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Soccer great-grandmom

Krehan on the ball with favorite sport

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Liesel Krehan has loved soccer since before she was 8 years old.

It's a passion she has kept with for more than 70 years. It was with her when she and her husband came to Clark in 1970, and got involved in Clark Soccer Association. Even today, 32 years later, it remains a major force in her life.

"I grew up with soccer. In Europe, there is nothing but soccer," said Krehan.

Locally, their involvement in soccer began with the simple request of a neighbor just after they moved in.

"The way we got involved into soccer was the man who used to live across the street came over and said, 'You speak with an accent, you must know about soccer,'" she said.

That simple invitation inaugurated 30 years of involvement in Clark soccer. At the time, though, the Krehans were committed to the organization's lone soccer team.

"They played, they had a good time," said Krehan. "They played within the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer League, which at that time started with six teams."

Soccer in Clark has mushroomed since then, swelling from a mere 16 players to more than 500. And while Clark soccer 30 years ago was limited to one team, there are now nine traveling teams alone that compete all across the state.

Soccer also has changed from a seasonal sport to a year-round one. "I would say about 20 years ago,

I started an indoor tournament," said Krehan. "In the winter there's nothing to do. Kids get itchy."

Players practice for the tournament inside the gym at the Municipal Building. The tournament itself is held inside the Arthur L. Johnson High School gym.

The popularity of the game also has led to the genesis of an instructional league, with 50 to 60 children participating on a regular basis.

"They're really cute," she said. "Right now we want them to learn properly. We even have a professional trainer for them."

Krehan oversees registration for members of Clark's traveling teams to ensure everyone is in the right age group. She also serves on boards for the Clark Soccer Club and the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer League.

A native of Germany, Krehan began her history with soccer when she was 8 years old. She claims she horrified her neighbors by having the temerity to play soccer — in German it is called "fussball," or football — on an otherwise all-boys team.

"They put me as the goalie, figuring I would get disgusted, but not me," said Krehan. "That was the thing to do, but for the boys only. My father played, my brother played."

Her involvement on the boys team proved to be short-lived, but not because the community organized a girls league or because her teammates pressured her off the team.

"I didn't stay with it very long



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Liesel Krehan has been involved with soccer in Clark since 1970, when she and her husband, John, moved here from New York.

because when Hitler came to power... she trailed off. "You can figure the rest out yourself."

A Jew, Krehan fled to London, where she later met her husband,

John Krehan. Aside from a brother who also escaped, she never saw her family again.

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County moves to acquire farm

By David Learn
Managing Editor

The Esposito Farm is going to be preserved for open space, with or without its owners' consent.

The Union County administration has filed a notice with state Superior Court in Elizabeth that it intends to acquire the land through condemnation proceedings. This process allows a governing body to buy private property without the owner's consent.

"Technically, it's not (condemned) yet, but it — basically the property has been frozen," said County Manager George Devanny. "By doing this, we've stated that we intend to acquire it."

What will happen to the site once it becomes county property is unclear at the moment. It is a matter Devanny says would depend on the needs of the larger community, whether playing fields, facilities of some sort or purely passive recreation, such as bike paths or walking trails.

"There's been no discussion about what would go there," he said Tuesday.

The county filed the condemnation notice late Aug. 6, after the Espositos canceled negotiations that had been scheduled for Aug. 7.

"We've been unable to sit down and negotiate, and we did not want to take the chance that the property could be developed," said Devanny. "We still plan to meet with them and attempt to come to a reasonable settlement."

What constitutes a "reasonable settlement" so far has been the chief

stumbling block to negotiations. Late last year, the county offered the Esposito estate \$4.05 million for the farm, a 13-acre property on Madison Hill Road.

The estate rejected that offer, and made a counteroffer of \$6 million that it called nonnegotiable. Now \$6 million may be on the low side of what the Esposito estate is asking.

"It may go up, because our offers keep going up," said John M. Falzone Jr., attorney for the estate of the late Peter Esposito.

One recent offer for the land came from Calton Homes, which Falzone said offered the Espositos \$10 million to \$12 million for the property.

Calton Homes had proposed building up to 300 units on the farm site, including 60 units for low- and moderate-income families. That plan would have required the property to be included in the township's affordable-housing plan.

Although a request for just that ultimately was rejected by the state Coalition On Affordable Housing, it triggered a wave of concern among public officials in Clark, even as they described the prospects of the request being granted as unlikely.

In an Aug. 2 letter to Devanny written on Clark stationery, Councilman Martin Ferrara, whose 4th Ward includes the farm, urged the county manager to proceed with condemnation.

"I am concerned development on this property would require the construction of costly supporting infrastructure," he said.

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'Names only:' Party lines often blur seen up close

By David Learn
Managing Editor

A former Republican seeks a council seat as an independent. In the same race, a former Democrat seeks election as a Republican.

While such an arrangement might make dyed-in-the-wool party members uncomfortable, the race between 1st Ward Councilwoman Dolores "Dee" Memmer and Frank Mazzarella is nothing unusual. Two sitting council members have made such switches themselves. Now Republicans, Councilmen Pete Nevargic and Alvin Barr both used to be Democrats.

The ease with which candidates cross party lines — Mazzarella was a registered Democrat when he was asked to replace Republican Ernie Spies in the municipal race — illustrates how minute the differences between the two major parties often are at the local level.

"My feeling was when I campaigned in a small town the names Democrat and Republican should be names only," said Barr. "I don't have to make a decision on Social Security or right-to-life. I vote for the town."

To Barr, a 39-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Democratic Party was the natural party to choose when he reached voting age because of its close alliance with the labor movement.

He made the transition from Democrat to

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Republican less than 10 years ago, in the mid-1990s, amid a growing dissatisfaction with the Robert Ellenport administration and an attempt to recall the ex-mayor.

"I switched over because I did not like at all what the Democratic Party at that time was doing, and the only way to fight that was as a Republican," said Barr.

Even now that he holds office as a Republican, he says the party label holds little pull with him when it comes to state and national election. For such elections, he prefers to weigh the candidates on issues that matter to him personally, such as the labor movement.

"Too many people vote party without caring who's in it," said Barr. "I am not a hardcore politician who would say I would never vote for a Republican or a Democrat."

Nevargic said he also saw being a Democrat as the natural choice, owing to the influence of his father-in-law.

He decided to leave the Democratic Party in the early 1990s, after deciding his political views differed significantly from those of

leaders in the municipal Democratic organization.

"I didn't like the way the Democrats looked at what was best for the town," he said. "At the time I wasn't involved. It was just a philosophy."

It's a similar story with Memmer.

A 25-year Republican, Memmer said she chose to leave the GOP because she feels the party discourages elected officials from breaking rank and voting their conscience.

"If you're in the party, you have to vote party line," she said. "Not one person other than myself has gone against the party — not once, not even one time. It's party lines, and yet we're always criticizing the other party for being puppets up there."

Memmer declined to say what tactics she feels have been used to pressure her for going against other Republican council members.

"I can't tell you what goes on behind the scenes," she said.

With the party lines so blurred and individual candidates crossing easily among parties and even into the rougher waters of independents, the question inevitably arises whether there is even a need for political parties at the municipal level anyway.

"A need for it? Well, let's put it this way: I guess there has to be because you get money

from the parties," said Barr. "Basically, I guess not, but politicians will never leave politics."

That was a view shared by Clark Republican Chairman John DeSimone.

"Nonpartisan elections, that's what I'd like to see. That's how it should be, but it's not going to happen," said DeSimone, himself a former Democrat. "You'll always get that percentage that's diehard Republicans and diehard Democrats. In my view, that's probably the only advantage in a local election."

In fact, there are several benefits to running on a party ticket, including a wider base of supporters, aid from higher-level party organizations and the recognition that comes from the party name.

Running as an independent candidate leaves Memmer bereft of these advantages. While her opponents have the deeper pockets of the Clark Republican or Democratic parties to delve into for resources, Memmer is on her own.

"Finances are an issue," she conceded, although she also mentioned having supporters who will help her in the race. "Well, we shall see in November."

Whether she will be able to wrest victory against two party-backed opponents — the Democrats are running Jay Taback for the 1st

Ward — remains to be seen.

"It's going to be kind of interesting," she said. "I think Clark has two-thirds independent voters registered. I think Clark is ready for an independent party."

The free interchange of party members can lead to some unusual circumstances, as illustrated in this year's 1st Ward race.

Mazzarella, now running as a Republican, was appointed by the Democrats in 1996 to temporarily represent the 1st Ward after Councilman Gary Rotondo resigned.

Mazzarella lost that seat in 1997 to Republican Ernie Spies, who represented the 1st Ward through 1998, when Rotondo's original four-year term expired.

Spies ran for election in 1998, but dropped out after the primary owing to job responsibilities, clearing the way for Memmer to be put on the Republican ticket.

Those three people all have been involved in the 1st Ward race so far. The GOP again tapped Spies to run for the seat against Memmer — the woman who replaced him on the ticket four years ago — only to have him once again drop out after the primary because of job-related concerns.

And so voters are treated to the novelty of a man switching parties to replace the candidate who beat him five years previously.

Planning to be discussed

By David Learn
Managing Editor

The Township Council on Monday evening is expected to discuss the process development applications go through before they can be approved.

The topic has come up for discussion at the council's last executive meetings. At the council's Aug. 5 meeting, Councilman Richard Kazanowski claimed he had been contacted by three separate Zoning Board members concerned that the authority of their board had been degraded by applications' having to appear before the Development Review Committee.

"You seem to be the only person that gets called by these people," Mayor Sal Bonaccorso told Kazanowski. "For the council to change this is ridiculous."

The DRC is not a committee that directly affects most Clark residents. Established by ordinance to expedite development applications, the DRC reviews applications for potential problems before the applications are sent to the Planning or Zoning boards.

The council will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the municipal courtroom, 315 Westfield Ave.

Discussion during the Aug. 5 meeting often became heated as personalities on the council clashed over 4th Ward Councilman Martin Ferrara and Kazanowski's insistence on revisiting the ordinance.

"Do you have a specific complaint from an applicant?" 2nd Ward Councilman Peter Nevargic asked Kazanowski. "I'm going to speak for a voting member of the Planning Board that this ordinance has been nothing but a help."

Consisting of the township engineer, the township administrator, the zoning officer, the shade tree commissioner

and other municipal officials, the DRC reviews all applications that are headed for the Planning and Zoning boards to spot areas where applications do not meet Clark's municipal requirements.

"The only person that does not approve those plans and look into those plans is the shade tree commissioner if there is no DRC," said Bonaccorso.

In other words, letting an applicant slip past the DRC does not substantially alter the scrutiny it receives. It simply prevents the scrutiny from taking place at a DRC meeting.

When problems surface with an application, the DRC issues nonbinding recommendations the applicant can make before appearing before the appropriate board.

Supporters of leaving the DRC as it is contend that this saves applicants time before the board and money as well, since they often are required to pay their attorneys and experts for time spent at meetings.

Although every application must appear before the DRC, applicants themselves are not required to attend DRC meetings where their applications are discussed, as they are when the application goes before the official board.

"I'm saying that the DRC is good, provided that it is completely voluntary," Kazanowski said.

That suggestion went over poorly with Nevargic, who represents the council on the Planning Board and who sees the ordinance as a boon not only to board members put to the members of the general public as well, who have to wait through the bulk of the application process before they are allowed to comment.

Time to take a break



Photo By Jeff Grant

Jessica Kalinowski, 5, decides it's time to take a break from her arts and crafts project during the Recreation Department's summer day camp.

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Soccer is in this grandma's blood

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stayed there as a Jewish person, you didn't make it out. The only way to live was to go out," she said. "My brother made it out, he came here. He was in the American Army in the second World War, and he visited me in London."
After World War II, the Krehans moved to her husband's native Czechoslovakia, where they stayed

until 1947 brought wind of the impending Communist takeover. They immigrated to the United States in 1950 and lived in New York for 20 years, eventually settling in the Featherbed Lane house where they live to this day.
"I think it's a fantastic sport," Krehan said of soccer. "In my opinion, it keeps the children busy and it keeps them off the street. It makes better people out of them."

Now 79 years old and the great-grandmother to a 1-year-old boy in New England, Krehan has no interest in slowing down or dropping her involvement in Clark's soccer community.
"What am I supposed to do, sit in an easy chair?" she asks with a chuckle. "I don't even have one. My husband and I always say we'll die with our soccer shoes on."

County 'freezes' Esposito farm

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structure, increase the burden on our emergency services, and greatly increase the burden on our public schools," Ferrara wrote. "This will result, I believe, in costs to the township much greater than any benefits we would realize."
Falzone said his clients and the county have a new meeting scheduled for Aug. 29, when they will try to

reach an agreement on the selling price.
Devanney meanwhile dismissed any attempts to raise the selling price further as "ridiculous."
"If that's what they're saying, I believe the owners are delusional in their thinking," said Devanney. The county recently purchased 63 acres of land in Summit for \$9 million from the New Jersey American Water Co.

"To think a 13-acre farm in Clark is worth the same as 63 acres in Summit is ridiculous," Devanney said Tuesday. "That's the epitome of greed."
Falzone said he expects to settle the matter in court unless the county budgees on what it's offering.
"If they come to the \$6 million, on principle I would certainly advise my clients to agree," said Falzone.

NEWS CLIPS

Dance club welcomes prospective enrollees

Y-Squares Square Dance, held in Hehny School in Clark, will offer weekly dance classes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Frank K. Hehny School on Raritan Road, starting Sept. 17. Registration also will be open Sept. 24 and Oct. 1.

Dances and classes have been at the Clark schools for 26 years.
For more information, call club presidents George and Lou Ellen Stoms at 908-298-1851, or call class officers Don Madden at 908-241-9492 and Janice Uhlig at 732-381-2535.

Boy Scout Troop 91 seeking new members

Boy Scout Troop 91, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363, Clark, is seeking to increase its membership. If you like fishing, camping, hiking and want to learn first aid, cooking skills and about wood tools, then consider joining the troop.
You need to be at least 11 years old and must have passed the fifth grade. If you have bridged from a Webelos den, then you are eligible to join a Boy Scout troop.
No previous Scouting experience is needed.

The troop meets 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at Zion Lutheran Hall. Contact Scoutmaster Tom at 732-574-2867.

Noah's Ark shelter is seeking volunteers

Noah's Ark Animal Rescue and Placement is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. The Clark-based group is an all-volunteer, nonprofit humane rescue organization.
Noah's Ark has been in existence about 10 years and is looking for people who can help for a few hours each week. No experience is necessary, just a love of animals.

Especially needed are volunteers to socialize, clean and feed the many cats and dogs during the daytime hours and on weekends. Volunteers also are needed several afternoons and evenings during the week.

In addition, Noah's Ark takes animals into nursing homes Sundays and would love to have people join them.
However, the greatest need at this time is foster homes for cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, as all animals are kept in volunteers' homes until they are adopted.
The more foster homes that are available, the more animals get a second chance at life.

Mobile Meals accepting new clients for service

Mobile Meals, a private, not-for-profit organization that delivers meals to housebound people of all ages or income in the Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Clark area, is accepting new clients.

Nutritious dinners and lunches are delivered to homes Monday to Friday at a cost of \$30 per week or dinner-only for \$20 per week.

Meals are prepared at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. They are packed and delivered by volunteers in reheatable aluminum trays.

Mobile Meals is looking to continue a 32-year-old tradition of preparing and delivering meals to homebound people in the local area.

For many clients, the brief visit with those making the delivery is as meaningful as the meal itself. Mobile Meals is looking for drivers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for routes in Westfield, Clark and Cranford, and packers to work one day per week or one day every other week from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Volunteer scheduling is very flexible. For more information, call Jean at 732-233-6146 or send e-mail to mobilemeals@westfieldnj.com.

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HEALTH

West Nile surveillance

The Clark Health Department has continuing West Nile surveillance.
West Nile virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of mosquitoes, not crows. There is no evidence of person-to-person transmission or transmission to or through pets.
Symptoms of West Nile encephalitis can include mild nonspecific flu-like illness, high fever, chills, body aches, rapid onset of headache, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, coma, convulsions and paralysis.

- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Limit outside activity in the early evening.
- Insect repellents may be applied to skin or, preferably, clothing. Residents are urged to read all insect repellent labels and precautionary statements.

Residents with questions regarding mosquitoes and spraying must call the Union County Mosquito Commission at 908-654-9835.
To report an injured, sick or dead crow, residents must call Health Officer Nancy Ogonowski at 732-388-3600, Ext. 3045, days, evenings and weekends. Only crows will be picked up.

All other birds, such as sparrows, blue jays and robins, etc., can be double-bagged and discarded with regular trash. Only crows picked up in good condition — not decayed — will be submitted for testing.

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• The Blood Center of New Jersey sponsors a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at John L. Ruddy VFW Post 7363, 6 Broadway, Clark. For more information, call 800-BLOOD-NJ, or 800-652-5663, Ext. 140.

Monday
• The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building.
• Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 125 will hold an annual charity golf outing to benefit the William J. Waterson Memorial Fund, which provides scholarships to graduates of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The event will take place at Twin Brooks Country Club, 600 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. Registration will take place at 9 a.m., followed by a breakfast from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or warming up on the driving range or putting greens.

Sponsorship for the events is as follows: green sponsor, \$225; tee sponsor, \$125; golf cart sponsor, \$75, and individual golfer, \$175.
• Clark Township Council will hold its regular public meeting in the Public Safety Building courtroom on Westfield Avenue.

Upcoming Aug. 22
• Barnes & Noble, Central Avenue, will host a discussion and book signing with Paul Wider, author of "Overcoming Depression and Manic Depression (Bipolar Disorder): A Whole Person Approach."
Wider will discuss his "Whole-Person Approach" to overcoming depression and manic depression.

Aug. 23
• The Writer's Eye will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, Central Avenue. This popular group meets every other Friday and combines open mike with literary study and readings of selected poets and writers.

Aug. 24
• The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, will host a Hawaiian Night Picnic starting at 4:30 p.m. with music by Norbert Ludewig Orchestra. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available from the outside facilities.

The event will be held, rain or shine. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free. Admission costs \$5.

