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TWO SECTIONS

Taxes could increase, despite cuts to spend...

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark taxpayers and municipal officials alike are being asked to tighten their belts with the 2003 municipal budget.

The tentative budget is about \$16.6 million, up from \$16,017,000 in 2002. The budget is being reviewed by Township Council members. By state statute, it must be formally introduced no later than Feb. 20.

The increase — a little less than \$600,000 — is due largely to items the township is

unable to cut, including a \$286,504 increase in employees' salary and wage packages, and another \$365,107 increase in benefits.

"All departments' other expenses we have decreased by \$103,000 from the previous year," said Business Administrator John Laezza, who began preparing the 2003 budget last September. "Is anyone happy with that? I doubt it. I think we have submitted to them what we expect them to cut from the budgets that they submitted."

The Clark Township Council on Tuesday

night unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance that would raise the cap on its budget increase from the state-set 1 percent up to 5 percent. Such an increase is allowed, provided a 5-2 supermajority of the council approves the measure.

The township expects to exceed the 1-percent cap just with salaries and insurance benefits, which it contractually is obligated to provide.

"If the revenues remain similar to 2002, the items that were presented would indicate

approximately a 10-percent increase" in taxes, said Laezza.

That would translate into homeowners paying an additional 10 cents in municipal property taxes for every \$100 of their property's assessed value. For the owner of the average Clark home — assessed at \$118,000 — that would mean a municipal tax hike of \$118.

"The Police Department basically has taken the biggest hit, and it's basically because it has the biggest budget," said Laezza.

In 2002, the Police Department ran on an operating budget of \$239,000. For 2003, the department was asked to cut that by \$36,000, down to \$203,000.

"To date, no one has come to us. That does not mean that they will not necessarily appeal their case to the council," said Laezza. "We've cut them individually anywhere from 5 to 12 percent from their previous year's budget. I tried to stay within the 10 percent."

Laezza's own office, which had an \$87,000

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Photos By Jeff Granit

A gaggle of geese takes wing from the recreation fields behind the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

Fowling it up on the fields

By David Learn
Managing Editor

No matter where you go, it seems like you have to stay on your toes or you'll put your foot right in it.

Goose guano, that is. The ubiquitous green squishy stuff coats the football field at Arthur L. Johnson High School, it covers lawns all along the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat, and it's been a problem at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex.

Residents, businesses and other groups plagued by flocks of Canada geese have several options available to them to deal with the airborne invaders. Among them are simple measures like altered landscaping techniques and hiring specially trained dogs, and more expensive tactics like using lasers to irritate the geese into leaving.

The wildlife preserve, commonly referred to as the reservoir, is the largest draw for these geese. About 108 acres large, the wildlife preserve stretches from the municipal border with Westfield to a dam on Madison Hill Road about two miles away. Its water acts like a magnet, drawing geese by the thousands to Clark. Once in the water, the geese seek out large grassy areas where they can find food.

"I get more calls about goose droppings than I do about anything else," said Schools Superintendent Paul Ortenzio, who reports heavy goose traffic at Carl H. Kumpf and Frank K. Hehly schools, as well as on the Arthur L. Johnson High School football field. "It really is a mess."

It's a mess of especial concern when it comes to the football field. As popular as it is with the Crusaders and their fans, the 100-plus-yard football field is a dining heaven to geese, who leave thousands of little presents on the field as they go.

In an effort to keep the geese off the grass earlier this fall, the school district paid G-Tech of Metuchen \$1,500 a month to spray nonlethal lasers across the football field in a bid to annoy the geese so they would stop coming there during football season. The lasers left in December. It's January, and the geese are still there.

"Of course the magnet for all these geese is the wildlife habitat," said Ortenzio. "The other day on the reservoir there must have been 10,000 geese there because it's open water."

At a Board of Education meeting Jan. 14, Ortenzio announced plans to get a federal permit to relocate resident geese during their nesting months in the late spring, when they become flightless. Reducing the number of resident geese also should help reduce the number of migratory Canada geese that come to the area because the resi-



Photos By Jeff Granit

Geese crowd the ice on the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat by Raritan Road and Featherbed Lane.

dent geese act as a draw similar to the way hunters will use decoys to attract real geese.

"There's another issue to this. You can remove the geese, but you can also go in the spring and remove the eggs," Ortenzio said in an interview last week. "That creates a problem with people who see this as a violation of goose rights or something."

At the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, the geese problem stems not from the wildlife habitat but from the 5.4-acre pond the complex uses for stormwater drainage. The pond acts as a water hazard for three different holes, and draws in geese by the scores.

"I would say you were looking at easily 300 geese," said Robert Ellenport, a former mayor and now member of the Golf Commission. "The problem was that they were

starting to pair off. Once they pair off and nest and lay eggs, they'll always return to that spot."

Salvation came to the fairways when the Hyatt Hills Golf Commission decided to throw the geese to the dogs. At the height of the golfing season, beginning in September, the commission hired the Howell-based Geese Police to chase the geese away with trained Border collies for \$300 a week.

"The Border collie was very successful," said Ellenport. "Before we hired the Geese Police, the goose droppings were so bad that you couldn't walk on the putting green without squishing things."

Hiring the Geese Police was actually the second measure the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex used on its goose prob-

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Vegetation a cost-effective way to keep geese off lawns

By David Learn
Managing Editor

For residents with homes along the Clark Wildlife and Preserve Habitat, stepping in green goose guano is pretty much an established fact of life, but there is hope.

Businesses can hire the Geese Police and a municipal body can get permission to relocate geese, but a private resident's goose-control options usually are much more limited: landscaping that keeps geese out of the yard.

"The only thing that's really going to effectively do it is to keep them from moving up from the lake onto the lawns," said Colleen Hatfield, an ecology professor at Rutgers University who specializes in landscape architecture.

Hatfield's suggestion: Find bush-

es and grasses native to New Jersey and plant them along water's edge. Plant shorter species in the front, gradually transitioning to taller plant species in the rear. Depending on the plant, they can be placed a meter apart to twice as densely.

"The key is to plant them in a dense enough cluster that you can build a good enough screen," said Hatfield.

Among the species she recommends: willows, including pussy willows; bush dogwoods such as red osier; and viburnum, a kind of honeysuckle that can be either a bush or a tree, both with white flowers.

"It's a native plant that's probably five or six different types of species," said Hatfield. "Deer love that, so if you have a lot of deer, they won't persist."

Other, makeshift barriers such as string are overcome too easily, and within a week or two, homeowners will be confronted once more with marauding geese.

Hatfield's solution has other benefits besides keeping geese off lawns where they are not wanted. By using species of plants native to New Jersey, property owners can preserve the state's biodiversity, provide natural habitat for other native animal species and give their property a distinct look.

Unfortunately, it's advice the New Jersey Conservation Foundation gave before, to little effect.

"It wasn't very popular with people," said Environmental Commission Chairman William Fjurski. "Basically, if people don't want to take good advice, they have to live with it."

A&P plans to begin work in March

By David Learn
Managing Editor

After lying vacant for more than four years, the A&P on Raritan Road is going to come to life again.

Officials from Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., the parent company of A&P supermarkets, contacted Clark officials Jan. 16 to confirm that they intend to proceed with renovation plans approved by the Planning Board in February.

"They met with me today and they'll be talking with me again tomorrow," Business Administrator John Laezza said Tuesday evening. Laezza said the corporation hopes to begin work on the site by March 30, when the approval they received from the Planning Board would expire.

A&P officials declined to comment on plans for the Raritan Road store.

"At this time there is nothing that we can tell you about that property," an A&P spokeswoman told *The Eagle* Tuesday. "Until such time as something is opening, I really can't say anything."

The company's silence aside, Mayor Sal Bonaccorso expressed optimism that things finally were going to happen at the site. In the past Clark officials have complained about the eyesore caused by the unoccupied store.

"I think we're definitely going to see some action on it," said Bonaccorso. "The impressions are all good."

The mayor also said A&P had contacted Construction Official Mike Khoda about possibly making changes to the slope of the property, and whether that would require another appearance before the Planning Board.

On Tuesday evening, though, Laezza said the company was committed to going through with previously approved plans and would not be altering them in any way.

"The site plan they got approval for is the one they're going to use," he said.

That plan received approval March 29, 2001, after a grueling year-long hearing process that began Feb. 29, 2000. A&P intends to raze the

existing 27,000-square-foot structure and replace it with a 52,000-square-foot store.

At the time the Planning Board granted its approval, A&P agreed to give the township \$45,000 to widen a right-hand turn lane where Raritan Road and Westfield Avenue meet.

The hearing process leading up to A&P's ultimate unanimous approval was one beset with controversy. A group of residents from neighboring streets staged an hourlong demonstration in front of the vacant building on April 9, 2000, to protest a proposed access road from the parking lot to Westfield Avenue.

The issue was compounded by questions of land use as the supermarket is one land-use zone, and the access road would have been in another. A&P eventually dropped plans for the access road.

In the meantime, a separate A&P supermarket on Westfield Avenue in Clark remains open for business. Laezza said that does not appear likely to change.

"They kind of indicated it was going to remain open," he said.

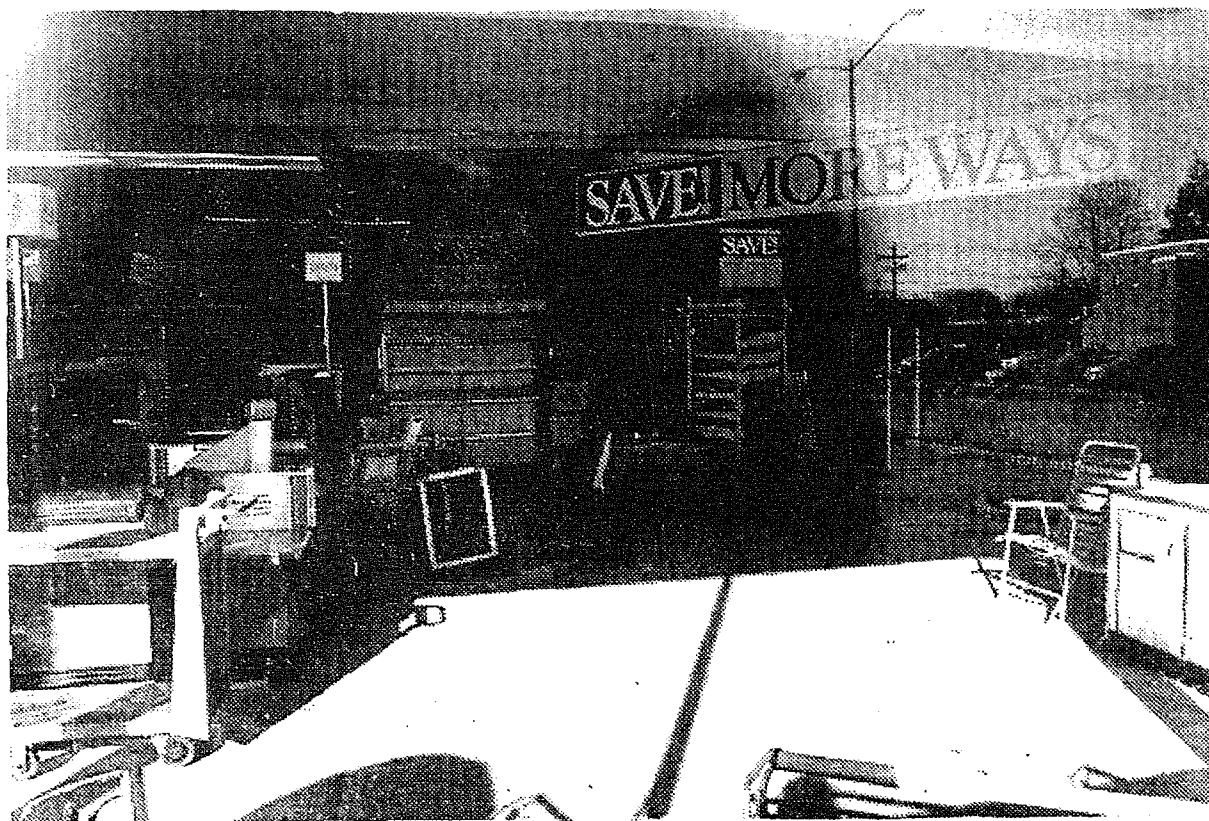


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The A&P on Raritan Road, after lying vacant for nearly two years, finally is due to be reopened. Work will have to begin no later than February if the company is to avoid having to return before the Planning Board.

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A gaggle of Canada geese fly overhead through Clark early Tuesday.

Geese leave mark all over Clark

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lem. Initially, the complex had hoped its staff would be able to keep the geese at bay, but began considering other measures once it was clear the problem was too big for that.

"We looked at air guns, we looked at decoys. We spoke to other golf complexes that were using air guns, decoys," said Ellenport. "They were very effective ... for a little."

The golf commission also considered letting the grass grow tall around the water hazard to discourage the geese from coming onto the rough or fairways. The commission ultimately rejected that tactic out of concerns for golfers who might walk into the tall grass to retrieve a ball and slip on the rocks surrounding the pond.

"To protect the golfers, we were helping the geese," Ellenport said.

Despite the rave reviews Border collies have received from customers such as Hyatt Hills for their goose-chasing prowess, Ortenzio said he considers it cost prohibitive given the number of locations the school would have geese to sic the dog on.

Buying a trained Border collie so it would chase geese costs about \$4,000. Added to that is the cost of paying an employee to manage the dog, including benefits if the dog management becomes a full-time job, the cost of a vehicle to transport the dog between locations, and the cost of feeding and housing the dog.

"It was too costly," Ortenzio said. "I'm trying to see what will work and just try a couple of avenues."

Whatever avenue the school district ultimately chooses, the goose problem is not one that particularly preoccupies the minds of the current municipal administration.

"It doesn't affect any of our places right now," said Mayor Sal Bonaccorso. "There's nothing on the board for the township to do."

The geese can become especially annoying to private homeowners whose property abuts the wildlife preserve. Geese who land in the water inevitably waddle ashore in search of food, coating private lawns and other objects with guano.

"To some extent, you can keep them off the grass with heavy plantings between the grass and the water," said Environmental Chairman William Fidurski. "When the New Jersey Conservation Foundation tried to encourage the neighbors to do just that, all hell broke loose because everyone wants grass running right down to the water."

Adding to the problem is that residents, particularly those with small children, often like to feed the geese. Such actions not only can cause geese to become more comfortable around humans — in some extreme cases, geese have been known to snatch food from people's hands that isn't meant for the geese — they also disrupt the birds' natural migratory habits.

"They're not supposed to overwinter here, but people keep feeding them, so they have a natural food source and overwinter here," said Fidurski.

In the meantime, Fidurski agrees with Bonaccorso that nothing is likely to happen on a municipal level to address Clark's burgeoning goose population, even though individual residents may consider the birds a nuisance.

"Politically, people have just sort of backed off, and that's why we're in the situation we're in," said Fidurski. "Maybe if people get tired of the geese, they'll start to listen."

Job cuts unlikely in 2003 budget

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operating budget in 2002, is expected to have a 10 percent cut in 2003. Mayor Sal Bonaccorso's office is looking at a 30 percent cut, from \$4,500 down to \$3,000.

"I would say none of the departments requested a fat budget, but we told them that they'd have to look a little tighter and exercise more care in planning their budget," said Laezza. "This is the year that wish lists have to be only necessities."

No job cuts should be necessary under the proposed budget, Laezza said.

Other budget items include about \$110,000 for bulky waste pickup, \$85,000 for grass pickup and \$100,000 for recycling pickup, said Laezza.

"We're trying to maintain the same level of services that we provide," Bonaccorso said Tuesday evening. "We've asked people to do more with less. This year they're going to have to do more with a heck of a lot less. It's the trend in business today; it's the trend in Clark Township."

Introduction of the budget is expected to happen at the council's Feb. 17 meeting, after the budget review begins Feb. 1.

Bonaccorso said he feels final budget approval might not happen until June or July, depending on the levels of aid the township gets from the state.

The administration is asking the Legislature for \$750,000 in extraordinary aid to help offset the part of that budget increase that was caused by U.S. Gypsum.

U.S. Gypsum, which has a plant on Raritan Road, declared bankruptcy last year while still owing \$750,000 for sewerage improvements. Clark taxpayers have been left with the bill.

"Council in the meantime can introduce one budget and go to work on it," said Bonaccorso. "Even if we don't get aid, we may adopt a very different one."

It is far from certain how much money, if any, Clark will get from the \$30 million pool the state has set aside for extraordinary aid.

"I don't think anyone can deny that Gypsum is extraordinary," Bonaccorso said Tuesday night. "I think that Gypsum owes the town an apology."

Laezza said he expects to have an answer on the discretionary aid within two to three months.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by *The Clark Eagle* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To publicize your community events, mail your schedule to: *The Clark Eagle*, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Saturday

- *Deutscher Club of Clark Inc.*, 787 Featherbed Lane, sponsors a Winter Wonderland. Music will be provided by Bud Gramer's Orchestra starting at 7:30 p.m. The kitchen will open at 6 p.m. This event is open to the public. Admission costs \$5.
- Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts sponsors its seventh annual Children's Fun Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., featuring games, activities and exhibits for pre-school to elementary school-age boys and girls. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday

- Clark Lions Club sponsors an indoor and outdoor flea market and collectible show from 9 to 5 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., featuring new merchandise, crafts, collectibles and tag sale section. For more information 201-997-9535.

Monday

- The Clark Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

- Osceola Church Nursery School, 1689 Raritan Road, sponsors an open house for parents and their children from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Judith Burlew at 908-272-3668.
- The Environmental Commission meets in the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Clark Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the library of Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

Upcoming Feb. 1

- Clark Benefit Fund Inc. will sponsor its annual Winter Benefit Ball from 7 p.m. to midnight Feb. 1 at The Westwood, North Avenue, Garwood. Prizes this year include unique baskets and gift certificates donated by local merchants, a BMX bicycle, tickets to a Broadway play with dinner and a limousine included, New York Ranger tickets with an autographed jersey and a zamboni ride. Other features include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, an open bar, cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing to the music of "Be Our Guest Entertainment."
- Tickets cost \$65 per person and may be purchased at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

Feb. 2

- The Clark Health Department, Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, Room 20, 430 Westfield Ave., will be open 9 a.m. to noon to give residents a final chance to register their cats and dogs before a \$5 late fee will become effective. For more information, call Health Officer Nancy Ogonowski at 732-388-3600, Ext. 3045.

Feb. 3

- The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 18 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. No action will be taken.

Feb. 6

- The Arthur L. Johnson High School Booster Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the high school library, 365 Westfield Ave.

Feb. 7

- Mother Seton Regional High School will sponsor a gift auction. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. General admission costs \$8. Advance-sale tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased at the school office any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb. 11

- The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 18 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. No action will be taken.

Feb. 12

- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., offers free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Feb. 15

- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will host an interactive dramatic workshop by Youth Stages, titled "The Elves and the Shoemaker" for children from 3 to 5 years old from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The event is free, but registration is required.

Feb. 18

- The Township Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

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Eateries are to renew licenses with town

All food establishments holding a license within Clark Township must renew their licenses beginning Jan. 2.

A late fee of \$100 will be assessed after Feb. 2.

The new fee schedule for retail food establishments is as follows:

- Retail food establishments with less than 20 square feet, \$50.
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OBITUARIES

Evelyn R. Kessler

Evelyn R. Kessler, 86, of Cranford, formerly of Clark, died Jan. 15 in the Atria Assisted Living, Cranford.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Kessler lived in Clark for 25 years and Toms River for 20 years before moving to Cranford two years ago.

She was a saleswoman in the curtain department of Bradlees, Clark, for several years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are a son, Alan, and a grandchild.

Casimir Wolosowski

Casimir "Caz" Wolosowski, 53, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Clark, died Dec. 25 in Palm Bay.

Born in Germany, Mr. Wolosowski lived in Elizabeth, Linden and Clark before moving to Palm Bay.

He owned Stan & Ollie's Restaurant in Roselle for several years.

Earlier, Mr. Wolosowski owned Charlie Kelly's Tavern in Clark and Moray Getty in Union for many years.

He was a graduate of Monmouth University in West Long Branch.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa and Halina, and a brother, Tony.

Vincent P. Mullin

Vincent P. Mullin of Clark, formerly of Union, died Jan. 19 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Mullin lived in Union before moving to Clark.

He worked for an architectural firm in New York City for several years before retiring.

Previously, Mr. Mullin worked as a draftsman for Bethlehem Steel of Elizabeth.

He received a degree in mechanical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark.

Mr. Mullin was a Navy veteran of World War II and served on the USS Texas in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

He was a quartermaster and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363 of Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Pam; a sister, Dorothy Mulligan, and two grandchildren.

Anna M. Flathmann

Anna Mary Flathmann, 83, of Hightstown, formerly of Clark, died Jan. 9 Meadow Lakes Retirement Village, Hightstown.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Flathmann lived in Clark, Glenside, Pa., and Monroe Township before moving to Hightstown in 2001.

She was employed by Merck & Co., Rahway, for 45 years, and most

recently as executive secretary to John J. Horan, the company's chief executive officer and president of the board.

Mrs. Flathmann was a graduate of Coleman Business College, Newark, and attended Union County College and Rutgers University.

She served as the first female trustee of Old Tennent Church, Manapalan.

Mrs. Flathmann was a member of the Serafic Society in New York City, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 72 in Rahway and the Pilot Club of Philadelphia.

She was a former member of the Plainfield Symphony Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, John H.; a brother, George Boggs, and a sister, Helen Ward.

Albert Levin

Albert Levin, 84, of Marlboro, formerly of Clark, died Jan. 10 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Levin lived in Clark before moving to Marlboro in 1988. He owned and operated World Insurance and Travel, Edison, for many years and retired 15 years ago.

Mr. Levin was an Air Force veteran of World War II.

He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Rutgers University, Newark, in 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Edythe; a son, Dr. Brandt Levin; a daughter, Lisa Katz; two sisters, Laura Deehl and Min Marcus, and four grandchildren.

Edna Miller

Edna Miller, 80, of Clark died Jan. 10 at home.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Miller moved to Clark 60 years ago.

She worked in the customer service department at Huffman-Koos, Linden, for 50 years and retired two years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Cox; a son, Donald; a brother, James Van Vallen; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Louise M. Horner

Louise M. Horner, 86, of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Clark, died Jan. 16 in Mercy Hospital, De Moines.

Born in North Bergen, Mrs. Horner lived in Clark before moving to Des Moines five years ago. She served in the Navy with the Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service program, during World War II.

Mrs. Horner was a member of the Ladies Guild of Zion Lutheran

Church, and the American Association of Retired Persons, both of Clark.

Surviving are a son, William J.; a daughter, Dr. Carol L. Horner; a son, William J.; a stepdaughter, Nancy J. White; a sister, Dorothy Diou, and six grandchildren.

Margaret C. Halsey

Margaret C. Halsey, 88, of Clark died Jan. 13 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in New York, Mrs. Halsey moved to Clark 45 years ago.

She was a secretary for Union County Regional High School District 1 for more than 20 years and retired in 1984.

Surviving is a son, William E. Halsey.

Robert J. Burkhard

Robert J. Burkhard, 60, of Clark died Jan. 17 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Burkhard lived in Irvington before moving to Clark in 1976.

He was a financial adviser at Phoenix Life Insurance Co., West Orange, for 30 years and retired in 1993.

Mr. Burkhard also was a member of the company's Hall of Fame.

He was a coach for the Elizabeth Sports Club Juniors and was active with the Clark Soccer Club and the Olympic Development Program.

Mr. Burkhard was past president of the New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association and the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

He served in the Army during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; two daughters, Karin McCoy and Joanne;

a son, Joseph; a brother, Albert, and two grandchildren.

Mary Ann Moran

Mary Ann Moran, 51, a lifelong resident of Clark, died Jan. 18 at home.

Miss Moran was a financial analyst at Citistreet Corp., East Brunswick, for the last 10 years.

In 1973, she received a bachelor's degree in business from Caldwell College.

Surviving are two sisters, Eileen and Maureen, and a brother, Daniel.

Arcangelo Saracino

Arcangelo Saracino, 77, of Clark died Jan. 19 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Gravina D'Puglia, Italy, Mr. Saracino came to the United States in 1970 and settled in Clark.

He was a machinist with Kamak Asphalt of Clark for 21 years and retired in 1991.

Mr. Saracino also was employed by Clark Lanes in Clark. Earlier, he had been a farmer in Italy.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Anna; four daughters, Maria Vitale, Antonia Edwards, Lina Russo and Pierina Pantano, and eight grandchildren.

