King's "Pan American March." Recently, the Music Studio Concert Band played at the Rotary Pancake Breakfast.

Norman Paley, an early disciple of the Benny Goodman style of music, will conduct the NJWA Jazz Band in the performance of jazz of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, adding its own distinctive style and improvisation.

Theodore Schlosberg has been at the forefront of music education for the past 30 years. His vision has always been to expand music, art and dramatic opportunities for people in the central New Jersey region. "Now more than ever the mission of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is very important."

"The overwhelming body of research substantiates that the study of music and other art forms is both stabilizing and reassuring to children," explained Schlosberg.

Anyone interested in performing at the Westfield Spring Fair Street contact Schlosberg as soon as possible at 908-789-9696. Groups will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

Music scholarships are now available to local girls

Hickory Tree Chorus will once again offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a musically talented young woman interested in pursuing a career in music.

Rehearsing in New Providence, the chorus is a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of 30,000 women worldwide, dedicated to teaching, singing and

performing a cappella, four-part harmony. Hickory Tree has been awarding annual scholarships for more than 20 years to students from areas in which the 75 chorus members reside.

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal or instrumental music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied

for acceptance into a music program at a college or university. Applicants must submit an audio-tape of a short performance demonstrating their particular talent. Tapes may include accompaniment, as needed.

Completed applications and audio-tapes must be received by April 27.

High school guidance departments in more than 50 communities have

information and applications. Applications may be requested by calling 908-879-2989 or sending e-mail to the chorus at HickoryTC@aol.com.

Information about membership in Hickory Tree or engagements may be obtained by phone at 908-522-1954 or by e-mail.

NJ Workshop for the Arts will embark on a two-week tour of Switzerland

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, located in Westfield, is planning a summer trip to Switzerland.

Arriving in Zurich, the tour begins Aug. 24 and runs through Aug. 31. The vacation can be extended an extra week to include an Alphon Workshop in Montreux at the Academy for Alphon from Sept. 1 to 8. This fully guided tour includes such majestic sites as the Hegi Castle and the Glacier National Park. The group will visit the cities of Zurich, Winterthur, Baden and Lucerne. Swiss dinners with shows, a trip to the Alphon factory shop and a cheese-tasting tour round out the first week of the trip.

For the second week, beginners and experienced musi-

cians from all over the world converge at the Alphon Academy of Switzerland to study under the superb leadership of French horn player, Alphonist and conductor Jozsef Molnar. The Alphon Academy of Switzerland is located in beautiful Montreux and guests stay at the Hotel Surval which majestically overlooks Lake Geneva. The week entails four hours of daily lessons on playing the alphon, knowledge, refining breathing techniques and playing folkloric, classical and jazz music and performing in the Alps and the surrounding areas. Alphonists may be rented at the academy. Previous musical experience or particular language skills are not required. There is an alpine

cabin on site where guests can see how the famous Gruyere cheese is made. The course schedule leaves plenty of time to explore western Switzerland and shopping.

Theodore Schlosberg has been in the forefront of introducing the alphon to the United States. In fact, The Alphon Workshop at the NJWA is the first affiliate of the Alphon Academy of Switzerland.

Schlosberg was the featured alphonist at the United Nations Dec. 11, 2001 with an opening performance on the Alphon for the "Global Launch of the International Year of Mountains, 2002" which was hosted by the Swiss mission to the United Nations. At the evening reception, Scho-

losberg, in traditional Swiss garb, provided a hands-on Alphon workshop for the many ambassadors and guests in attendance.

In addition to his performance at the United Nations, Schlosberg was heard in Ricola USA television commercials. Ricola USA also sponsored Schlosberg and one of his students, Christopher Verderman, to study and perform in Switzerland and attend the Academy of Alphon in Switzerland in 1997.

Those interested in either the one-week tour or the two-week combination are asked to call the NJWA office at 908-789-9696. A deposit is needed to secure a reservation.

Museum Guide

The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historical sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevant information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant at Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

• **Little-Lord Farmhouse, Museum and Farmstead**, 31 Horseshoe Road, Berkeley Heights. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month from April through December or by appointment. Call 908-464-0961.

• **Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum**, 593 Madison Hill Road, Clark. Open 1 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of each month from April through December. Call 732-381-3081.

• **Crane-Phillips House Museum**, 124 Union Ave. North, Cranford. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, or by appointment. Call 908-276-0082.

• **Belcher-Ogden Mansion**, 1046 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. By appointment only. Call 908-351-2500.

• **Boxwood Hall**, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 908-648-4540.

• **Woodruff House/Easton Store Museum**, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call 908-353-8828.

• **Deacon Andrew Hetfield House**, Constitution Plaza, opposite the Mountainside Library, Mountainside. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the

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• **The Saltbox Museum**, 1350 Springfield Ave., New Providence. Open 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Sundays of the month, and 10 a.m. to noon on each Thursday of the month.