Aug. 27
• The Board of Education will hold its monthly business meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Arthur L. Johnson High School library.

• The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building to hear an application from Clark Bagels to expand its business area.

Aug. 28
• Women's Reading Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, Central Avenue. This month's selection is "Native Speaker" by Chang Rae Lee.

Sept. 7
• The Polish Cultural Foundation will sponsor a bus trip to the Polish-American Festival at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa.

Forty-five tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$20 each. Bus will depart from the foundation, located at 177-179 Broadway, at 10 a.m. Departure from Doylestown is planned for 7:30 p.m. All tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Halina Hercek or Alexandra Nowak at 732-382-7197.

Sept. 10
• TV-35 — Women's Recreation Volleyball registration will be held 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Registration is open to Clark residents 18 and older.

Sept. 11
• Blood pressure screenings are offered at Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month.
• The Zoning Board of Adjustment holds its regular monthly executive sessions at 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the municipal courtroom of the Public Safety Building.

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Polish studies registration set

The Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will begin registration for its fall studies program Aug. 29. Evening classes in beginner's English, intermediate English, and advanced English are offered Tuesdays. Thursday evenings include classes in beginner's Polish, intermediate Polish and immersion Polish. Making holiday ornaments will be

the subject of the foundation's Polish Christmas ornaments workshop with Dorothy Wiczerzak at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 16. For more information, a copy of the fall brochure or to register, call the foundation office at 732-382-7197. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway. A new offering this year is the preparation for citizenship class. Classes

begin the week of Sept. 17 and meet for 12 weeks. Early registration is suggested. Fred Dammont will present a program at 7 p.m. Sept. 25, called "The Icefields Highway," that will take participants on a fascinating and entertaining journey through Alberta, Canada. A workshop on Polish genealogy will be presented at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 by Edward Osoliniec.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library cards available

Clark residents, employers and employees of Clark businesses are invited to come to Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., to get a free library card. The only thing you need to get a library card is valid identification and proof that you live or work in Clark.

A library card entitles the cardholder to all available library services, including borrowing any of the books, videos, audio books, music CDs and more.

Any Clark resident or person employed in a Clark business is eligible for a free library card.

Clark Public Library offers all people equal access and accessibility to its services, programs and activities. Anyone requiring special arrangements should contact the library in advance.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.

Library, society seek to preserve photos

Clark Public Library and Clark Historical Society announce opportunities for local citizens to participate in an ongoing project to digitize and preserve historic Clark photos and

print memorabilia.

The joint effort has been under way since May as photographs from the historical society collection have been scanned into computer format and then indexed by a variety of topics including street address, dates, family names and significant events.

CD-ROMs are produced to allow access to these photographs from a number of sites. The identification of each photo has been a collaborative project between members of Clark Historical Society and Megan Kennelly, an intern from Clark Public Library.

The library provides the specially equipped computer and the indexing expertise, the training in computer photo enhancement is through the Arthur L. Johnson photo class of Dennis Borai, and the historical expertise is thanks to the members of Clark Historical Society.

If you have any old photos or paper memorabilia from Clark, consider helping with this project. All material will be safely scanned to the computer while you wait and the original returned to you.

The library also needs assistance with identification of photographs and scenes from town if you are a long-time resident.

Each new contribution to this pro-

ject makes the historical background of the town more complete.

Tote bags on sale

Help support Friends of the Clark Public Library and help yourself carry your library books.

The Friends are selling the dark green tote bags with a white logo for \$5 each. Bags are available at the circulation desk of Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave.

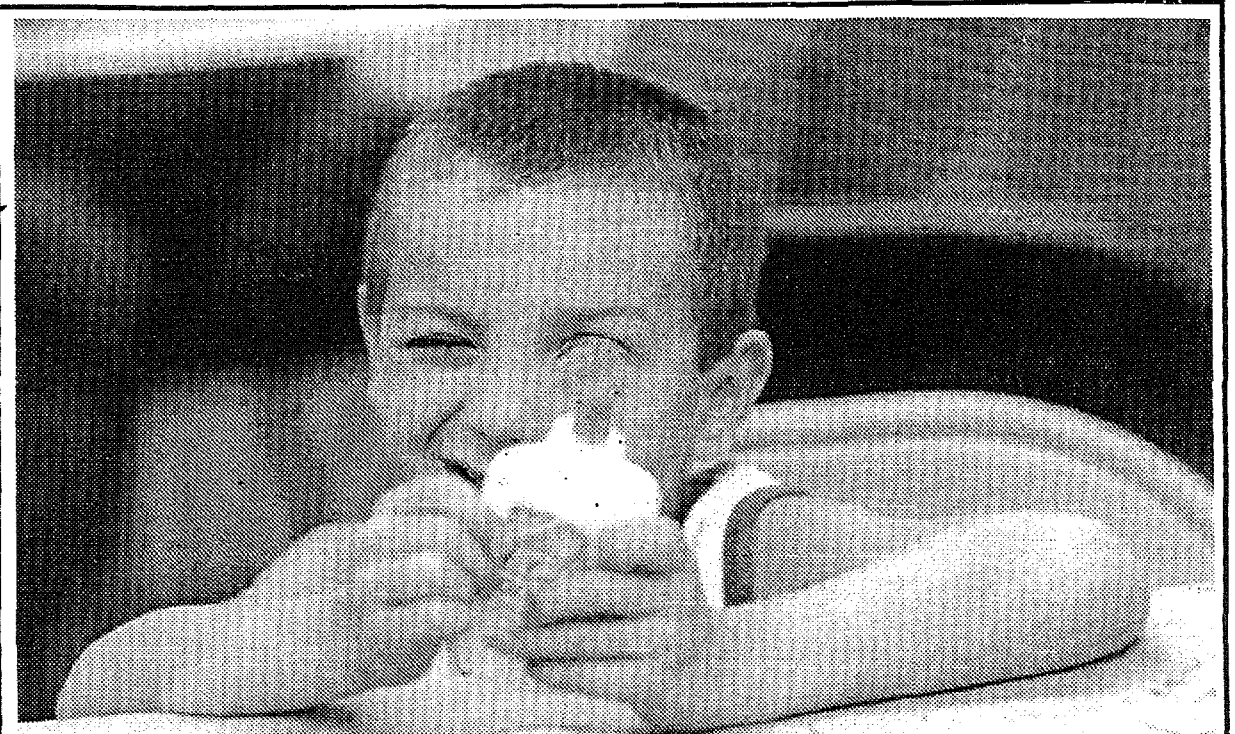
Remote service reservations offered

Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., offers a new remote service that allows library cardholders to place reserve holds on books from their own home computer.

After searching the catalog of materials owned by the library, a patron may click a reserve button on the screen and enter their data. The information is displayed immediately in the library, allowing the books to be pulled and held for checkout.

To use this service, each individual must hold a Clark Public Library card and register a unique PIN number, which can be done at the circulation desk.

For more information, call 732-388-5999.



Photos By Jeff Grant



TIME OUT FOR FUN — It's not all work during the township's summer day camp at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building. Above, Andrew Schurtz, 5, enjoys using the tip of his glue bottle to defly the force of gravity. At left, Jake Miller, 8, feels a little gravity himself — the sort of gravity that gets its cure only by taking a break during snack time.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior bus service

For free senior bus service, call the Municipal Building at 732-388-3600 from 9 to 11 a.m. one day in advance to reserve a seat on the bus, Mondays through Fridays, except holidays. Call the same number if it becomes necessary to cancel your reservation. The schedule is subject to change.

Mondays: morning — ShopRite; afternoon — Clark shops, library, Town Hall.

Tuesdays: morning — Union Pla-

za, Pathmark/National Wholesale Liquidators; afternoon — Watchung/Blue Star.

Wednesdays: first Wednesday — Woodbridge Mall, second Wednesday — Menlo Park Mall, third Wednesday — Woodbridge Mall, fourth Wednesday — Middlesex Mall; if a fifth Wednesday — Woodbridge Mall.

Thursdays: morning — ShopRite, afternoon — Clark shops, library, Town Hall.

Fridays: morning — A&P, Kmart

and Wal-Mart; afternoon — Aviation Plaza, Linden; last Friday of month: A&P and Route 1 East Brunswick Flea Market, weather permitting.

AARP Chapter 3733

Clark Chapter 3733 AARP plans the following trips:

- Sept. 18, boat cruise on the Black Whale to Trump's Casino, \$45.

For information on trips, call Ann Miskovich, AARP trip coordinator, at 732-388-40333.

EVENTS

Charity golf outing

Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 125 will sponsor an annual charity golf outing Monday with the proceeds going to the William J. Waterson Memorial Fund. Waterson was killed in the line of duty in Clark.

The Waterson Memorial Fund assists graduating seniors from Arthur L. Johnson High School with college scholarships.

The event will take place at Twin Brooks Country Club, 600 Mountain Blvd., Watchung. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a breakfast from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Play begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start. At lunchtime participants can enjoy a barbecue lunch on the course: hot dogs, hamburgers, cold

cut sandwiches, other snacks and an assortment of cold beverages.

Participants also can show off skills and win prizes for longest drive, hole in one, closest to the pin, most accurate drive.

Following the day's events will be an open bar and cocktail reception, followed by a five-course buffet dinner and dessert. There will also be awards distributed and raffles during dinner.

Sponsorship for the events is as follows: green sponsor, \$225; tee sponsor, \$125; golf cart sponsor, \$75, and individual golfer, \$175.

Included in the day's festivities are door prizes for everyone, golf carts,

meals, beverages throughout the course, open bar and cocktail hour, and a buffet dinner in the ballroom. All participants are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Hawaiian Night Picnic

The Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, invites everyone to a Hawaiian Night Picnic Aug. 24 starting at 4:30 p.m. with music by Norbert Ludewig Orchestra. Traditional German and American food and beverages will be available from the outside facilities.

The event will take place rain or shine. Children younger than 12 are admitted free. Admission is \$5.

OBITUARIES

Anna Schwarz

Anna Schwarz, 87, of Clark died Aug. 1 at home.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Schwarz lived in Clark for 31 years.

She owned and operated Schwarz Farm, Clark, for 51 years.

Mrs. Schwarz was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Agnes Church, Clark.

Surviving are two daughters, Ursula Maresca and Mary Ann Conway; two sons, John and Fred; 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Michael J. Walko

Michael J. Walko, 83, of Clark died Aug. 6 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Brockton, Pa., Mr. Walko lived in Newark before moving to Clark 30 years ago.

He was a machine operator at Hyatt Roller Bearing Corp., Clark, for 31 years and retired in 1981.

Mr. Walko served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Eleanor; a daughter, Marian; two sisters, Dorothy Sohnle and Theresa Lee; a brother, Lawrence, and two grandchildren.

Edward Bradley Sr.

Edward J. Bradley Sr., 83, of Clark died Aug. 9 at home.

Mr. Bradley was employed at Johnson Controls in Union for 35 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a member of Plumbers Local 24, Springfield.

Mr. Bradley was a life member of the North American fishing and hunting clubs and the National Rifle Association.

He was also a former member of the Woodbridge Rangers and the Schuyler Fishing Club of Kearny.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Westfield before moving to Clark 50 years ago.

Surviving are Margarie, his wife of 50 years; two daughters, Rita Sauter and Margarie Meise; a son, Edward J. Jr.; a brother, James; a sister, Marie McDonald; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 908-686-7700.

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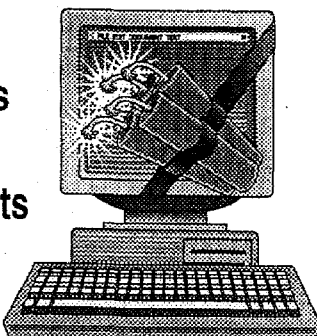
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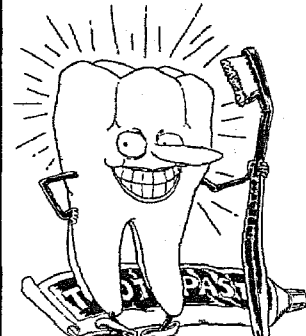
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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

On the person, not the party

Try this on for size: Dolores "Dee" Memmer is a former Republican seeking re-election as an Independent. Running against her for the GOP is Frank Mazzarella, a Democrat until fairly recently. In addition, Mazzarella is taking the place of Ernie Spies, who beat him in a municipal race five years ago, and who dropped from the race four years ago to be replaced by Memmer.

Welcome to the wild, wonderful and often wacky world of municipal politics.

Such a dizzying swirl of candidates and parties, virtually unheard-of at higher levels of politics, is an excellent illustration of the essentially arbitrary nature of political parties at the local level.

That's something we hope voters and candidates alike keep in mind as Election Day approaches and the campaign season begins. While the party label serves some purpose at the national level, as politicians deal with issues such as campaign finance reform, abortion and special interest groups, it's essentially meaningless in local elections.

Here in Clark, politics should be about our neighborhoods, and the biggest issues should be about things we can all put our fingers on: whether a sports field should have playing lights, how fast cars should be allowed to ride on a residential street, and whether we're meeting one another's needs properly.

These aren't issues that one party cares about and the other doesn't. Republican, Democrat, Independent, we all live in the same town, use the same roads, visit the same businesses and live with the same people.

Whenever we vote in a municipal election or a school election, our focus should be on the person rather than the party.

Third time's a charm?

Nearly 10 years ago, a new Union County juvenile detention center proposed in downtown Elizabeth, adjacent to the county complex and the main branch of the Elizabeth Public Library, was rejected because of the excessive cost, estimated at \$50 million.

It's been five years since Union County established a committee to find suitable sites for a new detention center. The committee finally settled on a site in Elizabeth, under the Goethals Bridge, which the county purchased for approximately \$2 million. Officials two years ago scrapped plans for a new center, deciding it was not worth building a \$15 million to \$20 million facility for a juvenile jail population of only 50. It also appears the land the county purchased would have required more environmental remediation than initially thought. Union County has since recouped their \$2 million as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has purchased the three-acre parcel.

It seems like *deja vu* all over again as the county recently hired a consultant to provide architectural, planning and site analysis for a new juvenile detention center. Ricci Associates of New York was hired at a cost of \$150,000 and the entire three-phase study will cost \$295,000.

The current facility is located on the seventh floor of the parking deck adjacent to the county courthouse. The George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center was built in 1968. It has a capacity of 36 but regularly houses approximately 60 juveniles and the population in the past has been as high as 90. The aging facility limits what the county can do for juvenile offenders. The latest study is expected to not only recommend a site for a new center but also examine the county's programs and evaluate those that are successful.

No one likes spending money on building jails but they are a fact of life. In Union County especially, a new facility is necessary, at least according to the state, which has been pressuring the county for years to build one.

Building a juvenile detention center won't exactly win votes. Such a facility is not something that appeases any voting bloc and spending \$15 million on a facility that will serve several dozen juveniles is not something you splash on a campaign brochure. Perhaps that is why the county is having a third go-around on the idea.



Photo By Jeff Grant

EASY DOES IT — Karen Elliott, 5, diligently applies a drop of glue to a piece of paper to put on her 'sun cap.' The craft was part of the Recreation Department's summer day camp activities Tuesday morning. Also pictured is Drew Ritter, 5.

The Torch puts light back on New Jersey

New Jersey finally has regained its rightful place in the firmament.

For many years our fair state was known far and wide as a model of official corruption. We had Boss ("I am the law") Hague in Jersey City. We had Hap Farley in South Jersey. We had the mayor of our largest city go to jail.

And, the biggest fish of all, we had a senator caught up in the Abscam scandals who found out how our criminal justice system works — from the inside.

But all that was once upon a time. For years we went without the kind of corruption you could really sink your teeth into.

We had one senator who was so clean he squeaked. We had another who was so rich he could not be bought off.

The Problem Solver

By Robert B. Lapidus

We had Gov. Jim Florio, who played political hardball. You liked him or you didn't, but nobody questioned his integrity.

We had Gov. Christine Whitman. She left the state \$6 billion in debt, but everyone agreed she was really a nice lady.

As a result of being up to our earlobes in honesty, other states were passing us by. They began to far outdistance us in the sleaze factor.

But we have finally been restored to our proper place in the galaxy. In just the last year or so, we have made up a lot of lost ground.

We had an attorney general who swore up and down that he never even heard of something called racial profiling. We had an acting governor who was implicated in a couple of shady real estate deals.

And now we have Bob Torricelli. "The Torch," as he is fondly referred to, is one of the most prominent members of the U.S. Senate. An outstanding fund raiser, a vigorous campaigner. His re-election against a political unknown seemed to be assured.

But it seems that Senator Bob had developed some expensive tastes. He liked big screen TVs, Rolex watches, and imported silk suits. And he liked

them even better when someone gave them to him.

As a result of all that he wound up before the Senate Ethics Committee, which gave him an official reprimand, which is sort of like a slap on both wrists.

The senator responded with a speech on the Senate floor in which he said, in effect, "I didn't do anything wrong, but I promise not to do it again."

How will all this will play out? I will leave that to far wiser heads.

I am just happy that we finally have our place in the sun back.

A resident of Clark, Robert B. Lapidus is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for all the support

To the Editor:

Thank you to the citizens of Clark and Garwood who have conveyed congratulations for my recent appointment as principal of Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The support that I have received from the parents and friends of ALJ has been heartfelt; the confidence of the Board of Education and superintendent, uplifting.

Replacing the master educator, Mr. David Carl, is a daunting task, however I begin with a strong commitment and an intense pride in "our" school.

The mission for the future must be clear to all — quality education, mentored by an outstanding faculty and staff in a safe, nurturing environment, supported by an informed community.

The tradition of Arthur L. Johnson High School lives. Go Crusaders!
Principal Robert E. Taylor
Arthur L. Johnson High School

Daycare information was incorrect

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for printing our story in your newspaper with reference to our new day care center. However there are some corrections that will need to be made. The following are the corrected statements:

- Enrollment is open to children ages 6 months to 5 1/2.
- Enrollment charges will be discussed with parents when they come and meet with one of our representatives. Parents may call for more information, but prices will not be given over the phone. Our open house dates will be Aug. 24 and Aug. 31.
- Our programs will be diversified and will include music, children's art and educational programs by "FunShine Express."
- Christian programs are optional and the choice is solely up to the parents upon registration.