Helen Faughnan

Helen Faughnan, 92, of Clark died Jan. 19 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Faughnan lived in Clark for 47 years.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, George; a daughter, Carol Gordon; a son, Edward; a brother, Arthur Serpico; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

State of decay

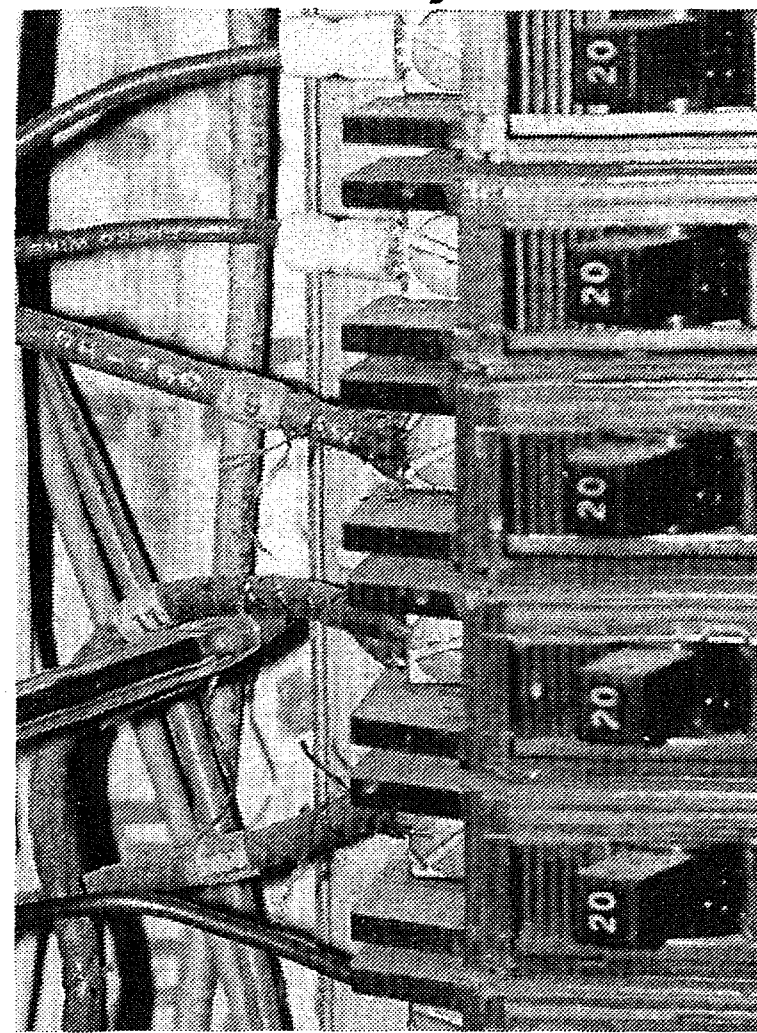


Photo By Bob Helfrich

A look inside the electric boxes at Arthur L. Johnson High School reveals cracked electric wiring and parts so old they are irreplaceable. The Board of Education is hoping next month to persuade a judge from the Office of Administrative Law that the public wrongly denied them the authority to sell construction bonds to repair the district's aging facilities.

SENIOR NEWS

AARP Chapter 3733

Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Charles H. Brewer Senior Center, 400 Westfield Ave. Social hour with refreshments begins at noon.

The following trips have been planned for 2003:

- March 19: Evergreen Theater, Mountain Lakes to see "The Golden Girls." Includes family-style luncheon, for a cost of \$59.
- April 30: Fiesta Theater, Woodbridge, to see "Everything's Comin' Up Roses." Includes luncheon choices, for \$59.

• May 14: Lily Langtry, King of Prussia, Pa., to see "Legends ... Disco Inferno." With luncheon choices, costs \$59.

• Sept. 15-19: Wildwood Crest-Pier 6600, on the beach. Room costs are for a double, \$312; a single, \$372; and a triple, \$287.

• Oct 15: Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, N.Y., for Oktoberfest. Cost is \$59.

• Nov. 5-6: Foxwoods Casino with bonus. Mohegan Sun Casino with buffet. Rooms cost for a double, \$112; for a single, \$142; and for a triple, \$102.

• Dec. 3: Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Christmas." With luncheon choices, costs \$67.

For more information, call Ann Miskovic, AARP trip coordinator, at 732-388-4033.

Clark Chapter 3733 invites area residents who hold membership in the National AARP to join the local group and enjoy the social gatherings, trips and volunteer programs and to keep abreast of matters of interest to

retirees and those anticipating retirement.

Ongoing AARP activities include volunteer programs at Runnells Hospital, under the leadership of Marian Connolly.

There is a need for socks, jogging pants and any other usable and suitable clothing for patients. Dan Flynn is collecting teddy bears for children in homeless shelters.

The Clark chapter meets on the second Friday of each month from September to June.

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EDITORIALS

Strike up the band

Parents and students alike got a bit of good news last week, when Assistant Superintendent Susan Miksza announced during a Board of Education meeting that the school administration plans next year to restart courses that had been cut to control costs.

Amid other worthwhile subjects such as marine biology and a photography-as-art class is the return of an elective that should get everyone's toes tapping: marching band. A good marching band is as important to a high school as a good football team, if not moreso. The pulse-pounding excitement of a well-played game draws the crowds and can teach important concepts such as teamwork and perseverance. Bands do all that, and more.

Want teamwork? Consider the trumpet section and how it works individually and as a component of the much larger band. That single section typically is divided into three "seats" reflecting individual musicians' mastery of the instrument and each seat carrying a different component of the melody. Marching band carries other lessons about teamwork. The trumpet section usually gets to play the melody, but it would be difficult to keep time without the steady rhythm of the percussion section, and the melody would be poor fare to the ears without the support of the other brass and the woodwinds to flesh it out. Just like a symphony, a marching band has to run like a well-oiled machine, or the sum of the individual talents will not equal the whole.

Want discipline? Under a good director, marching bands run with almost military discipline as marchers learn to march in time, stay in formation and, of course, play well. More demanding band directors often go as far as requiring their musicians actually to memorize their music and not just to play from sheets of music affixed to their instruments. All this takes practice: steady, unrelenting practice at home, at school and in after-school sessions.

Want individual recognition? Although it comes more rarely than in a concert band, marching bands also provide solos for musicians who work hard enough and have the talent to win a moment in the spotlight.

Want exercise? Just as football practice can have its more grueling moments for team members, marching band practice isn't for the lazy. In addition to the length of a parade route, marching bands perform on the football field during halftime and at band shows, they hold regular practices, and — depending on what they play — can get plenty of exercise carrying their instruments, particularly something as heavy as a sousaphone.

Marching bands also give students a leg up that football doesn't: culture. While there can be no disputing the value that a good football team has for its players and its school, participating in a marching band also grants students access to culture. Marching bands are hardly likely to play the works of Tchaikovsky or Beethoven, but the music they play easily can serve as a gateway to those and other bulwarks of Western and non-Western musical culture. The music appreciation they provide can be long-lasting and at once far more informative and entertaining in the end than any football experience.

Cut costs wisely

In a time of economic uncertainty, it's good to see the municipal administration turning an eye to where it can make judicious cuts in expenses, and finding where it can save money in the long run by spending a little extra now.

One of those money-saving measures surfaced Jan. 6 when Township Council members decided to investigate alternatives to the Cencom 9-1-1 system, which plans to increase its bills from \$6 a call to \$7.50 a year, or approximately \$1,500 for an entire year. Unless the township can find a comparable service for less money — which Business Administrator John Laezza has said he considers unlikely — this is one area where cuts should not be considered. Training Clark's police dispatchers is no substitute for the service provided by a 9-1-1 system like the one now available from Cencom. The potential cost in safety far outweighs any monetary savings.

Another, better measure came up when Laezza revealed the administration plans to systematically replace every bulb in every traffic signal throughout Clark with a more energy-efficient LED bulb. Laezza estimated the savings will pay off the cost of the changeover within the next year-and-a-half.

That's the sort of cut we'd like to see more of. No one is hurt, everyone benefits, and residents get the comfort of knowing the township is enjoying good, forward-thinking leadership.



FOWL WATER — A gaggle of Canada geese take a leisurely swim in the Clark Wildlife Preserve and Habitat off Raritan Road, near the Fire Department station.

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Taking a look back just a little bit further

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

At the start of a new year it is customary to look backward and take a second look at what has happened during the past year. However, it can also be interesting to look much further backward and think about what has happened many years ago.

If we can imagine ourselves on Jan. 1, 1839 standing near the recently laid tracks of the Elizabethtown and Somerville Railroad Company at an area that is now Roselle, we would find that we had been joined by many neighbors and friends. There was breathless anticipation among the people, for they were awaiting the appearance of the first passenger train of the many that were to ride these rails for many years to come.

Most of the nearby residents were well aware of the existence of this new form of transportation, for they had watched its construction for years. The New Jersey State Legislature had granted a charter for this company on Feb. 9, 1831, and years of work had been needed to make this railroad a reality.

There was the need to level the roadbed as much as possible, because the locomotives of that time could haul a load along a flat road rather easily, but did not have the power to climb even moderate grades.

Passengers on the newly operating Baltimore and Ohio Railroad sometimes had to get out and help push the train up a hill. This sort of activity usually brought forth derisive comments from watching horse owners.

The rails for the Elizabethtown and Somerville Railroad Company were quite different from the ones used on present-day railroads. They were made of 6-by-6-inch yellow pine timber capped with strap iron rails about 5/8 of an inch thick and an inch and a half wide, fastened with spikes. It later appeared that this was not the best sort of rail to use for trains, as sometimes spikes near the end of a strap came loose, and the iron would curl up and pierce the floor of a car. These rails were called "snakeheads," and fatalities resulted from this action.

The building of this railroad also brought changes wherever it ran, for it was laid in as straight a path as possible in an east-west direction. The old roads used by pedestrian and horse-drawn traffic curved around hills and other obstacles and waded across rivers, but the railroad companies knew that the shortest distance between two points was a straight line. This caused the creation of several grade crossings as the tracks passed over the winding east-west road of Colonial days. Although the company name included

"Somerville" the first train steamed along the tracks only to Plainfield, as that was as far as the tracks were laid and operable.

The locomotive for this first train was a nine-ton monster named "Eagle" with a horizontal boiler and a tall smokestack. The driver of this hissing and snorting machine stood on a small platform at its rear from where he could control the movements of the train, but he had no protection from the weather or from the flying sparks that blew out of the smokestack. On this festive occasion it was coupled to three passenger cars that were filled with railroad officials and their friends.

The main terminal for the "E&S" was at the foot of Broadway in Elizabethtown, and it was from here that this first official trip was begun, amongst the cheering and flag-waving spectators. All along its journey to Plainfield were crowds of people, including those in the Mulford area, anxious to witness this historic event.

Although most of the members of the crowds were enthusiastic about this new form of transportation there were a few who felt that it would never last, and that even the puny locomotive could be outrun by a horse.

However, the locomotive did successfully pull the three cars to Plainfield, and here the passengers were treated to lemonade and cake at the

village inn. Then, as the engineer rang the big bell on the Eagle as a signal that all was ready, everyone took his place in the cars and the return trip was started. Again the train passed waving and cheering crowds of people as it made its way to Elizabethtown and its home at the foot of Broadway.

Thus a great moment took place in the history of New Jersey and of what became the Borough of Roselle. The railroad was in operation, and for well over 100 years its bigger and more powerful steam engines and diesel-powered locomotives thundered along its steel rails. From its original rolling stock that consisted of one work engine and the Eagle, one eight-wheel passenger car and four four-wheeled box cars, it helped spread the growth of both the railroad industry and the expansion of our country.

Although this pioneering railroad no longer travels through Roselle to Elizabethtown, the haunting whistles and bells of other locomotives still can be heard in the distance, and perhaps some of those sounds are the ghostly echoes of the old engines that once traveled back and forth along the same right-of-way as did that first train on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1839.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illinois sees perils of death sentence

To the Editor:

As an avid opponent of capital punishment, I was delightfully astonished with former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's wholesale moratorium on state-mandated executions, though admittedly his action was too sweeping.

In the process, according to the media, Ryan's pardoning action commuted the death sentences of 163 men and four women to prison terms and freed four other men. What changed the former governor's attitude, according to the media, was that he found the system grossly unfair.

He found the death penalty had been imposed arbitrarily and cited examples:

- A person found guilty of murder in a rural district of Illinois was five times more likely to be sentenced to death than someone who committed murder in Chicago;
- The population on death row was overwhelmingly African-American. Thirty-five prisoners had been condemned by all-white juries, and many of the condemned men and women were represented by incompetent or less-than-attentive attorneys.

It was a decision fraught with controversy, but isn't any important decision? If Gov. Ryan's gutsy action stirs national debate on capital punishment, then so be it. Enough lives are a stake to cause Congress and other legislative bodies to take another long and serious look at the subject, and, perhaps, realize it cries out for improvement.

Morris Roth
Clark

Don't forget thanks for 'Bagger Bill'

To the Editor:

As I read the various written kudos of retiring New Jersey state Sen. Richard Bagger, I cannot help but add one more item to his legacy. In the middle 1990s, it was called the "Bagger Bill" and dictated the dissolution of the regional high school system in Union County. Possibly he didn't think this through when he sponsored it and pushed it past our state Assembly, but now that he's leaving, this little baby is still creating a morass of troubles for many local towns.

Without going into the history of this "Bagger Bill," the present problems are as follows: After the dissolution, Clark was left with the highest school tax structure in the county, so high that the school board can't even get its boilers

fixed and this year had to delete various programs and personnel from the curriculum, such as home economics, industrial arts, a few sports programs.

They even had to resort to selling off hard assets to restore a couple of programs. Garwood and Mountainside are now embroiled in a New Jersey high court lawsuit against Clark, Kenilworth, Springfield and Berkeley Heights to retrieve \$2 million to \$3 million in principal based on further distribution of hard assets from the value of the high school buildings. Of course, it's a given that these four defendant towns don't have millions of dollars just sitting around to distribute. So many, many lawyers are duking it out at the state level at the expense of the taxpayers.

One resolution recently introduced is possibly to have the state refund these millions of dollars to the plaintiff towns. I wonder where the state is getting this money? Plus, this "Bagger Bill" had seen its full life right when then-Gov. Whitman was pushing for consolidation of county services, not a discussion, which is the exact opposite.

So in closing, as we bid a fond farewell to ex-state Senator Bagger and the many truly good deeds he did for the public, we just want to wish him luck in his lucrative high-level job at Pfizer, and thank him for creating such turmoil that many of the taxpayers, constituents and a bevy of lawyers will be thinking of him for years.

We could only wish Mr. Bagger would at least give a half-hearted apology for creating something that had not been fully thought through.

Bruce Paterson
Garwood

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Lott's racist remarks hardly an isolated incident

Tom Canavan is the fine editor in chief of this excellent newspaper. But when it came to Trent Lott, he just don't get it.

In this space a few weeks ago Mr. Canavan expressed his surprise that Senator Lott had been compelled to give up his leadership position as a result of the comments he made in his tribute to Strom Thurmond.

True, he concedes, Lott's remarks were inappropriate, to the least. But Thurmond's blatantly segregationist presidential campaign was 50 years ago. Wasn't it time to move on?

But Lott's remarks were not a spur-of-the-moment, off-the-cuff slip of the lips. He is on record as making that precise same comment at least two other times. And not a half-century ago, but now.

The Problem Solver

By Robert B. Lapidus

Lott's own record in the Senate also indicates that he has not moved very far from his own segregationist roots. He voted against creating Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He opposed the extension of the voting rights act.

Lott has been a supporter of a group called Concerned Citizens. This organization may not be familiar to too many. But it was probably better known in its more formative years as the White Citizens Council. And while it may have changed its name

to a more politically correct one, it's views remain little altered.

Lott also sought out federal funds for Bob Jones University. Bob Jones does admit minority students. But it has followed a policy of strict separation of the races.

At the time, black and white students were not even allowed to walk together on campus. Being in violation of various anti-discrimination rules, Bob Jones was thus not entitled to the kind of federal grants or loan guarantees that other schools receive. But Trent Lott tried very hard to obtain them.

Quite obviously Trent Lott's ideas about race and discrimination have not changed very much since the days he grew up in the "old South." That made him a very poor choice to lead a party that repeatedly has insist-

ed it believes in according full citizenship to all Americans. The decision to depose him as majority leader was not only the correct one, it was pretty much the only one.

There was one other aspect to this incident which did not get much attention at the time, but which offers an interesting insight.

At the 11th hour Lott tried to bully his Republican colleagues by threatening to resign from the Senate if he were forced out of his leadership position. That would have narrowed the Republicans' tenuous advantage in that house even further. But his fellow Republican senators called his bluff on that one.

Oh, well, win some, lose some.

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

EVENTS

Girl Scouts sponsor annual kids' fun fair

Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts will sponsor the troop's seventh annual Children's Fun Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

The fair will feature games, activities and exhibits for pre-school to elementary school-age boys and girls. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available.

Winter celebration returns to Deutscher

Deutscher Club of Clark Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will have a Winter Wonderland Saturday.

Music will be provided by Bud Gramer's Orchestra starting at 7:30 p.m. The kitchen will open at 6 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Admission costs \$5.

Clark Lions to hold market at Brewer

Clark Lions Club will sponsor an indoor and outdoor flea market and collectible show from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

The event will feature new merchandise, crafts, collectibles and tag sale section.

For more information 201-997-9535.

Local nursery school plans an open house

Osceola Church Nursery School, which meets in Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, will have an open house Tuesday.

Parents and their children are invited to visit the school facility and meet with teachers from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Fall registration will be completed by mail,

beginning Feb. 15. All registration materials will be distributed at the open house.

Osceola Church Nursery School offers developmentally appropriate learning activities for preschool children to foster social, emotional, intellectual, physical and spiritual growth.

As the school begins its 140th year, it will offer two-day-a-week classes, morning or afternoon, for 3-year-olds by the cutoff date for kindergarten in the public schools in the children's home town.

Osceola has added a staggered afternoon schedule to facilitate dismissals at both Clark and Cranford schools as well as neighboring towns.

The school's state-licensed teaching staff provide children with socialization opportunities, creative outlets and play experiences.

The school is a cooperative nursery school in the area where parents work in the classroom and are able to

take part in their children's education.

The program includes music experiences, a wintertime exercise program, and visits to child-oriented places in the surrounding communities.

Osceola Nursery School is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, the branch of the National Association for the Education of Young Children which has found the school to be in compliance with its criteria for High-Quality Early Childhood Programs.

Mother Setons holds gift auction Feb. 7

Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, will sponsor a gift auction Feb. 7.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. General admission costs \$8. Advance-sale tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased at the school office any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AT THE LIBRARY

Winter full of activities is planned for children

Clark Public Library will sponsor the following programs as part of its winter storytimes and programs for children.

- "The Elves and the Shoemaker": an interactive drama. Princeton-based creative dramatic troupe Youth Stages will conduct a dramatic workshop especially tailored for children 3 to 5 years old. The free event will be 11 to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 15. Registration is required.

- "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe": an interactive drama by Princeton-based Youth Stages, for children who are in kindergarten through sixth grade. Based on the classic "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis, this presentation will bring the books to life. The free event will be 11 to 11:45 a.m. March 15. Registration is required.

- A Book Club for Girls will meet 7 to 7:45 p.m. Feb. 6, March 6, April 3 and May 1 to discuss the first four

"Kaya" books, by Janet Shaw. Before the first club meeting, read "Meet Kaya: An American Girl. Recommended for girls 7 to 10 years old. Multiple paperback copies of these books will be available in the library. Registration is requested.

- A Book Club for Boys will meet 7 to 7:45 p.m. Feb. 20, March 20, April 17 and May 15 to discuss the first four books in "The Time Warp" series, by Jon Scieszka. Boys should read "The Knights of the Kitchen Table." The club will discuss about the book and then do a related activity together.

- Recommended for boys 7 to 10 years old. Multiple paperback copies of these books will be available in the library. Registration is requested.

- Pajama Storytime will be from 7 to 7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 13 and March 27. Come wearing your pajamas, if you like. For families with children 2½ and older. Stories with a simple activity. Registration is requested.

- Tots' Storytime for children 2½ to 4 years old will meet 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Tuesday and Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11 and March 25. Stories with a simple craft. Registration requested.

- Toddler Mondays for babies and toddlers up to 2½ years old will meet 10 to 10:20 a.m. Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 24 and March 3. Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and movement activities. Drop-in; no registration.

- Toddler Wednesdays for babies and toddlers up to 2½ years old will meet 9:45 to 10:05 a.m. Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26. This is a repeat of Toddler Mondays. Attend with a parent or caregiver. Drop in; no registration.

Entertainment books being offered for sale

The Friends of the Clark Public Library is selling 2003 Entertainment Books for sale at the library. The Central Jersey edition costs \$30, and the North Jersey edition costs \$20.

Editions for other regions of the state or throughout the nation can be ordered. Each copy sold gives a per-

centage to the Friends group to support cultural activities at the library.

For more information, call the library at 732-388-5999.

Cards are 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, work or attend school 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.

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.

Career grants offered to businesswomen

The Berkeley Heights-Clark-Westfield Business and Professional Women is offering career development awards for 2002-03 from its state organization.

Awards of up to \$500 a person will be available for women 25 and older seeking to advance their careers, re-enter the workforce or make a career change.

The award may be used for education or to buy equipment if the applicant has at least a 50 percent ownership in the small business.

For applications and instructions, contact Maryann Dorin, 400 Morris-town Road, Linden, 07036, or call 908-925-5884.

Applications must be returned by Feb. 4. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included in order to receive the scholarship application and instructions.

For more information on BCW BPW, contact Noreen Ryan at 908-389-9863.

Clark winter ball to be held Feb. 1

The executive committee of Clark Benefit Fund Inc. has been preparing its annual Winter Benefit Ball.

The gala event will be from 7 p.m. to midnight Feb. 1 at The Westwood in Garwood.

The ball this year will feature opportunities to win unique baskets and gift certificates donated by local merchants. A BMX bicycle, tickets to a Broadway play with dinner and a limousine included, New York Ranger tickets with an autographed jersey and a zamboni ride are just a

few of the grand prizes that will be awarded to participants.

Other features include a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, an open bar, cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing to the music of "Be Our Guest Entertainment."

The event has proven to be a community tradition and success. Proceeds from the sale of tickets and from advertisements in the "Ad Journal" will be divided among "wish list" recipients.

The benefit aids Clark youth and athletic associations, PTAs, and many community organizations. Scholarships will be awarded the night of the Benefit Ball to two seniors attending Arthur L. Johnson High School. Recipients are chosen in part for their commitment to the community as demonstrated by the volunteering of their time, energy, and enthusiasm to service oriented projects.

Tickets cost \$65 per person and may be purchased at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building.

Scholarships offered for Polish students

The Polish Cultural Foundation has announced it is continuing its annual scholarship awards program.

The foundation will provide a number of \$2,000 scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year from two endowments, the Irene and Lubimir Zabitski Scholarship Fund and the Joseph S. Rozanski Scholarship Fund. Interested students are invited to apply.

Applicants must be of Polish descent, New Jersey residents, U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Students must have completed

their freshman year at an accredited university or college and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Students must submit an official transcript from colleges attended and a financial student aid report.

Applications are available at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, and at the financial aid offices of many New Jersey colleges and universities. Completed applications must be received by March 31.

For more information, call the foundation at 732-382-7197.

Clark Township sites available on Internet

Residents of Clark and alumni of Arthur L. Johnson High School have their choice of web sites to keep in touch with one another. Web site www.geocities.com/ALJClassOf1978 is a one-stop source of information about the Class of 1978, including reunion information.

Plans are under way for the 25th year reunion, to be held in the fall of 2003. Members of the Class of 1978 can visit the web site for the latest information.

Another web site, for the Johnson Touchdown Club, is open to anyone who has been involved with ALJ football, including players, coaches and supporters.

That web site is www.geocities.com/JohnsonTouchdownClub.

An interactive Delphi Forums discussion board also is online for issues related to Clark. That forum is located at forums.delphiforums.com/clarknj.

Mobile Meals now accepting clients

Mobile Meals, a private, not-for-

profit organization that delivers meals to housebound people of all ages or income in the Clark area, is accepting new clients.

Volunteers deliver nutritious dinners and lunches 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 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.

Friends of Library seek new members

Friends of the Clark Public Library is holding a membership drive. Residents can join the group by picking up an application form at the library.

There are several levels of involvement available to residents — whether you want to donate time and energy or just lend support as a silent member.

Screenings offered for blood pressure

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.