• **Drake House Museum**, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays September to June. Call 908-755-5831.

• **Merchants and Drovers Tavern**, 1632 St. Georges Ave., Rahway. Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the first and third Saturday of each

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• **Abraham Clark House**, 101 W. Ninth Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle. By appointment only. Call 908-486-1783.

• **Roselle Park Museum**, 9 W. Grant Ave. at Chestnut Street, Roselle Park. Open Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 908-245-1776.

• **Osborn Cannonball House**, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month. Call 908-233-9165.

• **The Cannonball House**, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. By appointment only.

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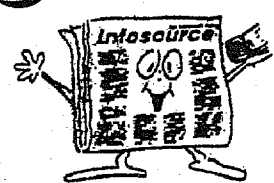
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BMW raises the roof with flagship 745i

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

BMW raised the roof and raised the eyebrows of enthusiasts and critics around the world with its redesigned flagship sedan, the 745i.

It's a styling statement that some love, others detest and some just don't know quite what to say. But be ready to see more of it in future BMW designs.

Holding the 745i to a worldwide 5-meter length was a design challenge — to make it bigger but keep it the same length — and to have a drop-dead handsome car.

Raising the roof created aerodynamic challenges, which required raising the trunk deck to add downforce for high-speed stability.

It's that trunk treatment that has left some people speechless. That bustle on the butt is different, but is it bad? Only time and sales will tell.

At the recent media introduction for the fourth-generation Seven, BMW brought in Chris Bangle, the chief of design, to help comb out the tangles. He speaks with big gestures, not just hands waving, and even some sound effects tossed in to reinforce a point.

It's easy to get caught up in his passion for design: the car takes on human, animal and fish qualities.

In the early stages of designing the car in Germany, Bangle considered the United States, the strongest export market for the 7-Series. It was to be bigger, stronger, faster — as are the people who live here.

He linked the past to the future with video clips of mid-'60s pro basketball players versus the pros of today. The lean and lanky physiques of 30 years ago have given way to more muscular and buff athletes, which meant the new sedan also would require a strong visual presence.

Bangle made the car about an inch longer in the front and rear and nearly 2½ inches taller than its predecessor. That meant pushing the rear wheels back about 2½ inches, creating a longer wheelbase.

"The taller architecture is for a 'sporting dynamism,'" Bangle says. To gauge head, hip and shoulder room he used larger dummies to plan

interior size. With larger "occupants," he was able to add an inch more headroom in back.

There is "Dynamism" in the coupe-like roofline and long hood to package the 325-hp, 4.4-liter V-8 engine and 6-speed automatic transmission. BMW claims 0 to 60 in 6.9 seconds, with 18/26 miles per gallon.

Bangle sketched in big wheels for big presence — 18-inch standard or 19 optional. The shape has classic elegance, he says.

"It's not a wedge, but a new kind of elegant line," Bangle says. "It has a downward curve of classicism that says: 'I have arrived. I don't need to be nervous.'"

The Seven's silhouette — long hood, curving roofline and kickback tail — presents a three-dimensional vehicle with character lines that change as the viewer walks around it.

He says the headlights are the "windows to the soul" of a BMW. The

lights, with the blinkers on top, have an alertness that makes up the face of a BMW, he says.

The image is tall and proud, Bangle says. "It says: Move over. I'm accelerating," an image reinforced by the "little shark overbite to the lower grille."

The 'L' outlines in the taillights — an enduring BMW icon, like the split grille and kink in the 'C' pillar — were preserved but are more abstract. The modified line from the rear light toward the center of the deck has a dash "to keep the eye moving."

Consequently, the trunk opening also became wider, to better toss in sets of golf clubs. The large and hefty door handles are, he says, a "handshake to the car."

The little shark fin antenna at the rear of the roof was "a little piece of completeness we thought the car needed," Bangle says, "like a woman

putting on a brooch, who now feels ready to go out."

The 745i has gone on sale with a starting price of \$68,495, or around \$72,000 after a couple of options, such as the 13-speaker Logic 7 audio system for \$1,800. BMW says there are enough preorders by customers to fill the first two years of production. This model will be followed by the long-wheelbase 745Li and then the 12-cylinder 760Li.

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The silhouette of the new BMW 745i presents a three-dimensional vehicle with character lines that change as the viewer walks around it, says Chris Bangle, BMW chief of design.

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All-out performance meets leading-edge technology at the New York International Auto Show as Acura showcases its latest concept cars. Making its North American debut will be the powerful DN-X high-performance sports sedan. Joining it onstage will be the RD-X concept sport-ute. In addition, Acura's newly introduced 2003 3.2 CL Type-S luxury performance coupe with a 6-speed manual transmission and the redesigned 2002NSX supercar will be on display alongside the award-winning MDX luxury SUV, RSX sports coupe, 3.2TL luxury performance sedan and more powerful 3.5 RL flagship sedan.