For more information, call or leave a message at 732-574-8808.

Elsa Crespo
Clark Child Care

Response to break was first-rate

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to praise Clark Mayor Bonaccorso, the Emergency Management Team, the Police and Fire departments, the Public Works Department and all of the numerous municipal employees who pitched in July 28 during the serious water emergency.

I was called by a resident on that Sunday morning and proceeded to go to Veterans Memorial Park on Lupine Way to see firsthand what was happening. I spoke with representatives of Elizabethtown Water Co. and the private companies that were also called to help repair this water main break.

I know that Mayor Bonaccorso was also at Veterans Memorial Field for a good portion of the day and that he monitored the situation in a diligent manner. The information that was broadcast on TV community-access Channel 36 was extremely helpful and I compliment those responsible for a job well done.

I would also like to thank the Clark ShopRite for its generous donation of 5,000 gallons of bottled water for the residents, The Gran Centurions for allowing residents to use their shower facilities, and Mother Seton Regional High School for the use of its parking lot for the distribution of the donated ShopRite water to town residents.

All of their community-minded spirit and assistance is truly worthy of recognition and thanks.

Once again, I acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Mayor Bonaccorso and all of the numerous municipal employees and volunteers who assisted during the recent water emergency.

First Ward Councilwoman Dolores "Dee" Memmer
Clark

Deduct rebates at local levels

To the Editor:

There are currently many complaints by senior citizens about the lateness of their Homestead Rebate check mailings from the state government in Trenton.

Strangely, nothing was said about the cost to produce these checks in Trenton. Many senior citizens, whom I know, have repeatedly questioned why their local municipal tax collector cannot make such a deduction on their property tax bills in the same manner used for the veterans' deduction. It could be done right at the source instead of having them processed by a special department of the state government in Trenton. A huge savings could be made by eliminating the postage and manpower to process the checks and deliver them.

An efficient move could be for Gov. James McGreevey and the state legislators to immediately introduce legislation to streamline the rebates by having them deducted at local levels of government on tax bills before they are sent to senior citizen homeowners.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

'Left Out' leaves the facts out

To the Editor:

Recently, attorney and Worrall columnist Frank Capece shared insights into the Open Public Records Act and township clerks' quality of life. His column is always brightly lit with the inviting title "Left Out."

Now, we won't want a long descriptive sentence in place of a short title, but "Left Out" does not appear to describe what follows. As we read we are not in the world of Tom Paine or trying to oppose a corrupt authority. In "Left Out," we typically read about the virtues of a closed government.

Picture this: Local township clerks are madly filling OPRA requests. The information-seekers' car engines have been left running. Where will they take their boxes of freshly copied documents? To the county prosecutors!

Did anybody mention that Capece and the county prosecutor were until recently partners in a law practice? Apparently, that was left out.

Steven Yafet
Hillside

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 Clark 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.

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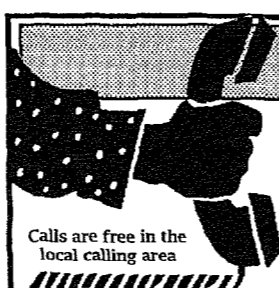
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NEWS CLIPS

New Internet forum focuses on Cranford

Cranford residents with access to the Internet have a new place to discuss the issues that interest them. A new online forum dedicated to Cranford has been opened on Delphi Forums.

Participation in the forum requires basic Delphi membership, which is free.

Justices' lives subject of Cranford man's talk

Stephen Breyer, the seventh and most recent Jewish appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court will celebrate his 64th birthday Aug. 15.

He was named to the high court by President Bill Clinton in 1994.

An intimate look into the life of Justice Breyer at age 64, as well as the lives of the six other Jewish Supreme Court justices, will be the subject of a talk by Cranford author Nat Bodian at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at the YM-YWHA of Union County, Green Lane, Union.

Bodian will discuss Breyer's family roots, his education, details of marriage and family, his ties to Judaism, and his record and judicial philosophy.

In his coverage of the five deceased justices, Bodian also will deal with their deaths, places of burial and legacies.

GFWC schedules fall trip

The G.F.W.C. Cranford Village Improvement Association will sponsor a trip to Lilly Langtry's Oct. 24. The price is \$57. The menu is either chicken or flounder.

Call Lucy Lettier at 908-272-7333 for reservations.

Conservation Center has summer hours

The Cranford Conservation Center is open through August, 12:30-6:20 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. weekends.

Cranford residents still can purchase yard waste permits for \$35 at the conservation center during these hours or by mail using the application in the pink brochure.

Proof of vehicle registration is required. Yard waste permits are required for dropping off branches, grass and yard trimmings.

A permit is not required to drop off other acceptable recyclable materials — newspapers; corrugated cardboard; mixed paper but no books; glass bottles; plastic type 1, 2 and 3 bottles; aluminum cans, and steel cans.

For more information on Cranford's recycling program, call 908-709-7299.

Entertainment books

The Cerebral Palsy League is selling the 2002 Edition Entertainment Books. These popular coupon books contain hundreds of dollars of savings in buy-one-get-one-free offers on local events, movies and restaurants.

CPL, a nonprofit agency with facilities in Union and Cranford, has been serving the needs of the developmentally disabled for more than 50 years.

The agency's programs include two private schools, early intervention, childcare and adult vocational center and transportation.

For information about obtaining the Entertainment Books, call 908-709-1800, Ext. 109.

Candidates are sought

The Cranford Auxiliary Police is seeking candidates who are interested in becoming auxiliary police officers. This is strictly a volunteer organization that supplements the regular Police Department in times of emergencies and at various other town functions.

Individuals of all ages, 18 or older, are urged to apply. Candidates who are selected must attend training classes at the Auxiliary Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Applications can be obtained from the police desk located in the Municipal Building at 8 Springfield Ave. The applications can also be downloaded from the municipal web site at www.cranford.com/police by clicking on the "Forms" button.

This web site also provides additional information on the auxiliary police.

For more information, call Capt. Ralph Gregson at 908-276-8875, evenings, or leave a voice message.

Replacement checks

The Cranford Downtown Management Corporation is asking residents holding Cranford gift checks from Unity Bank to turn the check in for a replacement. The Unity Bank name and logo appear in the lower left corner of the check.

DMC Director Kathleen Miller Prunty said check holders would not

lose the value of the check. A new check, from the SI Savings account, will be issued in the same amount.

The Unity Bank Gift Checks can be brought to the DMC office in the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., 908-709-7208, or any of the following stores: Back to Nature Health Foods, 13 Walnut Ave., 908-276-4270; Dovetails, 6 Eastman St., 908-709-1638, or Four D Jewelers, 107 N. Union Ave., 276-5652.

Cub Scout registration

Cub Scout Pack 103 is accepting registration for its 2001-02 year. Boys entering first through fourth grades from all schools in Cranford may register.

Scout activities include fall and spring family camping, pinewood derby, skit night, holiday parties, scouting for food, a hay ride, bonfire and more.

The pack is nondenominational and is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in Cranford.

For more information, call Jerry DeNigris at 908-272-3239 or Jim Daly at 908-276-2493.

Legislative office open

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, the legislative office at 203 Elm St., Westfield, is open from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The 21st Legislative District includes Cranford.

For more information, call 908-232-3673.

League to hold auction

The Cerebral Palsy League will sponsor a gift auction from 1-5 p.m. Oct. 27 at The Westwood in Garwood. Donations in the form of gift certificates for services, items for "theme baskets" or cash donations are being sought.

The proceeds of the "Reach for the Stars" Gift Auction will support services for the developmentally disabled. The agency will recognize donors in a program to be distributed the day of the event.

To make a tax-deductible donation, call Melissa Traveres at 908-709-1800, Ext. 115.

The Cerebral Palsy League is a nonprofit agency with locations in Cranford and Union and is dedicated to those with developmental disabilities.

Programs include specialized schools, early intervention, childcare and an adult vocational center.

A little dab'll do ya



Photo By Jeff Grant

A touch of charcoals, gently applied with her finger, is all Helen Schirmer wants for this part of her painting, labored over during senior art class at Cranford Community Center.

AT THE LIBRARY

Closed on Saturdays

Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., will be closed Saturdays for the summer. The library will resume Saturday hours Sept. 7.

For more information about the library, call 908-709-7272, or visit the library Web site at www.cranford.com/library.

'Reading is Magic'

Every summer, the children's department at Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., has a summer reading program. This year's theme is "Reading is Magic."

Any child who is old enough to read or listen to books may participate. Children come in and register for this 10-week program in the children's department.

Library staff members encourage the children to return every week to report the hours that they have read or listened to books, and to select new reading materials. There also will be

small prizes that the children will receive each week as they report to the children's department.

For every five hours a child reads or listens to books, he or she will receive a ticket to be used at the carnival at the conclusion of the program. The last date to report time the child has read or listened to books is Aug. 16.

For more information, call the children's department at 908-709-7272.

Delivery and pick-up service available

Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., has reopened delivery and pick-up service for residents who are homebound.

In conjunction with her Girl Scout Gold Award, Kimberly Argen of Cranford has organized a group of volunteers who will be available for this service.

An honor student at Cranford High

School, Argen has found that even with the accessibility of information on the Internet and various software programs, there is simply no replacement for a good book.

The service will compile a group of volunteer drivers. Any Cranford library cardholder who is homebound, either permanently or temporarily, will be able to call the library to request help.

A volunteer will then be contacted to call the recipient in order to take requests of either specific books or a general topic of interest, and to arrange for a mutually convenient time for a visit.

If you are interested in the service and do not have a Cranford library card, you still can participate either by coming to the library to get a card, or by requesting a library representative or volunteer to come to you.

Argen will be visiting other service organizations to explain her project.

EVENTS

Bluestar in concert downtown on Tuesday

The rock band Bluestar will give an outdoor concert Tuesday at 7 p.m. on the lawn of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., as part of the ongoing Concerts on the Lawn series presented by the Cranford Downtown Management Corporation.

The members of Bluestar — Kerry Drexler, Patrick Bock and Dennis Rasmussen — are Cranford residents and graduates of Cranford High School. The band regularly plays at Crossroads in Garwood, The Office restaurant and clubs in North Jersey.

The free outdoor concerts series runs through Sept. 24 and is part of the Downtown on Tuesday promotion that features a Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at The Gazebo in Parking Lot 1, corner of Springfield and North avenues.

For more information, call 908-709-7208.

Special-needs education focus of educator's talk

Parents and other Cranford residents are invited to hear nationally renowned educator Richard Lavoie discuss his philosophy and methods for successfully educating all children, including those with special learning needs, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 3 in the Orange Avenue School auditorium.

Lavoie has shared his message with thousands throughout the world, helping educators and parents see learning through the eyes of children with diverse abilities and needs.

This workshop kicks off the new school year by emphasizing why and how teachers and parents must understand and address the needs of every child.

Lavoie is the executive director of Riverview School in Massachusetts, a residential school for children with learning disabilities.

He was awarded a White House Citation for his work in 1990.

He holds three degrees in special education, has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities, and has advised the National Center for Learning Disabilities, Family Circle magazine, CBS News, Walt Disney

Studios, ABC News and the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, along with more than 400 school systems in 42 states.

His numerous national television appearances include CBS' "Morning Show," "Good Morning America," ABC Evening News, "Disney Channel Presents," and PBS' "Misunderstood Minds."

Lavoie will address Cranford teachers during the day September.

Focusing on improving students learning by addressing individual needs is one of the Cranford Board of Education's 2002-03 district goals.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by the Cranford Board of Education.

For more information, call Joseph Corriero, assistant superintendent of schools, at 908-709-6205.

Pride in Cranford awards

On Oct. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut St., Union, the Cranford Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Pride in Cranford awards. As with prior years, the nominations for those receiving the awards are made by the public.

There are two categories for nominations: Community Service Award which is for an individual, group or organization that has helped make Cranford a better community through its volunteer efforts, or a Community Development Award which is for a business or individual who has developed or remodeled its exterior commercial property within the last two years, consistent with Cranford's heritage.

The nominations forms will be available at the following locations:

- Cranford Library.
- Cranford Swim Pool.
- SI Bank.
- Tony's Cafe.
- Village Shoe Shop.
- Four "D" Jewelers
- Cranford Sunoco.
- Chamber of Commerce Office in the Municipal Building.

Nomination forms should be completed and returned to the chamber office by Sept. 13.

If you have any questions, call the Bob Hoefler at the chamber office at 908-272-6114 or Mayor Barbara Bilger 908-272-8425.

DMC wants shoppers downtown on Tuesdays

Downtown Cranford will be a busy place Tuesdays with the open-air market operating for an 18-week season.

The Downtown Management Corporation sponsors "Downtown on Tuesdays," a special promotion featuring a weekly Farmers Market and Concerts on the Lawn as the anchor events. The market will be in Parking Lot 1 and Mayor's Park, corner of Springfield and North Union avenues, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The summer concert series will continue with concerts featuring jazz, oldies, Dixieland, steel drums, Latin jazz, rock and more on most Tuesdays throughout the summer season.

Visitors to the Farmers Market will be able to buy fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, plants and baked goods. Local garden clubs also will be on hand to demonstrate wreath making, flower arranging and more.

Three Tuesdays remain for lovers of antiques and collectibles. Antiques on the Avenue will be Aug. 6, Sept. 3 and Oct. 1.

"Antique dealers will display their items on various streets throughout the downtown along with our local shops," said DMC Director Kathleen Miller Prunty. "Cranford is home to more than 25 antique, collectible and home furnishing shops. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our shops and check out the dealers who are participating in our market."

Many of Cranford's restaurants are joining in with "A Taste of Cranford." Every week, market visitors can enter a raffle to win gift certificates for Tuesday dining in Cranford.

Plans also are under way for "Art on the Avenue," a display of fine art, photography, sculpture and performing arts in September.

Downtown businesses will have posters and fliers with monthly schedule of events.

For more information, call the Downtown Management Corporation office at 908-709-7208.

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RECREATION

Cranford West open

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has re-opened Cranford West for the summer. Cranford West is a rustic-style camp in Hope. Cranford residents will have the opportunity to unwind after a long week to enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking and the scenery and attractions the area has to offer. Reservations are ongoing for other weekends in August. Reservations must be made two weeks prior to the weekend requested. The Community Center is open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Cabin and tent sites cost \$15 per night. Residents must be 21 or older and show proof of residency. For more information, call 908-709-7283.

Square dancers wanted

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, 220 Walnut Ave., offers weekly square dancing classes from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays. It is open only to Cranford residents 60 and older. Square dancing is taught at a relaxed pace and requires no experience or

partner. All participants must register for the class. For more information, call Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Ballroom-style dancing

Ballroom-style dancing for Cranford senior citizens has begun for the season from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Enjoy dancing while benefiting from the guidance of a professional dance instructor. All participants must register for the class. Call the Recreation and Parks

Department at 908-709-7283 for more information on the program.

Senior bowling league

Cranford seniors are welcome to enjoy bowling at Linden Lanes Mondays at 10 a.m. Teams consist of five members. Three games are played each week. To sign up for the program or for more information, call Linden Lanes at 908-925-3550. Any questions, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

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RELIGION

Daycare center to start fall sessions next month

Cranford Child Care Center, 7 Cherry St., in the Alliance Church will be starting fall daycare/preschool sessions Sept. 4. The theme this year is "He's got the Whole World in his Hands." The center will have special guests and enrichment programs along with a theme-based curriculum. The center will incorporate monthly fire-prevention puppet shows, baking and art projects, visiting nurse and nutrition programs, weekly chapel and music time. Sign language and Spanish will be used in the program. The center also will contribute to Cranford Family Care as its local mission.

The center's hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays for children 2½ years old through full-day kindergarten. The school is state-licensed and nationally accredited, with a desire to assist parents by providing a safe and healthy Christian atmosphere, along with quality early childhood education for the children. Its stated purpose is to provide a rich and varied program of activities to promote the emotional, social, spiritual, physical and intellectual growth of the child and to strengthen parents and families. To visit the center or for more information, call Patti Williams at 908-276-8689.

Baptist church presents 'Story of Jesus' for kids

Raritan Road Baptist Church, 611 Raritan Road, Cranford, will present the video "The Story of Jesus for Children," at 7 p.m. Friday, and at 2 p.m. Aug. 13. The hourlong video, distributed by Campus Crusade for Christ International, tells the story of Jesus from a child's perspective. There is no fee for admission. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 908-272-7088.

About the Bible

"Journey of a Lifetime" is a doable study for interested students of all ages, providing a working knowledge of every book in the Bible, as well as a close look at many of the significant chapters. To make this journey more meaningful, a 226-page commentary filled with maps, charts and diagrams will be available. This study is designed in such a way that one may enter into the journey at any time or even for a single session. Sessions covering the Old Testament will continue at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays for one year, until the New Testament study has been completed. Sessions meet in an informal setting in Cranford with the Rev. Frank Sforza of Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship. For more information or to enroll, call 908-276-6244.

OBITUARIES

Jean Ann Wozniak

Jean Ann Wozniak, 63, of Cranford died Aug. 6 in Union Hospital. Born in Woodbridge, Mrs. Wozniak moved to Cranford 40 years ago. She was a mail clerk with Schering-Plough Corp., Kenilworth, for eight years and retired 10 years ago. Earlier, Mrs. Wozniak had been a bookkeeper for the Cranford High School cafeteria 40 years ago. Surviving are two sons, Michael and James; a sister, Melissa Clayton; a brother, Donald Curry, and two grandchildren.

Sara Grimaldi

Sara Grimaldi, 91, of Cranford died

in Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains. Miss Grimaldi was a seamstress with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Manhattan, before retiring many years ago. Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Cranford for the past three years. Surviving are brothers, Frank and Joseph Grimaldi and a sister, Laura Beneduce.

Gerard F. Foley

Gerard F. Foley, 71, of Cranford died Aug. 8 in Union Hospital. He was employed with Western Electric in New York for 25 years before retiring in 1985. After that, he worked as a security

guard for the First Jersey National Bank in Jersey City. He served in the Marine Corps, and was a member of the American Legion Post 328, Clark. Mr. Foley was a member of the Cranford Seniors Friday Club and the Holy Name Society of St. Bridget's Church, Jersey City. Born in New York, he lived in Brooklyn and Jersey City before moving to Cranford in 1995. Surviving are daughters, Kathleen Mathues, Elizabeth LaVeglio, Jamie Finn and Mildred Ackerley; a sister, Dorothy Weyner, and eight grandchildren.