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ATTENTION CRANFORD RESIDENTS

We have been notified of a few errors in the recycling schedule printed inside our Town Planner calendars that went out to residents. The corrected pick up dates are as follows:

1. We do not recycle household batteries, empty paint cans, and wire hangers at curbside. Household batteries can be taken to the conservation center. Empty dried out latex paint cans can be put into household garbage, oil based paint can be recycled at the Union County Hazardous Waste Disposal days listed in the 2003 Cranford Recycling Brochure. Wire hangers can be taken back to the cleaners.
2. The December dates for recycling 3, 17, & 31 are incorrect it should read December 4 and 18.
3. The Recycling Center is CLOSED Friday July 4th.

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NEWS CLIPS

Catholic education celebrated at school

St. Michael School will kick off its annual Catholic Schools Week celebration with an open house at the school between 10 a.m. and noon Sunday. The public is invited to visit the school take part in the festivities Sunday — refreshments will be included — and the special events scheduled during the week.

At the open house, students will be on hand to conduct tours of the facility, which includes the new and updated computer lab, media center and library. The school gymnasium, home of the St. Michael's Warrior basketball teams and the scene of many nail-biting games is a highlight not to be missed.

During the week, events include the eighth grade pin ceremony held during the special student Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the all-school "Jump Rope for Heart," an opportunity for the student's to chip in their part for a worthy charitable cause.

The school auditorium will become the showcase for the students' less known qualities at the Annual Talent Show at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

This is one of the highlights of the year for the students and the school and a great night's entertainment for friends and family. Thursday is Vocabulary Dress-up Day. Aside

from watching this parade, parents get a chance to attend class with their children, a bit of fun for both parties.

The week concludes on Friday with the student awards assembly where outstanding academic achievement is recognized by faculty, staff, parents and fellow students. Following dismissal, the teacher appreciation luncheon will take place in the parish center.

For more information, call the school office at 908-276-9425

Tickets are available for Boy Scout dinner

Cranford Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold its annual fish and chips fundraiser Feb. 7 in Randolph Hall, Cranford United Methodist Church.

Seatings are at 5:15, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. Take-out is also available.

Argyle Restaurant of Kearny, famous for their fish and chips, will be back again this year.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 4 to 10 years old.

Proceeds will be used to support the troop. For more information contact Mary Sudiak at 908-272-2298 or Felicia Van Ostenbridge at 908-709-1565.

Battle of the Bands returns to Cranford

Cranford High School's Class of 2003 will hold the "Battle of the

Bands" at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the auditorium of Cranford High School, 201 West End Place.

Six area bands will perform, including Ununinium, Averice to Society, The Inconvenienced Silent Cat Trio, Plain English, and 2 percent Funk.

Last year more than 600 teens attended this one-night event.

Advance tickets cost \$5. Admission at door costs \$6.

Benefit auction to aid Raphael's Life House

Raphael's Life House and Saint Michael's Home and School Association have scheduled their annual benefit auction for Feb. 8 at Saint Michael's School in Cranford.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the silent auction, and a live auction begins at 7 p.m. Sandwiches, wine and beer will be served.

A wide variety of goods and services will be auctioned. Hotel stays, airline tickets to London, tickets to sporting events, and weekends at the beach are just a sample.

Proceeds will benefit Raphael's Life House and St. Michael's Home and School Association.

Located in Elizabeth, Raphael's Life House provides transitional housing and training for homeless, pregnant women.

Due to financial difficulties, Raphael's Life House has had to sus-

pend operations since Dec. 6. The officers and board are working hard to reopen the shelter and hope that this will take place by spring.

St. Michael's Home and School Association supports the educational and extracurricular activities at St. Michael's School, benefiting children throughout Union County.

Admission to the event costs \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets are available at St. Michael's parish center, Alden Street; the ChariTea Room, 35 Alden St.; and Jude of Cranford at 11 N. Union Ave.

For more information, call Dorothy Suske at 908-276-7258. To donate an item or service for the auction, contact Anne Keenan at 908-276-2998.

Grants to fix walks now made available

A sidewalk replacement program is being offered by the Cranford Office of Community Development.

This program has been funded again through a Union County Community Development Block Grant and will begin in early spring. Federal money will cover 70 percent of the replacement cost for deteriorated primary sidewalks and driveway aprons. Homeowners pay the remainder.

To be eligible, a family must have

its income fall within limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Income limits are \$38,100 or less for a one-person household, with gradual increments to \$71,800 or less for a family of eight or more.

Funds will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants who have previously applied, but were unable to participate due to limited funding, are encouraged to reapply again as more funding is now available.

For more information or to apply call Elizabeth Zamorski at 908-709-7294 or visit the office at 29 S. Avenue W. between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

School to introduce PowerPoint to users

Hillside Avenue School will host a presentation on the basics of PowerPoint, including how to use it as a presentation tool, and to create a slide show, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Hillside Avenue School.

Instructors are Kristen Baldoni, second-grade teacher, and Lisa Ventura, fourth-grade teacher.

Registration urged for board candidates

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Cranford Board of Education is 4

p.m. Feb. 24. The election is scheduled for April 15.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" in the Business Office of the Board of Education, 132 Thomas Street, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the school board candidate kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for the school board candidates are also included in the kit.

"School board membership is a meaningful way to make a contribution to your community and its schools," said Glenn Ewan, NJSBA president.

"I urge all qualified citizens to consider board of education membership. Serving on your local school board doesn't require a degree in education. The most important attribute a candidate can bring to office is a sincere interest in your community, its children and their education."

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the Purchase of Fitness Equipment and opened and read in public by the Township Clerk and or Business Administrator of the Township of Clark, Room 16, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey, on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 12:00 a.m. prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by John F. Laezza, Business Administrator, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 16, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract documents. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

- Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act
- The Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127.
- The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.
- All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, C.238, "The Public Works Contractor Regulations Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.

BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

US124 CCE Jan. 23, 2003 (\$37.20)

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the

"POLICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE"

and opened and read in public by the Township Engineer for the Township of Clark,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Room 16, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey on February 13, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

US4960 CCE Jan. 23, 2003 (\$39.06)

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the

"COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF LEAVES"

and opened and read in public by the Township Engineer for the Township of Clark, Room 16, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey on February 13, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents.

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inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.

BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

US4962 CCE Jan. 23, 2003 (\$39.06)

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the

"COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GRASS CLIPPINGS"

and opened and read in public by the Township Engineer for the Township of Clark, Room 16, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark, New Jersey on February 13, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by Richard O'Connor, Township Engineer, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract documents. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

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All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.

BY ORDER OF the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor

US4961 CCE Jan. 23, 2003 (\$39.06)

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, State of New Jersey, the public is hereby notified of the following schedule of regular meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, for the year 2003. All meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey. Meeting at 7:30 P.M. in Room 107.

January	15	July	2
		August	6
February	5	September	20
March	5	October	17
April	2	November	15
May	7	December	12
June	4		13
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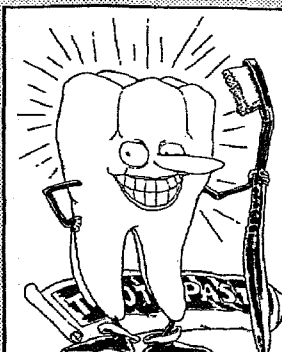
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Cranford High School names students to 1st honor roll of 2002-03

Cranford High School has released the names of students to make the honor roll for the first marking period of the 2002-03 school year:

Ninth grade

Patrick Ahern, Patrick Alvarez, Thomas Anthes, Joanna Arcieri, Ashley B. Atwood, Kari Bagniewski, Katherine Behrena, Thomas Belden, John E. Bender, Rebecca Booth, Michael Bottino, Nicholas Boyer, Emily Brewster, Kevin Brown, Mary Brown;

Nicole C. Cabrera, Allison Carollo, Brian Ceci, Amrina Cheema, Monika Chopra, Crista Colaneri, Rita DeChillo, Carmen Delle Done, Grace DiFabio, George H. Dimayuga; Samantha Erlichman, David Fanelli, Nicholas Fanelli, Catherine Felegi, Kristen Ford, Colin Fraser, Julia Frieri;

Alexandra Garcia, Courtney Garges, Julie Gilbertson, Ashley Glowczynski, Justin Grand, Joshua Hanke, Kimberly Hart, Brian Hearon, Caitlin Helmsstetter;

Max Kaplan, Daniel Kessler, Matthew Kessler, Laurel Klappholz, Courtney Koellner, Jessica Kowalski, Francis Krov, Megan Kuhn, James Kulinski, James Lacey, Deanna Liotard, Corey LoForte;

Dan Heinrich Manuyag, John Maturro, Frank P. McGovern, Jennifer Meyer, Monica Miller, Giovanna Molinaro, Alexandria Moreira, Dennis Mui, Maryrose Mullen, Alexander Nappi, Amy E. Nusekl

Erin O'Dowd, Mayra E. Orejuela, Peter Orlandi, Michael Papandrea,

Heather Patterson, Erin Polito, Amanda Porter;

Katelyn M. Rasmus, Anthony Riggi, Ashley Rooney, Steven Savva, Rowell See, Nicholas Smith, Nicole E. Stapinski, Mary K. Starkey, Peter Stempniewicz, Jennie Stolte, William Struthers;

Stanislav A. Tokarev, Patrick Virgili, Katherine Whalen, Sara Winters, Alexandra N. Zamorski, Mark Zamorski.

10th grade

Michael Alterbrando, Robert Argen, Amanda Aslan, John Backiel Jr., Kevin J. Balla, Jennifer Bayak, Jillian Berkowitz, Katherine Bither, Alana Buonaguro, Patrick Burke;

Sarah Capodice, Stephen Caprio, Gerard Cecchia, Kimberly Colello, Ashley Collins, Alisse Connolly, Kyle Cook, Christopher DeLuca, Lauren J. DiMarco, Christopher D. Drechsel;

Jessica Egan, Art Ernst, Steven J. Ferro, Alisa Fleisher, Michael Folger, Molly Folger;

Sara Gardner, Sean Gerrity, James P. Goski, Katie Hayeck, Evan Herbert;

Tara E. Kechner, Christopher T. Keenan, Christina Kleespies, Joseph Kleiber, Melissa Konieczny, Julie Ann Kuczynski, Christopher D. Laucius, Mark Leissing, Tong Yong Lu;

Brian Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Dillon Malar, Michael Malinowski, Lauren Maramara, Melissa Marotta, Karen Marsden, Kathleen Masterson, Jill McCoy, Ryan McMahon, Nicholas T. McDermott, Theresa

Pupils also ranked on principal's list

Cranford High School also has released the names of students to make the principal's list for the first marking period of the 2002-03 school year.

Ninth grade

Melissa Benimeo, Melissa Cancillieri, Christina DiPasquale, and Jonathan Schwartz.

10th grade

Katherine Baylock, Glenn Brown, Emily Clader, Kyle Lynch, Katherine O'Neill, Puja Patel and Cordelia R. Siporin.

11th grade

Lindsay Baer, Joanna Becker, Laura Belden, Brian Brown, Cheryl Cecchini, Jill Humphries, Lauren Kawczynski, Raimi Milwicz, Lisa Papandrea, D'Arcy Sarmelle and Katherine Vaupel.

12th grade

Michael Bell, Meghan Fitzpatrick, Maria Guzman, Nereida Heller, Peter M. Kingston, Julie A. Kulinski, Jennifer Nisi, Lauren O'Donnell, Jenna Rozman, Stephanie Schunkowitz and Katybeth Thompson.

Meise, Michael Milea, Paul Montgomery;

Michelle Newton, Melissa Niebyski, Brian J. Niemee, Lauren O'Hara, Caryn M. Pepose, Alyssa Procaccino, Ashley Rey, Matthew J. Ross;

Christopher W. Saba, Richard Salls, Selena A. Santagelo, Tara Scaramuzzi, Megan Scotti, Jesse Shapiro, Victoria Sheehan, Sara Shtrauch, Andre Soman, Daniel G. Statue, Christine Stolte, Michael Strom, Judith Sukovich;

Nathaneal Thompson, Kathleen M. Tobin, Sharon Vosseller, Laura Wagenblast, Stephen Weiss.

11th grade

Lauren Albert, Edwin Aranzazu, Megan Berry, Eric Bieksha, Alex Blitz, Patrick Boyle, Meghan Brady, Ryan Byrnes;

Alexandra Califf, Joseph Cancillieri, Steven Carbone, John Catena, Jennifer Christiani, Sara Clader, Matthew P. Clemente, Christine D'Arcy, Christopher Della Serra, Ryan Duffy, Edward Durning;

Michael Eisert, Gabriele Fazio, Alaina Feldman, Krista Fincke, Lindsay Fisher, Isabella Fitzgerald, Megan Francis, Susan Freeman;

Bryan Giannichini, Kristen Grandal, Lisa Grebenyuk, Jessica Hampson, Mallory Harlin, Lindsay Henoach, Jay Hoffacker, Walisa T. Hunter, Nicole Hynes;

Leigh Johnson, Krystyna Karmol, Chester S. Klimek, Stanley Kozek, Meredith Krauter, Andrea Krenek, Kate Kuhn;

Chelsea Lanier, Daniel Lorden, Kathleen Maris, John Markowitz, Corinne Marotta, Joseph Marra,

Katharine A. McCarthy, Joseph McGinley, Kerry McGovern, Michelle McKenney, Rachel Meeks, Amanda Mitchell, Jennifer Mitchell, Melissa Montalvo, Victoria Moreira, Suzanne A. Morris;

Brandi A. Norris, Alexandra Nowak, Jordan O'Donnell, Christopher Ozolnieks;

Blair Palmisano, Lauren Paskevich, Alexandra Perrotta, Lia Petrozziello, Lauren Phillips, Robert Piatkowski, Julia Pitassy, Katie Piwowarczyk, Stephanie Poleshuck; Jason Purdie, Michael Ressegue, Timothy K. Rial, Robert Rich, Jean Marie Ridente, Kristen Rocco;

Kristen Savnik, Amanda Schlenker, Gloriarose Schmitt, Max Schnur, Kurt Sigmund, William Singer, Julia Skwarski, Jenny Solomon, Nichole Spampinato, Mark Stewart, Marie Sweeney;

Bryan Tansky, Jeffrey Thorn, Christopher Venditti, Michael Winters, Emily Zemlansky, Kristin Zuravnsky.

12th grade

Ryan Ahern, Stephen Albert, Stephen Allen, Kimberely Argen, Salar Balruddin, Rachel Baker, Jessica N. Barr, Caroline Bausch, Jessica Berkowitz, Mark Bostel, Tara Brennan, Michelle Buontempo, Samantha Burns;

Kristen Callaghan, Natalie L. Castagno, Victoria Cetera, Christine Chiaramonte, Richard Cicchelli, Dana M. Cirincione, David Civile, Marc A. Colaco, Joelle M. Correia,

Andrew Cossa, Jacqueline Cuzzo; Courtney A. D'Elia, Samantha Dango, Robin Danyus, Kelly Donnelly, Michael Dooley, Cristi Downey, David Drechsel, Erin Duffy, Ryan Fanelli, Robert Felicetta, Nicholas Flamini, Thomas Flanagan;

Joseph Gallucci, Ryan Gardner-Cook, Matthew Gathercole, Danielle Getting, Eric Grand, Ryan Grau, Eric Hansen, Mark Harley, Meghan A. Hayes, Paige Heuer, Syreeta Holmes;

Crystal Jacobs, Victoria Kochowski, Brianna Kosch, Joshua Lasky, Matthew Laveggio, Kristen Lombardo, Lalkha R. Lopez, Nicole Lordan;

Sara Mados, Rachel Mambach, Kristelle M. Manuyag, Jeremy Martin, Christopher Masterson, Lauren McCarthy, Kelly McGovern, Alan McPhaul, Erin Morgan, Patric Muha, Emily Rose Nietzel, Valerie Nigro, Christopher Nowak;

Patrick O'Sullivan, Kate C. Olsen, Alexandra Orme, Elizabeth Osaben, Christine Pemoulie, Carolyn Pender, Matthew Re, Jaclyn Rey, Stephen Ricken;

Caitlin E. Salisbury, Crista Sciancalepore, Sergio Sciancalepore, Kathryn Silvestry, Sara A. Simon, Patricia A. Simpson, Jenna Siragusa, Ryan Smith, April Sobocinski, Laura L. Sofia, Bella Sorkin, Megan Starace, Jessica Styler, Steven Swan, Carol Sweeney, Adam Swider;

Rachel Thomas, Teresa VanHorn, Andrew Weigel, Jillian Widdows, Matthew Wilson, Andrea Yeager, James Zamorski, Julia Zebrowski, Derrick Zulick, Brian Zuravnsky.

NEWS CLIPS

Celebration of nature is school lesson plan

Fourth-graders from the Cranford and West Orange campuses of Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union will gather today at Newark's McKinley School for a multicultural celebration of nature, centered on the Jewish holiday of Tu B'shevat, which celebrates the "new year of trees."

For the past four years, the Greater Newark Conservancy — an urban environmental and education organization that has helped transform the face of Newark in partnership with the Jewish National Fund — has held this program, hosted by McKinley, an urban school with a largely black and Hispanic population.

About 75 students from McKinley and from Schechter will explore trees and environmental appreciation in three cultural traditions: African American, Hispanic and Jewish.

Given the current situation in the Middle East, the fact that a large number of McKinley students are Muslim adds to the poignancy and importance of the program, which will allow for a dialogue between the two groups, organizers said.

Betty Goldfond of the Greater Newark Conservancy has planned a collaboration that allows students to interact with their peers from their wider community with whom they have little contact.

In addition, for the first time this year, the Jewish Education Association of Metro West will bring a group of Israel educators to facilitate the program.

Solomon Schechter Director of Jewish Studies Moshe Rudin and McKinley special projects coordinator Beverly Tesoroni are coordinating the event.

The event will take place at McKinley School, 1 Colonnade Place, Newark, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call McKinley School at 973-268-5270.

Kornspan before some 350 people in attendance.

Incoming master is Kenneth Broderick, who will served by John Angelis as senior warden and Jerry Silverman as junior warden.

Officers also installed for 2003 are as follows: Treasurer Mel Marech, Assistant Treasurer Seymour Feder, Secretary Ralph Jacobi, Assistant Secretary Ed Simon, Senior Deacon Shelley Wilensky, Junior Deacon Michael Pierce, Senior Master of Ceremonies John Tangelos, Junior Master of Ceremonies Edgar Sepovda, Senior Stewards Stan Kissel, Marshall John DiFiore, Organist Dan Watchel, Tyler Peter Barkley and James Coughenour, Historian Jerry Kaufman and Chaplain Bernard Cohen.

Broderick presented his remarks to the roar and applause of the audience. Continuing the lodge's goal of serving the Cranford Community Ken Broderick presented the lodge's first Teacher of the Year award to Paul J. Maloney, an eighth-grade teacher at the Hillside Avenue School. Maloney also was selected as the Union County teacher of the year and was a state finalist.

Historical society seeks new members

The Cranford Historical Society is accepting new members.

There are three levels of membership: \$25, member; \$50, patron; and \$100 or more, benefactor.

Checks should be made to the Cranford Historical Society and mailed to the Cranford Historical Society, c/o Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.

For more information, call the society at 908-276-0082.

Founded in 1927, the Cranford Historical Society has been preserving and perpetuating Cranford history for 75 years.

Lori Hoffner is president of the Cranford Historical Society.

Change your oil, aid CPL financially

South Avenue Sunoco will donate \$5 to the Cerebral Palsy League for every oil change done at the station through December. The station is located at South and Lincoln avenues.

The Cerebral Palsy League provides services to improve the lives of children and adults with multiple disabilities and specific medical needs.

Programs include: Kaleidoscope Early intervention program for children younger than 3; the Come Play and Learn Early Childhood Educational Center, a childcare program for children 6 months to 6 years old; Jardine Academy, private schools serving children 3 to 21 years old with multiple disabilities, and the Vincent Coletta Vocational Center, providing a supported work environment for adults with disabilities.

For more information about the Cerebral Palsy League, call Melissa Travera at 908-709-1800, Ext. 115.

Legislators available

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.

Conservation center keeps winter hours

Winter hours have begun at the Cranford Conservation Center on Birchwood Avenue.

The center will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Fridays and 9:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Saturdays through March.

Christmas trees should not be left at curbside. They can be taken to the Conservation Center during normal working hours without a permit. Residents can call their garbage haulers to

see if they will remove the trees as in previous years.

Cranford residents can purchase yard waste permits at the center or by mailing in an application. 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 — no books — glass bottles, plastic type 1, 2 and 3 bottles, aluminum cans and steel cans.

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

Candidates 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.

Anyone 18 or older can 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 also can be downloaded from the municipal web site at www.cranford.com/police by clicking on the "Forms" button.

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

Congratulations to Cranford's First Baby of 2003

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OBITUARIES

Dana J. Shuhan

Dana J. Shuhan, 47, of Portland, Maine, formerly of Cranford, died Jan. 2 at home.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Shuhan lived in Cranford and had spent most of her childhood in New Jersey.

She received her master's degree in counseling psychology from the State University of New York at Oswego.

Mrs. Shuhan worked for many years as a guidance counselor in high schools in Phoenix and Vernon, N.Y., and at the Raritan Valley Community College.

She also was a licensed massage therapist.

Surviving are her husband, Alex; three sons; her mother, Doris Childs; two sisters, Kathryn and Lisa Childs, and a brother, Robert Childs.

Joan Townley

Joan Townley, 64, of Warren Township, whose husband, Richard, owned and operated Dick's Hobbyland in Cranford for 35 years before selling the store and retiring, died Jan. 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Her husband, 80, died on Jan. 8 at home. They had been married for 10 years.

Born in Bound Brook, Mrs. Townley, who graduated from North Plainfield High School, was the bakery manager of the A&P in Warren for 24 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Schnur and Susanne Kreiss, and four grandchildren.

Richard Townley

Richard Townley, 80, of Warren Township, formerly of Union, who owned and operated Dick's Hobbyland in Cranford for 35 years before

selling the store and retiring, died on Jan. 8 at home, the day after his wife, Joan, died in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Townley grew up in Union and lived in Basking Ridge before moving to Warren in 1992.

Until then, he had been owner of Dick's Hobbyland in Cranford.

Mr. Townley was an Army veteran, who worked as an aircraft mechanic during World War II.

He graduated from the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, Newark.

Mr. Townley was an active member of the Central Jersey chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

He also was active with the Circus Model Builders International and was president of the CMB Sparks Ring No. 4 of Northern New Jersey.

Mr. Townley also was a member of the Commemorative Airforce, a group that preserves World War II-era combat aircraft.

Surviving are two stepdaughters, daughters, Kathleen Schnur and Susanne Kreiss, and four grandchildren.

Millard Hallenbeck

Millard O. Hallenbeck, 92, of Cranford died Jan. 9 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Hallenbeck moved to Cranford many years ago.

He was employed by Bell Labs for 38 years before retiring. Mr. Hallenbeck was a graduate of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

He was a member of the Cranford Swim Club and the Westfield Old Guard.

Mr. Hallenbeck also was a choir member of the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Claire McCulloch and Lois Roesel; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Raymond J. Vetter

Raymond J. Vetter, 65, of Little Egg Harbor, formerly of Cranford, died Jan. 8 in Sand Lake Hospital, Orlando, Fla.

Born in Newark, Mr. Vetter lived in Cranford before moving to Little Egg Harbor five years ago.

He was a self-employed plastering contractor and owned the V&J Construction Co., Cranford, for 25 years before retiring in 1997.

Mr. Vetter was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, Garwood, and was a past exalted ruler of Cranford Elks Lodge 2006. He served in the Army Reserve.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Arleen; two sons, Raymond M. and Robert L.; a daughter, Karen Quigley; a brother, Louis, and eight grandchildren.

Rocco C. Freda

Rocco C. Freda, 86, of Cranford died Jan. 12 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Freda lived in Cranford since 1967. He was a founder of F&R Industrial Supply Co., Kenilworth, which he operated from 1960 to 1997, when he retired.

Mr. Freda was a member of the Warren Brook Country Club, Menchen Country Club, the Suburban Country Club and the Kenilworth Manufacturing Association.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; two sons, Gerald R. and Michael J., and two grandchildren.

William J. Miller Jr.

William J. Miller Jr., 81, of Savannah, Ga., formerly of Hillside and Cranford, died Jan. 10 at home.

Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Miller lived in Hillside and Cranford before moving to Savannah.

He was the vice president of sales at Hudson Tool and Die Co., where he

worked for 40 years and retired in 1985.

While there, Mr. Miller was one of the pioneers in the development of the metal casings for cardiac pacemakers.

He served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Landings Golf and Tennis Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, William A.; a daughter, JoAnne M. Barton; a brother, Wesley, and four grandchildren.