DN-X Concept

Born of the same racing heritage bred into Acura's exotic NSX and the RSX sports coupes, the DN-X puts an exclamation point on the sports sedan by combining the style, handling and exhilarating performance of a high-powered sports car with the interior room of a sedan.

The all-wheel-drive DN-X is a mid-engine design with a unique 400-hp powertrain that utilizes a high-output V-6 to deliver power to the rear wheels and advanced electric Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system to power the front. Along with the added horsepower it provides by utilizing the IMA's electric assist, the DN-X is capable of an unprecedented 42 mpg during normal driving.

Mated to an innovative manual/automatic transmission, the driver can choose either mode at his or her discretion. When placed in manual mode, the DN-X employs a clutchless, 6-speed manual transmission similar to those found in Formula One race cars. Shifting gears is accomplished using a lever located on the steering wheel. If preferred, the DN-X can be driven as an automatic by selecting "D" on the center console.

Because it is a true sports car, the DN-X has been given a lightweight, rigid, state-of-the-art aluminum chassis like the NSX. An integrated front spoiler improves handling and lowers the coefficient of drag to an incredibly low 0.23-23 percent less than the NSX. A fully independent front and rear double wishbone suspension as well as large ventilated disc brakes and alloy wheels complement the DN-X a safe distance from the car in front of it. The Night Vision System uses the same infrared cameras and

voice system to alert the driver of any obstacles in the vehicle's path. The DN-X also employs an automatic braking system that assists by applying maximum braking force during a panic stop.

RD-X Concept

Equipped to meet the demanding lifestyle needs of active urbanites, the high-tech RD-X combines the street performance of the RSX sports coupe with the ruggedness and versatility of the MDX. To that end, the RD-X starts with an advanced 250-hp all-wheel drive powertrain featuring a 6-speed, close-ratio clutchless manual transmission mated to a high-performance 2.4-liter, 16-valve, DOHC 4-cylinder i-VTEC engine that also incorporates the new IMA system to drive the rear wheels for increased acceleration and confident 4-wheel drive handling.

To complement its advanced powertrain, designers gave the RD-X a highly tuned chassis. Fully independent front and rear suspension, large 4-wheel disc brakes, 18-inch wheels and prototype Michelin 235/60R18 run-flat tires combine for tenacious grip.

The chiseled exterior styling provides both excellent visibility for driving in city traffic and a feeling of security. Exterior styling highlights include an aggressively raked belt line, retractable headlights, a glass roof for maximum visibility and a unique rear roof panel that opens to allow tall items to be easily transported.

The RD-X's race car-inspired interior boasts an array of functional innovation including a fully adjustable instrument panel and fold-away rear seats that angle outward for increased legroom. With the rear seat folded away, there is abundant room for bicycles, snowboards and other weekend getaway essentials. A wide-mouth rear opening features innovative doors that open by sliding out and to the side for easy access in tight, urban quarters. Other interior features include built-in brackets for bicycles; rear-view cameras with steering column-mounted displays; a "heads-up" display projecting pertinent information such as speed, fuel level and other warnings lights onto the lower windshield, the Acura Satellite-Linked Navigation System and more.

2003 3.2 CL
and 3.2 CL Type-S

Arriving in showrooms earlier this month, the 2003 3.2 CL luxury performance coupe and its Type-S sibling features a more aggressive exterior befitting their powerful personalities and an array of interior styling enhancements. The big news for performance enthusiasts, however, is the addition of an all-new, close-ratio 6-speed manual transmission for the high-output Type-S. The 3.2 CL model comes exclusively equipped with the 5-speed Sequential SportShift automatic transmission.

Enhancements for the 2003 3.2 CL and 3.2 CL Type-S include:

- 6-speed, close-ratio manual transmission (CL Type-S)
- Revised grille with body-colored surround
- Revised headlights with black accents
- Revised taillight lenses with clear upper portion
- New exhaust finishers
- New 6-spoke 16-inch wheels (3.2CL)
- New 6-spoke 17-inch wheels (CL Type-S)
- OnStar communications system (models equipped with the Acura Satellite Navigation System only)
- Driver's dual-stage, dual threshold front airbag
- Auto-up driver's window
- Titanium-look trim on doors and center console on models with black interior
- Perforated leather door inserts

Acura's exotic supercar received a host of styling enhancements for 2002 that has given it an even more contemporary, high-performance look. Combined with refinements to the suspension, these changes not only enhance the way the NSX looks, but also make it more aerodynamic and boost its already impressive performance.