Stephan Stedlak

Stephan Stedlak, 88, of Cranford died Aug. 10 in Cedar Oaks Care Center, South Plainfield. Mr. Stedlak owned Buckeye Tavern in Elizabeth for 10 years before retiring in 1982. He was also a chemical operator at Orbis Chemical Co. in Newark for 15 years. Mr. Stedlak served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Elizabeth Old Guard. Born in Newark, he moved to Cranford in 1965. Surviving are sons, Robert and Richard; sisters, Helen Tomczyk, Ann Babich, Julie Kupsalitis and Catherine Mendoza; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

EDUCATION

Students with disabilities

The Cranford School District is responsible for providing a system of free, appropriate public education to students 3-21 years old with disabilities. Individuals and families who know of a child within this age range with a suspected or known educational disability should call James V. McLaughlin at the Cranford School District at 908-709-6219 or send a written request for an evaluation to the school district. Include the following information:

- Child's name, age, address and suspected or known disability.
- Parents or legal guardian's name and address.

Written requests should be mailed to: James V. McLaughlin, Director of Special Services, Cranford Public Schools, 132 Thomas St., Cranford, 07016. The parent(s) or legal guardian can expect a written notice of determination as to whether the child study team will conduct an evaluation. This notice should be received by the parent(s) or legal guardian within 30 days of the district's receipt of the request.

Full-time courses available for adults

Residents of Union County interested in improving their skills, learning a new trade or starting a new career can register now for courses at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools that begin in September. The Vo-Tech School District will offer eight full-time courses for adults this September, including A/C, Heating & Refrigeration; Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Electrical Technology; Electromechanical Technology; Graphic Communications; Maintenance Mechanics, and Telecommunications. All eight courses are designed to allow students to complete the program in one school year. Most courses meet daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. The Cosme-

tology and Culinary Arts classes meet Monday through Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. Students who enter the program on Sept. 4 will complete their work by June. The Vo-Tech School District is located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Financial aid is available to students who qualify and free job placement and apprenticeships are available to all graduates. For more information on these and other courses available through Union County Vo-Tech, call the Day Admissions office at 908-889-8288, Ext. 340 or 341.

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Biotechnology program

Beginning in September, Union County College will offer a certificate program in biotechnology. The Department of Biology and Chemistry are coming together in their commitment to educating and training students in the rapidly growing biotechnology field. The goal of the certificate program is to provide students with the basic understanding of the principles of biotechnology by acquiring a sound theoretical foundation as well as hands-on training and state-of-the-art instrumentation. Students can complete the biotechnology certificate program in as little as two semesters depending on the number of courses they are able to take each semester. In the course of the program a student will choose one of the following options in the fall semester: Introduction to Computer Applications, English Composition I, and General Chemistry I, or Principles of Inorganic Chemistry and Introduction to Biology, or Human Biology and Algebra, or Elementary Mathematical Analysis I or higher. The spring semester courses, all of which must be taken, include Microbiology, Principles of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Independent Study in Biology. Students who graduate with a Certificate in Biotechnology are qualified for employment in entry-level positions in the biotechnology industry,

research laboratories, universities, medical centers, etc. For more information on the biotechnology program, call one of the program coordinators, Paola Salvini-Capasso at 908-497-4207 or e-mail capasso@ucc.edu, or Mushtaq Khan at 908-709-7119 or e-mail khan@ucc.edu. For more information about registering for courses at Union County College, call 908-709-7518 or check out the web site at www.ucc.edu.

Graduates of the program can

pursue careers as chefs, sous chefs, banquet cooks, prep cooks, line cooks or first cooks. Many graduates continue their education, pursuing bachelors' degrees in culinary arts at four-year colleges. Financial aid is available to eligible students and job-placement services are offered to all graduates. For more information or to register for the program, call the admissions office at 908-889-8288, Ext. 340 or 341.

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Culinary Arts offered at Vo-Tech Schools

The award-winning Culinary Arts program at Union County Vocational-Technical Schools can improve your skills in the kitchen or prepare you for a new career as a chef. Registration is open now to all Union County residents for the Culinary Arts program scheduled to begin Sept. 4 at the school's campus in Scotch Plains. The Culinary Arts class will meet five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 2 to 8 p.m. Union County residents age 18 and over can complete the course and receive a degree in one year. The Culinary Arts program offers premiere food service education, introducing students to a variety of food preparation techniques from cooking principles to gourmet foods. Students learn in a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen under the guidance of a professional chef and instructor. The course includes instruction in the preparation of stocks, soups, sauces, salads, meats, fish, shellfish, poultry and vegetables. The curriculum also teaches portion control, food presentation, garnishing and dessert preparation. Additionally, students learn proper safety and sanitation in the kitchen, proper use of tools and equipment, purchasing, inventory control, menu planning, diet and nutrition, serving, food service management and kitchen operations. Graduates of the program can

beginning this fall, Union County College will offer a new program of study for those interested in becoming a professional massage therapist. The certificate in massage is a new program that consists of a total of 31 credits and can be completed in a total of four semesters. The program is to be enrolled by full-time students only. A person who graduates from the program will be able to work as a professional massage therapist. To complete the program, a graduate will be required to demonstrate the mastery of the six major types of massage techniques, will have gained a comprehensive understanding of the structure and function of the human anatomy, will have achieved professional level competency to perform a full body massage, and will have gained the knowledge of the indications and contraindications for therapeutic massage. In addition, graduates will have mastered the assessment tools to determine when it is appropriate to refer clients to other health care practitioners, the ability to design an appropriate treatment plan for the client, the knowledge and skills necessary to operate a massage therapy techniques. The courses being offered this fall for the program include Human Biology, Fundamentals of Massage Therapy, Massage Therapy I, Kinesiology for Massage Therapists, and Clinic I, which begins at week eight. The courses are open for enrollment now. For more information on the certificate in massage therapy, or to register, call 908-709-7518.

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Book offers patriotic view of fire headquarters

Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford has announced the release of the latest in the Landmark Series, "Cranford Fire Headquarters." This latest in the series is based on an original artwork by local artist Linda Sowa. This new Landmark piece depicts a patriotic view of the Cranford Firehouse in honor of local firefighters. Cranford firefighters made their special contribution Sept. 11 by manning firehouses on Staten Island around the clock while Staten Island firefighters worked the disaster scene. "Cranford Fire Headquarters" is available at The Arrangement on North Union Avenue, Martin's Jewelers on North Avenue and Marc Kelley Realtors on Alden Street. These local merchants have given their time in order to make the Cranford Landmark Series a success. Because of their help, Green Thumb has been able to put the proceeds from these sales to good use.

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All-Stars capture first tournament

The Cranford age 12 All-Star baseball team captured the first Harrison Recreational Tournament by defeating Kearny 10-9 in the final after beating Verona 6-5 in the semifinals, both comeback victories.

Players included Kevin Boyle, Pat O'Dowd, Andrew McGlynn, Andrew Colucci, Mark Bagniewski, Chris Campbell, Matt Trapani, Sean French, Joe DiPasquale, Sean Scanlon and Chris Petrowski.

Coaches included manager Ed Bagniewski and assistants Tom O'Dowd, Joe DiPasquale and Steve Campbell.

French had the game-winning hit against Kearny and DiPasquale against Verona.

Cranford managed to take a 9-7 lead on Kearny after trailing the Hudson County club by a 7-0 score to start. Cranford scored nine runs in the bottom of the third to take a brief lead.

Trapani, Colucci, and O'Dowd each drew walks to load the bases. After a strikeout, Boyle ripped a base hit that sent home the first run. DiPasquale followed with a ground rule double that plated two more.

French walked to load the bases again before Petrowski lined a two-run single. Bagniewski walked to load the bases for the third time in the inning before Campbell drove in another run with a hit. McGlynn and Trapani combined to drive in the inning's final three runs.

Kearny tied the game quickly in the top of the fourth by scoring two runs for a 9-9 score.

DiPasquale threw out a runner attempting to make it to third in the top of the seventh.

Cranford won the game in the bottom of the seventh when French smashed a hit that drove in Scanlon with the winning run. Scanlon led off with a hit and moved to second after another hit by Boyle.

DiPasquale hit a double to the gap in the fifth that drove in O'Dowd and French with the tying and winning runs vs. Verona. Colucci started the winning rally with his second hit of the day. O'Dowd was hit by a pitch and French walked to load the bases.

Bagniewski pulled Cranford to within one run by driving in a run with two outs. DiPasquale then delivered his clutch hit.

Football standings for 2002 season

Here's a look at how the Watchung and Mountain Valley conferences are aligned for football this year, with schools listed in order of enrollment size:

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE

American Division (5)

Elizabeth (Group 4)
Union (Group 4)
Plainfield (Group 4)
Kearny (Group 4)
Irvington (Group 4)

National Division (6)

Linden (Group 4)
Newark East Side (Group 4)
Westfield (Group 4)
Scotch Plains (Group 3)
Cranford (Group 3)
Shabazz (Group 3)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

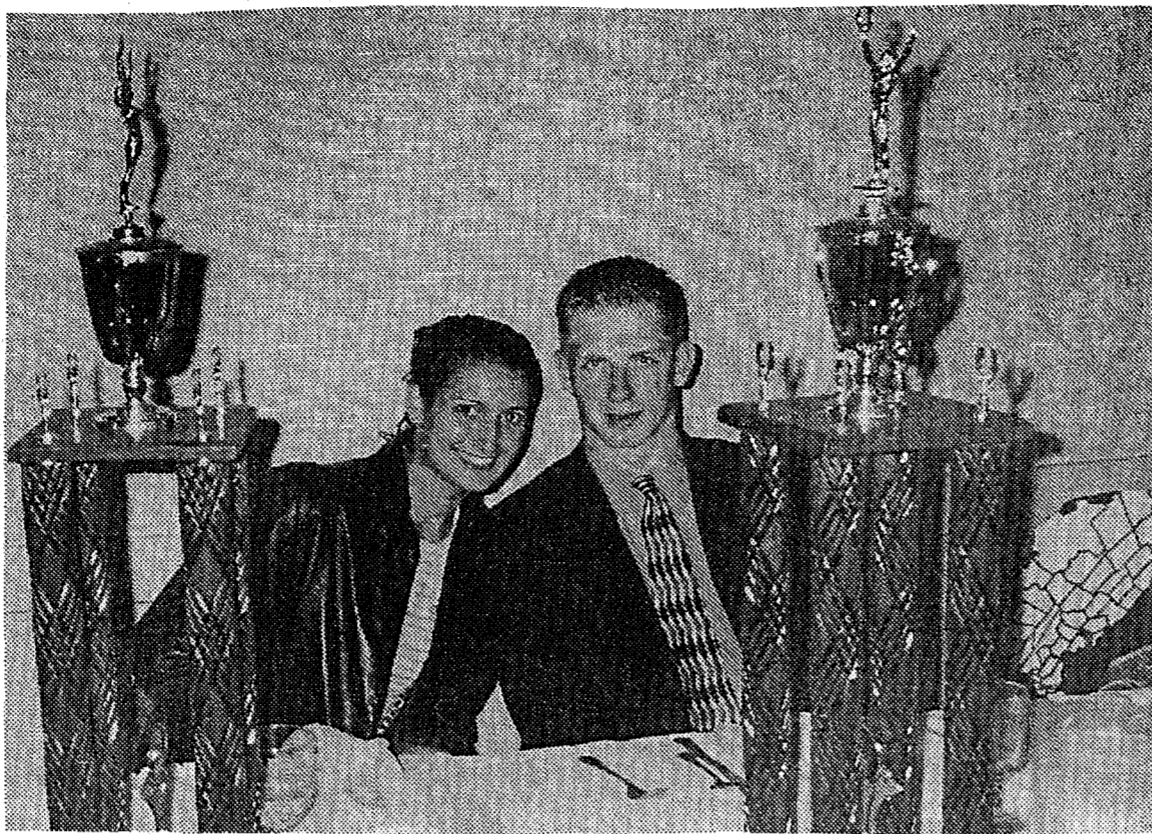
Mountain Division (8)

Ridge (Group 3)
Immaculata (Par. A, G. 3)
Rahway (Group 2)
Gov. Livingston (Group 2)
Roselle (Group 2)
North Plainfield (Group 2)
Hillside (Group 2)
Johnson (Group 2)

Valley Division (6)

New Providence (Group 1)
Roselle Park (Group 1)
Bound Brook (Group 1)
Newark Central (Group 1)
Brearley (Group 1)
Manville (Group 1)

Athletes honored



Christine Ferrara and Nicholas Biglasco, Johnson High School 2002 graduates, received sports awards at the annual Brian Piccolo Brunch, sponsored by Unico District X.

Cranford Hotel bested by Garwood Lanes for title

Rec softball playoffs go down to wire

The Cranford Recreation Softball League's championship was captured by the Garwood Lanes last Friday night as they defeated the Cranford Hotel 17-6 in the title contest played at Field No. 1 at the Orange Avenue Complex.

Both teams entered the 18-and-older league's final having one loss each in double-elimination playoff competition.

Garwood Lanes first defeated the Cranford Hotel 15-7 last Thursday to force Friday's final.

Other playoff results saw the Bulldogs finish third, the Cranford Knights of Columbus fourth, the Rustic Mill fifth and Cranford Packaging sixth.

Here's a look at the rosters of the six teams that participated this year:

Garwood Lanes, champs: Manager: John Russo. Players: Scott Neville, Mike Ruetter, Dave Biddulph, Brian Niemysk, Kevin Niemysk, Chris Polito, Steve Van Dam, Jim Trotter, Tom Trotter, Jim Wozniak, Fred Rittinger, Jerry Colabell, Rich Frungillo, Rich Biddulph, Tim Hak, Kevin Duffy, Walter Serafin, John Oblachinski.

Cranford Hotel, second: Manager: Gary Baker Jr. Players: Robert Brunton, Pete Cerillo, Mike Buonaguro, Adam Loffredo, Todd Prutzman, Dave Penta, Brian Ingraham, Brian Maher, Kevin Feeley, Geoff Hayeck, Mike

Fitzpatrick, Jason Zeckman, Frank DiTullio, Jason Michaels.

Bulldogs, third: Manager: Tom Korzeneski. Players: Curt Loxley, Ryan Loxley, Mark Bertrand, Bill Kelly, Mark Merriman, Jeff Carney, Joe Carney, Kevin Robinson, Chris Jones, Frank Luczar, Peter Corvelli, Joe Cosito.

Cranford Knights of Columbus, fourth: Manager: Mark McGlynn. Players: Nick Pace, Ron McGann, Bill Meyer, Mike Kahrer, Dick McKay, Bob Bovasso, Dick Rymysza, Jim Loguidice, John Hartnett, Jim Byrnes, Rick Buontempo, Vinny Cirincione, Rich Larkin, Leslie Joseph, Chuck Higgins, John McKeary, Gerry Conheeny.

Rustic Mill, fifth: Manager: Frank Williams. Players: Ray Vetter, Danny Heesters, Ted Burke, Jimmy Faraone, Kevin Papa, Walter Fluhe, John Swandrak, Scott Senkarik, Lenny Navarro, Frank Buzzar, Mike Dow, Peter Groczyk, Robert Bruns, Phil Colombrita, Jim Liggerio, Paul Gymbaluk.

Cranford Packaging: Manager: Bryan Morris. Players: Pat Hughes, Joe Waschek, Paul Waschek, Ken Barbour, Eric Zalinkanskas, Kevin Buckman, Bob Matyas, Joe Muccia, Doug Oxley, Doug Trentacoste, Henry Dreyer, Bob Lieberman, Steve Kisly, Jeff Lorman, Mike Mauer, Jack O'Shaughnessy.

Cranford Rec Department is accepting hoop registrations

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department is still accepting registrations for its Youth Basketball Leagues.

Leagues are for boys and girls in grades 3-8. The registration deadline is Sept. 28 and anyone registering after that date will be put on a waiting list.

More information about the leagues may be obtained by calling the recreation office at 908-709-7283.

Goalkeeper Clinic at Sherman Park Monday

The Cranford Soccer Club will be holding a free Goalkeeper Clinic Monday at Sherman Park in Cranford.

John Lonergan, a personal goalkeeper trainer, will conduct it.

Training for youngsters ages 7-10 will be held from 6-7 p.m. and training for those ages 11 through high school seniors will be held from 7-8 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is required. Contact Jody Reagar at 908-276-4640.

The Club is also holding a coaches F License Clinic at the Cranford Community Center on Sept. 6 and 7. Contact Reagar at 908-276-4640.

Johnson fall teams have Rahway among foes

The Johnson High School varsity soccer teams will face Rahway home and away this year among other Mountain Valley Conference foes.

Johnson's boys' team will host Rahway Sept. 19 at 3:45 p.m. and then play at Rahway Oct. 8 at 3:45.

Johnson's girls' squad will play at Rahway Sept. 19 at 3:45 and host the Indians Oct. 8 at 3:45.

Johnson's girls' volleyball team is also scheduled to face Rahway twice this year. The Crusaders host Rahway Oct. 3 at 3:45 and will play at Rahway Oct. 29 at 3:45.

Johnson's girls' tennis team will play at Rahway Sept. 13 at 3:45 and host Rahway Sept. 26 at 3:45.

Ref applications accepted

Applications are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school referees in the School and College Officials Association for the 2002 season.

Interested candidates may obtain information by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: David R. Klein, 37 Bryant Ave., Bloomfield, N.J. 07003-5401.

Family values are stressed at camp

Newark Bears trip a highlight

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

Cranford — Stressing family values.

That's what last week's Cranford Baseball Basics Summer Camp held at the Orange Avenue School was all about.

Headed up by Bob Segear, a police officer in town for 29 years, a camp highlight included a trip to the Newark Bears' Riverfront Stadium for campers and their parents.

"I wanted to promote a family outing," Segear said. "It also gives me a way of giving back to my community."