Jenny Wilson

Jenny Wilson, 83, of Cranford died Jan. 9 in Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Charleston, S.C., Mrs. Wilson lived in Cranford for 70 years.

She was a teacher's aide with the Cranford Board of Education for 25 years before retiring.

Mrs. Wilson was a volunteer at Runnells Specialized Hospital and was a member of the Flower Club and choir, both with St. Mark's AME Church, Cranford.

Surviving are a son, Michael, and a sister, Sadie Pollard.

George M. Huff

George M. Huff, 86, of Wall, formerly of Cranford, died Jan. 13 in the Sunrise Assisted Living, Wall.

Born in Buchanan, N.Y., Mr. Huff lived in Cranford before moving to Wall six months ago.

He was a refractory contractor and owned George M. Huff Co., Bayonne, from 1958 through 1986.

Mr. Huff was a member of the Union Masonic Lodge, and a former grandmaster of the Washington Masonic Lodge, Elizabeth.

He also was a past president of the Marine Square Club, New York City.

Surviving are his wife, Edna; three daughters, Janet Walsh, Linda McStay and Barbara Tomalvage; a son, Michael; two sisters, Barbara Miles and Ruth Cross; two brothers, Thomas and David; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Antoni Pyziak

Antoni Pyziak, 85, of Cranford, formerly of Elizabeth, died Jan. 14 at home.

Born in Kozlow, Poland, Mr. Pyziak lived in Elizabeth before moving to Cranford three years ago.

He was a machinist at Georgia Pacific, Newark, for 25 years and retired in 1978.

Mr. Pyziak was a sergeant in the Polish Resettlement Corps and received a war medal.

He also was a member of the Polish Falcons Drum and Bugle Corps.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Rocco; two brothers, Stanley and Jan, and a grandchild.

Evelyn R. Kessler

Evelyn R. Kessler, 86, of Cranford, formerly of Clark, died Jan. 15 in the Atria Assisted Living, Cranford.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Kessler lived in Clark for 25 years and Toms River for 20 years before moving to Cranford two years ago.

She was a saleswoman in the curtain department of Bradlees, Clark, for several years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are a son, Alan, and a grandchild.

Leonard Rosenberg

Leonard H. Rosenberg, 82, formerly of Cranford, died Jan. 16 at the home of a friend, Penny Brome, in Gillette.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., and raised in Rochester, Mr. Rosenberg lived in Cranford for 48 years.

He graduated from University of Rochester.

Mr. Rosenberg served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Rosenberg, and a grandchild.

Frank D. Beane

Frank D. Beane, 67, of Cranford died Jan. 17 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New Providence.

He was the head electrical safety inspector at the Princeton Plasma

Physics Laboratory for 15 years and retired five years ago.

Earlier, Mr. Beane had been employed by General Public Utilities of New Jersey as an expert in the design, construction and operation of jet-peaking power plants and nuclear power plants.

He was a member of the cleanup committee after the Three Mile Island nuclear incident.

Mr. Beane helped to write the National Electrical Code and taught the code as part of the staff at Princeton University.

He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Surviving are his wife, Deloris; a daughter, Karen Stratz; four sons, James, Ken and Kyle Ewald and Don Beane; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joseph Berkowitz

Joseph Berkowitz, 85, of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Cranford, died Jan. 19 at home.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. Berkowitz lived in Old Bridge, Cranford and Monroe before moving to Boca Raton five years ago.

He was a special education teacher at the Branchburg School, Newark, for 37 years and retired in 1983.

Mr. Berkowitz received a bachelor's degree from Jersey City State Teachers College and a master's degree in special education from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

He was a member of the East Brunswick Jewish Center and the Knights of Pythias.

Surviving are a son, Richard; a daughter, Robin Sherwin; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DEATH NOTICES

ROSENBERG- Leonard, 82, formerly of Cranford, died January 16th, 2003 at the home of his friend Penny Brome in Gillette NJ. He is survived by his daughter Helen Rosenberg, her partner Dimas Figueroa, his grandson Nathan Figueroa and nephew Fred Barlow. A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 26th at 2:00pm at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Wed. Morning Club schedules meetings

The GWFC Wednesday Morning Club will hold the following department meetings:

The fine arts department will have a program today about the The Hudson River School of Artists. Meg Lynes will be the speaker.

The Applied Arts/Home Life Department will work on Federation projects at 10 a.m. Monday at the Cranford Community Center.

Local women interested in joining the Wednesday Morning Club may call Marie Mastorakis at 908-272-6243.

Women's club holds year's first meeting

The GWFC Village Improvement Association of Cranford held its first

meeting of the year Jan. 14 at B.G. Fields.

Marge Bowman, president, presided. There were 30 members present.

Dolores Clarke read a thank-you note from Jennie DiTaliano, for her group's singing Christmas songs at Ashbrooke Nursing Home Dec. 3.

Jackie Ellis had a thank-you from the Cranford Girls Scouts for all her work.

Eleanor Fakelmann announced the achievement day convention will be March 25 at The Westwood in Garwood.

Lucy Lettier will run a bus ride to Doolan's in Spring Lake on April 10, for a ragtime show. The cost will be \$57, with departure from Centennial Avenue Pool.

Jane Galuppo named Glen Brown for the Wobie Scholarship, which is

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

for sophomore. It is the Hughe O'Brien award for leadership.

Marie Knoeller read a thank-you note from the Community Food Bank for our donation of \$250.

Eileen Cleary presented Christmas presents to our new "family" from the Village Improvement Association

The literary group was held at Marie Leahy's home to discuss "The Red Tent."

Elaine Hamilton introduced three new members: Barbara Deulin, Veronica Dragos, and Donna D'Espino, who was inducted into the club.

Hamilton asked anyone interested to make food ornaments for the birds. These will be hung on a tree in the Girl Scout park, and called a "wildlife tree" for wintertime.

Guest speaker was Ralph Glover, who gave a talk about horology, which is above clocks in time, dating from the 1400s. The first American clock made was called a banjo clock.

The Village Improvement Association is a branch of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which does philanthropic work.

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Turnaround continues for Johnson girls' basketball

Crusaders best Hillside to improve to 8-1

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — The turnaround continues.

After winning only three games last year, the Johnson High School girls' basketball team has almost tripled that mark already by sporting an 8-1 mark as of Tuesday's 51-41 victory at Hillside.

The Crusaders are scheduled to host Newark Central today at 4 p.m. and then play at Roselle Park Tuesday night at 7.

"We have two things going for us," Johnson first-year coach Steve Kaelblein said. "We have two freshmen playing significant minutes and all the other girls are a year older."

In addition to the infusion of young talent, Kaelblein feels that familiarity has played a huge part in the team's success.

"Most of the girls have played with one another since grammar school," Kaelblein said. "The parents of the kids in town deserve a lot of credit because the kids are coming here having learned the basic fundamentals of the game. We're now just beginning to see it pay off."

Tied 4-4 early in the first period against Hillside, the Crusaders went on to a 6-0 run to close out the quarter and take a 10-4 lead.

Freshman forward Samantha Parin started the surge when she nailed a five-foot turnaround jumper in the paint. Parin finished with a game-high 21 points.

After Hillside closed to within 10-9 early in the second quarter, Johnson's Lyndsay Molloy countered with an offensive rebound and putback to make it 12-9.

The junior center used the same method to close out the half as Johnson held a 20-18 edge.

Molloy finished with 13 points, 18 rebounds and six blocks.

"We added a few more plays for this game," Molloy said. "It revolved around getting rebounds and scoring off them."

Molloy opened the second half in style as she blocked consecutive shots by Hillside freshman guard Porchia Isom.

After the Comets cut the deficit to 24-23 early in the third period, Hillside's Kateema McLean was called for a technical foul.

That seemed to jump-start the Johnson offense as it went on a 10-0 run to bring the score to 34-23. Junior forward Lauren Tomasovic capped the drive by knocking down a five-foot banker off a nice bounce pass from Parin.

After Hillside's Keisha McLean made one free throw to cut it to 34-24, Johnson freshman Jamilee Pflug scored consecutive two-point buckets to put the score at 38-24. The last two points came on a steal and layup. Keisha McLean closed out the quarter with a 15-foot jumper to bring the score to 38-26.

The Comets closed to within 39-34 early in the fourth before Johnson responded with a 6-0 run to push its lead to 45-34.

Hillside then countered with its own 6-0 run to get to within 45-40 with 2:23 left.

However, the Crusaders made two free throws to up their lead to 47-40.

"We played a tight, zone pressure defense," Kaelblein said. "They didn't make shots down the stretch and we made our free throws."

Hillside's Hassanah Oliver made one free throw to make it 47-41 before Johnson closed out the scoring on a follow by Molloy and a short jumper by Parin.

"We really wanted to win this game," Molloy said. "It helps in deciding who will win the conference."

Johnson defeated Hillside 42-40 earlier in the season in Clark.

"Competing in the Sky Division has really helped us," Kaelblein said. "We're playing against teams that are on the same level as we are."

Last Friday night, Johnson defeated visiting Bound Brook 54-12. The Crusaders jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first period and never looked back. Sophomore point guard Kerri Sullivan led the attack with 10 points.

NOTES: As of Tuesday, Johnson had just one loss in the Sky Division, that to Manville.

Upcoming: Jan. 23 Newark Central, 4 p.m.; Jan. 28 at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.; Jan. 30 St. Mary's, 4; Jan. 31 at Dayton, 7; Feb. 4 at Brearley, 7; Feb. 7 New Providence, 4; Feb. 11 Manville, 4; Feb. 14 Newark Tech, 4.

Nudo and Kargus scoring lifts Johnson ice hockey

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Scoring in bunches.

That's what the Johnson High School ice hockey team has done of late.

The Crusaders proved that point again Monday night in an 8-3 victory over Dayton at Warinanco Rink.

Johnson's record stood at 7-2-1 entering last night's scheduled game against Westfield at Warinanco.

In their previous three games, the Crusaders have received strong performances from senior forward Jon Nudo and sophomore forward Dan Kargus.

Nudo had four goals against Dayton and Kargus scored a school-record seven against Millburn Jan. 7.

In the win over Dayton, Nudo scored 3:12 into the game on a wraparound off an assist from Matt Nieroda to make it 1-0.

He then tallied a minute later on assists from Kargus and Nieroda to bring the score to 2-0.

"I knew they were going to come out excited," Nudo said. "I just wanted to come out strong."

After Dayton cut the deficit to 2-1 late in the first period, Johnson responded with a goal by senior defenseman Craig McCarrick 3:12 into the second for a 3-1 advantage.

The Bulldogs bit back with 7:13 left in the period to get within 3-2. However, Johnson scored a minute later on a goal by Kargus to push its lead back to two goals at 4-2. Nudo and Nieroda were credited with assists.

However, Dayton answered just 18 seconds later to close to within 4-3.

With 2:44 left in the period, Nudo scored his third goal for the "hat trick." After jumping out of the penalty box, Nudo took a cross-ice pass from McCarrick and buried a low liner into the left corner of the net to make it 5-3.

"I yelled to my teammates, if they got the puck, to pass it to me," Nudo said. "I got a great pass from McCarrick and just tucked it into the corner."

Nudo picked up his fourth goal early in the third period when he gained possession of a loose puck and fired a shot into the top right corner. His unassisted goal gave Johnson a 6-3 advantage.

Hot Stove affair to honor past and present athletes

Three outstanding athletes who distinguished themselves on and off the baseball diamonds of Union County will be inducted into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during awards ceremonies Feb. 9.

Fred Cole of Roselle, William Giglio of Linden and Ramon Ortel of Elizabeth will be honored at the 67th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League Dinner at the L'Affaire Banquet Center on 1099 Route 22 East in Mountainside.

The program begins at 1 p.m.

The special guest speaker at the awards luncheon will be former Kansas City Royals and New York Yankees slugger Steve Balboni.

Known primarily for his ability to hit the long ball, Balboni totaled 181 home runs over the course of 11 major league seasons.

From 1981 through 1993, Balboni played primarily for the Yankees and the Royals, but also had stints with the Seattle Mariners and the Texas Rangers.

Balboni blasted 36 home runs in 1985 and helped the Royals win their only World Series that season.

Balboni was born in Brockton, Mass. in 1957. Brockton is also the hometown of the great, undefeated heavyweight boxer Rocky Marciano.

Balboni now resides in Berkeley Heights.

"We're very pleased to have Steve Balboni speak again at our Hot Stove Dinner," said Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon of Union Township, who also serves as the liaison to the county's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"His son plays in our league and Steve is a big fan of the Fall Teen League. This year the awards dinner will be held on a Sunday afternoon for a change, so we hope more families will be able to attend and enjoy the ceremonies."

Tickets for the dinner are \$35, with proceeds going to help fund the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters ages 8-15 and the newer Fall Teen League.

Organized in 1945, the Youth Baseball League reached a new high in participation last summer.

Union County Baseball Association Hall of Famers include Hillside's Phil "The Scooter" Rizzuto, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, Willie Wilson of Summit, Mountainside's Jeff Torborg, Al Santorini of Union Township and Reggie Hammonds of Scotch Plains.

In addition to the new Hall of Fame inductees, the Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner will also honor a number of young athletes and local baseball teams for their recent achievements.

Among the recipients will be Marc Weres of Union Township, who will receive the Edward Cooper Memorial Award for the Most Valuable Scholastic Baseball Player; and Becky Riccitelli of Roselle Park, who will receive the Banyasz Memorial Award for the Most Valuable Scholastic Softball Player.

Weres capped a brilliant 2002 season at shortstop for Union High when he hit a two-run homer in Union's victory over Jackson in the Group 4 state tournament championship game.

Weres batted .477 for the season and saved six games as a relief pitcher. He is attending Monmouth University on a baseball scholarship.

Riccitelli posted a 23-4 record last spring with a 0.54 ERA and fashioned a school-record 298 strikeouts in only her sophomore year at Roselle Park High School.

Riccitelli also had a .483 batting average for the season. Riccitelli was named an All-Union County and All-Group 1 First Team honoree by *The Star-Ledger*.

Here are the 2003 inductees into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame:

Fred Cole: Cole was an outstanding second baseman and leadoff hitter at Roselle High School from 1962-1964. He played in the Union County finals in 1964 and in two state sectional finals. Cole was awarded All Union County

With 3:27 remaining, Kargus added his second goal on an assist from McCarrick to make it 7-3.

Senior defenseman Jim Augustine capped the scoring with a power play goal in the closing minutes. Junior Brian Michlacyk was awarded an assist on the play.

Senior goaltender Bryan Klimchak finished with 26 saves in net.

"We've gotten great defense and goaltending," Nudo said. "We've really been playing consistent hockey."

Last Saturday, Nudo scored twice in leading the Crusaders to a 4-1 victory over West Windsor South at Twin Oaks Rink in Morristown.

McCarrick and Kargus also connected for Johnson, who were playing without head coach John Szwed, who was serving the first of a two-game suspension.

"We played with some adversity in the past, so we came together now," Kargus said. "The team has really been playing as a unit."

Kargus was the focal point in the Crusaders' 9-0 victory over Millburn two weeks ago at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Scoring three goals in each of the first two periods and one more in the third, Kargus fell one goal shy of tying the state record of eight in a game, which was set in 1994 by Hopewell Valley's Matt Kerr in a 12-11 victory over Cranford.

"That was the best night I ever had," Kargus said. "I'm seeing the net very well."

Nudo and senior center Dan Tice had the other goals for Johnson, which received a 33-save performance from Klimchak.

"I think we're playing our best hockey right now," Kargus said. "We're working really hard and the results are showing."

Johnson is scheduled to skate against West Milford Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Warinanco.

Upcoming: Jan. 25 West Milford, 1:30 p.m.; Jan. 29 Wayne Valley, 6 p.m.; Feb. 2 at Ridge, 6:45 p.m.; Feb. 3 at West Windsor, 4 p.m.; Feb. 7 at Nutley, 9 p.m.; Feb. 10 at Millburn, 6; Feb. 12 Westfield, 6.

Cranford ice hockey team playing well at the moment

Victory on Monday upped record to 9-3-3

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Playing good, fundamental hockey.

That's what Cranford High School ice hockey coach Rich Hurley feels his team has been doing of late. Looking at what his squad has done in its last handful of games, it's hard to disagree.

Cranford had won five straight, including a 5-0 victory over Verona at Warinanco Rink Monday night to improve its record to 9-3-3. The Cougars were scheduled to skate against Bernards Tuesday afternoon at Chimney Rock in Bridgewater.

Cranford took a 1-0 lead against Verona with 2:02 left in the first period on an unassisted goal by senior forward Ryan Ahern.

Cranford added to its cushion in the second period when Adrian Taberna and Chris Della Serra found the net.

Taberna, a senior forward, scored an unassisted goal at 9:52, while Della Serra, a junior forward, was set up by junior defenseman Chris Ozolnieks with six seconds remaining.

The Cougars closed out the scoring in the third period on goals by senior forward Neil Lanz and sophomore forward Joe Conte.

Lanz tallied at the 13:19 mark off an assist from Ozolnieks, while Conte scored on an assist from Taberna.

Cranford held a 25-6 edge in shots on goal. "We don't have any 50-goal scorers on the team," Hurley said. "However, we have about eight guys who will score about 10 each."

The Cougars' streak started against Johnson in a 6-1 victory at Warinanco on Jan. 8. Ozolnieks, Conte and junior defenseman Kurt Sigmund each had one goal and one assist, while Ahern added one goal.

Cranford then won three more prior to the Verona victory. The Cougars blanked Wayne Valley 4-0 at Warinanco on Jan. 13. Ahern had a pair of goals, while Sigmund and Lanz added one each. Sophomore goaltender Thomas Streko made 12 saves for the shutout.

"We've done a good job of shutting down our opponents on the streak," Hurley said. "We've received great defense

and excellent goaltending."

The Cougars began the season with a four-game unbeaten streak of 3-0-1.

Cranford opened its campaign with a 4-4 tie against Bayonne at Warinanco on Dec. 2. Junior center Mike Davitt scored in the third period to tie the contest.

After defeating Westfield on Dec. 4, the Cougars then knocked off Verona two days later. Both games were played at Warinanco.

Cranford capped off its run with a 4-2 victory over Summit at Warinanco on Dec. 9. Conte had two goals, while Ahern and senior forward Paul Boesgaard had one each. Streko made 17 saves between the pipes.

After going 1-2 in its next three games, Cranford tied its next two games to bring its record to 4-2-3.

The Cougars tied Johnson 4-4 at Warinanco on Dec. 23 and then battled Mendham to a 1-1 draw at Warinanco on Dec. 30.

In the tie against Mendham, Ahern had the lone goal on an assist from Sigmund. Senior netminder Drew D'Amico stopped 26 shots.

"We have two really good goaltenders in Streko and D'Amico," Hurley said. "I feel confident in going with either one."

Cranford suffered its last loss to Central Conference-White Division opponent Ridge 4-1 at the Bridgewater Sports Arena on Jan. 5. Conte had the lone Cougar goal.

"We probably won't win the division because of the loss to Ridge," Hurley said. "They're a very tough team, so it's going to be hard for someone to knock them off."

NOTES: Hurley was excited to announce that all proceeds from this Monday's scheduled game against Westfield at Warinanco will go directly to the World Trade Center Memorial Fund in Cranford. The contest is slated for a 6 p.m. start.

"The event is a scaled-down version of last year's program," Hurley said. "It's always a great time when both teams meet."

Tickets for the game are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at Cranford Corner in Cranford or at the door.

Cranford girls' win two straight

The Cranford High School girls' basketball team entered Tuesday afternoon's scheduled home game against Plainfield with renewed confidence after winning back-to-back games last weekend.

The Cougars began the week with a 4-8 record after beating Kearny 43-32 Thursday and Newark East Side 42-40 Saturday.

Junior guard Amanda Mitchell had an outstanding game against Kearny, netting nine points and dishing out seven assists. Tara Brennan and Melissa Montaivo also played well, both scoring eight points. Brennan also did well to grab 12 rebounds and block four shots.

Freshman forward Rebecca Flanagan scored 13 points and hauled in six rebounds in the triumph over East Side. Flanagan made 11 of 15 free throw attempts and Mitchell added 10 points.

Cranford 7th grade boys' basketball 7-2 in preseason

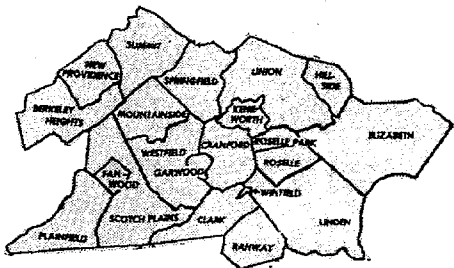
Cranford's 7th grade boys' PAL basketball team completed a 7-2 preseason with a very exciting double overtime win over Warren's 8th grade team.

The night before, the boys' defeated a very physical 8th grade team from St. Helen's in Westfield. Simon Smith earned tournament MVP honors.

Smith received much support on the offensive end of the floor from the likes of Andrew Ciencin and Michael Tubelli, rebounding from Doug Berkowitz and Sean Scanlon and clutch shooting from Derek Rich, Dan McMahon and Dan Byrnes. Also playing tough defense were Andrew McGlynn and Travis Franz.

Cranford is looking forward to competing in the A Flight of the Bi-County League and the statewide PAL Tournament that commences in February at the Rahway Recreation Center.

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Responsible for mistakes

The sign on the pay photocopy machine at a convenience store on Miln Street in Cranford reads "You are responsible for your mistakes." The very same message Gov. James McGreevey has been pitching regarding sprawl and unchecked growth as a threat to our way of life.

Sitting in traffic on Route 22 West in Springfield or anywhere on Westfield Avenue we see the problem quickly. Coming up with the right solution for growth, and not making more mistakes, now that's the tough one.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The goal of encouraging growth and housing in the urban areas remains elusive. Despite sewer bans, limiting road development and a hostile Department of Environmental Protection in terms of permit granting it hasn't stemmed the desire of people to live in the 'burbs. It also means no assistance for a large number of minorities and low-income residents who just want a decent place to live.

Sometimes we can agree on smart growth. East on Route 22, Hillside has been making progress. In case you missed it, a new 30,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Honda dealership has risen. Competitors are also modernizing their dealerships. A new 3,000-square-foot Norcrown Bank is operating on Liberty Avenue.

Hillside's Urban Enterprise Zone operation has meant two more cops and a completed streetscape improvement on Liberty Avenue. The Township Council will consider proposals for a new streetscape on Maple Avenue. It shows a smart mayor like Karen McCoy and Economic Development Director Sal Antonelli can make a difference.

The Hillside improvements are still the exception. Anti-sprawl is seen as a code to scuttle moderate housing opportunity. The alliance of builders looking for a profit and minorities seeking decent housing is still strong. On the other side of the fence are public officials who see more congestion, costly school construction, and need to provide more services.

Most would agree with the governor's effort to beef up the ability of planning boards to consider traffic, noise pollution and set out assessment fees for new projects. I like timed growth to ensure infrastructure needs like roads and sewers are in place before the people move in.

George Spadaro, the mayor of Edison, last week spoke convincingly about the need for public works improvements to make life better, and help us through the bad economic times. Presumably when the Transportation Trust Fund previously raided by the Whitman administration is built back up, these funds can also be used to direct growth, and pump up the economy.

One local official stunned me the other day with his pompous remark that after serving for four years in local government he wasn't afraid of lawsuits. Facing lawsuits about ugly sprawl, against a judiciary which gives deference to development, while still desiring a quality of life including decent housing, should scare everybody.

Like the sign says, we are responsible for our mistakes.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Increase in golf fees proposed

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

To help its dire financial situation, Union County expects to generate about a quarter of a million dollars through proposed increases in various park fees, including green fees at its three golf courses. The Board of Chosen Freeholders introduced the measure during its meeting Jan. 16 and a public hearing and final adoption is scheduled at its regular meeting Feb. 13. Should the ordinance pass, as expected, it would be the fourth straight year green fees have risen at the county's golf courses.

"Fees are no different than taxes," Freeholder Lewis Mingo, an avid golfer and member of the county's Golf Committee, said. "No one is going to be happy with an increase in fees. It's really being done because we need to manage what we do in a budget crisis."

The park system, particularly the golf courses, are one of the few places where the county can generate revenue, he said. "It's, at this point, with the financial strains, some of the things we have as options to balance the budget." Approximately 80 percent of the Department of Parks and Recreation's revenue comes from the three golf courses: Ash Brook in Scotch Plains, Galloping Hill in Kenilworth and Oak Ridge in Clark.

The fee increases will not be a "huge part" of the budget, Mingo said, but it will help the county's financial situation.