Enhancements for the 2002 NSX include:

- New fixed-position HID headlights
- Lower air dam for decreased coefficient of drag (from .32 to .30) and improved front to rear lift balance
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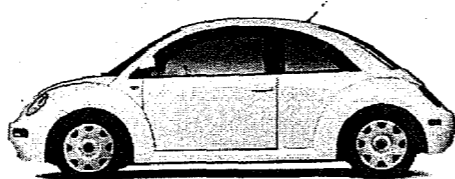
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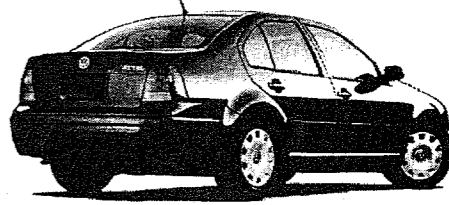


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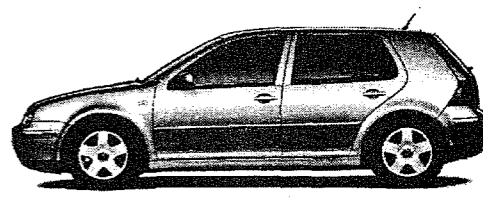


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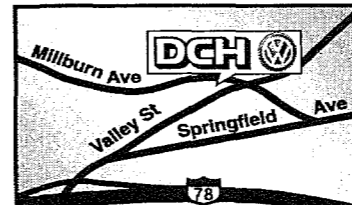
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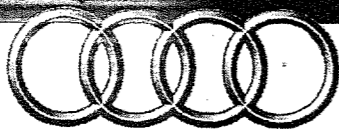


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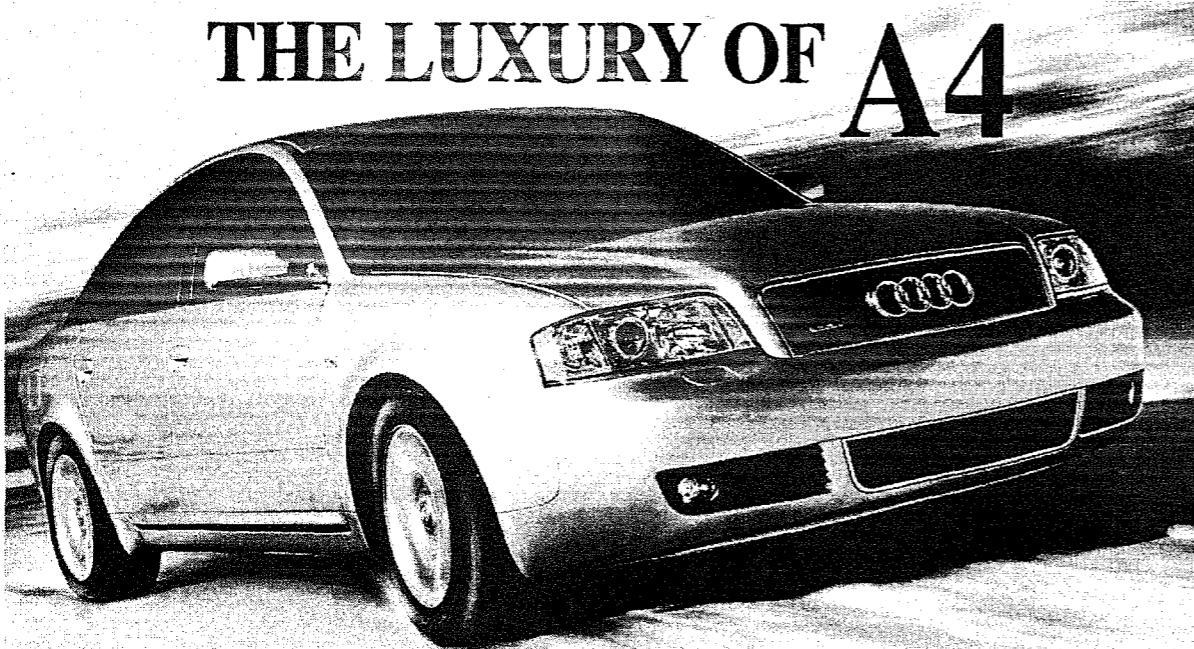
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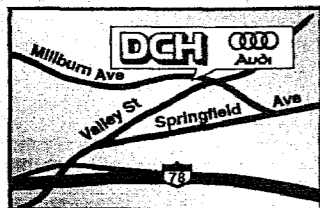
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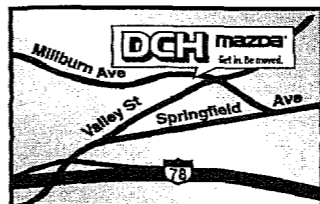
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