The camp, in its 15th year, commenced Aug. 5 and concluded last Friday, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Cranford Baseball Basics

"When I was sitting at the Bears game, I was thinking how the camp has evolved from when it started," Segear said. "I looked around and saw families happy and smiling. To think here's where we're at makes me proud."

Segear stated that the Bears went out of their way to make the campers feel at home by signing autographs and flashing the name of the camp on the scoreboard.

The evening culminated with Segear presenting a contribution to the Cranford High School baseball team. Cranford athletic director John Cathcart was on hand to receive the donation.

Segear was a member of Cranford's 1971 Group 4 state championship team that was coached by Norm Koury.

"I sat down with coach Koury 15 years ago and told him I wanted to start a baseball camp for kids in town," Segear said. "I asked him what the kids lacked when they get to the high school level and he said they don't know how to play the game."

Hence, Baseball Basics was started to teach youngsters the fundamentals of the game.

"I've always accepted input from anybody willing to give it," Segear said. "You weigh it, table it and ask yourself if it's something you can implement into the structure. A lot of people have helped me along the way to develop the program to where it's at today."

The camp's staff included present and former Cranford players along with the Cranford coaching staff and 2002 Division 2 College Baseball Coach of the Year Steve Svenson of Felician College.

"The staff makes the camp," Segear said. "Their personalities are the main reason, followed by their knowledge of the game."

The start of the camp on Monday began with a pre-evaluation of the players' skills. A re-test was given at the end of the week.

The days in between were dedicated to defensive and offensive stations. Each station had six areas, which included a water break space. The youngsters would cycle around these different areas every 10 minutes.

Some of defensive drills worked upon included picking up a ground ball with a bare hand and then with a glove. Bare hand fly ball drills consisted of using a wiffle ball and tennis ball.

An RIF (reduced injury factor) ball was used in games played, while wiffle balls and tennis balls were used in the drills to eliminate fear as one of the obstacles in catching the ball.

Offensive drills include hitting off a tee and hitting miniature wiffle balls. These drills help eye contact, tracking of the ball and release point.

Pitching mechanics, such as throwing the ball straight, were also worked upon during the week. Proper baserunning was also an issue that was addressed.

Each camp day concluded with youngsters playing in game situations. The last day of camp, Friday, concluded with each camper receiving a final evaluation.

"From day one to day five, the campers' skill level has always improved," Segear said. "Sometimes, very tremendously."

A photo of each camper was taken at the start of camp and then put into a report card type of setting, with the coach putting words of encouragement with it.

The camp concluded with a pizza party where prizes were given out. Some of the prizes were awarded based on each camper's knowledge of baseball. A take home quiz encouraged family members to seek answers to baseball questions.

"I think that promotes a healthy environment," Segear said. "I want the kids to work hard and be the best they can be."

Kean Golf Classic to aid athletic programs

The third annual Kean University Golf Classic will take place Sept. 9 at Suburban Golf Club in Union and begins with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun.

Last year's tournament was a sellout and a tremendous success. As much as \$60,000 was raised, which provided support for all of Kean's athletic programs.

There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities available. Sponsors will be recognized with placards at the event and at the awards dinner.

It is suggested that reservations be made early. The tournament has become one of the finest golf traditions in the area.

The \$400 registration fee includes green fees, cart, buffet lunch, refreshments, cocktail reception, awards dinner and door prizes.

Prizes and contests include: team prizes, hole-in-one contest, longest drive contest (men and women), closest-to-the-pin and much more.

The schedule is as follows: 10:30 a.m.: registration and driving range; 11 a.m.: buffet lunch; 12:30 p.m.: shotgun start; 5:30 p.m.: cocktails and 6:30 p.m.: awards dinner, door prizes, 50/50 and raffle.

The Kean University Foundation Golf Committee Chairman is James Fraser. More information may be obtained by calling Kean University at 908-527-2720.



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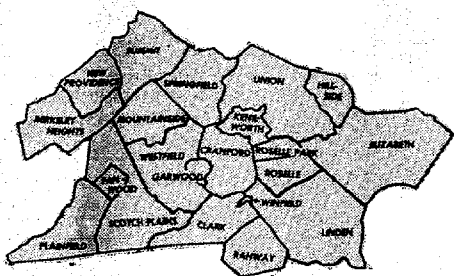
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A good feeling

By 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Vickie Durbin was wheeling a golf cart over the hilly terrain at Watchung Reservation like a pro. Over the past four years as director of governmental relations, she has helped to administer the freeholders' Kids Kingdom program. On Sunday, her duties ran from organizing worker deployment, voucher distribution, and setting the exact location of the county's information van.

The program continues to "catch on," according to Durbin. Offered four times in the summer — once each in Elizabeth, Plainfield, Watchung Reservation and Cranford at county parks — the crowds are impressive. This program, which includes letting the kids actually get in Public Works trucks, games of amusement and entertainment, was a hit before the tragedy of Sept. 11. Maybe I just appreciate public activities more since then.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

There is a little irony that the Watchung Reservation is only a stone's throw from the stables which used to be a Nike missile base during the Cold War. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the war on terrorism, the country is again preparing the greatest mobilization since World War II. We wrestle daily with homeland security. The danger of being so close to New York City, as well as the port, can never be out of our minds for long.

At the same time, the appreciation for normalcy is real. The annual Winfield fair and carnival two weeks ago had crowds "better than usual," according to Deputy Mayor David Wright. Remember this was during a major heat wave and one night of very bad storms. "We provide a safe family-type activity, for which there is obviously a need," Wright said. From this corner, here is a prediction: the upcoming festival in Kenilworth will also be well attended.

But the war on domestic terror gave us another jolt last week. The well-publicized raid by the Passaic County Sheriff's Office to catch the makers of fraudulent passports was depressing. A report by the Gannett News Service speculated that a shipping container "is one of the easiest ways to smuggle a dirty bomb in our area." Scary stuff indeed. The planned Department of Homeland Security is expected to employ 170,000 citizens.

But watching the setting up of Sunday's event was a nice vacation from hard reality. As the kids started filing in before the actual noon starting time, the adults in charge didn't stand on ceremony on a time clock. The morning emcee called out, "Calling all kids to the Kids Kingdom."

Durbin says working on the event and watching it succeed, "the clean parks, the active participation of the freeholders and cooperation of the works," can leave you with a good feeling.

I appreciated the good feeling of just being able to watch and enjoy a public event a whole lot more than I did 11 months ago.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Electronic collection

Union County residents can properly dispose of their old computers and unwanted electronic equipment, plus old automobile tires, on Saturday at the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority, 95 Rock Ave., Plainfield, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the Union County Environmental Services web site at www.unioncountynj.org/oem or call the Environmental Services Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Party leaders weigh in on Senate race

GOP confident about county races

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

In the wake of a poll released Friday that has Republican Douglas Forrester and Democrat Robert Torricelli in a dead heat in the U.S. Senate race, Union County's GOP leader is confident the statewide race will have strong implications locally.

A Quinnipiac poll released Friday had both the incumbent, Torricelli, and Forrester at 37 percent. Nineteen percent of those polled indicated they were undecided. The poll was released after the U.S. Senate Ethics Committee admonished the senator for accepting gifts from a fund-raiser.

"Forrester is in a great position at this time," Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio said. "At this far out date, it's perfect for him and bad for Torricelli." Barring any unforeseen future event, he said Forrester will prevail in the U.S. Senate race.

But Charlotte DeFilippo, Union County Democratic chairman, said ultimately it's a question of whether New Jersey voters want to give control of the U.S. Senate to Republicans. She believes the answer is an emphatic no. The Senate currently is controlled by Democrats, but only by the slimmest of margins, 50-49-1, while the GOP controls the House of Representatives and the presidency.

DeFilippo called Forrester an "ultra-right" candidate in the image of Bret Schundler, last year's Republican gubernatorial candidate. The senate race will be a healthy one for New Jersey but ultimately voters do not want their leaders "in the pockets of CEOs," as she described Forrester.

Frigerio said that when all the strategies are played out, Forrester will be more in line with the state's voters than Torricelli. "Torricelli had his chances and he blew it," he said, adding that the race is Forrester's to lose at this point.

Toricelli is a strong, effective campaigner no doubt, but the low percentage of Democrats in his favor are way down, the GOP chairman said.

New Jersey's other senator, Democrat Jon Corzine of Summit, called it a matter of "unfortunate circumstances" but Torricelli went to the public and admitted his errors in judgment. Other senators in the U.S., including John McCain and John Glenn had similar errors in judgment and continued serving in the Senate after investigations.

Corzine said the committee's letter is a "strong, severe admonishment." The Ethics Committee could have chosen to censure or expel Torricelli or issue a formal reprimand, he said. "All would've been more serious."

"I don't think there's a stronger voice in the Senate for New Jersey," Corzine said of Torricelli. "I hope people look at his record as much as his mistakes." When people get focused on his positive record in Congress, and how much he fought for New Jersey, he said, "we'll see him get back into lead."

Among Independents, Forrester leads Torricelli 37 percent of 27 percent and among males, 43 percent to 35 percent. The incumbent meanwhile leads among women, 38 percent to 31 percent, and among union households, 39 percent to 27 percent.

Toricelli holds a large advantage, 55 percent to 28 percent, among voters in Democratic-heavy Essex and Hudson counties while Forrester leads 37 percent to 33 percent in Bergen, Passaic, Union, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

Many agree the Senate race will be "a real mud bath," said one Democrat who wished not to be identified. At the end of the day, voters dislike what Torricelli did, as evidenced by the recent poll, but also dislike the fact that Republicans could take control of the U.S. Senate. "Trent Lott is a scary person to most New Jerseyans," the Democrat said, referring to the Mississippi senator who is the Senate's Republican leader.

"What should have been a cake-walk will be a lot closer," the Democrat said.

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Security, financial reform stressed

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Protecting the homeland and addressing the recent spate of accounting irregularities at multibillion-dollar corporations were among the topics U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine touched on Friday as he spoke with weekly newspaper reporters in Union County during a roundtable forum at the Elizabeth YMCA.

The senator said the best way to communicate with the public in New Jersey is through weekly newspapers because the media are very fragmented between the New York and Philadelphia markets. "We have to have a policy dialogue with constituents."

The fall of companies such as WorldCom and Tyco have had "a lot of impact everywhere," the Summit resident said, adding that legislation is aimed at prevention against these types of problems of corporate malfeasance. Describing himself as the "fundamental author" of the accounting piece of the new federal legislation, Corzine said the measure, in the long run, will change how accounting for the performance of U.S. companies occurs, with auditors for the auditors. Prior to the legislation, there was only "self-review" by auditors.

An oversight board and staff will now examine the auditors. Corzine called it one of the "historic program shifts in regulation and supervision of finance; real long-term change." The federal government gave the Securities and Exchange Commission "a lot more," the former Goldman Sachs chairman said. Where the SEC once had 35 accountants examining 17,000 companies, now the commission's budget will be almost doubled along with "significant new



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine of Summit discusses homeland security and the need to protect chemical plants during a meeting with reporters at the Elizabeth YMCA.

hiring" to give investors, creditors and public much more confidence.

The legislation will ensure a corporate governing structure, the senator said, that will represent shareholders, not management. Chief executive officers will verify and sign statements, something that was done in the financial services sector before. "People take very seriously certifying," Corzine said, adding "I think there will be a change in behavior."

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Bids finally accepted for new county police headquarters

Groundbreaking could come by the fall

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A bid for the new Union County Police headquarters and forensics lab was awarded last month by the county administration and groundbreaking on the project could begin as early as the fall.

M&M Construction had the winning bid of \$11.120 million, beating out Century 21 Construction, \$11.713 million; Fuscon Enterprises, \$11.621 million, and Icon Construction, \$11.021 million. It was the third time bids were accepted for the expansion project.

Union County Manager George Devaney said groundbreaking on the project would be this fall if the latest bids held up.

Though technically Icon Construction had the lowest bid this third time, the county awarded the project to M&M Construction because the company had a security system training certificate. The certificate was a requirement in the bid because the company must be able to integrate the new security system at the headquarters and lab with the rest of the county's security system, Assistant County Counsel Rose Comas said. Even Judge Edward

Begin Jr., when he ruled the second round of bids to be re-bid, agreed security was of utmost importance in the project, she said.

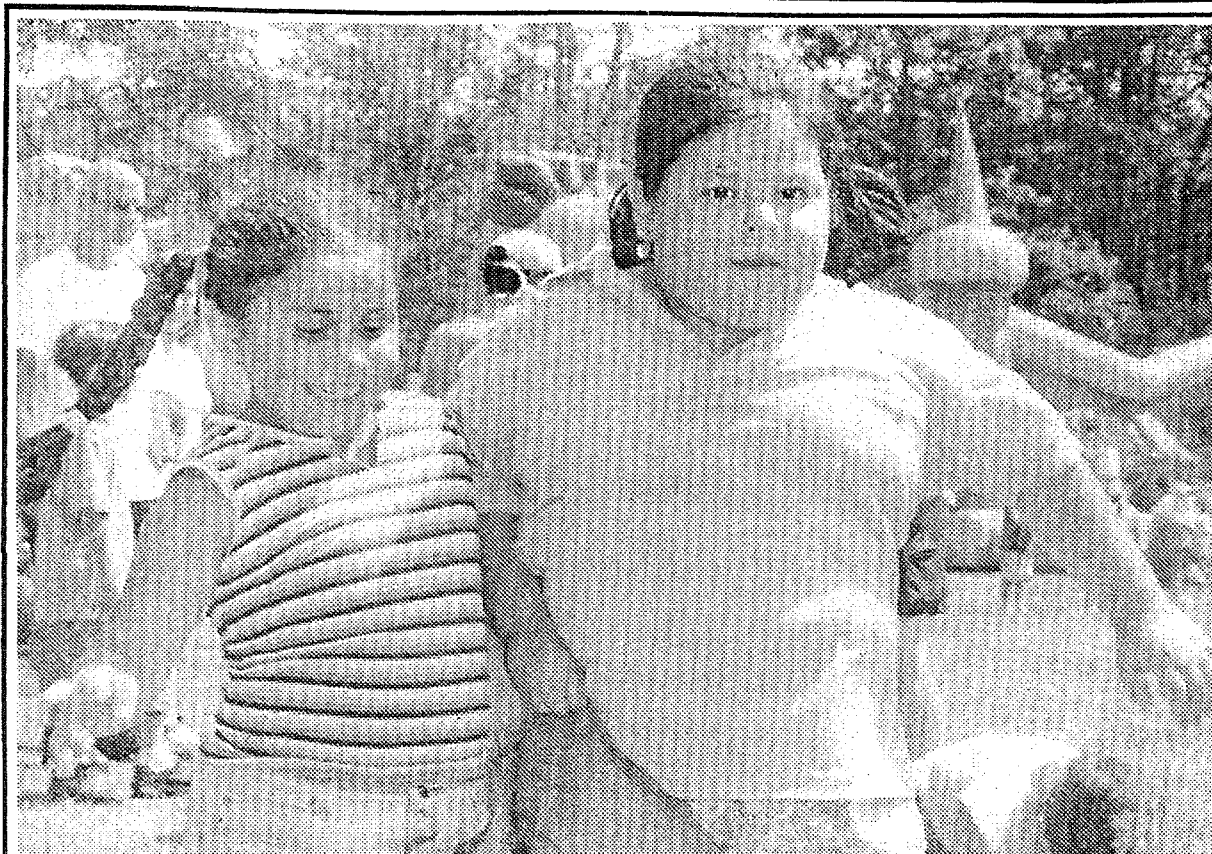
The first time Union County went out to bid for the new police headquarters, in October, there were five bids: APS Contractors Inc., \$7.745 million; Century 21 Construction, \$11.677 million; Icon Construction, \$12.172 million; M&M Construction, \$12.375 million, and AST Development Corp., \$12.812 million. The first round of bids all were rejected however because there was an error in the bid specifications which could have affected the bids that were presented, Comas said.

The second time the county went to bid was in November, when it also received five bids:

M&M Construction, \$11.349 million; Terra Firma, \$11.470 million; Icon Construction, \$11.476 million; Century 21 Construction, \$11.846 million, and Alna Construction, \$12.771 million. That time, Century 21 Construction challenged the bids and a Superior Court judge ruled that all bids had to be rejected or re-bid, Comas said.

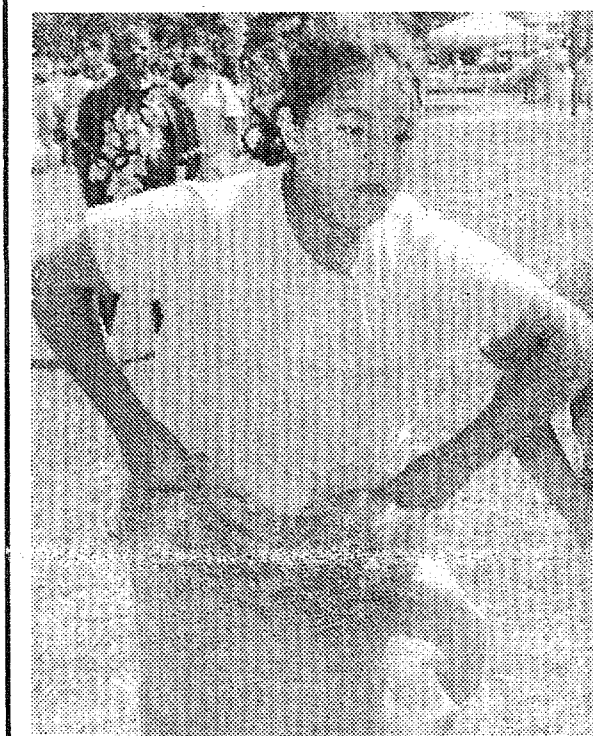
It's been two years since the architect for the new police headquarters, Noel Musial of Mountainside-based The Musial Group, recommended the county build a new facility rather than renovate the existing Veneri Complex on North Avenue in Westfield. Architects presented plans and renovations were expected to

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Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

Seven-year-olds Emma Huyo and Cindy Pineros, both of Elizabeth, bolt for the finish line in the three-legged race during Union County's Kids Kingdom on Sunday in the Watchung Reservation.