Union County Manager George Devanney submitted his executive budget proposal to the freeholder board last week. The \$340-million spending plan includes an increase in the tax levy of \$17.5 million, helping to plug a \$27.5 million deficit created by a drop in revenue of \$13.5 million and a rise in expenses of \$14 million.

Green fees will rise by \$2, the same increase as in the previous years, from \$18 to \$20 on weekdays, and from \$20 to \$22 on weekends. As recently as 1999, green fees for weekday play were \$12. Green fees for senior citizens will go from \$12 to \$14 on weekdays and \$20 to \$22 on weekends. Out-of-county residents will pay \$40 for weekday play and \$44 on weekends, compared to \$36 and \$40, respectively, last year.

The fee for golf carts also will rise from \$15 to \$16 for nine holes and from \$24 to \$26 for 18 holes. Fees for golf ID cards will go from \$30 to \$35 and for senior citizens and youth, from \$25 to \$30.

Mingo said the county takes into consideration whether its fees are within the range of other public and county golf courses. "We're not the cheapest, but we're not the most expensive."

A comparison of golf fees for 2002-03 provided by the county shows Union to be comparable to other counties when it comes to green fees. Somerset charges \$14 and \$16; Morris, \$20.50 and \$26; Essex, \$13 and \$15; Middlesex, \$16 to \$26, and Ocean, \$12 to \$24.

During the last decade, Union County has invested an estimated \$10 million in renovations to its golf courses, another reason cited in prior years for fee hikes.

Miscellaneous fees at the golf courses will remain the same, as will admis-

Snow is here again



Photo By Jeff Granit

A light snowfall covers Galloping Hill golf course in Kenilworth. The county has closed Ash Brook golf course for the winter, as well as the front nine at Galloping Hill. Oak Ridge golf course in Clark and 18 holes at Galloping Hill are open, weather permitting.

sion at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle, but private and group lessons at the rink are slated to go up, as will lessons at the county's two pools: Wheeler Pool in Linden and Walter Ulrich Memorial Pool in Rahway. Fees at Watchung Stables and Trailside Nature and Science Center, both in Mountainside, also will not increase. Weekly fees for admission to the county's day camps will rise for nonprofit organizations and commercial enterprises, depending on the number of campers.

Kean selected to replace Bagger in Senate 11-candidate field to succeed assemblyman will narrow this week

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

By the end of the week, a field of nearly a dozen candidates for Thomas Kean Jr.'s Assembly seat likely will have been reduced by at least three.

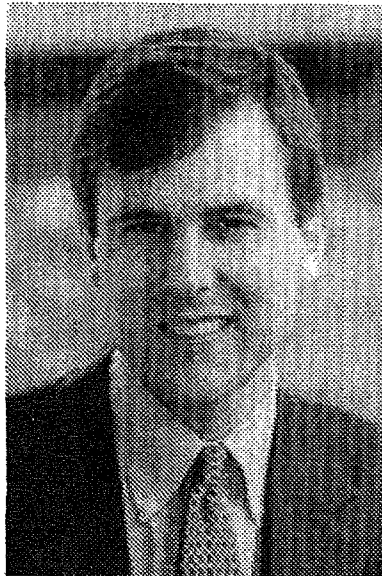
As Republicans last week unanimously selected Kean to replace Richard Bagger in the state Senate during a convention Jan. 16 at The Westwood in Garwood, the race to fill Kean's seat was expected to narrow as local GOP committees met this week. The party will meet Feb. 15 to elect Kean's successor.

Nearly a dozen candidates from throughout the 21st Legislative District have emerged from the district's four counties: Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris.

Union comprises a majority of the district while Essex only includes Millburn and Somerset and Morris make up the remainder.

Candidates seeking Kean's Assembly post include Warren Township Planning Board Chairman Dan Gallic, former state Director of Consumer Affairs and former Assemblyman James Barry Jr., Madison Councilwoman Mary-Anna Holden and Millburn Mayor Thomas McDermott.

Candidates from Union County include Summit Councilwoman P. Kelly Hatfield, Summit Councilman Henry Ogden, former Freeholder Henry Kurz of Roselle Park, Westfield Mayor Greg McDermott, West-



Thomas Kean Jr.

field GOP Chairman John Bramnick and former Cranford Township Committeeman Philip Morin.

Republicans in Summit and Westfield were scheduled to meet last night, after this newspaper went to press, to determine which one of their two candidates they should support in next month's convention.

Meanwhile, Morris County Republicans are scheduled to meet Saturday morning at the Fish and Game Club in Chatham to choose between Barry and Holden.

In the cases of Summit and Morris County, there appears to be an agree-

ment that the local party will be unified behind whoever earns the majority's support.

"We've agreed that to be in the best interests; we're committed to that," Hatfield said of the Summit Republican Committee.

Two years ago, Hatfield also was in a race against a fellow council colleague, Dr. Eric Munoz, who also is the GOP chairman in Summit. Both were seeking election to the Assembly seat, and Summit Republicans chose Munoz, who filled a vacancy before running for election with Kean and Bagger in November 2001.

Barry said it is important to present a united front when trying to build coalitions outside the county, which will be important to any of the candidates from outside Union County.

Union County comprises about two-thirds of the delegation from the 21st Legislative District.

Union County Republican Chairman Ron Frigerio said his main job is to "keep the seat here in Union County," although he will not be making an endorsement of any candidates. He described his role as one of leadership to keep the party from being splintered. "There's not a bad candidate there," he said of the six hopefuls from Union County.

Approximately 373 delegates attended last week's convention at The Westwood to select Kean.

Republicans from the nine Union

'There's not a bad candidate there,' among the six.

— Ron Frigerio

County towns in the 21st District are expected to meet and interview candidates early next month, Frigerio said, before delegates from throughout the district meet the morning of Feb. 15 at The Westwood to decide Kean's successor in the Assembly.

Bagger, 42, announced his resignation early this month to focus on his professional career. He recently was promoted at Pfizer Inc., a pharmaceutical firm.

Kean is scheduled to be sworn in to the state Senate this afternoon. The Westfield resident first was appointed to the Assembly to succeed Alan Augustine, who resigned in March 2001 due to health reasons, before earning election later that year. In June 2000, the 34-year-old lost a five-candidate primary for the 7th District Congressional seat.

A son of the former governor, Kean holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in international political economy and international security studies from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, as well as a Ph.D.

County taxes to rise

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Despite savings of several million dollars in various areas, the Union County administration last week introduced a budget that calls for raising the tax levy by \$17.5 million to help offset a \$27.5-million deficit.

The increase would put the total amount to be raised through property taxes for the 2003 budget at \$191 million, up from \$174 million last year. The overall budget was introduced at \$340.5 million this year, up 1.8 percent from the \$334 million spending plan for 2002.

Union County Manager George Devanney, who by law has until Jan. 15 each year to submit his budget to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, said costs increased by \$14 million while overall revenues declined by some \$13.5 million, creating the deficit.

Since local tax rates have not yet been set, Devanney said he could only estimate how much the budget might increase property taxes for homeowners. He said the average tax hike throughout the county likely will be less than \$100, with towns like Elizabeth and Rahway seeing an increase of \$40 to \$50, Union about \$100, and a \$300 hike in Summit.

County officials said they are still feeling the effects of the loss of \$14 million in revenue from the state, as a result of removing federal and state prisoners in 2000. Despite laying off 75 corrections officers and closing the old jail in 2001, Devanney said the "effects of this shortfall for the current budget year" is \$9.3 million.

Drops in revenue included \$3 million in interest on investments, due to lagging interest rates and a smaller surplus, and \$350,000 less than anticipated from Board of Elections revenues.

An ordinance scheduled for a public hearing and final adoption during the freeholder board's Feb. 13 regular meeting will increase some fees within the parks system, including green fees at the three golf courses. The fee hike is expected to generate an additional \$250,000 in revenue for 2003. The Department of Parks and Recreation anticipates revenues of approximately \$5.3 million this year.

The county's surplus, anticipated at \$15 million last year, is expected to be \$10 million this year, a fact targeted by Republicans. As recently as 1999, the county experienced a record surplus of \$40 million.

But Devanney said this year's budget woes are not a matter of party politics, but the same problems faced this year by other counties, cities and states throughout the nation.

"It's just the economic times we're faced with," the county manager said.

Overall, expenses were reduced by \$3.9 million, Devanney said, and all departments reduced their operating expenses by 7 percent, resulting in savings of \$960,000.

On the expenses side, insurance costs increased by \$5.2 million, about 16 percent, and debt service rose this year to \$2.2 million while salaries went up by \$5 million. Public safety costs rose \$1.5 million as the county increased security and hired several additional officers for the County Police and Sheriff's Office, along with restructuring within the Prosecutor's Office.

The county also anticipates \$1 million in annual payments for the next four years for the early retirement program. As part of the program, employees were offered a \$1,000 bonus for each year of service to the county. About 140 employees took advantage of the offers, with approximately 30 positions targeted for elimination.

Savings are expected in various areas, including \$1 million through an early retirement program offered last year, \$600,000 by encouraging employees to take voluntary furloughs, and \$2 million by refinancing insurance premiums.

Within the last two years, the county has negotiated with 12 of its 20 labor unions for employees to make more contributions to their health benefits, such as increased user fees and higher medical co-payments, as well as placing new employees in a point of service health plan, POS, versus a preferred provider plan, PPO.

Volunteers sought for domestic violence teams

The police chiefs of Union County, Clark, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield, along with the Union County Prosecutor's Office and Project Protect of the YWCA of Eastern Union County, are beginning a joint effort to increase the safety and decrease the isolation of domestic violence victims who live and work in central Union County. These five agencies are currently recruiting volunteers from their communities to work on the Central Union County Domestic Violence Response Team.

Team members will work in conjunction with the police to provide support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis.

Project Protect, a initiative of the YWCA of Eastern Union County, provides family violence prevention, education and training and emergency intervention services. As the lead agency serving victims of domestic violence, the YWCA has offered shelter from harm and provided advocacy and counseling services to women and children and responded to hotline calls from those in need of information or assistance.

Police departments deal with domestic violence within the boundaries of the criminal justice and family court systems. The service provided to the victim is focused on immediate relief from the dangerous situations and the arrest and prosecution of the abuser. Through this joint effort, victims encountered by police will have the opportunity to speak with a trained volunteer and get information and support.

The role of community volunteers is significant to the success of this pro-

gram, which is scheduled to debut in mid-2003. Applications are now being accepted at the five police departments for vacancies on local domestic violence response teams. Interested citizens can stop by the local police department's front desk to pick up an application.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have access to transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve a minimum of four 12-hour shifts per month, and submit to a background investigation including fingerprinting.

A 40-hour mandatory intensive training course over an eight-week period will be provided to successful applicants. This training will be conducted during evening and weekend hours. An understanding of domestic violence issues is a plus, as is bilingual capability. Project Protect and the police departments are committed to multiracial, multiethnic teams in order to best serve the community.

Any person interested in applying as a volunteer to serve on this team and is a resident of Clark, Fanwood, Scotch Plains or Westfield, should call Capt. James Zizzo of the Clark police at 732-388-3430; Lt. Richard Trigo of the Fanwood police at 908-322-5000, Ext. 118 or 119; Lt. John Shebey of the Scotch Plains police at 908-322-7100, Ext. 140; Lt. James Schneider of the Westfield police at 908-789-4000 or Lt. Robert McGuire of the Union County Police at 908-654-9829.

COUNTY NEWS

College for Kids program

Beginning Feb. 1, the College for Kids program, sponsored by the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at Union County College, will begin its spring programs on both the Cranford and Plainfield campuses. Once again, the program will offer test preparation courses in addition to its usual arts, music, science and computer courses. New this semester are courses for kids and their parents in "Mini Astronomy," "Conversational Spanish" and "Words in Motion," American Sign Language.

Also new this semester are courses in SAT Preparation and Pre-SAT Critical Thinking Skills. The other test preparation courses offered include the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment given to fourth-graders, the New Jersey Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and the High School Proficiency Test. Subject matter and test-taking strategies will be also covered.

In addition to the test preparation courses, UCC will again offer courses for youth such as the "Stock Market Game," "Cisko for Kids," "Journalism Workshop," "Comic Book Art," "Self Defense Techniques," "PeeWee Extravaganza," "Astronomy," "Wizard's Workshop — Learn to be a Magician," and "Theater Workshop."

For those in grades eight to 12, a Teen Seminar Series is being offered. Courses include "Studies Strategies Workshop," "Composition and Writing Skills," "Career Workshop," "Careers in Writing" and "Money Matters."

For more information on College for Kids programming, call Dale Munn at 908-709-7048 or e-mail munn@ucc.edu.

Community blood drives

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

- Friday, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Webster Ave.

• Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Union Elks Lodge 1583, 281 Chestnut St., Union.

For more information, call the Blood Center of New Jersey 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140.

Red Cross offers course

The American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter will hold an Introduction to Disaster course for community groups or organizations. This free course can be held at the group's church, community center or one of the American Red Cross Chapter offices. Introduction to Disaster is a prerequisite for all American Red Cross volunteers dealing with disasters.

If one is interested in assisting neighbors by responding to fires, offering mental health counseling, serving food to families and emergency service workers or helping manage a shelter, then one can volunteer for the chapter.

Information on volunteer opportunities and the programs available at the Tri-County chapter will be discussed. Volunteers also are needed at blood drives and in Health and Safety Services. The Tri-County chapter serves towns in Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties. There are offices in Elizabeth and Plainfield.

For more information regarding attending the orientation or scheduling a course, call Victor Webb Jr. at 908-756-6414, Ext. 21.

UCLSA meets Tuesday

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will meet Tuesday at Costa's Ristorante, 120 Chestnut St., Roselle Park.

Following a social gathering at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., a representative from the Northeast Spine & Wellness Center will be discussing "Six Ways to Improve Your Health." Cost of dinner is \$23.

The Northeast Spine & Wellness Center is multidisciplinary facility in Clark that specializes in Chiropractic and Physical Therapy.

All legal professionals, secretaries

and other support staff employed anywhere in the legal field — private practice, corporate practice, federal, county, state or municipal government, police departments, etc. — are welcome to attend. Prospective members and guests are also welcome; you do not have to be a member.

The association offers educational opportunities to legal professionals and members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services from the national affiliate. For more information regarding reservations, call Reservations Chairwoman Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-558-2369 or 908-241-0611.

For information on membership, call UCLSA Vice President Christine Peoples at 732-680-1114 or 908-527-4555.

Parade fund-raiser Feb. 1

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will sponsor a celebrity bartenders fund-raiser Feb. 1 at the Knight of Columbus Council 4504, Jeanette Avenue, Union, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and includes coffee, tea and cake. The Shannon Breeze Band will provide the music. The St. Columille and the Union County Police and Fire Pipes and Drums will also perform. For more information, call Kathy Noonan Rotando at 908-352-1477 or Kevin Dowling at 732-594-1763.

All proceeds will off set the expenses of the parade, which will be March 15 on Morris Avenue in Union. The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade was founded in 1997 and is one of the fastest growing parades in the state.

Wanted: tax volunteers

Special opportunity for men and women volunteers to give free help to low- and moderate-income residents in preparing their federal and New Jersey income and property tax rebate forms from February to April 2003. Volunteers for this service receive training in December and January through the IRS, state Tax Department and AARP.

For more information, call Union

County AARP tax aide Sal Conforti at 908-351-9050 or Jim Walsh 908-276-3152.

Massage therapy course

Anyone interested in becoming a message therapist can begin training at Union County College. One of its newest certificate programs, massage therapy, takes one full year to complete. The program is open to full-time students, and the courses to be taken this spring are Human Biology, Fundamentals in Massage Therapy, Massage Therapy I, Kinesiology for Massage Therapists, and clinic I. Registration for the spring semester is currently under way.

The mission of the program is to provide graduates with a comprehensive understanding of the structure and function of the human anatomy, knowledge of the indications and contraindications for therapeutic massage, and the assessment tools to determine when it is appropriate to refer to clients or other health care practitioners. Students will gain the ability to design an appropriate treatment plan utilizing professional skills with an appreciation of the ethical responsibilities of a massage therapist/client relationship.

Becoming a massage therapist can open the door for many job opportunities. Many message therapists open their own clinics or home-based businesses. They are also an important adjunct to treatments offered by medical doctors, physical therapists, rehabilitation centers, hospice centers, professional athletic teams and chiropractors. In addition, corporate wellness programs, spas, resorts, cruise ships and athletics also offer many employment opportunities.

For more information on the Massage Therapy Program, call Andrea Mariani, program coordinator, at 908-791-4916.

Board seeks volunteers

The Child Placement Review Board Program in Union County is looking for volunteers to assist the courts in speeding up permanency for children. There are no special requirements other than the ability to read

and write. A one-year commitment is appreciated.

The CPRB volunteers are appointed by a judge to review cases of those children placed outside of their natural homes by the Division of Youth and Family Services. Based on a thorough review of case records and discussion, the CPRB makes recommendations to the Family Court judge.

CPRB makes every attempt to make certain that these children do not remain in placement for longer than is necessary before permanency is restored to their lives. Permanency for a child could mean return to a parent once stabilization has occurred, adoption, long-term foster care, placement with a relative or individual stabilization.

The CPR boards meet biweekly on Mondays in Elizabeth. Currently, there are openings on the morning and afternoon boards. Board No. 3 meets at 9:30 a.m., Board No. 5 meets at 10:30 a.m., Board No. 4 meets at 3 p.m. and Board No. 6 meets at 2 p.m. Depending on the amount of cases scheduled for review, each board meets between two and three hours. All information regarding the cases will be sent to one's home to read ahead of time.

Training is given by court staff, experienced CPRB volunteers and professionals from related fields. If one is looking for a worthwhile way to contribute his or her time and would like to make a difference in a child's life, call Donna Madrigal at 908-659-3589 or e-mail at Donna-Madrigal@judiciary.state.nj.us.

Prehistoric Pals program

A swooping pterodactyl, an angry tyrannosaurus, and a torrential down-pour threatening a community; these scenarios sound more like a horror movie than a prevention program. However these dinosaurs are part of Prehistoric Pals, the newest program

offered by Prevention Links, which strengthens communities through substance abuse education.

Studies have shown that prevention programs work, and that early introduction of a message, with continual reinforcement throughout the years, is crucial. Prehistoric Pals is an anger management program designed to be effective in the early elementary school years, usually pre-kindergarten to first grade. It features eight prehistoric creature puppets — creatures that typically bring to mind the violence and destruction mentioned above — using reason to find peaceful solutions to everyday problems. Young children easily identify with the dinosaurs, enabling them to develop positive coping skills.

Watershed program

Did you know there is a ridge running from Perth Amboy west to Edison, north to West Orange, and east into Newark, that creates one large watershed, or water drainage basin? Did you know this watershed directly affects the quality of your drinking water, your fishing, swimming, and property value? And did you know the largest source of pollution in the watershed, known as "non-point source pollution," comes from the average person, not factories and industry?

Sixth-grade students throughout Union, Middlesex, Essex and Hudson counties within the New Jersey designated Watershed Management Area 7 will have a unique opportunity to learn about watersheds and non-point source pollution through a special 45-minute hands-on presentation sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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For Rivest, it's a matter of mime

Nationally acclaimed mime Robert Rivest will perform at the Springfield Free Public Library Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.

Register at the Youth Services desk, by calling 973-376-4930, Ext. 232, or by sending e-mail to helenkay@springfieldpubliclibrary.com. The show is for all ages, and is particularly appropriate for middle-schoolers.

His performances have been called humorous, compassionate and inspiring. Known for his unique ability to reach audiences of all ages, Rivest has redefined the art of mime. His characters and stories resonate with audiences as he reflects the comedy and drama of their lives.

Rivest is one of America's most sought-after mimes. A former student of Marcel Marceau and M. Decroux, Rivest has presented more than 3,000 performances throughout 11 countries in Europe, Africa and across the United States. He has directed and acted in award-winning cable television specials and currently receives national television exposure through his Hienz "Family Works" appearances.

Along with dance and theater training in Paris and New York City, Rivest received his bachelor of arts degree from Hampshire College. Currently performing and teaching at college theaters, schools, symphonies, dance companies and community functions, Rivest has choreographed and directed more than 90 original works.

This program will be held at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Moun-

tain Ave., Springfield. Funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant admin-

istered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The program also is funded by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.



Award-winning mime Robert Rivest will bring his high-flying performance to the Springfield Public Library Monday.

Russian circus will bound into UCAC

The Russian American Kids Circus arrives at Union County Arts Center as part of the "Family Fun" series Feb. 9 at 3 p.m.

This series offering entertainment for children of all ages includes the Russian American Kids Circus and The Spencers: Theater of Illusion.

The Russian American Kids Circus is a breathtaking spectacle performed entirely by boys and girls ages 6 to 18. This young troupe amazes with flying acrobatics, unicycling, juggling, tightrope walking, clowning, hula-hoops, spinning plates and other acts — blending Old World

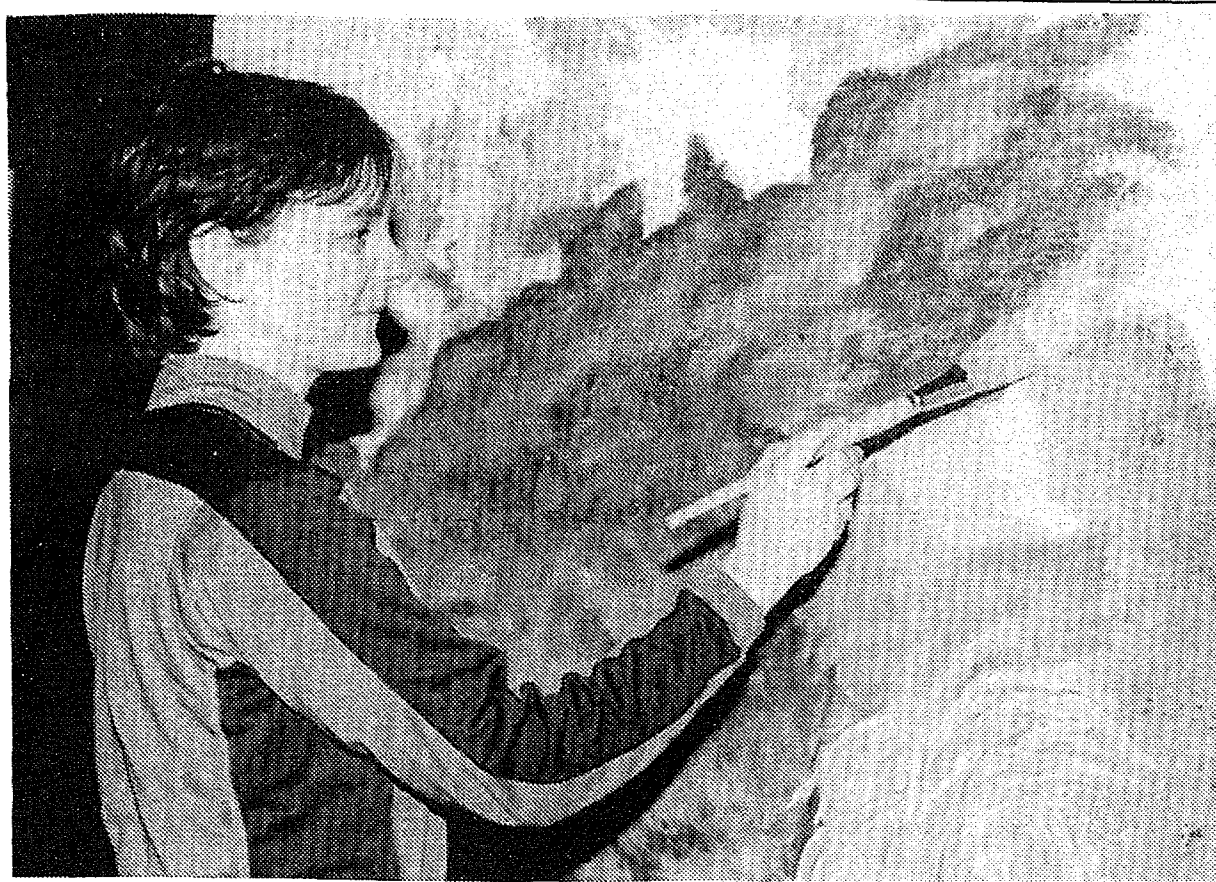
circus artistry with state-of-the-art techniques and equipment. The performers have been trained by veterans of the world-famous Moscow Circus.