Maria Huyo, 10, of Elizabeth, left, tries to keep it together in the potato sack race. Lucy Biegier and son Daniel, 5, right, work together on painting a rock, one of the many activities at Kids Kingdom.

Consultant to study best use of old jail

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A consultant will examine the county's Old Jail and make a recommendation by the end of the year as to the best use of the facility.

The Musial Group of Mountainside will conduct a preliminary interior space analysis and utilization study of the Old Jail in Elizabeth at a cost of \$94,800. The 68,000-square-foot jail was shut down in 2001 to close a multimillion-dollar gap in the county budget that year. With the old jail closed, the county laid off corrections officers and began sending some inmates to Delaney Hall, a drug treatment center in Newark. Inmates were consolidated at the county's new jail, a 160,000-square-foot facility opened in the late 1980s across the street on Elizabethtown Plaza.

Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapolla said construction of the old jail was started in 1932 and completed later that decade. The facility was built in two parts and the jail is located on the third through eighth floors of one part and the fourth through sixth floors of another, with county offices, courtrooms and an atrium below.

There are a number of space constraints at the county complex in Elizabeth, County Manager George Devaney said. The consultant will talk to the county prosecutor, Superior Court assignment judge and department heads, as well as constitutional officers, such as the county surrogate and county clerk, whose offices are located in the same complex as the old jail.

Devaney estimated the study could be completed in three to four months. Some things will be looked at more quickly, while others are long term. In the short-term, there has been discussion to find more space, the county manager said, such as potentially relocating the grand jury which now is in the Andrew K. Ruotolo Justice Center.

Money for the study was included in the 2002 capital budget. The funds are included within a \$35-million bond ordinance that comes up for a public hearing and final approval at the Board of Chosen Freeholders regular meeting on Aug. 22. Approximately \$6.6 million for the Department of Operations and Facilities will fund improvements to various buildings.

Senator hosts forum

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The new federal regulations "wouldn't have happened without the latter stages" of Tyco, WorldCom and Martha Stewart, he said, with Enron only getting things started.

"Now we ought to let the SEC do its job."

The senator admitted he hopes there are plenty of lawsuits against corporate offenders, so some of the people who facilitated the fraud and abuse end up paying in order to recoup at least some of the money lost, although not all can be.

"Some of the hype of investing stock never really should have been sold as certain an exercise that the public began to believe," Corzine said. Job losses have been quite severe of late, and he expected it will take some time to rebuild those industries.

On the issue of security, Corzine emphasized the importance of bringing various federal agencies under one umbrella to coordinate intelligence, immigration and other matters

of homeland security. However, he said more specific issues of security should be prioritized, such as safeguarding any immediate potential risks.

There are 11 chemical and petroleum sites in New Jersey with one million people in their exposure range, a much higher rate than nuclear sites, the senator said. Eleven of 123 chemical plants in the U.S. have one million people as potential casualties if an explosion or attack were to occur. In Union County, the Tosco refinery in Linden has an exposure range of 7.5 million people, he said.

Corzine stressed identifying high-risk plants and developing ways to protect them immediately, requiring organizations to put together risk management plans. The plans must be auditable, like financial statements, and reviewed on a consistent basis by the public or those who represent them.

"It would be a mistake if we laid all the responsibility at the doorstep of private industry," Corzine said.

Senate race just got a little closer

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crat said of the Torricelli-Forrester race. "In Union County, we need that cushion; we don't get the benefit of coat tails," adding that one might see Republicans winning in Union County, making a difference in towns like Clark, Cranford and Union.

Historically in Union County, GOP freeholder candidates have done well during this election cycle, with U.S. Senate at the top of the ticket, Frigerio said. With an overriding issue at the top of the ballot and a strong second line with Mike Ferguson running for Congress, it bodes well to get first chance to win a county freeholder seat in seven years, the chairman said. "The overriding issue that has given us the opportunity is the Senate race. It's probably the single most important aspect of Union County freeholder race," Frigerio said.

But to DeFilippo, races at the county level will be more about the issues and records of the candidates. "I think it's going to be about Democratic performance versus Republican performance, or non-performance.

"I think people separate the issues. Each level of government stands on its own."

Republicans this year are running Fanwood Borough Council President Joel Whitaker, Rahway Councilwoman Elyse Bochicchio Medved and Anira Clericuzio of Cranford for freeholder. Democrats are putting up incumbents Nicholas Scutari of Linden and Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, along with Rick Proctor of Rahway, who was appointed in January to fill a vacancy on the freeholder board.

Democrats hold all nine seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders and have won every countywide election since 1995.

The last time the U.S. Senate race led the ticket was in 1996 when Scutari was elected to his first term, along with Linda Stender of Fanwood and Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth. That year, Torricelli defeated former Congressman Richard Zimmer to win his first term after several terms as a congressman from Bergen County.

New HQ set to break ground

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begin in 1999 for renovations of the headquarters but by fall 2000 plans were presented for an entirely new facility at about the same cost, \$16 million.

The plan now is to demolish the building that currently houses the county police. A new 51,000-square-foot, three-story facility will house the police, forensics lab, emergency management and satellite office for the county clerk. Parking would provide for nearly 170 cars.

Family Court volunteers

Volunteers are needed for a vital program serving the Superior Court, Family Division — Family Court — in Union County. There is a particular need for bilingual volunteers.

Nancy Spano Yurek, coordinator of the Union County Juvenile Conference Committee Program, is seeking adults willing to spend one or two evenings a month volunteering for their local Juvenile Conference Committee.

The Juvenile Conference Committees serve under the authority of the Superior Court, Family Division. A JCC is a six- to nine-member citizen volunteer panel appointed by the Family Division judge that acts as an arm of the court. In a confidential manner, the JCC hears and decides such matters involving alleged juvenile offenders as the court refers to it. The juvenile, the parents and/or guardians and the complainant are invited to discuss voluntarily with the committee the offense and other related factors.

The committee considers the facts and then makes a recommendation to the judge for a resolution that aids in the juvenile's rehabilitation. If the judge approves, the recommendations become a court order which is monitored by the JCC. Upon successful completion of all conditions set down in the recommendations, the case is dismissed. If the obligations are not fulfilled, the case is returned to the courts for further disposition.

Juvenile Conference Committee members are fully trained citizen volunteers. Members are expected to attend two county-level training sessions before they are allowed to sit on a Juvenile Conference Committee panel. JCC volunteers are assigned to work on the JCC that serves the municipality in which they live.

Union County has 22 Juvenile Conference Committees. Each municipality is represented by a Juvenile Conference Committee. There is also a committee which serves the entire county. Committees generally meet once per month, however, this may vary from committee to committee depending on the size of the caseload.

Interested adults may call Yurek at 908-659-3360 or write to her at the Family Court, Union County Courthouse Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth, 07207.

Mothers & More meet

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, a local support group for moms who have chosen to alter their career paths to stay at home with their children, will host an open forum, "Ask a Pediatrician," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Dr. Alan Meltzer, a practicing

pediatrician in Madison, will host this informal question-and-answer session giving mothers an opportunity to receive qualified feedback on concerns relating to their children. Meltzer is director of the Division of General Pediatrics and associate director of Pediatric Medical Education at Atlantic Health Systems.

All moms naturally have medical concerns regarding their children's health, so participants should come prepared with their list of questions. You need not be a member of Mother's & More to attend.

Inquiries regarding this event, or the group itself, may call Patty at 908-497-1286 or Heidi at 908-810-7165.

Mothers & More offers many social outings for moms and their children as well as providing a wide variety of information to members through lectures and meetings on topics of interest.

Senior Farmers Markets

The Union County Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced the August locations of the Senior Citizens' Farmers Market nutrition program.

The Senior Farmers Market makes locally grown fruits and vegetables available to eligible participants age 60 and older.

Union County representatives will be available at several locations throughout the county during the month of August to help residents complete the necessary application for the Senior Farmers Market program. Eligible seniors will be able to select fresh fruit and vegetables following their registration at the following locations:

- Friday, Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

- Wednesday, Ann Feruson Towers, 1601 Dill St., Linden. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Farm fresh fruits and vegetables will be available at each location from 10 a.m. until noon.

The farmers market vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff members from the Division of Aging and the Division of Social Services will conduct private interviews on request. A bilingual staff person will be present.

For more information about the Senior Farmers Market, call the

Union County Senior Nutrition Program at 908-527-4877.

Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood drives:

- Today, 4 to 7 p.m., Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield.

- Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., John L. Ruddy VFW Post 7363, 6 Broadway, Clark.

- Aug. 23, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

- Aug. 28, 3 to 8 p.m., Linden Firehouse No. 4, 2400 N. Wood Ave., Linden.

- Aug. 31, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140.

Volunteers needed to be rape crisis advocates

Caring, supportive and committed individuals are wanted to volunteer to assist rape survivors during day, evening and weekend shifts at the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

There is especially a need for bilingual and multilingual individuals.

Training will prepare advocates to respond with support and information on the 24-hour hotline, provide emotional support and accompaniment at the hospital, police department, Prosecutor's Office and/or court.

The 40 hours of specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate, which is mandated throughout the state, will be scheduled twice a week from Sept. 24 to Nov. 21. Training addresses the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors, their family members and related issues.

In addition to serving as a rape crisis advocate, volunteers may become involved in making educational presentations to schools or to groups in the community on sexual assault topics.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. The center is a

program in the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning that is designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault. Some people may believe that only young women would need its services, but they are offered to adult males, females, teen-agers, children and their families whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or in years past.

The center also offers crisis intervention, short-term counseling and therapy with referral for long-term services as needed, which are provided free of charge by qualified professionals.

Dates for the volunteer training are as follows: Sept. 24 and 26; Oct. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and 31; Nov. 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21.

Training is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Attendance is required at all training sessions in order to be qualified to become a volunteer rape crisis advocate.

Interested individuals should call as soon as possible for an interview.

For more information, call 908-233-RAPE/7273 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Passport fees to rise

Federally-mandated fee increases for passport services will go into effect nationwide on Monday. The changes are a result of an independent fee study conducted on behalf of the U.S. State Department.

Passport applications for adults will rise from \$60 to \$85.

Passport applications for those younger than 16 years of age will rise from \$40 to \$70.

Passport renewal fees will increase from \$40 to \$55.

The fee for emergency or expedited services will rise from \$35 to \$60.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the annex at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. The main office in Elizabeth is open from

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 908-527-4966.

The Westfield annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and can be reached by calling 908-654-9859.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mystic Vision, Triple Threat lead Perry nominations

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

Amateur theater is alive and well in the Garden State, as evidenced by the 39 New Jersey community theaters earning nominations for the 2002 Perry Awards.

The nominations for this year's Perry Awards were announced in an informal gathering Saturday at Westfield Community Players. The awards will be presented during a gala ceremony in Woodbridge Sept. 29.

Leading the nominations, with an even dozen each, are Mystic Vision Players of Linden, eight of which were received for last summer's production of "Pippin," and Triple Threat Foundation for the Arts of Cherry Hill.

The Perry Awards, presented by Recognition of Excellence in Community

Theater since 1998, are awarded annually to honor the work done by the Garden State's community theaters.

Cranford Dramatic Club's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" earned nine nominations. Among them is a nod for Outstanding Production of a Musical, an award CDC picked up in 2000 for "Mame."

Other theaters scoring multiple nominations, either for single productions or various shows, were Sayreville Main Street Theater Company, 11; the Villagers of Franklin, Attic Ensemble of Jersey City and Cranford Dramatic Club, nine each; 4th Wall Musical Theater of Morristown, Chatham Community Players and Over the Rainbow Productions of Holmdel, with eight each; Players Theater of Westwood, Somerset Valley Players of Somerville, Westfield Community Players and Show Kids Invitational Theater of High Bridge, seven each, and West Orange's Theater Under the Stars, Teaneck New Theater and Playhouse

22 of East Brunswick, five each.

While Mystic Vision Players and Triple Threat scored the most nominations of any company, it is CDC's "South Pacific" that leads the race as the most-nominated production. It is followed by "Children of Eden" at Sayreville Main Street Theater Company and MVP's "Pippin," with eight apiece, both of which are up against "South Pacific" in the Best Musical category. Coincidentally, both "Pippin" and "Children of Eden" feature scores by Oscar-winner Stephen Schwartz.

Three shows scored seven nominations: "A New Brain" at 4th Wall, "The Importance of Being Ernest" at Villagers and "Blithe Spirit" at Chatham Community Players.

Nominated for Outstanding Production of an Original Musical was MVP's "American Rapture 2001."

And the nominees are ...

The nominees for the 2002 Perry Awards were announced Saturday at Westfield Community Players. The Perry Awards have been presented by Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater — R.E.C.T. — since 1998.

Editor's note: Bold type indicates artists or theaters from Union County.

Outstanding Production of a Musical

"Children of Eden," Sayreville Main Street Theater Company (SMSTC); Mark K. Iardi, producer
"The Civil War," Triple Threat Theater; Michele Ashwell, producer

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Over the Rainbow Productions; Dan Hunt, producer

"A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical Theater; Kathi Iannacone, producer

"Pippin," Mystic Vision Players; Rita Greco, producer

"South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club; Elizabeth Howard, producer

"Violet," 4th Wall Musical Theater; Kathi Iannacone, producer

Outstanding Production of a Play

"Don't Drink the Water," Studio Players

"A Few Good Men," Triple Threat Theater; Barbara Katz, producer

"The Girl on the Via Flaminia," Teaneck New Theater; Harriet Gottlieb, producer

"The Importance of Being Ernest," Villagers; Michael Driscoll and Catherine Rowe, producers

"The Mousetrap," Yardley Players; Marge Swider, producer

"Sylvia," Playhouse 22; Jay Sundell, producer

"Toys in the Attic," Attic Ensemble; Marie Bahr, producer

Outstanding Production of an Original Musical

"American Rapture 2001," Mystic Vision Players; Anthony Greco and Barbara Greco Brady, producers

"Dorian," Playhouse 22; Adam Neary, producer

"Magic to Do: A Community Revue," Smiling Rhino Theater; Carmela Wolosz and Eric Holgerson, producers

"Once Upon a Slipper," Park Players; Alice Failla, producer

"Viviana," Over the Rainbow Productions; Debby Schwartz and Mike Schwartz, producers

Outstanding Production of an Original Play

"But Only Say the Word," Villagers; Norm Halverson, producer

"Family, Frying Pans and The FBI," Attic Ensemble; Marie Bahr, producer

"Friends: Not the TV Show," Alliance Rep; Jeff Strager and Jerry Marino, producers

"A Millennium Christmas Carol," Over the Rainbow Productions; Dan Hunt, producer

"Retirement Stinks," First Avenue Playhouse; Joe Bagnole, producer

"Roommates," First Avenue Playhouse; Joe Bagnole, producer

"Unresolved," Narrows Drama Theater and Over the Rainbow Productions; Debby Schwartz, producer

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Bob Cline, "A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical Theater

Bill C. Fikaris, "And the World Goes 'Round," Players Theater

Shayne Austin Miller, "South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club

Michael Monaco, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

David Pacheco, "The Civil War," Triple Threat Theater

Debby Schwartz, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Over the Rainbow Productions

Patrick Starega, "Children of Eden," SMSTC

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Kathel Carlson, "Blithe Spirit," Chatham Community Players

Mary Lynn Dobson, "Sylvia," Playhouse 22

Bill C. Fikaris, "Book of Days," Players Theater

Jerry Marino, "The Importance of Being Ernest," Villagers

Wanda Miragni, "Toys in the Attic," Attic Ensemble

Kevin Shinnick, "The Girl on the Via Flaminia," Teaneck New Theater

Arthur Waldman, "Crimes of the Heart," Ocean County College

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical

Greg Allen, "A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical Theater

Kevin M. Brady Jr., "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

Eric Harper, "Children of Eden," SMSTC

Eric Harper, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

Roger Hayden, "South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club

Tom Newman, "Fiddler on the Roof," Show Kids Invitational Theater (SKIT)

David Weitzer, "Jekyll & Hyde," Brundage Park Players

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical

Patricia Frey, "Once Upon a Mattress," SKIT

Nicole Gonzalez, "The Wizard of Oz," Center Players/Bayonne JCC

Jennifer Hanselman, "Damn Yankees," Theater Under the Stars

Krista Pioppi, "Annie Warbucks," MOC Musical Theater

Catherine Rowe, "Nunsense," Brook Arts Center

Wanda Toro, "Children of Eden," SMSTC

Alena Trapp, "Anything Goes," St. Catherine's

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical

Noah Brendemuehl, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Park Players

Sergio Candido, "Once Upon a Slipper," Park Players

Christopher Fitzgerald, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Over the Rainbow Productions

Tom Hallett, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Dover Little Theater

Jim Reddy, "Pippin," SMSTC

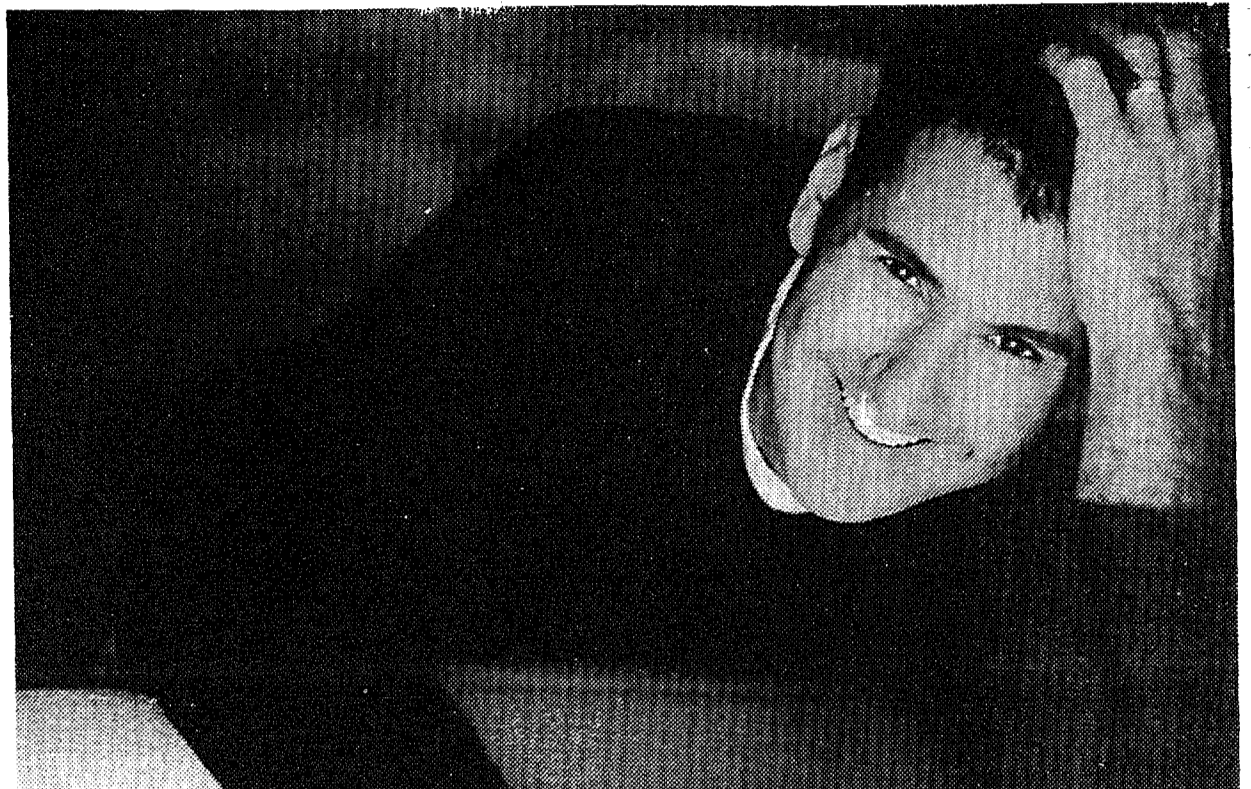
Dan Reed, "Anything Goes," St. Catherine's

Michael Rush, "And the World Goes 'Round," Players Theater

Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical

Robin Joyce, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Dover Little Theater

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Lee Lessack

Lessack is 'too marvelous' at Manor

One of the most romantic evenings ever experienced at The Manor's Le Dome in West Orange took place Aug. 8 when the tall, handsome, talented young singer, Lee Lessack, brought forth, in his own inimitable style, the music of Johnny Mercer.