Rounding out the "Family Fun" series are The Spencers: Theater of Illusion March 8. All shows are at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the Russian American Kids Circus are \$18 and \$15. Buy two or more family shows and get \$5 off each ticket. Group discounts are also available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express or in person at Ticket Central at 1601 Irv-

ing St. in Rahway. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the Union County Arts Center at 732-499-8226 or download an order from at www.ucac.org.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts and is located in the restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped accessible. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the city of Rahway, Merck and Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Comcast Digital Cable, the Rahway Savings Institution and Liberty Bank. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State has made other funding possible.



Artist Stephanie Lalor of Linden brushes supersaturated scenic paint replicating 18th-century Jean-Honor Fragonard's, 'The Progress of Love' in creating the set for Neil Simon's 'The Dinner Party' at Cranford Dramatic Club.

Art plays role in CDC's 'Dinner'

When Neil Simon's hit comedy "The Dinner Party" opens Feb. 7 at the Cranford Dramatic Club, the hand-painted stage setting is the visual feast in a labor of love for two local artists.

In the production, a gourmet restaurant in Paris "sets the table" for three couples who have been mysteriously invited, unbeknownst to one another, to dine together in a private room. This is the scene for CDC set designer-painter Mary McGhee of Cranford to cast a magic spell over the Cranford theater and transport the audience to France via her masterful artwork. She is assisted by Stephanie Lalor of Linden in this ambitious and unique collaboration.

McGhee has a bachelor of fine arts degree in sculpture and ceramics from the Rhode Island School of Design, and has been a member of CDC for five years. Lalor has her degree in art history and studio art from the University of Pittsburgh, with a master of fine arts in figurative painting from the New York Academy of Art. She is also the owner of The Artist Framer shop in Cranford and a new CDC member.

Together they have transformed CDC's Paris restaurant scene into a spectacular reproduction of the work of 18th-century French artist Jean-Honor Fragonard, who painted in the style of the romantic period from 1782 to 1806. McGhee saw the work used in "The Dinner Party" in Chicago and researched the original art displayed in the "Fragonard Room" at the Fricke Museum in New York.

Fragonard was first commissioned by Madame du Barry to complete the works for a pavilion at her estate. It consists of a series of scenic panels called "The Progress of Love." Each scene features the symbolism of a statue, such as Venus with Cupid, and cherubs — or "putti," in artist's parlance.

"The Progress of Love" at CDC depicts Fragonard's romantic scenes including "The Pursuit," "The Meeting," "The Lover Crowned," "Love Letters" and "Reverie." The putti include "Love, the Sentinel," "Love Pursuing a Dove," "Love as Jester," "Love Triumphant," and "Love, the Avenger." Each tells a story.

All the scenes are painstakingly painted by McGhee and Lalor working on six panels of canvas that are 7 feet tall by 9 feet wide. Custom canvas stretchers were made by CDC construction chiefs Jim Ruff and Terry Schultz, both of Cranford.

The remarkable combination of their of their talents found McGhee using a computer and projector to reproduce the scenes from the museum. In addition, they used supersaturated scenic paint to produce what McGhee calls "values of light" with a palette of hues, often in eight to 10 variations of one color. Her extensive abilities include concentrating on overall design, showing large expanses of color, and backgrounds with ornate gold cornice molding to frame the panels.

In complementary fashion, Lalor by training is detail-oriented, having studied portraiture and realism. She comments, "I love Fragonard. It is right up my alley." Her contribution is in painting figures, faces, the period costumes, and drapery folds, all depicted in the rococo-style panels.

"The Dinner Party" set design is the product of an intense "creativity zone" for these two artisans. The drama will play out at CDC amidst appropriate French decor.

"The Dinner Party" performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 7 to 22. All tickets are \$18. The theater is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford off Centennial Avenue and just minutes from Exit 136 of the Garden State Parkway. For information, call 908-276-7611.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Intergenerational Orchestra tunes up for new season, members

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestras of Cranford, under the direction of Lorraine Marks, is now registering new members for its Spring 2003 season.

NJIO welcomes string musicians of all ages — members range in age from 5 to 91 — and experience. One of the most exciting things about NJIO is that it allows young musicians to play and learn alongside more experienced musicians while performing in a variety of different settings. NJIO rehearses Thursday nights at Cranford High School, preparing for concerts and other venues this spring including a performance at Lincoln Center Outdoor Fountain Plaza in New York City. NJIO is planning a summer outdoor concert series as well.

NJIO is registering for the following groups:

- Nouveau Group — meets 6 to 7 p.m. for those who are just learning.
- Full Orchestra — meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. for those with some music training
- Chamber Orchestra — meets 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. as an auditioned

ensemble for more advanced musicians, including professionals.

The full season NJIO registration fee has been pro-rated to \$35 to \$65 for spring registration. Call 908-709-0084 or visit the new web site at www.njio.org for more information.

The NJIO, now in its ninth year, and conducted by Lorraine Marks, has the unique distinction of being the only orchestra, probably throughout the United States, with a truly intergenerational configuration whose members range in age from 5 to 91. Members of the NJIO represent 55 communities and seven counties with two new affiliate orchestras in Princeton and Toms River. The orchestra continues to receive wide publicity appearing most recently on News 12 NJ, "Jersey's Talking" and "Defying Age" with Lee Leonard and Della Crews as hosts, and was also featured on CBS and NBC. Articles have appeared in national publications, such as Family Circle Magazine, American Profiles Magazine and Savvy Living Magazine, and in many local and statewide publications.

In April of this year, the NJIO traveled to Madrid, Spain at the invitation of the United Nations, where they performed a concert for the United National World Conference of Aging. Concerts have been given at the United Nations in New York City; Lincoln Center Outdoor Plaza Fountain Concert Series in New York City; Washington, D.C.; Alexandria Va. and numerous locations throughout the metropolitan area.

Marks, a string specialist for the New Providence school district, has received numerous awards and citations for her work with the orchestra and the community, and was chosen "Outstanding Woman of Somerset County," sponsored by the Somerset County Commission. She received The New Jersey Pride Award, sponsored by the New Jersey Monthly magazine for "people who made a difference in the arts."

For information on the NJIO, call 908-709-0084. Also visit the web site at www.njio.org. The orchestra may also be contacted via e-mail at NJIOOrch@aol.com.

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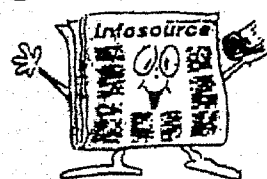
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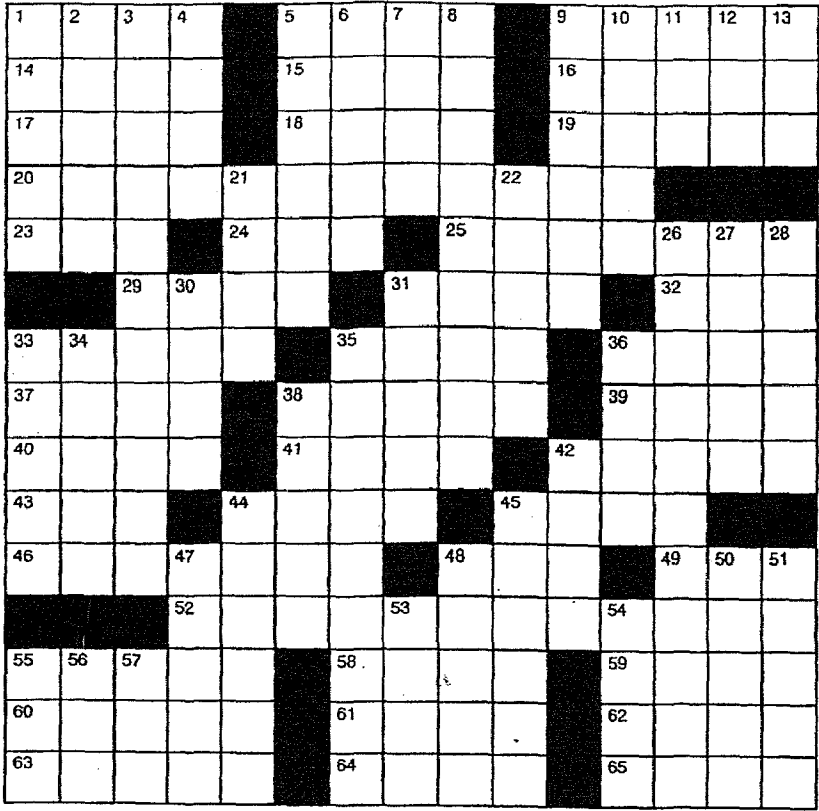
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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY

January 25th, 2003

EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market

PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle

TIME: 9am-4pm

PRICE: Free Admission. Call for information 908-245-2350

ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY

January 26th, 2003

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show

Indoors & Outdoors
PLACE: Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave., (off Raritan Rd.) Clark, NJ

TIME: 9am-5pm

PRICE: New merchandise, crafts, collectible and tag sale section! For information call 201-997-9535

ORGANIZATION: Clark Lions

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY

February 2nd, 2003

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show

Indoors & Outdoors
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave., Belleville, NJ

TIME: 9am-5pm

PRICE: New merchandise, crafts, collectible and tag sale section! For information call 201-997-9535

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County plans workshop on budgets

Does your nonprofit organization regard its budget as a bewildering burden?

Learn how to demystify the numbers and turn a budget into an effective planning tool at a workshop titled, "Budgets Without Fear." The session will take place Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the JCC of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains.

Directors, board members, staff and volunteers of arts, cultural, history and service organizations will explore the practical principles of successful money management in this workshop sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"A smart budget is crucial to an organization's ability to prosper and grow," said Freeholder Chester

Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "We are delighted to give local nonprofits this opportunity to gain a clearer insight into developing a budget and fine-tuning this valuable instrument."

After learning the difference between an income-based and a program-based budget, participants in the workshop will study the board's role in budgeting, when and why others should be involved, the basic budget types and how to plan for capital campaigns and new events and programs. The speaker will provide sample worksheets.

Workshop presenter Kathleen M. Clayton has a special sensitivity to the challenges that nonprofits face, such as budget constraints and specific reporting requirements. A principal with Moore Stephens P.C., a certified public accounting and consulting firm with offices in Cranford and New

York City, Clayton has more than 17 years of experience providing accounting, auditing and consulting services to nonprofit organizations.

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs is presenting the workshop.

The event is funded by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, which is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.

Registration, along with a \$15 fee, is required by Jan. 31. Each additional member of the same organization will cost \$5. To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth; by calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or sending e-mail to scoen@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Jan. 27-Feb. 2

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Turn to a friend for advice or understanding. Reveal the truth about your involvement in a mishap and take steps to clear it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have reached a pinnacle in your achievement cycle. Take stock of what you have accomplished then start planning your next step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Most of your work is done on the mental level this week. Focus on challenges, ideas or concepts that are inspirational and out of the ordinary.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Decline an offer to invest in a get-rich-quick scheme. Put your money in a safe

place and settle for a guaranteed or secured return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider your partner's feelings when making a decision that will affect both of you. Keep an open mind and reach a new understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't decline an assigned task because of a lack of training or experience. Make a commitment to study hard and learn as you go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A new romance has given you a new lease on life. Get excited and enjoy being in the company of that special someone you adore.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Let go of an emotional attachment that binds you to the past. Forgive yourself, live

in the present and participate in joyful moments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Show your siblings or peers that you too can be a good sport. Laugh and play along with a prank or joke and avoid getting angry.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The focus is on finances or budgetary planning. Stretch your dollars with careful spending, and shop around for good quality bargains.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Break out of a tired and boring routine and discover a brand new way of approaching life. Let your conscience be your guide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to heal, deal or accept something you

cannot change. Seek relief from a gnawing problem, and refuse to lose any more sleep over it.

If your birthday is this week, relationship dilemmas will be put to the test and solved during the coming year. Look for dealings with parents, mentors or teachers to be especially challenging. It's OK to let your imagination run wild because great ideas are born out of moments of wonder and glee. Opportunities to expand through partnerships are abundant. Take a chance on an unusual offer or proposal.

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Kick off your Super Bowl party with cheesy gametime snacks

With the Super Bowl this weekend, it's time to start planning for game-day get together.

Warm, melted cheese recipes are a sure way to score points with guests at sports parties. In fact, more than 363 million pounds of cheese were sold in 2002 in the weeks between Super Bowl and March Madness, and 54.5 million pounds were sold during Super Bowl week alone.

Just in time for the big game, here are some reasons to entertain with cheese this winter:

Nearly seven in 10 Americans — 65 percent — say melted cheese makes them feel satisfied.

Nothing satisfies hungry fans more than a baked potato bar with all the fixings. Invite guests to top potatoes with grated Asiago, Cheddar or crumbled blue, and microwave until hot and bubbly. Try miniature new potatoes for a bite-sized treat.

More than eight in 10 Americans — 85 percent — use cheese always or

often when entertaining.

Have a hearty snack handy when hungry fans get a break from the action. A heaping plate of tortilla chips topped with your favorite melted cheese will warm them up just in time for the second half.

Americans say pizza — 26 percent — and cheese dip — 47 percent — are their favorite melted cheese recipes in general and for entertaining.

Every team has its MVP — party fare is no different! Topped with melted mozzarella, smooth provolone and smoked Gouda, Cheesy Pull-Apart Party Sticks are a delicious homemade alternative to pizza. Or, bowl guests over with Big Bowl Cheese Dip, a combo of tangy Cheddar and spicy Pepper Jack, taco seasoning, and chipotle peppers. Like it hotter? Add a dash of Tabasco for intense flavor.

"Super Bowl Sunday is ranked as the No. 2 food consumption event of the year; second only to Thanksgiving," according to the American Institute of Food Distribution.

Celebrate a big win with a plate of spicy quesadillas. Tortillas filled with zesty Jalapeno Jack, mild Colby and your favorite mix of veggies make for winning finger food.

Score a touchdown with these recipes from American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. For more great cheese recipes and tips for enter-

aining, visit www.ilovecheese.com, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Meltentaining, ADADC, 219 South West St., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13202.

Cheesy Pull-Apart Party Sticks
Yield: 12 breadsticks
Prep time: 5 minutes

Bake time: 13 minutes
1 (11-ounce) can refrigerated soft breadsticks
1-1/2 cups shredded cheese such as mozzarella, provolone and smoked Gouda
1/2 teaspoon dried basil or oregano
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SOMERVILLE CENTER ANTIQUES

It's not just treasure hunters who make their way to Somerville Center Antiques to explore their four buildings full of antiques. The center is also the destination of choice for those in search of movie props and for the editors of Martha Stewart Living magazine.

The center, located in the heart of Downtown Somerville's Antiques District, boasts four buildings, each specializing in a distinctive era and style of antiques.

Over the last several years, each of the stores has contributed to making the center a favorite for the editors of Martha Stewart Living. The magazine has featured SCA items in six articles in the past few years. Upcoming articles in the magazine featuring leaf-shaped serving dishes, Lusterware and antique buttons, will also feature SCA items.

The center has also provided a number of props for recent productions at local theaters as well as for recent movies including, "Autumn in New York," starring Richard Gere; "Riding in Cars with Boys," starring Drew Barrymore and the critically acclaimed "Far from Heaven," starring Dennis Quaid and Juliette Moore. The wide variety of unique antiques available at SCA also make it a popular choice for everyday antiques enthusiasts.

The largest of the stores is SCA's Uptown store, located at 34 West Main Street in the former Woolworth's building. Uptown has 18,000 feet packed with two floors of fine, high quality antiques. The store's main level offers a wide variety of china, glassware, furniture and art. The lower level specializes in full dining room sets, sets of fine china, rugs and a library of antique books and magazines.

Almost directly across from Uptown is SCA's "Modern Design", a favorite of the design conscious and for those who recall wistfully the Modernist Movement of the last century. Located at 25 West Main Street, the store specializes in mid-century modern home furnishings, decorative items and lighting.

Right around the corner from Modern is Vanities at 9-11 Division Street. The store offers everything for ladies including vintage linens and textiles, shabby/cottage chic furnishings, ladies' boudoir items and vintage clothing. Vanities is a romantic store for of great antiques.

Next door to Vanities is SCA's original store, Downtown, located at 17 Division Street. This is where your treasure hunt begins! The store is packed with an eclectic mix of antiques and collectables in every price range. You'll never know what treasure you will find!

Each of Somerville's stores is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The stores are open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Mid-February is a great time to visit the center, when it will feature its annual winter clearance sale that will offer up to 75% off on many items. Call (908) 595-1887 for details.

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Spend A Day Not A Fortune!

Recipes for game day combine the fun of the gridiron and the taste of cheese

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2 cups warmed ready-prepared marinara sauce

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Remove breadsticks from can and arrange in a single layer lengthwise on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Do not separate breadsticks. You should have a rectangle about 13 inches long and 6 inches wide. Sprinkle cheese down center of dough, leaving a border of about a 1/2 inch. Top with basil or oregano. Bake for 10 to 11 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned. Remove from oven and transfer to a board or platter. Let cool 3 to 4 minutes. To serve, pull apart breadsticks. Serve with warm

marinara sauce.
Big Bowl Cheese Dip
Yield: 20 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5-8 minutes
1/2 cup diced onion
1 cup regular or non-alcoholic beer
8 ounces (2 cups) shredded Cheddar cheese
8 ounces (2 cups) shredded Pepper Jack cheese
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1-1/2 tablespoons taco seasoning
1-2 tablespoons chopped chipotle pepper in Adobo sauce
1 cup sour cream
tortilla chips or roasted potato wedges, for dipping

Place onion and beer in a heavy medium-size saucepan. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 minutes. In a large bowl combine cheeses, flour, and taco seasoning. Add the cheese mixture to the beer, a handful at a time, stirring until the cheese is melted before adding more. Repeat until all of the cheese is used. Stir in chipotle pepper and sour cream. Serve with tortilla chips or roasted potato wedges.

Tips from Chefs and Restaurants

Calling the Plays
Get the scoop on cheesy party fare from seasoned chefs. They know that cheese scores for the Super Bowl.

- Pair a Merlot, instead of beer, with classic cheese pizza. Make a simple homemade pizza pie with a savory combination of mozzarella, Fontina, Parmesan and Asiago.
— Master Sommelier Larry Stone, Rubicon, San Francisco
- Serve grilled chicken and smoked Gouda quesadillas cut into four sections for an easy finger food.
— Chef Anthony Lamas, Jicama, Louisville
- Sprinkle tangy blue cheese and walnuts, and drizzle honey on slices of French bread. Toast until cheese is warm and melted.
— Chef Kerry Heffernan, 11 Madison Park, New York

- Add shredded Romano to classic hot spinach dip. Scoop up with sour dough bread.
— Chef Kent Rathum, Abacus, Dallas.
- Impress guests: top a round of American-made Camembert with walnuts and apple slices and bake until gooey and soft. Serve with fresh bread.

— Chef Martin Kaplan, One Walnut, Cleveland
• Heap shredded provolone on slices of crusty French bread and broil until the cheese is bubbly and golden. Serve with marinara sauce.
— Chef David Shea, formerly of Spruce and Twelve 12, Chicago.

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NATIONAL EYE CARE MONTH

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, many sight-threatening diseases, if detected early, can be cured or treated to prevent, or slow, the progression of any vision loss.

The most important preventive step is receiving routine examinations by a qualified eye care professional. Children should receive their first comprehensive eye examination before the age of four, unless a specific condition or history of family childhood vision problems warrants an earlier examination. Persons ages 20 to 40 should have an eye exam every 5 years, unless visual changes, pain, flashes of light, new floaters, injury, or tearing occurs. Then, immediate care is necessary. Persons 40 to 64 years old should have an eye exam every two to four years, and persons age 65 and over every one to two years.

Persons with diabetes are at risk for several eye disorders, including diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataracts, and should have eye examinations every year.

African-Americans are at greater risk for glaucoma, and should have eye examinations every 3 to 5 years before the age of 40, and every two years after age 40.

ANATOMY OF THE EYE

Anterior Chamber - the front section of the eye's interior where aqueous humor flows in and out of providing nourishment to the eye and surrounding tissues.

Blood Vessels - tubes that carry blood.

Choroid - the thin, blood-rich membrane that covers the white of the eyeball; responsible for supplying blood to the retina.

Ciliary Body - the part of the eye that produces aqueous humor.

Cornea - the clear, dome-shaped surface that covers the front of the eye.

Hyaloid Canal - narrow passageway that allows blood to flow through the eye.

Iris - the colored part of the eye. The iris is partly responsible for regulating the amount of light permitted to enter the eye.

Lens (also called crystalline lens) - the transparent structure inside the eye that focuses light rays onto the retina.

Macula - the portion of the eye that allows us to see fine details clearly.

Optic Nerve - a bundle of more than 1 million nerve fibers that connects the retina with the brain. The optic nerve is responsible for interpreting the impulses it receives into images.

Posterior Chamber - the back section of the eye's interior.

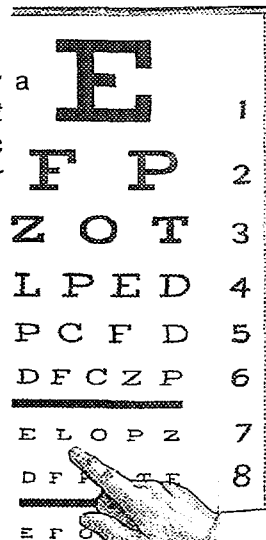
Pupil - the dark center in the middle of the iris through which light passes to the back of the eye.

Retina - the light-sensitive nerve layer that lines the back of the eye. The retina senses light and creates impulses that are sent through the optic nerve to the brain.

Sclera - the white visible portion of the eyeball. The muscles that move the eyeball are attached to the sclera.

Suspensory ligament of lens - a series of fibers that connect the ciliary body of the eye with the lens, holding it in place.

Vitreous body - a clear, jelly-like substance that fills the center of the eye.



WHAT DOES 20/20 MEAN?

Most people use this to describe perfect eyesight. Actually, it means that you can see clearly at 20 feet what should normally be seen at that distance. By contrast, if you have 20/100 vision, you must be 20 feet away to see what a person with 20/20 vision can see at 100 feet.

ANNUAL EYE EXAMS ENCOURAGED FOR DIABETICS

Diabetic eye disease silently robs more than 25,000 Americans of their sight each year, making diabetes a leading cause of blindness in adults between ages 24 and 74.

Individuals with diabetes should schedule yearly eye exams to ensure that diabetic eye diseases are detected before causing permanent loss of vision. In order for eye care professionals to be able to see more of the inside of diabetics' eyes, the Eye Care Council also recommends that diabetics have their eyes dilated during these annual exams.

EYE PROTECTION IMPORTANT

More than 50,000 people suffer sports-related eye injuries each year according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The sports most hazardous to your eyes are basketball, baseball, swimming and racquet sports.

To protect your eyes during sports activities, protective eyewear is available with prescription or non-prescription lenses. Consult your optometrist when selecting eyewear to make sure it is appropriate for you sports activities.

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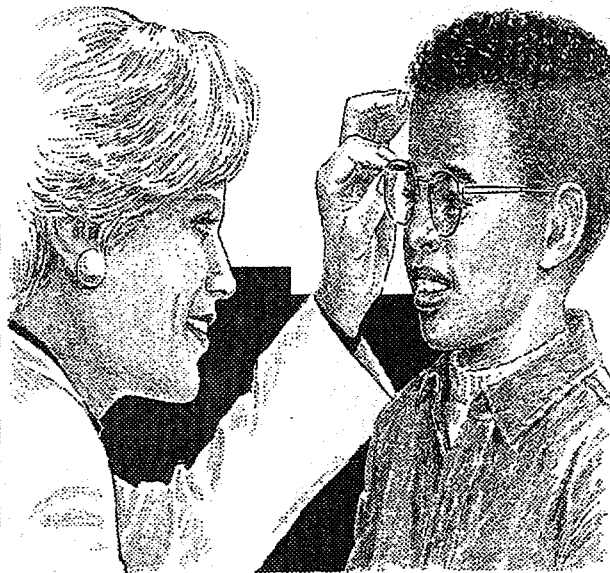
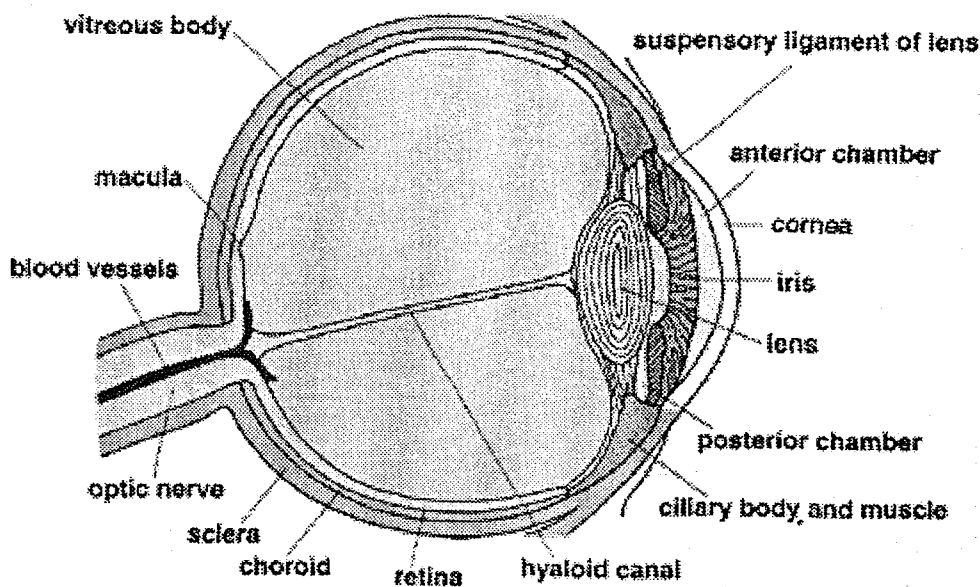
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AMD occurs when the macula, which is located in the center of the retina and provides us with

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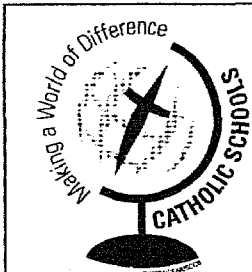
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The school children have been

involved in creating "Making a World of Difference" banners that will be hung at the Masses celebrating Catholic Schools Sunday at St. Helen's Church at 9:15 a.m.; Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside at 9:30 a.m., and at Holy Trinity Church at noon.