Well, not all 1,100 songs that Mercer had written, alone and in collaboration, but a select 25 to 30 matched the title of Lessack's program, "Too Marvelous for Words: The Songs of Johnny Mercer."

The rooftop nightclubbers swayed to such music as the title song and "That Old Black Magic," where one could actually feel Lessack's passion; "Dream," a song of love, which this reviewer grew up with; "Moon River," "I Remember You," "Skylark," "Autumn Leaves" — why, one could go on and on. And everything was made even more enjoyable when Tedd Firth, a jazz pianist, accompanied Lessack, complementing his fine talents.

Unquestionably, the "marvelous" show was enough to help my companion and me digest the fantastic dinner that was served in the Terrace Lounge several hours earlier when Sami Odeh, the perennially polite, smiling maitre d', escorted us to an intimate table right across from the piano. And Javier, head waiter, began our evening of delight with a most unusual delicacy, provided by executive chef Jochen Voss. It was a wonderful-tasting chilled cantaloupe soup in a tiny finger cup, a petite lamb patty and cucumber and tomato salad.

Life is a Cabaret

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

And before long, Bob Richards, The Manor's versatile pianist, dressed in piano decorations, was offering his magnificent interpretations of "Tenderly," "Ice Castles," "Wind Beneath My Wings," and a beautiful variation of "As Time Goes By." We dined under a musical umbrella of Gershwin and Porter.

For the first course, both my companion and I selected cauliflower soup with fava beans, tortelli and oregano, which was deliciously thick with heavy cream, and which we were barely able to finish. Following a scrumptious tasting Caesar salad, which we both endeavored to finish — it was so good — I marvelled over the main course, sauteed Maryland crab cakes with melted vine-ripened tomatoes and basil yogurt sauce; while my companion exclaimed that her dinner, consisting of "the best tasting oven-roasted chicken I ever had," was brushed with lime butter and accompanied by bear's garlic bread muffin, grained mini corn and black pepper jus.

And while Voss offered his unbelievable dessert of chocolate parfait served in a rich chocolate cone with honey sabayon and plum compote,

petit fours, wafer-thin peanut brittle and great Manor coffee, Richards was offering "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," "The Second Time Around," "True Love," which brought Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly to mind, and one of this reviewer's favorite, "Begin the Beguine," which brought Tony Martin to mind. He prepared us for a romantically musical evening with "So in Love," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "Just One of Those Things."

Up at Le Dome, that fine singer with the boyish smile that captivated the audience, further captivated the audience with his renditions of "the music of one of the greatest songwriters in the world, Johnny Mercer." The audience was treated to "Just Too Marvelous," "That Old Black Magic," and one could see Sinatra's face; "Laura," and with goose bumps, one could see the mystic face of Gene Tierney; a medley of "Free and Easy," "On the Atchison, Topeka and the Sante Fe," "Jeepers, Creepers," "Glow, Little Glow Worm" and "I'm An Old Cowhand" — Gene Autry? — and a beautiful song sang in English and in French.

With "I Hate to See October Go," the audience hated to see Lessack end such a beautiful evening. But, he explained, he'd appeared some years ago at The Manor, and even though his busy schedule is taking him all over the country, perhaps one day, same time next year, he will be romancing and thrilling Le Dome audiences once more.

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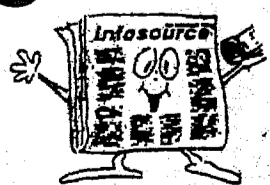
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SATURDAY August 17th, 2002
EVENT: Edison Street Fair
PLACE: Along Amboy Avenue between Jackson Avenue and Waltuna Avenue
TIME: 10am-6pm
PRICE: Raintdate August 24th. Great Food, Kiddie Bounce, Local Merchants, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Merchandise Vendors, Crafts & Music! For information call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: J & C Market Place.

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY August 18, 2002
EVENT: Flea Market, Craft & Collectible Show
PLACE: Beautiful Yanticaw Park, Park Drive, Nutley between Centre and Chestnut Streets
TIME: 9am-5pm Outdoor
PRICE: Free Admission. Rain date August 31st. Over 100 quality merchandise dealers in a park like setting under the tree lined oval. For more information call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: Dystonia & Red Cross.

OTHER

SATURDAY September 21st, 2002
EVENT: Tricky Tray
PLACE: Union Elks, 281 Chestnut Street, Union, NJ
TIME: Doors open 4:30; Calling starts 6:00
PRICE: \$10- includes buffet dinner. For information call 973-219-8004 or send payment to 16 South Avenue West, #236, Cranford, NJ 07016
ORGANIZATION: North Jersey Navigators wheelchair sports.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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ORGANIZATION: Nutley Family Fun Festival.

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- The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. Union High School Classes of 1972 and '73, Friday.
- Summit High School Class of 1982, 20th reunion, Aug. 24.
- Union High School Class of 1977, 25th reunion, Nov. 30.
- Union High School Class of 1983, 20th reunion, 2003.
- Union High School Class of 1993, 10th reunion, 2003.
- Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4.
- For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1950 is searching for classmates in preparation for its 52nd reunion. For information, call 954-360-0666 or send e-mail to joanjerr@aol.com.
- Elizabeth High School Class of 1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, contact Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.
- Rahway High School Class of

1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at 732-821-5774.

- St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.
- Linden High School will sponsor a reunion picnic for classes from the 1950s and '60s Aug. 24 from 1 p.m. to

dusk at Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Linden. For information, call 908-862-4272.

- Linden High School Classes of 1952 to '56 will sponsor a New England reunion cruise Sept. 8 to 13. For information, call 732-793-3151.

- Frank H. Morrell High School Class of 1977 will conduct its 25th reunion Sept. 21 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth. For information, contact Donna Kimmel-Zolli at P.O. Box 4108, Roselle Park, 07204, or at Donnacita@aol.com.

HOROSCOPE

Aug. 19-25

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your social circle expands by leaps and bounds. Make new friends, but don't forget those who have been with you for a long time.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Kindness becomes you when dealing with family members and loved ones. Practice generosity of heart, spirit and soul.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Work to stay mentally on track this week. Keep your mind focused on or exposed to positive information, people and things.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Find time to sit and evaluate your budget and put your goals in writing. Discuss a moneymaking opportunity with only those you can trust.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is a tendency to speed through your days so fast that you miss out on the lessons and the joys. Pace yourself in both work and play.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Grasp inspiration wherever you may find it. Secrets revealed are timely but unsettling. Stay calm and avoid passing judgment.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Clear up a misunderstanding between you and a friend and consider starting from scratch. Rebuilding the trust will be your biggest challenge.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): A professional proposal or project gets the green light from the powers that be. Put your best foot forward and make them proud.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Enjoy socializing or spending time with people from different cultures or backgrounds. Pay attention and learn a lot.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With extra energy put forth in a pro-

ductive direction, your income is sure to increase. Put your nose to the grindstone and prosper.
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 Ryan Malyar, "Children of Eden," SMSTC
 Charles Riley, "Annie Warbucks," MOC Musical Theater
Patrick Starega, "American Rapture 2001," Mystic Vision Players
 John Strahan, "The Pirates of Penzance," The Strollers of Maplewood
Bill VanSant, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

Outstanding Ensemble Actress in a Musical

Maureen Addeo, "Jekyll & Hyde," Brundage Park Players
 Kathryn Christiansen, "A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical Theater
 Meghan Luckey, "Blood Brothers," Chatham Community Players
Jeanette Marrero, "American Rapture 2001," Mystic Vision Players
 Jessica Norland, "Crazy for You," SMSTC
 Janene Russo, "Viviana," Over the Rainbow Productions
 Laurie Zuccarelli-Melia, "Jerry's Girls," Westfield Community Players

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play

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 David Hampson, "Social Security," Somerset Valley Players
 Rick Holloway, "The Taming of the Shrew," Studio Players
 Mike Keller, "Catch Me If You Can," Mighty Oak Players
 James Morgan, "Blithe Spirit," Chatham Community Players
 Mike Tesini, "Flowers for Algernon," Over the Rainbow Productions
 Charles F. Wagner IV, "How I Learned to Drive," Attic Ensemble

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play

Alison Byrne, "Social Security," Somerset Valley Players
 Tracey Fama, "Fuddy Meers," Villagers
Carole McGee, "After-Play," Circle Players
 Mary Ann Murphy, "Toys in the Attic," Attic Ensemble
 Catherine Rowe, "Blithe Spirit," Chatham Community Players
 Karol Shevster, "Playboy of the Western World," Teaneck New Theater
 Sarah Yorra, "How I Learned to Drive," Attic Ensemble

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Play

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 Bob Dumpert, "The Importance of Being Ernest," Villagers
 Rich Imerato, "A Few Good Men," Triple Threat Theater
 Jim Morgan, "Gross Indecency," Alliance Rep
 Tom Riti, "Social Security," Somerset Valley Players
 Richard Sibello, "Sylvia," Playhouse 22
 Andre Wolfram, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Phoenix Productions

Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play

Lona Alpert, "Blithe Spirit," Chatham Community Players
 Melissa Daniels, "God & Death," Triple Threat Theater
Lynn Langone, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," Westfield Community Players
 Marianne Maltese, "Barefoot in the Park," Monmouth Players
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 Joanne Smith, "Toys in the Attic," Attic Ensemble
 Margurite Wurtz, "Jake's Women," Circle Players

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 Matthew Gibbons, "See How They Run," SMSTC
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 Jack Rosmarin, "Catch Me If You Can," Mighty Oak Players
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Outstanding Ensemble Actress in a Play

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 Angela DellaVentura, "Friends: Not the TV Show," Alliance Rep
 Heather Giarruso, "The Odd Couple," Somerset Valley Players
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 Duane Yaiser, "Quadrophenia," Theater Under the Stars
 Dave Yarrington, "And the World Goes 'Round," Players Theater

Outstanding Choreography

Cal Chiang, "And the World Goes 'Round," Players Theater
Barbara Greco Brady, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players
 Sherri McLaughlin Ryan, "South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club
 David Pacheco, "A Chorus Line," Strand Theater
Alyson D. Pemoulie, "Jerry's Girls," Westfield Community Players
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 Heidi Stiel and Eva Hajek, "Anything Goes," St. Catherine's

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Stacy Groho and Danielle Einhorn, "South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club

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Rouzeau's is exotic & tasty

By Bill VanSant
 Associate Editor

If you visit Rouzeau's Manor in Orange and ask for Mr. Rouzeau, you just might get his goat.

Literally. Specializing in Haitian cuisine, goat is one of the more exotic and delicious items on the menu. Going by the Haitian name "tassot," the goat was deliciously seasoned and fried — the frying removes any gamey taste, according to Mr. Rouzeau, and he was right. With a consistency somewhere between beef and pork, the succulent nuggets of meat were flavorful and moist.

Among the other delicacies my companion and I sampled on a recent visit were griot — fried pork — which is the national dish of Haiti, where it is served on special days with rice and beans. This dish featured similar seasoning to the tassot, but the meat had stronger natural taste to it, making for a nice complement to the goat.

The fried acra was spicy and flavorful, whereas the fried plaitain — a banana-like Caribbean fruit — was milder on the palate.

The poisson gros sel was comprised of blue snapper and poached to perfection. Served in a buttery sauce with onions, the fish was quite delicious, but slightly boney — the taste alone is worth the caution required, though.

One of the more tempting treats to grace our table was the lambi — stewed conch in a tomato-based sauce. Being an ardent fan of shellfish, I welcomed the chance to add a new dish to my personal list. The natural flavor of the conch was balanced beautifully by the taste of the tomatoes and the various seasonings used to enhance the dish.

Having taken an epicurean tour of Haiti, I have to admit it's a destination I'd gladly revisit. Rouzeau's primary business is as a banquet hall, and also features entertainment on weekends. But the small dining room is open for lunch and dinner. There is a bar on premises, so you can complement your exotic meals with a wine or cocktail of choice. Per the management's recommendation, we sipped Sex on the Beach while we relished our island treats!

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The New York Times has announced the expansion of the second annual New York Times Librarian Awards to several counties throughout the tri-state area.

Eligible nominees now include librarians currently working in public libraries in any borough of New York

City or in the following counties: Fairfield County, Connecticut; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris and Union counties, New Jersey, and Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties in New York. The Times is now accepting nominations from the general public for the awards

program; the deadline for nominations is Sept. 6.

One award will be given to a librarian from each borough of New York City and one from each of the counties involved. The award honors librarians who provide outstanding community service on a consistent basis.

Winners will be selected by committee and announced in The Times in October; each will receive \$2,500 from The Times in recognition of his or her achievements.

"The Times is very pleased to be able to honor librarians in and beyond New York City this year," said Alyse Myers, vice president of marketing

services for The New York Times. "Last year's awards program was very well received by the public as well as by the library community and made clear to us how important libraries are in people's lives. We are excited to expand the awards this year to much of the tri-state area and to broaden The Times' demonstrated commitment to libraries and the communities they serve."

Nomination forms for the awards are currently available in public libraries in participating areas. The form can also be accessed at www.nytimes.com/community.html and responses e-mailed to libraryawards@nytimes.com. For more information, calls should be made to 212-556-4520.

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'Illusion' continues the 'Grand Magic' at festival

Continuing on its 40th anniversary season theme of "The Grand Magic," New Jersey Shakespeare Festival presents the third in a series of mainstage plays celebrating the art and alchemy of theater.

Longtime company member Paul Mullins directs "The Illusion," Tony Kushner's witty adaptation of Pierre Corneille's hilarious and irreverent neoclassic comedy. Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays through Aug. 25.

Desperate to find his longestranged son, Pridamant of Avignon journeys to the remote cavern of a renowned magician. The sorcerer, Alcandre, agrees to show the father glimpses of the young man's life, just as he's lived it, since Pridamant cast him off 15 years ago. One by one, phantasmagorical scenes of love and betrayal, adventure and misadventure unfold into dazzling visions of what might or might not be, carrying the father — and the audience — on a mystical journey of the human heart.

Set in 17th-century France, "The Illusion" springs to new life in this modern rendering, written in 1990 by Tony Kushner, who in 1993 received the Pulitzer Prize for his epic "Angels in America." Says director Paul Mullins, "While remaining faithful to the style and spirit of the original, which was written by Corneille in 1636, Kushner has created a new, contemporary play that is both a revival of and an homage to the work of one of the most influential playwrights of the 17th century."

Paul Mullins returns for his 12th season with the festival to direct "The Illusion." A favorite of New Jersey Shakespeare Festival audiences — both for his acting and directing talents — his directorial credits include last season's "Tartuffe," a celebrated production of "Rhinoceros" — which a number of critics cited as one of the state's theatrical highlights of 2000, as well as "Measure for Measure," "All's Well That Ends Well" and "The Threepenny Opera." He has also directed at American Stage, Juilliard and the University of South Carolina. As an actor, Mullins received unanimous critical acclaim for his performance in the Festival's production of "The Forest," as well as

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The Harvest Festival draws approximately 5,000 visitors each year. By participating, vendors and demonstrators will receive excellent exposure and have the opportunity to educate others about their craft or work skill and the colonial time period in general.

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memorable turns in "Three Sisters," "Blithe Spirit," "The Winter's Tale," "The Homecoming" and "Diary of a Scoundrel," among many. He has appeared Off-Broadway at The Drama Department and New York Shakespeare Festival, and regionally with Steppenwolf, The Shakespeare Theater, Yale Rep., Portland Stage, Indiana Repertory Theater and American Stage.

Setting the stage for the mystical world "The Illusion" are set designer Michael Schweikardt, costume designer Michael Giannitti and sound designer Jason A. Tratta. Fight direction is provided by Richard Sordelet.

Tickets and information

Running through Aug. 25, regular performances of "The Illusion" are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Wednesday at 2 p.m.; today at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.; and this Sunday at 7 p.m. Regular tickets range from \$22 to \$41.