An open house will follow the

noon Mass at Holy Trinity School in Westfield. Principal Dorothy Szot will welcome current and future parents and begin the registration process for the 2003-04 school year. Parents will be able to tour the school facility in Westfield as well as meet the teachers of both campuses.

An open house for pre-school and

kindergarten children will be held at the Mountainside campus Friday beginning at 9:15 a.m. Director of the Mountainside campus, Leslie Lewis, will be available to answer questions and assist with the tours.

Classroom visitation in Westfield will be Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to visit

each child's class during teacher instruction for a 10-minute period.

Other highlights of the week include Teacher Appreciation Monday with flowers and notes from the children as well as an early-morning breakfast for all the teachers. The children will be treated to an ice-cream social during the week. Sixth-grade teacher Patricia Green has organized a student retreat day for Jan. 30. "Dress-down Friday" with

an afternoon of roller skating at Skate USA will highlight the week for the children. The parents and Home School Association will provide a special lunch Jan. 31 for all the teachers and staff.

For information regarding the Mountainside campus, located at 300 Central Ave., call 908-233-1899. For information regarding the Westfield campus, located at 336 First St., call the HTIS office at 908-233-0484.

Miller-Cory will examine Colonial medicine Sunday

On Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, will present a program on 18th-century home cures and remedies.

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ly, mothers and wives were the family practitioners, using herbs, plasters, teas and other folk remedies to cure illness.

Costumed docents will guide visitors through the 1740 farmhouse; the last tour begins at 3:15 p.m. The museum's gift shop offers a wide variety of cookbooks, reading materials, crafts and Early American reproductions.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and children under 6 years of age are admitted free of charge. On Feb. 2, Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will return with her program on "Historic Valentines." If you need more infor-

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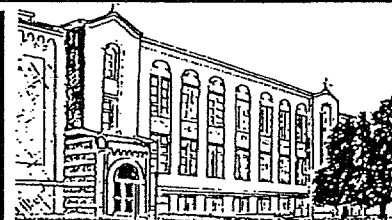
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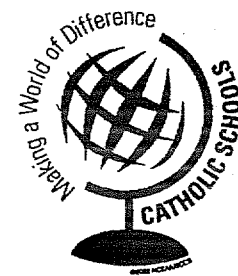
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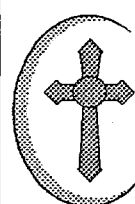
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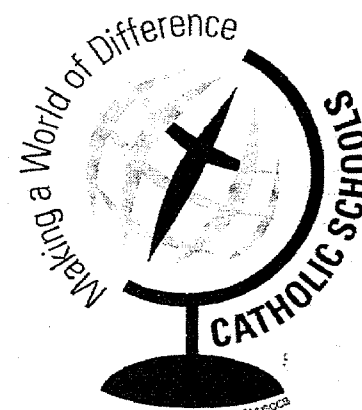
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ing. St. John the Apostle School also recognizes the unique development needs of its older students and has a progressive middle school program for its sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. At this year's Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School, St. John the Apostle's eighth-grade students placed third out of 17 schools competing. St. John the Apostle graduates are consistently awarded numerous academic high school scholarships. The school provides before-care and after-care programs. Bus transportation or reimbursement is available for those who qualify. Some of the special activities for Catholic Schools Week are:

Sunday, 9 a.m., Catholic Schools Week Mass; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Open House and Registration, new students, pre-K to grade seven.

Monday, 10 to 11 a.m., Multicultural Mosaic Assembly, pre-K to grade three; 11 a.m. to noon, Multicultural Mosaic Assembly, grades four to eight; 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., Forensics Introduction.

Tuesday, 1 to 2 p.m., Spelling Bee, grades two to five, in the gym.

Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes, kindergarten; 1 to 2:20 p.m.; Young Consumers Program, grades four and five, ShopRite.

Jan. 30, 1 to 2:15 p.m., Multicultural Annex Presentations.

Jan. 31, 10 a.m., pep rally and volleyball game, eighth-grade boys vs. eighth-grade girls.

There will be a book fair starting Sunday, after the Masses, and Mon-

day through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Information regarding open house and registration times, can be found in the ad, by visiting www.sjanj.org/school or by calling 732-388-1360.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Theater season leaves writer with mostly raves

This is the second of two columns recapping my experience in the fall-winter theatrical season in the New York City region.

The book of "Flower Drum Song" has been rewritten by David Hwang to more closely reflect the remarkable recent history of the Chinese. The musical still contains the lovely Rogers and Hammerstein music and lyrics, as well as the sentiment. As revised for this Broadway production, the play is deeper and makes more sense. Lea Solanga sings beautifully, even if she is a bit too old and chunky for the role.

On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

Nora Ephron has written a witty, but too loose new play, "Imaginary Friends," about the relationship of liberal and lionized, but squabbling women writers Lillian Hellman and Mary McCarthy. Sparks do fly and the Joe McCarthy era of history is compelling, but the perceived need by the playwright to fill all the gaps of our memory is tiresome. I did like the occasional song-and-dance music hall style which encourages us to question, and Cherry Jones is dead on as the smiling, but viperfish Ms. McCarthy.

Two other new musicals rely on production values to make a difference. The Australian director Baz Luhrmann has recruited a great young cast of powerful singers, who look and act the parts of the doomed lovers and their friends in "La Boheme." Mr. Luhrmann employs his cinematic techniques to mount this Puccini opera with its gorgeous music in a stage production that will not be forgotten by anyone who sees it. How the city's opera companies will ever go ahead again with ordinary, dull stagings of "La Boheme," with ageing and usually overweight non-acting singers, is beyond me.

For contrast, John Water's campy, teenage cult film, "Hairspray," has been energetically staged as a musical one block south of "La Boheme." While I recognize the creativity and satire and applauded the dance, the noisy and sentimentalized lyrics and music just got on my nerves after awhile, despite the verve of the production and such talent as Harvey Fierstein, who was just too, too much. David Rockwell's set were great!

The New York Philharmonic added this season to the multitude of "Messiahs" performed in the New York City region each year. I hope the repetition of the Handel masterpiece does not do it what the dance world has to contend with in focusing so exclusively on "The Nutcracker" at the holidays, but it was a polite, quiet "Messiah," except the moment when this preeminent orchestra and the chorus brought their musicianship together when "wonderful" was sung at the too big and impersonal Riverside Church on the upper west side.

Mandy Patinkin is earnest and devout in his solo recital, "Celebrating Sondheim," 90 minutes of listening to the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim woven together in a sort of oratorio paean to that composer, who is the darling of the highbrow American musical theater, underservedly I think.

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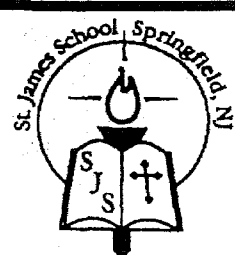
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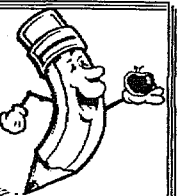
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ART SHOWS

IMAGES OF LIGHT, works by Louis Lanzafama, will be on exhibit through Jan. 30 at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

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 908-756-1707.

PAINTER SABINA UNGEHEUER and photographer Pawel Dys will have their work on exhibit through Jan. 31 at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY, photographic works by Rosemarie Gelber and Neal Korn, will be on exhibit through Feb. 7 at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to ArtsGuild1670@earthlink.net.

CONSUMER REPORTS will be on exhibit through Feb. 20 at the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth MacKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays, and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155.

QUILTS AND FABRIC ART will be on exhibit at the Diversity Art Gallery in Clark through Feb. 23.

Gallery hours are Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m., and by appointment. The Diversity Art Gallery is located in the Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, at the Clark Circle. For information, call 732-574-1479.

PHOTOGRAPHER ALICE JOHNSON will exhibit her works and poetry in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through March 11. A reception will take place Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Exhibit hours Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Wisner House will be closed Monday through Feb. 17. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

BOOKS

AUTHOR LINCOLN CHILD will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to read from his new novel, "Utopia." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR ROB TRUCKS will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Feb. 8 to sign copies of his book, "Cup of Coffee: The Very Short Careers of Eighteen Major League Pitchers." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield.

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

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

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS'

CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and 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 and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

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

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

CLASSES

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will offer its fall 2002 classes and workshops in the coming months. Offerings are Black and White Master Class, through Feb. 15; The Art of the Clay Monoprint, Watercolor Mobiles, Beginning Drawing, Beginning Painting and Children's Clay Class. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM will sponsor watercolor classes in two eight-week sessions: Feb. 12 to April 9 and April 23 to June 25. Fee is \$138 per session, with a discount for Reeves-Reed members. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, Ext. 16.

COLLECTIBLES

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

Stepping Out

COMEDY

CARROT TOP will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$33. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE Concert Series of Westfield and Springfield will present musical performers each month through June at two locations in Union County.

Feb. 15: Eric Schwartz, Westfield
March 15: Dan Crisci presents ..., Springfield

April 19: Amy Carol Webb, Westfield

May 17: Kevin Brody, Springfield
June 21: GrooveLily, Westfield

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E.

and 28. Admission is \$2, or \$12 for half the season; workshops are \$5. For information, call 973-467-8278.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

DISCUSSION

SENIORS DISCUSSING SCIENCE will meet monthly at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. For information, call 908-486-3643 or send e-mail to science4seniors@aol.com.

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



THE SCOTS HIGHLANDERS will be among the performers Sunday at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. For information, see the 'Concerts' listing on this page.

Broad St.; Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. Suggested donation is \$12 with proceeds benefiting various local charities. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

BAND OF THE GRENADEIER GUARDS with the Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Highlanders will appear Saturday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

BACH PIANO CONCERTO FESTIVAL will be presented Sunday at 2 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. A pre-performance conversation begins at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$16 to \$59.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. For information, call 908-232-9400.

BOBBY VINTON will appear in concert Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$30 to \$60. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, will present musical performances throughout the year. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE

RONALD K. BROWN/EVIDENCE will appear Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$31.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Dates in early 2003 are Jan. 31 and Feb. 14

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

FILM

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 is of the Elizabeth Public Library located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. 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 TMRClnc@aol.com or visit www.tmrcl.com.

KIDS

'WINTER TREE I.D.' will be the topic of a family event Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Admission is by donation. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR KAEN BAICKER will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield Tuesday at 11 a.m. to read from her new book, "Tumble Me Tumbly." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

'GROUNDHOGS' is the topic of a family workshop at Trailside Nature and Science Center Feb. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. Admission is by donation. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER will present "Sarah Plain and Tall" as part of its "For the Kids" series of programming Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

'KINDLING KITS' is the theme of a family program sponsored by Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside Feb. 8 from 10 to 11 a.m. Admission is by donation. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third

VARIETY

MUMMENSCHANZ will appear Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$46.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN KIDS CIRCUS will appear at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$18. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

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., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

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

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Jan. 30: Defunct

Jan. 31: Fat Cat

Feb. 1: In the Flesh in a tribute to Pink Floyd

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 is located at 1465 Irving St. at East Cherry Street, Rahway. For information, 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 1465 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

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.

Appearing Feb. 14 is the Bobby Byrne Dinner Show; \$40, including meal.

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, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays 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.

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.

WORKSHOPS

'BUDGETS WITHOUT FEAR' for nonprofit groups is the topic of a workshop sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the JCC of Central New Jersey, 1391 Marlton Ave., Scotch Plains. Registration is \$15, \$5 for subsequent members from the same organization, and is due by Jan. 31. For information, call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or send e-mail to scoen@ucnj.org.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

Entertainment - Friday noon.

Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

General - Monday 5 p.m.



THIS WHIMSICAL PHOTO by Neal Korn is among the works on exhibit in 'Searching for Identity,' on display at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Feb. 7. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

State Arts Council will offer workshops

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is now distributing Guidelines and Applications for its 2003-04 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grant Program.

A series of application workshops has been scheduled for locations throughout the state beginning Feb. 9.

NJSCA Chairperson Sharon Harrington explains, "The council has long recognized that cultural diversity is one of New Jersey's most significant and valuable characteristics. New Jersey is filled with a wide variety of communities defined by locality, work, ethnicity, belief and culture whose traditional arts and crafts are valued ways of expressing identity, strengthening group ties and enriching the larger community around us. Support for these arts preserves important cultural traditions, nurtures artists and celebrates what it means to live in New Jersey."

Folk Arts Apprenticeships — intended to support the traditional arts and crafts of New Jersey's many different cultural communities — help talented folk artists further hone their skills by working directly with a master artist or craftsman of a shared community. According to NJSCA Folk Arts Program Associate Kim Nguyen, "These awards help break down the barriers that might otherwise impede or prevent the preservation and transmission of important traditions by offsetting the cost of working with master artists. The masters help the apprentice artists develop their skills in the traditional arts and crafts so they may continue to be practiced and shared." Apprenticeship stipends range between \$1,000 and \$3,000 and the deadline for submission of apprenticeship applications is April 4. The awards will be announced at the council's Annual Meeting in July.

To receive an application, artists should contact the NJSCA Folk Arts Program at 609-292-6130, or 609-633-1186 for TTY, or access the application from the council's web site at njartsCouncil.org.

The NJSCA will hold six application workshops at sites around the state to assist artists with the application process.

The application process requires that each interested folk arts apprentice apply with a master artist as a team by providing information on their shared artistic and cultural backgrounds, their planned scope of work, and audio visual materials that detail their level of skill and preparation. The teams may carry out their work over the course of 12 months or less, and may also have the opportunity to present their traditions to other audiences as well as to their own communities.

Over the last six years, the council's Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program has assisted more than 90 artists, who comprise a fascinating spectrum of traditional arts and crafts.

Some of the apprenticeships included Filipino calligraphy and rondalla music; Puerto Rican cuatro building and the traditional jibaro music it plays; African-derived bomba music; Portuguese folk dance and button accordion music; Native-American song and women's dance; Barnegat Bay region decoy carving; Ukrainian pyzanky; Japanese ceremonial kimekomi dolls and taiko music; African-American gospel music, folk songs and social dance; Social Indian mrdangam and tabla drumming and dance; Jamaican pottery; Bengali folk song and ritual painting; Irish set dancing, and many others.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is a division of the New Jersey Department of State. It receives funding through direct appropriations from the State of New Jersey and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. Since 1966, its volunteer members and professional staff have worked to improve the quality of life for New Jersey, its people and communities by helping the arts to flourish. Further information regarding the arts is located on an interactive web

site via www.jerseyarts.com and a toll-free hot line 800 THE-ARTS.

New Jersey State Council on the Arts Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grants Workshop Schedule

- Feb. 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Northeast NJ Folk Arts Program Park Theater Performing Arts Center, Union City
Contact: Meriam Lobel, 201-865-6980, Ext. 15
- Feb. 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m. East Jersey Old Town, 1050 River Road, Piscataway
Contact: Rupal Parekh, 732-745-4489
- Feb. 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Jersey Shore Regional Folklife Center, Tuckerton Seaport, 120 Main St., Tuckerton
Contact: Kim H. Nguyen, 609-292-6130
- Feb. 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., Newark
Contact: Lita Brocher, 973-733-7800
- Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon Glasstown Jersey Folklife Center, Wheaton Village, 1501 Glasstown Road, Millville
Contact: Iveta Pirgove, 856-825-6800, Ext. 2787

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• March 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Delaware Valley Regional Folklife Center, Second and Cooper streets, Camden
Contact: Steve Winick, 856-964-8300, Ext. 202

To schedule an individualized workshop in your community, call 609-292-6130 for an appointment.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts can be contacted at 225 W. State St., Trenton, 08625; or by calling Kim H. Nguyen at 609-292-6130.

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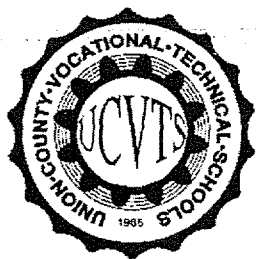
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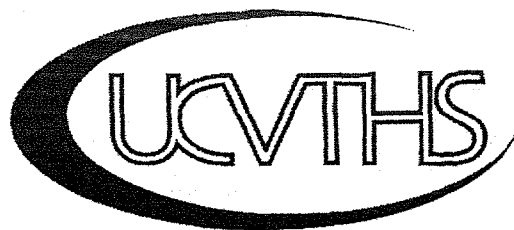
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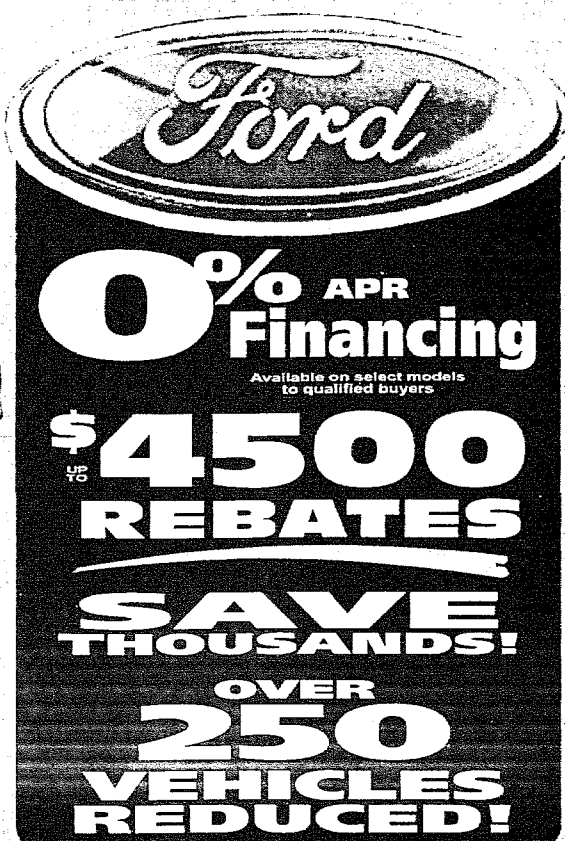
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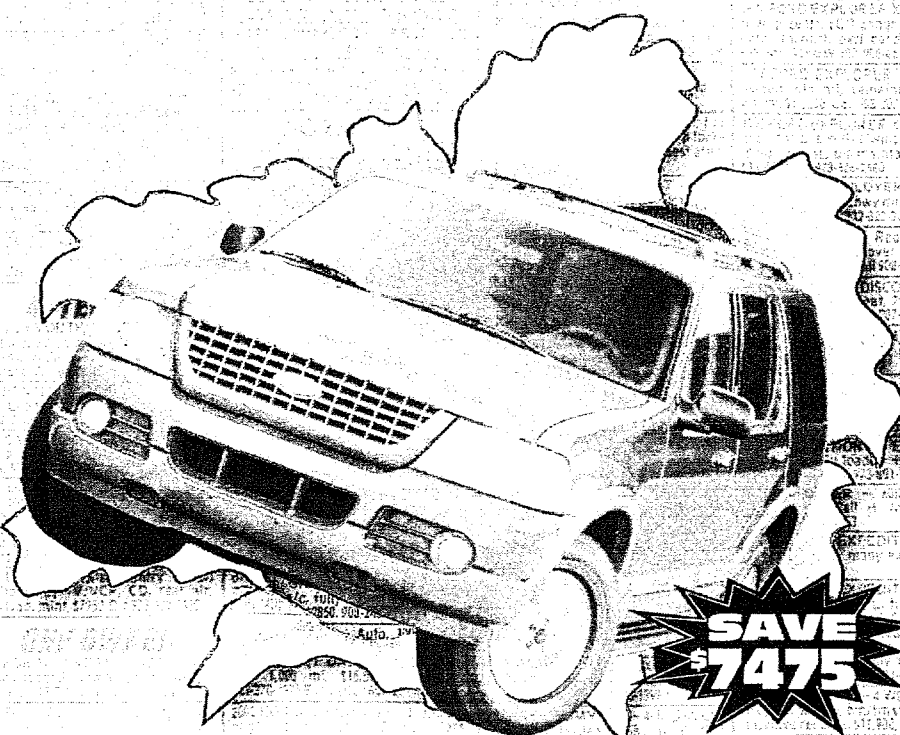
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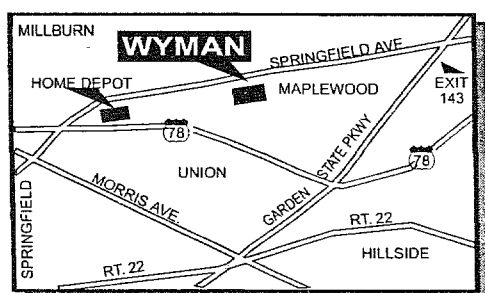
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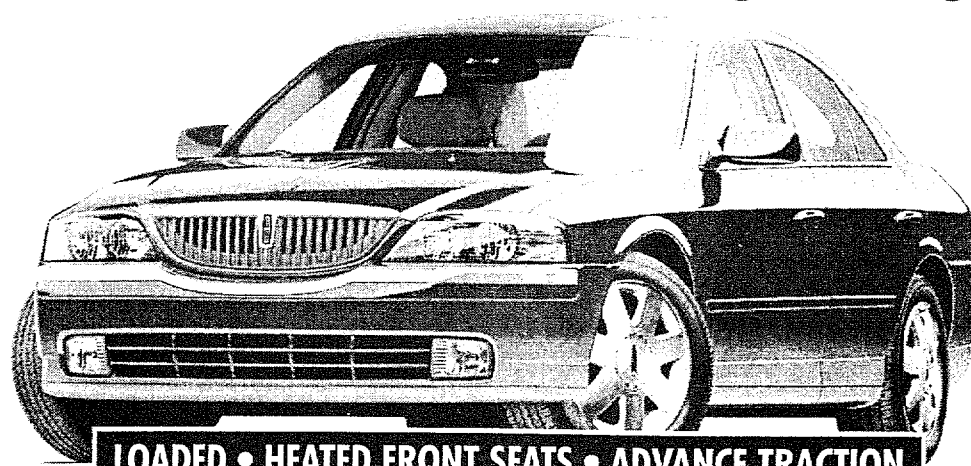
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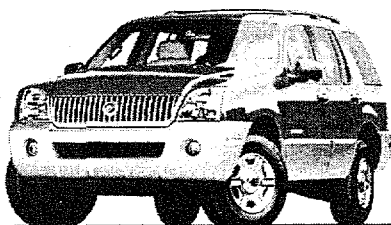
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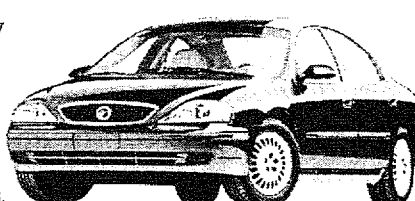
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While the list of programs offered by individual lenders is too extensive to mention in detail, here are some common programs you are likely to come across as you work with your real estate agent to purchase your first home: Federal Housing Administration: FHA mortgages allow home buyers to purchase a home with as little as a 5-percent down payment, and to finance all non-recurring closing costs. The current maximum loan amount in most urban markets is \$151,725. In addition, borrowers are allowed to use up to 41 percent of their gross income toward paying mortgage debt — well above the ratio allowed under most private programs.

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The ERA Marketing Excellence Award recognizes member companies for effectively integrating elements of all marketing disciplines including advertising and promotion, Internet marketing, communications and public relations, and media and office image.

"We're especially proud of this award because we have so many fine ERA franchises across the country and to be selected above the rest is a great honor," said Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA. "All of our marketing materials are designed internally, giving us the control and flexibility to deliver our message in ways that meet our standards exactly," she said.



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Reeves is guest speaker

Judy Reeves, president and CEO of Burgdorff ERA, a leader on the cutting edge of a rapidly changing market, was no stranger to the podium where she addressed 115 attendees on the topic of "Profitability: Back to the Basics!" at ERA Franchise Systems Inc.'s third annual Profitability Conference.

For the third consecutive year, Reeves has been a pivotal expert lecturer at the national convention, which is designed to help ERA brokers identify ways to better serve customers, improve efficiencies and implement cost-saving programs. The 2002 conference was held at the Sheraton Music Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

Reeves' 90-minute presentation focused on how to develop an effective business plan, while identifying current trends and achievements in various components of an existing company. Reeves demonstrated the process of isolating priorities, program implementation and modification of existing programs, while developing plans and accomplishing goals for a 12-month cycle. She provided real-life examples of how these strategies increase profitability in the market place.

The two-day conference focused overall on maximizing efficiency through technology, business models and trends in management. Brokers also received an analysis of their company's financial statements based on a system of comparison to other highly profitable companies.

"It is always a pleasure to work with the ERA brokers throughout the country, particularly because ERA is expanding so quickly as a successful high quality franchise," Reeves stated. "It was an honor to be invited back to share ideas."

Since 1996, Reeves has been responsible for the daily operations of Burgdorff ERA, an NRT company of approximately 700 sales agents, top ranked in sales dollar volume production in ERA nationally.

Founded in 1958, Burgdorff ERA is the top producing ERA real estate firm in New Jersey with more than 700 sales associates and 15 offices. The worldwide ERA real estate network includes more than 2,500 independently owned and operated brokerage offices with more than 28,000 brokers and sales associates in all 50 of the United States and 28 other countries and territories. Burgdorff ERA is a member of the NRT family of companies. NRT Inc., the nation's leading residential real estate brokerage company, is a subsidiary of Candant Corporation. The Burgdorff ERA web site is located at www.burgdorff.com.

Taylor is new associate

RE/MAX Village Square has announced that Joel Taylor has affiliated with its successful network of top real estate professionals. Serving as a sales associate, Taylor specializes in the listing and sales of residential and commercial properties in Union and Essex counties.

"I joined RE/MAX because it offered me a chance to gain better business opportunities while working with top professionals in the industry," said Taylor. "I enjoy the freedom and flexibility that comes with being a RE/MAX agent and I find that this organization offers an inspirational and progressive approach to the real estate business."

Taylor has more than five years of experience in the real estate business and is a resident of Montclair. Prior to joining the real estate industry, Taylor worked as an information technology director. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and playing golf.

Full-time real estate professional Joel Taylor can be contacted by calling RE/MAX Village Square in Upper Montclair at 973-509-222, Ext. 116.

To learn more about advancing your career with RE/MAX, either as a

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With 150 franchise offices and more than 2,050 real estate professionals, RE/MAX of New Jersey continues to be one of the leading real estate organizations in the state. Since its inception in 1985, RE/MAX of New Jersey has experienced record-breaking growth in both franchise sales and sales associates and has surpassed all previous sales records. This remarkable success can be attributed to the quality agents and service consistently found in all RE/MAX organizations. RE/MAX of New Jersey, based in Moorestown, is a privately owned and operated division of RE/MAX International.

Weber honored for sales

Anne Weber, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has been honored for the second time this year, once as sales agent of the month of October 2002 with five units and a dollar volume of more than \$1.7 million, and again in September of 2002 as the listing agent of the month.

Weber has been a Realtor since 1999, and has been one of the top producers in the Westfield office. She is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club from 1999 through 2001 and is a member of the Burgdorff ERA President's Club from 1999 through 2002. Weber is a Burgdorff Specialist, a designation which represents the completion of an advanced course for agents who have achieved a certain level of production which enhances the agent's ability to buy and sell real estate at the highest possible professional level.

Weber is a lifetime resident of Union County who currently resides in Scotch Plains. She is active in her community and volunteers for many school functions and sporting events. She may be contacted by calling her direct line, 908-518-5285.

Reno joins RE/MAX

RE/MAX Properties Unlimited in Summit has announced that Alyce Reno has recently affiliated with its network of top real estate professionals. Serving as a sales associate, Reno specializes in the listing and sale of residential properties in various locations throughout Union, Essex, Somerset and Morris counties.

"I joined RE/MAX because it offered me a chance to gain better business opportunities while working with top professionals in the industry," said Reno. "I can enjoy the freedom and flexibility that comes with being a RE/MAX agent and I find that this organization offers an inspirational and progressive approach to the real estate business."

Reno has more than 17 years experience in the real estate industry. In her spare time, she is interested in home decorating and travel.

A Summit resident and a full-time real estate professional, Reno may be reached at Re/MAX Properties Unlimited, 908-522-9444.

Conrado donates to children's hospitals

Ubirajara "Bira" Conrado, a sales associate with RE/MAX in Union, has joined the national RE/MAX Children's Miracle Network Miracle Home Program. Under this program, Conrado will donate a specific amount of money per each of his sales transactions to the Children's Miracle Network.

Conrado will display the colorful "Miracle Home" riders on top of his RE/MAX yard signs and both the home seller and buyer can feel good

knowing that their transaction has made a positive change in the lives of children in New Jersey.

"It's an incredible feeling to know that my donation could help save a young life," said Conrado. "Participating in the Miracle Home Program is a great way to give back to the community. Incorporating the Children's Miracle Network into my business has been an honor."

Conrado can be reached by calling the RE/MAX United in Union at 908-851-2323.

RE/MAX is the exclusive real estate sponsor for CMN, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for children's hospitals. This year, RE/MAX associates made a record contribution of \$4 million to CMN.

Weichert honors two

Harvey Tekel, branch manager, has announced that two sales associates at the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors have been honored in November for their accomplishments.

Patricia O'Connor led the office in sales in November and is a member of the 2001 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the bronze level. In addition, she earned a place in Weichert's 2001 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2001 Executive Club.

Carole Edzek led the office in listings, revenue units and dollar volume in November and is a member of the 2001 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the bronze level. In addition, she is a member of Weichert's 2001 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2001 Executive Club.

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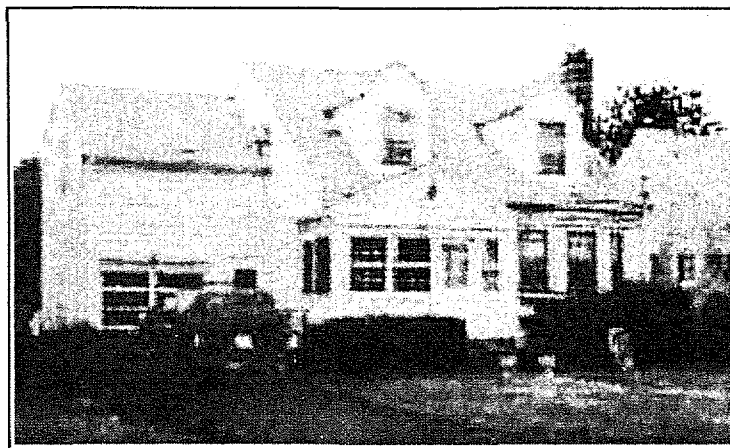
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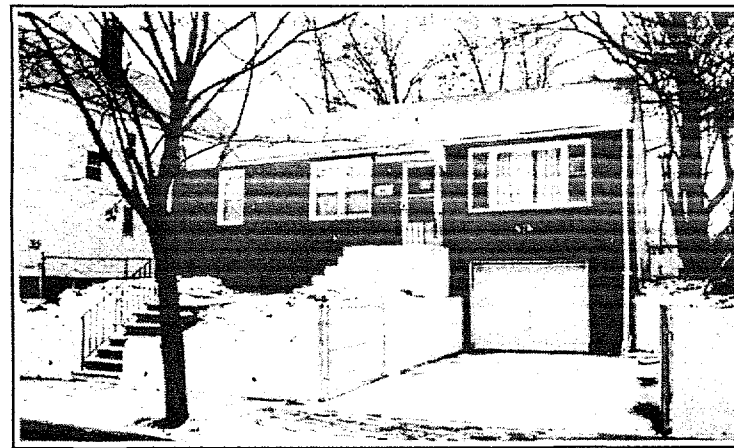
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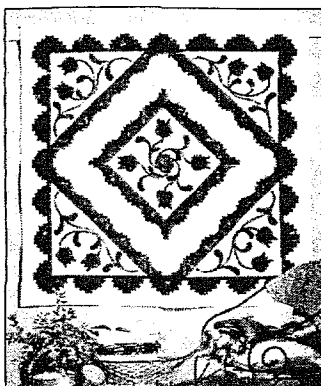
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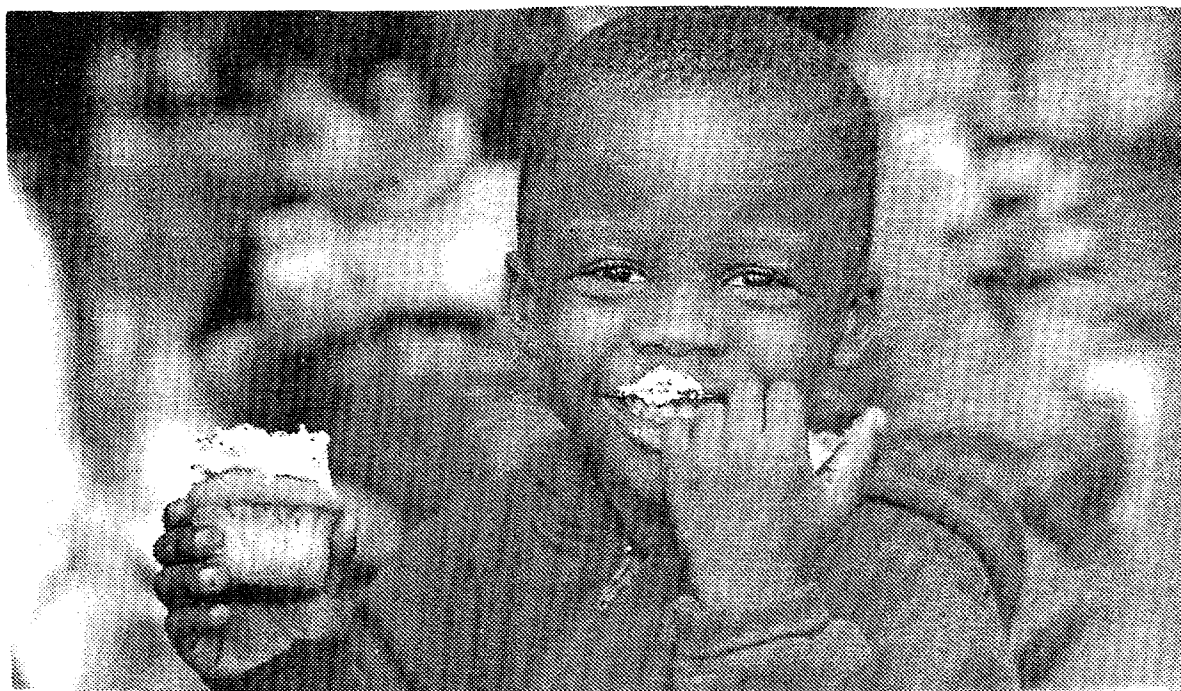


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A holiday party was hosted last month by Maplecrest Lincoln Mercury in Union for about 30 pre-kindergarten students of the local Headstart program. The children received gifts as well as hats and gloves, met Frosty the Snowman and had refreshments, including cupcakes which Jauan Gaskins seems to be enjoying. All gifts were donated by the employees of Maplecrest, located at 2800 Springfield Avenue, Union, 908-964-7700.

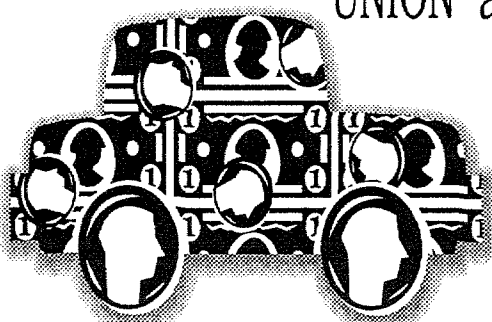
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- **Battery.** Cold weather can kill an ailing battery — the cause of many winter breakdowns. Avoid problems by asking your technician to test your car's charging system output and the battery's condition and charge.

- **Fluids.** Remember to change the oil and check the antifreeze, brake, differential, and transmission fluids. Old antifreeze in your car's cooling system may contribute to cooling system failure.

- **Lights.** Enlist a friend to help

check your car's high and low beams, and its license plate, fog, parking, side-marker, hazard, turn-signal, reverse, and brake lights.

- **Supplies.** Keep a windshield ice scraper, spray lock defroster — also keep an extra defroster at home — and an extra pair of gloves in the car, and consider packing a folding shovel and some rock salt, sand or kitty litter. If you'll be driving in the mountains, carry chains, blankets, foul-weather gear, flares, and a tarp, just in case you break down.

- **Tires.** If your treads are shallow, it's time to purchase a new set of tires. Consider the climate and the type of driving you do when choosing tires. Studded tires are permitted in New Jersey between Nov. 15 and April 1,

but they should be used only in packed snow conditions. During the winter, check tires regularly for correct inflation; they lose pressure as the temperature drops.

- **Wipers.** If your wipers leave streaks across your windshield or back window, the blades or tensioner arms may need replacing. Fill the washer-fluid reservoir with a non-freezing cleaner, and always clear ice that binds your wiper blades before turning on the wipers.

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Mechanics must keep up with changes

By Jon Woods
Copley News Service

A radio listener called the other day with the following scenario.

The "check engine" light had recently come on in his car. He took it into his mechanic and the mechanic reported back to him that he needed to replace several parts to fix the problem. He listed the parts to me and it didn't seem logical that all these parts would go bad all at the same time, especially since, according to him, his car seemed to be driving normally except for the check engine light being on.

I told him to take the car to another mechanic for a second opinion. He said that he already had and the first mechanic had wanted to replace all sorts of different parts for the same problem. Clearly, he was in a dilemma and I was supposed to be able to solve the mystery over the phone. Of course, I couldn't.

This story illustrates a growing and enormous problem facing the auto repair industry: the lack of bright new blood entering the field.

Most people know, or have at least heard, that modern cars are very complicated. As of 1996, all new cars sold in the United States had to be "OBD II"-compliant — On Board Diagnostics II. In a nutshell, this meant that the new cars had to be very sophisticated. They had to have computers on board that would monitor all the sophisticated emission systems and emission parts and these same computers had to have the capability of alerting the driver of the car if the computer sensed that something was going wrong — regardless of whether or not the car exhibited any abnormal drivability symptoms.

The on-board computer would notify the driver of its concerns by illuminating a warning light — the haunting "check engine" light. The idea was to alert the owner of the car that something was wrong and therefore prompt the driver to take the car into his or her mechanic to get it fixed before the car could hurt either itself or the environment. Great idea but, in practice, it hasn't worked as well as the designers had hoped because the designers forgot one thing: In order for this great idea to work, there had to be a trained work force of diagnostic and repair technicians in the field to figure out why the dam "check engine" light was on.

I think they figured, what the heck, the existing automotive mechanics will simply train themselves or their bosses will provide the training for all this new stuff. Perhaps it might have worked except for two things: These carmakers assumed that the technicians would want to learn the new stuff and they assumed that the technicians were capable of learning the new stuff.

Recent history has proven that, for many technicians, at least one of the above did not apply. Too many of the existing work force simply didn't have the "analytical skills" — brains — to be able to learn the new technology, and for the ones that could learn it, there was — and to a great degree still is — no incentive, except for personal pride, to learn the new stuff. And why should a technician spend his time or money acquiring the training to diagnose the problems of modern cars? Customers don't want to pay for diagnosis because they're not used to paying a mechanic "just to find out what's wrong."

A growing and enormous problem facing the auto repair industry is the lack of bright new blood entering the field.

Even if customers are willing to pay for diagnosis, the mechanic darn well better be able to tell them exactly what is wrong or they are going to hold his feet to the fire. So rather than spending hours and hours finding out exactly what's wrong with a particular car, many technicians use the shotgun approach. Who needs technical training? Just take a "refresher" course. Customers are obviously clueless about their high-tech cars, so simply tell them they need to replace every part you can think of and you're bound to get it right. Or maybe the smart technician will just stick to being the good old "parts changer" in the shop and let someone else take the heat for the diagnoses.

We need new bright people to enter the auto mechanic or "technician" work force. But it isn't happening. Something has to change if we are to have intelligent and trained people out there to fix our cars. We have to convince the smart kids in high school that a career as an automotive technician is a good thing. We need to convince the parents and other loved ones of these bright young people that a career as an auto tech is a good thing. If the parents keep discouraging their kids from going into this field, then sooner or later our cars will come to a screeching halt.

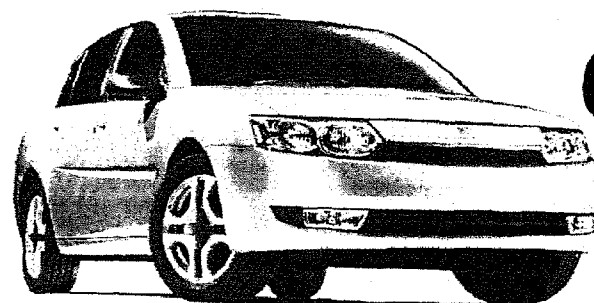
I think the only way to convince good old Mom and Dad to get on our side is to let them know that their kids can make a good living as an auto mechanic. That means paying the techs for their knowledge and ability. And that means making the customers provide the money. But the public resists. They want it both ways. Too often people gravitate to the shop that advertises "free diagnosis." Do these people really think that the best and brightest technicians out there work for free? Even if the shop is paying these techs good money, where is the money coming from if they are not charging their customers for the diagnosis?

Folks, there's no magic! A shop can't provide accurate and precise diagnostics for cheap or free and still pay his technicians good money. If he doesn't make it worthwhile for his technicians to study or doesn't pay them enough — and charge his customer enough — to spend the time it takes to arrive at an accurate and precise diagnosis, we'll continue to end up with the scenario as described above.

I'm not saying that if you pay big bucks for diagnostics, you'll be guaranteed accurate results. But I am saying that if you do not pay a decent wage for diagnostics, you're almost sure to be disappointed. And unless the public's perception of the "grease monkey" changes to "automotive technician," we'd better get used to wasting money on replacing good parts.

Jon Woods is a certified master mechanic who hosts an auto talk show on station KSDO in San Diego and can be reached through his Web site at www.signonsandiego.com/marketplace/autocenter.

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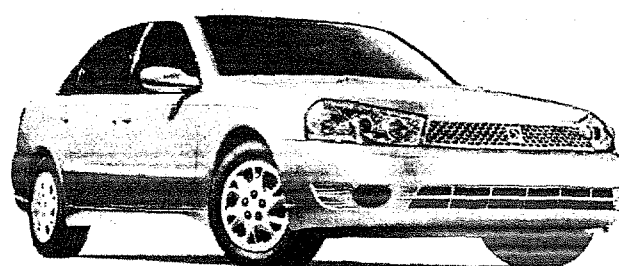
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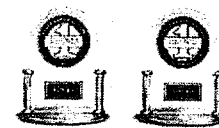
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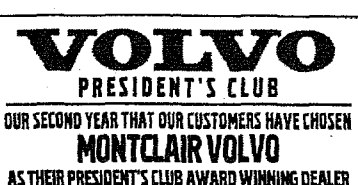


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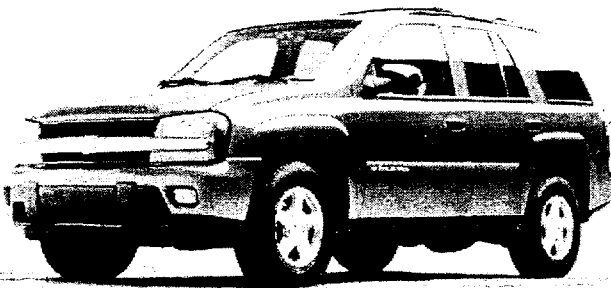
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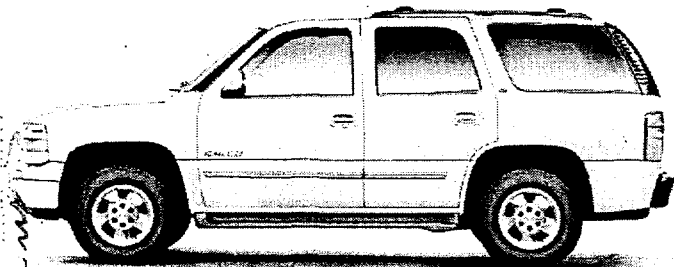
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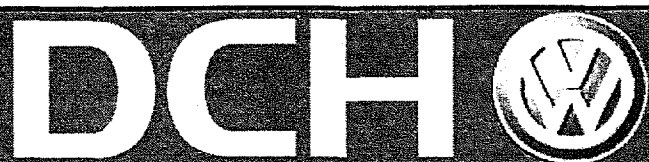
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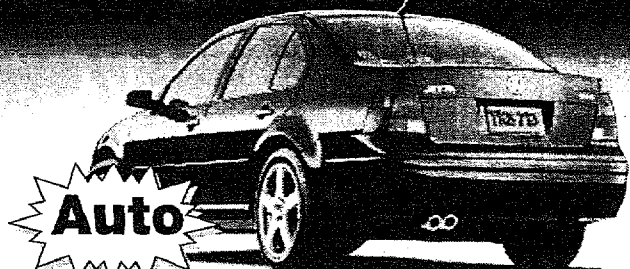
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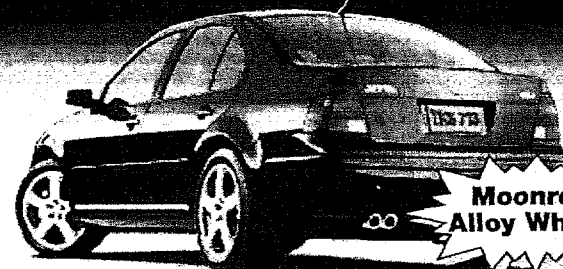
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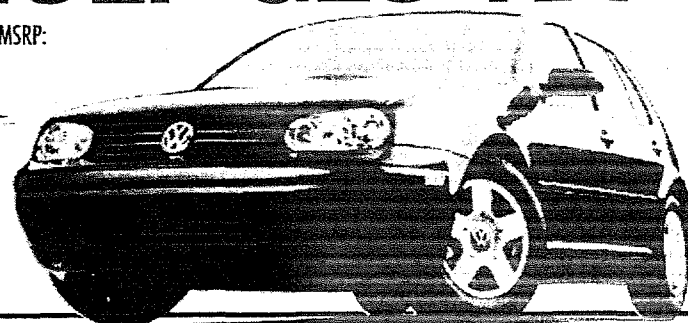
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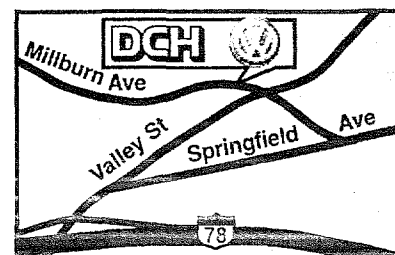
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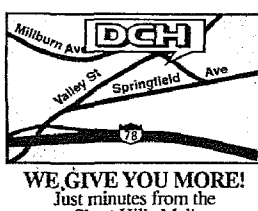
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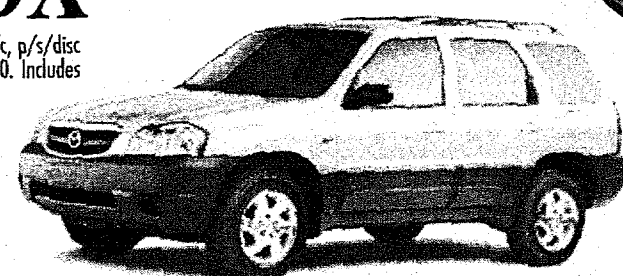


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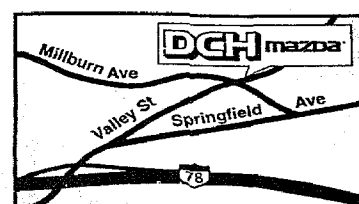
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