The Festival also offers a symposium performance, which includes an engaging post-play discussion with the cast and artistic staff, Saturday at 2 p.m. Regular tickets prices apply.

A variety of discounted ticket packages are available. A four-show Mini-Pak offers 15 percent off the regular ticket price, as well as exclusive subscriber benefits including preferred seating and liberal exchange privileges. On sale now is a Mini-Pak featuring "The Illusion," Luigi Pirandello's "Enrico IV," Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and "A Midwinter Night's Dream," a cool new twist on Shakespeare's best-loved comedy. Mini-Paks range from only \$91.80 for preview performances, less than \$23 a ticket, to just \$170 for the premium Opening Night series, with a variety of options in between. For the spontaneous, a FlexPass, priced at only \$175, offers six discounted admissions to the 2002 Season — you choose the shows, you choose the dates, then simply call or visit the Box Office for reservations. The FlexPass is valid for all performances except Saturday evenings.

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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 Evelyn 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.

IN PRAISE OF HAWAIIAN LANDSCAPES, an exhibit of photographs, and an exhibit of sculpture titled "Gods and Magical Creatures" will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Aug. 22.

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

MURALS CREATED FOR NJ TRANSIT'S Secaucus Transfer Station will be on display in a preview exhibit in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Aug. 22.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

SUMMER VISIONS, the work of members of the Drew Art Association, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Aug. 29.

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

OIL PAINTINGS BY JOHN REILLY will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit throughout August.

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

A COLLECTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEW OF THE GREAT SWAMP will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Sept. 3. An artists' reception will take place Aug. 25 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

2002 TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT will be on display at the Hillside Municipal Building through Sept. 12.

The Hillside Municipal Building is located at JFK Plaza at Liberty and Hillside avenues, Hillside. For information, including exhibit hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; Relay Service users dial 711.

AMERICAN VIEWS, black-and-white and color photographs by Raymond E. Silva of Union, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Sept. 18.

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

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of James A. Clark, Margie DeAngelo and Bill Krauss throughout the months of August and September. CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 888-244-5373.

LIGHT AND SHADOW, the works of Helen N. Jacobs, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield Sept. 14 through Oct. 3. An Opening Reception will take place Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-758-1707.

BOUQUET: "Flower Paintings by Mary Wickliffe" will be on exhibit in the Member's Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Sept. 5 through Oct. 4. A reception will take place Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

END OF AN ERA: "Asbury Park Boardwalk," photographs by Barbara Wirkus, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library Aug. 23 through Oct. 4. An artist's reception will take place Sept. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

nesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library is closed Saturdays in August. Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

DRAWINGS 2002, the works of several area artists, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit Sept. 6 through Nov. 3. An Artists' Reception will take place Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. A Panel Discussion will take place Nov. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

AUDITIONS

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will conduct open audition for girls between the ages of 6 and 13 for "Annie" Wednesday at 10 a.m.; sign-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. Auditions will be conducted at the theater, Brookside Drive, Millburn. Show dates are Oct. 30 to Dec. 8.

SUMMIT CHORALE will conduct auditions for the 60-voice SATB chorus' 2002-03 season Sept. 10 and 17 by appointment. For information and to schedule an audition, call 908-665-9788 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

BOOKS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Union Public Library will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. through Nov. 20.

Wednesday: "My Antonia" by Willa Cather

Sept. 18: "Three Women" by Marge Piercy

Oct. 16: "Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors" by Piers P. Read

Nov. 20: "All the Kings Men" by Robert Penn Warren

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

SUMMER READING GROUP at Barnes & Noble in Clark meets Wednesdays throughout the summer to discuss a different book each week.

Wednesday: "The Awakening"

Aug. 28: "On the Road"

Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SUMMER READING GROUP FOR YOUNG READERS for children 8 to 12 years old will conclude at Barnes & Noble of Springfield next week.

Wednesday: "The Trouble With Miss Switch" by Barbara Brooks Wallace

Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR PAUL WILDER will appear at Barnes & Noble of Clark Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Overcoming Depression and Manic-Depression: A Whole Person Approach." Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes & Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. The selection for Aug. 28 is "Native Speaker" by Chang Rae Lee. Barnes & Noble is

located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

COLLECTIBLES

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

UNION COUNTY FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Bord of Chosen Freeholders July 3 through Aug. 28 in Echo Lake Park, between Springfield and Mountain avenues, Mountainside. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. and are free.

Wednesday: The Party Dolls

Aug. 28: Barachois, Acadian song and dance

In case of rain, call 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. the day of the concert. For other information, call 908-527-4900.

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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.

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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.

DISCUSSION

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

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

FILM

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY will conclude its Luncheon Video Series next week. Videos are Tuesdays at noon. Participants should bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies are provided.

Tuesday: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its International Film Festival Tuesdays through Aug. 27.

Tuesday: "Butterfly," Spanish

Aug. 27: "Chunhyang," Korean

Films are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. All films are subtitled. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friberger Park, Union. 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.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 east. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send e-mail to TMRCLC@aol.com or visit www.tmrcl.com.

KIDS

KIDS KINGDOM TRAVELING JUBILEE, sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, will tour the county in the coming months.

Sept. 4: Nomahegan Park, Cranford, in conjunction with the Jersey Jazz by the Lake festival

All Kids Kingdom events are noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free; there is a nominal fee for some activities. For information, call 908-527-4900.

SUNDAY PLANETARIUM SHOW at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside will present "Summer Skies" Sundays at 2 and 3:30 p.m. through Aug. 25. Programs are for children 6 years old and older. Tickets are \$3.25 per person, \$2.80 for senior citizens. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

'CATS, DOGS & MAGIC' will be presented by Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. The program is for children 4 years old and older. Tickets are \$4 per person. 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. 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

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

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 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL will present "The Illusion" ... For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.njshakespeare.org.

VARIETY

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Donations are suggested to cover expenses. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-273-3245.

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.

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Aug. 22: America and Locket

Aug. 23: In the Flesh in a tribute to Pink Floyd

Aug. 24: The Nick Bukovalas Band

Aug. 28: Sprakatak

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Aug. 30: The Alex Stein Quartet

Aug. 31: Bohemian Sunrise

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists.

Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Springfield Ave., Summit.

For information, call 908-277-0220.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call 908-241-7400.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday

nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: The Tom Tallitch Group
Tuesday: Marty O'Kane
Aug. 25: Feeling Zero
Aug. 27: Girlman
Sept. 3: Todd Landua
Sept. 8: Monkeyworks
Sept. 15: Shusmo
For information, call 908-810-1844.

THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night.

For information, call 732-815-1042.

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB, 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night.

For information call 908-925-3707.

Party Dolls to rock Echo Lake

The Party Dolls will sing the hits you remember from the '60s, '70s and '80s Wednesday at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Phillips 66, the free performance is the eighth concert in the Summer Arts Festival series.

"The Party Dolls make all the great songs come alive," said Freeholder Nicholas Scutari, liaison to the Union County Youth Services Commission. "This is sure to be an excellent performance by this popular group as they return to the Union County stage."

The all-girl trio is made up of red-headed Chrissy Sparks, blonde Lisa Coppola and brunette Christine Ghilino. Backed by the driving beat of the Party Dolls Band, the singers revive the memorable chart-topping hits of the past four decades. Their debut album, released in 1990, paid tribute to the girl groups of the 1960s with songs like "My Boyfriend's Back," "Chapel of Love," "Leader of the Pack," and "Where Did Our Love Go?"

Their second CD, "We Got the Beat," has certainly been a hit with songs from the '70s and '80s, including "Love Shack," "I Will Survive" and "If I Can't Have You." The newest recording by The Party Dolls, titled "Wig Out," was released in July of 2000.

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. near the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The rain site for all concerts in the series will be at Cranford High School, West End Place at Springfield Avenue, in Cranford. For up-to-date concert rain information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hot line at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For other concert information, or to find out about recreational activities, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Essay contest salutes heroes

Local residents of all ages are invited to participate in an essay contest sponsored by Menlo Park Mall that recognizes the ordinary heroes among us.

If you know someone that has touched your life in a special way, write a brief composition — 500 words or less — explaining why and submit it with an official entry form by Nov. 11.

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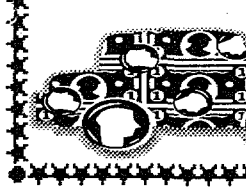
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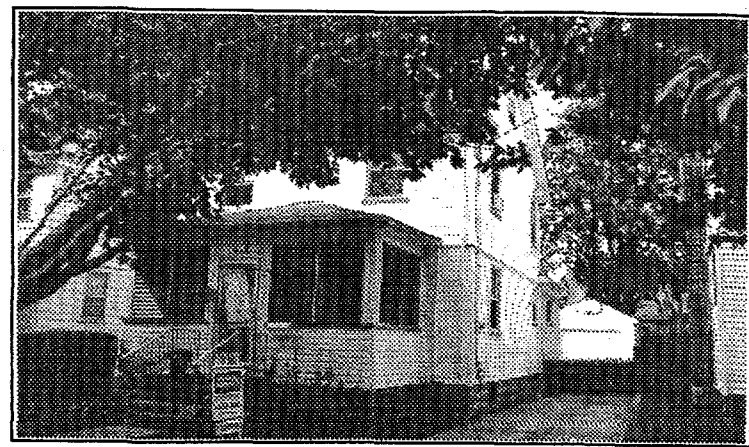
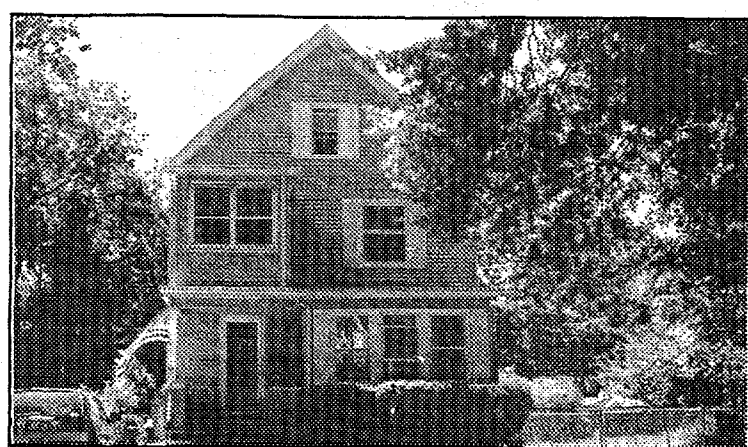
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Volkswagen, Audi launch safety program

While 96 percent of parents believe they install their child safety seats correctly, it is estimated that an astounding 85 percent of children who are placed in such seats are improperly restrained.

Volkswagen of America Inc. and Audi of America Inc. have become among the first automakers in the United States to offer an ongoing dealer-based child passenger safety program in which dealership employees will become certified child safety seat inspectors.

Under the new program, called Sit Safe, Volkswagen and Audi are offering dealership employees a comprehensive training course to make them certified experts in the field of child passenger safety.

Sit Safe will allow parents to learn proper installation techniques, and have their child safety seats inspected by certified professionals at Audi and Volkswagen dealerships across the country. All vehicle type and brands are welcome.

Sit Safe initially encompasses a four-day education program in which Volkswagen and Audi will put select dealership employees through 32 hours of classes, using the curriculum approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The training program covers child passenger safety laws, as well as hands-on training in the proper inspection and installation of child seats. Each four-day session ends with a Sit Safe event where members of the community are invited to have their child safety seats inspected by a trained dealership employee. From there, each participating dealership will offer free inspections at

their respective facilities on an ongoing basis.

"Safety is a primary concern for parents and for us," said Gerd Klaus, CEO of Volkswagen of America Inc. "Our program will serve as an educational and safety-focused resource for our drivers. Sit Safe will allow parents to bring and make and model vehicle to their nearest participating Audi or Volkswagen dealership, confident in the certified specialists who will be examining their child safety seats."

The Sit Safe initiative is being launched in the southeastern region of the United States. Training will continue at Volkswagen and Audi training centers across the country over the next several months. Training is provided by Partners in Prevention Inc., a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Michigan, with offices in Colorado and Wisconsin.

Founded in 1955, Volkswagen of America Inc. is headquartered in Auburn Hills, Mich., and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Volkswagen AG, the world's fourth-largest automaker. As America's top-selling European brand, Volkswagen markets a full line of vehicles through a network of 600 dealers in the United States.

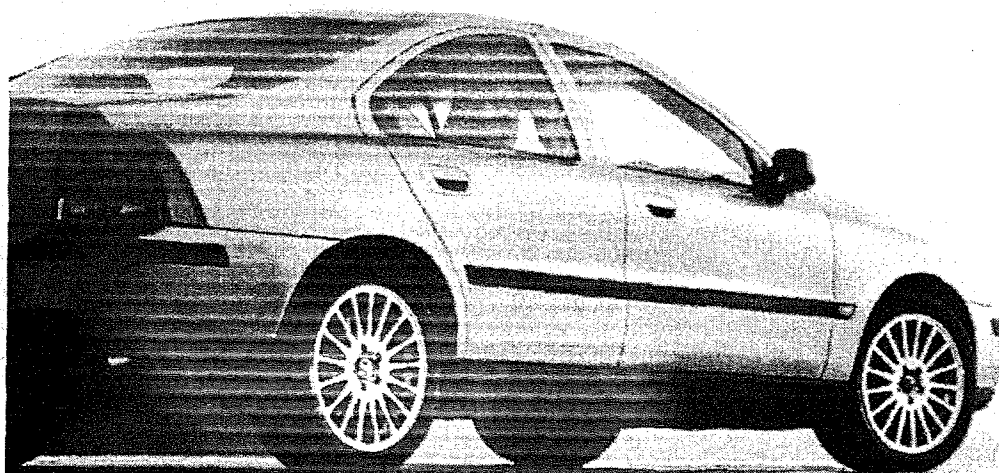
Audi of America Inc., headquartered in Auburn Hills, Mich., set an all-time U.S. sales record of 83,283 cars sold through 260 Audi dealers in 2001, the company's sixth consecutive year of double-digit growth. Its parent company, Audi AG, is headquartered in Ingolstadt, Germany, and markets a line of luxury cars built in plants in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm, Germany, and in Gyor, Hungary.

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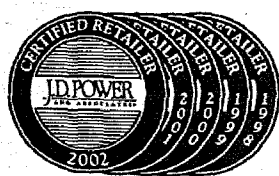
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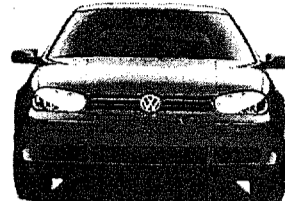


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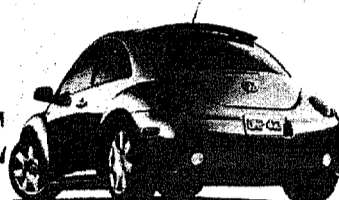


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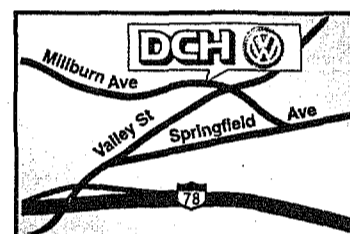
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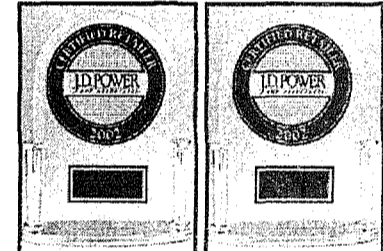
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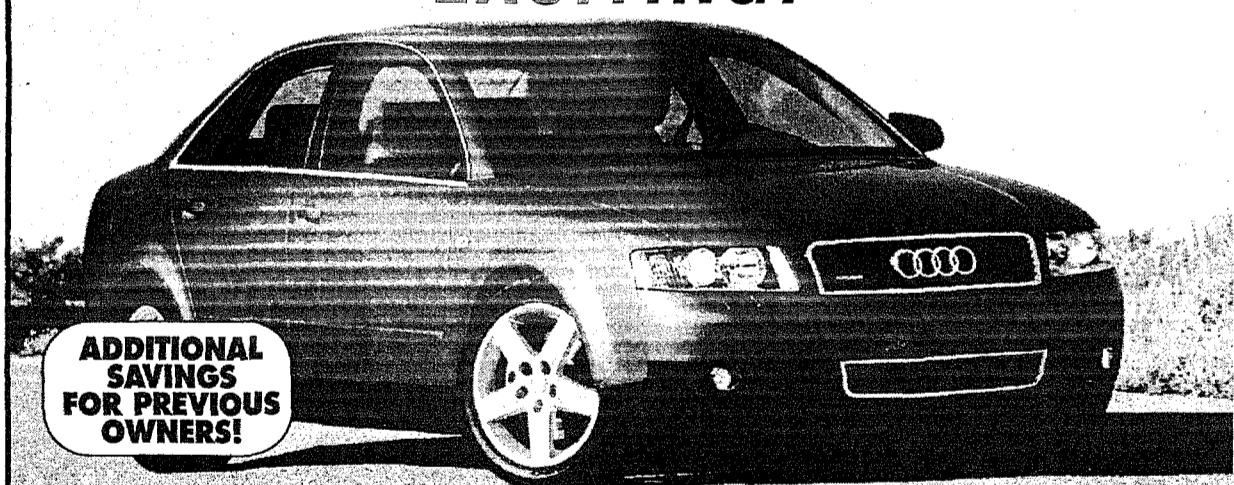


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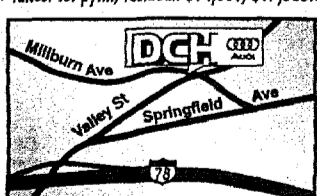


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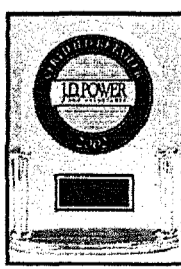
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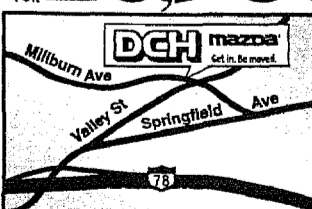
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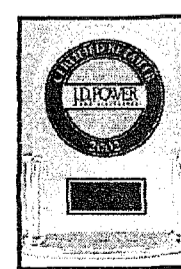
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